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The Reservoir Review

The Annual Chestnut Pull

Earlier This Summer, the Annual Chestnut Pull took place on the Reservoir. Coordinated by Shiela Warner, the annual event calls for volunteers to help rid the lake of water chestnuts, which is an invasive weed.

The seeds of the water chestnuts sit on top of the leaves and, should they fall to the floor of the lake, will germinate in the spring. One acre of water chestnuts can produce enough seeds to cover 100 acres the following year, so you can see why it's important to keep them in check.

Four years ago, pulling the water chestnuts resulted in mounds of them in every boat, but because of diligent efforts each year, the annual pull now yields a small number of buckets instead of boatloads.

Left: the leaves of the water chestnut look like a fan with saw-tooth edges.

Right: the roots are stringy and can reach up to 15ft long. Best way to pull them is to reach down, wrap your hand around the stem and pull up.

Left: The seeds of this plant are very sharp, with four ½ inch, barbed spines that can pinch if stepped on or handled.

Study these leaves so next time you are out in your kayak, canoe or fishing boat, you can pull them. Thanks to all who participated!

For more on water chestnuts click here.

Keeping Geese Out Of Your Yard

We've all had them. Geese that are regular visitors to our lawns and leave little "presents" that necessitate having to go around with a pail and shovel and clean up the mess. So, how do we keep them off?

You may not realize that geese feces can be hazardous to your health when inhaled. Parasites found in geese feces can be a concern to the elderly, children and pregnant or breastfeeding women. Additionally, at even higher risks are children with weakened immune systems and people with gastrointestinal problems.

Geese like short grass, so the best way to deal with the problem is to grow the grass at least 18" high in a band roughly 10' wide around the shoreline. Geese don't like this as they can't see predator animals. Other ways to fix the problem are: Set up a bird fence or netting along the shoreline of sufficient height to prevent the geese from easily getting over it. 3) Goose Chase, a product by Bird-X, is a lawn treatment spray that will keep them away. It contains an ingredient called Methyl anthanilate which is harmless to the lake.

For more on Canadian geese and how to rid your yard of them go to Foxborough Lakefront Living

NEPONSET RESERVOIR WEED TREATMENT

On June 27th, SOLitude Lake Management was out on their airboat treating the Reservoir for both milfoil/ fanwort and the Large leaf weeds.

The work was performed for the NRRC, Inc., under contract to and pursuant to an Order of Conditions permit from the Foxborough Conservation Commission and License to Apply Chemicals permit from MA DEP.

8 REASONS WHY LAKEFRONT LIVING IS FOR EVERYONE!

1. **BANISH BOREDOM:** You're never bored living on a lake! Fishing, boating, kayaking, swimming, paddleboarding….it's all there waiting for you!

2. **ENTERTAINING:** When you have a lakehouse, friends and family are never too far away! Always ready for that BBQ, boat ride, bonfire…..another beer please!

3. **CASUAL, CASUAL, CASUAL:** What to wear? Who cares? Whatever you're comfortable wearing. Lake hair? Don't care! It's about the water and lifestyle!

4. **AWESOME SUNSETS:** What is it about lake sunsets that make the red's redder and the yellow's yellower? Nothing like them!

5. **WHO NEEDS A GYM:** Looking for a workout? Look no further than out your window! Tone those arms while kayaking; build those leg muscles pedaling your water boat. Fresh air, body in motion…..it all equals fun and fitness.

6. **SOCIALIZING:** You go out boating on the lake and you end up socializing on the dock of your neighbors house. Happen to be kayaking by? C'mon in and have some cheese and crackers! It's one big happy neighborhood when you live on the lake!

7. **NATURE AT ITS BEST:** Swans, geese (yes, we know…..equals cleanup….but still beautiful to watch), turtles, fish, heron and all sorts of other water fowl, all out your window to enjoy!

8. **RELAX:** Studies show that being around water provides a unique way to relax. It gives your brain a rest from overstimulation. Believe it or not, it can actually induce meditation, allowing you to be more mindful. It can help stave off stress and anxiety, as well as boost your ability to think more clearly and even sleep better. After a long day of work, there's nothing quite like coming home to the peace and serenity of a beautiful lake view to help you relax.

Neponset Reservoir Lifestyle in Pictures