

News & Events

Spring Meeting

DPA Membership Meeting &
Spaghetti Dinner
Town Building - Senior Center

Sunday, April 27th, 5:00pm

Board Election

We will be electing the 2014-2015 Board at the meeting. We need a candidate for President! As of now, the candidates are:

President —
1st V.P. — Doron Almog
2nd V.P. — Eric Macklin
Secretary — Lisa Jacobs
Treasurer — Jamie Pierce

Stay in the loop! If you are not currently receiving our emails, please send an email to dpasecretary84@gmail.com

Newcomers' Pot-Luck
Sunday May 18, 4:30pm
Come and greet newcomers to the Pond community at the Green/Poole home,
3 Priscilla Path

18th Annual Dudley Pond
Run/Walk and Kids' Fun Run
Sunday, September 21



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The Dudley Pond Association
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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Soon the infamous Winter of 2014 will give way to spring buds, leaving behind memories of high snow banks and sparkling ice. I hope you enjoyed some snow shoeing or stopped to admire the hardy fishermen and ice skaters as I did this winter..

The Dudley Pond Association's mission is to protect the overall health of this 84 acre natural wonder. The DPA has established an aggressive program of hand pulling along with the use of herbicide that has allowed all residents of the watershed and citizens to enjoy the pond virtually weed free. It is imperative that our pond association continue to collaborate with the Town's Surface Water Quality Committee (SWQC) toward this endeavor.

I encourage you to join me and other neighbors in sharing good feelings that come from helping to keep the Association vibrant. I invite you to partake as a volunteer or a board member. Your participation will ensure the continued success of the DPA. Please join or renew your membership for \$15/year, at www.dudleypond.org. I hope to see you at the monthly board meetings held in members' homes, and biannual membership dinner meeting at 5pm Sunday, April 27, at the Senior Center in the Town Building.

Happy Spring,
Bob Smith

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DPA Board 2013-2014

- President - Bob Smith
- First VP - Wayne Kelley
- Second VP - Doron Almog
- Treasurer - Jamie Pierce
- Secretary - Lisa Jacobs

For membership info see
www.dudleypond.org



An Igloo on Lakeshore Drive

When Swans Arrive, can Milfoil be Far Behind?

By Mike Lowery (Wayland Surface Water Quality Committee)

As I write this, Spring flyover was observed this morning; the pair was presumably heading for the Kelley's nesting ground. Why they're called *mute* swans is anyone's guess. They are another gentle reminder that spring has sprung and the battle with milfoil is joined. *Once more unto the breach, dear friends...*

WSWQC's spring water sampling usually happens the last week in March. Our budget does not allow us an ice-breaker – but we'll be out soon with sample jars & YSI meter checking on water chemistry. We hope to see continued gradual improvements.

Stormwater inspections: DPW is willing to help us start inspecting the catch basin in the Mansion Beach & Simpson Road areas – we suspect that 25 years after installation they are not infiltrating very well. Mansion Beach has a non-trivial network of basins and subsurface infiltration.

Stormwater controls: WSWQC seeks improvements around Mansion Beach to improve stormwater handling, public access amenities, and an emergency access for WFD emergency rescue. Check out the channels cut in the beach after a storm --- you'll understand that road runoff is headed directly into the pond. The same thing happens on the MWRA outlet access road, and on many roads around the pond. Not good; needs to be fixed. The town will be under EPA pressure to better control stormwater.

Land use: By the time you read this WSWQC hopes this that Rocky Point will be in Conservation's control, and that the balkanized Dudley Woods will be unified under Recreation (with the proviso that a future community leaching field would remain possible).

Town budgeting no longer allows WSWQC to carry over funds from year to year – except those contributions by the DPA to offset costs. Some of our funding for spring which we thought we had squirreled away got scooped out – and the DPA cushion will help us get through until July – thanks. We spend roughly \$30,000 in years without herbicide, much of it in spring and early summer.

2014 Invasives forecast: This winter may slow the start of growth.

Milfoil - We spot-treated with triclopyr last year, but 2014 is not expected to be as easy as 2011 (the year after the last spot treatment). We still had plants in the water at our 2013 season-end survey. 2014 will be a hand-pulling year. Lee Junkin will be back to help with plant-spotting, marking, and diver support. Genna Cutitta may be joining Allison as a local diver, and Ted Fiust & his divers will be with us.

Tapegrass - Expect it will continue to spread along the 4-8' shore lines. Our order of conditions doesn't allow us to remove it. It's native and provides some aquatic benefits. But were not going to encourage it; and we'll try to limit its spread as it breaks off in the fall. We may need to seek an understanding with Conservation about partial control measures.

Curlyleaf - It likes cooler water, so we may see a lot of it this spring. We will collect any floating mats near the outlet and Mansion Beach if necessary.

Safer Alternatives to Hazardous Household Products

Hazardous Products

Silver Polishes
Oven Cleaners
Toilet Cleaners
Disinfectants
Drain Cleaners
Rug and Upholstery Cleaners
Floor and Furniture Polishes
Bleach Cleaners
Mothballs
Pool Chemicals
Amonia-based Cleaners

Abrasive Cleaners or Powders

Alternatives: Try This Instead

Soak in boiling water, baking soda, salt and a piece of aluminum
Baking soda and water
Toilet brush and baking soda; mild detergent
1/2 cup borax in 1 gallon of water
Plunger; flush with boiling water, 1/4 cup baking soda and 2 oz. vinegar
Dry cornstarch sprinkled on rug and vacuumed up
1 part lemon juice, 2 parts olive or vegetable oil
For laundry, 1/2 cup sodium hexamataphosphate per 5 gallons of water
Cedar chips, newspapers, lavender flowers
Ozone or ultra violet light systems
Vinegar, salt and water mix for surfaces
Baking soda and water for the bathroom
Rub area with 1/2 lemon dipped in borax—rinse dry

Save the Date!
Join the Dudley Pond Association for

The 18th DPA Run/Walk and Kids' Run Sunday, September 21, 2014

Fitness Walk 10:30; Kids' Fun Run 12:30;
5k Race and 2-Mile Competitive Walk at 1:00

Come to Mansion Beach and Run, Walk or be a Volunteer in the DPA's biggest fundraiser of the year. The whole family can participate in this fun community event. There are refreshments, trophies and ribbons for runners, walkers and kids, and raffle prizes. Being part of this event is a great way to meet your neighbors and make an important contribution toward supporting the preservation of Dudley Pond. To register for the event come to Mansion Beach on Race Day or go to www.dudleypond.org. To be a volunteer, contact:

Race Director: Bob Smith, dpa12us@yahoo.com; **Or a Coordinator:** Karen Lowery, kclowery@gmail.com; Tom Klem, klemti@yahoo.com; or Lisa Jacobs, lisa@lisaj.com.