



### Spring 2012

- New Logo is selected at the 2011 Annual Meeting – thanks to the College of St Rose.
- DGS completes work on the path on the New Scotland side of the pond.
- April 29 Spring Clean Up brings out 30+ volunteers of all ages to ready the pond for the summer.
- Albany Water Department makes significant improvements at the pond: a new fire hydrant and removing the ugly inflow pipe that used to impact the beauty of our pond. (This was one of our first requests to the City back in 2009!)
- DGS implements our suggested “No Mow Zone” at the Euclid end of the pond.

### Summer 2012

- DGS makes many improvements at the pond at our request: adding a Water Fountain using plumbing the water department provided in the Spring; improving the path from the parking lot to the playground, replacing the broken and scratched Plexiglas on the interpretive signs; adding new garbage and recycling cans.
- Sixteen volunteers worked together to sample the Pond’s water eight times, samples go to NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) for assessment.
- DGS installs three brand new aeration fountains to replace those damaged by Irene.
- Continued work on loosestrife and begin efforts on Phragmites removal and cattail planting.

### Fall 2012

- Incredibly successful “Ice Cream Social” draws out over 250 attendees to enjoy the pond. Nature tours, how to fish clinic and turtle exhibit add to the event which again features music from The Music Mobile’s Ruth Pelham. Co-sponsored by City of Albany and Stewart Shops.
- October 21<sup>st</sup> Clean Up brings out 20+ volunteers to clean up trash, and plant bulbs
- Begin installing Storm Drain Medallions to help educate our neighbors about how our pond is impacted by the City sewer system
- DGS provides new, much larger shed for Jack & Carl. A riding mower is planned for Spring.

### Winter 2012-2013

- Wonderful skating party with 250+ people enjoying the pond. Amazing volunteers cleared the ice by hand. First newspaper mention - photo of the event in the Schenectady Gazette. Donations from HessExpress and Dunkin’ Donuts and cosponsoring by the City.
- Confirmation that our request from May 2011 for a pair of Stop Signs on Berksire at Colonial will be granted sometime Spring 2013.

### Throughout

- Facebook “likes” and email list subscribers are both over 250.