

DPA

newsletter



The Dudley Pond Association
A non-profit organization, founded in 1968

Fall 2015

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Dear fellow Dudley Pond community members,

This is my first letter as the president of the Dudley Pond Association (DPA). First, I wanted to thank the Dudley Pond Association members for electing the current board and entrusting us with the responsibility of maintaining the charter of the DPA. As community members I urge you to join or renew your DPA membership and engage in DPA activities, such as joining the board or one of the DPA committees.

In our DPA meeting in May of this year we discussed the abnormal amount of snow that the winter brought upon us. Who would have believed that in our next meeting we would be in a state of abnormally dry weather with the pond water level the lowest that we have seen in years. Hopefully the highly anticipated rains will be upon us shortly and bring the pond water level up.

During the summer we have seen a reduction in the Eurasian milfoil levels in the pond thanks to the effort of the hand pulling teams. We have also seen the explosive growth of two native species, tape grass and clasping leaf, that currently cover about a third of the pond. In a Surface Water Quality Committee (SWQC) meeting that was held at mansion beach on Dudley pond the committee members were able to see the amount of new growth in the pond. I'm sure that with the excellent collaboration that we have between the DPA and the SWQC we will be able to put together a plan to address the rapid growth of these two native species. I want to thank Mike Lowery, a member of the SWQC, for inviting me to the meeting and for sharing his in-depth knowledge on the matter.

This summer we have also seen growth of a non-native species, the pontoon boat. It seems that there are about 15 pontoon boats on the pond. I want to urge the owners of these boats to continue to operate these boats in a safe manner. So far we have been accident free and we would all like to keep it that way.

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News & Events

Fall Meeting

DPA Membership Meeting &
Spaghetti Dinner
Town Building - Senior Center

Sunday, October 25th, 5pm

- 2014 Run/Walk Recap
- Pond Management Update
- 2015 Budget Presentation & Vote



What feat did these men accomplish on the Pond? Find out inside.

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Kids Fun Run ...



... And the 5k Race

President's Letter (Continued)

Last but not least I would like to mention the 19th Dudley Pond Fun Run that was held on September 20th. This is our yearly fund raiser and the funds generated through this event are spent to benefit the health of the pond in accordance with the charter of the DPA. This was our most successful fund raiser yet and I would like to thank all who participated and /or volunteered. I would like to say a special thank you to Karen Lowery and Marcia Filiurin for all their fund raising efforts during the year that made this year's fun run our most successful fund raiser ever! Over the years Karen and Marcia have been able to significantly grow the amount of funds collected through this event and through their efforts we are able to fund all the DPA activities - THANK YOU Karen and Marcia!

Our fall meeting will be help on October 25th at the senior center at town hall from 5-7 PM. As usual, we will be serving the customary pasta dinner. Please join us and show your support for maintaining the health of the pond.

Regards,
Doron Almog

19th Annual Dudley Pond Run/Walk and Kids Fun Run

By Karen Lowery

On Sunday, September 20, the cloudy warm morning felt more like summer than an almost autumn day. When the breezes picked up and the sun broke through, the 19th Annual Dudley Pond Run/Walk and Kids Fun Run had a near perfect day. Participants, friends and sponsors came from many local communities to share in the day's events.

Sylvia Greene, personal trainer at Passion to Move, began the day with a non-competitive fitness walk along the Dudley Pond shoreline. Then kid's races began for ages 1-13. Each race ended with ribbons for all and Dilly Ice Cream Bars donated by Dairy Queen of Natick.

The challenging 5K USATF sanctioned run and 2 Mile competitive walk followed a hilly course along the Dudley Pond shoreline with a loop back to the finish. Runners and walkers in the 5K and 2M walk ranged in ages from 7 to 80+. Teams of runners and walkers participated...from Run/Walk sponsors to clubs and organizations throughout the area. Following the race, raffle prizes were given out and the new Dudley Pond Run/Walk medallions were awarded to Overall and Division winners.

The Dudley Pond Association works closely with Wayland's Surface Water Quality Committee to monitor the health of Dudley Pond... a "great pond" of Massachusetts. The Annual Run/Walk and Kids Race benefits the Dudley Pond Association's work to preserve the health of this important natural resource and its watershed.

The Dudley Pond Association thanks all the corporate, contributing, refreshment and raffle sponsors, as well as all the volunteers who gave so generously to help make this year's Dudley Pond Run/Walk and Kids Fun Run such a successful community event.

Surface Water Quality Committee: 2015 Season-End Update

By Mike Lowery (WSWQC)

Goals: Manage invasive weeds and assure pond health while minimizing herbicide use. The DPA reimburses 25% of weed control costs.

Hand Pulling: In the 2nd year after a 12-acre spot herbicide treatment, milfoil is coming back, but well-controlled. 11,316 plants were removed as of 9/16/15 at a cost of \$6,990. No herbicide was required in 2015.

A Good 2015 Summer: Canoes, kayaks, paddleboards, fishermen, and swimmers were plentiful on Dudley Pond. But by season end, new invasive plants tapegrass and clasping leaf pond weed limited recreational uses. We removed a small infestation of water hyacinth.

Tapegrass & Clasping Leaf Pondweed have aggressively spread to most shoreline areas limiting recreational uses. SWQC will include management of these in its next permission request to Conservation.

Water Quality – Sampling and analyses continued in 2015 at three locations where data has been gathered in the past. 2015 spring/summer Reports at: <http://issuu.com/wswqc/stacks/8fe24d28fa84472ca0068f510dc40e62> Beach sampling for e-coli required one closure in 2015

Septic Systems & Storm Water Runoff – SWQC continues to review opportunities to reduce the quantities of nitrogen and phosphorus that enter the Pond from septic systems and storm water runoff.

Glenn Snyder and Doron Almog swim around Dudley Pond

DPA President Doron Almog and DPA member Glenn Snyder swam the entire perimeter of Dudley Pond on Sunday, Sept. 27.

Starting as a crazy idea hatched at the Fun Run Volunteers after-party, the pair jumped into the pond at 2:15pm followed by a "Sag" boat captained by Elaine Snyder and first mate Lisa Jacobs.

Circumnavigating clockwise, Doron and Glenn completed the trip around 4:00pm with only a brief stop for snacks towards the end.

Kudos for an amazing accomplishment! Doron wants to make this an annual event so we hope to have a larger group next year!