



Friends of Wollaston Beach

Summer – 2019

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.

BEACH CLEANUP AND FESTIVAL

PLEASE JOIN the Friends of Wollaston Beach (FWB) on Saturday, June 22 – from 9:00 am to 11:00 am across from 861 Quincy Shore Drive for a joint cleanup with *whales.org*. Volunteers will clean a stretch of beach one-half mile north of Tony's Clam Shop and one-half mile south of Tony's. Like *FWB's* cleanup for *Coastsweep*, volunteers will catalog each item in order to more clearly define what is washing up on our beaches, and seek solutions to mitigate the damage done. [Please watch the *Sun* for *FWB's* signups for *Coastsweep* - September 2019.]

After the cleanup, join in the fun at Marina Bay from 11:00 am – 3:00 pm for the **New England Whale Festival**. Sponsored by Cisco Brewers of Nantucket, this event has something for the entire family. The

festival features exhibits promoting marine conservation and boater education, with onsite marine mammal scientists, kids' activities, free boat rides, and the debut of a life-sized North Atlantic right whale. This *free* festival takes place rain or shine, is dog friendly, and fun for everyone! Participants from the morning Cleanup, who are *over 21* will receive a voucher for a beer at the *Cisco* pop-up at Marina Bay.



FRIENDS OF WOLLASTON (“FWB”) ANNUAL MEETING at the KENNEDY CENTER in QUINCY



Officers, Directors and Committee members of FWB are joined by elected officials

The meeting began with an overview of the Metropolitan Beaches Commission by Commission member, Doug Gutro.

Missy Walker of **whales.org** then gave a presentation of her group's efforts to promote marine conservation and boater education.

Officers were elected for the coming year:

PRESIDENT/TREASURER - Maureen Mazrimas

VICE PRESIDENT – George Kober

SECRETARY – Bob Verney

FWB acknowledged the many companies and individuals that helped **FWB** fulfill its mission. Certificates of Appreciation were given to the City of Quincy's Senior Center, Eastern Nazarene College, North Quincy High School Jr. ROTC, Stop & Shop, Tony's, and Quincy Mutual Insurance.



Mark Carey accepts on behalf of the Kennedy Center



Christine Kuhn accepts on behalf of Quincy Mutual

Special recognition was given to the amazing Quincy Legislative delegation, Reps. Ayers, Chan and Mariano, and Senator Keenan. Ms. Mazrimas noted that “while Reps. Ayers, Chan and Mariano and Sen. Keenan are active in all things Wollaston Beach, **FWB** is particularly grateful to them for their help in honoring the memory of our late vice president, Dick Herbert. Dick was a founding member of the group and a real cheerleader for the beach. We were blessed to have Dick in our ranks and grateful to the Quincy delegation for recognizing the value of Dick's contributions.”



Pat Herbert Recognizes Representatives Ayers and Chan

FWB's “Friend of the Year” is Master Sgt. John Delorenzo for providing his cadets for cleanups and the annual Kids' Fest. His leadership and participation in **FWB** events is unparalleled. Unfortunately, the North Quincy High School Jr. ROTC and their leaders were unable to attend the Annual Meeting, as they were on a field trip.

Ms. Mazrimas also acknowledged the contribution of Save the Harbor/Save the Bay and a local family foundation for providing grants to enable the group to plan numerous family-friendly events on the beach at no charge. She also acknowledged the commitment of DCR (Department of Conservation and Recreation) in providing the permits to hold these events – and for

their help with the proper disposal of all the trash collected from the beach after cleanups.

This year's "Spirit" recipient is Bruce Ayers. Ms. Mazrimas was quick to point out that the Award was given to Bruce as a private citizen. "Bruce exemplifies what FWB is all about. He is actively involved in the group and participates in all of its events from meetings to cleanups, to Tot Lot events, Kids' Fest and the Ice Bucket challenge. We are certainly grateful for his service at the State House, but value his day-to-day commitment to the Beach."

The meeting ended with light refreshments and the awarding of door prizes.

Ms. Mazrimas encouraged all in attendance to get involved whether for cleanups, helping at Kids' Fest and Tot Lot events, or participating on committees. "Like the Marines, we're 'looking for a few good men and women' to help out. It is not a huge commitment of time, and additional volunteers would enable us to do more." She encouraged people to follow **FWB** on Facebook and www.wollastonbeach.org.

KIDS' FEST – SATURDAY – JUNE 29 – 1:00 TO 4:00 PM

Kids' Fest will be held on Wollaston Beach between the Joseph Brett Bath House and Wollaston Yacht Club. Once again, the *Kids' Fest* will have a series of age-appropriate inflatables, 5 in 1 Sports Center, Gaga ball, glitter tattoos, face painting, prizes, and a DJ with music to facilitate games and dancing!



KIDS' FEST WILL ALSO FEATURE THE FOLLOWING:

- Touch tank with *Save the Harbor's* Youth Environmental Education Program staff.
- *Changing Course*, an interactive art activity with environmental artist Robyn Reed who takes an innovative approach to recycling by using plastic water bottles collected from the region's beaches and waterfront to create art installations that transform this reclaimed plastic waste into an interactive representation of marine life.
- Performers from the Boston Circus Guild – including an aerialist, hula hooper, and an acrobat pair.
- A costumed storyteller who will be bringing to life Eleanor Creesy who was the navigator on the clipper ship *Flying Cloud* which set the recorded for fastest voyage from New York City to San Francisco around the tip of South America – a record that held for more than 135 years.

CLEANUPS

Cleanups are an integral part of **FWB**'s mission. FWB is fortunate to have the support of so many businesses, groups and individuals, the North Quincy High School Jr. ROTC, and particularly the DCR. This is not to say our work is done – far from it. It's a lot like your house – you clean it today, and tomorrow you need to do it again! It doesn't stop. We are grateful to all who have helped us this year.

Cleanups in April, May and June produced incredible results. Since a picture is worth a thousand words, it's easy to see what can be done when large groups of people pull together! Thanks to the members of **FWB**, supported in large part by the North Quincy High School Junior ROTC, and local businesses, **Park Serve Day** in April, and **Cleaner Greener** in May were quite successful.

PARK SERVE – NORTH END OF WOLLASTON BEACH



CLEANER/GREENER CLEANUP OF WOLLASTON BEACH – CADDY PARK



On June 6, a group of volunteers from **IDC** in Framingham reached out to **FWB** to do a cleanup as part of the company's community outreach program. We thank **IDC** and the other businesses in Quincy and beyond, whose culture encourages giving back. Any company, civic or environmental group, school groups needing to do community service, or anyone who would like to be involved in the cleanup effort is encouraged to go to www.wollastonbeach.org for details.



Thanks IDC



**FRIENDS OF WOLLASTON BEACH
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION - \$10 PER YEAR
SEND TO MAUREEN MAZRIMAS, TREASURER
49 BAYBERRY ROAD, QUINCY, MA 02171**

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NO. _____ EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

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(e.g., Friend, Newsletter, Newspaper, Word of Mouth)

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Membership
Plantings
Water Quality

Other _____