

# SoundNet – February 2010

The Monthly Newsletter of Salem Sound Coastwatch



## What Happens When You Flush the Toilet?

*Where do the "unmentionables" go?*

*How does it affect water quality in Salem Sound?*

Get the answers to these and other burning questions and see what you're paying for with the sewer portion of your water bill.

Join Salem Sound Coastwatch for a **special tour** of the South Essex Sewerage District (SESD). Located in Salem next to the power plant, SESD treats wastewater for the communities of Beverly, Danvers, Marblehead, Peabody and Salem.

During this tour you will see the belts, concentrators, pumps, mixers and tanks that do the screening, pumping, settling, disinfecting, dewatering, and descumming of our region's wastewater.

The tour will take place:

**Thursday, February 18, 6:30 - 8 pm**

Space is limited--**RSVP Required!**

Open only to SSCW members.

**For information or reservations, contact SSCW:  
978-741-7900 or [info@salemsound.org](mailto:info@salemsound.org)**

Wear comfortable and sturdy shoes--we will be walking in out of different buildings. Bring your questions too.

Here's what others have said who have taken this tour:

*"This is one of the best tours I've taken."*

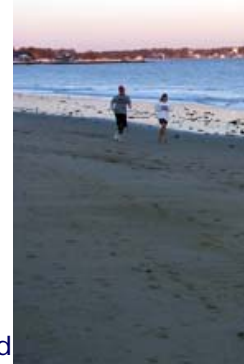
*"The tour was well organized, and it is a very clean operation. They didn't hesitate to answer questions, and it seemed to me that they cared about the facility and their jobs."*

## Adopt a Beach Program is Off and Running!

Salem Sound Coastwatch's newest program, Adopt a Beach, is off to a great start. Volunteers from across the Salem Sound watershed are lining up to participate in this unique program.

Volunteers have expressed interest in adopting the following beaches:

- Beverly: Dane Street, Independence Park, Rice's Beach, West Beach and Tucks Point
- Salem: Collins Cove, Forest River, Derby Street, and Dead Horse Beach
- Marblehead: Devereux, Stramski, Little Harbor, and Grace Oliver Beach
- Manchester: Boardman



The next step is a training session for volunteers on:

**Saturday March 6 from 9 - 11:30 am.**

### **Volunteers are still needed!**

If you are interested in being on the team for any of these beaches (or one that's not listed), contact SSCW at 978-741-7900 or [info@salemsound.org](mailto:info@salemsound.org). If you're not available on March 6, additional training sessions will be scheduled.

For more information visit [www.salemsound.org](http://www.salemsound.org).

We hope you didn't miss the newspaper coverage. There were great articles about Adopt a Beach in the Salem News on January 20, 2010, and in the Beverly Citizen dated February 4, and the Salem Gazette dated February 5. Contact SSCW if you have access to a computer, and we will give you the links.

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### **Announcements:**

#### **1. "Some Recent Shipwreck Investigations in Northern Massachusetts Bay"**

Did you know that the North Shore contains hundreds of shipwrecks? Come to this free lecture to learn about 13 recently discovered shipwrecks.

The presenter is Victor Mastone, Director and Chief Archaeologist of the Massachusetts Board of Underwater Archaeological Resources, and a member of the Salem Sound Coastwatch Board of Directors.

**Tuesday, February 9th, 2010**

at the **Northeastern University Marine Science Center**

For more information contact [mscinfo@neu.edu](mailto:mscinfo@neu.edu) or call Carole McCauley, 781-581-7370, ext 321

## 2. **SSCW Receives Award!**

SSCW is honored to have been given an "Innovative Program Award" by the Salem Department of Parks and Recreation at its Third Annual Appreciation Awards Night on January 27.

SSCW was recognized for sponsoring many beach and park clean-ups, removing invasive plants like bittersweet and pepperweed, and for reaching out to the community at large with the Swim & Fin Race for Salem Sound.

We would like to thank all of the volunteers that made this award possible.

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In closing, we would like to welcome and warmly thank our newest corporate sponsors, CSL International of Beverly and Bioengineering of Salem.

Barbara Warren, Executive Director  
Susan Yochelson, Outreach Coordinator

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