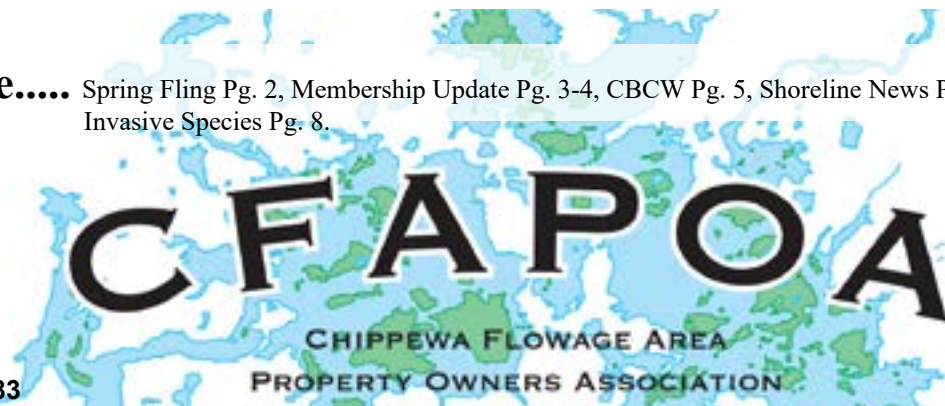


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Spring 2025

# The Big Chip News

## Lake Rx

by Mike Gardner CFAPOA Chair

For decades, doctors and researchers have studied the impact of spending time in nature. Year after year many of us continue to find the rewards of how even a few moments around and on the Flowage can lead to happier, healthier and more productive lives. You may notice the following benefits from your time on the water.

- **Reduces Stress:** Air, water, trees, and sky are medicine
- **Improved Concentration:** green natural environments can stimulate curiosity and engagement.
- **Enhanced learning:** A bad day fishing is better than a magazine or video.

- **Cultivate Joy:** the outdoors reduces symptoms of anxiety and depression.
- **Fosters Stewardship:** To take care of something, one must feel connection.

If you “feel it” there is a community of folks who as members of CFAPOA have an opportunity to engage with various prescriptions. You can renew or become a member to support our organizational efforts, and you can volunteer for the numerous opportunities to lend a hand. Either way, consider paying it forward to assure your own good health and the health of the Flowage for future generations.



## Spring Fling @ Treelands Resort

Sunday, June 8  
2:00–4:00 p.m.

See Page 2 for details.



## CFAPOA Needs Your Help

With your membership, you can volunteer and help us with our mission to:





January 1, 2025 was  
the start of a new  
membership year. You  
can renew online at  
<https://cfapoa.org/membership>

## Spring Fling @ Treelands Resort

Sunday, June 8, 2025 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

### Appetizers

House Salad, Bruschetta, Queso Dip & Tortilla Chips

### Main Course

House Smoked Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Cole Slaw, Waffle Fries

### Dessert

Soft Serve in a cake cone or dish  
Cost: \$16 inclusive of tax and tip.



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending: \_\_\_\_\_

RSVP by May 29, 2025  
Please make checks payable to: CFAPOA.  
Mail to: PO Box 555, Hayward, WI 54843

# Membership Update

by Patty Swaffield

## New Members

Scott & Erin Hartman  
Jeff Korsmo  
Jeff & Vanessa Krumholz  
Dave & Shannon Ploeger  
Dave & Pam Utterback

## Contributor

John & Dawn Bina  
Rich & Lora Boley  
Tom Bruseth  
Rusty & Pat Chesmore  
John & Brenda Dettloff  
Eleanore Dzialo  
JB, Adam & Spencer Ellis  
Jim & Sue Fox  
Jeff & Nancy Gros  
John & Gail Grumbos  
Bill & Maureen Grzelak  
John & Jennifer Hoehn  
Steve & Connie Kelsey  
Eric & Susan Locher  
Tom & Debbie Malloy  
Mark & Brenda Mantey  
Bryan & Kristen Mock  
Steve & Brittany Palme  
Brian & Jennifer Remick  
Kelly & Shiela Ries  
Paul & Karen Schanfield  
Chris & Tatum Treland Schlapper  
Tom & Doreen & Family Schnaderbeck  
Jeff & Rebecca Schreiner  
Duane Duke Schueller  
Chris & Susanna Smisek  
Kirk Thompson  
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Tyler & Mallory Treland  
Gary & Tami Varilek  
Kevin & Barb Whelan  
Jeff & Kelly Wolf  
Wayne Young

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Kevin & Janet Flesch  
Ryan & Jennifer Gaveske  
Bob & Debbie Hart  
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Warren & Gretchen Hensel  
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Jim & Linda Isaacson  
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John & Brenda Long  
Bill & Mary Ludford  
Brian & Erin Obert  
Lance & Angela Paulson  
Joe Reker  
Pete & Sarah Ross  
Steve & Marilyn Schwarz  
Darren & Esther Winkler  
Dale & Mary Zwiefelhofer

## Lifetime

Scott & Erin Hartman  
Mike & Lynn Muench

## Additional Donation

Brad Krizan

### Renew Online Here

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## Membership Levels

- \$25: Individual/Property
- \$26 to \$124: Contributor – newsletter recognition.
- \$125 to \$999: Steward – newsletter recognition and a gift.
- \$1000 and up: Lifetime Conservationist – newsletter recognition, a gift, and lifetime membership.

Lifetime

## Conservationist

Thank you for your Lifetime Conservationist donation. Your support and investment in our organization helps to promote our mission to keep the Chippewa Flowage clean and safe, to protect the environment. Thank you for your generous gift.

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Chris & Jessica Conard

Dean & Kristin Elmer

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Karl & Stephanie Kann

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Mike & Lynn Muench

Kyle & Sara Nemetz

Brian, Juliane & Tyler Novak

Brian & Sibley Pauling

Gene & Pat Schubert

Barbara Sealy

Tucker Silberhorn

Michael & Shirley Singer

Barb Schweig

Mike & Jennifer Treptow

Linda Treland

Richard & Lisa Uihlein Jr.



# Membership Update

by Randy Hulke

I know what you're thinking, boring, skip to the next article. But humor me and at least read the last few paragraphs. Your membership dues and contributions are critical to the successes of the Association, and I personally thank each of you that have contributed thus far. But we still have over 10% of the individuals who were members in 2024 who have not yet paid their 2025 membership dues. Which brings up the 1st item I'd like to write about.

I've heard the question **"When is my membership renewal due?"** from several members. Our membership year follows the calendar year from January 1st to December 31st. We start collecting membership dues in late fall, usually in October, for the following membership year. This coincides with the renewal form being published in the fall Newsletter. So, for those looking for a date to put on their calendar, membership renewals are due by December 31st for the next membership year.

The next question **"Why should I contribute to the CFAPOA?"** To set the stage for this, please refer to the back page of the newsletter and review our organization's objectives. Ah, it's all about the Flowage, the body of water that we've grown to love. Your elected Board members are working diligently in association with other organizations to; 1) improve the quality of our fishing, 2) control invasive species through a variety of activities, 3) provide education on preservation of our

shorelines, 4) encourage safe recreational activities, and 5) provide input on a variety of lake related issues. These activities don't just happen nor are they free of charge, even with the hundreds of volunteer hours provided by you and the Board members!

Finally, **"What do I get from being a Member?"** I've already stated some of the indirect benefits above, additionally, for minimal cost basic dues, members; 1) receive a quarterly newsletter full of Flowage relevant information, 2) receive timely informational messages sent via email, 3) can attend social events, and 4) have opportunities to participate in several activities which benefit the Flowage.

If you decided to skip the When, Why, and What here's where to resume your reading. The Membership Committee is currently engaged in:

A. *Analyzing the membership renewal process.* We are evaluating simplification of the renewal form by removing the multiple donation categories and only allowing "Dues", for any amount over \$25, to be submitted. As part of this, another donation form will be created to allow contributions by either members or non-members to a specific program or fund.

B. *Determining if the cost of a basic membership is appropriate.* The cost of basic membership has not increased for many years, is it now time to increase this amount?

C. *Reaching out to potential new members.* I'll keep statistics to a minimum, but for clarity some are necessary. We ended 2024 with

239 paid memberships, as of March 25th, 210 of those were renewed for 2025 and we added 20 new paid memberships. Over the last several years, paid memberships have been declining since a high of 328 in 2018. We have much room to grow! Here's what we're planning to do:

- 1) Contact members who haven't yet renewed their membership.
- 2) Contact individuals who've recently purchased property on the Flowage.
- 3) Targeted contact to the ~450 potential Flowage landowners, who are not currently members. Thank you to Mark Zich for analyzing land records.
- 4) Potential door hangings for our larger manufactured home sites.
- 5) Create materials to be used in a series of "town halls" around the Flowage to attract new members.

You might be saying to yourself, this seems to be an aggressive list. Well, it is and will require many volunteer hours. If this is something you'd like to be engaged in, please let us know at [CFAPOA@gmail.com](mailto:CFAPOA@gmail.com)

Membership and your financial contributions along with volunteer efforts are critical in preserving the legacy of the Chippewa Flowage. We all play a part in ensuring the next generations have the opportunity to go "up North to the lake" for years to come. With that in mind, please talk to your neighbors about the CFAPOA and encourage them to join if they haven't already done so.

# Clean Boats, Clean Waters

by Diane Hulke

Your Clean Waters Clean Boats (CWCW) team is gearing up to kick off another season monitoring and educating watercraft users of the Chippewa Flowage. We are staffed and scheduled for a training refresh before the fishing opener on Saturday, May 3rd.

A good topic of focus this year is what the DNR refers to as 'PREVENT, CONTAIN AND CONTROL'. Knowing that Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) can contaminate our lake water by altering the ecosystems, competing with or eliminating native species and transmission of diseases to fish and vegetation; we, as lovers of the flowage, want to PREVENT introduction of any new AIS from entering into our water.

## PREVENT:

Incoming boats from other water bodies offer us the greatest risk due to frequent movement between lakes. Boats have many hidden nooks and crannies for AIS and contaminated lake water and plant material to hide. We know many residents on the flowage do not move their boats but those with visitors or renters should be aware of these risks. In addition there is often other equipment, purchased on the secondary market, introduced into lakes which also need forethought to prevent introduction of new AIS, some which are visible to the eye and some that are not.

- Boat Docks and Swim Docks previously used in other bodies of water.
- Boat motors, trolling motors, boat trailers, fish locators, anchors and ropes previously used in other bodies of water
- Canoes, kayaks, paddle boats, jet skis, previously used in other bodies of water
- Relocation of fish, minnows and bait, dead or alive, from other bodies of water

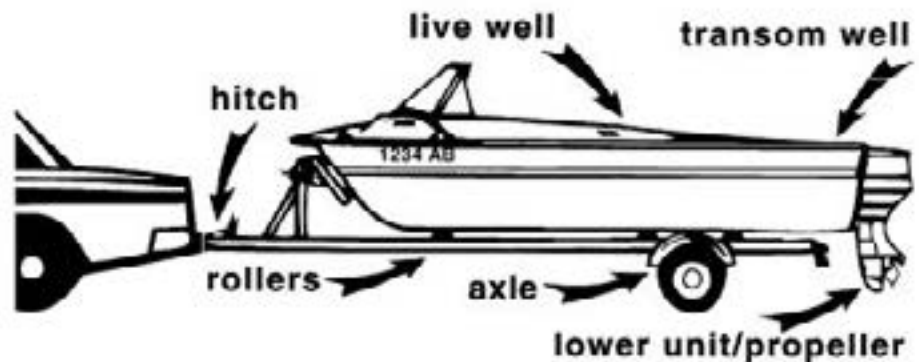
Looking at boats and equipment used in other lakes, preventative decontamination of hard surfaces are best done by cleaning the boat with hot water and environmentally safe soap. All watercraft should have plugs pulled, bilge drained and live wells emptied and cleaned. A



suggested time of five days to two weeks to allow for the boat to dry out completely before placement in a new location is recommended.. For easy cleaning, a car wash can be used for this purpose. Below are the hidden places where AIS plants and animals may linger to move to another location.

PLEASE, spread the word to others to make it a habit to: inspect and remove any visible mud, plants, fish or animals before transporting any equipment. Drain water from your boat, motor, trailer, live wells, before transporting. Dispose of unwanted bait in the trash, not in the water. Spray, rinse or dry equipment to remove or kill invasive species before introducing it into the lake.

We thank you for your time and attention to these details. Next time we will dive deeper into CONTAIN and CONTROL! The CWCW Team



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**CLEAN IT. DRAIN IT. DRY IT.**



# Shoreline News

by Tony Schubert

As we prepare for the next season on the flowage, you probably are wondering “What is the level of the lake right now?” A few years ago, when the bridge was reconstructed, Xcel Energy put an elevation marker on one of the pylons. You have probably seen it as you cross under the CC bridge. The elevation marker helps us relate the lake elevation to our ever-changing shorelines. This, of course, has implications as to when we want to put our dock and boat in or out.

So, our board thought it would be helpful to be able to see the elevation of the lake from your computer at home. The CFAPOA board decided to construct a camera which will provide a



Elevation marker under the CC bridge.

fixed view of the elevation marker on our website. This has been made possible because the LCO will allow us to use their Starlink internet connection at The Landing.

We have applied for a permit from the Sawyer County Highway Department which owns the right-of-way where we would like to place the camera. Later in May, we hope to construct the camera powered by a small solar panel.

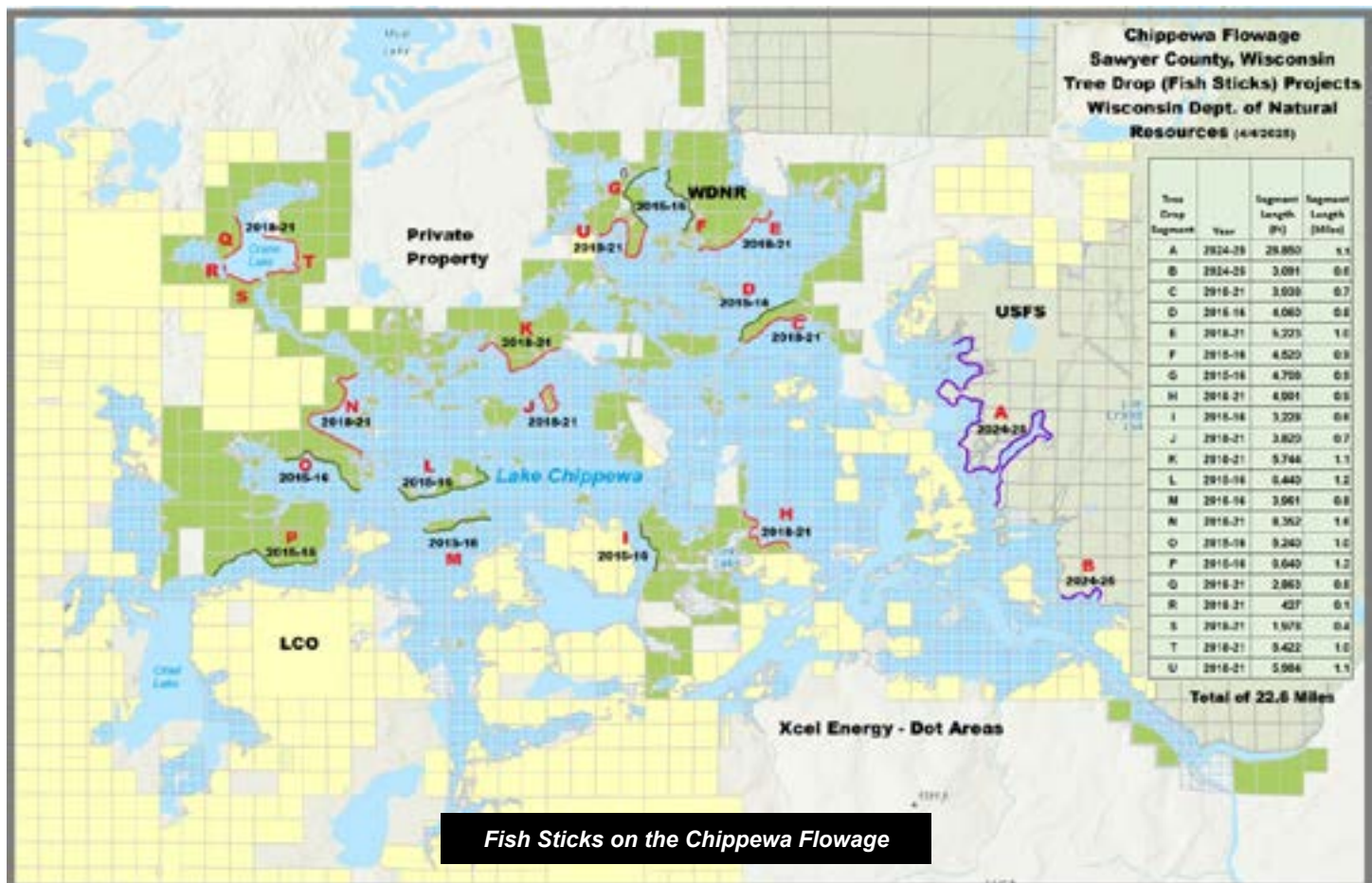
The camera will be placed in a fixed position and not be recording. So, as you pass by the elevation marker under the bridge, SMILE

you may briefly appear on our website.

The DNR has been busy over last few years dropping shoreline trees into the lake. You may have noticed these trees, sometimes called “Fish Sticks.” The idea is to provide additional habitat for fish.

Studies have shown that trees left in the water will provide refuge and food for small fish to thrive. I have read that it works well for small perch. Perch are of course tasty treats for walleye, pike, bass and muskies. Attached is a map you may find interesting as to where the tree drop projects have been completed.

The information was provided by Max Wolter, fish biologist with WDNR, and mapped by Mark Zich from the CFAPOA board. Thanks gentlemen! Good Luck fishing this year.



Fish Sticks on the Chippewa Flowage

# Fisheries Report

by Terry Wall

The 2025 PIP kicked off on January 4 with the “Tipper Tournament” sponsored by Pat’s Landing Resort on Chief Lake. The tournament focused on catching small pike with first prize awarded for the smallest pike caught with second and third place going to the next longest fish. An additional 10 cash prizes were awarded in a random drawing along with many raffle prizes donated by local establishments. A total of 292 pike ranging in size from 11 ¾ to 33 inches were caught by the 173 participants. Of those 250 of the fish caught were donated to the Winged Freedom Raptor Hospital. The 14th annual tournament will be held on January 3, 2026. It is too early to get any totals on pike harvested during the ice fishing season but with good ice conditions all winter I would expect anglers did well.

As mentioned in the last newsletter the WI DNR is in the process of updating the Chippewa Flowage Fishery Management Plan. If you haven’t completed the survey and want your opinions counted you can still do so by going to the site <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ChipFish25>. The survey will remain open until early summer so it isn’t too late to be involved.

## 2025 Chippewa Flowage Woody Habitat Project

On February 3, the DNR Hayward Fish Team worked with DNR Forestry and staff from the U.S. Forest Service undertook a project to add woody habitat to the Chippewa Flowage. You may remember the fish sticks program from a few years back where over 1000 trees were dropped to add habitat along the shoreline which provided nutrients and cover for small fish. This year they dropped 150 trees on the east side of the flowage along shoreline from Moore’s Bay and the Cranberry narrows down to The Nursery. Larger full branched trees were selected with the hope that they will provide cover of Smallmouth Bass and Crappie. All trees selected for cutting were on property owned by the US Forestry Service with attention paid to not disturbing the natural shoreline.



As of this writing we are about 3 weeks away from the opening of fishing season. With the exception of shorelines and river channels most of the lake is still ice covered. As of 4/4/25 the water level on the flowage was 1309.96 ft. with a discharge rate of 320(CFS). This is about 3 ft below full pool. Let’s hope Mother Nature sends us some rain and warm temps over the next 3 weeks to help melt the ice and bring the water up to normal spring levels.





# Invasive Species Update

by Dennis Clagett

Last summer a number of our Adopt-A-Shoreline volunteers reported that their adopted sections had many new purple loosestrife plants in areas that in past years were free of this invasive. This is troubling as these new plants must have sprouted from seeds floating on the water's surface that washed up on the shoreline needing only sunlight to sprout.

More typical as in past years are new shoots sprouting from legacy roots that are in known and documented locations. So, from surface seeds to adult plants that are capable of reproducing in one year demonstrates the need for extra care when harvesting PL flowerheads. Purple loosestrife is very good at being an invasive!

We have new Association members and Adopt-A-Shoreline volunteers, Clay Wanta & Kurtis Burton have adopted section E1. & Kris Koehnen and David Jordheim have adopted West side section 2. Welcome and thank you!

The Adopt-A-Shoreline program continues to be an effective tool controlling growth and spread of purple loosestrife. Our all-volunteer members do a remarkable job containing this nasty, hardy, invasive. Two of these must be acknowledged, Jerry & Nancy Johnson. They have been hammering the PL on the west side for as long as I remember. Recognition of 15year Adopt-A-Shoreline volunteers still at it are Roger & Kathy Kisch, Rick & Linda Olson, Alan & Lynda Fish and Chris & Patti Jeffords. Thank you! And thank all Adopt-A-Shoreline volunteers.

There will be more information on our Bio-control program in the summer newsletter. Currently we are waiting for the frost to leave the ground so we can dig purple loosestrife roots. Adopt-A-Shoreline volunteers are needed as we have 5 sections needing adoption. Contact me at 715 462 4814/ [rcclagett@centurytel.net](mailto:rcclagett@centurytel.net)



Name	East	West
Kris Koehnen & David Jordheim		1, 2
Mike & Lynn Muench	M, P	
Jim & Jan Evenstad		12
Gary & Linda Crank		3, 5
Christine and Jayson Grams		13
LCO Conservation Dept.	H, I, Z	
Brian & Juliane Novak	S	
Alan & Lynda Fish		8, 17
Up for Adoption		18
Greg & Amy Sanders		10, 11
Chris & Patti Jeffords		4
Jerry & Nancy Johnson		6, 9
Dave Szymanowski		7, 14
Roger & Kathy Kisch	W	
Rob and Rebecca Nesse	J	
Dave Carland & Family	O	
Chris & Jess Conard	A2	
Rick & Linda Olson	R	
Tony & Laurie Schubert	T, U	
Dave Carland Family and Friends	X	
Brent and Jeanne Drapeau	E1, E2	
Mark and Joni Zich		15, 16
Bruce and Gina Dingman	D	
Mike & Phyllis Gardner	Q	
Dennis Clagett	Y	
Pete and Sarah Ross	Y	
Linda Treland	A1	
Clayton Wanta & Kurtis Burton	E1	

Visit our website for a detailed map of East and West locations.

<https://cfapoa.org/invasive-species>



# REEL IN THE FUN

at the Chippewa Flowage  
Property Owners' Association

## SPRING FLING

Sunday, June 8 2025

2:00-4:00 PM

@ Treelands Resort

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**KIDS ACTIVITIES**



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### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**BOARD MEETINGS  
AND EVENTS**

May 1, 2025

June 5, 2025

June 8, 2025 Spring Fling

August 3, 2025 Annual Picnic

Board meetings are currently held at 6:00 p.m. in person at the Town of Hunter Hall and/or teleconference. Visitors are welcome to join. Contact Mike Gardner at [mgardner@northflow.net](mailto:mgardner@northflow.net)



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