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SWIMNEWS

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New! SWIM's *Plant a Tree Program*

SWIM donated a Red Oak to the Town which was recently planted in Marjoram Park as a gift to the residents of Nahant. This was inspired by a presentation about trees by Barbara Warren, Executive Director of Salem Sound Coastwatch, at the Nahant Lifesaving Station last April. SWIM sponsored this event and it generated a lot of enthusiasm to address the need to plant more trees on Nahant. We plan to plant a tree every year. We hope you enjoy the enclosed educational card about trees.

New! SWIM'S Scholarships for Nahant Students

Thanks to your continued generosity, SWIM was able to start an annual program of providing scholarship funds for Nahant's resident middle and high school students interested in attending the Northeastern University Marine Science Center's Coastal Ocean Science Academy (COSA) summer program. This summer three students attended on full scholarships with our support. We are grateful that your generous donations allow us to make this opportunity available to our young people interested in ocean science.

Greenscapes Program

SWIM is working closely with the Town via our Greenscapes Program to satisfy the more stringent EPA regulations for its MS4 Permit Input (Municipal Separate Stormwater Systems) going into effect in 2017, especially in the area of educating the public. This fall the Johnson School will benefit from its third annual Greenscapes classroom event "Keeping Water Clean" to help children understand why water runoff is a critical issue for the health of the ocean and for our own health. We are planning a public event about lawn care and the environment to take place next spring.

SWIM's Third Annual Nahant Beaches Cleanup Day

SWIM led the effort with the assistance of our DPW to clean our three largest beaches in May, and we will do it again this spring. Nahanters of all ages really love to keep our beaches clean.

Second Annual Nahant Coastal Bioblitz

Together with the Ocean Genome Legacy of the Northeastern Marine Science Center, SWIM collaborated in the second annual public scavenger hunt to document Nahant's coastal biodiversity. Over 150 sleuths of all ages recorded 525 observations about local marine organisms from six of Nahant's beaches. Volunteers helped the participants identify over 50 marine species.

New! Drinking Fountain at the Wharf next year

SWIM is donating a drinking fountain to be attached to the Wharfinger's building to encourage the refilling of water bottles and reduction of use of throwaway plastic bottles. It should have been installed this year but now we will wait until spring for the wharf's overhaul. We are grateful to Mark Irvine of Robert W. Irvine & Sons for donating the installation. We hope to install fountains at other beaches in the future.



News! Right Whale visited Nahant in April

SWIM spread the news via our distribution list (almost 400) and large numbers of people were alerted to admire this magnificent, rare giant gently swimming along our shores. What a privilege – only about 500 are left in the world...

THANKS TO YOUR SUPPORT, SWIM CONTINUES ITS IMPORTANT WORK TO PROTECT OUR BEAUTIFUL BEACHES AND CLEAR WATERS. WE ARE PROUD OF OUR GROWTH AS AN EFFECTIVE LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL ORGANIZATION AND VERY MUCH APPRECIATE YOUR COMMITMENT TO OUR EFFORTS. WE CANNOT DO IT WITHOUT YOU!

SWIM’s ongoing efforts include:

- *Adopt a Beach Program*
- Efforts to upgrade recycling in Nahant
- Commitment to re-stencil our streets’ storm drains with “*No Dumping – Drains to Ocean*”
- Production of a new guide to the rocks of Nahant
- Education of the public about pesticide and fertilizer use on lawns
- Representation at important meetings and seminars about our environment
- Role as a first responder to threats to our beautiful environment here in Nahant
- Developing a contingency plan for large shoreline pollution events

Please consider making a gift to SWIM by using the form below and the enclosed envelope. SWIM 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.

Thank you very much.
Vi Patek, President

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