

THE ESPLANADE ASSOCIATION VOLUNTEER NEWS

From Jen Roy...new Volunteer Coordinator

Happy 2007! I am thrilled to be writing to you as the new Volunteer and Community Enrichment Program Coordinator and excited to meet all of you out in the park soon! My first month working with Trinidad and The Esplanade Association has been great and we have already held three tree prunings, attended a college volunteer recruitment fair, and given a class presentation on our work. The volunteer event calendar is really beginning to fill up for the spring so sign your group up soon! I am thankful for all you have done and will continue to do for the Esplanade!

M.V.P. of the Month-Andrew W.



These past two winters The Esplanade Association has held over a dozen tree pruning events, and Andrew W. has been present at nearly 50% of them.

Andrew lives near the park, uses it often, and wants to contribute to its care. He has become a tree pruning expert with a keen eye, and he has been a great help and a boon to the health of the Esplanade's trees.

For his dedication to the park, even in the coldest weather, his contribution of time, and his learned skills, Andrew W. is our MVP of the Month.



Upcoming Events

THIS SATURDAY-February 10th, 10am-1pm, Tree Pruning

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

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Saturday-April 21st, 9am-12pm, 8th Annual Earth Day Charles River Clean-Up

Join the thousands helping clean up the Charles River. Go to www.charlesriver.org/cleanup.html for more info and to register.

Ongoing Opportunities

Group Volunteering **Administrative Help**

Spotlight: *Beginning a Youth/Teen Leadership Program*

One of the Esplanade Association's Priority Projects for 2007 is to establish a special leadership training program for Boston high school teens to become park stewards and leaders in the urban parks open space movement.

Modeled after Prospect Park Alliance's Youth Council program in Brooklyn, which you can learn more about at www.pps.org/tcb/prospect_park.htm, The Esplanade Association's Teen Leadership Program will begin this summer. We will be recruiting a diverse cross-section of teens from all over the Boston area who have a passion

for parks, working with others from the community, and developing their leadership abilities. This program will give youth a voice in what goes on in the park, offer green job skill development and opportunities to plan programs for the greater community, and will foster an appreciation and ownership of one of the most precious outdoor environments in Boston. **We are currently looking for a university student intern to supervise the youth and work with us to develop the program. If you or anyone you know may be interested in a job opportunity working with youth on the Esplanade beginning in April/May and running through early September, please contact Jen Roy at her email below.**

