



With The Tide



Friends of Lynn & Nahant Beach

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Friends Receive Grants to Support Concerts

This year, the Friends received two grants to support the Summer Concert Series.

On February 14th, the Massachusetts Cultural Council and Lynn Arts announced that the Friends had been awarded a \$3,000 grant, the largest amount ever awarded to the Friends.

On May 2nd, Save the Harbor/Save the Bay announced that the Friends had been awarded a \$2,000 grant.

The Save the Harbor/Save the Bay grant was one of several awarded to area coastal environmental groups as part of their Better Beaches Small Grant Program. The Program received funding from The Boston Foundation and support from the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), National Grid, and Comcast Massachusetts.

On hand to accept the grant were Robert Tucker, President, and our newest Board member Anne Goldstein. Presenting the award were, from left to right and back row to front row: John Sutich of Comcast Massachusetts, Robert, Rick Sullivan, DCR Commissioner, Joe Newman of National Grid, Paul Grogan, President and CEO of The Boston Foundation, Patricia Foley, President of Save the Harbor/ Save the Bay, and Anne.



This is the fourteenth year the Friends have provided free outdoor summer concerts at Red Rock Park. The concerts are the largest event sponsored by the Friends. They are very well attended and have grown in popularity. If you would like to volunteer at one of the concerts, please call Bob Tucker at 781-595-2119.

While the money awarded from these two grants will help pay for this years concert series, it is unlikely that this level of funding will continue in the future. It is essential that members renew their memberships. Please see the related article on Page 6 and use the renewal form below it. Thank you!

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Park Serve Day A Huge Success

On Saturday, April 25, several dozen volunteers, including many Friends members, as well as DCR staff participated in Park Serve Day. The Board has had an ongoing discussion with DCR about the upkeep of the Nahant Rotary, specifically the four large flower beds. For a Park Serve Day project, DCR proposed planting perennials (plants that bloom year after year) in the beds. Ruth Helfeld, a DCR landscape architect, designed a layout for each of the flower beds, including what native plants to purchase and where they should be placed. Originally, the Friends and DCR were going to split the \$4000 cost of the plants, but DCR ended up providing full funding for the project. While many of us were busy digging holes and placing plants in the ground, other volunteers painted the war memorial cannon.

We would like to thank DCR for providing the layout, plants, and tools and Christopher's Café at 2 Lewis Street in Lynn (Route 1A) for providing delicious breakfast items and coffee. And thank you to all who volunteered. The weather, and the company, couldn't have been better!



Iron Ranger Arrives at Red Rock Park

Are you wondering what the white, cylinder-shaped object is that is now located near the entrance to Red Rock Park? It is an iron ranger. An iron ranger is a canister placed at many DCR facilities that is a receptacle for donations. People who are enjoying the park are free to leave money in the ranger. Any money collected goes directly to support the park at which it was donated. This is a great way for people who use the park to support it's upkeep. In the near future, we are going to work with DCR to have it painted. Stay tuned. And please spread the word that the ranger is hungry and looking for donations!

The Tides Fundraiser

On Monday, May 18th, the Friends held their spring fundraiser at the Tides Restaurant in Nahant. Thank you to all who came and enjoyed a delicious dinner and thanks to the Tides for continuing to provide a service to non-profit groups in the area.



WITH THE TIDE NEWSLETTER

Please let us know what you think of the newsletter. Also, would you like to receive future issues via email? This issue is dedicated to my newborn daughter, Lucia Patricia. Please send comments to Michael at michaelcelona@yahoo.com or 978 835 7724.

Summer Calendar

Events

Saturday, June 27– Beach Cleanup. 9-11AM. Meet at the Ward Bathhouse. Supplies and refreshments will be provided. Rain date: June 28. For more information, call Michael at 978 835 7724.

Wednesday, August 12– Membership meeting at the Diamond District Bed and Breakfast, 142 Ocean St. Lynn, 7PM.

Saturday, September 26– Meet Me Downtown Festival at Central Square in downtown Lynn from 12 to 5PM. The Friends will have a table and will be selling shirts, sweatshirts, and hats.

Concerts

Friday, July 3– Evening Concert featuring Squeeze Box Stompers and Fireworks at Red Rock Park. Concert from 7-9PM. Fireworks at 9PM.

Thursday, July 9– Concert at Red Rock Park featuring Mary Beth Maes Band.

Thursday, July 16– Concert at Red Rock Park featuring The Classmates.

Thursday, July 23– Concert at Red Rock Park featuring Curragh’s Fancy.

Thursday, July 30– Concert at Red Rock Park featuring Shuffle Mode.

Thursday, August 7– Concert at Red Rock Park featuring 12:01 Blues Band.

Thursday, August 14– Concert at Red Rock Park featuring Grupo Fantasia.

Thursday, August 21– Concert at Red Rock Park featuring White Lightnin’.

Concerts are from 6-8PM unless otherwise noted. Light refreshments available for purchase.

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In Memoriam: Gary Kaplan

On June 11th, the Friends lost a longtime member and volunteer when Gary Kaplan passed away. Gary lived in Lynn most of his life. He grew up in Lynn's Pine Hill neighborhood, then moved to the Diamond District in 1962 living on Ocean Park. He and his wife Judy briefly lived in Swampscott, then moved back to the Diamond District on Deer Cove Street in Lynn in 1993. He was a graduate of Lynn Classical High School and Harvard University.

Gary was very proud of his community and participated in several community organizations, including the Friends of Lynn and Nahant Beach and Congregation Ahabat Sholom on Ocean Street. Gary was an active member of the Friends participating in our beach clean ups, volunteering at the Summer Concert Series at Red Rock Park, regularly attending our membership meetings and fundraisers at the Tides.

Gary loved to visit other homes in the neighborhood, and enjoyed telling non-Lynners about the beautiful homes in the Diamond District. He particularly enjoyed the July Fourth fireworks on the beach.

After almost 6 years of recurring cancer, Gary finally succumbed on June 11, 2009. He will be sadly missed by all.

No Discharge Zone Declared for Area Waters

Effective March 18th, the Lower North Shore coastal waters (encompassing waters off the coast of Nahant, Swampscott, Lynn, Saugus, and Revere) became a No Discharge Area (NDA). This is a designation applied by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to marine waters where discharging of boat waste is no longer permitted. All commercial and recreational vessel sewage must be discharged to a pump-out facility or outside the Massachusetts three mile limit. Otherwise, discharge into coastal waters can result in fines of up to \$2,000. Similar no discharge zones exist in Salem Sound and Boston Harbor. Pump-out stations exist at the Seaport Landing Marina in Lynn and in Revere.

The NDA should result in cleaner water for those who recreate in the ocean and on the surrounding beaches. A big thanks to Nahant SWIM and it's president Polly Bradley for her work in pursuing the NDA. For our part, the Friends wrote a letter in support of this designation to EPA. A flyer about the NDA is on our website at www.lynn-nahantbeach.org.

Friends on Facebook and Twitter

The Friends are now on Facebook and Twitter. Board members Perry and Becky led this effort. Check it out and tell us what you think!

Joining the Friends on Facebook is easy. If you already have a Facebook account, you can search for our group by going to the Search tool (top/right of your home page), and typing in "Friends of Lynn & Nahant Beach". The group is open, so anyone can join, post pictures, and write on the Wall. If you do not have a Facebook account, it's easy and free to join: just go to www.facebook.com to sign up.

To follow the Friends of Lynn and Nahant Beach on Twitter, log in to your Twitter account and find us at www.twitter.com/FOLNB. Once you're there, click the "Follow" button under the picture on the top left of the page. IF you don't have a Twitter account, creating one is easy, just go to www.twitter.com and click the "Getting Started-Join" button in the middle of the page. You'll be on in no time.

In addition, we continue to update our website at www.lynn-nahantbeach.org.

Friends Shell Guide will be Ready for the Summer Season

Dear Friends, the prototype Seashell Guide circulated among the attendees at the February meeting is just about ready for production and will be available for sale to the general public at the Concert Series and other venues this summer. Members can get copies of the slides for **free** to make their own guide by sending me an e-mail or snail mail request at the addresses provided below. Some folks have already taken advantage of this opportunity and I hope you'll do the same. The front slide will have the picture seen below. The rear slide will have explanatory text that identifies the shells. Upon receiving the slides, print them out and bring them to a Staples or Kinko's store. Place them back-to-back and have the clerk run them through the laminating machine. This generally costs less than \$1.50. The result will be a waterproof seashell guide that you can throw into your beach bag before hitting the shore.

To get your free copies of the slides, send me an e-mail at tjandteresac@hotmail.com or drop me a line at T.J. Cullinane, 94 Goodhue Road, Derry, NH 03038. I wish everyone good shelling this summer. Make sure you bring your best finds to the bi-monthly meetings to share with the Friends. All the best – T.J.

 **Friends of Lynn and Nahant Beach Area Shell** 



Membership Renewal Time

It is that time of year again when our yearly membership fees are due. 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 2008 membership and welcome all of those who joined in 2008. The Friends need your continued financial and volunteer support to make our organization better and stronger in 2009.

Below is a membership renewal form for 2009. Thank you for your continued support of the Friends of Lynn and Nahant Beach.

Please Recycle this Newsletter

Know of a friend or neighbor who may be interested in joining the Friends? Consider passing this newsletter on to them after you have finished reading it. We have gained several new members from neighbors and friends talking to each other. When they ask why the beach looks so much better, who got the wonderful interpretive signs installed, or who runs the popular summer concert series, tell them that as a member of the Friends, YOU have been instrumental in making these things happen, and as a member, they can be, too.

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.

Name: _____

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.

Address:

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Membership

___ Student/Senior: \$15

___ Individual: \$25

___ Family: \$50

___ Corporate: \$100

___ Sponsor: \$200

Mail To:

Membership

Friends of Lynn & Nahant Beach

P.O. Box 2264

Lynn, MA 01903

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