

DPA

newsletter



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

Spring 2017

www.dudleypond.org

News & Events

Spring Meeting

DPA Membership Meeting &
Spaghetti Dinner
Town Building - Senior Center

Sunday, April 30th, 5:00pm

Board Election

We will be electing the 2017-2018 Board at the meeting. Nominations will be taken from the floor. The candidates recommended by the Nominating Committee are:

President — Doron Almog
1st V.P. — Eric Macklin
2nd V.P. — Ella LaClaire
Secretary — Lisa Jacobs
Treasurer — Jamie Pierce
Members-at-Large —
Karen Lowery
Mike Margossian

Newcomers' Pot-Luck
Sunday May 21, 4:30pm
Come and greet newcomers to the Pond
community

Ice Cream Social
Mansion Beach
Saturday, June 11

Jazz on the Pond
Saturday, July 29

21st Annual Dudley Pond
Run/Walk and Kids' Fun Run
Sunday, September 24

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Dear DPA members and Dudley Pond community members,

I hope that everybody had a warm and toasty winter and that you are all as eager as I am to start working in our yards and beautifying our neighborhood.

I'm writing this at the end of March and there is still plenty of snow on the ground and around the pond. Earlier today I went for a run on the aqueduct with my son and long stretches of the aqueduct trail were covered in snow. Apart from the last snow storm of the year, which brought us all the snow we now have on the ground, we did not get much snow and the pond only froze for a few days. It seems that the weather is becoming more and more unpredictable but I'm extremely happy that the water level is up by about 18 inches from its low point in the summer.

In preparation for writing this letter I read through the 2016 spring newsletter and I was reminded that last winter was relatively mild and the pond froze for only several days. My family and I have only been living here since 2009 but I remember when we moved here the pond would freeze for several weeks, not for several days and I hope that next year we will have a decent ice skating season on the pond and maybe even watch the Wayland High School hockey team play on the pond.

Since the fall I've seen several more families join the community and I wanted to welcome them and urge the new community members to join the DPA and become involved in DPA activities. I would also like to invite members and newcomers to join the DPA board meetings. They are held once a month in the houses of the board members and would be a good opportunity to meet new people if you are new to the community.

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DPA Board 2016-2017

- President - Doron Almog
- First VP - Eric Macklin
- Second VP - John Darack
- Treasurer - Jamie Pierce
- Secretary - Lisa Jacob
- Members-at-large:
 - Karen Lowery
 - Mike Margossian

For membership info see
www.dudleypond.org



It's a Wild Life on Dudley Pond!
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Spring 2017— Sampling the Wild Life

By Mike Lowery (Wayland Surface Water Quality Committee)

2016 Treatment Recap – By Fall 2015, some areas had milfoil beyond diver control. SWQC planned a Spring 2016 fluridone treatment and obtained a new Order of Conditions from Conservation. Early in 2016 fluridone was applied in portions of the pond, and as planned, twice concentrations were adjusted. Fluridone was present in detectable concentrations during the whole season. Cost: \$44,350.

2016 Water Chemistry Update - Three times a season, three places in the pond, and at three depths – SWQC member Toni Moores takes water chemistry readings with a meter, and takes water chemistry samples to be analyzed by an outside lab. Results from the August and November samples show growing health in our pond.

Winter & Spring Wildlife– Climate Irregularities? Our Summer & Fall were long and dry. Winter's changed too; Remember when we sawed out 9" thick blocks of ice for the DPA Winter Carnival? Last winter there were few safe days to walk on Dudley Pond ice. We confirmed the arrival of small Asian Clams – a new invasive, but our muskrats are chowing down on them. This spring a flock of elegant Hooded Merganser ducks has paraded along our shores. Our wildlife balance is changing – and we can expect our invasive species to change too.

Coming up -- SWQC Plans: Divers will be inspecting conditions as soon as water temps permit; but we don't expect to see much growth until mid-summer. We'll be testing Mike Lowery's new toy for weed-finding – a remote-controlled, tethered submarine with live video feeds. Hopefully 2017 will be an easy year.

Coming up – New MS4 Stormwater Permit – Starting mid-year, Wayland will be subject to new testing and sampling standards for stormwater. Promulgated by the EPA, the new MS4 standards for Massachusetts require more stringent monitoring of phosphorus in stormwater outfalls, and new and more costly construction standards encouraging infiltration of stormwater instead of flowing it directly into water bodies. The DPW and Conservation are studying the new standards:

https://www3.epa.gov/region1/npdes/stormwater/MS4_MA.html



President's Letter (Continued)

If there are any community members that would like to join the DPA board members please reach out to any of the current board members and let us know that you are interested. As you all know, the charter of the DPA is to maintain and protect the health of the pond. The DPA also feels that it is our job to strengthen the bonds of the community and that is why we coordinate and fund events such as the ice cream social, jazz on the pond and the Fun Run.

To conclude, I urge you all to join us at the DPA spring meeting, receive an update about the health of the pond and to meet your fellow community members. If you are able to come please also try to persuade your neighbors to join you and us. We would like to have as many community members as possible participating in the meeting – dinner is on us.

Doron Almog

DPA President

Save the Date!
Join the Dudley Pond Association for

The 21st Dudley Pond Run/Walk and Kids' Run
Sunday, September 24, 2017

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

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, trophy medals for runners and walkers, and ribbons for the kids. 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