

# Watson Pond Lake Management Committee August 1, 2012

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*Next Meeting*  
*Sunday Sept. 2, 2012*  
*11 a.m. on West Beach*

**WPA Pig Roast**

To be announced

Watson Pond Website  
[www.watsonpondassociation.org](http://www.watsonpondassociation.org)

## **POND MANAGEMENT ALERT!!!!**

### **We need help from everyone NOW with hand pulling and monitoring the pond.**

The Drengas, Bridges, Dunjas have already been working hard at hand pulling the seed producing weeds, but we need everyone possible to help out by going out in their boats, or going into the water to monitor and help with hand pulling.

**White lily flowers** are easy and it isn't necessary to pull out the entire lily pads, just the flowers, unless they want to, go right ahead.

**Broad leaf pond weed**, their seeds pop out of the water and looks like a baby corncob. They can just take off the corncob portion and remove it from the water or it is just as easy to take the entire plant out seeds and all. They can make a pile on shore away from the water, throw it in the woods or let it dry out and put it right in the trash. If they make a pile on shore and want it removed, Craig Drenga will gladly come with his boat and take it away. Call his house or stop by. 269-4919.

**Bladderwort**, there is some starting but its not bad yet. The seeds for them stick out of the water in little purple/pink flowers. We all need to look out for these and call me ASAP if any are spotted. I will get them either by hand or with my cutter. So even if somebody can't physically pull weeds they can at least keep an eye out for the bladderwort flowers. That's the most important seed to concur and I can only do so much monitoring.

Thank you to all those who attended the Con Com meeting, and to those who have so far been working at the hand pulling.

On July 23 Craig Drenga Alicia Dunaj, Al and Bev Bridges, and Mike Nikituk. attended a Conservation Committee meeting to discuss our long term lake management plan.

The Con. Com were appreciative of the mailings of the Lake Management minutes and educational materials forwarded to them by Suzanne Hughes. They were also impressed with our Lake Management meetings

**Website:**

Reminder: Please check our website, [www.watsonpondassociation.org](http://www.watsonpondassociation.org) for reports, minutes, updates, etc

### **Septic Tanks**

**As part of our effort to ensure the long-term health and maintenance of our pond, all residents are urged to have their septic systems pumped.** Following is a list of local services that have been previously used by residents. Please take the time to read the previously sent and distributed educational material on the topic of the importance of septic system pumping.

**Please pump your septic systems every one or two years.  
It is very important to the health of our pond!**

Mount Everett Landscaping and Excavation	413-429-4236
C and S Septic Services Westfield	413-568-6651
Bruce Cooper, Blandford	413-568-3164
Ketchen Pumping and Excavation	413-243-3023
Chuck Lafond, Chester	413-667-3386
Horkan Septic Tank Services, Southwick	413-569-3778