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DUDLEY POND ASSOCIATION

Spring 2008

Dear DPA Members,

This year marks a milestone anniversary of the Dudley Pond Association. For forty years friends and neighbors have been working together to care for Dudley Pond. Our accomplishments in the past two years have been significant. All of these were made possible by the many members of our community who have committed their time and resources to our endeavors. I have only lived on the pond since 1997, but I imagine that this commitment to working together has been the cornerstone of the Dudley Pond Association since its inception in 1968.

These are some of the highlights of what we have achieved together in the past two years:

- The Town of Wayland Budget now has a line item for Dudley Pond Maintenance that will provide \$30,000 - \$50,000 per year in financial support.
- We have tested several weed management methodologies to help us develop the best long term management plan for Dudley Pond. These methods included Pond Circulators, Hand Pulling, Harvesting, and Weevils.
- We now have an Aquatic Management Plan that has been approved by the Wayland Conservation Commission. This plan provides our best chance to rid Dudley Pond of Milfoil and control regrowth over several years.
- Our major fund raiser, the Dudley Pond Fun Run, achieved record setting profits of \$9,285 last Fall.
- We began a new tradition of the Father's Day Ice Cream Social to celebrate our community and create awareness of Dudley Pond as a unique resource to the town of Wayland.

It has been an honor and a pleasure to observe first hand the power of our neighborhood organization and its effectiveness at preserving the health of Dudley Pond. I am grateful to have worked with the competent and active members of the Surface Water Quality Committee who have been key contributors to our success.

Thank you, DPA Board members and my husband, Ted. I truly appreciate your good advice and your willingness to persevere despite the many challenges and obstacles that we have faced.

Thank you, everyone, for all that you do to care for Dudley Pond.



Sherry Fiust
DPA President

Dudley pond Board 2007-2008

- President - Sherry Fiust
- First Vice President - Bob Smith
- Second Vice President & Social Chair - Brian Cichella
- Treasurer - Jamie Pierce
- Secretary - Marilyn Darack

Spaghetti Dinner

Forty Years of Friends and Neighbors

When: Sunday, April 27

Time: 5 PM

Where: Senior Center, Wayland Town Building

Agenda:

Vote on Executive Board Nominations for 2008-2009

- **President - Lafa LaClaire**
- **1st Vice President - Jack Peters**
- **2nd Vice President & Social Chairman - Brian Cichella**
- **Treasurer - Jamie Pierce**
- **Secretary - Lisa Jacobs**

Come join your friends and neighbors and celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Dudley Pond Association!

Milfoil Control News Flash!!!!!!!

The final phase of the approval process for our Aquatic Management Plan is now complete! The first phase of the 2008 treatment plan will begin early this Spring with a Sonar treatment.

No Sprig Left Behind!

The long term goal of the plan is to voraciously attack re-growth. Pond conditions will be closely monitored this growing season after the Sonar treatment. We are prepared to treat Milfoil re-growth by spot treating with Renovate or by hand pulling.

**Come to the Spring Spaghetti Dinner Meeting on April 27, 5 PM, at the Senior Center to learn more about our plans to eradicate the relentless Milfoil beast!

Dudley Pond Circulator Update

By Toni Moores, SWQC

Background

The Wayland Surface Water Quality Committee (WSWQC) and the Dudley Pond Association began testing three pond circulators in May of '07 as part of a program to find a non-chemical method to manage milfoil. These circulators were purchased with grant money from the Community Preservation Act. The circulators are believed by some to kill off Eurasian milfoil by oxygenating water at the roots and depriving the weeds of the lawn chemicals and other nutrients they need to survive.

Pond Circulator Update

During the 2007 weed growing season Surface Water Quality gathered data for two pond circulator evaluations. One evaluation attempted to measure the effectiveness of the circulators on milfoil biomass and a report was finalized and published in January of 2008. A second evaluation of the circulator's effect on the Pond water chemistry was completed and a report was published in March of 2008. So far there is no conclusive data that indicates that the circulators have an effect on the milfoil in Dudley Pond. If you would like a copy of these reports please email tonimoores@comcast.net.



A circulator

Due to concerns with winter operating safety issues, the circulators were moved to the west shore of the Pond late last Fall. The circulators have now been relocated to the same locations in the pond as last year. Evaluations of the circulators will continue to determine their best use in a long term weed management plan for Dudley Pond.

Your Lawn, Your Responsibility!

By WSWQC

Tests conducted in 2007 by the Surface Water Quality Committee of rainwater taken from the rainwater sewers in the Dudley Pond Watershed had high concentrations of fertilizers. This rainwater ends up in Dudley Pond and Lake Cochituate.

When fertilizers enter Wayland's ponds and lakes they promote weed growth, which has reached epidemic proportions.

It is imperative that your landscaping practices be modified to minimize the runoff of your landscaping chemicals.

What can you do? If you utilize the services of a landscaper/lawn maintenance company, tell them that you want the chemicals that you pay for to stay on your property and not runoff with rainwater. Insist on a slow release organic fertilizer. If they



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cannot provide you with such lawn care services, visit <http://www.nofamass.org/> for information on organic lawn care.

If you do your own lawn care, buy organic or slow release fertilizers that will stay put on your property, where you will get the most benefit.

When using lawn care chemicals, remember:

- The rainwater and fertilizer runoff from your lawn ends up at Dudley Pond
- Less is better - better for your lawn, better for your wallet, and better for Wayland's lakes and ponds
- Keep an untreated 2 foot strip around your driveway and the roads - to reduce runoff

If your neighbor has an unusually green lawn, ask if they are using lawn products & methods that limit runoff and don't pollute Wayland's lakes and pond

Ode to the DPA

By Suzanne Tiberii

It started back in '68
When life in Wayland was bucolic
To celebrate little Dudley Pond
Where residents loved to frolic

Long ago there were water skis
And speed boats whizzing by
We managed to lower the mph's
The noise of engines began to die

The people in the watershed
Could now enjoy both dusk and dawn
A quite ride on a pontoon boat
The thrill of watching herons and swans

There were Winter Carnivals galore
Chili and chowder at the Chat
Skiing, skating, a tug-of-war

Hot dots on the ice were where it was at

So many good times to remember
The Polar Bear Plunge on New Year's
Day
Spring clean-up at Mansion Beach
And stealing water from the MRWA...

Ice cream socials, softball games,
For raising money and having fun
And lately an event the whole town sa-
vors:
The Kids Race and Annual Fun Run.

But of course Life presents its challenges
For us it's a pesky weed
We've tried Sonar, weevils and circulators
The cursed thing's still doing its deed

To paraphrase an old time song:
"You load 16 tons of milfoil and what do
you get?"
Despite all our hard work and plans
We've not rid of the damn stuff yet!

But we Dudley Ponders shall prevail
We love our water home
With brains and hearts and sweat and the
Con Com
To save the pond we're not alone

So Happy 40th to the DPA
Thanks for the memories both stressful
and fond
We're looking forward to the future
The next 40 years...and beyond...



Fond memories are plenty on Dudley Pond!

Happenings

Newcomers Pot-Luck Gathering

This year's Dudley Pond Association Newcomers Pot-Luck Gathering will be held on Sunday, May 18th, 2008, 5:00 PM, at the home of Stephanie and Bob Salitsky at 29 Bayfield Road.

We are attempting to circulate the location of this event around the pond from year to year and would welcome any offers from resident's living on the pond to host next year's event.

Father's Day Ice Cream Social

Friendly's Ice Cream has graciously offered to provide their delicious ice cream, toppings, and sprinkles oh yes, the sprinkles are very important (just ask the kids), for our third annual DPA Father's Day Ice Cream Social on Sunday, June 15th, 1:00 PM at Mansion Beach.

There are plans for music and activities for everyone! The environmental component will be particularly well represented this year with a specialist on-hand to discuss septic systems and installations, responsible composting, and suitable lawn treatments for those of us lucky enough to live close to Dudley Pond.

Please join us for this special event that brings out long-time Dudley Pond supporters, new residents, and neighbors for a wonderful community gathering.

The 12th Annual Dudley Pond Run/Walk and Kids Run Sunday, September 7, 2008

Join the DPA volunteer team for the fun and excitement of the Dudley Pond Association's biggest fundraiser of the year!

There are volunteer opportunities before, during and after race day. Help us with signing up sponsors, preparing flyers, selling raffle tickets, making signs, handing out ribbons at the Kids' Run, delivering prizes to raffle winners and more. We can use your help! Meet your neighbors and make an important contribution toward the health and care of Dudley Pond.

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Annual Spaghetti Dinner... See page 1

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