

News & Events

Fall Meeting

DPA Membership Meeting &
Spaghetti Dinner
Town Building - Senior Center

Sunday, November 6th, 5pm
On-site babysitting will be available!

- 2011 Run/Walk Recap
- Pond Management Update
- DAAC Report
- 2012 Budget Presentation

We are updating our email list. If you are not currently receiving our emails, please send an email to dpasecretary84@gmail.com



The DPA is proud of our Iron Chef Team, pictured at Sandy Burr on Sept. 18. Bob Smith, Mary Marshall and Steve Garone. Proceeds benefited the Council on Aging.

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The Dudley Pond Association
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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

As the summer gives way to fall we can all be thankful to have enjoyed another summer season that has been relatively free from Eurasian milfoil. However, unlike last year at this time of year, milfoil has started to make a slow comeback.

This year's Run/Walk has been a huge success. As usual we were graced with near perfect weather. With a lot of help from volunteers, everything went about as smoothly as we could hope for. Thanks to the generosity of all the sponsors and raffle ticket sales, we expect it to be one of our best years ever. All the figures will be available and discussed at the Fall membership meeting.

Please join us on November 6th for the meeting and spaghetti dinner, and get current updates on the milfoil on the Pond, the Dudley Area Advisory Committee, and the final figures for the Dudley Pond Run/Walk. Hope to see you there!

Thank You,
Wayne Kelley
DPA President

The Animal Rescue League of Boston was called in twice this season to free swans from being entangled in fishing line, and to remove a fishing hook from one adult swan. In the latter case, they took the swan to Tuft's Veterinary Hospital for treatment, and returned it to the pond. Many thanks to Tom & Barbara Belote, Linda Smith, and Mike Krystyniak for their caring and assistance.

Donations would be welcome at Animal Rescue League of Boston, 10 Chandler St., Boston MA 02116-9906

Many people enjoy feeding waterfowl, but the effects of this seemingly generous act can be harmful. Please do not feed the waterfowl.

DPA Board 2011-2012

- President - Wayne Kelley
- First Vice President - Lisa Jacobs
- Second Vice President - Bob Smith
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- Secretary - Susan Green

For membership info see
www.dudleypond.org

2011 DPA Run/Walk



GoodSearch.com—A Good Deal for the DPA

By Judy Currier

Several years ago I discovered Goodsearch – web search, coupons, discounts and deals for charity!

GoodSearch is a Yahoo powered search engine and its shopping link GoodShop.com works with more than 2,500 stores (including Target, Apple, PetSmart, JCPenney, Staples, Macy's, etc.). By downloading the Goodsearch toolbar, every time you make a purchase online from a participating merchant, a percentage will be donated to the DPA! And, equally as exciting, GoodShop also offers over 100,000 of the most up-to-date coupons and free shipping offers so you can save money and donate to the DPA all at the same time!

I registered the Dudley Pond Association and now everytime I search the web or shop at participating merchants, the DPA receives a donation. Download a 99 cent song from iTunes using the Goodsearch toolbar and the DPA receives 2.5 cents; spend \$100 at Macys.com and the DPA receives \$4.50; book a trip through Travelocity and the DPA receives a 1% - 2.5% donation or send someone flowers through 1800flowers.com and the DPA will receive 8% of your purchase price. I'll admit that I'm not a big shopper, at the mall or online, but as of this writing the DPA will receive over \$33 in donations from my use of Goodsearch.com this year.

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15th DPA Run/Walk a Great Success

Bright blue sky and sunshine greeted the runners and walkers at the 15 Annual Dudley Pond Run/Walk and Kids' Fun Run on September 11, 2011. Over 250 participants including adults and kids took part in the fitness walk, kids' fun runs, 2 mile competitive walk and 5k Run.

Funds from this event enable the DPA to collaborate with the Town of Wayland to control invasive weeds in Dudley Pond.

Thanks to our Official Sponsor Reimer & Braunstein LLP, to our Platinum Sponsors, Village Bank and Middlesex Savings Bank and to all our Gold, Silver and Individual Contributing Sponsors. Thanks also to all the volunteers who put in hours of work before, during and after the race to make this a community event all ages can enjoy.

See complete race results and a full list of sponsors at www.dudleypond.org

The Male Division winners were: Geoff Getz (Wayland), Michael Clements (Marlboro), and Gregory St. Louis (Framingham). The Female Division winners were Jane Chitkara (Wayland), Maggie Hojlo (Wayland), and Sarah Tully (Wayland). The 2-Mile Walk winners were Lynne Cribben (Wayland), Stephanie Jones (Wayland), and Kathleen Robinson (Wayland).

Surface Water Quality Committee: 2011 Season-End Update

By Mike Lowery (WSWQC)

Milfoil: As of September 26th, we have hand-pulled 7968 Eurasian Milfoil plants, logging 188 diving hours. Alison LaClaire and Ted Fiust remain the backbones of our hand-pulling program -- occasionally staring down Dudley Pond's huge snapping turtles.

Milfoil was well-controlled in 2011. In contrast to prior years at season-end, few plants remain and are predominately small new growth. We believe that over the last five years we have reduced the number of plants using aggressive hand-pulling. SWQC's strategy of hand-pulling as a primary strategy with use of herbicide only when and where necessary appears to be working. *Milfoil has not been defeated.* A couple of years without vigilance & hard work and we will have the monster milfoil mats with us again.

e-Coli Testing: As a result of a failed septic system at the end of Dudley peninsula, SWQC felt it was prudent to sample Dudley Pond for e-Coli bacteria in the same way a swimming beach would be tested. We sampled weekly near the end of the Dudley Road peninsula, near the Outlet, near the Chateau, and at Mansion Beach. Twice during the summer the e-Coli levels exceeded state limits for swim beaches -- and warning signs were posted at Mansion Beach. e-Coli levels are indicative of fecal matter - from septic systems, water fowl, and storm water sweeping the streets of pet waste. e-Coli itself is not harmful, but is a good indicator of other possible pathogens.

Based on our data, the peaks came after storm events, and did not show a relationship to the failed septic system. All sample points peaked at the same time, but Mansion Beach was consistently higher than other points - likely due to it being warm, shallow, having water fowl, and having several storm water outfall pipes. SWQC believes improvements in storm water handling around Dudley Pond, including repair of failed catch basins, and better handling of first-flush rain events would help control this problem.

Additional Work: In 2011 SWQC began a water chemistry testing program. Analysis of samples phosphorus, nitrogen, and chlorophyll-a, together with measurement of clarity, temperature, and dissolved oxygen will allow us to track the health of the pond. Also, SWQC analyzed septic data and water use data from town records, and presented a summary report to the Conservation Commission, Board of Health, DPA, and the Dudley Area Advisory Committee (DAAC). SWQC plans to collaborate with the Board of Health, Conservation Commission, DPW, and Planning Boards on issues of septic systems, storm water and lawn chemicals.

Dudley Area Advisory Committee (DAAC) Update

The Dudley Area Advisory Committee's work to determine the "best use" for the Dudley Woods parcel has continued over the past few months. The committee's consultant, Tighe and Bond, has done some work to characterize the area under study in terms of its groundwater and runoff characteristics and their effects on the pond. The consultant conducted the first of two meetings (called charrettes) to solicit the public's views on use of the land and generate some viable options for that use. Charrette materials, as well as the proposals of all six groups taking part in the charrette, can be found at: http://www.wayland.ma.us/Pages/WaylandMA_BComm/Dudley/index. The proposals varied in terms of usage recommendations, but the overall sense of the community was that housing should not be considered as a serious option.

The second charrette, which focused on groundwater and runoff issues specifically, took place on September 27th (after submission of this article). Steve Garone, DAAC's DPA representative, will provide an update on the results of this charrette as well as the committee's work overall, at the Fall Meeting.