



# DEHC Newsletter

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DEHC welcomes the Vietnamese-American Civic Association!

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*MISSION: To tackle urban environmental health concerns with community-based education and organizing, leading to measurable improvements and a healthy environment for people who live and work in Dorchester.*

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- The Urban Ecology Institute
- Vietnamese-American Civic Association
- Viet-American Initiative for Development
- State Representative Martin Walsh

## Summer Fun in the City

Take a look and join in the many free activities happening over the summer in and around Dorchester:

**11th Annual Neponset River Greenway Festival** (see separate listings)

**Dorchester Park Family Fun Day.** Sunday, July 10, noon—3 pm. Please join the Boston Police C-11, Dorchester Board of Trade, and Dorchester Park Association for a day of fun. Hot dogs, cold drinks, and much more free stuff.

**9th Annual Grove Hall Family Fair.** Sat., July 16th, 10 am-3:30 pm

Dorchester CARES invites you to their Family Fair. The event will kick-off with a parade, 10:00 am, starting at St. John/St. Hugh's Church, 517 Blue Hill Ave. The fair will be from 11:00 am-3:30 pm, at the Franklin Park Playstead Area. For more info about this event, contact Lyndsey Firreno, lfirreno@dcares.org, (617)474-1256 x261.

**Boston Landmarks Orchestra Free Concerts:**  
"The Journey of Phillis Wheatley," a new work for

children, will be presented **Wednesday, July 20**, 10:30 am & 12 noon, at the Shirley-Eustis House, Roxbury, and

**Thursday, July 21**, 10:30 am & 12 noon, at the Great Hall in Codman Square.

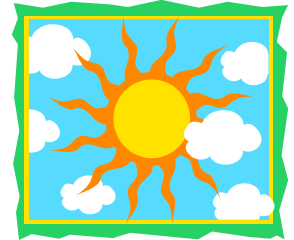
"Romantics in the Park," will be works of Schumann, Wagner and Schubert presented at Dorchester Park, Sunday, August 14, at 6 pm. For more information, call 617-520-2202.

**Free Shakespeare in the Parks— Romeo & Juliet**

Ronan Park, Sunday, July 31st, 1 pm., Boston Nature Center, Mattapan, Aug 4th, 1 pm., Franklin Park, Saturday, Aug 6, 1 pm.

The Wang Center presents Commonwealth Shakespeare Company's Tour of the Parks production of Romeo and Juliet in Boston neighborhood parks. Bring lawn chairs or blankets to sit on. After each 90-minute production, audience members are in-

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## 11th Annual Neponset River Greenway Festival

The 2005 Festival runs through August 25:

**Kick-Off, Family Movies under the Stars** on Thurs, July 7, 5:30-8 pm, at Pope John Paul II Park, Gallivan Blvd. Kite flying, soccer clinics, kids activities. Movies Series: July 7, 14, 21, 28—8-10 pm and Aug 4, 11, 18, 25—7-9 pm. Bring a blanket!

**Activities For Children on Thursdays, 12:30 pm**  
Latin style drumming; Rainforest Reptile Show; Bonaparte the Magician; Puppeteer.

**Canoeing.** Paddling experience & regist. required.  
**Wed, 7/13**-Milton Landing, Wharf Street 5:30 pm.  
**Sat, 8/20**-Estuary at Pope John Paul II Park, 9 am.  
**Weds, 8/24**-Pope John Paul II Park, 5:30 pm.

### Nature Walks/Special Programs

**Sat. 7/9**, 10 am, Bog Slog: Come explore Ponkapoag Pond! Be prepared to get your feet wet! Bug spray provided. Reg req. Call Meghan, 978-777-3050, x134, mwelborn@hancockassociates.com.

**Sat. 7/16**, 10 am: Explore the Neponset, bush-whack the banks of the river. Meet at Capen St. T stop. Registration required.

**Sat. 7/23**, 10 am: Edible Plants Walk. Eat your way along the Neponset! Meet at Paul's Bridge by Fowl Meadow, Hyde Park.

**Wed. 8/10**, 6 pm: Bike the Future Greenway. Ex-

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### *Fight the Bite!*

Outdoor Plans? West Nile Virus activity has started so make sure you're protected against mosquito bites. Even one bite can transmit the virus or other diseases. While you're enjoying the outdoors, remember:  
Use Mosquito Repellent ~ Eliminate Mosquito Breeding Sites ~ Install or Repair Screens

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vited to participate in a Question & Answer Session with members of the cast. All performances free, open to the public. For more on this program, contact [info@freeshakespeare.org](mailto:info@freeshakespeare.org).

### **Franklin Park Coalition: Join us in the park this summer!**

#### Playhouse in the Park Concert Dates

Music from the local scene: Tuesdays, July 26 & Aug 9, 6 pm.

Children's performances: Wednesdays, July 27 & Aug 10, 11 am.

~summer camp and youth groups welcome~

Sizzling Summer Saturdays: Aug 20 & Sept 3, 7 pm. (rain location Burke High)

#### Park Cultural Festivals

Puerto Rican Festival, Fri-Sun, July 29-31, Noon-11 pm (10 pm Sunday)

Dominican Festival, Fri-Sun, August 12-14, Noon-11 pm (10 pm Sunday)

Caribbean Carnival, Saturday, August 27, 1-7 pm

Shark Tales on the Playstead, July 11, 8:15 pm, Mayor Menino's Monday Night at the Movies, on Kite Festival field, near the back of the Zoo

Summer Evening Park Volunteers Join in! Beautification projects, invasive species clearing, and clean-up. July 14, 5:30 pm, corner Blue Hill Ave & American Legion; July 17, 5 pm, Bear Dens above Seaver St; July 18, 6 pm, Williams St Entrance.

For more info & directions: 617-894-4874, [www.franklinparkcoalition.org](http://www.franklinparkcoalition.org)

### **Neponset River Greenway Festival** (cont'd. from page 1)

plore the proposed section of the Neponset River Greenway from Mattapan Square to Paul's Bridge in Hyde Park and back. All level cyclists welcome. Helmets required. Meet at bridge in Mattapan Sq.

**Wed. 8/17, 5:30 pm:** Paint the Neponset Watercolor Workshop. Meet at the MRI building on Granite Ave. Registration is required.

All programs free. Sponsored by MA State Dept of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), Neponset River Greenway, Boston Natural Areas Network, and Dorchester and Mattapan Reporter. For more info or to register call 617-542-7696, or visit [www.bostonnatural.org](http://www.bostonnatural.org)

## **BOLD Teens Program**

Find out about BOLD (Breath Of Life Dorchester) Teens, a youth peer leadership environmental health group and DEHC partner, by checking out their website, [www.boldteens.org](http://www.boldteens.org).

If you want to know more: call Bill Loesch at 822-8189, or email [Bill.Loesch@codman.org](mailto:Bill.Loesch@codman.org).

### **Environmental Careers Organization: A Word from Behind the Scenes - Opportunities for Students** by Julia Curtis-Burnes

Hello all, my name is Julia Curtis-Burnes and I am an Environmental Careers Organization (ECO) intern for Dorchester Environmental Health Coalition (DEHC) this summer. I am majoring in Peace and Justice Studies at Wellesley College with a concentration in environmental issues in urban development. I am extremely passionate about environmental justice and love to work with youth on community advocacy. ECO is an organization that enables those interested in environmental and urban studies to work hands-on in a community, and learn more about what a job in this field might be like. I encourage you to apply to ECO, either for their summer program, or for year-round internships. ECO pairs interns with non-profit organizations, and pays their salary so the non-profit can afford an extra staff person. ECO is looking for more community residents to be involved, those familiar with and comfortable in the area and most importantly those who think like and look like you. The great thing is, once you have finished your ECO program, you become a member of an alumni network. If you're interested, check out [www.eco.org](http://www.eco.org)! There is a world of opportunity available. If you want more info contact me by email [Julia.Curtis-Burnes@dotwell.org](mailto:Julia.Curtis-Burnes@dotwell.org) or call 617-474-1437.

### **DEHC Newsletter: Get Involved** by Julia Curtis-Burnes

As part of my work with DEHC over the summer, I want to get the community more involved in the DEHC Newsletter. Below are some ideas to consider implementing. Please give feedback by contacting [Julia.Curtis-Burnes@dotwell.org](mailto:Julia.Curtis-Burnes@dotwell.org) or call 617-474-1437.

**"Did you know?"** section of the newsletter to keep residents informed on issues that affect health, like emerging infectious diseases such as West Nile Virus, or dangerous household products.

**"Green Voices"/ "How are we doing?"** a letter to the editor component of the newsletter, to get feedback from the Dorchester community, while also encouraging environmental justice activism.

**"Kid's Corner"** where children would be encouraged to send in environmentally related artwork and ideas. This could be a way to get young children interested in issues of the environment.

**Translation** into several languages, to reach a broader audience.

**"Great Pictures"/ "Green Scenes"** a regular space for publishing submitted pictures of Dorchester's beauty, environmental injustice, or events in the community.

**What is DEHC** The Dorchester Environmental Health Coalition (DEHC) is a network of community organizations and individuals who are concerned about environmental health threats in Dorchester and are committed to identifying and addressing them. DEHC is funded by Anonymous Foundation, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, National Library of Medicine, Boston Public Health Commission, and is a DotWell initiative.



DotWell is our new name for the Health Services Partnership, established by Dorchester House Multi-Service Center and Codman Square Health Center. DotWell works to provide integrated clinical and community services to address health disparities, build social capital, and meet the complex needs of the dynamic Dorchester community.