



MISSION

Friends of Martin's Park works to ensure the horticultural care and the public programming of an inclusive park and playground to honor Martin Richard and his legacy.

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Updates

Partnerships

Programming, including a new Volunteer Program

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THIS INCLUSIVE, CLIMATE-RESILIENT PARK IS THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN BOSTON AND A LASTING SYMBOL OF MARTIN RICHARD'S KIND, PLAYFUL, AND WELCOMING SPIRIT.

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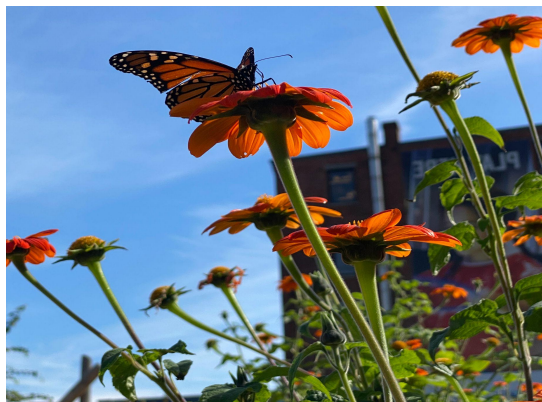
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The coming years will see implementation of educational programming as well as seasonal events designed to showcase the park and its surrounding neighborhoods to residents and visitors alike.

1. Created [website](#), social media: Instagram and facebook, as well as cards to hand out
2. Began a Learning Tour of many family, nature and waterfront institutions, coalitions & groups as partners
3. 16 variety/100's of sunflowers, individ. caged - pollinator haven & 3 season experiences/programming
4. Expanded herb and medicinal garden in the lower climbing area - developing 5 sense programming
5. Repaired & added new musical instruments
6. Landscape care: remediate erosion - establish plantings, sectioning areas off better, etc.



(top) create a Pollinator's Haven. 100's of sunflowers planted all around the Park



(left) herb & medicinal plant garden

WE ❤️ VOLUNTEER'S

We are seeking Volunteers in the following areas:

- **Landscape:** (seasonal) clean ups, weeding, watering, specialty planting maintenance
- **General upkeep:** (seasonal) general maintenance with support to ship and other hard surfaces
- **Eyes and ears of space:** (ideal for, but not limited to, those who use the park a few times a week) litter pickup, 311 reporting where needed
- **Events:** seasonal and monthly events support
- **Social/Photography:** (weekly/monthly casual) social media support to feature the Park on a consistent basis through photos and tagging; casual photographers to capture happenings in the Park and seasonal changes
- **Special Skills:** creative or teaching skills/ability to hold a workshop to share your knowledge



One of our volunteers who planted this patch of sunflowers

If any of these opportunities resonate with you, please take a moment to fill out our survey here: <https://forms.gle/UsH5qMtkyf9TFApn6>

If it is easier to work through details over the phone or email, please do not hesitate to reach out to Sierra at 617-967-8806 or friends@martinsparkboston.org

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1st Annual Holiday Ship Lighting, Nov 27, 2021



Boston's Newest Holiday Tradition

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Please join us
November 27, 2021, 4-6pm
for our 1st Annual Holiday
Ship Lighting in Martin's Park

Welcome Santa arriving by boat
Hot Cocoa * Carolling * Holiday Fun

Thanks to all who supported our First Annual Holiday Ship Lighting on Nov. 17, 2022. We are so grateful that Sara McCammond, from FPNA, volunteered her time. This type of support made the event even more amazing. Other donors and supporters included McDonald Electrical, Flour, and Tuscan Kitchen, Children's Museum, WS Development and Betti the Yeti, and BPD, C-6 and their Harbor Boat and crew, and last but not least, Boston Parks Dept.

We have lots of ideas on how to make it even better next year!



MORE ABOUT MARTIN'S PARK

Martin's Park is the result of a multi-year collaboration with the City of Boston, state officials,, private corporations and generous donors. This inclusive, climate-resilient space on the Smith Family Waterfront is the first of its kind in Boston and a lasting symbol of Martin Richard's kind, playful, welcoming spirit.

Created with people of all ages and abilities in mind, Martin's Park provides space for individuals, children and families to explore, play and reflect. Many of Martin's favorite park features make it a place that appeals to those looking for adventure and solace alike. Designed by Michael Van Valkenburgh and Associates, the park includes plants, stone and wood to connect children to nature and invite curiosity and exploration. Each structure included was evaluated on the standard five dimensions of inclusion to ensure children of limited physical, social/emotional, sensory, cognitive and communication abilities would be able to enjoy the Park.

Lush and inviting, our gardens are made up of regional plantings that include close to 350 trees, 700 shrubs, 9,400 ground cover plantings and 4,400 white daffodils. Natural wooden benches, carved from recovered trees on Martha's Vineyard, are situated on a figure eight path that winds through the grounds and across a pedestrian bridge perfect for views of the Fort Point Channel and the Boston skyline. Timbers salvaged from Boston Harbor, granite extracted from a New Hampshire quarry, and exterior stone left over from the Boston Public Library's Johnson Building renovation give the paths and steps greater connection to the natural environments of the city and region.

Friends of Martin's Park, Inc. strives to provide a welcoming, public gathering place and playground rich with robust horticulture that celebrates the diversity and inclusion of all its visitors. Since the Park's opening in 2019, Friends of Martin's Park acts as the steward responsible for the endowment and programming of this unique green space. In partnership with the City of Boston's Parks & Recreation Department, FOMP oversees the management and care of Martin's Park.

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