



SUMMER 2023

TLA ANNUAL MEETING

SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 2023 | 9:00 AM

Carrie Ricker School Cafeteria

573 Richmond Rd | Litchfield, ME 04350

Exhibits of invasive plant species will be on display with TLA directors available for question and answers, along with take home pictures of plant species. There will be a chance raffle and 50/50 raffle. If you haven't already paid your \$25 yearly dues, you may do that at the meeting. Please come and bring a neighbor along to support our cause and protect our Tacoma Lakes.

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

HELP!!!!

I am struggling to understand how we have so few members who support the Tacoma Lakes Association. This Newsletter will be mailed to approximately 500 lake front property owners, yet last year only 230 supported our efforts by becoming members. Our annual membership is only \$25 per year, and is one of the lowest in the central Maine region. I do not understand how someone can own property on these amazing lakes and not support our association. On a daily basis, I have witnessed the passion of the volunteers who are our directors and officers, but we cannot do this alone.

Your support allows us to provide Certified Boat Inspectors at the Woodbury boat launch, 4 days per week throughout the summer. We would love to have an increase in members so we can do more boat inspections. Inspections are nationally recognized as the first line of defense against invasive plants living in our lakes.

A milfoil sighting would cost tens of thousands of dollars to eradicate. Some lakes in Maine have battled milfoil for decades before being declared free of milfoil. We need to be ready should the need arise.

For the last two years we have stated our goal is 300 members, help us get there. We are all a community of waterfront property owners. Talk to your neighbors! If a property changes hand, introduce yourself, and TLA to them. If one third of our current members each introduced TLA to a non member, and they became members, we would easily eclipse the 300 member mark.

As President, entering my 8th year, I will do everything I can to meet people and spread the word. With your help we can get there. How great would it be for us, if at the end of the day, we knew we were leaving the lakes in their current condition for future generations?

Help us help you all. As waterfront property owners, we would all see a decrease in our property values should a milfoil infestation occur. NONE of us want that!

As always, if you have ANY questions or concerns, please call me, evenings at 268-2070.

**Thank you in advance for your support,
Jim Adams, President**

TREASURER'S REPORT

TLA gross income was down in 2022, but we were able to slightly increase net income by cutting some expenses. Donations totaled \$11,554, eclipsing last year's total of \$10,992 by \$562. \$372 of the increase we derived from additional bottle redemptions. We received membership dues in the amount of \$3,405. This is a decrease from last year's dues in the amount of \$270, which equates to a net loss of 18 memberships. Memberships for the year stood at 227 members. Net income for 2022 totaled \$9,865, an increase of \$483 over 2021. Total income from all sources decreased by \$1,372, while total expenses decreased by \$1,855.

TLA remains in favorable financial condition thanks to its generous members and donations from the community.

We have again received support from the State of Maine, the Town of Litchfield, and the Town of Monmouth. We thank them for their help and support. We also thank those that advertise in our Spring and Fall newsletters.

Currently all bills are paid with no invoices outstanding. I am happy to answer any questions that the membership may have regarding TLA finances. You may contact me by email at curtislindamoodcpa@yahoo.com. I will also be available at the annual meeting to discuss or answer any financial questions regarding the association after I present the Treasurers Report.

**Thank you,
Curtis Lindamood, Treasurer**

Red, White and YOU!! Celebrate the



by decorating your boat for the Tacoma Lakes Association Regatta

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WHO: Anyone with a boat!
WHEN: Sat, July 1st from 11 to 1 PM
WHERE: Meet (way) outside the roped off swim area at Woodbury Pond Park Cove
Why: Craziest boat wins!!*

*wins the admiration of your lake neighbors 😊

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We'll take a spin around the lakes and show our colors

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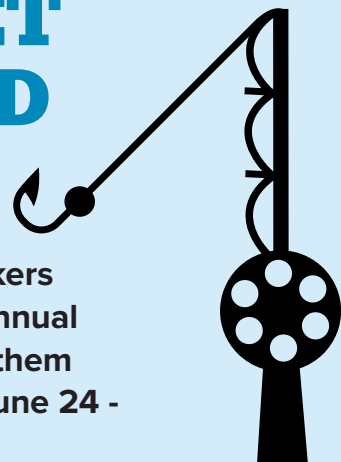
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ON TACOMA LAKES



Do you like to kayak or canoe on the lakes of Litchfield; would you like to go out with a small friendly group every week? Do you want to learn about the marvelous underwater world of our precious lakes and in so doing learn to protect them from aquatic invasive plants? Think about calling Diane Clay 207-754-9502 to join the aquatic invasive plant patrol. We get organized in June, start in July when the plants are large enough to identify and continue into September.

The Loon Restoration Project is beginning year two this month. The Woodbury Pond crew is getting their nesting rafts out and loon monitors on all of the Tacoma Lakes are sharpening their pencils and cleaning their binoculars. As part of that project the Conservation Commission will be working with Tacoma Lakes Association and Maine Audubon to hold some lead sinker exchanges. Keep a look out on both websites as well as the Sodalite and posters around town to find the dates and times. We need volunteers to monitor loon nesting sites and to help with lead exchanges. To learn what it's all about visit: <https://maineaudubon.org/projects/loons/loon-restoration-project/>.

LET'S GET THE LEAD OUT!



Bring your old lead sinkers to the Tacoma Lakes Annual Meeting! We'll replace them with lead-free tackle. June 24 - Be there!

WHY JOIN TLA?

Someone recently asked, "What does my \$25 membership contribute to?"

Your membership dollars are used to fund the Certified Boat Inspectors who inspect boats entering and exiting the Woodbury boat launch four days per week throughout the summer. We would love to someday be able to inspect boats seven days a week. Boat inspections are nationally regarded as the first line of defense in the prevention of invasive plant species. Eight bodies of water within a few miles of the Tacoma Lakes currently have invasive milfoil, and Cobbossee Lake also has European frog bit.

Additionally, we use your fees to purchase supplies for our amazing, volunteer plant patrol team. They are out on the lakes surveying the shallow area for invasive plants throughout the summer.

Finally, your membership dollars are held in case of a milfoil infestation. Eradication of milfoil can take years and is extremely costly.

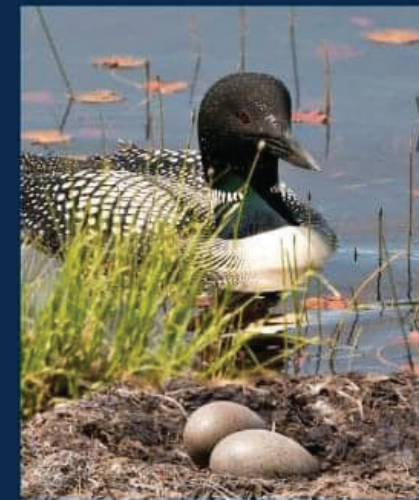
Why not join today? Easily done at tacomalakes.org.

OBEY MAINE'S HEADWAY SPEED LAW

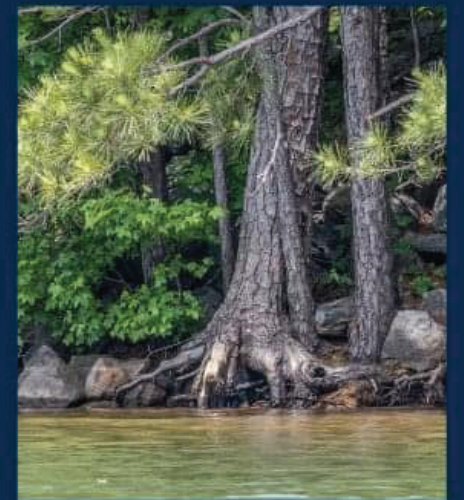
Always operate at headway speed within 200 feet of any shoreline, or within a marina or anchorage. Headway speed is the slowest speed at which it is still possible to maintain steering & control of the watercraft.




KEEP SWIMMERS SAFE




PROTECT MAINE'S LOONS




PREVENT EROSION

ENVIRONMENTAL LITERACY AND SUSTAINABILITY: NO CHILD LEFT INSIDE

A current hot topic for all is Sustainability. Sustainability provides support of current needs for all individuals, while maintaining social equity, protecting the environment, and allowing for economic growth. Sustainability must prosper without compromising the available resources for future generations. Environmental literacy is understanding of how we utilize and maintain available resources, how ecosystems and people are interdependent and how the choices we make can alter sustainability of the future. How do we foster this balance? It must start through education, with us, our families, and our children, the future generations.

There is a No Child Left Inside Act (Bill), originally introduced in 2007, and passed in April 2022 by both the Senate (sponsors included Senator Collins) and House of Representatives. The goal is to provide funding and federal grant opportunities for environmental literacy programs from prekindergarten through 12th grade. There are also provisions for higher education, for future workforce members and the education of teachers in the support of environmental literacy. The support is provided to improve understanding of our resources. There are many schools in Maine participating in various sustainability projects such as school vegetable gardens from sowing / planting seeds, harvesting and education in food preparation using those grown food sources.

There are many resources available to help educate our communities, ourselves, and our children, in the preservation of our limited resources. Some available resources are: available through the No Child Left Inside Act; The New England Environmental Education Alliance; Maine School Garden Network; Maine Audubon; Teach ME outside and Maine Environmental Education Association to name a few. Grants are also available for educators, such site is through Nature Based Education Consortium. See how these local and governmental agencies can help aid and provide direction to your environmental projects and educational ideas. For more information and to review the online bill, please visit <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/4041/text?r=14&s=1>.



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TLA HAS GONE CLYNK!

Are you looking for an easier way to donate your refundable bottles to the TLA?

In addition to dropping bagged bottles at the Transfer Station, you can get *free* Clynk bags pre-labeled with the TLA label. Simply fill the bag at home with your refundables and drop it at a Clynk location in any Hannaford grocery store. (Note: Gowell's Shop'nSave does not have a Clynk drop). The TLA will be handing out green, free, pre-labeled Clynk bags at our annual meeting on Saturday, June 24th at the Carrie Ricker school.

1. Put your bottles and cans in the green recyclable CLYNK bag with the TLA label – be careful not to overstuff. Make sure bottles are not broken, cans are not crushed, and product labels – with barcodes – are intact. Also, leave the caps on!
2. Make sure to tie the green bags securely to prevent item loss – double knot, please! A loosely tied, overstuffed bag will likely allow containers to escape.

3. Make sure to scan each green bag when you get to your nearest Hannaford CLYNK drop-off location. This helps ensure all your bottles and cans can be properly tracked by the system.
4. Drop the bags off while shopping and go about your day. No waiting or individual bottle scanning needed.

Remember -- your bottle donations help pay the salaries of our Woodbury boat launch attendants who check for milfoil and other invasive weeds as boats enter the Tacoma Lakes. Thanks to you, TLA is currently staffing 4 days a week. We appreciate your continued generosity.



Betsy Ross Fleming | January 16, 1938 - January 1, 2023

Betsy Ross Fleming, age 84, died in St Petersburg, Florida on January 1, 2023. She earned a bachelor's degree in bible studies from Wesley College in 1959, where she met and married James Fleming. They celebrated more than 67 years together. After spending time with her young family she embarked on a career in Special Education, retiring in 1991 as the Head of Special Education at Newton South High School.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by her four children, 10 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren, her brother and many nieces and nephews.

A lifelong volunteer, she gave generously of her time to organizations including Wellesley College Alumnae Association, Daughters of the American Revolution, and The Theater At Monmouth.

She loved spending time on Sand Pond and hosting porch suppers for family and friends. She was a puzzle enthusiast, an avid bridge player and was a golf champion.

A celebration of life will be held in the summer on the lake shore of Sand Pond in Litchfield.

Memorial donations may be made to the Tacoma Lakes Association or The Theater At Monmouth.



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2023 MEMBERSHIP DUES: \$25.00

Thank you for your membership in the Tacoma Lakes Association. Your dues are essential to support our many activities. Together we can all help to preserve the health of these beautiful lakes we love.

(Please print legibly so we can make sure we receive the information correctly. Thanks!)

LAST NAME: _____

FIRST NAME(S): _____

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(Your Year Round Mailing Address):

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(Will only be used if we have questions about your application)

If you would like to receive email updates regarding TLA activities, please provide up to two (2) email addresses below. This is not a membership requirement. Your email addresses will be kept private and will not be shared with any other organization.

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If you own property on the Tacoma Lakes, please complete the following:

On which pond is your property located? (please circle):

Jimmy Buker Sand Woodbury Little Purgatory

Physical street address of your Tacoma Lakes property: _____

Town (please circle): Monmouth Litchfield

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DUES: _____ DONATION: _____ TOTAL ENCLOSED: _____

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