

Hello and Happy Summer

Pond Friends and Neighbors!!!

“May you live in interesting times” the saying goes ... a little less interesting would be OK right now! We’re in touch to alert everyone to revised plans for the 2020 “yearly events”, provide an update on the status of projects from our 2019 Annual Meeting, bring a little new business and future plans to your attention and – hoping you had a safe and comfortable winter – wish you the Very Best Summer 2020 possible!!!

The Boat Parade will take place Saturday, July 4th. at 11AM; decorate your boat or dock if you’d like, pick up a flag, enjoy a picnic; no competition – just a celebration of our country, those who serve, and our “heroes of the day”!

The Annual MPCA Meeting is postponed until Saturday, August 1st. at 10AM at the Pavilion. Lots of important business ... please pay your dues before the meeting so you can be heard via your vote!!

The BBQ and Dance have been cancelled; check the Website, Facebook page and Pavilion Message Board for announcement of a possible new, fun event.

[Please note: A proposed initiative you’ll hear more about at the Annual Meeting is improving the MPCA Website: making it more user friendly, versatile, relevant and up-to-date. The website will be referred to in this Newsletter as an information source so please check it regularly to see what progress is being made and where we stand on specific projects as we are able to issue updates. And ... keep up on a regular basis with Pond activities via our Facebook page.]

2019 Annual Meeting Follow-up

Pond Emergency Resources – John Haugsrud is organizing a list of needed resources (medical help, generator availability, etc.) Please monitor the website for project status and to offer services or items for emergency needs.

Little Free Lending Library – thanks to Pat Cranston, the “Mini-lending Library” at the Pavilion Announcement Board is becoming a reality. Watch for it, then bring a book, borrow a book ... no fees, just good reads including titles for kids.

Updating the By-Laws – Bob Briggaman generously donated time and historic perspective to help re-write the MPCA Articles of Association and By-laws. The revised version of both will soon be available on the website. Please read the final work product – especially the Mission Statement which outlines the guiding principles and goals of the MPCA, and descriptions of membership categories. The documents will be up for approval by vote of the membership at the Annual Meeting.

Membership – The most important issue facing the MPCA remains increasing membership and participation so we may actively engage in efforts benefitting the Pond and our community. As Step 1, a Survey was made available by Rhonda Adams to ALL Pond residents, for valuable and necessary input. The results were gratifying with almost all current members and a nearly-equal number of non-members responding. Decisions on MPCA’s current projects and future plans will be informed by the constructive criticism and productive suggestions you provided. Watch us go and grow! THANK YOU!

This year we’ve started a “Welcome Bag” program to introduce new residents of our Pond community to the MPCA. Helpful info, and a few goodies (Maple Syrup of course) are included *along with a MPCA membership form*. If you know new campers we might have missed, including folks who moved in *last year*, please advise a Board member.

Boat wash Station – Glenn Adams headed the MPCA committee looking into the issue of improving or upgrading the Boat wash Station to increase usage and Greeter presence. For this season, simple repairs and rehabbing of the existing station were undertaken with hopes that working to produce a greater “match” of the Greeter program grant will ensure ongoing funding and help gauge usage of the station. Hear more at the Annual Meeting.

Sid’s Pantry – Barb Corey organized our first food drive of the season over Memorial Day weekend. It was an outstanding success with 145 food items and \$300. In donations ... very good cause and great time for it! THANKS AGAIN!!

Looking Ahead

Loon Report – Sharlene Corliss reports that our loon pair appeared April 8th.

before the ice went out April 11th. BEST NEWS for the summer ... we have *one* chick in a different nesting spot than usual!! Please be thoughtful boaters.

T-shirt Time – Women’s, Men’s and Children’s shirts are ordered thanks to Mary Richardson and will soon be available for pick-up on the Pond - watch the Facebook page and Pavilion Board for info. Next order date will be August 15th.

Sid’s Pantry – Our next donation date will be Sept. 6th. Labor Day weekend!

Website Improvements – As you read earlier, consideration of a plan to improve the MPCA website to increase organization visibility and site usage is a new MPCA initiative. If you are interested in the Website project or know a likely committee candidate, please advise a Board member.

“Give Back to the Pond” – Two improvement projects planned for this summer season need volunteers; dates to be announced:

Upper Pond work: remove fallen trees and rebuild the “boardwalk” to access the big rock and water meadow at the top of the foot trail opposite the Corliss Camp

Pond Shallows clearing: help pull encroaching water plants out of the dam-end shallows near the buoys for enjoyable wading and swimming

Contact a Board member if you’re willing to give a little time and sweat equity!!

Membership Dues – PLEASE mail your 2020 dues (\$25.00) and the info slip on the “Miles Pond, we hear you!!” sheet ASAP ... we need you “signed up” and ready to vote!!
See you at the Annual Meeting August 1st.

And last, but not least ...

Our sincere thanks and appreciation to all who have helped with MPCA projects and shown an interest in our Pond “good works” ... please know how much your efforts are appreciated!!

The MPCA Board

Rhonda Adams, Barb Corey, Pat Cranston, Fred La Ferriere,
Gennie Lawrence, Dave Richardson, Mary Jane Russell

