



Kanasatka Water Matters

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LKWA ANNUAL MEETING

July 11, 2026

This meeting will be recorded for future viewing

A brief business meeting, including a review of LKWA finances and a vote by the membership to select new board members for the fiscal year 2026-2028 will begin at 10AM.

LKWA's Guest Speaker will be Steve Ellis, VP of Wind River Environmental, a septic and wastewater management company providing service throughout greater New England. Steve will give a ~30 minute presentation on "Septic Health", tailored to lakeside homeowners. The following key topics will be included- septic systems and lake water quality, timely inspections and maintenance, maintenance vs repair, essential care tips, planting near septic fields and tree roots, snow melt, as well as other best practices.

Steve's presentation will be followed by an open panel discussion. Board members will address and answer comments, questions and concerns from our members regarding lake related issues. Please come prepared with your questions!

Please plan to join or renew your LKWA membership no later than July 11th for the 2026-2027 fiscal year which begins July 1, 2026. The annual cost will remain at \$50.00 per person. You may do so in advance by using our online payment platform at:

<https://secure.givelively.org/donate/lake-kanasatka-watershed-assoc> or mailing a check payable to LKWA, PO Box 774, Center Harbor NH 03226. Please note that there are convenience fees charged for online payments, and we appreciate your support in covering those costs.

Paid up members for the 2026-2027 fiscal year are eligible to select a free Native Plant, courtesy of Stephen's Landscaping, who generously covered the full cost of 3 different types of native shrubs. The plants were raised by Foundwell Farm in Pembroke, NH, a nursery dedicated to the propagation of native plants. Plants will be available on a first come, first served basis at the end of the meeting.

The Loons Have Returned!

The 2026 Loon Nest Cam is up and running, and loons have been seen near the nesting platform in Kilnwood Cove and around the lake.

Our sincere thanks to Mark Whary for his many years of installing the loon raft each spring season. Transporting the raft in cold and breezy conditions, while paddling a canoe with a heavy raft on top, is no easy feat! And welcome to Scott Apgar, who has taken over this important and delicate task.



An egg has been spotted in the nest. This appears to be a new pair- not the one spotted earlier in the season. Please respect the markers and ropes and remain a safe distance from the nesting platform. Loons rely on a safe, quiet habitat to breed and raise their young, with minimal human disturbance. Increased boat traffic and getting too close to the loons as they travel the lake can disrupt nesting, stress adults, and endanger chicks. Please keep your distance and instead, follow the live feed here- <https://kanasatka.org/looncam/>



The live stream is also being broadcast on YouTube, with access to a chat room and the timestamps people add when events occur. Note, you will need to subscribe to LKWA's YouTube channel before you can post.

The loon cam project is sponsored by the Lake Kanasatka Watershed Association in partnership with the Loon Preservation Committee (loon.org).

LKWA Community Survey Results

The 2026 LKWA Community Survey final results are in! A thorough and detailed summary with informational graphics, created by Bree Rossiter, is now available on our website at kanasatka.org.

Thank you to the 108 folks who responded to the survey and additionally, to the 50+ community members who have indicated they would be interested in volunteering for upcoming projects and committees.

The LKWA Board thoughtfully reviewed the questions and responses, including the many suggestions of what our lake community feels are its strengths, as well as areas where new approaches and/or more work is needed. The new Board of Directors will employ these suggestions when and as they can in the coming year. Please don't hesitate to reach out with your questions or comments along the way by contacting lkwamail@gmail.com.

The 2026 LKWA Clean Water Challenge!

As of June 1st, Lake Kanasatka has 40 LakeSmart, properties in its midst. How many do we need? There is no limit! The more we have, the healthier our lake will be!

Lake Kanasatka has 182 direct waterfront properties and 300+ properties in our immediate watershed. All the water that falls on these properties will potentially wind up in Lake Kanasatka, bringing with it pollutants- primarily nitrogen and phosphorous, that can fuel excessive algae and plant growth, and potentially toxic cyanobacteria blooms. When blooms die, they decay, consuming oxygen which is needed to support healthy water quality, fish and aquatic life.

Sediment from erosion on the lakeshore, and streams banks leading to the lake, is also a source of concern. Erosion caused by runoff and construction activity damages aquatic ecosystems by increasing turbidity, transporting pollutants, and creating areas of shallow water. This accumulation impacts water quality by restricting sunlight for plants, kills fish and disrupts boating.

Common solutions to runoff and erosion include: planting shoreline vegetation buffers to deter runoff and create bank stabilization, limiting impervious surfaces, creating rain gardens, and much more.

LakeSmart, a program of NH Lakes, makes it easy for homeowners to take simple, effective actions that keep lakes clean and healthy for future generations. By joining LakeSmart, you'll gain practical guidance and inspiration from fellow lake-friendly property owners, and the opportunity to be part of a growing community committed to protecting New Hampshire's lakes.



Our challenge to you, is to work with your friends and neighbors to come up with a plan for every property on your road to become LakeSmart! If you meet the challenge, your road will receive a "LakeSmart Community" award plaque to post on your roadway!

Start planning today-help is available on several levels-

1. Contact LakeSmart at <https://nhlakes.org/lakesmart/> to get registered.
2. Contact Larry Pizer, Lake Kanasatka LakeSmart Ambassador at lapizer@gmail.com to sign up for a property evaluation.
3. Once you have received your property evaluation recommendations, contact our own "Boots on the Ground" team- a hard working team of men and women if you need assistance with specific tasks.

Thanks to the generous financial support of Stephens Landscaping, LKWA is again offering a native plant to new and renewed members for fiscal year 2026-2027. This year's choices have been sourced from Found Well Farm, a nursery in Pembroke, NH, which emphasizes using native plants to attract pollinators and provide food and cover for wildlife.



Native plants provide many benefits over other plants.

- Their deep root systems help prevent erosion, improve soil structure, and increase water infiltration, which reduces runoff.
- By absorbing more water, native plants can significantly reduce stormwater runoff and the risk of flooding.
- Native plants are a critical food and shelter source for local wildlife, including pollinators, birds, and mammals.
- Being adapted to the local climate, native plants are typically drought-tolerant and require less watering.



This year's plants will arrive to us potted in 1-2 quart containers, ready for planting.

Plant quantities are limited and will be available at the LKWA Annual Meeting on a first come first served basis.

This year's plant selections are:

- [Myrica gale](#), Sweetgale is a low-growing, 2-6 ft. high, deciduous, bushy shrub with glossy, dark-green to grayish foliage. The long leaves are sweet-scented. Inconspicuous flowers are borne in catkins.
- [Diervilla lonicera](#), Northern bush-honeysuckle is a small, mound-shaped, deciduous shrub to 3 ft. Exfoliating bark reveals orange inner bark. Dark-green leaves change from yellow to red in autumn. Small, bell-shaped flowers are yellow-green at first, becoming orange or purplish-red.
- [Rubus odoratum](#), Virginia raspberry, a suckering shrub, 3-6 ft. high and 6-12 ft. wide which forms broad patches. Five-lobed, maple-like, dark green leaves become pale yellow in fall. Large, pinkish-purple flowers occur singly or in few-flowered clusters. Fruit is a broadly rounded, red to purple berry. Canes are thornless, yellow- to orange-brown, and exfoliating. This erect, shrubby, thornless plant has rose-lavender flowers in loose clusters; new branches have bristly hairs.

PLEASE SEE ADDITIONAL DETAILS ELSEWHERE IN THIS NEWSLETTER.

LKWA is doing well and growing in all directions!

- LKWA currently has 191 members representing 115 households. This is the highest number of members in more than 20 years.
- 108 responders, including members and non-members alike, completed the LKWA Community Survey. See a summary of the results elsewhere in this newsletter.
- LKWA published 14 *Water Matters* newsletters in 2025-2026 read by, on average, 265 lake supporters each month.
- LKWA Facebook is averaging 22,000 views per month with over 1,100 followers.
- The LKWA website is visited an average of 180 times /month.
- 54 survey takers indicated that they are interested in volunteering.
- LKWA has received financial donations totally \$4386 in this fiscal year.
- 66 Boots on the Ground volunteers have completed 27 projects since the start of the program in May 2023.
- 40 LakeSmart, a program of NH Lakes, awards were earned, with 9 in process as of this writing.
- Our 319 Grant is proceeding according to plan. Construction will begin after Labor Day. Look for additional details elsewhere in this newsletter.
- A Community Resource packet featuring important lake-friendly living information was sent out to 224 homeowners.
- LKWA board members visited the Lay Lakes Monitoring Program at the University of NH at the invitation of Dr. Amanda McQuaid and Bob Craycraft. Our members were given a great tour of UNH's newly renovated Ecotoxicology Laboratory, while learning about the process and analysis Lake Kanasatka and Wakondah Pond water samples collected by our volunteer teams. The 2025 Summary Report will be available very soon which will speak to Kanasatka's post-alum treatment health. The overall plan for the 2026 water quality monitoring season was also discussed.
- An EPA Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) Grant, administered through the State of NH and managed as a joint project by LKWA and LWA, in support of Sandy Cove, is well underway. Please see further details elsewhere in this newsletter.

This represents just some of what LKWA has achieved, with your support! Continue to follow us and hear what's next on Facebook, our Water Waters Newsletter and the kanasatka.org website.

See you at the Annual Meeting!



The poster features a sunset background with the LKWA logo in the top left. The title 'LKWA Summer Events' is in large white font, with 'SAVE THESE DATES' in yellow below it. Three columns of event information are listed, each with a date and time. Below the event details, there are three columns of bullet points, each starting with a diamond symbol. The first column lists details for the Boat Parade, the second for the Annual Meeting, and the third for the Community Picnic.

| Saturday, July 4 th | Saturday, July 11 th | Saturday, August 15 th |
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| 5 th Annual People-Powered Boat Parade 3:00 p.m. | Annual Meeting 10 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Moultonborough Academy | Community Picnic 11:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. 68 Glidden Road |
| ❖ Decorated paddle and small electric craft welcome | ❖ Septic System Presentation <i>by Wind River Environmental</i> | ❖ Meet your neighbors & your Directors |
| ❖ Starts at Animal Island (not really an island but there are a few critters) | ❖ Financial Review | ❖ Burgers, Dogs & Drinks by LKWA |
| ❖ Clockwise Route (jump in wherever you want) | ❖ Board of Directors Election | ❖ Bring a side or dessert to share |
| | ❖ Pay your 2026/27 dues | ❖ Hosted by Kevin & Sandra Kelly |
| | ❖ Directors Panel Q&A <i>Your comments and questions welcome</i> | |
| | ❖ Native Plant Giveaway <i>Courtesy of Stephens Landscaping Professionals</i> | |

The LKWA Nominating Committee is pleased to announce this year's election slate for the Board of Directors. The slate includes the following volunteers nominated to serve as directors, pending election by the membership at the LKWA Annual Meeting on July 11, 2026. Candidates will be elected for a two-year term for the fiscal year July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2028 and begin serving immediately following the vote.

The 'Incumbent':

Scott Parker (Current Director, Social Media Chair) - Scott has agreed to 'stand' for re-election to serve another 2 year term.

The Director-Elects:

Jim Richter - Jim is a longtime lake house owner who has previously indicated interest in the LKWA board. This year, the time is right, and we are pleased to have him share his soil & water knowledge with our board and to our mission. Jim has served on professional boards and brings a thoughtful, measured approach to our group as we continue our work.

Mitch Pinheiro - After years of summering at the former Vonhurst cabins, Mitch has been a lake homeowner since 2012 and resides here roughly half the year. Mitch brings an outgoing personality and a great sense of humor to our group, while his knowledge (finance, management) and energy will assist the board in many areas, with many tasks.

John Buschini - John has owned his lakeside home for just about 10 years, and his love of Lake K is evident through his volunteering (Boots on the Ground) and his understanding of the Watershed Management Plan. John's professional work with people and groups will help the board operate effectively. John brings a calm, confident and affable quality to the LKWA board.

Eric Carlson - Eric's family rented on the lake beginning in the early 90's and has owned Camp Quinebarrge for over 12 yrs. As a business owner, Eric has extra motivation to keep our lake in top notch condition! Eric's skills in project management, volunteer coordination and fundraising, will assist the board in meeting the challenges ahead. Eric will bring an inquisitive nature (what if?) and an optimism (why not?) to motivate valuable board discussions.

The following four directors, are continuing with one year remaining of a 2 year term:

Kevin Kelly- Director, Water Quality Chair

Laurence Pizer- Director, LakeSmart Program Chair

Bruce Hart- Director, Nominating Committee Chair

Scott Apgar- Director, LKWA Secretary

**A heartfelt thanks to the following board members,
who are moving on to other pursuits. You will be missed!**

We wish **Kirk Meloney**, LKWA President, well upon his retirement from the LKWA Board, having helped us work through the toughest years in our history. Kirk has been a board member for 15 years and the LKWA President for 8 of those years. His steady presence and calm demeanor kept the ship sailing forward through some rough waters as Lake Kanastka faced several years of challenging cyanobacteria blooms. Kirk's deep knowledge of our lake and the people who make up our lake community is unmatched. We are very thankful for Kirk's years of dedication to the lake he has loved and cared for since early childhood.

LKWA Vice-President **Janna Hoiberg's** organizational skills will be greatly missed. She provided thoughtful meeting agendas and kept the meetings focused, giving all board members an opportunity to be heard and to provide input and feedback. Her ability to summarize a conversation and move it toward a conclusive action was invaluable. Janna also served as backup to President Kirk as and when needed. Additional world travels for her and her husband are in their future. We wish the two of them bon voyage and smooth sailing.

As LKWA Treasurer, **Eileen Ehman's** strong background in public service, as a communications director with both finance and grants experience has served LKWA well. Eileen was exactly the right person to fill the Treasurer's position in 2023, when it became clear later that year, that not only would LKWA need to undertake a Capital Campaign to fund the alum project, but also be

awarded three grants that would need to be managed. Eileen and her husband are also world travelers and we wish them bon voyage as well.

LKWA Communications Chair **Chris Wallace's** passion for getting things done resulted in the monthly Water Matters newsletter and an updated website. These contributions, and a few other projects for LKWA, each became a source of enjoyment for someone who loves reading, researching and learning new things. She is looking forward to what a new chapter might bring, and has already taken on a project with another volunteer organization.

319 and CDS Grant updates

After a lengthy approval process, our 319 Watershed Assistance Grant Invitation to Bid (ITB) and supporting documents were released on May 6. These documents provide all of the construction and technical specifications to potential bidders so that they can generate a fixed price bid. We have had 6 contractors approach us for the bidding specifications. On May 15, we met with 4 potential contractors for a voluntary site inspection on Burton Rd and Foster Dr. Contractors now have until June 19 to prepare sealed bids based on our specifications. We expect it will take 2-3 weeks after June 19 to evaluate the bids and select a contractor.

In order to not inconvenience homeowners during the summer season, construction, which will require intermittent road closures, will start soon after Labor Day.

The Congressionally Directing Spending (CDS) Grant to address erosion issues on Sandy Cove and a section of Glidden Road is ongoing. After meeting with all stakeholders, the design plan, drawn up by Horsley-Witten is undergoing changes based on feedback from homeowners and the town of Moultonborough.

Love swimming in clean water? Let your shoreline grow!

**ROOT FOR OUR LAKES!
PLANT A BUFFER!**

Buffer Benefits

- Protects your property from erosion.
- Protects fish populations.
- Attracts butterflies and song birds.
- Filters pollutants, keeping the lake clean and healthy!
- Gets stronger and more beautiful with time!
- Deters geese.

Courtesy of Wakefield Action Watershed Alliance (WAWA)

Lake Kanasatka Water Level over the years...

by Kirk Meloney, LKWA President

I find it interesting to watch our lake level. How it changes with the seasons, with the weather, and how our small lake responds. I've been monitoring the level regularly for several years now and this article is a highlight of my observations...

Our lake level is controlled by NH-DES Dam Bureau. Our dam operator Peter Ames has been overseeing the dam for 30+ years. He's a resident of Lakeport and visits and controls many of the State of NH dams. He does the monitoring and adjusting of our level at the Rt.25 launch ramp/dam site.

The dam was constructed back in the late 60's to enable the lake to be adjusted to maintain a somewhat constant level. The original design called for an iron corkscrew gate to be raised and lowered with the turn of a wheel, but age has taken its toll on that device and now the level is adjusted with hardwood boards added or subtracted as needed. The original gate is inoperable at this point.

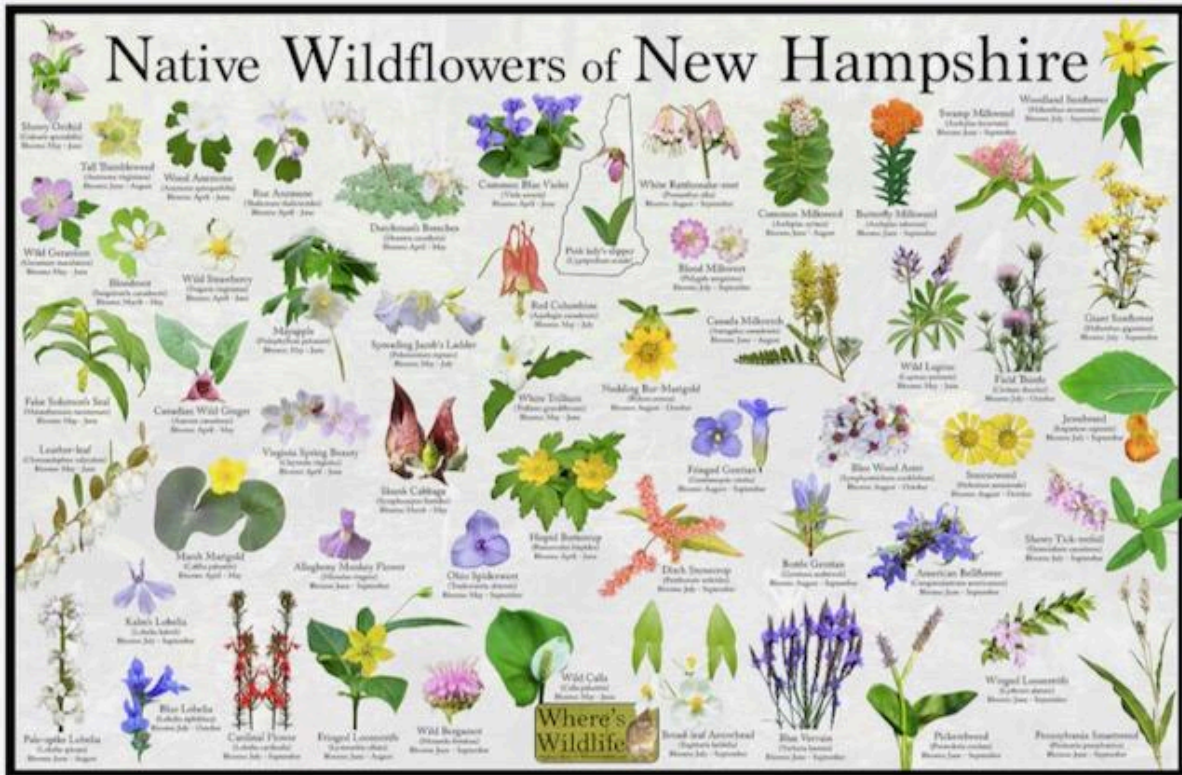
I've learned it's quite a balancing act to control the water levels in our state lakes. Too much water released can be detrimental downstream. The Dam Bureau do their best with this balancing act. The weather has a tremendous effect on it. And that is something predicted by the weatherman, but it's not always spot-on accurate. Common sense and past knowledge prevail here.

Peter told me our lake is "quick to fill and slow to drain" meaning a small amount of rain can raise our level quite a bit. My observations have shown an inch of rain measured in my rain gauge can bring the lake up 3-4" in height in a matter of 24 hours. There are many small streams feeding our lake that make this happen. And several larger brooks that run year-round. And one of our brooks feeding water from Red Hill has supported brook trout for as long as I can remember. They are still there today. That is a sign of good clean cold water. Here is a brief overview of the lake level measurements during certain years and time of year:

During 2023, spring saw our lake at 6" above full level. Through the summer (June, July, early Aug.) the lake maintained a steady "above full level" with end of July sitting at 10-12" above full level. By end Aug. it dropped down to 3.5" above full, and the fall saw it maintaining still above full levels. By Nov. 6 it finally settled at normal full level, and by Dec. 15th was 5" below full level. 2024 saw a much different lake level. We started in April 3" to 9" below full, and May saw anywhere from 8" to 11" below full. Remember we purposely had the State keep the level down to allow for our Alum treatment, but there was concern about launching the barge at such a low level. June through August maintained slightly above full level (2"-3") and the fall saw 3"-4" below full level. Quite a different year.

2025 began with the level sitting at 2" to 4" above full, and the summer months saw the level staying a constant 2" to 4" above full level. By Sept. we saw 3" to 4' below full and by November after drawdown I measured 13" below full level.

2026 has started out with a full lake plus. The end of April measured 4" above full, and with all the soaking rains we've had my last measurement was on May 16th where it came in at 10.5" above fullmy prediction is docks will need to be adjusted as the season progresses.



Free Native Plant Giveaway! July 11th Following the Annual Meeting

For the summer of 2026, it's still all about the water's edge- the Lake Kanasatka Watershed Association is kicking off year two of our "tougher buffer" program to help address stormwater runoff that is entering our lake. Adding a robust plant buffer along the shoreline not only stabilizes the soil and filters runoff and the detritus it carries (dirt, leaves, pine needles, pinecones, acorns, sticks etc.), from reaching the lake, it also aids in preventing erosion.

Lake resident and native plants aficionado Judy Stoessel, who graciously donated a variety of plants that she potted and nurtured prior to the 2025 giveaway, is once again at the helm of this year's Membership for Native Plants. This year, LKWA is offering young native shrubs grown by Found Well Farm in Pembroke, NH, to new and renewed members for 2026-2027 on a first come, first served basis, to help create a dense, "tougher buffer" along Kanasatka's shoreline. Our thanks to Stephens Landscaping for their generous support of this project.

The native shrubs on offer are well suited to the climate and environment around the lake where they will thrive and provide a touch of color to attract pollinators to your property. It's a win-win proposition. Great for the lake and great for you!

A limited number of plants will be available on a first come, first served basis to those who join LKWA or who renew their membership for 2026-2027 no later than July 11, the date of the Annual Meeting. The pick-up date for plants will take place on July 11, following the Annual Meeting.

To learn more about healthy shorelines and Native Plants, go to kanasatka.org/shoreland-protection/ and kanasatka.org/all-about-native-plants/

Capturing runoff is essential in preventing excess nutrients from entering the water, preventing erosion and reducing the risk of future cyanobacteria blooms. Please join us in creating a "tougher buffer" on your property by taking advantage of this free, native plant give-away.

IMPORTANT REMINDER ABOUT NH FACT SHEETS

Regarding the inclusion of updated NH DES Fact Sheets, in the April 2026 LKWA Water Matters newsletter, and in the recently mailed LKWA Community Resource packet, a reader reminded me that Moultonborough regulations on the use of fertilizer, specifically in the protected shoreland, is more stringent than at the State level.

Always check local regulations in conjunction with state regulations when planning any work on your property.

<https://www.moultonboroughnh.gov/DocumentCenter/View/2684/-Moultonborough-Zoning-Ordinance-2026?bidId=>

What is NH Gives About?

LKWA will once again take part in NH Gives this June. Additional information regarding our donation goals for new water testing equipment and loon camera needs will be available soon!

NH Gives is New Hampshire's statewide celebration of giving, a 24-hour online fundraising event that supports local nonprofits. It typically takes place in June, with the 2026 event scheduled for June 9-10. During this event, thousands of donors come together to raise millions of dollars for nonprofits across the state.



Key Features:

- Duration: 24 hours
- Platform: Online giving platform, with a new platform being introduced in 2026 called Mighty Cause
- Participating Nonprofits: Over 600 charities participate, with each nonprofit having its own campaign page
- Donations: Donations are tallied during the 24-hour period, with leaderboards displaying progress and prizes awarded to top-performing nonprofits
- Matching Funds: The event includes matching funds and prizes to encourage giving, with over \$850,000 in matching funds available in 2025

Goals and Impact:

- Raise Funds: Support local nonprofits and their causes
- Increase Visibility: Provide nonprofits with statewide visibility and connect them with new supporters
- Community Engagement: Encourage community-wide engagement with trusted nonprofit organizations

Since its inception in 2016, NH Gives has raised over \$19 million for New Hampshire nonprofits, with the event's success growing each year.

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED VOLUNTEERING TO BE A LAKE HOST?

Being a Lake Kanasatka Lake Host at the boat launch on Rte 25 is one of the first lines of defense for protecting our lake.

As a Lake Host, most of your time will be spent enjoying friendly conversations with boaters, checking boats out for invasive plants and animal species that may be "hitchhiking" from one water body to another, and sharing tips on keeping boats clean, ensuring that our lake stays clean.

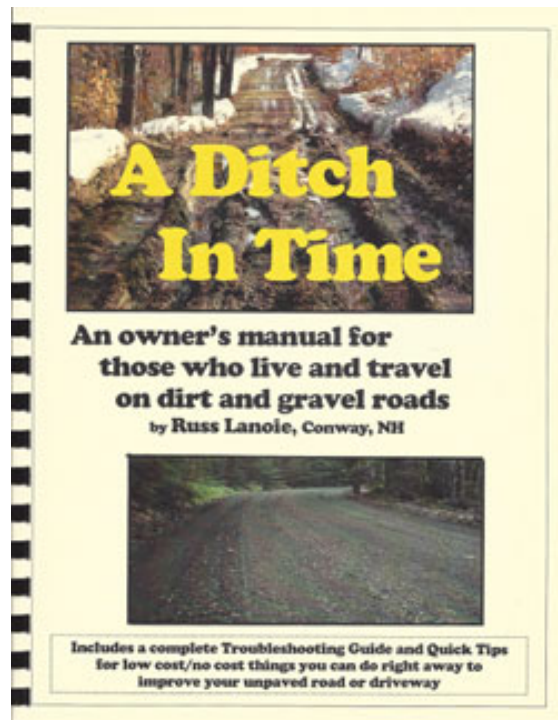
If you would be interested in serving as Lake Host, please contact us at lkwamail@gmail.com

“A Ditch In Time”

As many of us with gravel roads around the lake have experienced, gravel roads and driveways can be a major source of stormwater runoff and sediment, especially during the spring and early summer, which can lead to potential impacts on New Hampshire's lakes and streams.

Drawing on decades of hands-on experience, Russ Lanoie shares practical, low-cost techniques for maintaining unpaved roads, with one key principle in mind: **drainage is everything.**

Russ Lanoie has been learning the secrets of dealing with excess water on roads, in basements, and in septic systems for over 50 years. Climate conditions in New Hampshire, including considerable frost, snowfall, and torrential thunderstorms have provided Russ with plenty of experience in how best to address excess water on roads, in basements and in septic systems and keep it away from lakes and streams.

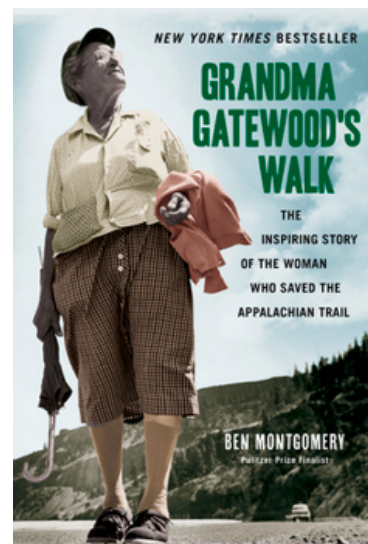


Russ's book, "A Ditch in Time", is available to download on his website at <https://ruralhometech.com/rural-home-blog/>. It is full of common examples and practical solutions to improving road issues and includes a "Troubleshooting Guide and Quick Tips" for low cost/no cost things you can do right away to improve your unpaved road or driveway. Russ can be contacted at russlanoie@gmail.com

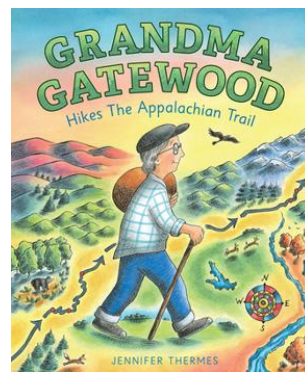
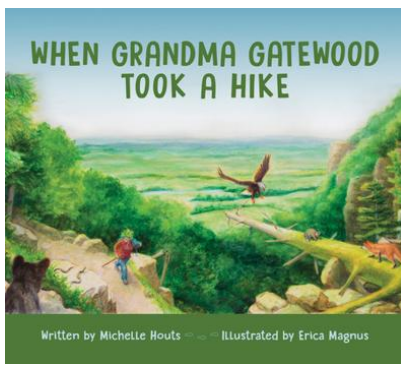
One Incredible Story- With Versions for Young and Old

For adults- "Grandma Gatewood's Walk" by Ben Montgomery

A fascinating and inspiring true story of Emma Gatewood, a 67 year-old mother and grandmother who raised 11 children, who without any prior experience, walked out of her Ohio home one day and 2,050 miles later became the first woman to hike the Appalachian Trail solo in 1955. She wore a pair of old sneakers and lacked even the minimal gear necessary for such a journey. She later walked the trail twice more, garnering public attention for trail conditions that helped the trail become what it is today- a popular and well maintained walk through the woods from Georgia to Maine.



For kids- Two abbreviated and beautifully illustrated versions of this story, called "Grandma Gatewood Hikes the Appalachian Trail" by Jennifer Thernes and "When Grandma Gatewood Took a Hike" by Michelle Houts capture Grandma Gatewood's love of nature, her determination, and her resilience.



From the Editor & Publisher,

Today's edition of LKWA *Water Matters* will be my last. I am stepping down as a Board Director after 4 1/2 years and hoping someone else is interested in taking over the newsletter and website. Working on the newsletter as the primary writer, editor and publisher has been a joy- I have loved researching and writing about issues that are of interest and importance to those of us who live around the lake.

My sincere thanks to the guest writers for sharing their interest and knowledge with our community and to the proof-readers for their ongoing dedication in finding all the little, but so important, things that I missed ... I like to think they provided the icing on the cake! If being a part of the newsletter team is a volunteer activity you might be interested in pursuing, please reach out to the LKWA Board at lkwboard@gmail.com.

I hope to see you around our beautiful lake!

Chris Wallace

Board Member Updates

Membership Resource Packets were mailed out to all waterfront and water access properties around Lake Kanasatka in late April- early May.

A lake association recently posted inaccurate and misleading information on their website regarding Lake Kanasatka's Capital Campaign fundraising effort. Several board members addressed the issue with association's president. The reference was changed slightly, but not to LKWA's satisfaction.

LKWA board members visited the Lay Lakes Monitoring Program at the University of NH at the invitation of Dr. Amanda McQuaid and Bob Craycraft. Our members were given a great tour of UNH's newly renovated Ecotoxicology Laboratory, while learning about the process and analysis Lake Kanasatka and Wakondah Pond water samples collected by our volunteer teams. The 2025 Summary Report will be available very soon which will speak to Kanasatka's post-alum treatment health. The overall plan for the 2026 water quality monitoring season was also discussed.

Although other venues were considered for the Annual Meeting as per survey response requests, the meeting will continue to be held at Moultonborough Academy on July 11 from 10 AM to 12 PM. Other venues are too small for our membership, which stands at 190 members as of this writing. In addition, the Academy has adequate parking and access to media equipment as needed. As requested via the survey, the Annual Meeting will be recorded this year and made available on YouTube as a trial.

Following the business portion of the meeting, there will be 15-20 minute presentation on Septic Systems as requested in survey responses, and is also a requirement of our 319 grant. A Q & A panel discussion will follow. The panel will be composed of Veteran Board Members and will need a moderator to help move things along.

Current laws/rules around Boating safety for the lake, as well as a poster board of the Lake K bathymetry data will be on display at the meeting.

The 2026 Native Plant Giveaway program for new and renewed members will be held outside at the end of the meeting. Plant quantities are limited and will be given out on a first come, first served basis.

NH Lakes Congress, sponsored by NH Lakes is Friday June 5 in Concord. Several LKWA members will be in attendance.

LKWA will take part in NH Gives June 9-10. When donating via NH Gives this year, LKWA will suggest making a donation towards the purchase of 6 specific Oxygen Meter line items totaling \$2800. The oxygen meter will be used to measure anoxia later in the summer. Anoxia conditions are an important component of cyanobacteria blooms. These purchases will expand our water quality testing capabilities. Water quality testing is an important and ongoing task and there will always be a need for new updated equipment.

Donations to NH Gives will also be suggested for specific Loon Cam expenses- TBD.

Nomination of New Board Members- For the election of new board members for the 2026-2028 fiscal years, the LKWA Nominating Committee adopted a system with measurements and tracking of each interview candidate, providing a history and data to back up the decision making. There were four openings on the Board and four applicants. All candidates were interested in various aspects of board operations and are willing to fill open board roles as needed.

The Committee felt the current Bylaws require some review and edits, a project to be taken up at the beginning of the new fiscal year.

There was discussion about the three vacant Officer positions and how they will be filled. This discussion will continue at a future board meeting.

The 319 grant committee met on Friday May 15 for a site visit with 4 contractors interested in evaluating the road work job on Burton Road and Foster Drive. Two additional contractors indicated an interest after the site visit. LKWA has asked for an extension to the construction deadline to be able to begin work after Labor Day as opposed to having construction done over the summer.

The final survey summary will be on the website. Either the AI summary or the Google Summary, depending will be chosen, depending on which format will work best on the website. New Memberships levels- Individual, couple, family, lifelong member, etc. were noted as a strong feedback suggestion from the survey. This topic will be studied in the coming fiscal year for potential implementation in July 2027.

Fifty+ volunteers have indicated an interest in being more involved in the work of LKWA. Please be patient as the Board configuration changes with the new slate, and a Volunteer Coordinator is in place.

Feedback for the LKWA Resource packet that was recently mailed to all lakefront and lake access properties has been very positive. Additional feedback would be appreciated.



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