



THE FRIENDS FALL 2022 NEWSLETTER



Update for the Eastern Half of Phase 1B

While the State Department of Transportation works through the contract details with the Town, the contractors are busy installing the decking for the bridge over Reservation Beach (the section between Reservation Rd. and Goodspeed Island Rd.)

The replacement decking is half as wide and twice as deep as the earlier design, and they are secured on the underside. The railings are going up simultaneously, and the contractor has many hands on “deck” this time around, making for fast progress.

If all continues to go well, we will be enjoying the Shining Tides Mile soon. And we’ll be sure to blast the newsletter

horn as soon as it happens!

Please visit our website to view the rail trail map. mattapoissettrailtrail.org.



Top Photo: Since opening in July, the western half of Phase 1B has proven to be a popular spot! Other Photos: The contractor has made great progress this month on the eastern half of Phase 1B.



Phase 2A Underway Thanks to Grant Money

Work on the path's Phase 2A pre-design study is underway using a \$120,000 MassTrails grant, secured with the Friends' \$30,000 funding match. The Friends were able to commit to this project thanks to donors like you. The Town chose PARE Corporation as the engineer for this pre-design study. PARE will report all issues affecting completion of this section (that goes from Depot Street to North Street.) This study will lead to a preliminary cost estimate and concept design. Meetings with MassDOT, abutters, and neighborhood residents will take place over several months during the study process.



Friends' Board members Robin Lapore and Bonne DeSousa, and Friends' President Renee Pothier (right) attended the event in Milton on June 28 to accept the MassTrails Grant award.

Bench Plaques and Bike Racks



It takes a village.

Thanks to our many donors, the Friends purchased six bike racks. The Town offered up the former fire station so that we could assemble and temporarily store the bike racks over the summer. And

on a recent Sunday, Regis Lavoie of Summer Street Builders volunteered his services (once again) and installed one bike rack at the Brandt Island Road parking area and two at the Connector (off Industrial Drive.) His dedicated help included his wife Joyce, and Andy and Evan Stackpole.

The recognition plaques are now in place on the six benches that Regis and company installed last spring. Again, thank you to those who purchased benches and plaques.

We hope our supporters (and everyone!) are enjoying the new amenities!



The Tour de Crème is Back!



Team members from the 4th Annual Tour de Crème in 2019 enjoy a beverage at Shipyard Park after riding for a cause.

Our 2022 Harbor Days Table



We always look forward to seeing our supporters at our Harbor Days booth, and it's especially fun when the weather is good!

We also enjoy meeting new people who are interested in finding out about the bike path. Happily, we had 48 new subscribers sign up for our e-newsletter! And we received over \$250 in donations during those two days.

We certainly felt the love!

So many of our supporters have missed our tons of fun signature event.

But thanks to the dedicated volunteers from the past four highly successful events, the 5th Annual Tour de Crème is ON for Sunday, May 21, 2023! We partner with the Mattapoissett Land Trust and share all proceeds.

Event planners will begin meeting in earnest after the new year, but we need your help. It takes many folks to make an amazing event like this happen. The tasks can be as simple as handing out T-shirts, to leading the riders along the routes.

Watch this video and find out what all the fun is about!

Until the Tour de Crème website is up and running again, please reach out to us at: friends@mattapoissettrail.org.

Board members (left to right) Bill Emmons, Bill Coquillette, Renee Pothier (President), and Ann Bryant greet supporters at the Harbor Days booth in July.

Giving Tuesday November 29



The year 2023 promises to be active for the bike path. The Friends will be working to support the Town as it completes the remaining construction on Phase 1B, begins pre-design work for Phase 2A, and continues to work toward construction of the path along Industrial Drive.

While much of this work will benefit from state and federal funding, the Friends anticipate that, as in the past, some private funding will be required to complete the projects and provide desirable amenities along the path. Accordingly, the Friends are continuing to build their financial resources in order to

support the Town as needed.

We would appreciate any donation amount to help toward this effort!

Contributions to the Friends can be mailed to PO Box 1336, Mattapoisett, MA 02739, or made through our GoFundMe account.

All funds received will be used to support the completion of the path and path amenities. We are a 501(c)(3) charitable organization.

Please go to:
<https://mattapoisetttrailtrail.com/donate/>

Thank you!



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