

# **Buckingham Pond Conservancy Highlights 2011**

## **Spring 2011**

- April 10 Clean Up brings out 30+ volunteers of all ages to ready the pond for the summer.
- CDTA and CDTC award us three bike racks. Racks installed courtesy of City of Albany DGS.
- Three Conservancy representatives attend New York Federation of Lake Association Conference (NYSFOLA).
- BPC weighs in on Pesticide Ordinance, ensuring that the revised City pesticide ordinance allows for herbicide and pesticide applications at the pond consistent with best practices recommended by NYSFOLA and New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.
- Albany DGS makes many small improvements at our request (capstones repaired on Euclid retaining wall, benches and fences painted, new mulch at playground, increased and improved trash cans, etc.)
- At our request, DGS installs cross bars on fence at playground improving safety.

## **Summer 2011**

- Eleven conservancy volunteers worked together to sample Pond Water eight times, samples go to New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) for assessment.
- Approximately ten volunteers continue our ongoing efforts to eradicate purple loosestrife at the pond through hand pulling at three sessions.
- BPC vice president Harry Ermides appointed to the City of Albany Pest Management Board. This board oversees the use of herbicides and pesticides in the city of Albany.

## **Fall 2011**

- Incredibly successful “Ice Cream Social” draws out 150 attendees to enjoy the pond and featuring music from The Music Mobile and the Pond’s Neighbor, Ruth Pelham. Co-sponsored by City of Albany and Stewart Shops.
- Major reconfiguration of the south portion of the path begun by DGS in response to our request that they address flooding issues in that area of the path.
- November 6<sup>th</sup> Clean Up brings out 30+ volunteers to clean up trash and plant bulbs.
- Members of the College of St. Rose Advanced Applications in Graphic Design class take on developing a logo for the Conservancy as a class project.

## **Winter 2011-2012**

- Initial contacts made with Biological Field Station for SUNY Oneonta and Watershed Assessment Association to begin determining how we might best affordably create a “Lake Management Plan” for Buckingham Pond.
- City Water Department approves our plan to implement Storm Drain Stenciling program – helping all our neighbors understand how the storm water system impacts the pond.
- Special efforts made to increase membership participation in Board Meetings. Six members attend at least one meeting.