



**Adirondack White Lake Association**

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# Winter 2022 Newsletter

The Adirondack White Lake Association (AWLA) aims to conserve, protect, monitor, and safely regulate the precious resources of White Lake



Photo by: Derek Davey

Happy New Year, Fellow Members & White Lake Community!

Here's to a bright New Year, and a fond farewell to 2021! Enjoy all the beauty winter has to offer, and please keep the amazing winter photos of White Lake coming! Wishing our White Lake family a peaceful, healthy winter season. Looking forward to seeing everyone in the spring!



Photo by: Patrick Romeo

## GOV. HOCHUL SIGNS BOAT INSPECTION BILL

Exciting news! Governor Kathy Hochul signed legislation into law requiring boaters to “Clean, Drain, Dry” before launching into new waters. In addition, this law will allow for the installation of inspection stations across the Adirondack Park and within 10 miles of the blue line, in an effort to protect against aquatic invasive species spread. These stations will provide certification for boat inspection and decontamination, which will be **mandatory** for launch into Adirondack waters. We hope this new law will aid our efforts for a boat wash station in the SW Adirondack Rt 28 Corridor.

## NEW! ELECTRONIC VOTING

This August, we will be using a secure, electronic voting platform for board elections. Keep an eye out for updates and further information.



Photo by: Karen Spine

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Do you have a special connection with White Lake? Do you have a special skill or expertise? If you or someone you know is looking for an enjoyable and meaningful way to contribute to our community, please email [louanne@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:louanne@hawaii.rr.com). There are numerous ways for people of all ages and skill levels to participate and get involved!

## WHITE LAKE SHORES ASSOCIATION (WLSA) PARTNERS WITH AWLA

AWLA and WLSA share many common goals: protecting lake ecology, encouraging safe boating practices, monitoring the amount of boat traffic, and questioning the impact the proposed White Lake Quarry will have on our lake and surrounding area. Thank you to Steve Addison, WLSA President, and Frank Fellone, Vice President, for hosting information on boating safety and aquatic invasive species on the WLSA website. Future membership meetings will be held on different dates, so joint members may attend both meetings; board representatives from our respective associations can also be present at one another's meetings for greater information sharing. AWLA and WLSA are also exploring joint fundraising options for our shared concerns.

# ADIRONDACK ROAD SALT TASK FORCE

On December 16, 2021, Governor Hochul appointed 14 members to the Adirondack Road Salt Task Force. While road salt helps to make roads safe in the winter, it doesn't stay on roads. This is of particular concern to White Lake residents, as road salt runs downhill from state highways, affects the water quality of White Lake, could potentially make well water undrinkable (especially hazardous for those with high blood pressure), and could rust and destroy pipes and wells. The task force will examine new ways to avoid unintended contamination.

## QUARRY UPDATE

We have made our voices heard! Not only have the DEC and APA received over 1300+ petitions and countless letters, but we have spoken up at many important meetings and public hearings. Our efforts have been covered by a number of media outlets from the *Adirondack Explorer* and *Utica Observer-Dispatch* to North Country Public Radio and Fox Radio, as hundreds of hours have been spent on media campaigns. In addition, our team has had important meetings with senior local and state government officials. And the generously donated "Stop the Quarry/Save White Lake" road signs had a huge impact. As a community, **we have made our voices heard, and people are listening.**

This has come at a significant cost to AWLA, both in consulting and legal fees, **in the interest of all lakefront property owners**, as well as in volunteer time and effort. To date, our association has paid approximately \$17,000 towards this effort, with the bulk of the expense covering the independent mining expert's invaluable analysis and report.

**We need your help in offsetting these important expenses** - extra donations to our Environmental, Fish, and Quarry Action funds will help us continue to protect our lake, property values, and community. White Lake's programs are completely community supported, and your generous support helps to maintain and protect our lake. **Consider a Quarry Action Fund donation of \$150-300 today. We welcome and appreciate all donations, small and large, as every bit helps us to continue the fight!**

In an effort to reduce this financial burden, AWLA will now be represented pro bono by Pace University Environmental Litigation Clinic, with the exception of filing fees, travel expenses, and incidentals. The Pace Clinic has successfully fought many environmental battles around our state. We want to thank Peter Bauer of Protect The Adirondacks! who made this possible.

At this time we don't know when a decision will be made about the proposed quarry - we will continue to update our membership as we learn of next steps.

## AWLA MEMBERSHIP 2022 – Join or Renew!

As one of few spring-fed lakes in the Adirondack Park, White Lake is our special gem. Unlike most other lakes in the state, it is a private lake - supported solely by YOU and our White Lake family. Your Adirondack White Lake Association board works on your behalf to manage White Lake without any assistance from NYS agencies or grants – it is with your membership contribution and generous donations that we can support the suite of programs that keep our lake safe, clean, clear, and invasive species free. Please enroll as a member and consider a needed and sizable donation to our Environmental, Fish, and Quarry Action funds today!

We are so grateful to you, our White Lake family, for getting involved and staying involved! Membership renewal is available online starting January 1st. You can submit your membership form in one of two ways: fill out the membership form electronically and pay online - or - download the membership form from our website, print, and mail it to the specified address, along with a check. Membership dues are currently \$60. There is a \$10 surcharge for enrollment after May 1st. To join or access membership renewal, please visit [www.whitelakeadk.com/membership](http://www.whitelakeadk.com/membership)

## MAZUY FAMILY AND WHITE LAKE LODGES

As White Lake Lodges has now changed ownership, we would like to thank Danielle Mazuy for her many years of service to our AWLA board. The Mazuy family has not only transformed the Lodges over the last 18 years, but Danielle has been integral in conceptualizing and growing such AWLA programs as The White Lake Steward Program to prevent the spread of Invasive Species, has supported the Fish Fund/Pancake Breakfast with a donation each year since 2004 of the breakfast sausage, redesigned the logo for new apparel at the AWLA store, and hosted the 2019 AWLA July 4th picnic at the Lodges. Her input on our board has been invaluable. In addition, Gregg and Danielle started our AWLA Facebook page, which has become a great resource and way of sharing for our community. White Lake Lodges and the Mazuy Family represent White Lake's charm and unique close-knit community. We wish the Mazuy family much happiness in their new adventures.



Photo by: Kim Graff Rieth

## IN MEMORIAM

Bob Thomas, long standing and cherished member of our White Lake Community, passed away on the morning of November 19, 2021. Bob spent his summers as a child with his grandmother (Mary Cole) on White Lake, which was his “favorite place on earth.” During his childhood, he developed a passion for building and driving speed boats. In 1987, Bob bought his Mastercraft and began his early morning ski runs with the White Lake Ski Club. His White Lake slalom course is fondly remembered by many. Bob eventually competed in the Daggett Lake water ski competitions. The friendships he developed on White Lake as a child later became his second family. He was passionate about keeping the lake pristine and became knowledgeable of the dangers of winter road salt and its effect on the lake ecology. We offer our sincere condolences to his family. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Bob’s honor to the Bristol FreestyleFund - [www.graafusa.org/bristol-freestyle](http://www.graafusa.org/bristol-freestyle) or OASIS Adaptive Sports, % Compeer, 259 Monroe Ave, Rochester, NY 14607. Interment will be held in the spring of 2022 at the Woodgate Cemetery.

# Message From the President

It is during uncertain times like these that I am especially grateful for the tranquility and beauty of White Lake. Even though I am not physically there at the moment, each winter photo of our lake brings a welcomed calmness. It is because of this feeling, I am passionate about protecting our lake for generations to come.

During the long fall and winter months, you can be assured that AWLA continues to focus on issues that most impact the purity and enjoyment of our lake. We have been busy with projects that will facilitate member communications and strengthen our advocacy for water quality and boater safety. Many thanks to the many dedicated AWLA board members and to you for your ongoing support!

Wishing you and yours a very Happy New Year – Here's to 2022!



Louanne Cossa, President  
Adirondack White Lake Association

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To learn more about AWLA, please visit our website. You will find information in regards to our programs designed to conserve, protect, monitor, and safely regulate the precious resources of White Lake for today's enjoyment and future generations. Thank you to those that have and continue to support AWLA. We appreciate your ongoing service and contributions!