Nahant Safer Waters In Massachusetts Inc.

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See enclosed flyer about how you can make our planet healthier

We hope you will find this interesting and that it will inspire you to make a difference!

SWIM funds tree work at Pleasant Street Playground

To further our goal of increasing the number of public trees in Nahant, SWIM made a donation to the Town to cover the cost of major tree trimming and removal of diseased and dying trees at the Pleasant Street Playground. Soon the Town will plant new trees, including those donated by citizens in memory of their loved ones. SWIM's mission is to protect and improve our environment and we are proud to be able to make this public area safer and more beautiful for our children.

Butterfly Program

On September 10th at the Nahant Library, Scott Santino of Mass Audubon gave a spectacular and informative presentation about butterflies, followed by a magical butterfly walk in a nearby garden. Go to our website www.nahantswim.org and click "News" at the top of the page to see a photo!

Nahant Garden Club Arbor Day Event about trees

On April 28, Nahant Tree Warden Marc Carbone and Vi Patek teamed up for this presentation. Marc answered many important questions about trees and Vi distributed a lot of printed materials generated by SWIM. It was a great evening.

Maintenance, Management and Stewardship Plan for Lodge Park

An informal group called Friends of Lodge Park had twenty meetings in the past year with the goal of creating a management plan for Lodge Park to serve as a guide for eliminating invasive plants, planting native plants, reducing erosion, and improving public safety - and as a template for future maintenance. At the 2022 Nahant Town Meeting, this plan was submitted to the voters by the Town of Nahant, with Nahant SWIM Inc. as the co -applicant and it was accepted for funding by the Community Preservation Act in the amount of $7500 for the Mass Audubon Ecological Extension Service to draw up this plan, $3000 of which was pledged by SWIM. The next step will be a public forum hosted by the Open Space and Recreation Plan Committee to explain the plan and engage the public. SWIM was honored to partner with the Town in this effort.

Techno Trash Cans at our Library – take advantage!

SWIM donated two Technotrash Cans to our Library for public use**.** These are convenient collection boxes for CDs, diskettes, DVDs, ink cartridges, cell phones, videotapes, pagers, PDAs, and all small technotrash. This is yet another way you can protect our environment from destructive trash! See the titles and a photo on our website under "News": www.nahantswim.org

North Atlantic right whales Visited Nahant in May, again.

We have fabulous videos of the Fin Whale and North Atlantic right whales! Go to our website and click "News": www.nahantswim.org These extraordinary videos show the second largest animal on earth, a Fin Whale (only the Blue Whale is larger) and North Atlantic right whales feeding side by side. Look at all the videos (they are short) because in some you can see the right whales opening their mouths to take in plankton-filled water. You can also see the distinctive callosity patterns on their heads which allow ID of each whale. If you would like to try to identify these whales, go to https://rwcatalog.neaq.org/#/ which is the New England Aquarium catalog.

Book Collection about the natural world donated to Library

SWIM donated 14 books to our Nahant Library. Go check them out! See the titles and a photo on our website under "News": www.nahantswim.org

Rodent control video

If you are putting down poisons to kill rats and mice you might have already killed pets and wildlife because the rodenticides are slow killers causing internal bleeding, making them easy prey. Even worse, a small child could get hold of some... Our own Nahant resident Francene Amari-Faulker created a very interesting video which you can see on our website: www.nahantswim.org under "News". Please spread this information and help keep poisons out of our wildlife, children, pets, and environment

Consider Composting!

Our town pays for disposal of waste by weight - compostable items add up to about a third of that weight. Compost and save taxpayer money! Please consider subscribing to the Black Earth Compost service, the only company that currently serves Nahant: www.blackearthcompost.com They make it easy to compost!

SWIM Keeps Nahant's Beaches Clean

Many thanks go to our diligent Beachkeepers who clean our beaches every month. On May 22 SWIM led our tenth annual spring cleanup of our three largest beaches. On September 18th we cleaned those beaches again for the sixth time. Across the years we are seeing a steady decline in trash on our beaches. Raising public awareness by offering the beauty of pristine beaches has a powerful effect.

More Actions by SWIM

We have been deeply involved in issues related to the environment this past year:

*For the 9th year, on March 2, our executive director attended the Outfall Monitoring Science Advisory Panel (OMSAP) whose purpose is to advise the EPA and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MADEP) on scientific and technical matters related to the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority's Boston outfall and any potential impacts of the discharge on its receiving waters; our executive director is also a member of the watchdog committee called Public Interest Advisory Committee (PIAC) which monitors OMSAP and attended their meeting also.

* On March 30 our executive director attended *Zosterapalooza XXXI*, a workshop from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 1 with a focus on current eelgrass research in coastal waters. SWIM has had a representative at this annual conference since 2015.

We believe that collaboration is vital to our environment, and we are grateful for our partnerships with the Nahant Public Library, the Nahant Garden Club, the Nahant Department of Public Works, our Town Administrator and our Selectmen.

SWIM's ongoing initiatives include:

education of the public, participation in regional environmental seminars, standing up for the environment, acting as a first responder to threats to our beautiful environment here in Nahant, and serving as a resource for the public about environmental concerns. For more information, check out our website: www.nahantswim.org

Because of your support, SWIM can continue its important work protecting our beautiful beaches, wild lands and clear waters. We are proud of our growth as an effective local environmental organization and very much appreciate your commitment to our efforts.

Please consider making a gift to SWIM by using the form below and the enclosed blue envelope, or by donating online (see instructions below). Nahant S.W.I.M. Inc. is a **nonprofit, tax-exempt charitable organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Donations are tax-deductible as allowed by law.**

Note: for copies of this newsletter go to www.nahantswim.org and click "Resources" and "Archive".
Thank you very much.

Vi Patek, President

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