

Announcement from Friends of Leverett Pond (FLP):

On **Tuesday, June 26, 2018**, an aquatic herbicide application along selected near-shore areas and the town right-of-way will control invasive bladderwort, milfoil, and curly-leaf pond weed in Leverett Pond. A total area of 8 acres out of approximately 100 acres will be treated. Funded by the FLP, the treatment is conducted under permit from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP 200-0166), reviewed by the Leverett Conservation Commission, and licensed by the DEP Bureau of Resource Protection LTAC#18227. The application will be conducted by SOLitude Lake Management, Inc. (formerly Aquatic Control Technology) of Southbridge, MA, a state-licensed applicator. Bright orange signs will be posted well in advance at the right-of-way, lawns, roads and other conspicuous places notifying the public to **avoid pond use for swimming, fishing, boating and pet use for a period of 24-48 hours. Please avoid using the Pond for most activities on Tuesday and Wednesday (June 26-27)**. There is no formal restriction for small pets, but FLP recommends avoidance Tuesday and Wednesday anyway, and livestock should not use the Pond until June 28. In mid-July (tentatively July 26), the treatment will be followed by mechanical root removal using a hydro-rake. These activities are consistent with an ongoing environmental management plan, and FLP's Integrated Pest Management Program for the Pond. Anyone with questions may contact Mitchell Mulholland (413-548-9161) or by E-Mail: mulhollandmt35cm@gmail.com.