



# SAVE NEWSLETTER

Saugus Action Volunteers for the Environment, Inc.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Ann Devlin

Once more, as we have done many times in the past, SAVE will hold an Environmental Candidates' Night on Wednesday, October 21, in the second-floor auditorium of the Saugus Town Hall. All eleven of the Selectmen candidates have been asked to attend.

Questions for the candidates are being prepared by the SAVE Board, and other SAVE members, as well as members of the public, are urged to attend and have "environmental" questions ready.

Moderator for this event will be Mary Carfagna, Chairman of the Planning Board.

Candidates for other town offices – School Committee, Housing Authority and Town Meeting – who attend that night will be given identification badges and will have a chance to circulate among the audience during the refreshment period at the end of the meeting.

The event will be televised on Channel 8.

And don't forget: although SAVE regularly presents a "Candidates' Night," we do NOT endorse candidates for **any** office, local, state or national!

And please, plan to get out and vote in our Town Election: Tuesday, November 3.





## **FOUNDERS DAY – SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2009**

SAVE did participate in Founders Day this year, despite the fact that the event had to be called off early in the afternoon because of inclement weather.

We held a raffle, with the proceeds going to SAVE's Environmental Fund, and awarded the raffle prize of a compost bin to Donald Wong. A number of people did pick up one of our SAVE magnets to take home; these magnets are a great reminder to check the SAVE website at [www.SaugusSAVE.org](http://www.SaugusSAVE.org) to find out about the latest news of our organization, see our Environmental Tip of the Month, check the schedule for our next monthly meeting or other upcoming events, and a myriad of other items.

SAVE also had a "mercury drop-off" station for button cell batteries, hearing aid and watch batteries, thermometers and thermostats, etc. Many thanks to those who brought items for the drop-off station and helped in our efforts to reduce our carbon footprint. In addition, we collected worn-out athletic shoes that we will deliver to the nearest Nike Reuse-A-Shoe drop-off location for recycling into materials used in playground and sport surfaces.

It was, indeed, unfortunate that the weather curtailed the event, but we still had fun!

## **SAVE VICE-PRESIDENT'S ARTWORK SELECTED FOR DISNEY'S 23 EXPO**

Congratulations to SAVE Vice-President Margery Hunter! Her original 3-D artwork of the "Fab Five" (Mickey, Minnie, Donald, Goofy and Pluto) was on display to the public at the Grand Opening, first ever, D23 Expo at the Anaheim Convention Center near Disneyland from September 10<sup>th</sup> through September 13<sup>th</sup>.

Margery, an avid Disney fan since 1991, the year of her first visit to Florida and Disney World, completed her "Summer Vacation Project" for submission to The Walt Disney Archives and was advised in late August that her artwork was selected for display.

Once again, our congratulations to Margery!





## **SAVE'S NEXT "IT'S NEW TO YOU" SWAP**

**Breakheart Reservation**

**Saturday, October 10**

**10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

**{Rain Date: Sunday, October 11}**

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

The event, to be held at Breakheart in conjunction with its Fall Festival, is scheduled for [Saturday, October 10, 2009, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.](#) and is open to one and all.

Everyone is invited to bring one or more no longer wanted but still-usable items to swap or just browse the table to pick up something you can use – all FREE – to keep still-usable items out of the waste stream. (Please, everyone note: do not bring any items/products to the SWAP that require special disposal.) Remember, 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.

SAVE will also provide a sneaker drop-off where you can leave old sneakers (in any condition) as part of the Nike "Reuse a Shoe" program. These sneakers will eventually be converted into material to be used in playgrounds and other areas.

We will also have a mercury recovery bucket for you to safely dispose of small mercury-containing items like thermometers and hearing aid batteries.

In addition, we will have a raffle for a Compost Bin!

For questions or more information, contact SAVE President Ann Devlin at [adevlin@aisle10.net](mailto:adevlin@aisle10.net) or telephone 781-233-5717. Also check our website at [www.SaugusSAVE.org](http://www.SaugusSAVE.org)

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO: REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE**

## **REMEMBERING JOHN BURNS**

One of SAVE's founding fathers, John Burns, passed away September 14<sup>th</sup> at the age of 93 following a lengthy illness.

John, a distinguished English teacher with a career that spanned 61 years at the Saugus High School English Department, inspired and mentored many and fostered friendships that lasted for years.

John also loved Saugus, and throughout his life he was active in local environmental affairs. Many of us remember the story of how Saugus Action Volunteers for the Environment (SAVE) was "born" more than three decades ago, with John, his wife Ellen, and several others sitting around in the Burns living room at their home on Cliff Road. He also worked tirelessly to preserve Prankers Pond. John, as the driving force behind the Prankers Pond Preservation Committee, played an instrumental role in restoring Prankers Pond after a dam broke and turned the area into a swamp.

John's love of Saugus and its history also led to his collaboration with friends Tom Sheehan and Bob Wentworth to publish "A Gathering of Memories," which featured a collection of short stories, poems, historical data and photos submitted by present and former Saugonians, as well as the sequel titled "Of Time and the River."

He was respected by all that knew him, and his honesty, sense of humor, and willingness to help others were a true inspiration.

John, you were a gentleman and a scholar in the truest sense, and we will miss you.

## **SAVE NEWSLETTER AVAILABLE VIA E-MAIL**

SAVE is encouraging its members to opt to receive SAVE Newsletters by e-mail. Today, with increased technology, it is likely that many more members have access to e-mail and would like to take advantage of the convenience of receiving the SAVE Newsletter via e-mail.

Some of the benefits of distributing the newsletter by e-mail are: reducing our collective carbon footprint by saving more trees because less paper will be used; saving electricity because less copying will need to be done; saving postage costs; and, members will receive their newsletter several days earlier.

A significant number of members are already receiving their newsletters by e-mail, and we urge all of you to let us know if you are interested in receiving your SAVE Newsletter by e-mail.

Please contact Ann Devlin at [adevlin@aisle10.net](mailto:adevlin@aisle10.net) or at 781-233-5717

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and provide your name and e-mail address. We appreciate your cooperation.

The SAVE Newsletter can also be viewed, downloaded, saved, and printed at our website - [www.SaugusSAVE.org](http://www.SaugusSAVE.org)



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### SAVE Monthly Environmental Tip

Each month, SAVE offers an *Environmental Tip of the Month* in our newsletter and on our website at [www.SaugusSAVE.org](http://www.SaugusSAVE.org)

This month we are addressing composting.

According to the Citizens for a Better Environment, between 15-20% of the total municipal waste stream is organic material. All of these materials are very bulky, quickly using up valuable landfill space.

Why not try composting? Composting is the process of turning organic material you normally throw away - from grass clippings to apple cores - into a rich fertilizer. The simplest way is to just pile leaves, grass clippings, and weeds in a corner of your garden. (This isn't ideal as composting goes, but the clippings will decompose, and won't use landfill space.) Or you could purchase a composting bin through Lorna Cerbone at the Inspectional Services Department at Town Hall -- it's easy to set up and works great!



### 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 2010 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.

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.



**Enclosed is my check for membership dues for 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 .....

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Address.....

Telephone ..... Cell Phone .....

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**

To download and print the form, go to [www.SaugusSAVE.org](http://www.SaugusSAVE.org)

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](mailto:adevlin@aisle10.net) or at 781-233-5717.

## **ATTENTION MEMBERS: PLEASE CALL YOUR STATE REPRESENTATIVES NOW TO SUPPORT THE UPDATED BOTTLE BILL**

Members, please consider taking the time to contact your state representatives *immediately* to encourage support for the updated bottle bill that will have its first hearing during this legislative session on Wednesday, October 7 – *that's why it's important to make those calls now!*

Representative Alice Wolf and Senator Cynthia Creem have filed legislation for the 2009-2010 legislative session to update our current Bottle Bill (HB 3515). This legislation would expand the recycling program to include the following beverages:

- Carbonated and noncarbonated water, including flavored and non-flavored filtered water, mineral water and purified waters
- Carbonated and noncarbonated fruit juices and drinks
- Ready-to-drink coffee and tea beverages
- Sports drinks

The Updated Bottle Bill **would more than double the recycling rate for non-redeemable containers** and would give consumers more of an incentive to recycle those containers. And it would also increase the handling fee from 2.25 cents per container to 3 cents, making the system more practical for the redemption centers.

The bottle bill is still the most successful recycling program in the state, with close to **70% of containers redeemed** for recycling. Since 1990, **more than 15 billion containers have been redeemed** under the Massachusetts bottle bill, contributing to a healthier environment, cleaner and safer communities, and a stronger economy.

But when the Bottle Bill became law in 1983, most soft drinks on the shelves were some kind of soda -- cola and the like. So many of the soft drinks we now consume -- iced tea, water, and sports drinks -- are not covered by the Bottle Bill's nickel deposit system, and those containers are ending up in the trash. The update to the Bottle Bill currently pending in the Legislature would add all these "new age" drinks to the law.

MASSPIRG has asked SAVE to add our voice to others and show the legislative committee our support of the updated Bottle Bill, so please contact your state representatives now.





# FALL MAINTENANCE AT THE SAUGUS TREE FARM

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2009

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

{Rain date: Sunday, October 25, same hours}

**The Saugus Tree Committee is looking for volunteers to help with regular maintenance of the Saugus Tree Farm. Please join us on Saturday, October 24, from 9 a.m. through 3 p.m. {Rain date is Sunday, October 25, same hours}** 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.

## Upcoming Events

**SAVE “It’s New to You” SWAP at Breakheart Fall Festival - Saturday, October 10 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm {rain date of Sunday, October 11}**

SAVE will have a table staffed by members at the Breakheart Fall Festival from 10 – 2. Rain date Sunday, October 11. **FREE** swap to keep still-usable goods out of the waste stream. Also, old sneaker drop-off, mercury recovery bucket, and raffle for compost bin.

**Next SAVE Board Meeting - Wednesday, October 14, 2009**

**Breakheart Visitors Center at 7:30 pm.** All SAVE members, as well as members of the general public, are encouraged to attend and help develop questions regarding environmental issues for use at SAVE’s Candidates’ Night.

**SAVE Candidates Night - Wednesday, October 21, 2009, at 7:00 pm**

All members and the general public are invited to meet and hear candidates for Board of Selectmen respond to environmental questions. Join us at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall Auditorium.

**SAVE and the Saugus Tree Committee join together for Tree Farm Maintenance Day Saturday, October 24, 2009, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. {Rain date of Sunday, October 25, same hours}** Those wishing to assist at the Saugus Tree Farm can contact Tim Hawkes at 781-233-6428 or Margery Hunter at 781-233-0349 for more information.

**The Friends of Breakheart will host the Breakheart Fall Festival at the Christopher P. Dunne Visitors Center, 177 Forest Street, Saugus, on Saturday, October 10, from 10 am to 2 pm. Fun and games for the whole family. The event is free.**

For more information on this issue, please visit [www.SaugusSAVE.org](http://www.SaugusSAVE.org)