

## LYNN AND NAHANT SUMMER BEACH PROGRAMS GET \$25,500

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City Councilor Nicole McClain (center), Save the Harbor Executive Director Chris Mancini and costumed performers joined 2023 Better Beaches grant recipients Friends of Lynn & Nahant Beach, E. F. Gilmore Disabled American Veterans, North Shore Juneteenth Association, Girls Inc. of Lynn, Annette Sykes, Adriana Paz, North Shore Woman of Color Coalition, and Cathartic Care for the 2023 Better Beaches Awards Ceremony. (Save the Harbor/Save the Bay)

Save the Harbor/Save the Bay's Better Beaches program, in collaboration with the state Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), has awarded \$25,500 to eight different beach events in Lynn and Nahant this summer.

Save the Harbor/Save the Bay Executive Director Chris Mancini said the organization is giving away more funds than it ever has thanks to money received from the state, as well as money raised by the organization.

"It's going to be a terrific summer, with more free events and programs than ever before," Mancini said. "Working with our program partners, we intend to highlight the racial and cultural diversity of our region and amplify our core messages of public safety, inclusion, and fun. Above all, we want our beaches to be safe and healthy places for everyone to enjoy. Diverse and welcoming programming is a key piece of that effort." Metropolitan Beaches Commission Co-Chair and state Sen. Brendan Crighton (D-Lynn) said that the Better Beaches program has been working since 2008 to improve beach access and bring the beaches to life.

"I'm proud to see participation increase and become more diverse each year thanks to the efforts of Save the Harbor's dedicated staff," Crighton said.

DCR is looking forward to "another great summer" full of free events on DCR beaches, DCR Commissioner Brian Arrigo said.

"DCR is committed to working with our partners like Save the Harbor/Save the Bay to ensure that our beautiful beaches are welcoming

and inclusive places for residents of all abilities, races, incomes, and language capabilities," Arrigo said.

Friends of Lynn and Nahant Beach was granted \$3,000 for its Red Rock Park Summer Concert Series. This series is running from July 3 through Aug. 17.

Bike to the Sea, Inc. received \$1,500 for the Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival Ride.

E. F. Gilmore Disabled American Veterans received \$2,000 for the Veterans Beach Party.

The North Shore Juneteenth Association was granted \$6,500 for the Diversity Matters Festival.

Girls Inc. of Lynn got \$3,000 for the Red Rock Beach Party.

Annette Sykes received \$2,000 for Plein Air Painting at Kings Beach and Red Rock Park.

The North Shore Woman of Color Coalition was granted \$5,000 for A Day of Health and Wellness for Women of Color.

Cathartic Care got \$2,500 for the Summer Self Care Series.