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SWIMNEWS

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News! SWIM's Website completely renovated!

Have fun exploring: nahantswim.org Tons of pictures of Nahant and everything there is to know about SWIM!

News! Publication of "A Guide to Exploring The Rocks of Nahant: and How to Become a Rock Detective"

SWIM created this beautiful field guide for all Nahanters to enjoy thanks to the outstanding leadership of Ellen Antrim who is its editor. Our designer is Amy Klee and our photographers are Maria Peterson and Christopher Marks, all of whom donated their professional work to SWIM. We will donate sets to the Nahant Library and the Johnson School. Copies may be had for a donation of \$12 to cover our costs. To obtain a copy contact nahantswiminc@gmail.com

News! Drinking Fountain Installed at the Wharf

SWIM generated the idea of donating a drinking fountain to be attached to the Wharfinger's building to encourage the refilling of water bottles and reduction of throwaway plastic bottles. In the end, Mark Irvine of Robert W. Irvine & Sons created the fountain and donated the installation. It is dedicated to the Nahant Lobstermen who also contributed. This fountain is a symbol of collaboration for which we are all very grateful. Have a look at the plaque installed above the fountain.

News! Greenscapes Program - [see enclosed card about Nahant's MS4 EPA permit](#)

SWIM funds 80% of the Greenscapes Program fees to help the Town satisfy the EPA regulations for its MS4 Permit (Municipal Separate Stormwater Systems), especially in the area of educating the public. Northeastern University generously funds 20%. This fall the Johnson School enjoyed its fourth 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 and this year's annual adult education event was also entitled "Keeping Water Clean" and was held at Town Hall.

News! SWIM donated Storm Drain Stencils to the Town saying "No Dumping – Drains to Ocean"



This gift to the Town helps it fulfill the EPA MS4 permit requirements. They will be attached to curbs above storm drains in 2018 with the help of volunteers. They are 4" in diameter.

News! SWIM's Adopt a Beach Program, Fourth Annual Nahant Beaches Cleanup Day, and First Annual COASTSWEEP cleanup of Short Beach in October

Thanks go to our wonderful Beachkeepers who clean our beaches year round. 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. Joining the COASTSWEEP worldwide cleanup on October 14th we brought Short Beach back to its beautiful natural state.

News! Collaboration Resulting in Purchase of Derelict Property at 25 Furbush Road

SWIM collaborated with the Nahant Preservation Trust to protect the land at 25 Furbush Road as open space and with our help the Nahant Preservation Trust was able to purchase the lot from the Town. The vacant house and foundation have been removed and the Trust has signed an agreement with the Audubon Society to develop a plan for the restoration of the property. The land will be held in perpetuity as a natural open space for the enjoyment of all.

MA Audubon "Nahant Thicket Wildlife Sanctuary Ecological Restoration and Maintenance Plan"

SWIM is working with Mass Audubon and surrounding neighbors to create a plan to restore the Thicket by removing invasive plants, planting native plants, improving drainage and accessibility. This is a multi year project to which Mass Audubon is committed.

SWIM's *Plant a Tree Program*

SWIM has donated a total of four trees to the Town of Nahant which have been planted in Marjoram Park by the DPW this year. These gifts to the residents of Nahant came from donors to SWIM who earmarked their gifts for the planting of trees. In the future we look forward to encouraging the planting of trees by property owners themselves by offering trees free of cost along with advice on selection and care.

SWIM'S Scholarships for Nahant Students Extended to Internships

SWIM continued its 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 year we expanded the reach of these funds to high school and college age residents seeking internships at Northeastern University. We are grateful that your generous donations allow us to make this opportunity available to our young people interested in ocean science.

Third Annual Nahant Coastal Bioblitz

SWIM collaborated with the Ocean Genome Legacy of the Northeastern Marine Science Center in the third annual public scavenger hunt to document Nahant's coastal biodiversity. Over 120 sleuths of all ages recorded 600 observations about local marine organisms from six of Nahant's beaches. Volunteers helped the participants identify 60 marine species.

SWIM's ongoing initiatives include: efforts to upgrade recycling in Nahant, education of the public about pesticide and fertilizer use on lawns, representation at important meetings and seminars about our environment , active role as a first responder to threats to our beautiful environment here in Nahant, development of a contingency plan for large shoreline pollution events

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!

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

Thank you very much.

Vi Patek, President

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