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## Now Hiring

### Seasonal Opportunities Available for Summer 2018

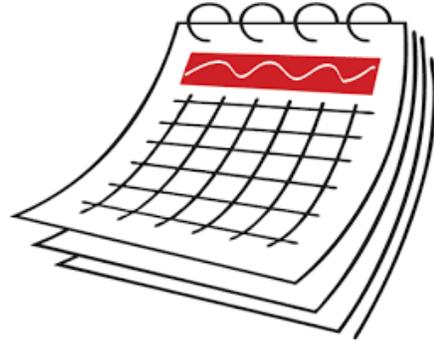


We are seeking applicants for seasonal positions to support our mission protecting lakes in the watershed. Seasonal positions include YCC Crew Members and Courtesy Boat Inspectors. These field positions offer the opportunity to perform meaningful work in beautiful, lakeside settings. For more information and to apply, visit [www.30mileriver.org](http://www.30mileriver.org).

**Save the Date**

## You don't want to miss these great events!

- **Sunday, July 1st** - the 8th Annual **Classical Meets Pop** concert and fireworks at the Mount Vernon Community Center, featuring Alumni musicians from NPR's From the Top. More details to come.
- **Saturday, July 28th** - the **10th Annual Paddle Trek!** This 15-mile guided paddle from Mount Vernon Village to Wayne Village is a trip that folks look forward to year after year. More details to come.



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## Board Member Spotlight

### Meet Tom Ward



30MRWA has a diverse and talented Board of Directors who help us carry out our mission. This month we would like to introduce you to Board member Tom Ward, the representative for the Greater Minnehonk Lake Association (GMLA) and a resident of Mount Vernon.

Tom retired in June after 41 years working as a management consultant, focusing on beverage distribution systems. Outside of 30MRWA, he is incredibly active in the community, serving as a board member for the Mount Vernon Community Center, the Warden of St. Andrew's

Episcopal Church in Winthrop and a Member of Diocesan Council for the Episcopal Church in Maine, among other things. He is well-known for his morning emails detailing the weather forecast. Tom joined the 30MRWA Board in 2015 and currently serves as Vice Chair, as well as Chair of the fundraising committee.

When asked what folks don't know about our organization, he shared that many people tend to take lakes, rivers, and streams for granted. "They are not aware of how much man is changing the local environment and how those changes are endangering quality of life... [Most folks don't] appreciate how much 30MRWA does and how much science is involved."

**Thank you, Tom, for all of your hard work and dedication!**

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## What does "Invasive Aquatic Plant" mean anyway?

### A quick video to explain

Although the snow is still flying, we are already beginning to think about how we can continue our work to keep the 30 Mile River Watershed clean and healthy during the coming year. You may have heard us talk about "invasive aquatic plants" in the past, especially in reference to our Courtesy Boat Inspection and Invasive Plant Patrol programs, but have you ever wondered what exactly that means? Check out this video from the Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program (VLMP) about the ongoing "Hunt for Aquatic Invaders"



Feeling inspired and want to know how to help? Check out our [volunteer page](#) to learn more about the summer programs we have to stop the spread of these invaders.

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## Did You Know...?

### Fun Facts about our Watershed

- Echo Lake is also known as Crotched Pond.
- The average depth of Androscoggin Lake (the largest lake in our watershed) is only 15 feet.
- Basin Pond only flushes 0.15 times per year which means that only 15% of the water in the pond is replaced each year. It takes 6.7 years for the pond to completely flush!



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**Send us your pictures!**



Are you enjoying the fun activities winter brings to our watershed? Have you taken pictures of your adventures? We are looking to add to our photo library! We would love to showcase your pictures in our newsletter and on our website and Facebook page. If you are interested in sending in photos from the 30 Mile River Watershed please email Katie at [kchurch@30mileriver.org](mailto:kchurch@30mileriver.org).



The 30 Mile River Watershed Association's mission is to preserve, improve, and protect the land and water quality of our watershed. Individuals like you play a critical role in keeping our conservation programs running, and we greatly appreciate any support you can give. Donations can be made [online](#) or sent to:

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