



FRONT AND CENTER

This year is off to an electrifying start around the harbor! The Association has been buzzing with activity: collecting litter along Boston Harbor Road, pulling ivy from the park, telling harbor stories, planning new and exciting events, and getting ready for our annual meeting, which will be full of



vital information from some of our inspiring community leaders. We'll also hold board member elections. Additional details about the meeting are below. We can't wait to see you all on February 19! Let's make this year unforgettable together!

Larissa, Board President

Photo of Boston Harbor by Jacob Libby, from his plane.

BHA ANNUAL MEETING 2/19, 6-8

You don't want to miss this! Please join us for our annual meeting Wednesday, 2/19, 6:00-8:00 pm at the North Olympia Fire Station, 5046 Boston Harbor Rd. Doors open at 5:30 pm. Come early and catch up with your neighbors. Water and some snacks will be available.

Topics to be covered at the meeting:

Fireworks, utility improvements, Prop 1 improvements at Fire District 8, County surplus land program, Burfoot Park Expansion Proposal,

BHA plans for 2025, new social events, marina news.

Agenda

- Board Introductions
- Thurston County Sheriff Derek Sanders
- South Bay Fire and Emergency Medical Services Chief Brian VanCamp
- Utility Advisory Committee Rep Jeff Nejedly, and County Public Works Engineer Joe Plahuta
- County Commissioner Carolina Mejia
- BHA 2024 Review
- BHA 2025 Preview
- 2025 Budget
- 2025 Boston Harbor Board Elections

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Association Events

Annual Meeting

2/19, 6:00-8:00 pm

North Oly Fire Station

Burfoot Park Ivy Pull

2/16, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Harbor Stories (joint event)

3/8, 2:00-4:00 pm

Marina

Marina Events

Trivia Nights

2/15, 5:00 pm

3/1, 3/15, 3/29, 5:00 pm

Wine Tasting

2/22 5:00 pm

3/22 5:00 pm

Harbor Stories (joint event)

3/8, 2-4 pm

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.



BOARD ELECTIONS – THREE OPEN POSITIONS



Anyone living within the Association boundaries shown on the map here is welcome to apply to be on the ballot. We have a few candidates so far, but the ballot is still open. It would be great to have representation on the board from people living outside the immediate harbor area.

To be included on the ballot, please complete an [application](#) or scan the QR code to the right. You can also volunteer or nominate someone to run at the meeting (they must be present).

To learn more about the Association, check out our [website](#). See the [Documents](#) page for the articles of incorporation, bylaws, board meeting minutes, etc., for the past several years.



[Boston Harbor Community Map](#) (click for larger map)

WINTER TRASH PICKUP ALONG BH ROAD



Big thanks to the winter trash crew: Scott Provost (organizer), Nina Goodrich, Marianne Lang, Joe and Patty Belmonte, and Mark and Kim Kelley. On a very cold January 25, these pickers filled 8 big black bags of trash along Boston Harbor Road, from Shipwreck Corner back to Woodard Bay. The frost concealing the trash in the shade, and the sun glaring in our eyes outside the shade, made for some challenging picking. But we got most of it, had fun, and made some new friends.

Just a reminder, [fines for littering range from \\$103 to \\$5000 in WA](#). Drunk driving can cost a whole lot more. We picked up many empty cartons, cans, and bottles of booze—on both sides of the road. Hmmmm, we wondered, are people drinking on their way to work, or on the way home, or both?!

Hope you'll join us this summer for our next semi-annual Trash Pick Up.

Mark Kelley, picking trash along Boston Harbor Road on a cold winter's morn.



IvyBeGone NEWS – NEXT PULL IS 2/16, 10A -12P

In December and January, we added 66 volunteer hours for a total of 142 hours so far this season. We've pulled four full truckloads of the evil vine. We are nearly done with the Forest Shelter Island. Our solo ivy puller working on an island on the south side of the park is also making great progress.

Scouts from Troop 9266 out of Olympia have joined us at all 4 pulls. Sam Harshman, one of the scouts, has done a fantastic job of recruiting volunteers from the troop. There is no way we would have pulled and loaded four truckloads of ivy without his efforts. Thanks Sam!

The Scouts can't join us February 16 so it would be FABULOUS to have a lot of neighbors show up. Come on! It is fun! And we are now serving home-made goodies and coffee so there is an extra reason to spend a couple of hours with your neighbors on Sunday morning pulling ivy and helping the trees and native plants thrive.

Hope to see you on February 16th! Just follow the signs at the park and you'll find us.

If you have questions, or want to get reminders and notifications of ivy and Environment Committee news and events, email BHAEnvironmentComm@gmail.com



John Wilson clearing at the Forest Shelter Island. See how he's smiling? You need this!



Nick, Sam, and Mark loading the County truck. They're all smiling, too.

Reserve Saturday, April 19 for the 2025 Earth Day Ivy Pull and Garden Clean Up at Burfoot Park.