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#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE By Ann Devlin

We know that the Fall season is a busy time for everyone. But we wanted to remind members, together with your families and friends, of the exciting SAVE events coming up. We think everyone will really enjoy these events, and hope that as many of you as possible will join us at one or more of the following:

### SAVE at Saugus Founders Day – Saturday, September 7, 2013

Come visit the SAVE table during Founders Day 2013. This year, SAVE will be raffling off a beautiful full-color print of a Barred Owl that was donated by "Eyes on Owls" at last year's educational event.

Be sure to bring your worn-out athletic shoes for drop-off in our recycling bin because SAVE will participate in the Nike Reuse-a-Shoe program again this year.

WE WOULD WELCOME VOLUNTEERS FOR THIS EVENT and if you can help out for even a short time that day, please contact Ann Devlin at 781-233-5717 or by email at <u>adevlin@aisle10.net</u>

#### SAVE's Next "It's New to You" SWAP – Saturday, September 28, 2013, 10 AM – 1 PM, during Breakheart's Fall Festival

SAVE'S next "It's New to You" SWAP continues our efforts to keep still-usable items out of the waste stream. This is a totally FREE event. You can *bring* items or *take* items – you do not have to do both.

Why not start setting aside any still-usable items that can be brought to the SWAP for recycling? Also, don't forget to bring your worn-out athletic shoes for drop-off in our recycling bin as we once again participate in the Nike Reuse-a-Shoe program. Remember, the purpose of this FREE swap is to keep still-usable goods out of the waste stream.

#### SAVE Sponsors a FREE "Birds of Prey" environmental education event – Saturday, September 28, 2013, Noon to 2 PM, at Breakheart's Fall Festival

MassAudubon's New England Reptiles & Raptors program will present a live "birds of prey" program. Easily recognized birds of prey are a fascinating group of predators that few people fully understand. The lives of these "aerial hunters" will make for an exciting presentation that will include information on their natural history, biology, adaptations, and habitats. All who attend are in for great fun with educational close-up views of these birds of prey.

# SAVE Sponsors Candidates Night – Wednesday, October 23, 2013, 7:00 PM at Saugus Town Hall Auditorium

Once more, as we have done many times in the past, SAVE plans to hold an Environmental Candidates' Night on Wednesday, October 23, in the second-floor auditorium of the Saugus Town Hall. All Selectmen candidates will be asked to attend. And don't forget: although SAVE regularly presents a "Candidates' Night," we do NOT endorse candidates for **any** office – local, state or national.

## **REMINDER;**

**Breakheart Reservation's Fall Festival** will be held on **Saturday, September 28**. Come join in the fun with face painting, pumpkin decorating, as well as free cider and donuts. The event is free and open to all.

Attending the Fall Festival will also give you an opportunity to participate in SAVE's "It's New to You" SWAP and to attend the FREE SAVE sponsored "Birds of Prey" event from noon to 2 PM at the gazebo area in front of Breakheart's Visitors Center.



### SAVE CELEBRATING ITS 40TH YEAR !

**CONGRATULATIONS** to SAVE for celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year! We hope that as many as possible of our members, friends and family, and other interested members of the public will join us throughout this special year at our various events. And as always, if you know of someone who would like to join our organization, please have them contact President Ann Devlin at <u>adevlin@aisle10.net</u> or direct them to visit our websites/Facebook page at <u>www.saugus.org/SAVE</u> or <u>www.SaugusSAVE.org</u> or <u>www.SaugusSAVE.com</u>

### FROM ONE OF OUR MEMBERS

Thanks to SAVE member, Fae Saulenas, for sharing the following:

- This month's issue of *National Geographic* is a must read. There is a huge piece devoted to elevating seas. The Saugus Public Library has a copy.
- Fae also shares the following website with other SAVE members who may be interested in Angelo S. Lynn's August 22, 2013 editorial entitled "A Titanic collision looms; carbon tax on the docket."

http://www.addisonindependent.com/201308editorial-titanic-collision-looms-carbontax-docket

## **ACTION ALERTS**

SAVE members are strongly encouraged to visit the SAVE Facebook page to connect to action alerts for: Keystone XL Pipeline, Pthalates in Disney Products (Alliance for a Healthy Tomorrow), Safer Chemicals Bill (Environmental Defense Fund), Zero Waste – Solid Waste Master Plan (MASSPIRG), Save the Bees, and the Updated Bottle Bill. And for those who wish an alternative to Facebook, go to the specific websites for organizations listed such as Alliance for a Healthy Tomorrow, MASSPIRG, etc.

These topics are important and affect all of us – and there's no easier way to "**Think Globally** ... Act Locally"!

Visit the website NOW at <a href="http://www.SaugusSAVE.org">www.SaugusSAVE.org</a>

## PLEASE REMEMBER TO: REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE



MEMBERS, FAMILY & FRIENDS:

We would love to hear from you regarding any specific steps that you are taking to increase your recycling efforts this year. Please share your environmental ideas / agenda at <u>www.saugus.org/SAVE</u> and click on the Facebook link. Or, if you're already on Facebook, you can simply "search" Saugus Action Volunteers for the Environment.

## A MESSAGE FROM 350.ORG ABOUT TAKING ACTION TO STOP KEYSTONE XL

Friends,

Here at <u>350.org</u>, we believe, above all, in people power -- and there is no better example of that than our work against Keystone XL and the tar sands.

From the summer of 2011, when 1,253 people were arrested in civil disobedience at the White House to stop the pipeline, to earlier this year when we were part of the largest climate rally in US history, to the ongoing pressure of Keystone demonstrations at Obama Administration events -- taking action together has turned what was once a done deal into a defining test for the President's climate legacy.

In the past few weeks, President Obama has said that he's willing to stop the pipeline if he thinks it 'significantly contribute[s]' to climate change -- and so it's time for us to take action together once more. Today's announcement that he is putting solar on the White House makes his choice even clearer: it makes no sense for him to put solar in his back yard and a tar sands pipeline in ours.

On September 21st, I'd like to invite you to join <u>350.org</u> and allies across the country to put people power to work again. That's when we'll be taking action against Keystone and the tar sands in communities coast-to-coast, and telling President Obama that there is no turning back -- to keep his climate promises, he must reject Keystone XL.

## We're calling it Draw the Line, to show that our commitment to defending our communities and stopping the tar sands is non-negotiable.

Some of us will draw a line showing where sea levels threaten to rise, others of us may link arms in front of refineries or tar sands industry targets to stop business as usual, still others may march with giant pipelines through the streets -- but together we will draw lines that send an unmistakable message that the tar sands are a climate disaster and President Obama must stop the pipeline.

## If you think you're ready to lead a Draw the Line action in your community, click here to register your action and get started: <a href="https://act.350.org/event/draw\_the\_line/create/">act.350.org/event/draw\_the\_line/create/</a>

At 350, we love days of action. We've used them before to make waves in international climate talks to help bring heads of state to the negotiating table for climate action, and highlight the impacts of climate change that are already underway.

With two years of historic momentum at our backs, I think this will be a chance to bring together our movement in a powerful way.

We'll be having a video chat next Wednesday at 9 PM Eastern Time to talk about Draw the Line on the 21st, and the moment we're in. I'll be on it, along with several friends from the movement to be announced -- click here and you'll be automatically signed up to get a reminder: <u>act.350.org/sign/dtl-9-21-video-chat-reminder/</u>

Being a part of Draw the Line on September 21st is easy. Once you've found a place where you'd like to draw the line and register your event, there are resources to help you at every step of the way.

## If you're feeling ready to get started, sooner is better than later. Click here to register an action and get the guide for planning your event: act.350.org/event/draw\_the\_line/create/

It hasn't been all smooth sailing for the past two years by any means. President Obama backed the southern leg of the pipeline, which is under construction, and we're still far behind where we need to be for climate action overall.

But where we've made progress, we've done so because we stood together, and on September 21st, I hope we can stand together again. Let's draw the line.

Arm-in-arm,

May

P.S. The news about the President putting solar on the White House is encouraging. This was a campaign we fought hard for -- starting way back in 2010 -- and it shows once more what we can do when we don't give up. Here's a link to a slideshow of photos from the campaign, and a statement from <u>350.org</u> co-founder Bill McKibben: <u>350.org/en/about/blogs/president-obama-putting-solar-white-house-roof</u>

<u>350.org</u> is building a global movement to solve the climate crisis. Connect with us on <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Twitter</u>, and <u>sign up</u> <u>for email alerts</u>. You can help power our work by getting involved locally, sharing <u>your story</u>, and <u>donating here</u>.



SAVE is participating in a fun activity known as Geocaching. Members can check out how the cache is doing and what other geocaches are in the area by going to <u>www.opencaching.com</u>

**REMEMBER:** SAVE was organized and incorporated in 1973, "to promote a better quality of life in Saugus through environmental concern and action."

For 40 years, SAVE has been an instrumental part of the national grassroots environmental movement. By spearheading local campaigns and participating in statewide initiatives, SAVE is an effective advocate for the protection of our community's health and its natural resources.

#### **IMPORTANT REMINDER**

## SAVE reminds all its members to continue to check our website and/or Facebook page to see links to important "Action Alerts"

Visit the SAVE websites at <u>www.saugus.org/SAVE</u> or at <u>www.SaugusSAVE.org</u> and click on the Facebook link. Or, if you are already on Facebook, simply "search" Saugus Action Volunteers for the Environment.

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