

THE ESPLANADE ASSOCIATION VOLUNTEER NEWS

From the Volunteer Coordinator

Ahh, spring on the Esplanade! While the park has been at its height of beauty with blossoming cherry trees, brightly colored tulips and daffodils, and green replacing the winter brown, our volunteer program has been in full swing! In early May, we were able to improve the entire Lee Pool area near the Museum of Science thanks to [Equity Residential](#). Equity planted flowers and shrubs, painted fences, benches, courts, and parking strips, pruned trees, emptied debris out of the old pool, and raked and cleaned the area. This section of the Esplanade looks fantastic now! In mid-May, we focused on repainting the Storrow Drive fence, beginning at the BU Bridge, the section most in need of scraping and painting. Thanks to the many volunteers from [The Bridgespan Group](#) and [Fidelity](#), the newly painted green fence in the BU Bridge area looks great! Ending the month, [Boston Cares](#) sent over 125 volunteers from [PricewaterhouseCoopers](#). These volunteers repainted the heavily used Arthur Fiedler footbridge, weeded and replanted in the triangle just below the footbridge on Storrow Drive, pruned trees, and cleared the lagoon banks of trash, debris and invasive species. We are deeply thankful to them for their incredible level of hard work!



Upcoming Events

[Sunday-June 10, 3pm-5pm,
Boston Model Sailing Club](#)

[Wednesday-June 20 & June 27,
6pm-8pm, Boston Model Sailing](#)

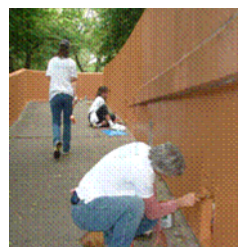
[Wednesday-July 11 & July 25,
6pm-8pm, Boston Model Sailing](#)

[Tuesday-July 24, 7am-7pm,
Park User Counting Day](#)

[Sunday-July 29, 7am-7pm,
Park User Counting Day](#)

Ongoing Opportunities

[Group Volunteering](#)
[Administrative Help](#)



M.V.P. of the Month-Kingsley Montessori School

To help beautify the Fairfield St. lagoon footbridge, [Kingsley](#) elementary students raised \$400 through a bake sale to buy 35 daylilies and planted these hardy plants around the lagoon footbridge. For many, this was their first time gardening and they did a wonderful job! We look forward to seeing their flowers bloom later this summer and early fall. For Kingsley Montessori School's dedicated fundraising, plant donations, and wonderful beautification to the Esplanade, they are our **Motivated Volunteers for the Park** for May.



Spotlight: Boston Model Sailing Club (B.M.S.C.) Season Has Begun!



The [Boston Model Sailing Club](#) is a program of the Esplanade Association, run by volunteers who give their time and skills to make the boats available. The free program was created in 2002 to reestablish the historic tradition of model boating on Storrow Lagoon, between the Dartmouth St. and Fairfield St. footbridges, and to provide a dynamic recreational opportunity for all park users. The B.M.S.C. hosts regattas, informal races, and gives anyone a chance to experience radio-controlled model sailing free of charge. We are looking for more volunteers who want to get involved with this program, whether or not you have sailed before! See the dates above for our upcoming sailing events and come see how you can get involved or go to www.bostonmodelsailing.com