

## CONTACT US:

Mail:  
PL/PPA  
PO Box 419  
Casco, ME 04015

Email:  
plppassoc@gmail.com

[www.plppa.org](http://www.plppa.org)

 pleasantlakeparkerpond



# PLEASANT | PARKER Lake | Pond ASSOCIATION

DECEMBER 2022 NEWSLETTER

## Dear Members of the Pleasant Lake/Parker Pond Association (PL/PPA) and others who enjoy our lakes:

"Priceless Prevention versus Expensive Control" is the title of an article in [Lakes Environmental Association's \(LEA\) Lake News Spring/Summer 2022](#). The article's message is familiar to anyone who follows the health of Maine's lakes. Infestations of invasive plants or critters, alum treatments to remediate algae blooms, and incidents of non-point source pollution are costly to fix and demand multi-year commitment of resources to monitor progress and prevent recurrence. Warming temperatures, shorter periods of ice-in, and more frequent and severe storms exert additional pressure on watershed integrity. Vigilant stewardship today minimizes expensive cleanup to tomorrow.

PL/PPA manages its finances to address both short-term and long-term needs. Our recurring annual expenses include the Courtesy Boat Inspection program, education and outreach, and PL/PPA governance and organization. Every year, after paying our bills, we reserve a certain amount of that year's revenue (member contributions, town contributions, and state grants) to apply to the following year's expenses. Any excess is reserved in "Joel's Fund", named after our founder and long-time President Joel Bloom. (Thanks to member Art LeBlanc for explaining this history at our 2022 Annual Meeting.) Joel's Fund is not large enough to solve every problem, but its existence will help us to respond to a serious threat if it arises. **An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.**

If you have questions, ideas for new PL/PPA activities or programs, concerns, or anything else to communicate, please email us at [plppassoc@gmail.com](mailto:plppassoc@gmail.com).

I wish everyone a healthy, safe, and peaceful 2023.

**David Randall,**  
President  
Pleasant Lake/  
Parker Pond Association



## DONATE & BECOME A PL/PPA MEMBER

Your support makes it possible for us to continue to do everything we can to keep our lakes healthy and clean for all to enjoy. You can donate:

- By check (Pleasant Lake/Parker Pond Association, Post Office Box 419, Casco, ME 04015),
- Online (debit, credit or PayPal),
- Or a Qualified Charitable Distribution.

Included in this mailing is a donation envelope. We have updated and simplified its layout and included one with every mailed copy of this newsletter. You'll notice that we have added a QR code (a square, pixel barcode) to the envelope.



Scan the QR code using your mobile phone's camera or visit [www.plppa.org/contribute](http://www.plppa.org/contribute) to contribute online and for other contribution options.

PL/PPA is a Federal 501(C)(3) Tax Exempt Corporation. For donations of \$250 or more, you will receive a receipt.

→ **HELP WANTED!** ←

### Secretary

After many years of service, Marygrace Barber will step down as PL/PPA secretary effective July 2023; thank you MG! We are now looking for someone to step up. Duties require participating in meetings and preparing minutes for our official records. Marygrace will continue to be involved in the Invasive Plant Patrol program and provide an institutional memory when someone asks: "Why did we do x back in 2013?" Interested candidates should email us at [plppassoc@gmail.com](mailto:plppassoc@gmail.com).

### Webmaster

We are looking for someone with WordPress experience to take over administration of [plppa.org](http://plppa.org). If you can help out, email us at [plppassoc@gmail.com](mailto:plppassoc@gmail.com).

## 2022 COURTESY BOAT INSPECTION (CBI) REPORT

Our 2022 Courtesy Boat Inspection (CBI) program ran from May through September at the Casco ramps in Pleasant Lake and Parker Pond. Our inspectors found no invasive plants.

Here are the details:

2022 CBI Program				
LOCATION	# of Inspections	# of Inspections Where Fragments Found	# of Confirmed Invasive Plants	Total Paid Inspector Hours
Pleasant Lake - Casco Ramp	408	15	0	320
Parker Pond	148	0	0	212
<b>TOTALS</b>	556	15	0	532

The program cost \$9,576. A Maine CBI grant provided \$2,200. Our Association paid the \$7,376 balance.

We are committed to reinstating courtesy boat inspections in 2023 at the Pleasant Lake Otisfield boat ramp. We will work out hiring, training, supervision, and payroll details with the town over the coming months.



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR: 2023 ANNUAL PL/PPA MEETING

Saturday, July 22, 2023, from 9:30-11:00AM. *Membership is not required. ALL ARE WELCOME!*

### UPDATES

#### WATERSHED PROTECTION PAMPHLET

With the permission of the Town of Otisfield, we are revising and updating the Watershed Protection Pamphlet that was originally published by the Otisfield Conservation Committee in 2009. Our goal is that both Otisfield and Casco will endorse the pamphlet and distribute it in their respective town offices. The pamphlet focuses on steps home and property owners, long-term and seasonal renters, and lake users can take to protect our watershed. We expect to complete the pamphlet before next summer.

#### LOON RESTORATION PROJECT

As discussed in recent newsletters, we explored introducing loon nesting rafts as part of the Maine Loon Restoration Project. Unfortunately, the locations we scouted were too vulnerable to waves and human interference to take further steps. Also, the Project's daunting monitoring and reporting requirements may have discouraged prospective community volunteers. We will continue loon monitoring and re-explore participation in the program if circumstances change.

### REMEMBERING BOB TOLL

The PL/PPA community mourns the loss of Bob Toll, who passed in early October at the age of 81. Bob's long connection to Pleasant Lake began as a camper at Camp Powhatan and lives on in his wife Jane and their children and grandchildren. Our Association is merely one of the many charitable organizations that benefited from Bob and Jane's philanthropy. We thank Bob (and his family) for his stewardship and love of our lake community.

**CHECK THIS OUT! →**

Have you wondered whether a patch of scum floating near your dock occurred naturally, or is it the result of pollution? Lake Stewards of Maine's [Maine Field Guide to Aquatic Phenomena](#) app may help. You can download the FREE app from the Apple Store and the Google Play Store.

Maine Field Guide to  
**Aquatic  
Phenomena**



Explore

Tutorial

LAKE STEWARDS OF MAINE  
Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program