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## Annual Boston Harbor Association Meeting This Month

The Boston Harbor Association Annual Meeting is coming up – Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the North Olympia Fire Hall. The annual election of officers occurs at this meeting, so it's important that you ALL attend. If you are interested in serving on the Board, please contact Chris Meehan on *Nextdoor* to get your name on the ballot! The Boston Harbor Association boundaries are the same as those on *Nextdoor* which means you can serve if you live roughly north of the Woodard Bay Road. Besides elections, we will meet the new Boston Harbor Elementary principal and receive updates from the BH Utilities Committee, Fire Chief Brian Van Camp, and the BH Marina.

This is your chance to meet your neighbors, catch up on the latest happenings, and, of course, VOTE!

## Boston Harbor's Own Polar Bear Swim

You may not know that Boston Harbor has its own Polar Bear Swim each New Year's Day! While our Polar Bear Swim can't compare in size to the Long Lake extravaganza, several brave neighbors take the plunge each New Year's Day at noon sharp from the beach at the Marina. Participation numbers fluctuate like the tides, and this year four intrepid souls dared to dive into the frigid waters. The day was beautiful, cold and sunny, but rain or shine, the water temperature hovers somewhere below a bone-chilling 50 degrees in winter. So next January 1st head on down to the Marina at noon and join the fun – celebrate the New Year in style. Go ahead, take the plunge! Of course, spectators are welcome!



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## Coming This Spring More Than a Butterfly Garden

Spring is just around the corner. Honest, it's not spring yet although with the mild weather we have been having lately, it seems like spring is here early. However, we know this weather is fleeting and a heavy frost and even snow could be waiting to surprise us. Spring brings to mind the Memorial Garden and the Butterfly Garden at Burfoot Park. The Memorial Garden began in 1984 to commemorate those in the neighborhood who have passed away. The Butterfly Garden was started many years ago by the original Boston Harbor Garden Club as an offshoot of the Memorial Garden. As the Memorial Garden filled up with plants, it became apparent that more space was needed, and the Butterfly Garden was created.

Central to the Memorial Garden is the display of individual plaques bearing the names of Boston Harbor friends, neighbors, and family members no longer with us. There are 215 plaques so far – a veritable Who's Who of Boston Harbor. Family members donated funds for the individual plaques and a plant for the garden. A celebration, attended by family and garden club members, was held each spring. We would like to resume this ritual, so let us know about Boston Harbor individuals who have passed away recently who you would like to commemorate with a plaque!

Today care and maintenance of both gardens is a community affair with the County providing welcome assistance to Boston Harbor residents.

As in the past, we will be soliciting volunteers in the coming weeks for a neighborhood work party. Look for the announcement with further details in the next newsletter.

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