



# Friends of Constitution Beach

*-Treasure the Beach in Your Backyard*

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## Beach Opening Day Issue

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### It's Officially Beach Season!

The grass is mowed, the concession stand is open, and the lifeguard chairs are out! The weather may be a little cool for a Memorial Day weekend, but DCR has preparations in full swing for a fun-filled kickoff to the 2026 season. Not only is preparation off to a great start, there are even more improvements underway.

### 2026 Off and Running

*A core group of community volunteers have launched a busy year*



An early customer at the Concessions on Opening Day



Lifeguard Posts in place!



Grass mowed, ready for beachgoer blankets!

Keeping our beach the best takes all of us. Please keep the following rules in mind:

- We are lucky to have both a beach and a park area all in one! The sandy beach is off limits to dogs from May until Labor Day, but dogs are allowed on the grassy park areas and paved walkways. *Friends of Constitution Beach will be funding dog bags for those who run out. PLEASE pick up from your pooch and help us keep the beach clean for our families!*

- All the trash barrels are out of storage and on the beach for the 2026 season. If the barrels are full, PLEASE carry your trash out of the park. We hope to fund more barrels but until we get that done, we need your help to keep the beach clean.
- Gas grilling is permitted, but NOT charcoal grilling. The Boston Fire Department was out less than a month ago putting out a fire on the beach. You know the saying... "only you can prevent fires".
- PLEASE don't feed the birds! Seagulls, pigeons and especially Canadian geese leave messes everywhere. Canadian goose poop looks like dog poop and once the geese find a home they like, they don't want to leave! If they don't get food, they will go somewhere else.

### News You Can Use in Pictures

They say a picture is worth a thousand words and with so much going on, we're going to let the pictures tell the story. FCB started early to make sure your priorities would get traction. As these snapshots show, Constitution Beach is the place to be this summer! Our thanks to the many organizations that make our beach a gem!

Save the Harbor and DCR get accessibility bikes ready for Constitution Beach

News You Can Use  
FCB looks forward to keeping community members up to date on beach happenings!



A busy spring, with great things underway!



Charity groups launch fundraising at the beach



Boston Water & Sewer Tackles and Fixes Water Main Breaks



Boston Police and State Police, Revere Barracks patrolling to keep us safe

## Tree Eastie and FIFA volunteers plant trees along the Blue Line



Tree Eastie Founder Bill Masterson with a Blue Line Trolley that will be buffered by trees



Volunteers from FIFA help Bill with the planting



Thanks to the Arbor Day Foundation for funding the trees!

## Project Shade continues to add park improvements!



Repair of pavilion floor underway.  
Native plants to go in along the park sidewalk

## Progress on Constitution Beach Priorities

### Beach Priorities

- *Outreach*
- *Collaboration*
- *Results*

Friends of Constitution Beach will be an official nonprofit soon which will help us fund community priorities. Programs will include multi-lingual communications and partnering with other beach advocates for educational, environmental, and beach safety programs.

Our focus on positive results is well underway! We are just starting out but are pleased with our results so far which include the following:

- ✓ Requests have been made for erosion control at both ends of the beach. This will require review by the Boston Conservation Commission and our funding support.
- ✓ Landscaping plans are off the ground as noted by the pictures in this newsletter.
- ✓ A fundraiser to install dog bag dispensaries across the beach is in the works, more news to come in our June newsletter.
- ✓ A safety protocol is under review with DCR and the police departments to formalize emergency reporting.
- ✓ Four beach events are planned for permitting. Stay tuned for more information in the June newsletter!

### Spotlight on Air Quality

*Peter Devlin, FCB Director*

Being so near the ocean is one of the beautiful aspects of living in East Boston, but air quality in any urban setting and certainly so near a major airport, has long been a concern of citizens in this community.

Recently, NOAH (Neighborhood of Affordable Housing), an Eastie institution with a great history of addressing issues specific to East Boston, has developed a relationship with Northeastern University to monitor and compile data about air quality in East Boston. High school students from East Boston are partnering with researchers to learn data analysis skills which will provide clean air solutions to residents in our community. Air quality sensors have been installed in various East Boston locations and you can check out the dashboard at <https://artemis.coe.neu.edu>. While your at it, check out all the interesting things going on at [noahcdc.org](http://noahcdc.org)!

### Who We Are

Friends of Constitution Beach is a group of community volunteers that treasures the beach in our backyard. We are looking for ideas and priorities from community members and partners so we can continue to build our group for the benefit of all.

Reaching us. You can reach FCB through our Facebook page *Friends of Constitution Beach*, or by emailing us at [cbaxter@whatstheriskllc.com](mailto:cbaxter@whatstheriskllc.com)