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Friends of Lynn & Nahant Beach is Honored



Representatives of more than 60 area organizations received grants to fund programs on the region's public beaches in Lynn, Nahant, Revere, Winthrop, East Boston, South Boston, Dorchester, Quincy, and Hull.

NAHANT — Friends of Lynn and Nahant Beach received a \$3,000 grant from Save the Harbor's Better Beaches Award. The community is going to spend the grant on their annual summer concerts program, which is free to the public.

Some of the other award recipients on the North Shore are North Shore Juneteenth Association, who won a \$5,000 award, Bike to the Sea that received \$1,200, and Plein Air Painting studio that received \$2,000 for Guided Painting Classes on King's Beach.

"The Better Beaches Program events are as diverse as the communities that host them," said state Sen. Brendan Crighton (D-Lynn), who co-chairs the Metropolitan Beaches Commission. "But one thing they all have in common is that they bring communities together to enjoy our region's public beaches."

resident of Friends of Lynn and Nahant Beach, Robert Tucker, said that the grant will be used for the Red Rock Park Summer Concert

Series that has been held for the last 22 years, with the exception of the last two years, when the event was canceled due to COVID.

"These funds will be used for the concerts that will begin on July 3rd," said Tucker.

"Lois Lane and the Daily Planets" will be performing July 3, in the Red Rock Park, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., followed by Lynn fireworks. "Fifth Gear" will perform July 14 at the same location, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., and "Shuffle Mode" will take the stage July 21 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. as well.

Another important Save the Harbor grant allocation is for Plein Air Painting studio, that received \$2,000 for Guided Painting Classes on King's Beach.

Earlier this month state Sens. Adam Hinds and Brendan Crighton visited King's Beach to discuss the allocation of \$5 million from ARPA funding to improve its water quality.

While we continue to make infrastructure

improvements, we must also think outside the box for potential short-term solutions," said Crighton. And these beach painting classes can be one of them.

In 2021, the Better Beaches Program supported more than 60 organizations in nine waterfront communities, from Nahant to Nantasket, with an investment of nearly \$1.75 million.

This year, at the recommendation of the Metropolitan Beaches Commission, the three largest grants of the Better Beaches Program were given to organizations that promote racial justice, access for people with disabilities, and language accessibility.

More than 250 participants of the program will bring free movie nights, DJ sets, circus performances, and bike rides to the region's waterfront neighborhoods.

The beachfront communities of Lynn, Nahant, Revere, Winthrop, East Boston, South Boston, Dorchester, Quincy, and

Hull will get an opportunity to enjoy Asian, Latin-American, and Afro-Arabian cultural nights, physical and mental wellness workshops, beach parties for kids and teens, and beach wheelchairs. "The metropolitan beaches are extraordinary assets that belong to all the people of our region," said Chris Mancini, executive director of Save the Harbor/Save the Bay.

Mancini said that the organization was proud to fund free community events led by organizations that celebrate and represent the waterfront communities' cultural and racial diversity, and what they have in common and love — "our beaches." "The metropolitan beaches belong to our communities and our young people," said Maya Smith, partnerships and program development director at Save the Harbor/Save the Bay.

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Hull-O Summer Trolley is back: Groups in Hull and Quincy get Better Beaches grants



Flares light up the Hull coastline in 2019 for the annual Hull Harbor Illumination. *Courtesy/Beth Howard*

BOSTON – As part of its Better Beaches Program, the nonprofit group Save the Harbor/Save the Bay awarded grant money to a dozen organizations in Quincy and Hull to support free beach events and programs.

The Quincy Department of Natural Resources and Friends of Wollaston Beach received \$14,000 for the Kids' Fest on Sept. 4, Tot Lot events, concerts and senior lunches.

A \$3,000 grant was awarded to Quincy Asian Night Market and Quincycles. Mattapan Food and Fitness, NSO Cares and Boston Circus Guild each received \$2,500 for services and events provided in Quincy, including the Summer Safety Fest at Wollaston Beach on June 18 and the Quincy Beach Circus.

The Hull Nantasket Chamber of Commerce received \$3,500 for the annual Endless Summer

Waterfront Festival on Sept. 10 and operation of the Hull-O Summer Trolley, the free shuttle to the beach that starts July 9 and runs through Sept. 10.

The Friends of the Paragon Carousel group received \$2,500 for its Friday Morning Story time program and Youth Talent Showcase Night, which is scheduled for July 13, July 27, Aug. 10, Aug. 17, Aug. 24 and Aug. 31 at Nantasket Beach.

The Hull Lifesaving Museum received \$2,500 for the annual harbor illumination July 30.

Other recipients were Friends of Nantasket Beach (\$1,000); Soca Wellness Day (\$2,000) scheduled for Aug. 14; and AfroArabian Nights (\$3,500) Aug. 13 at Nantasket Beach.

Sixty-two groups received Better Beaches grants totaling \$237,200.

"The metropolitan beaches are extraordinary assets that belong to all the people of our region," said Chris Mancini, executive director of Save the Harbor/Save the Bay. "We're proud to fund free community events led by organizations that celebrate and represent our communities' cultural and racial diversity, and what we have in common: we love our beaches."

Better Beaches events include sand-sculpting competitions, beachfront concerts, environmental education programs, family fun nights, reading nights, art festivals, beach yoga, kayaking, swimming lessons and other beach programs.

Save the Harbor/Save the Bay is a nonprofit group that advises the state's beaches commission.



People flock to the cool water and sand of Wollaston Beach in Quincy to beat the heat on Monday, July 26, 2021. *Greg Derr/The Patriot Ledger*

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DCR, Save the Harbor/Save the Bay Partner Up for Another Great Season of Events



“DCR is proud of our Better Beaches Program Partnership with Save the Harbor/Save the Bay,” said Acting DCR Commissioner Stephanie Cooper.

Members of Save the Harbor/Save the Bay. “We are all looking forward to another great season of free events and programs on DCR’s beaches from Nahant to Nantasket,” New partners this year include Circus Up, Inc, North Shore Women of Color Association, YMCA of Metro-North, Po Couto: Haus of Threes, City of Revere Travel & Tourism Department, Charlestown YMCA, Caribbean American Carnival Association of Boston, Inc, Next Level Factory, South Boston en Acción,

The Black Literacy & Arts Collaborative Project, Fields Corner Crossroads Collaborative, Linda Wells, Daddy & Me Literacy Program, Norfolk Sheriff’s Office, Quincyycles, Latifa Ziyad, Soca Hikes, Veronica Robles Cultural Center, Carolyn Lewenberg, Soca Fusion, and The Flavor Continues. Save the Harbor’s success would not be possible without their program partners and event sponsors, including Arctic Chill and Harpoon Brewery, JetBlue, FMC Ice Sports, P&G Gillette, National Grid, Coast Cannabis, the Daily Catch, Comcast, Mix 104.1, iZotope, Inc, The Blue Sky Collaborative, Boston & Maine Webcams, BostonHarbor.com, The Boston Foundation, and The Richard Saltonstall Charitable Foundation.

In addition, Save the Harbor recognized the Metropolitan Beaches Commission Co-Chairs Senator Brendan Crighton of Lynn, and Representative Adrian Madaro of East Boston and the legislative and community members of the Commission as well as Senate President Karen Spilka and House Speaker Ron Mariano for their support for their beaches and communities. Save the Harbor also thanked the Baker-Polito Administration, the Massachusetts Legislature, Save the Harbor’s partners at the Department of Conservation and Recreation, the Boston Centers for Youth & Families, the YMCA of Greater Boston, and the hundreds of people who took part in the Shamrock Splash for their support.

A copy of this release, a calendar of Better Beaches events and the complete list of this year’s grant recipients is available in more than 100 languages on Save the Harbor/Save the Bay’s blog Sea, Sand & Sky at <http://blog.savetheharbor.org> To learn more about Save the Harbor/Save the Bay and the great work they do to restore, protect and share Boston Harbor, the waterfront, islands, and the region’s public beaches with all Bostonians and the region’s residents, visit their website at www.savetheharbor.org and follow @savetheharbor on social media.