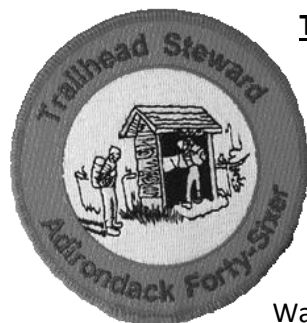




TRAILHEAD STEWARDS: Each year our dedicated Trailhead Stewards at Cascade and Meadows Lane volunteer thousands of hours to help High Peaks visitors approach the trails appropriately, improving the hiking experience for all.

At the end of July, the 2026 Trailhead Stewarding Season was approximately halfway through. By then our stewards had connected with over 5,000 hikers and logged 1,128 service hours at the trailheads. Thank you all for your contributions!!

Want to join the Trailhead Steward team? Training sessions for next year will be announced on our website at <https://adk46er.org/trailhead-steward-program/> and through our social media channels. Keep an eye out for them early next year.

DONATION ALLOCATION RESPONSE TEAM (DART): The DART funds are large donations that equal or exceed \$10,000 and will be utilized for complex projects that may strengthen the infrastructure through the Adirondacks and for the development of a scholarship program that supports our mission. Current approval of DART funds includes Twin Valley Bridges and other bridge work being conducted by the Trail Crew, and the installation of a privy at the Upper Works Trailhead to be installed later this year. A special thank you to our donors. It is through their generosity that these large projects can be completed.

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- 1- Dues and donations should be paid by establishing a 46er website account and paying online.
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Fall 2026 NEWSLETTER

*** 2026 ANNUAL FALL MEETING ***

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Bethany Adams
AUTHOR OF *UNSUPPORTED*

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Schedule of Events

- 1:00 pm: Executive Sessions
- 4:00 pm: Social Hour & Merchandise Sales
- 5:00 pm: Dinner
- 6:00 pm: Fall Business Meeting & President's Awards Ceremony
- 7:00 pm: Guest Speaker: Bethany Adams, Author of *Unsupported*

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September 8th, 2026, or
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LEADERSHIP TEAM UPDATES: Each year the Club’s Spring Meeting celebration of new finishers also marks the transition in Executive roles, in accordance with the Forty-Sixer Bylaws.

Dave Pawlick (#12803V) was re-elected as President of the Forty-Sixers. This will be his third year in this role.

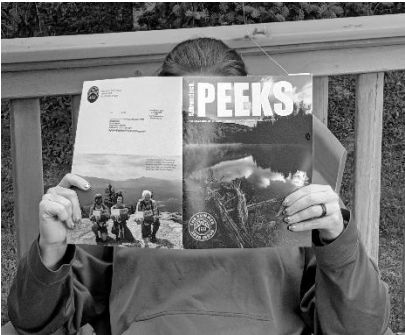
Felicia Neahr (#9331) was elected as Vice-President. This will be her second year in this role.

Mark Simpson (#6038V) was elected to a 3-year Director term. Mark has over 1,046 hours of volunteer service and has been trail master for the club for twenty years. For the past seven years he has worked on setting up the program to recognize volunteer hours. Mark also helped bring back and digitize the correspondence program.

Erin Roberts (#11952V) was elected to a 3-year Director term. Erin is trained as a Leave No Trace Educator and volunteers for both the trail crew and trailhead steward programs.

Jessica Heck (#17,127) was appointed to the Secretary role. Jessica finished her 46th peak on June 27th, about a month after her appointment. She brings a wealth of administrative skills to the team.

Thank you to **Cindy Palumbo** (#15921) and **Brant Schneider** (#12786V) for their service on the Board of Directors. We greatly appreciate all their contributions to the team.



PEEKS MAGAZINE is waiting to hear from YOU! We hope that you enjoyed the SUMMER 2026 edition of *PEEKS* and the captivating Adirondack images and articles from its contributors!

Share your experiences and lessons learned from the mountains for a future edition. What tips and tricks do you have to keep kids entertained for a long day on trail? Did your knowledge of hiking, leaving no trace, and desire to give back grow? Have you volunteered with the organization and can share that experience with others?

The magazine, first published 60 years ago by editors Dick Babcock, Jim Goodwin, and Trudy Healy, was intended to share news of the organization and celebrate the joys of Adirondacks hiking, especially the beloved High Peaks. **This is your magazine!** Please share your insights, knowledge, and experiences in submissions to: peeks@adk46er.org

Adopt-a-Highway Program: The Adopt-a-Highway Program increased our adopted road miles to 18 this year! Between their May and June clean-up dates, the program volunteers picked up 43 large bags of litter along our adopted sections of Route 73 and Route 9. Thank you to all of the volunteers that came out to help! Remaining 2026 Clean up Dates are: September 28th & 29th; and October 7th & 8th. Accommodations are available at Heart Lake for volunteers traveling to assist. To join, email Lee at adopthighway@adk46er.org or visit <https://adk46er.org/adopt-a-highway/> for more information.



AVALANCHE PASS & TRAL CREW! We know everyone has been wondering when Avalanche Pass will reopen, and we want you to know that our very own Volunteer Trail Crew as well as the ADK Pro Trail Crew, with support from an Adirondack 46ers grant, have been hard at work to clear debris, crush rocks, harden sections of trail, repair and replace bridges, and improve drainage. In ONE WEEKEND alone, the 46er Volunteer Trail Crew logged **760 volunteer hours** working on this. The work performed over the three days by our volunteers ‘knocked it out of the park and overcame one of the four bottlenecks in being able to open the trail up.’

If you want to get involved, trail crew still has some opportunities for 2026. Check out the chart below and for more information visit <https://adk46er.org/trail-crew/>



Remaining Trail Crew Volunteer Opportunities for 2026

DATES	WORKSITE	MEETING TIME & LOCATION	PROJECT
Sept. 11-13	Calamity Brook	7:15am at Frontier Town or 8:00am at Upper Works Trailhead	New Ladder, Drainage, Trail Alignment
Oct. 3-4	Giant Mt. Lean-to	TBD	Build Prep
Oct. 17-18	Giant Mt Lean-to	TBD	The Build