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GPA Newsletter

News from the Georges Pond Association

Restoring the Pond

"Game on!" Alum Treatment Begins May 11

Following a year of scientific research and successful fundraising, an alum treatment of the pond will be conducted the week of May 11 [if all goes according to plan](#) (and subject, of course, to conditions beyond our control).

The GPA has selected [HAB Aquatic Solutions](#), based in Lincoln, Nebraska, to conduct the treatment after a competitive bidding process was completed. "I have great confidence that this firm will do a superb job for us, given their professional expertise and proven track record in conducting similar projects," GPA President John Eliasberg stated at a recent GPA Board meeting. "Game on!"

The alum treatment will [restore the lake's natural chemical balance](#) by increasing the amount of aluminum in the water which, in turn, will bind with excessive phosphorus and produce a non-toxic sediment that will sink to the pond's bottom. When properly applied in the correct dosage and location, aluminum poses little risk to humans, plant life, fish, or birds.

The recommended treatment will cover all areas of Georges Pond deeper than 5 meters, which means approximately [131 of the pond's 358 acres](#). This [initial treatment \(with a dosage of 25 g/m²\)](#) will cost \$140,000, [to be followed by a second treatment](#) (with a dosage of 20 g/m²) in 2021 or 2022 whenever sufficient funds have been raised.

The two treatments combined will likely give the pond [twenty years free of algae blooms when combined with Lake Smart efforts](#) to improve properties and roads within the pond's watershed.

Because of the generosity of GPA members and friends, the GPA is now able to cover the cost of this initial treatment. [Further fundraising will be needed](#) to pay for the second treatment as well as to make improvements to the Georges Pond watershed, which are necessary to avoid introducing new phosphorus into the lake.



An HAB Aquatic Solutions barge applies aluminum to a lake.

MISSION STATEMENT

Members of the Georges Pond Association (GPA) are united to promote the protection and enhancement of the water quality of Georges Pond; preserve its ecological, economic, recreational and aesthetic value; and work with the members and other interested parties to monitor water quality and promote responsible land use practices.

Georges Pond Association is a 501(c)3 organization.

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During these COVID-19 times. . . .

We hope you are safe and well, wherever you are. Our thoughts and best wishes are with each of you, and let's continue to wash our hands, be responsible, and look out for each other.

With your support, the GPA has worked throughout the winter to advance our critical projects.

We look forward to seeing you again this summer, but please be aware that for the month of April, Governor Janet Mills has ordered residents to stay at home for all but essential personal activities - and if you are arriving from another state, to self-quarantine for two weeks.



Opening Camp While Protecting the Lake

The following are **tips** you can use to make the opening of your camp **safer for the lake and its wildlife**:

Raking: DO NOT rake up the duff layer of leaves and pine needles that build up under the trees. These leaves act like a sponge and filter, and help prevent pollutants from getting into the lake.

Dock painting: Paint or stain docks away from the lake and allow at least 14 days of drying time before putting them in the water.

Check for erosion: Check the shoreline and other areas of the property for soil erosion. Stabilize these areas with plants or rock riprap.

Check your septic system's leachfield for any breakouts and consider having the tank pumped if it has not been pumped recently.

Boats: When preparing your boat for another season, make sure to dispose of drained lubricating oils at a recycling facility. Wash the boat away from the water or at a commercial car wash.

Cleaning products: When using cleaning agents, use natural products like baking soda and lemon juice when cleaning and save money while protecting your health and nature.

Paint color: When using paints and stains, consider using earth tone colors so that buildings and other structures will blend better with the natural shoreline.

Lake Smart 2020

*If you've signed up for a 2020 Lake Smart survey, expect to receive a property owner's **questionnaire** soon via email to start the process.*

*And **thank you** for participating in this volunteer effort to protect the pond and your property's value.*



Photo courtesy Sharon Oliver.

HONOR ROLL: FUND TO RESTORE GEORGES POND

The Georges Pond Association is grateful to the following GPA members and friends of Georges Pond who have made pledges and/or donated as of March 31, 2020.

Anonymous	Gordon and Donna Erikson	Molly O'Dea
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Dwight and Lynn Alley	Patricia Feezel	Maurice and Sharon Oliver
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	Marjorie Nichols	
	Alan and Beth Novak	

Please let us know if your name is missing from this list.

Memorial Gifts

The GPA gratefully acknowledges gifts recently received in memory of
Gordon and Patricia Bruce, Ted and Marci Closson, and Evelyn (Trixie) Petry.

**RENEW YOUR GPA
MEMBERSHIP FOR 2020.
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REVIEW OF YOUR PROPERTY AT
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Aerial view of Georges Pond



Photo courtesy Callie Carr

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