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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THE ESPLANADE ASSOCIATION SUMMER EVENTS

Check the website for updated events
www.esplanadeassociation.org/things/todo/calendar

APRIL 30, MAY 7, MAY 21 SUNDAYS IN THE PARK - Free children's programs near the Stoneman Playground including storytelling, clowns and puppet shows, all sponsored by the Esplanade Association.



JUNE 4 SUNDAYS IN THE PARK continues - Meet some animals from the Franklin Park Zoo at the Stoneman Playground - 2 - 4 P.M.

MODEL SAILING Storrow Lagoon between Dartmouth and Fairfield pedestrian bridges



KIDS FISHING CLUB Along the Charles River, next to Stoneman Playground

JUNE 10 - TEDDY EBERSOL RED SOX FIELD DEDICATION



Moondance Gala

SAVE THE DATE! **SEPTEMBER 29**

Join us at the 2006 Moondance Gala, a spectacular evening in the park that raises funds for Esplanade projects.

DCR HATCH SHELL SUMMER EVENTS

- MAY 20, Saturday** Massachusetts High School Jazz Band Festival - NOON
- MAY 27, Saturday** WBOS Earth Fest - 12:00 P.M. - 6:30 P.M.
- JUNE 17, Saturday** KISS 108 Concert on the Charles - 3:00 - 7:00 P.M.
- JULY 3, Monday** Boston's Fourth of July - Preview Concert - 8:30 P.M.
- JULY 4, Tuesday** Boston's Fourth of July - 8:30 P.M.

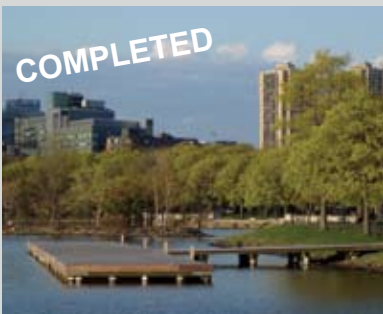
Check the schedule for performers and movies for the following regular events.

- WEDNESDAYS** WCRB Classical Concert - 7:00 P.M.
- FRIDAYS** WBZ Free Friday Flicks - Sunset
- SATURDAYS** WODS Oldies in Concert - 7:00 - 9:30 P.M.





WORKING TO RESTORE AND ENHANCE
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The New River Dock

This spring the newly rebuilt River Dock is officially open for business! This \$700,000 restoration was a high priority for The Esplanade Association, and we worked closely with our partners at the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs' Office of Public Private Partnerships, and the Department of Conservation and Recreation to create this beautiful dock. The restored dock features enhanced lighting and electrical capacity and can accommodate tented events.

The River Dock, which sat dilapidated, dangerous, and unused for years, will once again serve as an important gateway between the Esplanade and the Charles River. Its prominent location adjacent to the Arthur Fiedler sculpture near the Hatch Shell, and its proximity to downtown Boston, assures that it will be well used. In fact, this April, the Charles Riverboat Tours made the first of what we hope will be many stops at the new River Dock.

The Esplanade: A Work in Progress Completed, Soon to be Completed and Future Projects

The Esplanade Association (TEA) is five years old! While celebrating the completion of two major infrastructure improvements we must also look to the future and the daunting prospect of the reconstruction of the Storrow Drive underpass and Longfellow Bridge projects.

Storrow Drive and Longfellow Bridge Reconstruction

Combined, these two transportation projects will have a significant impact on the future of the Esplanade. TEA is committed to taking a leadership role in working with DCR to assure that the park is protected and improved both during the construction stage and once the project is completed. While both projects offer significant challenges for the Esplanade, they also offer a wide range of potential long-term benefits. While working in tandem with our many partners we have articulated the following long-term goals for the Esplanade:

- Mitigate the impact of traffic (noise, air quality and visual character) on the experience of the park user
- Restore the park's historic integrity while accommodating existing uses
- Assure no net loss of parkland

Comments on the project's Environmental Notification filing are due on June 15th. The document can be accessed through DCR's website: www.mass.gov/dcr/.



Teddy Ebersol's Red Sox Fields at Lederman Park

The Esplanade has the unique honor of providing recreational facilities in a riverside setting. Our organization has been equally honored to work in partnership with Hill House, the Red Sox Foundation and EOEA/OPPP/DCR on the restoration of the playing fields in the park.



To date the partners have raised more than two million dollars for the field's design, construction and future maintenance.

We are currently working to create a management and maintenance structure that will assure the long-term protection of this investment.

The fields will be dedicated in a community celebration on June 10th, the birthday of Teddy Ebersol, in whose memory the project has been completed. For more information or to RSVP for the dedication celebration call us at 617-227-0365.

THANKS
TO OUR

VOLUNTEERS

With the glorious coming of spring, it is hard to imagine ever being cold and hibernal; but a quick look around the park reveals the hard work of volunteers who rose to the occasion while the temperatures were dropping.

The daffodils at Dartmouth Street Landing, the tulips at the Hatch Shell, the squill flanking Arthur Fielder – all were planted last autumn by volunteers.



The beautiful green banks of the Esplanade's lagoons are verdant, thanks to volunteers who raked up the leaves and removed invasive species in autumn and early spring.

And we cannot forget our hardy crew of winter volunteers, who braved extreme cold to prune the trees. They worked on the ornamental species from the Hatch Shell to Dartmouth Street – and springtime blossoms are reveal-

ing healthy trees with live branches – and the stands of oaks, willows, and cherries that are found in the upper park near the Sherborn Street footbridge. Volunteer pruners removed dead and damaged branches that posed safety hazards to pedestrians, diseased limbs that threatened the health of the tree, and they cleaned up specimens with cluttered or poor branching systems.



On Friday, April 28th EQUITY OFFICE completed a major clean-up in the area adjacent to the Lee Pool facility. Trees were pruned, lawns were seeded, fences were painted, and flowers were planted in the 1st Annual Pre-Earth Day Equity Cleanup!



This summer we need your help to continue this great work—gardens need tending, banks need cleaning, and structures need painting. If you are interested in getting your hands dirty for the Esplanade, please contact our office at **617 227-0365**



REI Gives to TEA

REI, an outdoor recreation and sports equipment company, generously donated \$10,000 to TEA as part of their nationwide campaign in support of public parks. Employees at a local REI store nominated TEA for this award, and this money will go towards the preservation and maintenance of the Esplanade in support of our volunteer program.



Geese Control

Working in partnership with DCR, new signs have been installed on the Esplanade asking the public not to feed the geese. TEA continues to fund GeesePeace, a humane approach to controlling the ever expanding geese population.



Did You Know . . .

TEA has been working with consultants from Harvard's Business School Association of Boston Community Action Partners program to strengthen our membership services program. Kudos to Julia Clarkson, Matt Carson, Karen Kingsbury, Phil Crutchfield, Bill Levin and Beverly Volz for their support.

Two student interns will be working with TEA this summer on park maintenance and youth programming.

Sponsor a Bench....

Since 2002, TEA has successfully managed a bench sponsorship program that raises important funding for park restoration projects. Sponsoring a bench is the perfect way to celebrate, honor or remember someone while supporting the Esplanade. Contact us today for more information.



Fifth TEA Annual Meeting Held on May 2

TEA's 5th Annual Meeting, held on May 2nd at the Hampshire House, was a lovely evening celebrating the accomplishments of the organization and the outstanding contributions of our members. DCR Commissioner Stephen Burrington spoke of his vision for the Esplanade, Patrice Todisco outlined TEA's current projects, and HAMPSHIRE HOUSE provided enticing hors d'oeuvres. Many thanks to all who attended, and to MAHONEY'S GARDEN CENTER for donating the plant displays.

Plans Proceed for Revitalizing Commissioners Landing and Adjacent Dock Structures

On the heels of the successful restoration of the River Dock, The Esplanade Association has teamed up with Community Boating (CBI), the Union Boat Club (UBC), and the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) to oversee the first step in the rehabilitation of the docks and storage facilities at Commissioners Landing. This area, originally built to provide calm docking and launching waters for small vessels, includes docks that are dangerously dilapidated, and in some cases they have proved inadequate for modern usage.

Bourne Engineering, waterfront specialists, were hired to develop conceptual designs for the docks, storage areas, and abutting landscape from Community Boating to the

Union Boat Club. Each design will consider the historic integrity of the landscape, and will be done in cooperation with the simultaneous efforts to restore the park's Granite Landings and the development of a Cultural Landscape Report as well as current and significant use of the docks by CBI, UBC, and other boaters and pedestrians.

When completed, the conceptual designs will be presented in a series of public meetings, to be held in early summer, 2006. If you would like more information, please contact our office.



A photograph of Commissioners Landing in the 1930s.

Five new fountains in-the-works

The Esplanade Association is working with the Department of Conservation and Recreation to improve water supply and delivery on the Esplanade by raising funds to replace existing water fountains and supporting the completion of an engineering study of the existing system.

The LA fountain, manufactured by Canterbury Designs, has been chosen by our staff and DCR to replace the existing concrete fixtures in the park. These fountains are functional, attractive, extremely durable and low maintenance. They are appropriate to the park setting and design era (1920s) and after the approval process is completed five new fountains will be installed.



The new fountains will be handicapped accessible and child friendly. In some locations the fountains will include a spigot for water bottles or pet bowl.

Landscape History Research Begins

Shary Berg, a leader in the field of landscape preservation, has been retained by the Esplanade Association to begin the first phase of a cultural landscape report for the park. She will collect and summarize key information about the physical evolution of the Esplanade, with emphasis on significant structures, spaces and landscape features. Information will be presented in the form of a landscape chronology and bibliography, with photos and historic plant lists included when available.

The development of a cultural landscape report (also known as a resource man-

agement plan), and the public process through which it will be endorsed, is being proposed at a critical time in the life of the Esplanade. Within the past five years, through a series of ambitious capital projects and the establishment



of a comprehensive volunteer program, the Esplanade Association has made a significant impact within the park. As the organization moves forward and new projects are initiated, the creation of a plan that respects the park's historic character while acknowledging current patterns of use is imperative.

Fund raising is underway for subsequent phases of the report. If you are interested in becoming involved in this project, please let us know by calling the office.

< Storow Lagoon as seen in 1935.