

SAVE PRANKERS POND DAY EVENT, OCTOBER 20, 2012



SAVE members with barrels of trash collected during Prankers Pond Hike & Cleanup on October 20th



SAVE Members Eric Devlin, Phil Silvani and Joan Harvey collect trash along the main Prankers Pond pathway

Photos above and below courtesy of SAVE President, Ann Devlin



One of the truly beautiful scenes viewed during our Prankers Pond hike & cleanup

As seen in the photos above, SAVE members participated in our annual Prankers Pond Day event on October 20th – walking the Pond area and picking up any trash that we encountered along the way. Al and Joyce Rodenhiser, life-long Saugus residents, shared information about the Prankers Pond area with those “newbees” that participated in the event. Members Joan Harvey and Phil Silvani marveled that the pond area extended for such a distance that, at one point, if you followed one of the trails through the woods, you would actually come out behind the Home Depot site. Everyone at the event continued to marvel at the gorgeous changing vistas, with colorful leaves reflected in the Pond, as we walked around the pond area. What a perfect way for SAVE members and friends to give back and help keep our community public areas clean – and enjoy the hidden jewel that is Prankers Pond at the same time! The weather was perfect and the views were magnificent.

On November 3, from 9 AM to 3 PM, SAVE will join the Saugus Tree Committee for its annual Fall Tree Maintenance/Planting Day at the Tree Farm located off Jasper Street in Saugus Center. The Tree Committee needs help digging up trees from the Tree Farm to plant out on streets and parks. They would welcome your help for an hour or two, or for however long or as little as you can! The trees need you, and so does the Saugus Tree Committee. Anyone interested in getting their hands dirty while constructively ensuring the growth and development of homegrown trees can join the Tree Committee on Saturday, November 3 (rain date is Sunday, November 4th). Light refreshments and drinks will be provided. For further information, contact Nancy Prag at 781-231-9531, Tim Hawkes at 781-233-6428, or Margery Hunter at 781-233-0349.

ATTENTION MEMBERS – REMEMBER NOT TO CREATE “MULCH VOLCANOS” DURING YOUR FALL PLANTING/CLEANUP

Save and the Saugus Tree Committee want to remind everyone that, as you do your Fall planting and cleanups, please be aware that too much mulch will kill trees and shrubs.

More than 2 to 4 inches is over-mulching. Also, the practice of piling up mulch around the trunk or stem in a “MULCH VOLCANO” can cause many problems for trees and could actually kill a tree.

Proper mulching practices include:

- Checking the depth of mulch. If 2 - 4 inches of mulch is already in place, just rake to refresh and break up mats.
- If mulch is piled against the trunk or stem, pull it back several inches so that the base of the trunk and stem crown is exposed.
- Only apply a 2 to 4 inch layer. Do not place mulch near the trunk. Mulch out to the tree’s drip line or beyond.
- Keep mulch flat, not mounded, so that water will not run off.

And don’t forget to give specific instructions to your landscaper!

MEMBERS: PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR THE FOLLOWING UPCOMING EVENTS:

Saugus Tree Committee Fall Tree Maintenance and Planting at the Saugus Tree Farm – Saturday, November 3, 2012, from 9 AM to 3 PM {Rain Date: Sunday, Nov. 4, same hours}

The Tree Committee needs your help, and this is a great project for students to complete community service as a graduation requirement.

People are advised to wear work clothes and bring some work gloves, a hat, boots (as it may be muddy, and sunscreen/bug spray. If you have trowels, shovels or hoes, please bring them along.

DIRECTIONS to Tree Farm: take Jasper Street (off Central Street) then take a right, which is Cross Street (the sign says “to Auburn Street”). Bear left onto Auburn Street. The walk-through driveway is between 25 and 27 Auburn St. (Pioneer Sales Building), then walk down the driveway to right of building, over railroad tracks and follow dirt road to tree farm.

Next SAVE Board Meeting – Wednesday, November 14, 2012, at Breakheart Visitor’s Center at 7:00 PM

All SAVE members, as well as members of the general public, are encouraged to attend and share your environmental concerns.

SAVE’s Annual Book-Wrapping at Barnes & Noble – December 2012

SAVE will once again hold its annual book-wrapping event at Barnes & Noble in December this year. **The exact date and time has not been confirmed yet, but watch for further information on our website www.saugus.org/SAVE or by email alert/future newsletter.**

BOTTLE BILL UPDATE

Janet Domenitz, MASSPIRG Executive Director, recently reported the following in the MASSPIRG Fall 2012 Newsletter:

Bottle Bill Update Falls Just Short

Despite overwhelming public support for the Updated Bottle Bill – a commonsense recycling measure that would add the 5-cent deposit to beverage containers like water and sports drinks —the bill died in committee right before the legislative session ended on July 31.

While the Senate passed the update as an amendment to their version of a jobs bill, the House did not in their version, and the conference committee charged with reconciling the differences between the two left the Updated Bottle Bill out.

Although the Senate is to be commended for passing the update, it was an uphill battle after the Telecom, Utilities and Energy Committee voted 10-7 on June 14 to pass the bill into a “study,” effectively blocking its chances.

The TUE Committee voted just two days after a June 12 rally at the Statehouse, where over 100 people showed up, along with our 7-foot mascot, “Bottle Bill,” to call on the Legislature to act on the bill. At another Statehouse rally on July 15, emceed by comedian and activist Jimmy Tingle, legislators and supporters came out again asking for swift passage of the update.

The Power of Special Interests

Even though a majority of legislators were on record in support of the Updated Bottle Bill, it became clear toward the end of the session that the majority would not rule. Among those that lobbied against the measure were: Nestle Waters North America, Kraft Foods Global Inc., Coca Cola Bottling Company of New England and other corporate special interests. The result means more litter, less recycling, and tax dollars wasted on trash disposal and litter pick-up.

But we’re not giving up. We’ll be hitting the ground running when the new legislative session begins in January, to continue the fight for the Updated Bottle Bill.

MEMBERS:

We would love to hear from you regarding any specific steps that you are taking to increase your recycling efforts this year. Please share your environmental ideas / agenda at www.saugus.org/SAVE and click on the Facebook link. Or, if you’re already on Facebook, you can simply “search” Saugus Action Volunteers for the Environment.

DON'T FORGET!



SAVE ANNUAL DUES AND MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

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Just a reminder that, if you haven't done so already, it is time to submit your Fiscal Year 2013 annual dues and membership renewal. (SAVE's 2013 Fiscal Year runs from July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013)

Many thanks to any members who have submitted their dues to date or who have joined as new members – and to those who so generously included additional monies earmarked for either the SAVE Scholarship/Educational Fund or the Environmental Fund.

Dues continue to be just \$5 per year for the first family member to join, plus \$3 for each additional family member who joins. Student dues are only \$1 per year.

Our Treasurer, Chuck Bocchino, has developed the tear-off sheet below so that those members who have not already done so can submit their annual dues and indicate whether they wish any additional monies submitted with their dues to be applied to the SAVE Scholarship/Educational Fund, or to the SAVE Environmental Fund.

This is also a great time to update any email / telephone or cell phone / address revisions that will help us maintain current and accurate member information.



**Enclosed is my check for membership dues for fiscal year 2013
(from July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013).**

**Annual Dues are \$5 for the first family member to join,
and \$3 for each additional family member. Student dues are \$1.**

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Amount enclosed for dues.....\$

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Total Amount enclosed\$

**Please make check payable to SAVE, Saugus, and mail to: SAVE Treasurer,
Chuck Bocchino, 41 Great Woods Road, Saugus, MA 01906**

While SAVE annual dues have remained extremely low, your financial contributions are an important source of income that help support our ongoing efforts to promote a better quality of life in Saugus through environmental concern and action. These funds also make it possible for us to publish our newsletter, hold local Environmental Candidates' Nights, and grant an annual college scholarship to a local high school graduate or sponsor an environmental educational event.

**Your continued support is most appreciated. Please direct questions regarding
SAVE membership to Ann Devlin at adevlin@aisle10.net or at 781-233-5717**



REMEMBER: SAVE was organized and incorporated in 1973, “to promote a better quality of life in Saugus through environmental concern and action.”

For over 39 years, SAVE has been an instrumental part of the national grassroots environmental movement. By spearheading local campaigns and participating in statewide initiatives, SAVE is an effective advocate for the protection of our community’s health and its natural resources.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

SAVE reminds all its members to get out and vote on Tuesday, November 6th.

Also, for more information about upcoming SAVE events, please visit www.saugus.org/SAVE

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THINK GLOBALLY...ACT LOCALLY!

Remember to: **REDUCE - REUSE - RECYCLE**

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