

Hello and Happy Winter

Pond Friends and Neighbors!!!

We're checking in to follow-up on this year's Annual Meeting, bring a little new business to your attention and – hoping you had a glorious Summer of 2019 – wish you the very best Fall-Winter/Early Spring of 2019-2020!!!

FIRST ... If you haven't ordered your MPCA, **Miles Pond T-shirts** – and would like to – visit the website now ... we'll let you know when the next "run" will be ... comments on the offerings are welcomed. (CW/VF)*

SECOND ... * speaking of comments, we're working to improve our communications with members and friends. If you see "**CW**" or "**VF**" following an item in this Newsletter, check the MPCA Website for existing or future postings (CW) ... and share your constructive comments or visit us anytime on our Facebook page (VF).

2019 Annual Meeting Follow-up

Pond Emergency Resources – John Haugsrud has offered to help organize a list of needed resources (medical help, generator availability, etc.) ... **VF** to offer what you have available or **CW** to see what may be accessed for emergency needs.

Little Free Lending Library – the Concord Zoning Administrator and Selectboard have agreed to allow the MPCA to add a "Mini-lending Library" to the back side of the Pavilion Announcement Board, and the Town Librarian supports our effort. MPCA Board member Pat Cranson has volunteered to build the "Library" and we hope to have it up and running early next summer. If you'd like to help with the building/install or be our volunteer "Monitoring Librarian", please contact the Board (**VF**).

Updating the BY-Laws – Bob Briggaman has generously donated his time and historic perspective to assist in re-writing the MPCA By-laws. He was part of the group that did the most-recent revision and has brought a relevant perspective to this effort. **CW** for the "draft" to be posted there soon ... you'll be asked for input and to officially approve the revisions at next year's Annual Meeting.

Loon Report – Sadly, Sharlene confirmed our two chicks born late this past spring did not survive. At least one was the victim of a raptor. **CW**

Membership – The most important issue facing the MPCA at present is increasing membership and participation so we may actively engage in efforts important to the Pond and our community. As Step 1, Rhonda Adams and Dave Richardson have authored a Survey for ALL Pond residents both Members and Non-members to provide their input and suggestions. **PLEASE** complete the Survey and encourage your Pond neighbors and friends to do so. Responding will be made as easy as possible via providing the Survey online or via “snail mail” with a return envelope. **CW and check your regular mail!!**

Boatwash Station – No information available at this time. **CW**

Looking Ahead ...

Social Memberships and Sponsorships – As part of our Membership and Fundraising efforts, we’ll be encouraging businesses that have customers on the Pond (as well as friends who visit) to become supporters of the MPCA. If there is a contractor, store, utility or other business you have been well-served by, please contact Rhonda Adams and we’ll see if they’d like to join us. **VF**

“Pond Sale” – A Pavilion grounds Garage Sale to include Pond and Concord residents and advertised throughout the area has been discussed ... we welcome your comments on whether you like this idea and if so, when you think the best time to stage the event might be. Proceeds will benefit the Greeter Program. **VF**

Sid’s Pantry – Sorry we missed the Columbus Day event though Barb Corey was ready to go ... look for 3 possibly next year. And ... would you support our participation in a Fall Coat/Hat/Mitten effort for Concord school-age children? **VF**

Last, but Far from Least ...

In addition to completing your survey and encouraging others to do so, please watch for the Spring Newsletter as we’ll be announcing a **new time and format for the Annual Meeting and Bar-B-Q.**

Your comments, suggestions, constructive criticism and enthusiasm are always welcome.

THE VERY HAPPIEST OF HOLIDAYS TO YOU ALL FROM THE MPCA!!

