



SAVE NEWSLETTER

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2009 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Ann Devlin

Looking back over the past year, I am encouraged by the exciting developments that have taken place within our organization. We are fortunate to have the SAVE website at www.SaugusSAVE.org provided courtesy of Saugus.com which provides a vital link to a great many people and keeps them informed and current in the goings-on of our organization. We plan to soon have a revamped and up-to-date site at Saugus.net as well. Our partnership with Friends of Breakheart has afforded us numerous opportunities to network with the public, and we enjoy and appreciate the Visitor's Center for all our monthly meetings. Our membership continues to grow and we look forward to working with new members to achieve our goals in the coming year.

As more people throughout our town and beyond become aware of the increasing need to lower their carbon footprint as a way to reduce global warming, SAVE has taken a leading role in educating the public by example to press the concept of **Reduce, Reuse, Recycle**, and by providing free admission to see and hear environmental speakers, holding Swap events, and hosting environmentally themed movies at family attended movie nights. With the state preparing its decision on the moratorium of the building of new waste incinerators and the expansion of existing incinerators, our efforts have never been more urgently needed.

With so much attention finally turned toward the protection of our environment at the state and national level, it is a tremendous time to be a part of this movement and to really put into practice the concept of **"think globally, act locally"**.



Next SAVE Board Meeting Wednesday August 12, 2009

All SAVE members are encouraged
to attend the monthly Board Meetings
held at Breakheart Reservation
in the Christopher P. Dunne Visitor Center
177 Lynn Fells Parkway, Saugus
on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm
Check our website at www.SaugusSAVE.org for
the exact date each month.

With more participation, we can accomplish more goals.

SAVE OFFICERS ELECTED FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010

Congratulations to the newly elected officers who have agreed to serve for Fiscal Year 2010:



Ann Devlin, President

Margery Hunter, Vice-President

Charles J. Bocchino, Treasurer

Susan Thomas, Secretary

This year's officers, together with the dedicated Board of Directors, are looking forward to working with the membership to use the power of our organization to continue to make a difference on a number of environmental issues within our Town.

Please feel free to come to the next monthly Board Meeting on Wednesday August 12, 2009 at 7:30 pm at Breakheart Reservation in the Christopher P. Dunne Visitor Center to meet the board members, share your ideas, and put your enthusiasm for environmental action to work.

In addition to the four officers listed above, the SAVE Board of Directors for Fiscal 2010 are:

Pat Bocchino, Carol Chelf, Pam Goodwin, Tim Hawkes, Janice Kelty, Laura Moore, Joyce Rodenhiser, and Phil Silvani.

If you would like to join the Board of Directors, please contact Ann Devlin at: 781-233-5717 or by email at adevlin@aisle10.net

SAVE ANNUAL MEETING AND DINNER ENJOYED BY ALL!

The SAVE 36th Annual Meeting and Dinner, held at the Hilltop Steakhouse and Restaurant in Saugus on Wednesday, June 17th, was a great success thanks to all who attended!

In addition to the brief annual business meeting and the election of officers for Fiscal Year 2010, the program included our guest speaker Curtis White, Lead Supervisory Park Ranger at Saugus Iron Works, who presented the gathering with a slide show and talk on the recent changes and renovations at the Iron Works resulting from the Restoration Project that has been ongoing at the park.



SAVE President, Ann Devlin with Iron Works Ranger Curtis White, our guest speaker.

We encourage everyone to visit the Saugus Iron Works. It's a beautiful and interesting U.S. national historic park. Admission is free. The park is open daily 9:00 am to 5:00 pm from April 1st through October 31st. Closed November 1st through March 31st.

The evening also included the presentation of the SAVE Environmental Educational Scholarship to Michael Gray, a 2009 graduate of Saugus High School who will be attending the University of Rhode Island in the fall to study Ocean Engineering.

We hope to see all our members at the 2010 Annual Meeting and Dinner.



Remember to: **REDUCE - REUSE - RECYCLE**

SAVE Monthly Environmental Tip

Each month, SAVE offers an *Environmental Tip of the Month* in our newsletter and on our website at www.SaugusSAVE.org

This month we are addressing one of Summer's most annoying issues. Mosquitoes. Many towns and their citizens are spraying poisons to get rid of them. But there are safer ways to deal with the mosquito population than spraying with poisons. One very good way to eliminate mosquitoes is to encourage bats to visit or even live in your yard by providing a bat house or two on your property.



Bats are extremely important. Yet due to years of unwarranted human fear and persecution, bats are in alarming decline. By putting up a bat house you are helping by giving them a home. You will also benefit from having fewer yard and garden pests, and will enjoy learning about bats and sharing your knowledge with friends and family.

As the primary predators of night-flying insects, bats play a vital role in maintaining the balance of nature. And, as consumers of vast numbers of pests, they rank among humanity's most valuable allies. A single little brown bat can catch hundreds of mosquito-sized insects an hour, and a typical colony of big brown bats can protect local farmers from the costly attacks of 18 million root-worms each summer.

Bats are not blind, and are actually very clean animals. They do not get caught in peoples' hair or chew through the attic of your house. Bats will not interfere with feeding backyard birds, and they will not be disrupted by pets or children.

Read more about bat houses at:

http://www.eparks.org/wildlife_protection/wildlife_facts/bats/bat_house.asp

25th Annual SAVE PRANKERS POND DAY

Sunday August 16, 2009

from Noon to 4:00 pm



Canoe rides were the highlight of Prankers Pond Day 2008.

Please plan to join us for this wonderful opportunity to get together with other members, friends and family to relax, chat, delight in the scenery, and enjoy a summer day at this great natural site in our midst.

Activities will include canoe rides, leisurely nature walks with tree, plant and/or wildlife identification, and children's activities. SAVE will provide water, juice, and watermelon. We encourage everyone to bring a picnic lunch, together with your lawn chairs and blankets.

Mark your calendars and save this date! We look forward to seeing you all there.

FOUNDERS DAY Saturday, September 12, 2009

SAVE will have a table staffed by members who will share our concerns and our goals with visitors to the event. One of our goals will be to sign up some new members.

We hope to participate in the Nike Reuse-A-Shoe program again this year. Our application is in and we will know soon. Please check our website at www.SaugusSAVE.org to check to see if you should bring your worn-out athletic shoes (any brand) to drop into our recycling bin. SAVE will deliver the collected athletic shoes to the nearest Nike Reuse-A-Shoe drop-off location for recycling into materials used in playground and sport surfaces.

SAVE will also have a "mercury drop-off" station at our table for small items such as button cell batteries, hearing aid and watch batteries, thermometers and thermostats, etc. Recycling these items will help in our efforts to reduce our carbon footprint!



SAVE ANNUAL DUES AND MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Just a reminder that it's that time of year again – time to submit your Fiscal Year 2010 annual dues and membership renewal.

For the convenience of those members, a red dot next to your name on the address label of this newsletter indicates that current Fiscal Year 2010 dues are payable.

Again, many thanks to all those members who have submitted their dues to date or who have joined as new members – and to those who so generously included additional monies earmarked for either the SAVE Scholarship/Educational Fund or the Environmental Fund.

Dues continue to be just \$5 per year for the first family member to join, plus \$3 for each additional family member who joins. Student dues are only \$1 per year.

Our Treasurer, Chuck Bocchino, has developed the tear-off sheet below so that those members who have not already done so can submit their annual dues and indicate whether they wish any additional monies submitted with their dues to be applied to the SAVE Scholarship/Educational Fund, or to the SAVE Environmental Fund.



**Enclosed is my check for membership dues for fiscal year 2010
(from July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010).**

**Annual Dues are \$5 for the first family member to join,
plus \$3 for each additional family member. Student dues are \$1.**

Name(s) E-Mail

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Name(s) E-Mail

Address.....

Telephone Cell Phone

Amount enclosed for dues.....\$ _____

Contribution enclosed for Scholarship/Education Fund (if any).....\$ _____

Contribution enclosed for Environmental Fund (if any).....\$ _____

Total Amount enclosed\$ _____

**Please make check payable to SAVE, Saugus, and mail to:
SAVE Treasurer, Chuck Bocchino, 41 Great Woods Road, Saugus, MA 01906**

To download and print the form, go to www.SaugusSAVE.org

While SAVE annual dues have remained extremely low, your financial contributions are an important source of income that help support our ongoing efforts to promote a better quality of life in Saugus through environmental concern and action. These funds also make it possible for us to publish our newsletter, hold local Environmental Candidates' Nights, and grant an annual college scholarship to a local high school graduate or sponsor an environmental educational event.

Your continued support is most appreciated. Please direct questions regarding SAVE membership to Ann Devlin at 781-233-5717

SAVE NEWSLETTER AVAILABLE VIA E-MAIL

SAVE is encouraging its members to opt to receive SAVE Newsletters by e-mail. Today, with increased technology, it is likely that many more members have access to e-mail and would like to take advantage of the convenience of receiving the SAVE Newsletter via e-mail.

Some of the benefits of distributing the newsletter by e-mail are: reducing our collective carbon footprint by saving more trees because we will use less paper; saving electricity because we will have to do less copying; saving postage costs; and members will receive their newsletter several days earlier.

Several members are receiving their newsletters by e-mail, and we urge all of you to let us know if you are interested in receiving your SAVE Newsletter by e-mail.

Please contact Ann Devlin at adevlin@aisle10.net or at 781-233-5717

or contact Susan Thomas at susan@saugus.com or 617-797-4377

and provide your name and e-mail address. We appreciate your cooperation.

**The SAVE Newsletter can also be viewed, downloaded, saved, and printed at:
our website - www.SaugusSAVE.org**

SAVE FUNDRAISER AT HUBERMAN'S GREENHOUSES has been extended.
Clip this coupon and use it when you purchase plants for your home.

Buy Beautiful Plants & Raise Money for Saugus Action Volunteers for the Environment

Now through August 31, 2009 when you purchase products at J. Huberman's Greenhouses,
8% of your pre-tax sale will be donated to SAVE

Huberman's carries Annuals, Geraniums, Perennials & Vegetable Plants

Huberman's Greenhouses
111 Vine Street (between Essex & Main) Saugus (781) 233- 4682

Open Daily Monday through Saturday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm and Sundays 10:00 am to 5:00 pm
www.SaugusSAVE.org **Please present this coupon with your purchase.**

Payment Methods: Cash, MasterCard, Visa

Coupons may also be printed from our website www.SaugusSAVE.org

Upcoming Events

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Breakheart Visitors Center 7:30 pm All SAVE members are encouraged to attend.

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Letter Writing Session at the SAVE Board Meeting Wednesday August 12, 2009

Please arrive early for the meeting. At 7:00 pm we will have a letter writing session to make our voices heard in support of the Expanded Bottle Bill. This is a great opportunity for our members to participate in a "hands-on" activity to promote recycling and help keep plastic bottles out of the waste stream.

For more information on this issue, please visit www.SaugusSAVE.org