

Boston Harbor Association

As the Wind Blows



FRONT AND CENTER



Hi Boston Harbor Neighbors! Welcome to the resurrected Boston Harbor Association monthly newsletter. My name is Larissa James and I have the honor of serving as your BHA President this year. I'm also the Social Media Administrator.

I have been lucky enough to live and raise my daughters in this community for over 15 years. I am super excited for the upcoming year. Your Boston Harbor Association board members have exciting events planned! Please, if you see me, say hello! If you have ideas, questions, comments for the BHA, please send them to bha.wa.board@gmail.com. Check out our [website](#). We also have a private Facebook group. If you want to join, click [here](#).

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NEW EVENT! TRASH PICK UP

MAY 18, 10 AM – 12 PM

Volunteers needed! Meet at 9:45 AM at the main parking lot at Burfoot Park. You might not see the trash when you're driving, but there's a lot of it along our roads. Trash bags and light refreshments will be provided. Bring a safety vest if you have one. We'll have some extras. Community Service hours available for students.

In memory of neighbors David and Nancy Jamison, who picked up trash along Boston Harbor Road for years. And thanks to others who've been doing it now and then – you know who you are!

See you there!



JULY 3RD FIREWORKS AND BIKE PARADE

BHA board members are hard at work fundraising for the fireworks. The show costs over \$15,000 and is funded solely by donations.



FIREWORKS We rely on donations from local businesses and community members to cover the cost of the fireworks, security, and signage. To keep it local, we don't promote it outside Boston Harbor, so your donations are what make it happen.

The fireworks show was started to create a central neighborhood event to replace street fireworks and the noise and fire danger that came with them. If you watch the show, or host a party for friends, please donate! Donations can be made on-line at bharbor.org/donations/, at the Marina, or by mail to Boston Harbor Association/ 312 73rd Ave NE/Olympia WA 98506 (please indicate that it is for the fireworks).

Many neighbors have raised concerns about the cost of the fireworks, safety, and the impact on veterans, animals, and the environment. Does it still make sense? Might there be an alternative? We'll have a community discussion about this in the fall.

BIKE PARADE! Planning is underway for the July 3rd bike parade. Last year many kids participated and it was a blast!

All participants must sign a waiver, either at the event or downloaded from the Boston Harbor Association website, signed, and brought to the event.



The parade starts at 10:00 AM at the corner of Commercial Street and 73rd. Decorations will be provided so come early and decorate your child's bike. Stay afterward for ice cream treats provided by the Marina.

We need volunteers to stop traffic while the parade is underway. To volunteer, contact Jackie@JackieAshley.com. It's lots of fun, so help out!



Connect with the Association and your neighbors on Social Media. We're on [Facebook](#) and [Next Door](#) If you're not a member yet, [join us!](#) Just \$25 per household supports events and minor administrative costs.



NEIGHBORS, COUNTY TEAM UP FOR EARTH DAY



At our annual Earth Day work party, over 30 neighbors filled two large truckloads with invasive English ivy, and another with green waste from the Butterfly and Memorial Gardens at Burfoot Park. We also planted a hundred native plants! These were donated by Puget Sound Plants, a local nursery.

Our County Commissioner, Carolina Mejia and Parks staff Ed Marson and Brent Murphy, joined us to recognize the volunteers and tour the areas we've successfully cleared of ivy and replanted. We also celebrated Burfoot Park's 50th birthday with desserts baked by neighbors and snacks donated by Fred Meyer.

Join the IvyBeGone Team to pull ivy at Burfoot May 19th, 10-12.

One volunteer said she had a great time, "seeing folks we haven't seen for a while, taking out aggressions on the dang ivy, and just enjoying the park and beautiful weather."



SHIPWRECK CORNER OVERHAUL-NEED \$!

It's time for a major overhaul at Shipwreck Corner and we need your help to meet our goal of raising \$10,000. We'll remove dead trees and invasive species, and plant new hardy native and non-native shrubs for more color and interest year-round.

"All Hands on Deck" is your invitation to join your neighbors in revitalizing Shipwreck Corner. Please visit <https://giveButter.com/sewersisters> to securely donate to the cause and learn more about the Sewer Sisters.



HUGE THANK YOU to the Sewer Sisters! These neighbors have donated thousands of dollars and volunteer hours to transforming the area in front of our sewer (but call it "Wastewater Treatment Plant" in front of David Hartley☺).

Big thanks to Micheale from Perennial Gardner, too. She's put in plenty of time herself, and helped establish a more organized approach to planting and maintaining Shipwreck Corner.



SAVING OUR SIGN AND SEWER SCREEN



The sign needed a wash – thanks Jeff Kildahl and Jules James!

The .07 parcel of land where our “Welcome to Boston Harbor” sign is posted was nearly sold by the county for \$2,600 in February. This parcel also screens the sewer plant from view as we drive into the neighborhood. Quick intervention by neighbors stopped this sale. We tried to purchase it but because more than one party is now interested, it’s slated for auction.

The Association’s Environment Committee and Utility Advisory Committee (UAC) representatives, David Hartley and Jeff Nejedly, are advocating for the county Public Works to acquire the parcel and keep it wooded. We’re making tentative progress. To be kept informed, email Kim Kelley, kimarkelley2@comcast.net.

ABOUT WATER AND WASTE

County Public Works held an Open House at BH School 4/22 to tell us about upcoming improvements to our water and sewer systems.

From [Public Works webpage](#):

Updating Old Water Main: We're replacing around 6,000 feet—that's more than a mile—of water main that has been in the ground for decades. By updating these pipes, we're making sure that the water coming to your taps is cleaner and arrives without interruption.

Making Sewer Systems Better: Our sewer system is getting a boost, too. We're upgrading the STEP tanks involved in the early stages of cleaning the water that goes down our drains and toilets. These upgrades will make our sewer system more dependable and enhance the quality of water treatment, helping to keep our environment clean.



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