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Save the Harbor gives grants, brings circus to Revere

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On Saturday, June 9, Save the Harbor/Save the Bay and the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) awarded \$17,500 in small grants to Revere community organizations which will support free summer beach events throughout Revere as part of Save the Harbor's annual Better Beaches Program. Grantees include the Revere Beach Partnership and the Revere Beach Recreation Department, which will host events such as the International Sand Sculpting Festival, the Great Pumpkin Dash and Fall Festival, movie nights, sea kayaking events and more.

This year's Better Beaches Program grants will support free concerts and kayaking, family beach festivals and movie nights, youth beach parties, songs and stories by the sea, and art on the shore in the region's beachfront communities of Lynn, Nahant, Revere, Winthrop, East Boston, South Boston, Dorchester, Quincy and Hull, bringing more than one million people back to the beach.

You can find a complete list of this year's grant recipients on Save the Harbor's youth and beach blog, Sea, Sand & Sky, at <http://blog.savetheharbor.org/2018/06/better-beaches-2018.html>.



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“One of the best ways to ‘Save the Harbor’ is to ‘Share the Harbor’ with the region’s kids and families,” said Bruce Berman, Director of Strategy & Communications at Save the Harbor/Save the Bay. “These events create excitement and new stewards for our region’s public beaches, who understand the value of these extraordinary urban natural resources to all of us and our communities.”

With the support of the Boston Circus Guild, this year's line-up also includes 10 free Life's A Beach Festivals, featuring trapeze artists, acrobats and jugglers, as well as Save the Harbor's troupe of costumed storytellers, performing pirates, a community art project by environmental artist Robin

Reed and mandalas in the sand by intertidal artist Andres Amador. Life's

A Beach Festivals:

- Saturday, June 30: Discover Quincy and Friends of Wollaston Beach 12th Annual Kids Festival at Wollaston Beach
- Saturday, July 14: Winthrop Chamber of Commerce Family Fun Day at Yirrell Beach
- Friday, July 27: South Boston Neighborhood House Youth Beach Bash and Splash at Carson Beach
- Saturday, July 28: Friends of Lynn and Nahant Beach Kids Fest at Red Rock Park
- Saturday, August 11: Port Norfolk Civic Association Tenean Beach Day at Tenean Beach
- Saturday, August 25: Friends of Savin Hill Shores Dorchester

Beach Day at Malibu Beach

- Saturday, September 15: Hull Nantasket Chamber of Commerce Endless Summer Festival at Nantasket Beach/Reservation
- TBA: East Boston YMCA Summer Festival

Save the Harbor/Save the Bay would like to thank the Baker-Polito Administration and Metropolitan Beaches Commission (MBC) Co-Chairs Representative RoseLee Vincent and State Senator Brendan Crighton and the legislative and community members of the Commission, as well as their partners at DCR for making this great program possible.

“Co-Chair Vincent of Revere and I and all the members of the Metropolitan Beaches Commission want to thank Save the Harbor/Save the Bay and their partners in the region’s waterfront neighborhoods and beachfront communities for making this another great year on the beach,” said Senator Crighton. “Thanks to all of you, life will be a beach in 2018.”

“The Baker-Polito Administration is proud to work collaboratively with organizations like Save the Harbor/Save the Bay in an effort to ensure the Commonwealth’s state beaches and other parks and reservations remain popular destinations for residents and tourists alike,” said DCR Commissioner Leo Roy. “The Better Beaches Program serves as a great example of a strong partnership that will directly impact visitors of some of the state’s most popular beaches.”

Save the Harbor also thanks Better Beaches Program sponsors – Harpoon Brewery, JetBlue, and the Boston Circus Guild – and the hundreds of participants and donors to the Harpoon Shamrock Splash, which has raised more than \$250,000 to support free beach events since it began in 2011.

“At JetBlue, we are committed to our community, and fun is one of our core values,” said Donnie Todd, Corporate Responsibility Liaison for JetBlue, who led a team of 30 participants in this year’s splash. “More than 3,000 JetBlue crewmembers call Boston home; we cherish our harbor and proudly support Save the Harbor/Save the Bay and the work they do on the region’s public beaches.”

We would also like to thank our policy and program partners at The Boston Foundation, the Richard Saltonstall Charitable Foundation, P&G Gillette, National Grid, Comcast, Beacon Capital Partners, New England Picture, Mix 104.1, the Boston Centers for Youth & Families, the YMCA of Greater Boston, The Daily Catch Seaport, Baja Taco Truck, and the Blue Sky Collaborative for their support.

For more information about Save the Harbor/Save the Bay, visit www.savetheharbor.org. You can find out more about this year’s Better Beaches program on their youth and beach blog, Sea, Sand & Sky, at <http://blog.savetheharbor.org> and by following savetheharbor on social med