



Good News for Local Beach Goer

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The report card that came out Sunday by Save the Harbor/Save the Bay certainly comes as good news for local beach goers. Revere Beach was the cleanest beach in the metro Boston area. And for many residents, the only relief from the summer heat comes at cooling down at this beach.

A little more than two decades ago, relief from the heat at Revere Beach could not be counted on as red flags that prohibited swimming were posted on the shoreline.

Those days are a distant memory.

Due to a massive cleanup in the last 20 years, Boston Harbor went from the most polluted harbor to one of the cleanest in the nation. Of course, the cost of stopping the degradation of our water was billions of dollars and payment can still be seen every month in our water and sewer bills. However, even with all this money being spent, the reality remains of how fragile our environment is since a few of the area beaches like King's Beach in the Lynn and Nahant area still have pollution issues that result in closing to bathers for days at a time.

Today, Revere Beach is being completely rehabbed. From the sand replenishment to the new Markey pedestrian bridge, to activities like the Sandcastle competition, these improvements and events make this open space a true oasis for those seeking relief from the summer heat. On Thursday and possibly Friday, there will be record heat and humid temperatures. We do not know what the water temperature will be, but some will venture a dip. This report card on the quality at Revere Beach comes at the right time for residents.

Remember to watch out for those nesting areas of the piping plovers. And do not forget a slice at Bianchis or a visit to Kelly's Roast Beef.