



With the Tide



Photo Credit: Perry Wechsler

Dear Friend:

After a two year hiatus the Red Rock Park Summer Concerts are back. Our first concert is on July 3 from 7-9 pm with Lois Lane & The Daily Planets followed by the Lynn Fireworks at 9 PM. The concert schedule is on page 2.

Many thanks to Save the Harbor/Save the Bay for awarding the Friends a \$3,000 grant for the Summer Concert Series.

Thanks to former State Representative Lori Ehrlich and Senator Brendan Crighton for successfully getting \$105,000 in earmarks funds for DCR that will be used for algae removal, new beach benches, and trash receptacles.

The Friends continued our commitment to educational programs by contributing \$500 to Lynn Classical High School for buses so students would be able to go on a Whale Watch.

The Friends contributed \$1,000 for additional flowers along Lynn Beach Reservation. DCR matched it with another \$1,000. This will add some beauty to our beach and shoreline.

We are in the process of redesigning the Friends website. You will soon be able to renew your yearly membership online. A big thank you to Friends member Pam Poppe for working on this project.

The Friends are pleased to announce that Valerie Vong will be interning with us for part of the summer as part of her degree program at Clark University. Valerie's projects will include developing better communications strategies for informing people about the water quality at King's Beach. She'll be collecting information about peoples current understanding of the water quality through in-person and online surveys and proposing new strategies such as signage, flags and social media postings.

Thank you for your continued support of the Friends as we keep our focus keeping Lynn and Nahant Beach Reservations well managed and laser focused on improving the water quality at King's Beach.

Best Regards,
Robert Tucker, FLNB President



Concert Updates:



2022 RED ROCK PARK SUMMER ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE

July 3*: Lois Lane & the Daily Planets

July 14: 5th Gear

July 21: Shuffle Mode

July 28: All That 90's

Aug 4: Richie "Rich" & 24 Karat Funk

Aug 11: White Lightnin'

Aug 18: 12:01 Blues Band

Aug 19: **Movie Night: Encanto**

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All concerts are from 6:00 pm to 8:00pm

* July 3rd concert is 7:00pm to 9:00pm *

** Aug 19th movie starts at 8:00pm **

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King's Beach Water Quality Scores Poorly

Save the Harbor/Save the Bay released their 2021 Water Quality Report Card for Boston-area beaches and King's Beach scored second to last— behind only Tenean Beach in Boston which is mostly a mud flat. There are two issues going on at King's Beach. The first issue is constant contamination coming from two outfall pipes. The other issue is occasional massive contamination coming from the Lynn outfall pipe during heavy rainstorms.



King's Beach water would be great and safe except for the two outfall pipes. One pipe (left-side if facing them) carries water from Lynn containing a mix of rainwater, groundwater (entering from broken pipes), pond water (Floating Bridge Pond and others), and sewage from homes and businesses that long ago connected to the pipe. It is expensive and difficult to find these connections and unfortunately leadership at the Lynn Water & Sewer Commission has been basely blaming racoons and dogs for the problem for years. It wasn't until this past fall when the US Environmental Protection Agency and US Department of Justice sent the Commission a letter demanding that they identify and fix the issue that the Commission acted. They have hired an environmental consulting firm to exam the issue and propose a schedule for fixing it. Unfortunately, any fix is likely years away.

The other pipe (right side if facing them) carries water from Swampscott. This is a mix of rainwater, groundwater, and sewage. USEPA has also ordered Swampscott to fix this and they are working at it. The sewage pipes have collapsed into the stormwater pipes and comes onto the beach. It is expensive and also going to take time.

A separate but related issue- during periods of heavy rainfall, the sewer system (which is still connected to the stormwater system) *has* to release raw sewage onto King's Beach, Lynn Harbor, and Saugus River. The alternative is to have this backup into peoples homes or flood the sewage treatment plant.

In both cases- constant contamination and massive contamination, not enough is done to warn residents and visitors.

During the winter, the Swampscott Conservancy hosted a webinar titled Healing King's Beach. Several speakers, including Senator Brendan Crighton, Chris Mancini (Save the Harbor/Save the Bay Executive Director), and Michael Celona (VP of the Friends) spoke about issues at the beach and ongoing work to address it. Over 80 people attended and many participated in the discussion portion of the webinar. A recording of the webinar can be found here: <https://youtu.be/c-Srn8b6y70> or by googling "Healing King's Beach".

A very special Thank You to the Conservancy for organizing and hosting the webinar. Information about the Conservancy can be found here: www.swampscottconservancy.org

For King's Beach remember:

- Don't go in the water coming out of the pipes
- Don't swim in the ocean near the pipes
- Don't swim at King's Beach during or after a rainstorm (wait a day)- luckily the strong current flushes the dirty water out

Mayor Nicholson Speaks at Friends April Meeting

On April 13th, the Friends held their annual meeting via Zoom and Lynn Mayor Jared Nicholson was our guest speaker. Other special attendees included Lynn City Councilors Richard Colucci and Coco Alisung, Save the Harbor/Save the Bay Executive Director Chris Mancini, and two candidates running to represent the seat that former State Representative Lori Ehrlich held— Jenny Armini and Tristan Smith.

Mayor Nicholson covered a lot of ground in his remarks. Most importantly, he continues to prioritize addressing the ongoing water quality issues at King's Beach. He has had conversations with the key players, including the Lynn Water & Sewer Commission, the town of Swampscott, and environmental consultants. He couldn't estimate when we might see improvements in the water quality but asked everyone to continue to be active on the issue.

Friends Participate in Shamrock Splash



Shamrock Splash is a major fundraiser for our partner Save the Harbor/Save the Bay, and as in recent years, Friends VP Michael Celona has participated in the event. This year, he raised over \$800 and “splashed” at Nahant Beach in late March. Unfortunately for him, the tide was low so he had to walk way out into the water.

However, he wasn't alone in the water as there were a number of surfers in wet suits riding the waves. He looks forward to another Friends member leading the charge next year into the ocean. Look how inviting it was on the day he went in!



Arts Festival at Goldfish Pond on July 23rd

The Goldfish Pond Committee will be holding an arts festival on July 23rd at Goldfish Pond. The Friends had been planning to hold an arts event on the same day at Red Rock Park. We had applied and received two cultural grants to help support the event. However, due to difficulties with receiving a DCR permit and the significant expected costs for DCR staffing and state police details, plus the great work the Committee had already done for their event, the Friends decided to not hold an arts event this year. Instead, we are helping the Committee with their event. TJ Cullinane will be hosting an educational table during the festival and the Friends are funding a hula hoop artist to entertain the kids.

We look forward to a great festival at Goldfish Pond on July 23rd and will be thinking about how to create something similar at Red Rock Park in 2023.

Nature Notes by T.J. Cullinane



A Fin Whale, *Balaenoptera physalus*, sighted 14 miles off of Lynn on May 14, 2022, onboard the *Hurricane II* out of Gloucester. Photo by T.J. Cullinane

Dear Friends,

According to GPS, the *Hurricane II* whale watching boat was 14 miles off the coast of Lynn when this huge fin whale was sighted in the waters of the Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary. The grace, beauty and sheer power of the second largest animal on earth after the Blue Whale is quite evident in the photo. I was very proud this spring when the FOLNB provided funds to help defray the costs of sending a group of students from Lynn Classical on a whale watch. It will be an experience many of these students will never forget!

If you're looking for nature adventures closer to home, I would highly recommend downloading the iNaturalist APP onto your mobile. This very simple APP sponsored in part by **National Geographic** allows everyday people to become citizen scientists. Simply photograph whatever nature you encounter in your day to day activities and start posting away. Not sure of what you're seeing? The APP provides any number of recommendations. When your sighting is verified by another user, it becomes "research grade" and available to citizens and scientists the world over. Fun, simple and free, it's a great activity for the kids. Back in 2020, I started to post photos of the moths that come to my porch light. As of this writing I've spotted 230 different species. What are you waiting for start? Start contributing today!



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- The satisfaction of knowing that you are acting locally to impact the environment in a positive way.

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