



Press Advisory

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WHAT: Annual Spring Cleaning of the Scarborough Marsh & Beaches

WHEN: **Saturday, April 25, 2009** (9am – 12 noon)

WHERE: Scarborough Marsh and Beaches, Scarborough, Maine

WHO: Everyone is welcome to participate!

Annual Spring Cleaning of the Scarborough Marsh and Beaches

In observance of Earth Day, the **Annual Spring Cleaning of Scarborough Marsh and Beaches** will be held from 9:00am to 12:00 noon on **Saturday, April 25, 2009**.

For a list of sites and meet-up locations, visit www.scarboroughmarsh.org . Anyone unsure of where the need is greatest should stop in at the Audubon nature center on Route 9.

Bags, plastic gloves, and trash removal will be provided by the Town of Scarborough. Volunteers should bring their own work gloves and should remember to dress appropriately for the weather which can be changeable on the coast and out on the marsh.

The annual town-wide event is a collaboration between the Town of Scarborough and a number of organizations including the Friends of Scarborough Marsh, Scarborough Marsh Audubon Center, the Friends of Pine Point Neighborhood Association, Higgins Beach Association, Scarborough Shellfish Commission, Scarborough Volunteers In Police Service, Scarborough Land Conservation Trust, CONTECH Storm Solutions, Starbucks, The Breakers Inn, Camp Ketcha, and many more.

REPORTERS: MORE INFO – LAST YEAR'S EVENT

Last year's event involved nearly 150 people of all ages who collected over a 1,000 pounds of trash and flotsam and jetsam of all kinds, including: a mountain of broken lobster traps; giant pieces of lumber and heavy metal pipes; cigarette butts and shotgun shells; hats, gloves, and coffee cups galore; furniture and plastics pieces of all shapes and sizes. You name it, our volunteers probably picked it up!

Volunteers worked for about 3 hours on a sunny morning last year - the equivalent of one person working full time for more than 10 weeks! Volunteers were provided wonderful support from the staff from the Scarborough's Public Works Department who hauled away all the trash and debris and the Volunteers in Public Safety who set out safety cones along Route One. And then there were all the coordinators who put in time before the event, including event organizer Bruce Thurlow of Scarborough. Refreshments and a cash donation match to the Scarborough Marsh Audubon Center were provided by Starbucks Coffee.

This year's event is expected to be just as successful. This annual town-wide tradition draws support from all corners and is a wonderful display of stewardship of the town's natural gems, the beaches and the marsh.

REPORTERS – for reports from previous years – visit www.scarboroughmarsh.org. For pictures of last year's event, email info@scarboroughmarsh.org or lift them from our FACEBOOK album.

To learn more or if your organization would like to provide volunteers, please contact Linda Woodard, Scarborough Marsh Audubon Center (781-2330 | lwoodard@maineaudubon.org) or email Friends of Scarborough Marsh at info@scarboroughmarsh.org.

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