

# PARTRIDGE LAKE

## PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

Spring 2026

*A Lake Preservation Group*

## Environmental Steering Committee Updates

Along with the Alum Treatment last June, the ESC has been focused on monitoring activities and initiatives to reduce additional phosphorus and other pollutants entering the lake.



### Water Quality Monitoring

Volunteers from Partridge Lake have been sampling water as part of the Voluntary Lake Assessment Program (VLAP) with the NH Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) since the mid 1980's. The data collected from many decades helps us understand the evolution of the Lake and the effectiveness of interventions like the alum treatment. Many thanks to Tom Norris, Tom Allen, and John Shultz who have been collecting samples for many years. The new team of Rebecca Welch, and John and Deb LeBlanc are in training to take over this effort

### South Shore Road Shoreline Erosion Mitigation

The 2022 Watershed Restoration Plan identified another twelve sources of phosphorus entering the lake, with the erosion of the South Shore Road shoreline as the biggest culprit. Cuts to the NH DES budgets delayed the onset of the 604(b) Watershed Grant program, but eventually a limited amount of money was freed up. A preproposal to develop an engineering plan to mitigate erosion using bioengineering solutions was submitted in December. The preproposal was well received, and we were selected to submit a full proposal, which was submitted in March. Continuing to mitigate sources of phosphorus in the lake, will increase the longevity of the positive effects of the alum treatment.

### Christmas Tree Project

In late spring, we plan to install used natural Christmas trees into the lake adjacent to certain shore areas. This project has two goals. First, this should help reduce erosion by reducing wave energy hitting the shores. Second, it should provide hiding places for small fish who had become easy prey due to increased water clarity after the alum treatment. For this project, we are working with NH Fish & Game. We collected a dozen trees after Christmas, so this will be a relatively small trial. Thanks to Steve Hight who proposed this suggestion at the Annual Meeting. Both Steve and Tom Norris have been coordinating with Fish and Game.

### Septic Systems

Faulty septic systems can be a large contributor to phosphorous and other pollutants entering the lake. Thank you to Pam Parker who has drafted a document defining the rules, regulations and best practices for Septic Systems. Visit our new website to learn more at: <https://partridgelake.org/septic-systems-and-partridge-lake>

John and Deb LeBlanc  
Co-Chairs, Environmental Steering Committee  
[LeBlanchouse@verizon.net](mailto:LeBlanchouse@verizon.net)

### Alum Treatment

2025 was a big year for the PLPOA Environmental Steering Committee (ESC) with the completion of the alum treatment by FB Environmental last spring where aluminum-based compounds were introduced into the lake to bind up phosphorus accumulated in the lakebed. Initial testing results and improved clarity indicate that the treatment was successful. Big thanks to Jack Eames who was previous ESC chair and led this effort!

## SAVE THE DATES

### Annual Picnic & Volunteer Day

Saturday, July 4th, 12:00-3:00 pm

Rain Date: Sunday, July 5th

Location: Tom & Dawn Norris

Cost of admission: Free for Members

Kids 10 and under, Guests - \$5.00

Dues can be paid at the picnic.

Volunteer Day: Sunday, July 5th

9:00 am – 11:00 am

Meet in front of the Warden Camp,  
Hatetoquitit, located at the Stop Signs.



## Letter from Co-Presidents

Kathy Krejci and  
Nina Johannessen



### Dear Partridge Lake Community

On this cold March morning Partridge Lake is still slumbering under the ice, and I am already dreaming of spending long days sunning on the dock. My family is making plans to reunite from near and far; I hope that you too will find time to shed some layers and forget your worries this summer.

Last fall, FB Environmental Associates completed water quality monitoring following successful alum treatment. We are waiting for the final report. In the meantime, New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services obtained its own sample in early March, and the water is not **slimy green** like last year. This spring, Partridge Lake is **crystal clear**. To ensure our lake remains healthy, we are actively pursuing additional improvements to prevent external sources of phosphorus from polluting the lake and feeding future cyanobacteria blooms. Our environmental steering committee, led by John and Deb LeBlanc, applied for a new NHDES watershed grant to fund erosion mitigation efforts on South Shore Road. In addition, your lake neighbors quietly carry on their unsung projects, providing a nesting haven for loons, monitoring for invasive species while paddling kayaks, discouraging geese from multiplying on our shores, and showing up year after year to man the grills at our picnic and sweep up sand on Volunteer Day. None of these projects could happen without your charitable donations, and we thank you for your dedication and generosity. In a fractious world, Partridge Lake is still a treasure worth protecting.

In case you missed it, my co-president Nina Johannessen designed, and launched, our first ever PLPOA website. You must visit [partridgelake.org](http://partridgelake.org) for the latest news and events, and while you are there, don't forget to pay your dues. Nina and I will soon complete our final year serving as your co-presidents. We are currently seeking candidates for these positions, as well as new board members, so please contact us with nominations. I can't wait to see you all at the Picnic!

With gratitude, Kathy and Nina

## Remember the 150-foot law.

The lake is small; it has rocks and shallows; the area 150 feet from shore is not large; it has a dangerous "bottleneck" that allows only one fast boat to pass through at a time, and only then if there is no kayak, canoe, swimmer, or other motorboat. Above 6 mph, by law no boat shall come closer than 150 feet to any person, place, or thing (docks, floats, etc.). A water-skier is considered "part of the boat" and should also abide by the 150-foot law. Taking off from the dock with a skier is allowed, but state law prohibits drop-offs at high speed.

**Our relatively small lake has a long-standing rule of COUNTER-CLOCKWISE travel by boats. Observing that rule greatly reduces the potential for head-on collisions. It is vitally important to comply with the COUNTER-CLOCKWISE flow of boat traffic and to make visitors and especially renters aware of the rule.**



***Be a good neighbor in and on the lake!  
Keep your distance from others.***

**Take a Boating Safety Course**  
Contact the NH Marine Patrol Bureau  
at (888) 254-2125 or (603) 267-7256.

## SEPTIC SYSTEMS Quality and Maintenance

**The following practices can help extend the life of our lake.**

- Conserve water, compost your kitchen waste, and be careful what you flush
- Prevent as much runoff from roads as possible, prevent erosion from properties
- Use phosphate-free fertilizer, dish, laundry, and cleaning products
- Keep sand away from the water, remove grass clippings and leaves
- Have your septic system pumped every year for year-round residents and every 2-3 years for summer people
- Visit our new website to learn more at: <https://partridgelake.org/septic-systems-and-partridge-lake>

### Local Septic Tank Service Companies

Schofields Septic Tank Service, Lisbon (603) 838-6028    White's Septic Service, Dalton (603) 837-2728





# Kids Korner

## All the Cool Things About Visiting Partridge Lake

By Zaniah (age 10)  
Granddaughter to Bentley & Lynn Craig

"There are so many cool things about visiting the lake. All seasons are fun. This past summer was the best because my cousins from Australia and North Carolina came too. My favorite things are swimming, doing flips off the boat, and everything having to do with the water. I also love the bonfires, cornhole, and taking the dogs on long adventure walks."



## *The love and beautiful connection we shared will never end.*

As we mourn, we can remember the good times, be comforted by the love, and celebrate the lives well-lived. *With Deepest Sympathy*



**Jere Eames** loved Partridge Lake and our community. He was very happy to see the lake water quality restored to its former glory. One of his favorite sayings, "Across the cool, clear, placid waters of beautiful Partridge Lake, nestled in the magnificent White Mountains of New Hampshire," will be ensured for future generations. Jere cherished family above all. His wishes to us all, is to let the people you love know they are loved, spend time with them and enjoy the lake.



### **Eileen Goodrich**

passed away peacefully surrounded by love and comfort after an incredible brave 11.5-year battle with cancer. She faced many challenges with quiet strength and determination and a heart full of love. She was always thinking of others with kindness, compassion, and grace. Her warmth, wisdom, and love for others will live on in our hearts forever.

# Spotlight on Volunteers

## Board of Directors

<b>Nina Johannessen</b>	Co-President
<b>Kathy Krejci</b>	Co-President
<b>Jill Corey</b>	Treasurer
<b>Laurie Butson</b>	Secretary
<b>Tom Allen</b>	
<b>Burt Bechtel</b>	<b>David Merrill</b>
<b>Jeanne Burdette</b>	<b>Lisa Morello</b>
<b>Lynn Craig</b>	<b>Tom Norris</b>
<b>Kevin Kee</b>	<b>Cathy Parker</b>
<b>Scott Manning</b>	<b>Pamela Parker</b>

## Ex-Officio

**Stanley Parker Jr.**  
**John Schultz**

**Connect with  
us on  
Facebook!**

## All residents are invited to join the Partridge Lake WEED WATCHERS to help stop the spread of Exotic Aquatic Plants.

As a volunteer, you will receive current volunteers support and the Weed Watcher Kit which was developed for NH lake residents and volunteers to help prevent the spread of exotic plants by observing, monitoring and reporting plant growth in our lake. We ask that you conduct a weed survey 2 or 3 times during the summer months. You'll be helping to protect our lake and enjoying nature at the same time! It is helpful to conduct the survey in a canoe, kayak or on a paddle board. The danger of invasive weeds is such that only regular, knowledgeable monitoring of the perimeter of the lake, especially in the coves and shallow areas, will protect us. We have support from the NH Department of Environmental Services, Waterford Division, Watershed Management Bureau and can send them pictures with questions we may have regarding plants we find in the lake. If interested, please contact Lila Kee at [lilakee@gmail.com](mailto:lilakee@gmail.com) or Liz Gattone at [lizgat2015@gmail.com](mailto:lizgat2015@gmail.com). Thank you!

## PLPOA TREASURER'S REPORT As of 12/31/2025

<b>BALANCE CHECKING ACCOUNT</b>	<b>\$3,822.07</b>
<b>BALANCE WATER QUALITY ACCOUNT</b>	<b>\$105,900.19</b>
<b>INCOME 2025</b>	
DUES PAID (61 CAMPS PAID)	\$3,396.56
DONATIONS TO WATER QUALITY ACCOUNT	\$5,704.85
MEMORIAL DONATIONS	\$1,802.61
INTEREST INCOME WATER QUALITY ACCOUNT	\$2,015.87
MERCHANDISE SALES	\$259.72
PICNIC GUESTS	\$234.74
DES GRANT INCOME	\$35,699.00
CYANOBACTERIA MITIGATION FUND (ARPA)	\$239,091.77
<b>EXPENSES FROM REGULAR ACCOUNT</b>	
NH LAKES ASSOCIATION	\$325.00
LOON PRESERVATION	\$250.00
TAX RETURN FEES	\$375.00
MERCHANDISE COST	\$0.00
ANNUAL PICNIC COST	\$1,309.51
NEWSLETTER MAILING	\$393.79
MEETING EXPENSE	\$40.77
<b>EXPENSES FROM WATER QUALITY ACCOUNT</b>	
LIABILITY INSURANCE	\$988.50
LITTLETON PUBLIC WORKS (BMP #3 MATERIALS)	\$1,137.72
WATER TESTING	\$450.00
TREATMENT EXPENSES TO DATE	\$239,531.77

## 2026 Schedule of Events

**Saturday, June 6 9:00 am**  
Spring Board of Directors Meeting  
Jill Corey's House

**Saturday, July 4 12:00-3:00 pm**  
**Rain Date: Sunday, July 5**  
Annual Lake Association Picnic  
Location, Tom & Dawn Norris

**Sunday, July 5 9:00-11:00 am**  
Volunteer Day  
Location, Meet at the Warden Camp

**Saturday, August 1 9:00 am**  
PLPOA Annual Meeting  
*Open to all members! Please join us!*  
Location, Scott Manning

**Saturday, October 3 9:00 am**  
End of Summer Board of Directors Meeting  
Location, TBA

Visit our New Website at [partridgelake.org](http://partridgelake.org) to pay your Dues, Lake Quality Donation, Memorial Donation Today!

Or Mail check to Partridge Lake Property Owners Association, % Jill Corey, Treasurer, P.O. Box 4, Littleton, NH 03561

