

Boston Harbor Neighborhood Newsletter

August 23, 2014



Photo by Chris Hamilton

With the waning days of August, we turn our attention to enjoying these last days of our endless summer. Just around the corner, Labor Day marks the coming fall season. Two major neighborhood events are ahead. School starts on September 3rd and our annual Boston Harbor Potluck Picnic will be held on September 21st. With school starting, don't forget to look out for children waiting for the bus. Drive safely and remember the 20 m.p.h. speed limit will once again be in effect in the school zone on Zangle Road.

Boston Harbor Fireworks Funding

The final tally isn't in yet from our "Fireworks Fundraising" efforts, but early results look good. We will let you know the results when we have the total numbers, but it looks like we will have a cushion for next year's fireworks and money to meet other responsibilities as the years go by.

Picnic/potluck

This year, the potluck picnic will be held on the September 21st which is the third Sunday of the month at the marina from 3—6 p.m.. We know you are all **ready and willing** to participate, so a Volunteer sign-up will be posted at the Marina. Don't forget – a table will also be set up so you can pay your annual dues of \$10 per family.

What your DUES do . . .

- One vote in the general election held at the BHA Annual Meeting

- 3rd of July parade with prizes for all participants

- Fall Potluck Picnic

- BH PTA Live Auction Item – A joint sponsorship for a picnic basket with drinks and snacks for front-row seating for four during the 3rd of July Fireworks Display

- Maintenance work at Burfoot Park and special projects, such as ivy pulling at the back trail into Burfoot.

- Publicize activities that enhance our area, including the "Peer Pier" program held at the BH Marina by the South Sound Estuary Association

Traffic Issues – Running stop signs and Speeding

At the last BHA Board meeting, several neighbors expressed concerns about safety on our narrow roads – a potentially dangerous combination of children, elders, bikes and automobile speeding. Many possible solutions were discussed including education that speeding is not gaining them much, painting a center line, installing speed bumps and "turtles" in the road. For now it was decided that Kaye Mayo would post another message on *Nextdoor* to spread awareness of the issues. Also, Richard Thompson reports that he has been discussing this with the County, and the "Speed Trailer" has been set up in an effort to further identify those who are exceeding posted limits. Our past experience regarding speeding has had positive results, so diligence will be necessary for our community voices to be heard.

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New School Year

School is starting and along with the usual neighborhood foot traffic, school buses will be travelling through the neighborhood twice a day. Be extra cautious – look out for kids. This is extra important this year, given the speeding issues mentioned above. The Boston Harbor PTA has shared some helpful information about events at the school during the weeks ahead. Below are some upcoming dates and more information.

September 2: Boston Harbor Ice Cream Social, 5-7 p.m. Please note that Zangle Road may be hectic due to limited parking in the school parking lot.

September 3: First day of school for Boston Harbor School.

September 5: New parent "welcome" tea, 9:30 a.m. - again Zangle may be unusually crowded

October 25: Boston Harbor PTA Halloween Carnival - the whole community is invited!

The Boston Harbor School welcomes the new Principal Jen Brotherton and a number of additional new teachers including Boston Harbor resident Heather Myers. You can find more information on all of the new BHS staff online at http://bostonharbor.osd.wednet.edu/media/bostonharbor//bios_2014.pdf.

The Boston Harbor PTA is always looking for community volunteers to participate in fundraisers and help with upcoming events. This year we are putting together a gardening group to help with the school garden beds, a fundraising plant sale, spring silent auction and much more!

For more information or to volunteer contact the PTA at officers@bhspta.org.

In addition, the Boston Harbor School PTA is on Facebook! To hear about upcoming events, reminders and emergency information, "like" them on Facebook - just type in Boston Harbor School PTA.

School hours are 9:20 a.m. to 3:42 p.m.

The gym opens every morning at 9:10 am.

Be sure to check out the new colors – the school exterior has been repainted (see photo below).

For full information about the Boston Harbor Elementary, check the web site at:

<http://bostonharbor.osd.wednet.edu/>.

Until Next Time!

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Boston Harbor Elementary—New colors and the finishing touches on the new roof.