

THE ESPLANADE ASSOCIATION VOLUNTEER NEWS

From the Volunteer Coordinator

Seasons greetings and welcome to winter. Although the robins have been sticking around a bit longer this year, the snow fencing has gone up along the Esplanade and temperatures are finally starting to feel like winter. Many thanks to the volunteers who have been out this fall planting bulbs and raking leaves, and an advanced acknowledgement to those of you who sign up for one of our winter pruning events this January.

I hope you all have a peaceful and joyous holiday season, and that we'll have the chance to work together in 2007.

M.V.P.'s of the Month



We are grateful to those who came out this fall to help rake, paint, and cleanup the Esplanade— including groups from the BU Hillel House, Environmental Students Organization,

and Hindu Club, BB&N, Boston Cares, and the Boston Consulting Group—and we would like to call your attention to the work done by The Match School and Northeastern's Beta Alpha Psi. On November 11th, these students planted over 700 tulip bulbs in front of the Hatch Shell, and this spring, the bulbs will emerge and bloom to grace the park with resplendent colors.

For the forthcoming botanic delight which they planted so earnestly, The Match School and NU's Beta Alpha Psi are our MVP's of the month.

Spotlight: Energy & Environment Community Meeting

This month Governor-elect Patrick's Transition Team began meeting with the public on a variety of hot button issues—including Energy and the Environment (E&E).

At the E&E meeting last Monday, approximately 200 people gathered to voice their concerns and to listen to fellow advocates and civil servants who are working to make Massachusetts safer and healthier for everyone. The topics ranged from transportation planning to park stewardship, solar panels to environmental justice, and there was an overwhelming sense of optimism and hope for the new administration—peppered, of course, with a healthy dose of urgency.

While we all struggle to prioritize the state's energy and environmental needs, let's remember that our issues are all interconnected and the success of our green endeavors depends upon cooperation and support. If you are interested in getting involved by letting the new administration know what you think, please follow this link for a list of upcoming meetings and contacts.

<http://www.patrickmurraytransition.org/calendar/cal.cfm>

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Upcoming Events

January 6th, 10am-1pm, Tree Pruning

Help care for the Esplanade's hard-working trees, and learn basic pruning techniques and strategies.

January 27th, 10am-1pm, Tree Pruning

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And stay tuned for the first installment of our special guest lecture series this February!

Ongoing Opportunities

Group Volunteering

Administrative Help

