



## FRONT AND CENTER

Wow! Hard to believe we are already at the end of July. This year's 3<sup>rd</sup> of July Bike Parade and Fireworks were a tremendous success! Thanks so much to everyone who helped make it happen. I also wanted to give a HUGE shoutout to this community! You have really come together to help with the fundraising that was needed for this year's event. We raised over \$2,300 on July 3. Thank you! Thank you!



The Association still has some wonderful things planned for summer, fall, and winter. We need your continued support throughout the year. If you have not paid your annual \$25 dues for this year yet, please do so at [bharbor.org](http://bharbor.org) or using our PayPal QR code.

## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AUG. 6<sup>TH</sup>

This event started out as a way to improve the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement and build safer communities. It has become a night to go outside and get to know neighbors so that folks



feel safe walking in their neighborhoods and are more likely to recognize when someone is in distress or in need of help. Knowing our neighbors also promotes well-being and makes it easier to turn to each other in emergencies.

**On August 6, at 6:30 pm, let's all stop what we're doing and go out to the street (without our phones?!) and talk to our neighbors.** Try to find someone you don't know and strike up a conversation. BHA will have a table set up at 73rd & Boston Harbor Road. Stroll down and meet some new neighbors along the way. Take a photo and post to our Facebook page, #BHNightOut (make sure everyone in the photo is ok with posting it).

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

*Water and Wine 7/31*

*National Night Out 8/6*

*Garage Sale 8/10-11*

*Boston Harbor Potluck 9/21*

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.



## BIKE PARADE A RESOUNDING SUCCESS



I (Kim) have lived here for 25 years and never attended the July 3<sup>rd</sup> Bike Parade. Boy did I miss out! Count me in for the rest of my life. There was so much excitement and spirit! There were 123 kids in the parade, and parents and grandparents, too. The antique fire truck was a big hit as leader of the parade.

Thanks to everyone who participated. Big thanks to "Fire Chief" Eric Foley, Craig Sternggal for recruiting Eric, the Marina for the freeze pops, and Jackie, Larissa, and Nina for organizing. Thanks, too, to all the volunteers who helped with decorating bikes, getting liability waivers for every kid, directing traffic, and handing out treats afterward.

## GARAGE SALE SOON!

This year's Boston Harbor Community Garage sale will be held August 10 – 11. If you plan to participate in the garage sale, please fill out the [participation survey](#) by August 4, so we can include you in the community map.

## ANNUAL POTLUCK

The annual Boston Harbor Association membership potluck will be held September 21, from 2-5 pm. This is a great time to meet your neighbors and to pay your annual membership dues or become a member if you are not already a part of this great community association. More details will be coming in August, so watch for those.

## JULY 3<sup>RD</sup> FIREWORKS

Well, the show was great but as you know, there was a delay. It was due to an unmanned boat anchored too close to the location of the fireworks barge. Once the situation was resolved, the show went on!

The fireworks show has grown from a small community event to one where over 200 boats anchor in the harbor and thousands of people pour into the neighborhood. We think it's time to get a read on how the community feels about the July 3<sup>rd</sup> fireworks. Watch for a survey this fall on the fireworks and other topics.







## IvyBeGone TEAM SWITCHES GEARS TO WATERING FLEDGLING NATIVE PLANTS AT BURFOOT



Bonnie Kavanaugh, Stephanie Herron, David Hartley

**It's equally fun (ok, watering is more fun than pulling ivy) – Join us!**

The ground is too hard and it's too hot and dusty to pull ivy in summer, but we need to water the 200 native plants we planted last spring. After a long travail of getting access to water that we won't bore you with, we figured out a way to water the plants using two "secret" spigots, 250 feet of hose, myriad buckets and volunteers—a twist on the old "Bucket Brigade". We will continue to do this through the summer.

**Join us for "Water and Wine" July 31, 5:30 p.m., even if it rains on Monday; back parking area near the newest bathrooms at Burfoot.**

## SAVING OUR SEWER SCREEN UPDATE

**Check out county government in action August 20, 2 pm.** At the Board of Commissioners (BoCC) weekly meeting on August 20, they will vote on whether to approve acquisition of the parcel next to our wastewater treatment plant (see May and June newsletters for background). We advocated for this and they listened! The BoCC meetings are public so you can attend and just observe, or you can say a few words. It's kind of cool to see government in action. Kim Kelley, our Environment Committee chair will attend and probably say a few words to thank Public Works and the commissioners. No telling what she'll do if they approve the acquisition. Join her! BoCC agendas can change so if you plan to go, check with Kim at [kimarkelley2@comcast.net](mailto:kimarkelley2@comcast.net) on 8/19.

## PROPOSAL FOR BURFOOT PARK EXPANSION HEADED TO COMMISSIONERS

In the June 2024 BHA newsletter, we asked for your input on a proposal for what to do with the 16 acres the county owns in Boston Harbor. Put simply, we're proposing the county retain 8 of the 16 acres to expand Burfoot Park in the future, leaving the other 8 acres subject to county review and potential sale if they determine there's no public need for it. We received comments from 35 households. The comments were very supportive of the proposal. Two were neutral, one with comments about the rights of way, and the other with concerns about privacy for homeowners adjacent to what could be park someday. You can see all the comments received on the BHA website under [Documents](#). Our next step is to submit the proposal and comments to the county commissioners and Public Works leadership. We'll keep you posted in the newsletter. Questions? Email [BHAEnvironmentComm@gmail.com](mailto:BHAEnvironmentComm@gmail.com).

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