



Dear Belgrade Lakes Supporter,

February 15, 2019

There are many good reasons to be a member of the Belgrade lakes Association. The first, and most important, is that the BLA is working every day to keep our lakes and surrounding land clean and beautiful for you and your family to use and enjoy. Since we are a volunteer organization, all your donated funds go to the programs the BLA leads or financially supports such as STOP MILFOIL, the Great Pond Survey, phosphorus remediation, LakeSmart, Courtesy Boat Inspectors, Youth Conservation Corps, land acquisition and trail maintenance.

The second good reason to belong to the BLA is to maintain your property value. If our lakes become overrun with milfoil or turn green with algae blooms, not only will our enjoyment be greatly diminished, but they will also be less attractive to vacationers and renters. Historical data suggests these types of events could cause our property values to drop by 15% to 30%. Again, the BLA is working to protect our lakes and lands so this never happens.

Every successful organization needs to grow. Last year the Belgrade Lakes Association added 79 new members to its ranks and was very successful advancing our mission of "protecting and improving the watershed of Great Pond and Long Pond through preservation, education and action." We want to challenge you to not only renew your own membership but to help us sign up new members. They can be your children and grandchildren ...our future lake stewards ... your lake neighbors, road association members, friends who visit, renters or fishing and golfing buddies. Anyone who loves the lake.

We are continuing our Membership Challenge!

Anyone who brings in 3 new memberships in 2019 will receive a BLA umbrella. These are not for sale and there is only one way to "earn" one. Just make sure your name is on their completed enrollment form and we will do the record keeping. And please don't forget to renew your own membership.

Thanks so much for your continued support. Without you there would be no BLA. Spring will be here in six short weeks and we will see you very soon back on the lake.

Carol Johnson

Membership Co-Chairs

Gail Rizzo

