

**Mission: To protect and preserve the beauty and health of our great pond.**



**Next Full Moon:** September 2<sup>nd</sup>  
**Labor Day:** September 7<sup>th</sup>  
**1<sup>st</sup> Day of Fall:** September 22<sup>nd</sup>  
**WPA Board Meeting:** Sept 27<sup>th</sup>, 6 p.m.

### THE PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE BY TINA WEST

As the summer season at Worthley Pond comes to a close, the WPA Board of Directors would like to convey their sincere appreciation for all of the goodwill and support that you have provided to this small community of friends, families, and neighbors . . . in an effort to manage the spread of COVID-19.

Cancelling many of WPA events this summer was not a popular or easy decision, but it was necessary. Thank you for understanding and for quietly adhering to the State of Maine’s COVID-prevention guidelines.

And, to all of our [2020 WPA Members](#), **thank you** for your donations in support of the water quality programs that we executed and improved upon this summer, ensuring that the health and beauty of Worthley Pond continues for generations to come. Forgot to donate? No worries . . . click [here](#) 😊

### LAKE SMART BY DAVE CLEMENT



On Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, Michele Windsor of the Oxford County Soil and Water Conservation District will spend the day at Worthley Pond, doing her final visits and consults for 2020. If you need some advice on your LakeSmart plan or want to start a LakeSmart application, please contact Dave Clement at [magram@gwi.net](mailto:magram@gwi.net) or 207-474-3964. Let’s continue to work together to protect the quality of our beautiful pond.

### COURTESY BOAT INSPECTION REMINDER BY JIM DENHOLM

Labor Day weekend is the last time our boat inspectors will be manning the launches. So, please remember to thoroughly inspect your watercraft BEFORE putting it into the pond.

### INVASIVE PLANTS ARE BAD NEWS

The discovery of an invasive aquatic plant (IAP) is bad news for any lake, which is why the WPA focuses its efforts and funding on **prevention** and **early detection** programs.

Our first line of defense against IAPs is to prevent them from entering the pond. The WPA Courtesy Boat Inspection (CBI) program pays its inspectors and, to date, over 400 boat inspections have been done this year. We also encourage boaters to self-inspect their boats before launching them at any location where an official inspector is not available.



Our second line of defense against IPAs is early detection, which includes regular surveillance of the shallow shoreline areas of the pond and vulnerable areas such as boat ramps, beaches, and protected areas that provide viable plant habitat. For years, the WPA has relied on Charlie Day and his assistants to survey the pond for invasive plants. To date, NONE FOUND. Many, many thanks to Charlie for his efforts!!

This year, the WPA has identified five teams of **Shoreline Stewards** to help with its Invasive Plant Patrol (IPP) work. Each team will be assigned to a section of the Worthley Pond shoreline and, using Charlie as a mentor and plant identification expert, will survey the pond for native and invasive plants.

#### Here’s where we need your help:

1. **Join our team of enthusiastic and dedicated Shoreline Stewards.** No aquatic plant expertise needed. Simply become familiar with your assigned shoreline and keep watch for any changes or unfamiliar new plants. FMI, email the [WPA](#).
2. **Provide a donation to help fund our Shoreline Stewards start-up costs.** The cost to equip our Shoreline Steward teams with reusable surveying tools and resources totals \$400. Each tax-deductible donation will help subsidize and align WPA water quality expenses with its 2020 budget. To donate, click [here](#). **THANK YOU!!**



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