



With the Tide



Friends of Lynn & Nahant Beach

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DCR Commissioner Attends Annual Meeting

Newly appointed DCR Commissioner Edward Lambert spoke at the April 13th Annual Meeting of the Friends of Lynn and Nahant Beach. Friends President Bob Tucker told the Commissioner of the excellent relationship and partnership the Friends has with the DCR and praised the local DCR staff for doing an outstanding job for Lynn and Nahant beaches.



Commissioner Lambert

Commissioner Lambert acknowledged the special partnership we have with the DCR and pledged to continue the excellent working relationship between the Friends and DCR. The Commissioner said that DCR has faced significant budget reductions since 2009, losing over 170 positions resulting in a 25% reduction in funding. This year, funding is being reduced again which will result in further staff reductions.

Despite the funding reductions, Commissioner Lambert said that Lynn and Nahant beaches full time staff will remain the same but part time summer help may be reduced. He announced that a three year landscaping contract will be approved for our beach reservation and he committed to a full fledged algae removal program. Staffing and equipment will be properly assigned to continue removing the algae. DCR will continue to provide assistance for the Friends Summer Concert Series.

Needless to say, we are very pleased with Commissioner Lambert's decision to continue full staffing for Lynn and Nahant beaches and to go forward with the landscaping services and algae removal program. We look forward to working with Commissioner Lambert and his staff in maintaining the preservation of our beaches in these difficult economic times.

Also, at the Annual Meeting, elections were held for three seats on the Board of Directors. Long-time member and Vice President Jerry Caron did not run for re-election; Michael Celona was elected to take his place- big shoes to fill! Perry Weschler was re-elected to the board and Tiffany Bevis was elected to fill a vacancy.

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Summer Concert Series Begins July 3rd

The Friends Annual Summer Concert Series is right around the corner. As in the past, our opening concert will be on the evening of July 3rd starting at 7PM. This year, we are co-sponsoring with the City of Lynn the fireworks display that begins after the concert. The concerts themselves are being co-sponsored by the Daily Item of Lynn. Similar to last year, the Item will run a story about each individual band on the Thursday in which they perform. They will also have an ad on their website. To see the ad, purchase the paper on Thursdays during the concert season or visit www.itemlive.com.



We have received two large grants that will help cover the costs of the concerts. Lynn Arts awarded us \$2,000 as part of the Massachusetts Cultural Council funding. Save The Harbor/Save The Bay awarded us \$3,500 as part of their support for area ocean groups and in recognition of the money we raised during the Cupid Swim on April 1st. The Friends were one of three groups to receive this amount, which was the highest given.

Kids Day July 30th

The Second Annual Kids Day will be held on Saturday, July 30th from 12-3PM. Due to the large turnout last year, we are adding extra activities and the time for them. The entire schedule is on page 4, but activities from 12-2PM will include:

- Face painters
- Balloon artists
- Marine animal touch tanks
- Arts and Crafts
- Origami

At 2PM, the Toe Jam Puppet Band will perform an environmentally-themed show.

Admission is free. The Friends will be selling light refreshments. The day will be cancelled in the event of inclement weather. If the forecast looks questionable, call 781-346-9123 for updated information. Special thanks to the Daily Item of Lynn for their assistance.

Rotary Planting A Success

On May 14th, members of the Friends along with DCR helped to plant dozens of native perennials and shrubs at the traffic island on Lynn Shore Drive adjacent to the Nahant Rotary. DCR Beach Manager Steve Cyr, who has a degree in landscape design, selected the plants to be purchased and designed the layout for the plant beds. The Friends covered the cost of the plants. Thanks to all who showed up and helped.



WITH THE TIDE NEWSLETTER

Please let us know what you think of the newsletter. Also, would you like to receive future issues via email? Please send comments to Michael at michaelcelona@yahoo.com or 978 835 7724.



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2011 RED ROCK PARK SUMMER CONCERT SCHEDULE

- July 3*: Lois Lane & The Daily Planets
- July 7: Curragh's Fancy
- July 14: Mary Beth Maes Band
- July 21: The Classmates
- July 28: Brian Maes Band
- July 30**: Toe Jam Puppet Band (*Kid's Concert*)
- Aug 4: 12:01 Blues Band
- Aug 11: White Lightnin'
- Aug 18: Shuffle Mode
- Aug 25: Rain Date (*if needed*)

*all concerts are from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm except for July 3, which starts at 7 pm followed by the Lynn Fireworks at 9 pm

** Activities from 12-2, Toe Jam Puppet Band will play from 2-3

Admission is FREE. Bring your own chairs and blankets. Refreshments, coffee, and Friends' attire will be available for purchase.

For concert information and updates, call 781-346-9123

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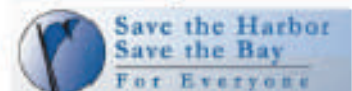


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Join us at Red Rock Park on Saturday, July 30th
For our second annual Children's Concert and "Day at the Park"

Featuring:



www.toejampuppetband.com

Activities start at 12PM & band plays from 2-3PM.
Activities include:

- Northeastern University Marine Science Center's Traveling Aquarium
- Save The Harbor/Save The Bay Touch Tank
- Balloon Animals & Face Painting
- Arts and Crafts
- Reps from Lynn Police & The Daily Item of Lynn

Admission is FREE. Bring your own chairs and blankets.
Light refreshments will be available for purchase.

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Native American Lore

Dear Friends,

For a change of pace, this issue's Nature Notes is dedicated to the *Massachusetts* Indians, the original inhabitants of the Lynn/Nahant Beach area. In early Colonial Times, c. 1620, an estimated 800 *Massachusetts* Indians lived in seasonal coastal settlements in greater Boston. The *Massachusetts*, like the neighboring *Wampanoag* and *Pawtucket*s, were a sub-group of the Algonquian family of peoples. Their leader was the Great Sachem *Nanepashemet* (the "New Moon"). His wife was known as the "Squaw Sachem"; her Indian name was not recorded.

The region between Boston (*Shawmut*) and Salem (*Naumkeag*) was called *Saugus* ("extended"). This name may have referred to the great salt marshes that once extended between Boston and Salem. Saugus was in the charge of *Nanepashemet's* son *Montowompate* (called "Sagamore James" by the colonists). *Montowompate* was thought to occupy a semi-permanent settlement on the hill near the present day intersection of Sachem, Newhall and Sagamore streets in Lynn. *Montowompate's* son *Poquamun* was the Sachem of the coastal strip between Nahant and Swampscott. The colonists called him "Black Will" or "Duke Williams".

Poquamun, like all the *Massachusetts*, moved with the seasons. Spring found them on the coast gathering shellfish and fishing. Summer was spent sowing fields of corn and squash. Fall was dedicated to the harvest. Winter saw them move to inland camps for deer and turkey hunting. *Poquamun's* spring settlement was located on the present day site of Anthony's Pier 4 Restaurant in Swampscott. This spot is still known as "Black Will's Cliff". The word Swampscott itself is derived from the Algonquian phrase *M'squompskut* meaning "of the red rock". *Poquamun* sold the islands of Nahant to colonist Thomas Dexter for a suit of clothes. The name Nahant is thought to derive from the Algonquian word *nahateau* meaning "twin" and describes Big and Little Nahant islands. Nahant was highly coveted pastureland; a fence could be built across the causeway (then a sandbar) to prevent wolves from attacking grazing livestock.

Sadly, the arrival of the colonists accelerated the extinction of the *Massachusetts* and their way of life. The *Massachusetts* were already experiencing a decline brought on by epidemics and protracted warfare with competing tribes. The colonists displaced the *Massachusetts* from their seasonal cycles and favored hunting grounds. Introduced diseases like small pox ravaged colonists and natives alike, but the *Massachusetts* populations were never able to recover. By 1776, the *Massachusetts* had largely disappeared.

Nanepashemet was killed during an attack by the Maine based *Tarratine* tribe on his stronghold in present day Medford. Squaw Sachem ably ruled in his stead. *Poquamun* also came to a bad end. Seized and imprisoned by colonists while on a fishing expedition in Maine, he was tried and executed for crimes committed by other Indians. *Montowompate* succumbed to small pox in 1633. Although the *Massachusetts* are no more, their spirit lives on in the love present day residents have of the sea and shore and by the place names they bequeathed on their sacred lands.

Note: Be sure to visit the "Sharks and Seashells" table at the Kid's Concert on July 30, 2011. Youngsters can handle local marine animals and partake in arts and crafts activities. We look forward to seeing you then!

Membership Drive Update

As you may know, this year we are conducting a membership drive to increase the strength of our organization. Many people have benefited from the work of the Friends and have never contributed to the organization. There is strength in numbers, and in order to continue to have success, we need to continue to grow as an organization.

As of June 1st, we have added over thirty new members. We can and must do more. We all know of neighbors and friends who enjoy the concerts, the beaches, and the parks, and are not members. Please talk to them about what we have helped accomplish in only the past several years: new Nahant Beach Bathhouse, refurbished Ward Bathhouse, re-building of Nahant Causeway, continued removal of algae and associated odor, re-painted railings and lamp posts along seawall, installation of four interpretive signs, planting of hundreds of shrubs and flowers at the Nahant Rotary and along Lynn Shore Drive, and increasingly successful concerts each summer.

And as an added incentive, the person who gets the most people to join will be awarded a \$100 gift certificate to the Tides Restaurant.

Membership Renewal

The Friends rely on the generous support of its members for the financial support of the organization. Our membership continues to grow as the Friends become more involved with other community groups, and we continue to be vocal advocates for Lynn and Nahant Beaches.

Membership dues help pay for the Summer Concert Series, publication and printing of the newsletter, Friends T-shirts, sweatshirts and hats, stationery, envelopes, postage, refreshments for volunteers at the beach clean-ups and the Friends contribution towards matching grants for special projects.

We want to thank all members for renewing their 2011 membership and welcome all of our new members. The Friends need your continued financial and volunteer support so our organization can continue to be a strong advocate for our beaches.

Membership in the Friends of Lynn & Nahant Beach

_____ Yes, I would like to join or renew my membership in the Friends of Lynn & Nahant Beach.

Membership entitles you to:

- An invitation to exclusive programs and special events
- Periodic updates on our progress and the condition of the Beaches
- The satisfaction of knowing that you are acting locally to impact the environment in a positive way.

Membership

___ Student/Senior: \$15 ___ Individual: \$25

___ Family: \$50 ___ Corporate: \$100

___ Sponsor: \$200

I am already a member. Please accept my gift of \$_____.

Name: _____

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