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—Cover Photo by Paul Crockett

Kill Kare Kamp

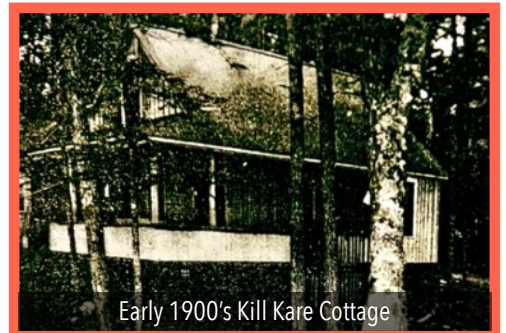
—by Doris Ripley Anderman

When you think of lost civilizations, the colony of Roanoke, the Mayan Empire and Easter Island come to mind to name a few. After many phone calls, texts and research, the question is, do we need to add Kill-Kare Camp on Flying Pond's Russ Point to the list?

A brochure extolling the virtues of Kill-Kare Kamp talks of a vibrant place for middle school aged girls to thrive in the early 1900's. Summer camps in the United States were developed in the 1870-1880's. At first, there were primarily boys camps with the goal of helping them escape the "negative effects of the city" and reconnect with nature. As camps expanded to include girls, one of the reasons given to send your adolescent to camp was explained in the Kill-Kare Kamp brochure, "A trip to Europe, a month or two at some fashionable resort...are utterly unsuitable to the needs of children." How altruistic of these parents to send their children off to camp and spare them the burden of a trip to Europe! Camps in the early 1900's were for the upper class. The middle and lower class needed their children to work in the fields or factories. The cost of attending Kill-Kare was \$150 for two months which was the equivalent of \$4800 today. At that time, the Mt. Vernon superintendent of schools had a yearly salary of \$135.

Activities at the camp were in some ways not much different than many camps today. Although there is no mention of the option of yoga or Ultimate Frisbee, Kill-Kare's intent was for girls to return home "refreshed in mind and body with a fund of physical vigor...a deeper appreciation of the beauties of nature...". The brochure assured the parents of the safety of a large area of shallow water where their children could "wade, paddle and swim, ... to their hearts' content." Commending the importance of fresh air throughout the pamphlet, they strove to keep the girls outdoors as much as possible.

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Early 1900's Kill Kare Cottage

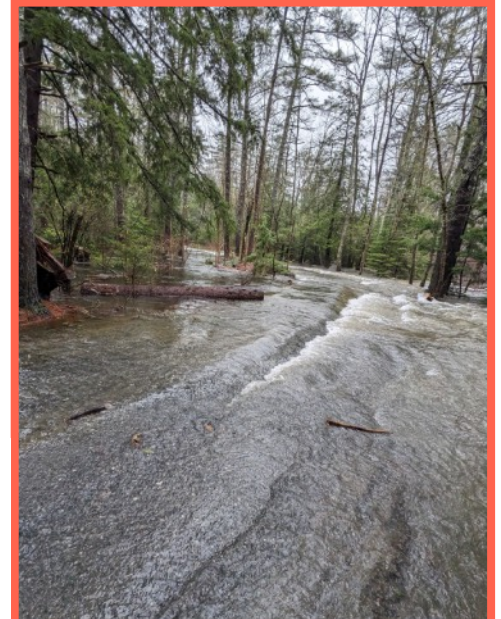
FPIA President's Message — *Greetings from the Pond!*

Living here in Maine, it is almost hard to say, "Happy summer," given the cold, wet spring. But, alas, summer is here!!! Speaking of wet, boy oh boy, what a storm we had back on May 1st. I have been on and around (depending on the time of year, etc.) the pond my entire life. That day we had the highest water level I have ever seen by far!

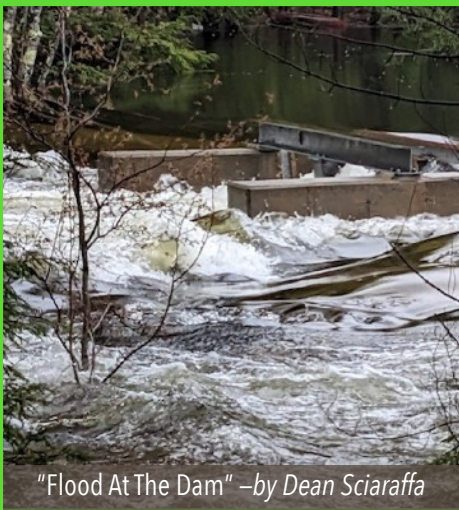
Speaking for my friends and neighbors on Russ Point, we really took one for the FPIA team given that our road became one with the pond for a few days. Our road was thoroughly washed out from just before the bridge to well after the bridge. We want to express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to our friends on Teaberry Lane who graciously put up with us using their road for access for almost two weeks.

On a different note, the board decided to try a 4 PM annual meeting this year. Please let us know at that meeting if this worked for you this year. You may recall that we tried a mid-afternoon annual meeting last year. We'll discuss next year's time at the meeting this year.

We look forward to seeing you on July 8th at the Vienna Community Room/Fire Station. The meeting this year is at 4 PM, and I promise to have you on your way by 5:30. *Paul Crockett — President, FPIA*

"Russ Point Road" —by Paul Crockett



"Flood At The Dam" —by Dean Sciaraffa

Flying Pond Dam Report —Dean Sciaraffa

The recent flood we had in May made our little dam look like it was part of the lake. The biggest risk for us with these floods is the water washing out the embankments on either side of the dam. As much as that is highly unlikely, it would be a major endeavor to repair if it ever happened. The actual dam is pretty much at rest. When the water elevation is the same on both the upstream and downstream side of the dam it becomes just another solid fixture in the lake. The dam feels the greatest pressure when the difference between the lake elevation and the water in the stream below the dam is at its greatest. This is also the pressure that is trying to force water under the dam. It is ironic, but our dam is under the greatest stress under normal water conditions and the least stress under high flow events.

Let's Make A Splash! The Dam Dock to Dock RETURNS! —Diane Araps



"Fun Times at the Lake" —by Nancy Turner

The inaugural 2022 FPIA Dam Dock to Dock was a terrific success thanks to all who participated last summer! This FPIA fund raiser is for the dam fund solely for the purpose of maintenance and repair. The paddling activity will be held on FP Saturday, July 22. Paddling participants will meet at the dam then launch as a group visiting various 'themed' docks where there will be fun

activities and/or refreshments.

If you are interested in participating as a paddler or as a sponsored dock, watch for more detailed information in the FPIA emails. Not on the lake that weekend? Not a problem, you can still donate to Dam Dock to Dock!

Any questions? Feel free to email Diane Araps at diane@artillusstudio.com.

FEATURE STORY —*continued*

This included an outdoor bowling alley, tennis court, fishing, corn roasts, and a three sided building referred to as an “open camp”. The floor was piled high with balsam boughs and a “cheerful campfire” was at the front of the enclosure.

Balsam beds were popular in camps in the Adirondacks so this may be where the proprietors of the camp came up with the idea. T. Morris Longstreth, in “The Adirondacks” in 1917 said, “To all woodsmen, the balsam is a friendly tree, green it will not burn...for generations, it has furnished a soft and scented bed.” For those of you still skeptical, in “Adirondack Discovery” in 1987, Buster Bird wrote, “You can talk about your waterbed or any of those fancy mattresses that you get today, but if you haven’t slept on a balsam bough bed, you don’t know what you are missing.”

Unlike summer camps of today, with the exception of meals served at regular hours, they did not attempt “to carry out a fixed program. We find that any routine, no matter how attractive it may seem at first, soon becomes irksome. Consequently, each day is an epoch in itself...” As many camps offer today, they often went “tramping” and took short camping trips. (That’s when they weren’t lying around with a blanket and a pillow on balsam boughs, “passing the hours away, on stormy days, with a piece of needlework or some favorite book...”)

The girls needed to make the choice before they came to camp as to whether their living quarters would be in the main building which also housed a large dining room and living room with an open fireplace, or to sleep in a tent. Where they slept dictated some of the items they were required to bring to camp. Pajamas made from “outing flannel”- a mixture of cotton and wool, were recommended.

Many of the overnight camps today have required uniforms. Kamp Kill-Kare had “preferred colors” of dark blue for some of the clothing and dark red for the two wool blankets they were to bring and a suggested list of clothing similar to lists today with the exception of “middy blouses

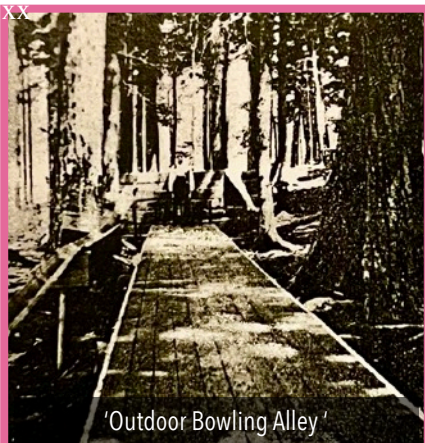
and bloomers” and “sensible shoes”. Many camps today require you to bring your own water bottle, Kill-Kare asked for an enameled cup. I don’t think any present day camps require these other items on Kill-Kare’s list - a safety ink well, a thimble and...a napkin ring! Some of the other suggested items includes musical instruments, fishing tackle, a hammock and games.

With the exception of bedding and “bulky articles” all items needed to fit in a steamer trunk and arrive at camp before the girls. Reaching camp was an adventure itself. Campers came from both the New York City and Boston areas and were told to “leave Boston North Station on the 8:55 AM train.” They rode the train to Readfield arriving around 3 PM where they took the Mount Vernon stage directly to camp. If the parents chose to pay for it they could make arrangements for camp counselors to meet them any place and the counselors would take their child to camp.

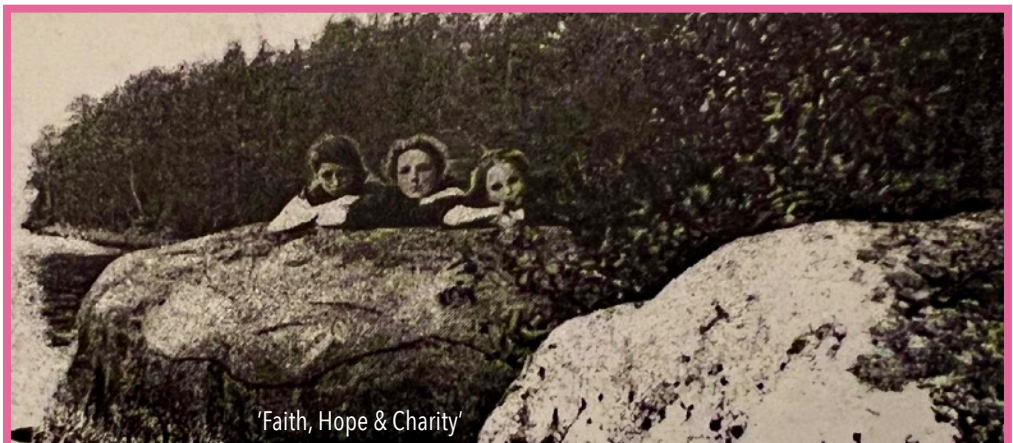
Kill-Kare Kamp was located on what we can gather are several camps today. Paul Crockett’s great grandparents, Harry and Anna Russ bought the Point in 1901 and built their camp shortly after. It is referred to in the brochure as Kill-Kare cottage. It is the family’s understanding that they rented the cottage and property to the camp but for how long it is not known. Suzanne and Bill Steinour know that the tennis court was located on their property.

Anecdotes of the actual camping experience may be lost forever unless you can help us.

John Olson had a copy of the brochure and suggested the idea for the article. Donna Maskwa, daughter of Norm and Marilyn Erickson, thinks that her aunt, Gloria Cown, may have found the pamphlet in the Sundial Manor while staying there when her own cabin was built. This brochure with its photographs are the only information we have with one reference on Google. Before we relegate Kill-Kare Kamp to just one more lost “civilization”, please share any information with us at flyingpond@gmail.com. For the curious, we are going to post the brochure on the FPIA website, <https://fpia.weebly.com>.



'Outdoor Bowling Alley'



'Faith, Hope & Charity'



Summer Activities From 30 Mile —Lidie Robbins & Whitney Baker

Courtesy Boat Inspections kicked off on Memorial Day weekend. Last year, Flying Pond volunteers Todd Hemphill, Bill Murphy, Wendy Oakley, and Bob Thompson had a big impact helping our paid staff. Please join them and you'll have fun meeting boaters while keeping harmful invasive species out of the lake. If interested, please contact our CBI Coordinator, Frank Chin, at frank@30mileriver.org.

Water Quality Monitoring has resumed for the 3rd season on Flying Pond. Every two weeks, our staff and Flying Pond volunteers will be on the water collecting data to track the health of the lake. To read our 2022 water quality report and see this season's near-live data, visit 30mileriver.org/flying-pond/.

Did you know that soil pollution is the #1 cause of declining water quality in Maine lakes? Soil feeds algae, which can turn a lake green, like we saw on Androscoggin Lake in 2021. Even small increases in phosphorus can have a big impact. Are there places on your property where soil is eroding into the lake? We're here to help!

Youth Conservation Corps (YCC): 30 Mile employs local high school and college students each

summer to protect water quality by installing erosion control measures along shorefront properties, such as rain gardens, buffer plantings, water diverters, stable pathways, and more. Our YCC program is a low-cost option for landowners, as we provide cost-sharing that significantly reduces the labor expense of your project. 30mileriver.org/youth-conservation-corps/

Island Restoration: 30 Mile is now working with FPIA to finalize a YCC project plan for Boy Scout Island this summer. Planned work includes stabilizing eroded footpaths with erosion control mulch (ECM) and planting native shrubs and trees to restore the forest understory and re-establish a shoreline buffer zone in select locations.

14th Annual Paddle Trek is on Saturday, July 29th. Paddlers are invited to join us for all or part of our annual paddle from Mount Vernon Village to Wayne Village, traveling through many of the lakes and streams that form the "30 Mile River." Join us in Mount Vernon or North Wayne, for a few miles, or the whole 15-mile trip.

Register by July 12th to get the early bird discount. 30mileriver.org/paddle-trek Keep up with all our news, resources and events by signing up for our monthly email newsletter@30mileriver.org.

Invasive Plant Patrol News —by John Zacker

The Flying Pond Invasive Plant Patrol (IPP) is composed of 20 volunteers on our lake who annually survey the shoreline in an effort to identify potential invasive aquatic plants that could cause damage to our lake. Under the direction of Lake Stewards of Maine, the IPP divides the lake shoreline into sectors and then by kayak, canoe, paddle board, boat or even snorkeling, patrol members evaluate aquatic plants to determine if they are native to Maine. Plants that are considered non-native are evaluated to determine if they fall under "Maine's Eleven Most Invasive Aquatic Plants" (Unwanted Aquatic Plants). We are very fortunate that we do not have any non-native or invasive plants on Flying Pond, but early detection is key. So, each August you will see IPP members scouring the shoreline during our survey. They carefully evaluate the plants growing naturally along our lake looking for possible invasive plants. You can help too - if you see plants that might look like any of "most unwanted" or would like to volunteer you can contact John Zacker, IPP chair (301.938.3689 or jzacker12@gmail.com).

Maine's Eleven Most UNWANTED Invasive Aquatic Plants

BRAZILIAN ELODEA <i>(Egeria densa)¹</i>	CURLY-LEAF PONDWEED <i>(Potamogeton crispus)²</i>	EURASIAN WATERMILFOIL <i>(Myriophyllum spicatum)¹</i>	EUROPEAN NAIAD <i>(Najas minor)²</i>
FANWORT <i>(Cabomba caroliniana)²</i>	EUROPEAN FROGBIT <i>(Hydrocharis morsus-ranae)¹</i> Free Floating Vegetation	HYDRILLA <i>(Hydrilla verticillata)¹</i>	PARROT FEATHER <i>(Myriophyllum aquaticum)¹</i>
VARIABLE-LEAF WATERMILFOIL <i>(Myriophyllum heterophyllum)¹</i>	YELLOW FLOATING HEART <i>(Nymphoides peltata)¹</i>	WATER CHESTNUT <i>(Trapa natans)¹</i>	<small>Under Maine law, it is now illegal to transport ANY aquatic plant on the outside of a vehicle. It is also illegal to sell, propagate, or introduce to Maine waters these eleven invasive aquatic plants.</small>

lakestewardsofmaine.org.Unwanted-Poster

Let's Keep Invasive Fish Out of Flying Pond — by Jason Seiders

When most folks think of invasive species in our lakes and ponds they instantly think of milfoil. Milfoil can cause quite a mess, but as a fish guy, my mind always thinks of invasive fish. We are fortunate that Flying Pond lacks several of the invasive fishes that are currently spreading throughout the central Maine region. That's not to say that every species in Flying Pond is a native species. It's quite likely that the original species in Flying Pond, before humans moved any fish around would be: brook trout, burbot (cusk), and perhaps yellow perch. Many of the other species found in the pond have been introduced over several decades dating back to the late 1800's.

Great water quality and a lack of invasive fishes are the two key factors that allow Flying Pond to produce such gorgeous fish. Great water and a lack of crazy predators keeps the forage base in great shape. We've seen a number of lakes and ponds fall victim to illegal introductions that change the pond's ecosystem forever. A great example is Long Pond in the Belgrade Lakes. The introduction of northern pike caused a catastrophic collapse of the smelt population which destroyed a once renowned salmon fishery. Northern pike are a close cousin to our native chain pickerel (which reside in Flying Pond), but they are a bit different. Northern pike grow much larger than pickerel and quickly become the top predator in any of our waters. We routinely see pike in the Belgrade Lakes that top 20 pounds. They grow very large very fast, feeding on both large sport fish and smaller forage fish. I hope I never see them in Flying Pond because they would decimate the current fishery.



Northern Pike —Photo by Kelly Sikkema on Unsplash

Smaller fish can cause problems, too. Introductions of fish such as white perch, black crappie, or rock bass would be devastating to the forage base. These fish aren't super-huge predators, but they are prolific competitors for zooplankton and aquatic insects. This would start a collapse from the bottom of the food chain and impact the tremendous smelt population. Whenever we have introductions of these smaller fishes it becomes increasingly more difficult to manage for our cold water sportfish such as trout and salmon.

If there's a silver bullet to fix the problem of invasive fish introductions we have yet to find it. In the meantime, if you see or catch a fish that you don't recognize or think might not belong in Flying Pond, please let us know. A photo is worth a million words, so please try to get a picture if you can. If there's a bright spot to this issue it's that many of our anglers are on your side. Many people love the fishing opportunities that Flying Pond provides and they want that to continue for generations to come.

As always, feel free to contact us with any fish-related questions. Enjoy your summer!

Follow Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife at mefishwildlife.com | [facebook](https://www.facebook.com/mefishwildlife) | [twitter](https://twitter.com/mefishwildlife)

The FPIA board would like to welcome and thank our newest FPIA members. An additional thanks goes out to our faithful "longer term" members. We appreciate your continued support! We look forward to seeing you all at the annual FPIA meeting on July 8th being held at the Vienna Community Room / Fire Station from 4:00PM - 5:30PM. Light refreshments will be served.

FPIA 2023-2024 dues: please bring to annual meeting or send check to: FPIA, PO Box 143 Mount Vernon, ME 04352



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LakeSmart “Lakers Dozen” — 13 Tips to Help Protect our Pond Part 1 of 2

Maine Lakes former Executive Director Maggie Shannon initially created The Lakesmart Lakers Dozen. There is now an updated two page document that contains 13 lake-saving tips for homeowners. We are taking a moment to highlight these tips in this spring and the future summer/autumn newsletter. We hope it will be helpful to you “for the sake of the lake”. Together, we can protect and preserve this pond that we all love!

HERE ARE THE FIRST SIX TIPS:

1. Support Lake Associations

Join FPIA and get involved! FPIA works hard to protect and preserve Flying Pond. We are always looking for new members and participation! Our annual meeting is July 8, and we invite you to attend - and bring a neighbor. Come and see what FPIA is doing for you - and what you can do to help!

2. Stop The Spread of Invasives

Spread the word - but not the plants!! Every time you move your boat in or out of any pond be sure to check for and clean plant fragments off the boat, all equipment, AND the trailer. Even a small fragment can grow quickly and create an infestation! Drain bilges away from any lake. Dry your boat or let it sit several days between uses on different water bodies. Know your lakes - check and see if you are on a lake that is known to have invasive plants. Never transfer water or any living thing from one lake to another. Don't forget canoes, kayaks and other smaller boats need to be checked, too. Get to know the plants on your own shorefront. If you see something different that is suspicious, reach out to our IPP team!

3. Follow Shoreland Zoning Rules

What happens on your land can have a positive or negative effect on the health of Flying Pond. Actions you take on your property can unintentionally have devastating consequences. Before doing any project, check with Mt. Vernon or Vienna Town Office Planning Board or Code Enforcement Officer to see if a permit is required. The Shoreland Zone includes 250 feet from the shore onto your property.

4. End Erosion

Check around your property on a rainy day. It will help you see the path that water is taking as it leads toward the lake. Check your camp and other buildings, paths, driveways and roads. Look for soil washing away. Erosion carries phosphorus to the pond, feeds algae and causes algae blooms. You can stop erosion by adding plants, crushed stone or erosion control mulch, among other things. The point is to stop rainwater on your property from reaching the pond. Ask for a LakeSmart evaluation for help and tips by emailing, flyingpond@gmail.com. For more information about stormwater Best Management Practices, visit lakes.me/bmps.

5. Build Better Buffers

The combined plant life between your camp and the pond is the last line of defense to protect the water from runoff. Plants slow the movement of water and can act as a filter as water passes through. Trees, shrubs, bushes and ground cover are all important layers to create a robust buffer on your property. Many layers of vegetation and deeper buffers are best. Planting native plants helps local wildlife and is more likely to be able to survive in the local climate. birds and other wildlife. Go to lakes.me/protect for more information and resources about buffer planting.

6. Ditch Fertilizers, Herbicides and Pesticides

Chemicals in these products can be harmful to children, pets, wildlife and aquatic wildlife. They contain high levels of nutrients, often including phosphorus. These chemical and nutrients can turn the pond green, create odors, and do long term damage to the ecosystem.

To see the complete “Lakers Dozen” click here: [Lakes are fragile. Care for them today. Enjoy them tomorrow.](#)

LakeSmart Update — *Cindy Ripley*

Our LakeSmart program has visited 19 properties in the first 2 years. This year we welcome Beth Trehu to our team. We welcome back Diane Araps, Steve Trehu and John Zacker.

Team members will be happy to walk your land with

you and make suggestions to make your property more “lake friendly”. The visit is free and non judgemental - we are here to help one another. Please contact Cindy at flyingpond@gmail.com for more information or to schedule for this summer. We look forward to seeing you!

For more information about LakeSmart please visit 30mileriver.org/lakesmart.

Flying Pond's Beloved Wings Have Returned HOME!

The FPIA would like to thank the many people who contributed their time, talents and muscles to bring the sign back to life, and back to the shore of Flying Pond. These volunteers include: Len Roe, Matt Dunn, Dean Sciarafa, Ernest Kilbride, Ernie Kilbride, Doug Moore, Donna Makswa, Todd Hemphill and John Zacker. Great job to all who helped!



'The Sign Comes Down & Ready For Repair'



Len Roe Carefully Reconstructs A Wing'



*Some Of The
Installation Team With
The Wings*



'The Wings Have Landed'

Neighbors Driving Neighbors Celebrates its Volunteer Drivers —Cindy Murphy

On May 25, Neighbors Driving Neighbors held a luncheon to honor its volunteer drivers at the Viles House in Augusta. While it was the intent of the lunch to thank the drivers, it was clear that the feeling was reciprocal. When asked why they volunteer for NDN, driver responses included “connection to the community,” “wanted to give a little back,” and “I’m paying it forward!”

NDN Exec. Director Joe Austin commented that riders often tell him how grateful they are, and drivers thoroughly enjoy the time they spend with their neighbors. He further stated, “Rides are not only provided to medical appointments and grocery stores— NDN takes residents to lectures, lunches, and other social events—even to work.”



NDN Executive Director Joe Austin, left, and President Harald Bredesen, center, join volunteer Sue Squires as she discusses her positive experiences as a driver for NDN.

Upcoming events include the Readfield Launch Party, Readfield Town Hall, June 25, 2-4 pm, Community Breakfast, Mt. Vernon Community Center, July 22, 9-11 am, Online Auction, biddingowl.com/neighborsdrivingneighbors, July 1-28.

For more information, to become a volunteer driver or to register as a rider, please visit neighborsdrivingneighbors.org

FLYING POND SUMMER SKY WATCH

Lights Off, Heads Up & Binoculars out! —by Diane Araps

Check this out, we will witness 4 super moons and a blue moon over Flying Pond this summer and early fall! Here are just a few amazing celestial events for summer/autumn 2023. Hint: Stargazing will be best when you turn off as many nearby lights as possible (yes, even your cell phone light) and let your eyes adjust to the darkness.

June 21, Summer Solstice: Welcome the first official day of summer & the longest day of the year in the Northern Hemisphere.

July 1, Conjunction of Venus & Mars: These two planets will pass within 3.5 degrees of each other. The event will take place early in the morning, so set your alarm & look toward the constellation Leo around 2:45 to find the two lovers.

July 12-23, Delta Aquarids Meteor Shower: This is an average shower that can produce up to 20 meteors per hour at its peak on July 29 & 30. The nearly full moon will block most of the fainter meteors this year. If you are patient, you may still be able to catch a few good ones. Look toward the constellation Aquarius after midnight for best viewing.

August 10, Mercury at Greatest Eastern Elongation: Mercury reaches greatest eastern elongation of 27.4 degrees from the Sun. Look for the planet low in the western sky just after sunset.

July 17-August 24, Perseids Meteor Shower: This is the best meteor shower to observe, producing up to 60 meteors per hour at its peak on August 12-13. The crescent moon should not be too much of a problem this year as skies should still be dark enough for a good show. Meteors will radiate from the constellation Perseus, but can appear anywhere in the sky.

August 27, Saturn at Opposition: The ringed planet will be at its closest approach to Earth & its face will be fully illuminated by the Sun. It will be brighter than any other time of the year and will be visible all night long.

September 19, Neptune at Opposition: This is the best time to view and photograph Neptune. Due to its extreme distance from Earth, it will only appear as a tiny blue dot.

September 22, Mercury at Greatest Western Elongation: Mercury reaches its greatest western elongation of 17.9 degrees from the Sun. Look for the planet low in the eastern sky just before sunrise.

September 23, September Equinox: The Sun will shine directly on the equator & there will be nearly equal amounts of day & night throughout the world. This is also the first day of fall (autumnal equinox) in the Northern Hemisphere & the first day of spring (vernal equinox) in the Southern Hemisphere.

Full, Super, Blue & New Moons

Full Moons - The super moon will be near its closest point to Earth & may look slightly larger & brighter than usual. Full moons occur on July 3: Buck Super Moon, August 1: Sturgeon Super Moon, August 31: Sturgeon Super Blue Moon, September 29: Harvest Super Moon, October 28: Hunter's Moon, November 27: Beaver Moon.

New Moons - The new moon is always a terrific time to view the night sky. Faint objects such as galaxies & star clusters are easier to see as our moon will not interfere. So download a sky app, grab the opportunity & see what you can find! New moons occur on July 17, August 16, September 15, October 14, and November 13.

space.com/16830-full-moon-calendar

in-the-sky.org/news

earthsky.org/astronomy

timeanddate.com/astronomy/sights-to-see

Did You Know? Stars Don't Twinkle

Photo by Mink Mingle on Unsplash

In the night sky, if you look low on the horizon the stars will appear to super scintillate. One particular star, Sirius, you may have noticed sparkles so much that people actually report it as a UFO. The fact is, the twinkling does not come from the stars; it comes from Earth's turbulent atmosphere. Star light passes through the atmosphere, especially when the star appears near the horizon, it must pass through many layers of rapidly differing density. This causes the light to deflect slightly as if it were a ball in a pinball machine, and somewhat changes the color and intensity. The result is "twinkling." earthsky.org/astronomy

ANNOUNCEMENTS AROUND THE POND

Enjoy fun activities around town and support your local community... here's what's happening this summer!

July 4: Annual FP Boat Parade Meet at the east side of the Big Island at 10:45 to cruise around the lake with friends and neighbors. Decorate your craft for more fun and photo ops. And if you don't want to boat, come out on your dock to wave.

July 8: FPIA Annual Meeting is scheduled to be held at Vienna Community Room / Fire Station at 4:00PM - 5:30PM. We hope you will attend the meeting for information on our dam, pond health, finances, and more. You may join or renew your membership at the meeting. More info will be provided by email.

July 15: Summer Arts & Crafts Fair takes place on the Minnehonk Town Beach.

July 22: The 2nd Annual Dam Dock To Dock to benefit the Flying Pond Dam Fund. Watch FPIA emails for details. For more information contact: Diane Araps at diane@artillusstudio.com.

5th Annual Flying Man & Flying Half is tentatively planned on Flying Pond for mid-July. Adults and children of all ages are welcome to join in on the fun. Two triathlons to choose from are:

- 'Flying Man'— 3/4 mile swim, 4 mile bike ride and 1 mile run.
- 'Flying Half'— 1/4 mile swim, 1 mile bike ride and 1 mile run.

Interested in competing or cheering for the participants? Contact Whitney Hetzel: whitney.hetzel@gmail.com.

July 29: The Paddle Trek to benefit 30 Mile launches from the Town Beach. Registration is now open at 30mileriver.org/paddle-trek

July 30: Vienna Fire Department Chicken BBQ is scheduled on Sunday, 11AM to 1:30PM. Come enjoy great food and support our local heroes.

August 13: 10th Annual Mt Vernon 5K Loon Lap will take you for a run or walk around scenic Minnehonk Lake and Hopkins Pond. Registration begins at the Town Beach at 9AM. Proceeds will go to the Mt. Vernon Community Partnership. For more information visit facebook.com/mtvloonlap.



“Our favorite thing about Maine is the cool weather and swimming in the pond.”

Mason (age 8) & Nolan (age 7) Smith of Henry's Landing

Throughout the summer:

There's so much to do nearby. Check notice boards at the local businesses and post offices, as well as Facebook and websites for:

Camp Bearnstow: <https://www.bearnstow.org/>

Mill Stream Grange Hall (on Facebook)

The Mt. Vernon Community Center (on Facebook)

Town of Mt. Vernon: <https://www.mtvernonme.org/>

Dr. Shaw Memorial Library: <https://drshawlibrary.org/>

Vienna/Mount Vernon, Maine... Small Towns Making Big Memories (Facebook group)

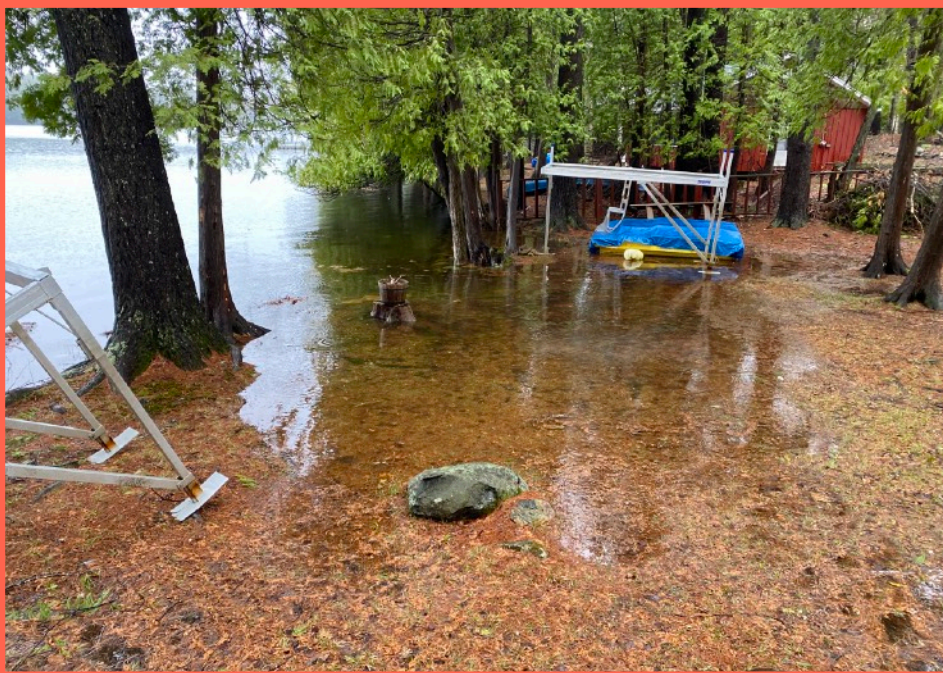
Town of Vienna: <https://www.viennamaine.org/>

Vienna Community Center [https://](https://www.viennamaine.org/index.php/content/vienna-google-calendar)

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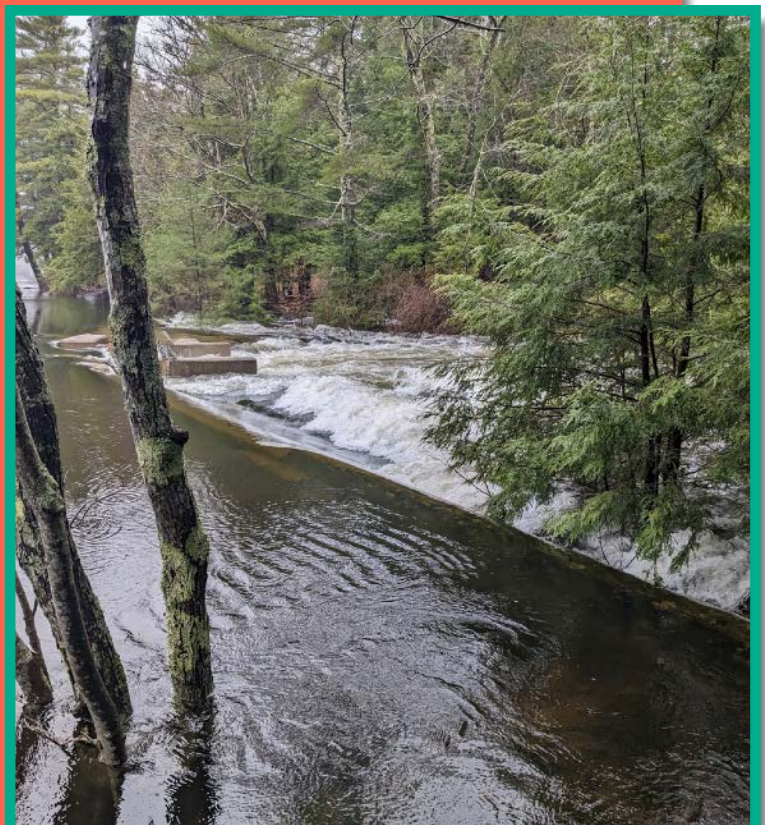
'Where Is The Yard' –John Zacker



'Flood Aftermath'
Anyone missing a tree?
–Kathy Schwab



'Hilton Mill Fisherman' –Bob l'Anson



'Spillway' –Paul Crockett

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'Lost Russ Point Road'
—Tammy Dungan



'Gentle Giants Test The Water'
—John Zacker



'Water Front View'
—Bob l'Anson

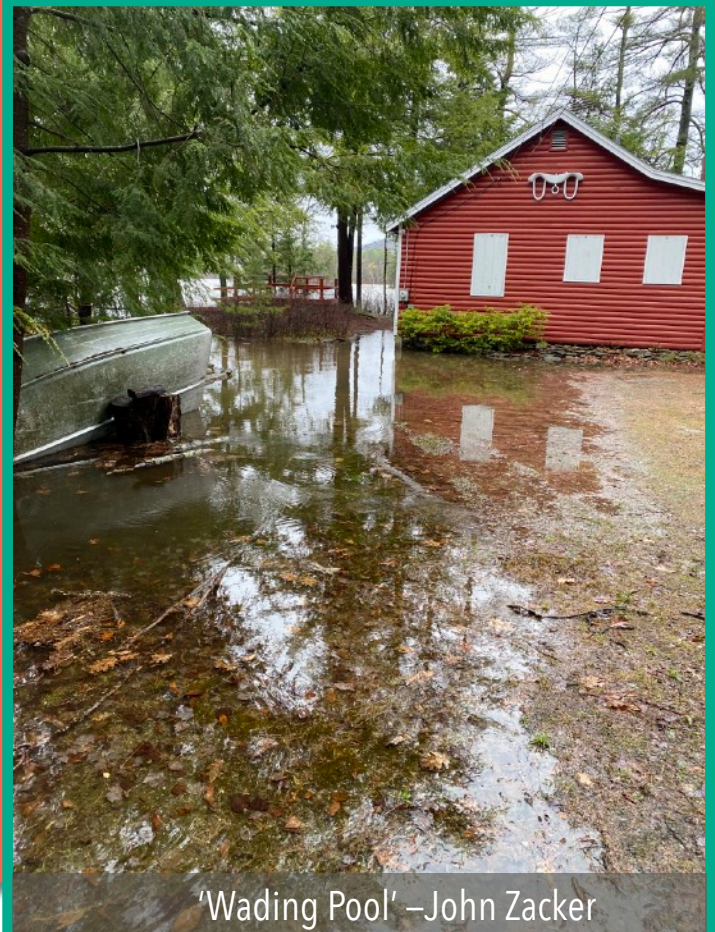
From The Editors...

We would like to thank all of the writers and photographers for their terrific stories and images!

Please keep them coming!

Diane Araps, Nancy Hemphill & Cindy Ripley

Summer/Autumn Newsletter is scheduled to come out around Thanksgiving. If you have stories or photos you would like to share, please send them to diane@artillusstudio.com



'Wading Pool' —John Zacker

Flying Pond Photo Gallery



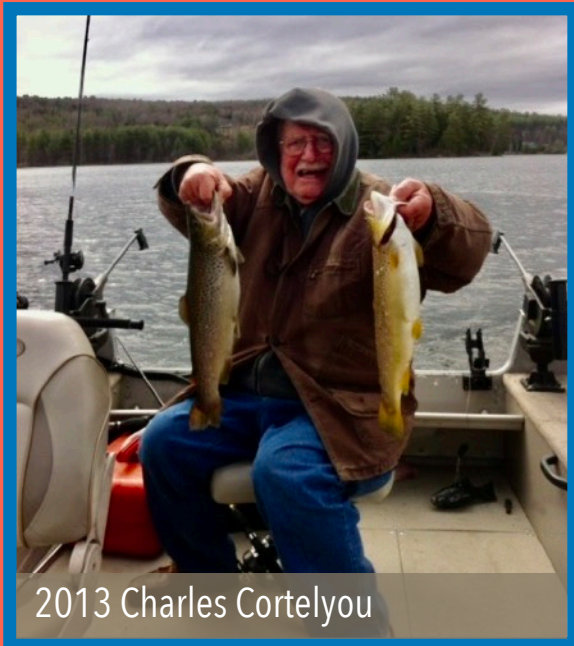
'Lonely Lady' -Tammy Dungan



"Memorial Day weekend felt more like the 4th of July with boaters, skiers, tubers and 84 degrees." -Kathy Schwab

Old Timers Catching Spring Fish

--Gary Cortelyou



2013 Charles Cortelyou

Charles catches two twenty inch brown trout.



2008 Mac MacNulty

Mac MacNulty lived down the narrows and trolled almost every day in his little green boat.