



# With the Tide

Friends of Lynn & Nahant Beach



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## A Report from the President

2008 was another successful year for the Friends of Lynn and Nahant Beach. Our membership continued to grow, and with that, our voice.

In April, Commissioner Sullivan introduced the DCR's new team assigned to the Lynn and Nahant Beaches. This team is composed of Nick Gove, Stephen Cyr, Brian Kelley and Christina Doctoroff. Our partnership with the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) is stronger than ever. We have an open line of communication with members of the DCR's team and share our thoughts and concerns regularly. DCR Commissioner Rick Sullivan attended and was a featured speaker at two Friends' meetings. The Commissioner and his team did a fantastic job keeping the beach clean and reasonably free from the algae that has plagued our area for years; the foul odor from the rotting algae was gone!

Also of note:

- We were featured on Fox 25 TV with a live interview at Red Rock Park (along with Commission Sullivan). We helped Lynn win the Fox 25 Zip Trip contest.
- Our Summer Concert Series had record attendance.
- We did our share of the maintenance, organizing three well-attended beach clean-ups during the 2008 season.
- The four Interpretive Signs and Wayside Sign were finally installed along Lynn Shore Reservation highlighting the history of Lynn Shore Drive, Lynn Beach Painters, Egg Rock and Red Rock.
- The Friends website was updated with a cleaner look and new information.
- The Nahant Causeway and Beach Renovation project proceeded on schedule.

Before the state economic crisis took hold, our state delegation of Senator Thomas McGee, State Representative Lori Ehrlich and State Representative Steve Walsh secured \$140,000 in earmark funding specifically for algae mitigation and beach maintenance. Due to the dire state of the economy, all earmark funding was cut from the DCR's budget. (continued)



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## A Report from the President (continued)

In conversations with Commissioner Sullivan, he assured us that algae control would remain a priority in 2009 regardless of the lost earmarks.

Notwithstanding the tough economic outlook for the Commonwealth in the near future, we will not retreat from the progress that we have made on our beaches. We will continue to fight for the swift removal of the algae, regular beach maintenance and the renewal of the private landscaping contract which has helped make the Lynn and Nahant beaches a jewel of the North Shore.

Now more than ever, we need your continued support and participation in the Friends. Your past support is the reason why we are the most active and largest Friends group in Massachusetts. Thank you all so much for your continued support.

All the best,

Robert F. Tucker

President

## Friends Join MA Forest and Park Friends Network

On October 25th, Board members Catherine Foley, Becky Suciu, and Michael Celona attended the first meeting of the Massachusetts Forest and Park Friends Network. The Network is made up of participating Friends groups across the state. Those in attendance represented over a dozen different Friends groups. It was interesting to hear the issues that other groups are confronting. We were the only Friends group that represented an area that one could fully traverse in under an hour. Some groups deal with issues such as illegal trail-making, illegal logging, and private development encroachment we've never had to confront. We know our beaches and parklands well because they are easily accessible. Some groups help to maintain thousands of acres of forests. This put our recurring algae problem in some perspective.



The attendees identified certain areas where we could share ideas and skills, and larger issues (funding, maintenance) on which we can work together. Conrad Crawford, the DCR Director of Partnerships, who has been to several of our Friends meetings, was in attendance and spoke about three areas where Friends and DCR need to improve collaboration: advocacy, maintenance, and educational program development. We agreed to meet again in the spring to discuss more fully our relationship with DCR. Stay tuned.

## With The Tide Newsletter

Please let us know what you think of our newsletter— what you like, what you don't like, what you would like to see, etc. Also, would you prefer to receive future issues via email? Please send comments to Michael at michaelcelona@yahoo.com or 978 835 7724.

## Friends Work on Issue of Litter

Friends of Lynn and Nahant Beach has partnered with Boston University's AdLab to create signage featuring an anti-litter message for the Reservation. AdLab is Boston University's full-service, student-run advertising agency, which provides creative services to not-for-profit organizations for a nominal fee.

The signs have a contemporary design and fresh color palette meant to capture the spirit of a carefree day at the beach. Their messaging gently, but authoritatively, reminds visitors to make use of the dozens of trash cans that line the walkways along the beaches of Lynn and Nahant.

The signs were created to be unobtrusive and add to – instead of detract from – the scenery and overall vibe of the Reservation. It is expected that they'll be installed in time for summer 2009.



## Upcoming Lectures

The Northeastern University Marine Science Center in Nahant announced two upcoming lectures. Light refreshments are served at 6:30 PM. Each lecture, which lasts about an hour, begins at 7:00 PM. The lectures are well-attended, so plan accordingly. The Center is wheelchair accessible. For additional information, visit [www.marinescience.neu.edu](http://www.marinescience.neu.edu) or call (781) 581-7370.

Tuesday, February 10th- "Polar Bear Populations, Climate Change, and the Endangered Species Act". Dr. Hal Caswell from the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute will discuss the controversy surrounding the listing of the polar bear as a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act and a subsequent study of polar bears in the Beaufort Sea in Alaska and Canada that helped to resolve the controversy.

Tuesday, March 24th- "Some Like It Hot, Some Like It Cold: Temperature and Life in the Ocean." Dr. Luke Miller from Northeastern University will discuss the impact of temperature on the organisms that inhabit the ocean.

## THANK YOU TO OUR MEMBERS

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<b>STUDENTS/SENIORS</b>	Ruth Devine	Leyla & Stuart Rosenthal
Mildred Alpert	Barbara Doyle	Louise & Peter Rossetti
Cynthia Baker-Martiniello	Martin & Rosalind Goldberg	Victoria Rossman
Thomas & Marget Belliveau	Mary Guptill	Judith Shea
Karen Berger	Richard Hennessey	Bernice Sommerstein
Jan Bonner	Judy & Gary Kaplan	Patricia Spirito
Walter Boverini	David Kay	Karly Stoia
C. Lawrence & Polly Bradley	Joanne Lambert	Joan Sullivan
Richard & Patricia Byrne	Alice Lao	Bernice Thaler
Jack Carr	Lucille Lombard	June & Dale Toth
Jessica Clarke	Philip McCarty	Adrain Vasile
Tara Cleary	Albert & Grace Nocella	Nancy Wilson
Marilyn Connors	Susan Paolo	Joel & Sandra Zigelbaum
Lorriane Coyne	Marguerite Puleo	Frank Zipper
Claire & John Curry	Edie Roland	
<b>INDIVIDUALS</b>	Gregory Farkas	Roberta Levy
Calvin Anderson	Jean Furey	Ann Marcou
Janet Van Amburg	Charles Gallo	Marlaine McLean
Edward Barry	Joanne Geary	Terrence McGinnis
Tiffany Bevis	Robert Goldman	Dean Paulus
Fred & Ginny Brown	Anne Goldstein	Susan Plawsky
Barbara L. Caristo	Darlene J. Goldstein	Paula Roberts
Richard Colucci	Maria Hamelers	Agnes & Alfred Ricko
Sharon Corbett	Dr. Laura Hanson	Edeltraud Schlafman
Paul Crowley	Stephen Harrington	Albert Tarmy
Thomas & Teresa Cullinan	Joanne Harvey	Joseph Taurus
Emilio & Cynthia Cuadra	Stephen Kehoe	Robert Tina
Jeanne Curley	Christina Kelley	Maureen Tucker
William & Catherine Deveney, Jr.	Marie Kiley	Nancy Reid Whitman
Sylvia Dorson	Eve Laubner	

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<b>FAMILY</b>	Linda & Arnold Dubinsky	Scott Mooney
Ahmed Abdelal & Mary Trahan	Jack & Mary Fox	William & Diane Reilly
Hope Abramson & Karen Johnson	Erva & Susan Guarente	Joanne Robertson
Diana & David Brady	Holly Gross & Perry Wechsler	Arthur & Laura Sherman
Mellisa Brandt & Badreddine Kaouassi	Jacqueline & Karl Laubner	Harold & Alice Sontz
Daniel Cahill	Irene & David Lee, Sr	Dr. Camille Motta & Margaret Thompson
Michael & Mindy Celona	Richard & Megan Leelman	Robert Tucker
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## In Memoriam: Walter Boverini

On November 29th, Walter Boverini, a long-time Friends member and supporter, and the former Senate Majority Leader, passed away. Walter began his career in public service as a teacher at Lynn English High School. He was subsequently elected to the House of Representatives, and then to the State Senate, where he quickly advanced to become the Majority Leader. He was instrumental in getting the funding for the \$11 million renovation project along Lynn Shore Drive. Among other things, he made sure that the project was completed on time and that an underground sprinkler system was included to maintain the grounds. He also ensured the return of the mounted State Police to the Reservation.

From a note he sent to the Friends last year, he said:

“I’m grateful for the efforts of the Friends in looking after the interests of Lynn Shore Drive— as well as the entire beach. It’s a great resource. Former Representative Doug Peterson— on many occasions— has said to me, ‘I think of you each time I drive on Lynn Shore Drive on my way home.’ He is familiar with the efforts, and sometimes battles, in the effort to obtain the funds [for the renovations]. To me, that is my satisfaction, and makes the effort worthwhile. This is why I’m grateful for the Friends for their vigilance.”

Our work to maintain and enhance the beaches and surrounding area is a tribute to his efforts. He will be missed.

## Website Updated

After many years of volunteering her time, LeighAnn Evans handed over the reins of maintaining our website to Brendan Thurber. Brendan is a software engineer at Raytheon and in his free time has worked on websites. Working with Brendan, we have posted information compiled mostly by Douglas and Duncan Maitland on the history of Egg Rock, the Diamond District, and the Lynn Beach Painters. We hope to put more historical and environmental information online in the near future. You can also view and order Friends merchandise from our website. Check out all the changes at [www.lynn-nahantbeach.org](http://www.lynn-nahantbeach.org) and let us know what you think.



## Meeting Schedule

Regular meetings are held every other month on the second Wednesday at 7PM at the Diamond District Bed and Breakfast at 142 Ocean Street in Lynn ([www.diamonddistrictinn.com](http://www.diamonddistrictinn.com)). In 2009, the meetings will be held in February, April, June, August, October, and December.

**Dear Friends**, in this month's Nature Notes we'll look back on 2008, a year many of us are glad to put behind us. Not only did the stock market end up going in the wrong direction, many marine mammals did as well. We'll begin with Dennis the Manatee, who took an extended summer vacation to the Cape.

**Cape Cod Manatee.** A 9 foot, 800 pound juvenile Manatee, native to the warm coastal waters of Florida and the Caribbean, wandered his way up the eastern seaboard this summer, finally ending up in Sesuit Harbor on the Cape. In October, local officials became concerned with the animal's safety and launched a rescue effort to return it back to Florida. The effort ultimately failed when the animal, knick-named "Dennis" by Cape Cod residents, succumbed to hypothermia shortly after reaching a marine mammal rehab center at Sea World in Orlando. (See the *Boston Globe* edition of October 13, 2008 for more info.)

**German Humpback Whale.** A Humpback Whale, the first seen in German coastal waters since 1951 and only the third in recorded history, was drawn into the Baltic by large schools of herring in early July. Like Dennis the Manatee, it was lovingly greeted by the local residents who knick-named him "Bucki". Like Dennis, Bucki overstayed his time in strange waters but did manage to finally make his way back into the open Atlantic in early September. (Source, *Der Spiegel* edition of September 9, 2008.)

*Did you know?*

- The guano on Egg Rock can be seen from outer space.
- Peregrine Falcons have been known to hunt sandpipers on Lynn Beach.
- Minke Whales, Harbor Porpoises and Basking Sharks have been spotted in Nahant Bay.
- Finback Whales have been seen basking by Egg Rock.
- A Harbor Seal takes up residence in Lynn Harbor every winter and can occasionally be spotted behind the Port Hole Pub.

**Local Rare Bird Sightings (Courtesy of the Audubon Society and local birders)**

- Common Eiders, White-winged Scoters, and Bufflehead Ducks have been regularly spotted off Lynn and Nahant Beach during this time of year.
- American Coots were seen at Flax Pond in Lynn earlier this month.
- A Red-Tailed Hawk has been regularly seen hunting pigeons on Basset and Ocean Streets in the Diamond District.
- Rough-Legged Hawks, American Kestrels, Peregrine Falcons and Northern Harriers were seen on the Saugus Marsh in early January.
- Bald Eagles have been reported in Arlington, Haverhill, Lawrence, Mashpee, Newburyport, Plum Island, Plymouth, Salisbury Beach and Sharon during December and January.

Have a nature note to share? Contact T.J. at [tjandteresac@hotmail.com](mailto:tjandteresac@hotmail.com).

## 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, stationary, envelopes, postage, refreshments for volunteers at the beach clean-ups, and the Friends contribution towards matching grants for special projects. At each regular meeting of the Friends, a financial report is presented to all in attendance.

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.

## 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.

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