

## **Friends of Indian Pond - Fall 2024 Update**

To the Crescent Beach Community from Joe Casey and Diane McAndrews & Friends of Indian Pond:

The pond has made good progress, thanks to the professional guidance of The Pond and Lake Connection and the donations of generous neighbors. As reported earlier, the second annual stone skipping contest brought in nearly \$700 which defrayed the cost of maintaining the fountain. Another stone skipping contest will be planned for next season.

The Friends of Indian Pond have completed the first two years of a 3-year program designed by the Pond and Lake Connection to restore the pond. After next year, native species will replace the invasive Phragmites around the pond. We would like to thank the CB community for their financial and enthusiastic support. Below is a short history of the Indian Pond restoration.

August 2021 neighbors talk to neighbors about a restoration plan

April 2022 property owners and neighbors agree on two year plan

### **The two year plan's summation:**

- A) eliminate the Phragmites with permits from DEEP
- B) aerating the pond with the fountain
- C) cutting the Phragmites to allow walkers to see the pond and let the wind breeze over the surface
- D) bring Swans to the pond to keep the geese excrement out of the pond

*October 2024 past goals met and will be maintained*

### **The Next Two years**

- 1) plant hearty pollinator perennials that bring birds and bees
- 2) install a fresh water misting system to help the plants and flowers
- 3) install bat houses and birdhouses
- 4) continue the stone skipping contest as a fundraiser for the pond
- 5) create memorial opportunities to plant raspberry, blueberry and blackberry bushes.

The pond is a salt pond (saltwater enters the pond) and the pond has 26 storm drains that drain fresh water into the pond

The pond is one acre

The pond is 4 feet deep

The pond has blue crabs and small fish in it

The pond has ducks, swans, cormorants, snow egrets, blue-herons and red winged blackbirds.

To date, 25 donations have been collected and approximately \$2400 has been raised to assist with the goals of the Restoration Project. For additional information or to make a donation, contact Joe Casey [josephmcasey7@gmail.com](mailto:josephmcasey7@gmail.com) or Diane McAndrews [mcandrews.diane@gmail.com](mailto:mcandrews.diane@gmail.com).