



Greenbelt Gazette

June, 2024

Multi-user Mantras

•**Great Pond Boat Storage.** Just a reminder that all boats must be stored on the racks at Great Pond, in compliance with the easement the Town has been granted that allows boat storage. It appears that some “borrowing” of watercraft may have occurred. Watercraft have been left on the beach, placed open side up on the rack and not placed in the correct slot. Permit holders are encouraged to check your watercraft, and consider locking them to the racks. For people who want to borrow a boat, the town makes available a community boat which can be reserved by calling town hall at 799-1619.

•**Great Pond Boardwalk Repairs- Boardwalk CLOSED.** The town maintains a 400’ long+ boardwalk on the Great Pond trail, located on either side of Alewife Brook. After several years, the posts supporting the boardwalk that are constantly submerged have rusted and must be replaced. The portion of the boardwalk crossing Alewife Brook has been closed until repairs are made. Walking on the boardwalk with compromised posts will damage the welds and boardwalk frames. Please respect the boardwalk closure and check the town website for updates for when it will reopen.



•**Dyer Pond Road Parking at Greenbelt Trail.** The Town Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, July 8th on a proposal prohibit parking on one side of Dyer Pond Road and allow parking on the remaining side. Adjacent to the Greenbelt trail located near Shore Road, an off-road gravel parking area to accommodate five parked cars will be built.



What's Happening?

- **NEMBA Rides – 2 to go.** NEMBA hosted the first of 3 rides on May 29th. Two more group rides will be hosted starting at 5:30 p.m., one this summer and one in the fall. Each ride will have a group leader and limit the group size to 25-30 riders.

- **Pesticide Ordinance updates take effect.** The citizen adopted Residential Pesticide Ordinance was amended effective June 12, 2024. The ordinance regulates the use of pesticides on residential property. The Town website, www.capeelizabeth.com, has a pesticide information section that includes Frequently asked questions and a Town Pesticides Registry.

- **Let it go, don't mow.** When new construction is completed and bare ground is seeded, consider promoting a naturally vegetated buffer by not mowing to the edge. This is especially beneficial adjacent to open space and greenbelt trails. An unmowed area will initially appear neglected and unattractive, but if you can just wait it out a few seasons, lush, natural vegetation will take hold, creating thick, low maintenance buffers. This greenbelt trail in the Maxwell Woods neighborhood is a good example.



May 17, 2021



October 1, 2021



June 24, 2024