

THE ESPLANADE ASSOCIATION VOLUNTEER NEWS

From the Volunteer Coordinator

This summer you will see a couple of new faces wearing Esplanade Association t-shirts. They belong to our **new interns, Jeffrey Taforo and Brandon Harper**. They will be working with us through the summer on a variety of maintenance projects and programs, so please say hello and ask them what they're up to.

Please check [Upcoming Events](#) for opportunities to volunteer and let us know if you will be attending a special event at the Hatch Shell and would like to staff an Esplanade Association table. We need your help to keep the park growing!

[Email us](#), or call 617 227-0365 for more information.

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The park's beautiful and hardworking trees have been taken for granted. In many cases, the pruning they need to grow properly and remain healthy hasn't been done, and the park suffers ecologically and aesthetically.

One Saturday in July, a group of volunteers from **MIT and Single Volunteers Boston (SVB)** took steps to correct this. Using pole saws and a lot of muscle, they trimmed deadwood from the locusts and oaks that grow around the Charles Street footbridge. Their hard work opened up views, allowing sunlight to reach living branches, and makes this entrance to the park much safer and more visually appealing. Thank you MIT and SVB!! You guys did an incredible job!



Spotlight: *Canada Geese*

Those of you who use the park on a regular basis have probably noticed that in the last few weeks the Esplanade has been a preferred hangout for large numbers of Canada Geese.



In early June, the geese begin to molt. This means they shed wing feathers and are unable to fly. After molting begins, the geese spend the next six weeks near water - so that they might swim away from predators - and close to a safe and reliable food source. The Esplanade is a tough spot to beat in terms of these criteria, and geese who nested further up the Charles swim their way down to our safe and verdant shores.

As the geese regain use of their wings in late July, our border collie patrol will effectively herd them away from the park once again, and our lawns and pathways will cease to be covered in their abundant droppings. This is part of our [GeesePeace program](#), which seeks to address human/goose conflicts in the most humane way possible.



Upcoming Events

August 11th, 5:30p.m.-Sunset, Cleanup and a Movie

Help clean the park before settling in to a free movie at the Hatch Shell. (The hint for tonight's movie is...Grease Lightnin'!)

August 23rd, 4:00-7:30p.m., Gardening to the Classics

Help care for our gardens and then enjoy a free concert performance from the US Coast Guard Band.

Be an Esplanade Ambassador at a Hatch Shell special event!

Ongoing Opportunities

Group Volunteering Administrative Help