

Emerald Necklace News

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Important Advocacy Alert!

Dear friends,

Join us in support of keeping the historic **Emerald Necklace parkways and bridges** under the authority of the Department of Conservation and Recreation.

Contact your legislators to urge them **to oppose the transfer of authority for the historic parkways and bridges to the Transportation Department.**

[Contact information here.](#)

[Read the full text](#) of our testimony submitted 3.12.09.

Thank You for Your Support!



Your donation is so important to

us... you may have heard about the challenges facing nonprofit organizations in raising funds during these harsh economic times, and sadly, it's true. But with **your continued support** we can **continue our mission to preserve, restore and protect** the Emerald Necklace parks -- **the very heart and lungs of our city** -- that are so vital to our quality of life. Please **donate today** and we'll put your \$ to work!

With your continued support...

...we will organize and oversee **40+ volunteer**

Upcoming Events

March

Sunday, March 15

2- 4 pm.

The Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site will present a talk on Olmsted at Franklin Park Golf Clubhouse. For more info visit:

www.franklinparkcoalition.org

Thursday, March 19

5:30 - 8 pm

MMOC Annual Meeting

Annual Meeting

of the Muddy River Restoration Project Maintenance and Management Oversight Committee to be held at the Landmark Center, 401 Park Drive. For more info and RSVP visit [MMOC Website.](#)

Saturday, March 21

events starting this spring to clear invasives, amend woodland soils, restore pathways, and other activities that **promote the health and safety of the parks;**

...we will put **our 20-member Youth Green Team** to work **in the parks** for six weeks this summer in much-needed **maintenance and restoration projects.**

...we will offer **free family movies** at Jamaica Pond in July.

Yes, I'd like to [donate now!](#)

Look what your contribution \$ can buy...

\$10 = 2 hand saws,
\$25 = 12 trowels,
\$35 = 10 pair of gloves
\$50 = 25 asters,
\$200 = weekly salary for a hard-working Green Team teen!



Your support is important to us. Please [donate](#) today! We depend on individual donations for over 50% of our operating costs. Thank you.

Quick Links

[Donate](#)
[Party in the Park](#)
[Volunteer](#)
[Our Website](#)

Join the Green Team!

Summer jobs for youth.

10 am - 1 pm.

Volunteer Event - Tree Pruning

Back Bay Fens. Space limited. Pruning experience preferred. To sign up, contact: [Project Manager.](#)

April

Saturday, April 4

10 am - 1 pm.

First Saturday of the Month Woodlands Volunteer Event at Olmsted Park. Help restore the Olmsted Park Woodlands to health. [Sign up.](#)

Monday, April 6

7:30 pm

Save the Date for the Annual Meeting of Brookline GreenSpace Alliance. For more info visit www.brooklinegreenspace.org

Saturday, April 18

10 am - 1 pm.

Garlic Mustard Volunteer Fest at Olmsted Park. Join us for a day of removing the invasive plant garlic mustard. [Sign up.](#)

Saturday, April 25

9 am - 1 pm.

Muddy River Cleanup. This is big! Don't miss this mega-volunteer event. For more information and sign up, contact: info@emeraldnecklace.org

Saturday, April 25

10 am - 1 pm.

Kelleher Rose Garden Volunteer Event, Back Bay Fens. Spend a day with other rose enthusiasts planting, pruning, and cleaning up the Kelleher Rose Garden for the seasonal opening. To sign up, contact: cpedemonti@emeraldnecklace.org



The Emerald Necklace Conservancy is hiring crew leaders and crew to work in the parks this summer as members of the Green Team. [Apply now](#)

The Green Team's Trail Work

See the results of the Green Team's work to improve pathways in the Emerald Necklace parks in these dramatic before and after photos.



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May

Wednesday, May 13

11:30 am.

The 6th Annual Justine Mee Liff Fund Party in the Park.

Kelleher Rose Garden, Back Bay Fens
Join us for the Justine Mee Liff Fund Party in the Park this year at the Kelleher Rose Garden, for more info, visit the [Party in the Park](#) page on our website.



Liff Spirit Award Winners

Mike and Kitty Dukakis to be honored at Party in the Park on May 13.

We are pleased to announce that [Mike and Kitty Dukakis](#) have been chosen to receive the [2009 Justine Mee Liff Spirit Award](#). The award will be presented to them at the **Party in the Park on May 13th**. [The Liff Spirit Award](#), named for Justine Mee Liff, Boston's Commissioner of Parks and Recreation from 1996 to 2002, is presented annually to "an individual or individuals whose leadership, commitment to cities, passion for public places, dedication to the democratic ideals fostered in urban parks, and whose ability to inspire public servants and private citizens to join together in common cause best reflects Justine's spirit and legacy." [Read more...](#)

To purchase tickets for Party in the Park, visit [Party in the Park](#).

Winter Tree Pruning

Sign up for our next event on March 21

On Saturday, February 21, a group of volunteers joined Conservancy senior project manager Don Eunson **to prune crab apple trees** in the Back Bay Fens. Guided by expert tree pruner, **Deborah Howe**, the volunteers honed their skills and removed several years' worth of dead and damaged branches. Three hours of hard work, cheerful banter and eight trees later, the crabs were looking better than ever.

Don't miss the next event - space is limited. Sign up now. Pruning experience preferred.

To sign up:

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Roundtable Recap

Experts convened to examine effects of climate change, pests and other threats.

On January 31st, the Emerald Necklace Conservancy convened and hosted a **roundtable discussion** examining how the combined threats of pests and pathogens, invasive plants, and climate change may interact and what impact these interactions will have on the Emerald Necklace. Among those attending were representatives from **Massachusetts Audubon, New England Wildflower Society, Arnold Arboretum**, and included experts in the fields of agronomy, climate change, entomology, forestry, landscape architecture and more.

[View full list of participants and read their recommendations...](#)

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