

Boston Harbor Neighborhood Newsletter

Archived Edition—May 17, 2009—Eric Hurlburt, Editor



Boston Harbor, ca. 1940, provided by Jerry Hall

Greetings,

I hope everyone has enjoyed the spring weather this weekend. After all the rain and cool weather, even the deer and foxes seem to be happier and the birds are singing. Sunday was a great morning to enjoy breakfast at the Marina

Burfoot Park

First, I want to thank the over two dozen people (including kids) who helped pull ivy at Burfoot Park. Vicki initiated this, arranged for volunteers and the Thurston County Stream Team. We made some real progress but there is a lot more to do. Ivy is a nasty, noxious weed that destroys habitats and is running out of control. If you are visiting the park, don't hesitate to pull any that you see. For that matter, do what you can to keep it under control on your own property. The most important thing is to keep it out of the trees. Not only does it damage the trees, but that is where it flowers and produces seeds that are then spread by the birds. We will plan additional community work parties in the future.

Speaking of Burfoot Park, I spoke with County Commissioners Wolfe and Romero on Saturday. Burfoot is the top priority of all the county parks, and it is open through this summer. After that, there is no guarantee as the County's budget situation continues to decline. So, keep your powder dry and we will be ready to work on this again in the fall. I did get very positive feedback about our offers to help. Also, Kathy Knight is compiling information on the history of the park which we will put on the website once it finds a new home (Chris Hamilton is working on this).

Fireworks

At the last board meeting of the Boston Harbor Association, we voted to again contract Orion Pyrotechnics to do our July 3rd fireworks. As always, this is funded by donations from the community and now is the time to start sending those checks or making a donation at the marina. We again plan to have a FM radio transmitter to accompany the show with music and advertise our supporters. We will also have the banner to salute our business donors at the intersection across from our sewage treatment plant (the one that has a ULID bill due on June 1). A \$300 donation gets you on the banner.

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Garden Tour, June 29

As spring fever sets in, don't forget about the 2009 Boston Harbor Summer Garden Tour. We have some beautiful gardens and artist in the neighborhood and this is a chance to see them, get some ideas about what to do in your garden, or just enjoy the community. This year the tour will be on June 28 from 10am to 12noon. Tickets are \$5.00 and can be purchased at the Marina or any of the stops along the way. The tour starts at the intersection of Boston Harbor Road and 73rd, and parking is available along the road or at the Marina. The tour will also include a plant sale that ends at 3:00pm.

BHA Dues

Also, for those who may have forgotten, we always appreciate members how have paid the dues (\$10 per calendar year). If you haven't gotten around to paying, or haven't joined the Association, we will eagerly welcome you and your donation. Dues, donations for fireworks can be dropped off at the marina or mailed to the BHA Treasurer, 442 73rd AVE NE, Olympia, WA 98506.

North Olympia Fire

One last thing, if you haven't noticed, the North Olympia Fire Department has a new website (www.northolympiafire.com <<http://www.northolympiafire.com/>>). It is still being developed by will have safety information, and information about the department, burning permits, etc. The department is also looking for volunteers, especially during the day. If you've got the time, being part of a volunteer fire department is a tremendously rewarding experience and gives your great satisfaction that you are helping our community. Besides, those brand new, big red trucks are really cool.

Enjoy the weather,

Eric Hurlburt, President
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