



With The Tide



Friends of Lynn & Nahant Beach

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Friends Member Survey A Success

From time to time, it is important for any organization, especially one that is expanding like the Friends, to poll its members in order to reaffirm the vision of the organization. Earlier this year, the Board of Directors mailed every member a comprehensive survey that inquired about the members' usage of the Lynn Shore and Nahant Beach Reservations, communication with and knowledge of the Friends, our summer concert series, what we do well and what we could improve upon, and finally the priorities of the Friends moving forward. Approximately 60% of members responded to the survey, which is an impressive number that speaks to the interest and passion of the Friends. Each survey was reviewed and the responses were tabulated. Below are the top answers to the following questions (more on page 2):



How you were introduced to the Friends:

1. By Friend/Neighbor
2. By A Friends Event
3. By A Media Story

How you enjoy Lynn Shore Reservation:

1. Walking
2. Biking
3. Dog Walking
4. Swimming
5. Running

How you enjoy Nahant Beach Reservation:

1. Walking
2. Biking
3. Swimming
4. Sunbathing
5. Running/ Dog Walking

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Friends Member Survey A Success (continued)

How you keep in touch with the activities of the Friends:

1. Newsletter
2. Meetings
3. Media/Other Members

What you like about the Friends:

Positive action, politically active, safe and clean beaches, concerts, meetings, crime prevention, dedication, well-organized, good communication, new trash barrels and doggie bags, meeting people, proactive.

What you think the Friends can improve upon:

Better algae removal, increase memberships/advertising of activities/concerts/meetings/newsletter issues, develop non-summer programs, family events.

What you think the groups priorities should be:

1. Algae Removal
2. Trash
3. Park Infrastructure
4. Renovating the Ward Bathhouse
5. Summer Concerts

Thank you to all the responded to the survey. Your input will help the President and the Board focus our efforts to improve the reservations. The winner of the \$50 gift certificate to the Downtown Bistro was Janet VanAmburg. Congratulations.

Spring Beach Cleanups

The Friends sponsored or co-sponsored two cleanups this Spring. On April 23rd, the Friends joined with the Lynn Time Bank and cleaned-up Nahant Beach.

On May 17th, as part of Park Serve Day, the Friends sponsored a clean-up of Lynn & Nahant Beach and installed plants at Woodbury Point. A big thank-you to the Lynn Daily Item, which donated ads for the May 17th clean-up, and a thank you to those of you who helped beautify the area. See the Summer Calendar on the next page for upcoming planned clean-ups.



With The Tide Newsletter

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

Summer Calendar

Events

Saturday, August 16– Beach Cleanup. 9-11. Meet at the Ward Bathhouse. Supplies and refreshments will be provided. Rain date: August 17. For more information, call Michael at 978 835 7724.

Thursday, September 18– Fundraiser at the Tides Restaurant. A portion of sales from 6-9PM are donated to the Friends.

Saturday, September 20– Massachusetts Coastal Zone Management and Urban Harbors Institute at UMass Boston sponsored– annual statewide beach cleanup. More information to follow.

Saturday, September 20– Meet Me Downtown Festival at Central Square in downtown Lynn from 11AM to 4PM. The Friends will have a table and will be selling shirts, sweatshirts, and hats.

Concerts

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

Thursday, July 10– Concert at Red Rock Park featuring Brian Maes.

Thursday, July 17– Concert at Red Rock Park featuring 12:01 Blues Band.

Thursday, July 24– Concert at Red Rock Park featuring Lois Lane & the Daily Planets.

Thursday, July 31– Concert at Red Rock Park featuring Curragh’s Fancy.

Thursday, August 7– Concert at Red Rock Park featuring Billy McGhee Band.

Thursday, August 14– Concert at Red Rock Park featuring White Lightnin’.

Thursday, August 21– Concert at Red Rock Park featuring Brian Maes.

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

THANK YOU TO OUR SUMMER CONCERT SPONSORS!

Mayor Edward “Chip” Clancy

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Lynn Daily Item

Tides Restaurant and Pub

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Massachusetts Cultural Council/ Lynn Arts Council

In Memoriam: Marie Kiley

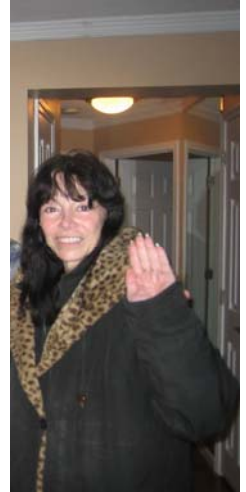
On May 19th, Marie Kiley, Secretary and long-time Friends member, passed away unexpectedly. Marie was a dedicated volunteer for the Friends. She attended all of our membership meetings, taking notes and preparing the minutes of the meeting. She served as a member of the Friends Board of Directors and volunteered to work at all of the eight summer concerts held yearly at Red Rock Park Reservation. She baked delicious blondie brownies that she sold at the concerts donating all proceeds to the Friends. Needless to say, they were a favorite of the many concert goers'. Marie's dedication and volunteer work on behalf of the Friends will be missed. She was an inspiration to all of us. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family at this most difficult time.

Friends who wish may make a donation in her memory to the Lupus Foundation of America online at www.lupus.org or through the mail at:

Lupus Foundation of America

P.O. Box 631047

Baltimore, MD 21263-1047



Friends Receive \$3000 Grant

On March 29th, the Friends were awarded a \$3,000 grant from the conservation group Save The Harbor/ Save The Bay and the Boston Foundation to support the Summer concert series. They were impressed both by the popularity of the concerts, and that admission is free to the public. On hand to accept the award were President Robert Tucker and Board Treasurer Jane Cahill (2nd and 3rd from the right). Also present were DCR Commissioner Rick Sullivan (far right) and the new DCR Lynn Shore and Nahant Beach reservation coordinator Stephen Cyr (2nd from the left in back). Many thanks to Bob for applying for the grant!



The Tides Fundraiser

On Monday, April 21st, the Friends held their spring fundraiser at the Tides Restaurant in Nahant. The fundraiser was held earlier than previous years because of scheduling difficulties. Needless to say, it was a huge success. We raised a total of \$370. 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.

Mark your calendars because we have scheduled the fall Tides fundraiser. It will be held on **Thursday, September 18th**. As usual, from 6-9PM, a portion of all purchases (eat-in and take-out) will be donated to the Friends. We hope to see you there.



Nature Notes

Dear Friends,

In this month's Nature Notes we continue our study of area gulls and take a look at the impact Grey Wolves had on the local economy during the colonial era.



Adult Herring Gull. Photo by J.A. Spendelow, courtesy of the U.S. Geological Survey

The Herring Gull - A Bold Opportunist

In the last issue we took a look at the world's largest gull, the Great Black-backed Gull. In this edition we'll look at one with the longest life span. The **Herring Gull (*Apipizca*), *Larus argentatus***, is the prototypical "seagull". Ask any local student to draw a picture of a sea gull and most will oblige you with a portrait of this feisty character. Although there is hardly anything that this opportunistic feeder will not eat, their favorite food is surf clams. Watch them as they scoop the clams off the beach on the fly. Dropping their catch from high in the air, they swoop down and gobble up the tasty insides from the crushed shells. Herring Gulls have a life span of up to 35 years, making them the longest-lived gulls in our area.

Grey Wolves - Scourge of the Colonists

Many Friends may remember learning in elementary school the tale of original Lynn colonist Thomas Dexter and his purchase of the islands of Nahant from the Sachem Poquanum ("Black Will") for a suit of clothes. But do you remember the reason for the purchase? The answer lies in the need for safe pasture. The Grey Wolf ranged freely over the North Shore during the colonial era and weren't adverse to feeding on livestock when given the opportunity. The colonists soon learned that Nahant (derived from the Algonquin word *nahateau*, meaning "twin") was a perfect pasture area. The end of the tidal sand bar, near the present day Tides Restaurant, could be fenced off, thus preventing wolves from preying on livestock and providing Farmer Dexter with the impetus to part with a scarce suit of clothes! After being exterminated in the state by 1840, wolves appear to be making a comeback in Massachusetts. A confirmed Grey Wolf was slain in Shelburne, MA last fall after killing more than a dozen lambs on a local farm. Genetic testing conducted at the Wildlife Service's Oregon laboratory confirmed that the wolf was wild. Scientists theorize that the wolf was a "scouting-the territory" disperser that had moved south from packs known to roam Ontario.

Got a Nature Note to share? Contact T.J. Cullinane at tjandteresac@hotmail.com.

Friends April Membership Meeting

DCR Commissioner Richard Sullivan was the guest speaker at the Friends April 9th membership meeting held at the Diamond District Bed and Breakfast. Commissioner Sullivan told the Friends he was committed to DCR's mission to restore and improve the Commonwealth's recreational facilities, including Lynn Shore and Nahant Reservations. Commissioner Sullivan spoke about the algae problem and promised to implement a plan to have DCR staff remove the algae early and aggressively this year. The Commissioner addressed the deplorable condition of the Ward Bath House, the proposed renovations for the Nahant Causeway, general maintenance to our local beaches and other concerns raised by members of the Friends that evening in a question-answer session. The Commissioner emphasized the importance of groups like ours and his personal commitment to have close community relations with local Friends groups. Commissioner Sullivan introduced newly hired DCR staff including Stephen Cyr, Cluster Beach Manager for Lynn and Nahant beaches, Nicholas Gove, North Coastal District Manager and Conrad Crawford, Director of Partnerships. Senator Thomas McGee, Representative Steven Walsh and Representative Lori Ehrlich attended the meeting and discussed how they were working together to increase funding for Lynn and Nahant Beaches in the upcoming state budget



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.

Name: _____

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 \$_____.