

## THE ESPLANADE ASSOCIATION VOLUNTEER NEWS

### *From the Volunteer Coordinator*

The leaves are changing on the Esplanade, meaning a lot of volunteer raking is coming up! We hope you will find some time soon to get out and enjoy some beautiful foliage on the Esplanade as well as other state parks. Information on the fall foliage in the parks can be found at <http://www.mass.gov/dcr/fallfoliage.htm>, and a list of suggested scenic drives and approximate timetables for best viewing in the state at [www.massvacation.com](http://www.massvacation.com). In addition, for updates on the state's most brilliant landscapes, call the Fall Foliage Hotline (800-227-MASS), which was created by a partnership between DCR and the Massachusetts Office of Travel and Tourism.

September was a slower volunteer month with most volunteers focused on getting back to school and work after their summer adventures. We'd like to thank Northeastern, Suffolk, and Emerson for bringing their students out on the Esplanade to volunteer at the start of their academic year.

As the season changes, we will begin fall cleanup, bulb planting, and tree pruning. If you or your group would like to volunteer during these cooler months, please contact Jen Roy to schedule a project.

### **M.V.P. of the Month-The Esplanade Association Young Professional Council**



The [Esplanade Association Council](#) is a network of young professionals dedicated to helping build a bright future for the Esplanade through networking and taking advantage of the recreational, cultural, and volunteer activities offered on the Esplanade. This group organized the first ever 5K "Run on the Esplanade for the Esplanade" on September 30th, with over 100 runners participating. Everyone had a great time and we hope to continue this run next year. For their time and energy, these committed young professionals are our September **Motivated Volunteers for the Park**.



### Upcoming Events

**Sunday-October 14 & October 28-3pm-5pm, Boston Model Sailing**

**Tuesday-October 16 & October 30-8am-9am, Marathon Committee Meeting**

**Saturday & Sunday-October 20-21 Head of the Charles® Regatta**

**Monday-November 5-2008 Boston Marathon® Charity Program "Team Esplanade" Runner Application Deadline**

### Ongoing Opportunities

[Group Volunteering](#)

[Administrative Help](#)

### **Spotlight: The Esplanade Association named as an official 2008 Boston Marathon® Charity**

The Esplanade Association has been selected by the Boston Athletic Association (B.A.A.) to be one of the [2008 Boston Marathon official charities!](#) We have received 15 non-qualifying race entries to make available to individuals who will commit to using the April 21, 2008 race as a fundraising opportunity for our organization. Applications to run for our charity team are due to us on Monday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. To apply to run for "Team Esplanade" please [Click Here](#) to complete the application or get more information.

We are also still looking for volunteers (especially runners) to help who might like to serve either on our marathon team committee or to help with training, fundraising, PR, or sponsorship. Our next marathon committee meeting is **Tuesday, October 16th at 8am** here at our office on 10 Derne St. Please contact [Jen Roy](#) if you are interested in running or supporting the team.

Thanks for any help in getting the word out about this great opportunity!

