May 2024 KNB Newz

Recent Initiatives: Outstanding Efforts

Pre-Marathon Cleanup (4/6)
KNB hit a “Home Run” with a remarkable turnout of 30+ volunteers who cleaned up the toughest sections of Rte 135, Speen Street (challenging and steep embankments that had accumulated decades of trash) and the shorelines of Fisk Pond.



Outstanding multigenerational effort, including members of Natick Pack 7 Cub Scouts. So proud of this TEAM.



Support for Helen at the Marathon (4/15)
A glorious warm spring day for the spectators, a bit tough on the runners, but our KNB Hero, **Helen Henkle Aguirre**, conquered the 26 mile course despite the heat and raised close to $10,000 for KNB with her courage and determination. Thanks to Helen and our KNB TEAM who came to our Watch Party at the W. Natick Train Station.



Helen, Pat, and Sally with Pat's homemade sign (misspelling Helen's name, of course)



A few of the KNB "Faithful" who came to watch Helen and cheer her on: Carey Buttfield, Brian and Carolyn McPherson, Annie Aisenberg, Sally Hopkins, and Pat (holding the sign)

Wayland Girls Scout Cleanup and Nature Day at Hannah Williams Park (Cochituate, 4/21)

Holly Carmody (one of our new KNB "recruits" and a former student of mine at Wayland Middle School), who now lives in Wayland with her family, led a Girl Scout Group and a crew from the Wayland Middle School Service Club in a cleanup of the Hannah Williams Park in Wayland. We supplied some pickers and bags. The scouts also made interesting "Nature Designs" pictured here.



Great job, Holly. Especially good day for me to reconnect with several of my old Wayland students, teachers, and their families. Holly also helps us clean up in Natick.

MathWorks TEAM Cleanup of the Nasty Turnpike Access Road (4/23)

Stuart McGarrity and 5 other MathWorkers from the Lakeside and Appel Hill Campus cleaned up trash from the Mass Pike Service Plaza Access Rd off Rt 27.



They collected 15 bags of trash and recyclables.



They did however encounter a lot of Poison Oak, which is difficult to detect in the spring with new growth, but always be wary of “leaves of three”.

Garden of Hope and Peace (4/24)
Pat and Annie Aisenberg begin work on the Garden of Hope and Peace at the Common Street Spiritual Center.



This beautiful garden is dedicated to the renowned world peace activist and childhood survivor of the Rwanda genocide, Hyppolite Ntigurirwa. Hyppolite is an artist, activist, and founder of Be the Peace, an organization focusing on the use of art to halt the intergenerational transmission of hate and to promote the power of cross-generational healing (https://bethepeace.net/)





The KNB Utility Trailer has very cool new signage thanks to Annie who designs signs for the Garden and other causes that are aligned with our mission.



Repair Cafe at the Community-Senior Center (4/27; Part of Earth Day All Around Natick)
The Repair Cafe offered repairs on a little bit of everything: lamps, computer software, small electronics and appliances, small furniture, and bikes, as well as blade sharpening and hand and machine sewing.









Our incredibly selfless, talented fixers volunteered their time to repair things and help reduce the amount of “stuff” that needlessly gets incinerated or tossed away in our already overflowing landfills–those that haven’t been closed already.

I am grateful to Natick Rotary for sponsoring the event time and time again. And special thanks to the Natick Community Senior Center for allowing us to stage this event at such a perfect location.

I do not know when the next one will be held, but if you’d like to be on our email list, please email Carey at natickrepaircafe@gmail.com. If you or someone you know might be interested in helping as a fixer or at the registration table, please let me know, as well.

Third Annual CRT Cleanup with Natick Rotary, SPARK Kindness, and KNB (4/28; also part of EDAAN)
An inspiring turnout of nearly 100 volunteers from Natick Rotary, SPARK Kindness, Natick Subaru, and several scout groups showed up for our Third Annual Cochituate Rail Trail Cleanup.



This group was such a FORCE that they cleaned up the adjacent woodlands and shoreline of Lake Cochituate, pulling out an amazing amount of junk and litter. Wow. Way to go, Natick!!





Unfortunately, all it takes is about ¼ inch of rain and more comes down Beaver Dam Brook. We have to change the way we live. Change hearts and minds. So much hyperconsumption of these single use throwaway products. Ugh.

Upcoming Events: Can you join us and help?

- Dug Pond Cleanup (Sun. 5/19, 10 am - noon)
- KNB Volunteer Recognition - Awards
  Pat Conaway's backyard (Sat. 6/22, 4 - 6 pm)
- Dug Pond Cleanup (Sat. 7/13, 9 am - noon)
- Fisk Pond - Rte 135 Cleanup (Sat. 8/17, 9 am - noon)
- Natick Days (Sat. 9/7, 10 am - 3 pm)

Watch for more details on the KNB FaceBook site, KNB website, or in the June KNB Newz.

Concerned about vape device waste?

Learn more about and consider signing Shresta Chakilam's petition urging Natick legislators to implement effective vape disposal methods.

Just a heads up: change.org may send you future emails if you sign this petition. You can unsubscribe at any time.

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