

HARBOR CURRENT

Save the Harbor/ Save the Bay



Spring 2020

A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CHRIS MANCINI

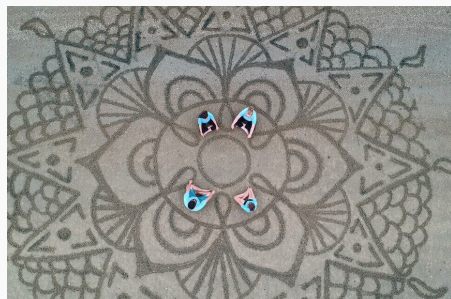


When Save the Harbor/Save the Bay's Board of Directors appointed me Executive Director in April, I was proud and ready to take the job.

While there are unprecedented challenges on the horizon for all of the region's non-profits, I believe my experience guiding Groundwork Somerville through the financial crisis in 2008, my role as Save the Harbor's Vice President for more than four years, and the strong leadership team we have in place will help put Save the Harbor in the best position to weather these uncertain times. **Continue reading here.**

LINE IN THE SAND

BY BRUCE BERMAN, DIRECTOR OF STRATEGY & COMMUNICATIONS



Save the Harbor needs your help to draw a line in the sand to turn the tide on the COVID-19 pandemic and keep our beaches safe and open. If you love your beach and care about your community, follow the guidelines, and use good judgment and common sense.

Wear a face mask to protect yourself and others. Don't gather on the beach with people who are not part of your household. Proper social distancing requires a 12-foot diameter circle between you and other beachgoers.

Read more about how to stay safe on the beach **here.**

VIRTUAL BOSTON HARBOR

BY KRISTEN BARRY, YOUTH PROGRAM DIRECTOR



Our team at Save the Harbor has started producing engaging, fun, and educational virtual programming we are calling Virtual Boston Harbor, which we launched during Boston Public School vacation in April.

On our YouTube, website, and social media you can find activities, crafts, lessons, and songs by our staff and partners for kids and community members of all ages! Stay tuned for our series of live streamed videos coming this May.

Learn more about what we have done and plan to do **here!**

METROPOLITAN BEACHES UPDATE

BY BRUCE BERMAN, DIRECTOR OF STRATEGY & COMMUNICATIONS



In early June of a typical year, Save the Harbor and our partners announce our plans for free beach events and programs which bring more than one million people to the region's public beaches, and the Metropolitan Beaches Commission, which we coordinate for the Massachusetts Legislature, announces plans for public hearings on the state of our beaches. However, this is not a typical year.

Read more about our plans for the 2020 Better Beaches Program and the Metropolitan Beaches Commission **here.**

OUR GRADS

BY MAYA SMITH, COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COORDINATOR



Each year Save the Harbor/Save the Bay employs a summer Youth Environmental Education Program staff of 36 which includes 6 Senior Harbor Educators, 6 college-aged Lead Harbor Educators, and 24 high school students, who serve as Junior Program Assistants.

Though we are proud of all of them, we are especially proud of our graduating high school seniors, who worked hard to complete a difficult year and deserve to be celebrated. Read more about the incredible paths our seniors are headed down and get a glimpse of why they make us so proud **here!**

QUARAN-TEAM

BY HANNAH BERNSTEIN, EVENTS & PROGRAMS ASSISTANT



In these challenging times, Save the Harbor/Save the Bay is lucky to have a terrific and experienced team led by our Executive Director Chris Mancini which includes Director of Strategy & Communications Bruce Berman, Director of Youth Programs Kristen Barry, Development Manager Trevor Etheridge, Lead Teacher Bridget Ryan, Community Engagement Coordinator Maya Smith, Senior Staff Assistant Joye Williams, and Events and Programs Assistant Hannah Bernstein.

Learn more about our team, including which marine animal our staffers identify with and what hobbies they have taken up during the quarantine, by clicking **here**.

GRANTS & OPPORTUNITIES

BY TREVOR ETHERIDGE, DEVELOPMENT MANAGER



As we all work to combat the many hardships of these uncertain times, Save the Harbor/Save the Bay wants to share some of the resources available to Boston residents and members of our community who are facing the most serious financial impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

If you, your family, or someone you care about needs financial help during the COVID-19 pandemic, we have put together a list of some useful links to community resources that may help **here**.

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