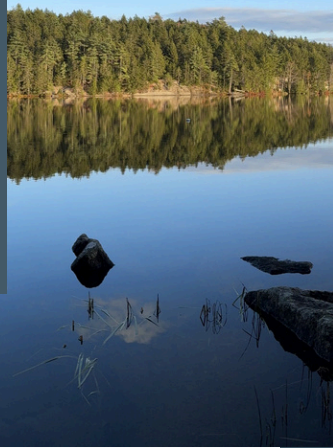


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HARRIMAN POND NEWSLETTER



Hello, Harriman Pond Neighbors!

Winter & spring updates and news

Happy spring! We are excited to see signs of spring and summer already appearing around Harriman Pond - from ice out to loons arriving, and Harriman Pond neighbors getting camps and homes ready for the season.

During the winter, Harriman Pond Lake Association (HPLA) met about once per month to hear updates and work toward the final steps of establishing the Association as a non-profit in Federal and State filings - and we are pleased to report that we have completed that process! As you'll read on page two, that allows us to receive financial support to continue to advance our mission, share news, and host our annual gathering - which will be August 8th this year.

Looking forward to seeing you this summer on the pond!
And, reach out if you want to join the monthly meetings.



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HPLA mission: To work with landowners around the pond to protect and improve the water quality of the pond and watershed through education, action, and preservation while respecting the interests of property owners and providing the opportunity for fellowship among association members.

HPLA leadership:

Hans Kersten, President
Denise Goodwin, Treasurer
Sarah Nelson, Secretary

Directors:

Carl Goodwin
Cathy Anderson
Mike Strang

Join in! Send an email with
your interest:

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Open water!
Photo courtesy K. Benson



HPLA is now a non-profit

Now that we have filed the appropriate paperwork with the State of Maine and Federal governments, we are excited to report that Harriman Pond Lake Association is a registered 501(c)3 organization. This means that we are able to receive donations and are eligible for some grants.

To date, we have been operating using personal funds of the officers and directors as we worked toward building relationships with neighbors and establishing the Association. Now we would like to ask for your partnership in supporting the water quality monitoring, annual gathering, and communications such as the web site and this newsletter. Opting in is voluntary; all neighbors on the pond can join meetings and will always receive this newsletter. Here are the levels of support for each camp (not per person):

- Pollywog (Standard): \$30
- Rainbow smelt: \$50
- Trout: \$100
- Loon: \$200
- Great blue heron: \$500
- Eagle: \$1,000

**If you'd like to make a donation, please send a check made out to Harriman Pond Lake Association and mail it to our treasurer, Denise Goodwin, at:
64 Walpole Meeting House Rd.
Walpole, ME 04573**

Save the date! August 8, 2026

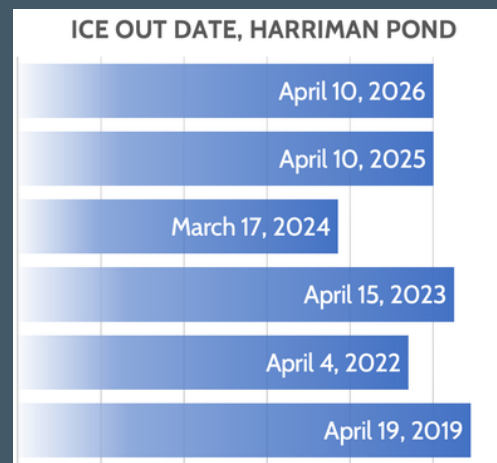


Our FOURTH Harriman Pond Neighbors Gathering will be August 8, at the Nelson/Johnson camp on Harriman Pond Lane. Details to follow closer to the date. Expect good food, stories about the lake, an informal tour of work that was done under the last 319 grant, and updates about what's happening in 2026. Plus, a new batch of stickers and opportunity to order t-shirts for folks who missed out. We hope to see you there!

If you have questions, or ideas to share about the upcoming gathering, please reach out:
harrimanpondmaine @gmail.com

Ice out!

This year, despite some cold conditions during winter, ice went out on April 10, around the usual time. Across Maine, lakes with decades of ice data are showing earlier ice-out trends in most lakes. Our record is building, but not long enough yet to show any patterns.



Plenty of ice and snow on the pond this winter. Photo: M. Strang.