



SAVE NEWSLETTER

Saugus Action Volunteers for the Environment, Inc.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Ann Devlin

As SAVE begins its 39th year, we're planning a number of fun, interesting, and enlightening upcoming events. These events include:

- Prankers Pond Day on Sunday, August 28
- The SAVE table at Founders Day on Saturday, September 10
- SAVE's next "It's New to You" Swap at Breakheart on Saturday, October 1
- "Bat Night" at Breakheart Reservation on Saturday, October 8
- SAVE Candidates Night on Wednesday, October 19

SAVE also plans to join 350.org in its 2011 "Moving Planet" event scheduled for September 24, 2011. As you may know, 350.org is an international campaign dedicated to building a movement to unite the world around solutions to the climate crisis – the goal being to reverse the escalating amount of carbon in our atmosphere and get closer to a safer 350 parts per million. SAVE has proudly participated in 350.org events over the past two years and this year's event will focus on a day of moving beyond fossil fuels. SAVE plans to kick off its project at Founders Day by asking individuals and/or families to make a pledge to do one or more actions during the upcoming year to help reduce our carbon footprint. We hope you'll stop by the SAVE table at Founders Day to learn more about this project and to participate in this very meaningful day of action.

SAVE will again have recycling bins at both Founders Day and at the Breakheart Swap event to collect worn-out athletic shoes (any brand) for participation in the Nike Reuse-a-Shoe program. This is an easy way for each of us to continue our recycling efforts and further reduce our carbon footprint.

If you can help out at any of these events, please contact me at 781-233-5717 or by email at adevlin@aisle10.net

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend/help out at one or more of these events ... hope to see you there!

**Saugus Action Volunteers for the Environment
Annual SAVE PRANKERS POND DAY**

**Join us on Sunday - August 28, 2011
from Noon to 3:00 pm**



Get together with other members, friends and family.

**Relax, chat, delight in the scenery,
and enjoy a summer day at Prankers Pond.**

Canoe Rides

Leisurely Nature Walks with plant and/or wildlife identification

Children's Activities

SAVE will provide water, juice, and watermelon.

Bring a picnic lunch, lawn chairs and blankets.

Mark your calendars. We look forward to seeing you all there.

For more information go to www.SaugusSAVE.org or call Ann at 781-233-5717.

PLAN TO VISIT THE SAVE TABLE ON FOUNDERS DAY Saturday, September 10, 2011

Don't miss stopping by the SAVE table during Founders Day this year! We will be holding a raffle for a compost bin, with all proceeds going to SAVE's Environmental Fund. In our continuing efforts to reduce our carbon footprint, we will collect worn-out athletic shoes that we will then deliver to Nike's Reuse-a-Shoe program for recycling into materials used in sport and playground surfaces. We'll also have a "mercury drop-off" station for button cell batteries, hearing aid and watch batteries, thermometers and thermostats, etc.

We will also introduce you to SAVE's plan to participate in this year's 350.org event called "Moving Planet." On September 24, 2011, 350.org will hold a worldwide rally to demand solutions to the climate crisis. SAVE plans to create a pledge board containing individual pledges for actions throughout the upcoming year to lessen our carbon footprint. We'll have a number of suggestions for actions that individuals and/or families can make a pledge to do, or folks can create their own customized pledge. Those making a pledge can then post their pledge on the pledge board. Plan to stop by and find out what it's all about!



ATTENTION! HELP REDUCE OUR CARBON FOOTPRINT BY RECYCLING WORN-OUT ATHLETIC SHOES

Here's one way that we can all make a difference and help reduce our carbon footprint! **Bring your worn-out athletic shoes (any brand will be accepted) to the SAVE table on Founders Day or to the SWAP at Breakheart's Fall Festival and drop them into the recycling containers.** SAVE will then bring all the athletic shoes to a designated Nike Recycling Center drop-off location for participation in the Reuse-A-Shoe program. (Nike partners with members of the National Recycling Coalition, with Reuse-A-Shoe programs and locations around the world.) Following drop-off, the shoes are shipped to a processing facility to be ground up into a material called *Nike Grind*. Then, working with partner organizations, *Nike Grind* is used to make different parts of sport surfaces in communities around the world. Some examples include all-weather track, basketball and cushioned tennis surfaces, soccer fields, fitness flooring, as well as impact-absorbing playground safety surfacing.

Bring as many athletic shoes as you wish – there's no limit – and every pair makes a difference. However, there are a few guidelines for recycling:

- Athletic shoes only (any brand)
- No shoes containing metal
- No cleats or dress shoes
- No wet or damp shoes
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This is one positive way that you can help our environment by joining in this recycling effort.



SAVE'S NEXT "IT'S NEW TO YOU" SWAP
Breakheart Reservation
Saturday, October 1
10:00 am to 12:00 pm

SAVE, DCR and the FRIENDS OF BREAKHEART 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's Christopher P. Dunne Visitors Center in conjunction with Breakheart's Fall Festival, is scheduled for **Saturday, October 1, 2011 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm** 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. We ask that items be dropped off early to offer the largest selection of items to the greatest number of people. (Please 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.

For questions or more information, please contact SAVE President Ann Devlin by e-mail at adevlin@aisle10.net or by telephone 781-233-5717. Also check our website at www.SaugusSAVE.org

Remember that you can *bring* items or *take* items, you do not have to do both!

Also, don't forget to bring your worn-out athletic shoes to drop into the recycling box for participation in the Nike Reuse-a-Shoe program.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO: REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE



**ATTENTION MEMBERS:
PLAN TO ATTEND “BAT NIGHT” TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THESE
OFTEN-MALIGNED CREATURES**

SAVE and the Friends of Breakheart are planning to host a “Bat Night” sometime in October at the Breakheart Visitors Center. Watch for the specific date and time in the next Newsletter and in local newspapers. We’d love to have you all join us to learn more about bats and their contribution toward natural mosquito control.

SAVE ELECTS OFFICERS FOR FY 2012

At SAVE’s 38th Annual Meeting and Dinner, the membership elected the following officers for fiscal year 2012, serving from July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012:

President – Ann Devlin
Vice President – Margery Hunter
Treasurer – Charles J. Bocchino
Secretary – Pamela J. Goodwin

SOME “GREEN” TIPS

- Use non-toxic cleaning alternatives at home.
- Choose reusable items like mugs, lunch containers, pens, razors, etc.
- Take your own bags to the grocery store.
- Buy locally. Not only is it good for the local economy, it will save energy because products haven’t traveled across the globe to get to you.
- Use compact florescent light bulbs – it saves you money and reduces your carbon footprint.
- Avoid using cars. Walk, cycle, or use public transportation whenever possible.

**SAVE AWARDS ANNUAL \$500 ENVIRONMENTAL SCHOLARSHIP
CONGRATULATIONS TO MICHAEL KOTOWSKI**

At its Annual Dinner in June, SAVE was most pleased to award its 2011 Environmental Scholarship to [MICHAEL KOTOWSKI](#) from Saugus High School. Michael plans to attend the University of New Hampshire in the Fall and major in environmental engineering. We look forward to his future environmental accomplishments and contributions.

Don’t forget that the SAVE newsletter can be viewed, downloaded, saved, and printed at our website - [**www.SaugusSAVE.org**](http://www.SaugusSAVE.org)



SAVE ANNUAL DUES AND MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Just a reminder that it's that time of year again –

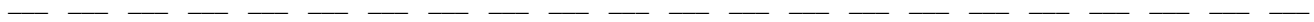
time to submit your Fiscal Year 2012 annual dues and membership renewal.

(SAVE's 2012 Fiscal Year runs from July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012)

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 2012
(from July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012).**

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

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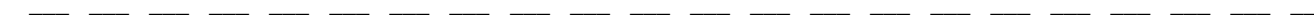
Amount enclosed for dues.....\$ _____

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



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



Upcoming Events

Next SAVE Board Meeting - Wednesday, August 17, 2011, Breakheart Visitors 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.

FREE Concert at Breakheart – Friday, August 26th from 6 - 8 pm

The U.S. Navy Band will perform. All are welcome this free concert sponsored by DCR and Friends of Breakheart.

SAVE Annual Prankers Pond Day – Sunday, August 28th from Noon to 3 pm

Join us for our 26th annual event at this hidden jewel in our midst. Bring a picnic lunch and your lawn chairs and blankets. SAVE will provide water, juice, and watermelon.

SAVE Table at Founders Day – Saturday, September 10th

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SAVE “It’s New to You” SWAP at Breakheart - Saturday, October 1st from 10 am – noon

SAVE will have a table staffed by members at the Breakheart Visitors Center from 10 – noon. **FREE** swap to keep still-usable goods out of the waste stream.

SAVE Candidates Night – Wednesday, October 19th, 7:00 – 9:30 pm

Our public-service forum for candidates for the Board of Selectmen so that each candidate can share their views on critical environmental issues facing our town.

The Friends of Breakheart and SAVE will sponsor a FREE event at the Breakheart Visitors Center in October. Watch for the upcoming announcement of the specific date and time. Come learn more about bats and their contribution to natural mosquito control.

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