

## ***Parkland Stewardship Council Update May 4, 2005***

### ***On going Vandalism at Bridgewater's Parks***

Our Lead Stewards as well as our groups of volunteers give countless hours of their time to our parks so that the residents of the Town of Bridgewater can enjoy them.

This is an update to the residents of Bridgewater to alert them to the on-going vandalism at Bridgewater Parks.

### ***Titicut***

The NRTB had generously contributed fire rings for anyone utilizing the Titicut Park to enjoy. This month one of the fire rings was stolen. These fire rings are town property not for personal use.

### ***Carvers Pond***

The teachers and students at Mitchell Elementary School very generously gave their time to put up a display case. The display case was damaged last month. Someone took a heavy object and smashed the plexiglass cover. There is now a 6-inch hole in what once was a beautiful display case.

Alcohol beverages are NOT ALLOWED at any of Bridgewater's Parks. Bottles are being smashed and cans left behind. If you are having a picnic at Carvers Pond please bring your trash and bottles home with you as the Town of Bridgewater does not have trash pick-up at any of our parks.

Trees on town owned property are being cut down and used for campfires. Fires are being lit next to leaf piles in wooded areas. This is an accident waiting to happen. Bottles, trash and even toilet paper are being left behind. A chosen few are ruining what used to be one of Bridgewater's most beautiful parks.

### ***Future Plans for Carvers:***

Scout Day at Carvers Pond: All Boy Scout and Girl Scout Troups are invited to spend the day at Carvers Pond to help with clean up. The day will end with a campout and bonfire for everyone to enjoy.

Dr. Kevin Curry will lead a group of students investigating insects found at Carvers.

Maura Chappelle, Lead Steward of Carvers Pond is working with Fawn Sances of the NRTB to set up a meeting of those who live in the Carvers Pond area to coordinate a "Friends of Carvers Pond" group.

The next meeting of the Parkland Stewardship Council is on Wednesday August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7PM in the EOC of the Academy Building.