

April 11, 2015 Nahant Beaches Cleanup Day report

Between 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. about 200 residents of Nahant fanned out over our six beaches and collected an amazing ten truckloads of trash, as reported by the DPW who swiftly carried it all away.

Short Beach: since it is the biggest beach, is at the Life Saving Station and was the administrative center of the cleanup, it saw the most action and an amazing mountain of trash was generated. Unusual items found were 5 dead seagulls and 1 dead duck, a perfect shovel (passed along to the DPW), and an inner tube. Also: 1 syringe, 1 hubcap, and 1 inner tube.

Doggie Beach (Black Rock Beach): there was a lot of trash collected here too, but I didn't receive a report on what was collected. I did enjoy watching boy scouts roll an enormous blue barrel out of the dunes and I got a great picture of them.

Tudor Beach: the biggest accomplishment was the digging out of 3 large lobster traps which had become buried in the sand. Lots of trash was collected including one syringe.

Crystal Beach (at Marjoram Park): this pocket beach yielded a big tire and I received a great picture of its removal by two boys. Countless pieces of ropes and lobster claw bands. Also bait bags buried in the sand were hard to remove. The most interesting item was an old, outdated cassette tape (remember those?).

Canoe Beach: not a lot of people came to Canoe but they collected 9 bags of trash, and 1 dead bird. Bravo!

40 Steps Beach: not a lot of people came out to 40 Steps either, but they worked hard! At least 4 bags of trash were collected. 2 dead mallards were found. Large amount of beer, wine and liquor bottles and pieces; large amount of aluminum cans; countless pieces of plastic; 2 golf balls. Most interesting item was a rusted laptop computer – someone must have been sorry about that item going overboard!

Bathing Beach: this beach was not listed for the public, however our "Bathing Beach Regulars" (Debby & Bob) gave it a good cleaning. Trash had been blown into bushes and grasses along the shore. 21 shot-gun shell casings; 20 cans; 1 mostly intact lobster trap; 2 large yellow ropes; 3 leather straps; blue styrofoam pieces, 1 buoy, 2 straws, 2 bottles, 1 balloon, ribbon, candy wrappers, 2 balls, 1 scissors, 1 screw driver, plastic ties, 3 bags, 2 Valvoline plastic bottles, 1 detergent plastic bottle, 2 plastic cups. Total: 2 ½ contractor trash bags full.