

PRESS RELEASE

A SPLASH FROM THE PAST AT WAKEFIELD-BROOKFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

From the beginning, Wakefield and Brookfield's lakes, their tributaries and outflows have been of vital importance. They provided food, needed water for farming, power for industries such as mills and ice harvesting, and a draw for vacationers. On Tuesday, July 11 Jon Balanoff and Jim Schimansky from AWWA (Acton-Wakefield Watersheds Alliance) will take us on a journey from the historic roles of the area lakes, starting in 1823, to the importance of the lakes today and in the future. They will share with us the necessity of keeping the watersheds and lakes healthy for the benefit of all in the community. There are even more threats to these beautiful resources which we all need to be aware of. After all, the lake real estate is the backbone of the area's tax base and that affects everyone.

AWWA has an impressive record of working in the local waters to improve water quality, to help avoid invasive species from taking a destructive hold, and educating people on what endangers our lakes. They run a Youth Conservation Corp which works with land owners to control erosion in order to preserve water quality. In addition, they provided middle school science programs for 6th and 7th graders so that the next generation will be aware of the issues facing the lakes going forward.

This entertaining and informative program will be held at the "Little Red School House", 2581 Wakefield Road in the Historic District of Wakefield, starting at 7:00 PM. After the program there will be a social time with snacks where you will have an opportunity to speak personally with Jon and Jim. Everyone is invited to attend. For more information and directions, call Jennifer at 603-522-6713.