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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT By Ann Devlin

We have so many exciting events coming up over the next several months, and we hope that all of our members, together with friends, family and others in the community, will be able to join us. As you read through this newsletter, each of the events is described in greater detail.

Our General Meeting on April 29th from 7:00 to 9:00 pm at the Saugus Senior Center, will include a lively and informative presentation by Charles "Chip" Osborne regarding "The Living Lawn – A Lawn for Living" – simple steps towards organic lawn care, a viable alternative to conventional lawn care. The General Meeting is open to the public, so tell your neighbors, friends, and others to come also.

On Saturday, April 25th from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm we will participate in Spring cleanup at the Saugus Tree Farm.

On Saturday, May 16th from noon to 4:00 pm at Breakheart Reservation, we hope that you will participate in SAVE's third "It's New to You" event – our effort to keep usable items out of the waste stream. This event, to be held in conjunction with Breakheart's 75th Anniversary celebration, will be an exciting and fun day for all participants.

And SAVE's Annual Meeting and Dinner will be held on Wednesday, June 17th, at the Hilltop Steakhouse and Restaurant on Route 1 in Saugus from 6:30 to 10:00 pm

Please join us for as many of these events as possible!





Join us for a fun and informative evening!

Saugus Action Volunteers for the Environment

General Meeting

Wednesday, April 29, 2009 7:00 to 9:00 pm

Saugus Senior Center 466 Central Street, Saugus

Our guest speaker will be Charles ("Chip") Osborne of Osborne Organics

Co-founder and current co-chair of the Marblehead Pesticide Awareness Committee, Chip co-authored the Town of Marblehead's Organic Pest Management Policy that was adopted by the Town of Marblehead Board of Health. It was the first of its kind in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. He co-founded and is the co-chair of "The Living Lawn – A Lawn for Living", an organic lawn and garden demonstration project in Marblehead.

Chip will present -

"Simple Steps Towards Organic Lawn Care", a viable alternative to conventional lawn care.

Free Admission - Light Refreshments - Raffle This event is open to the public. Voluntary donations are appreciated.

Visit www.SaugusSAVE.org for more information.



SAUGUS COMPOSTING SITE TO OPEN APRIL 18TH

Saturday, April 18, 2009 Hours are 8:00 am to 2:00 pm

The Saugus composting site located at the DPW 515 Main Street location will open on Saturday, April 18th. Hours of operation are 8:00 am to 2:00 pm each Saturday. The site not only accepts composting materials such as leaves, grass cuttings, etc., but is also set up with containers to accept recycling materials and a drop-off site for TVs and computers.

FYI, for those looking for a way to recycle/reuse magnetic media such as audio and video tapes, there is a "GotBooks" container in the Main Street church parking lot (located across from the sign shop) that accepts CDs, DVDs, as well as books.

Also, the Saugus Board of Health will sponsor a **Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day** on May 16, 2009. Residents must pre-register by calling Inspectional Services (781)231-4115.

PLEASE REMEMBER: REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE

WEBSITES TO CHECK OUT!

- Check out the SAVE websites at <u>www.saugussave.org</u>
 (also available at <u>www.saugussave.com</u> and <u>www.saugussave.net</u>) or <u>www.saugus.com</u>
 and let us know what you think.
- www.freecycle.org offers information on recycling.





SPRING CLEANUP AT THE SAUGUS TREE FARM – A GREAT WAY TO CELEBRATE EARTH DAY!

Saturday, April 25th from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

{Rain Date: Sunday, April 26th same hours}

What a great way to celebrate Earth Day (April 22) this year!

Join us Saturday April 25th from 9 am through 3 pm at the Saugus Tree Farm where the Saugus Tree Committee is holding its annual spring cleanup.

The Saugus Tree Farm is located off Jasper Street in Saugus Center. Everyone who is interested in getting their hands dirty while constructively ensuring the growth and development of our homegrown trees is invited to pitch in. In addition, this is a great project for students who are looking to complete a community service project that is now a graduation requirement.

With a little tender loving care, the trees the Committee is growing to plant around Town will make a difference in the air we breathe and in the beautification of Saugus. Come join us down on the farm for a couple of hours of fresh air and community participation. Everyone is welcome to join the volunteers of the Saugus Tree Committee to make the town tree farm a success. Light refreshments and drinks will be provided.

Volunteers are encouraged 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.

For further information, call Tim Hawkes at 781-233-6428 or Margery Hunter at 781-233-0349. The rain date for this event is Sunday, April 26, same hours.

Directions to the Saugus 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-though driveway is between 25 - 27 Auburn Street (which is a Town right-of-way) to the Tree Farm. You may park near 27 Auburn Street (Pioneer Sales Building), then walk down the driveway to the right of the building, over the railroad tracks and follow the dirt road to the Tree Farm. You can also try to drive all the way down, but space is limited.

SAVE ANNUAL MEETING AND DINNER

Wednesday, June 17, 2009 6:30 to 10:00 pm Hilltop Steakhouse and Restaurant

SAVE's 36th Annual Meeting and Dinner will be held at the Hilltop Steakhouse and Restaurant on Route 1 South in Saugus on Wednesday June 17th.

Cocktails will begin at 6:30 pm and dinner will be served at approximately 7:00 pm. The menu will consist of a choice of Grilled Chicken Breast, New England Baked Schrod, or an 11 oz. Steak. The cost is \$21 per person, including tax and gratuity. Please complete the tear-off sheet below and mail it, together with your check, to notify SAVE Treasurer Chuck Bocchino that you plan to attend and also to identify specific dinner choices. We urge members to respond as soon as possible.

In addition to the brief annual business meeting and the election of officers for Fiscal Year 2010, the program will include a guest presentation by Curtis White, Lead Supervisory Park Ranger at the Saugus National Iron Works and the Salem Maritime National Historic Site. Curtis will share information about the recent changes and renovations at the Iron Works.

As always, friends and family members who are not members of SAVE are welcome to attend. Last year's Annual Meeting and Dinner was a great success, and everyone enjoyed the opportunity to get together with friends who they may not have seen for awhile, socialize with old and new friends, exchange the latest news, and just relax. We know that this year will be the same, so please plan to join us for our annual event.

This is SAVE's most important function of the year, and we look forward to seeing all of you! So mark your calendars for Wednesday, June 17th, and complete and mail the tear-off sheet now before you forget!

Tear Off Here

SAVE ANNUAL MEETING AND DINNER	
I (we) don't want to miss SAVE's Annual Meeting and Dinner at the Hilltop Steakhouse and Restaurant on Route 1 South in Saugus on June 17 th ! Please accept my (our) check made out to SAVE for \$ (\$21.00 per person). My (our) choice for the fabulous meal is indicated below:	
New England Baked Schrod	Steak
Grilled Chicken Breast	
Name(s):	
Address: Telephone:	
Mail <u>as soon as possible</u> to our <i>SAVE</i> Treasurer, Chuck Bocching to <i>SAVE</i> , Saugus.	

UPCOMING EVENTS:

APRIL 22, 2009 (WEDNESDAY) - EARTH DAY

Plan to join SAVE members and the Saugus Tree Committee for a Tree Farm Maintenance Day to

celebrate Earth Day. {see below for details}

<u>APRIL 25, 2009 (SATURDAY)</u> – SAUGUS TREE FARM MAINTENANCE DAY 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Join other SAVE members, as well as the Saugus Tree Committee, for a spring cleanup at the Saugus Tree Farm. Rain date will be Sunday, April 26, same hours.

APRIL 29, 2009 (WEDNESDAY) - SAVE GENERAL MEETING 7:00 to 9:00 pm

at the Saugus Senior Center. Guest speaker, Chip Osborne, is a professional horticulturist and will discuss "The Living Lawn – A Lawn for Living". Open to the public, so invite your friends and neighbors!

<u>May 13, 2009 (WEDNESDAY)</u> – SAVE MONTHLY BOARD MEETING 7:30 pm at the Breakheart Visitors Center. All are welcome.

MAY 16, 2009 (SATURDAY) – "It's New to You" SWAP EVENT at BREAKHEART 12:00 noon to 4:00 pm

SPONSORED BY SAVE AND FRIENDS OF BREAKHEARTat the Breakheart Visitors Center.

Join SAVE members and help keep usable items out of the waste-stream. You're invited to bring usable

items {no special disposal items will be accepted} to the SWAP and find unexpected treasures to take home with you. This event to be held in conjunction with Breakheart's 75th Anniversary celebration.

<u>JUNE 17, 2009 (WEDNESDAY)</u> – SAVE ANNUAL DINNER AND MEETING 6:30 to 10:00 pm at the Hilltop Steakhouse and Restaurant. Save this date and plan to join us for a fun and enjoyable evening!

SAVE sends Springtime wishes to all of its members, families and friends! What better way to welcome Spring than to attend the SAVE General Meeting on April 29th at the Senior Center for a presentation by Chip Osborne.



SAVE 2009 Environmental Scholarship

SAVE will again offer a \$500 scholarship this year to any graduating Saugus resident with plans for continuing education in an environmental field.

Interested residents can find information on www.SaugusSAVE.org



SAVE THIS DATE: Saturday, May 16, 2009

"It's New To You" SWAP EVENT!

SAVE and the FRIENDS OF BREAKHEART RESERVATION have joined together to present another "SWAP" event – It's New To You – to keep usable items out of the waste stream.

The event, to be held at Breakheart in conjunction with its 75th Anniversary celebration, is scheduled for Saturday, May 16, 2009, from Noon to 4:00 pm and is open to one and all.

Everyone is invited to bring one or more items in usable and good condition to the SWAP.

*NOTE: please do not bring items/products to the SWAP that require special disposal.

And to complete the (re)cycle, we're sure that you'll find some It's New to You items to bring home!

{Just a note: It is not mandatory to take an item if you bring something to donate to the SWAP, nor is it mandatory to bring an item in order to take an item.}

For questions or more information, telephone Ann Devlin at 781-233-5717

(See also <u>www.SaugusSAVE.org</u> or <u>www.Saugus.com</u>)



SAVE ANNUAL DUES AND MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Just a reminder that it's that time of year again – time to submit your Fiscal Year 2010 annual dues and membership renewal. For the convenience of those members, a red dot next to your name on the address label of this newsletter indicates that current Fiscal Year 2009 dues are payable. Again, many thanks to all those 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.

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. Your dues make it possible for SAVE to play a leading role when unusual environmental issues come up in our town, as they often do. 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. 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. Those members can also identify 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.

Your continued support is most appreciated.

Any questions regarding SAVE membership can be directed to Ann Devlin at 781-233-5717.

FOR ANNUAL DUES: {Tear off and send to SAVE's Treasurer with your remittance.}	
Enclosed is my check, payable to SAVE, Saugus, for membership dues for the fiscal year 2010 (from July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010). Annual Dues are \$5 for the first family member to join, plus \$3 for each additional family member. Student dues are \$1.	
Name(s) E-Mail	
AddressTelephone	
Amount enclosed for dues\$	
Contribution enclosed for Scholarship/Education Fund (if any)\$	
Contribution enclosed for Environmental Fund (if any)\$	
Total Amount enclosed\$	
Please make check payable to SAVE Saugus, and mail to: SAVE Treasurer, Chuck Bocchino, 41 Great Woods Road, Saugus, MA 01906	



Reminder: If anyone would like to submit a candidate for a future SAVE Environmental Excellence Award, please submit information to SAVE, P. O. Box 908, Saugus, MA 01906.

Saugus River Watershed Council will offer a \$500 scholarship to a graduate from any of the communities served by the Watershed. For further information, call 781-233-5046.

FUN FACTS

- Your eye expands up to 45% when looking at something pleasing.
- The first penny had the motto "Mind your own business."
- Seals sleep only one and a half minutes at a time.
- Koalas and humans are the only animals with unique fingerprints.
- The first vacuum was so large, it was brought to a house by horses.
- In 1878, the first telephone book ever issued contained only 50 names.