



Friends of the Boston Harborwalk

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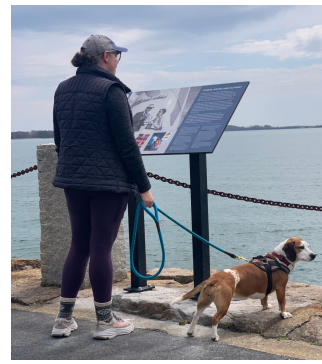
The Friends of the Boston Harborwalk (FBHW) is a group of volunteers affiliated with Boston Harbor Now. Our mission is to create awareness, promote public enjoyment, and foster local stewardship of Boston's 43-mile Harborwalk.

Signage Update

In late April, 76 interpretive signs created by FBHW Sign Team were in place. Four had just been installed along **Piers 3 and 4 in Charlestown** capturing more stories of the historic navy yard as well as the thriving Courageous Sailing Center. Take the ferry over to Pier 4. Check them out!



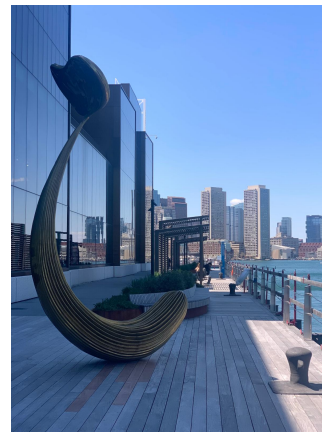
In Early May, the number rose to 82 as an installation crew added five more signs to the **UMass Boston stretch of Boston's Harborwalk**. Within minutes of the Corita Kent sign being installed a walker stopped to read it. Shortly later, a cyclist put on the brakes so he could read the sign about Dorchester Bay's marine ecology.



The UMass Boston signs were the result of a terrific partnership with the university, including faculty, students, administrators, and staff. They were made possible thanks to a generous grant from the George B. Henderson Foundation, which paid for the sign designs, manufacture, and installation. Hop on the Red Line to the JFK/UMass stop, then onto the free university shuttle to either the JFK Library stop or campus center to explore one of the prettiest segments of the Harborwalk and the eleven signs that adorn it.



The **Commonwealth Pier** Harborwalk in the Seaport has reopened after the multiyear renovation of both pier and its building. It's well worth a walk to the pier's north end with ample inviting seating and panoramic views. Not to mention six FBHW signs around the pier. Check it out!



For a view of all FBHW interpretive signage installed to date,
please visit: boshw.us

Upcoming Tours

**A Bank Heist, a Donnybrook, and Waves of Molasses with special guest
architect and bridge designer Miguel Rosales
Saturday, May 30**



Please join Mike Manning of the Friends of the Boston Harborwalk (FBHW) for a walking tour of the North End and the William Felton “Bill” Russell Memorial Bridge with special guest Miguel Rosales. The tour will begin at the Mirabella Pool located at 475 Commercial Street in Boston's North End. We'll tour the North End and visit the following sites: Edmund Hartt shipyard (1794), the Great Molasses Flood (1919), the Draft Riot of 1863 (on Prince Street), and the Brink's Robbery (1950).

We'll make our way to meet up with Miguel Rosales – architect and bridge designer of the new Russell Memorial Bridge. Miguel, along with the late Swiss engineer and bridge designer, Christian Menn, created the design of the adjacent Leonard P. Zakim-Bunker Hill Bridge as part of the Central Artery/Third Harbor Tunnel (CA/THT) project of the 1990s. The tour will end at approximately 12:15 PM. Nearest T stop is North Station (nearest to the North End).

**Join the Friends of the Boston Harborwalk on a Guided Walking Tour
Exploring Castle Island
Thursday, June 18**



Please join Mike Manning on a guided walking tour of Fort Independence at Castle Island. This tour will focus on the history of Castle Island from the first fort (1634) to the present day fort (1830s). We'll walk the perimeter of the fort and discuss Edgar Allen Poe, the Quasi War, the Spanish American War, and the fort's present day recreational use. In addition, we'll talk about the inner harbor islands, the massive Boston harbor clean-up, Logan International Airport, and MassPort's Conley container terminal. Then we'll venture inside the fort and make our way up to the ramparts for a spectacular view of the city.

We'll plan to meet to the right of Sullivan's at the picnic tables where you'll see a blue pole beacon with a small wind turbine and solar panel. All are welcome, but please only RSVP if you plan to come, as space is limited. We also want to be able to contact you in case of inclement weather.

Tour starts/ends at Sullivan's outdoor picnic tables ~ 1.5 miles.

Please wear comfortable walking shoes and bring your own water bottle.

Preview Additional Tours and Sign Up

Clean Ups

The Friends of the Boston Harborwalk has already coordinated 6 cleanups in 2026. If you would like to learn more about how your organization can get involved with cleanups, please visit <https://www.fbhwa.org>.



Our first cleanup of the year was on April 4 at Clippership Wharf in East Boston.

We had 10 volunteers participate, covering the area from Clippership Wharf to Carlton's Wharf.



Friends of North Broadway and friends of the Boston Harborwalk hosted the 6th annual Earth Day Neighborhood Cleanup! Just look at what we can accomplish together!



Long Wharf Marriot Boston employees leaped into cleanup action in the North End! Thank you for keeping our neighborhood clean!



Saturday, April 25, more than 25 FBHW volunteers joined forces with Neponset River Watershed Association to conduct their semi-annual cleanup of the Neponset River Trail in the area of Granite Avenue. The team collected 40-50 bags of trash which Mass DCR picked up for disposal!



16 volunteers from Ernst & Young's Boston office participated in a cleanup of areas adjacent to Boston Harbor near Maverick Square in East Boston. 15-20 bags of trash were collected!



On May 8, a team of more than 25 volunteers from three different local neighborhood companies and groups joined forces to conduct a cleanup of the Harborwalk and adjacent area of Fort Point Channel in South Boston. The team split up into small groups collecting a total of 25 bags of trash and one bike!



The Friends of the Boston Harborwalk and Boston Harbor Now invite you to join the South Boston elected officials, Massport and city officials for a hybrid community gathering as we begin planning to complete the Harborwalk loop around the Reserved Channel in South Boston! Our goals are to ensure that community interests and desires are prioritized in the design process for expanding this area of the Harborwalk,

and that future amenities and improvements to public spaces along this waterfront respond to local needs.

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