



# Friends of Wollaston Beach

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*The Friends of Wollaston Beach is an organization promoting public use of Wollaston Beach, preserving and protecting the fragile ecosystems, and addressing the quality of life issues relating to the Beach. The goal of the Association is to promote the wise use and preservation of the Beach, encouraging volunteerism, alerting others to issues affecting the Beach through educational, cultural, social and civic programs, and advocating on behalf of Beach users.*

Advocate, author and educator Bruce Berman will be the keynote speaker at this year's **Friends of Wollaston Beach** (FWB) Annual Meeting on Saturday, February 10 from 10:00 am to noon at the Kennedy Center, East Squantum Street, Quincy, MA. Mr. Berman will report on the health of Boston Harbor.

No stranger to the issues impacting the Harbor, Mr. Berman has served as spokesman and Director of Save the Harbor/Save the Bay (SH/SB) Boston since 1990. He is the architect of its youth environmental education, recreation and stewardship programs. He is the editor and lead contributor to the popular blog "Sea, Sand & Sky." His profiles of Boston Harbor personalities have appeared in *Soundings* magazine, and he is a contributor to *Coastal Angler* magazine. In addition to several "op-eds" in the *Boston Globe*, Mr. Berman is a frequent guest on local television and radio programs.

Mr. Berman serves as lead consultant to the Metropolitan Beaches Commission and SH/SB, is on the City of Boston's Municipal Harbor Plan Advisory Committee, as well as the Mass Bay Outfall Monitoring Science Advisory Panel's Public Interest Advisory Committee. His many accomplishments and publications are far too numerous to mention, but include "Why the Beaches Close," a SH/SB report of particular importance to Friends of Wollaston Beach.

FWB president, Doug Gutro, said that "Mr. Berman brings such a breadth of knowledge on the subject of Boston Harbor's health, that FWB is delighted that he can share that experience with us. We expect it will be an interesting and informative meeting."

Following Mr. Berman's presentation, FWB will hold its election of officers for 2018. The nominating committee has presented the following slate: President and Treasurer, Maureen Mazrimas,

Vice President, George Kober, and Secretary, Bob Verney. President Gutro will present the 2018 "Spirit," "Friend," and "Member" of the year awards. There will be door prizes including a FWB t-shirt, five FWB memberships (\$10 each), and gift cards to local businesses.

Mr. Gutro will make presentations to Arbella Insurance, Discover Quincy, Granite Telecommunications, Robert I. Nickerson Post, Stop & Shop, Tony's Clam Shop and the Wollaston Yacht Club, in appreciation for their "in kind" contributions and/or providing people power for the numerous cleanups over the past year. Mr. Gutro will acknowledge the help FWB received from SH/SB in the form of a grant which assisted in the funding of the annual Kids' Fest. The NQHS Jr. ROTC will also get a well-deserved "shout out." "These young people are already learning what it means to give back to the community. We can expect great things from them in the future," said Gutro.

Maureen Mazrimas, chairperson of the City of Quincy's Stormwater Advisory Committee will be giving out copies of the MWRA's amazing coloring book "Dwayne, the Storm Drain." Ms. Mazrimas mentioned that the coloring books were a great hit at the Quincy Chamber's recent holiday "pop up" shop. "It is a great tool to help kids (and adults) learn about the function of this misunderstood piece of municipal infrastructure. We are grateful to the Chamber, and particularly Margaret Laforest, for distributing it."

Light refreshments will be served. Hope you can join us on Saturday, February 10 from 10:00 am to noon at the Kennedy Center, 440 East Squantum Street, Quincy.



## IT WAS *a* VERY GOOD SEASON *on* WOLLASTON BEACH!

Three Great Cleanups; Kids' Fest; Books and Boogie; Ice Bucket Challenge; Puppet Show  
Thanks to our Business Partners – Stop & Shop; Arbella Insurance; Granite City Telecommunications  
Thanks to Save the Harbor/Save the Bay, Discover Quincy and Wollaston Yacht Club  
Thanks to all the volunteers, including many of our City and State officials  
Thanks to all those who attended and made 2017 a very productive and fun season on the Beach!

### Park Serve Day – April Cleanup



### Kids' Fest – June



### Books and Boogie – Tot Lot – July



### Ice Bucket Challenge – August



### Puppet Show – Tot Lot - August

