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# Preserve Hull~ Park Preservation News

## About Us:

### Fort Revere Park and Preservation Society Resident Group 501 (C) 3

Welcome to the Fort Revere Park and Preservation Society newsletter. We are a resident group 501 (C) 3 working to raise awareness and improve conditions at Fort Revere Park, Farina Road, Hull MA.

Fort Revere Park is partly owned by the Town of Hull and the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR). Many decisions need to be made to bring the Park out of disrepair.

If you have not been to the Park, please visit and view the beautiful landscapes and see reminders of its past Military history

*Working to raise awareness and improve conditions at Fort Revere Park*



We hope you find this newsletter interesting and continue to read future Publications ★

## Summer Updates~

Exciting things are happening at Fort Revere. Fresh paint and cleared trees make visits to the park more enjoyable. Our group has contacted Town of Hull IT for research on cameras at the park. This request is in process and will hopefully be in place soon.

Increased patrols by State and Hull Police are also helping to curb defacement of the Property.

*To learn more about us visit [fortreverepark.org](http://fortreverepark.org) and find us on fb.*

*Read more about park updates on page 3 →*



Fresh paint at the Fort Bunkers

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## Special points of interest:

- Officers' Quarters Building
- Summer Highlights
- "Stand for Something"
- How You Can Help

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## Scenes at the Fort:



Updated Kiosk at Fort Revere



Monument Area Cleanup



Graffiti and Tall Grass at the Bunker Area

This Summer brought a new event to Fort Revere. The 40th anniversary of the dedication of monuments to honor French Soldiers coinciding with France's Bastille Day holiday. The French Consul General of Boston, MA visited the Park on July 9th to re-dedicate the monuments along with some of our Mass Representatives. Beautiful vocals were sung by Therisa Cook and Alexandria Medzhidoz. The Park and Preservation Society began the cleanup by updating our information kiosk with fresh paint, new pictures, historical information and fresh flowers planted below. The monument area was weeded and fresh mulch was placed. The largest cleanup tasks soon took place. We cannot thank Hull Redevelopment Authority enough for their unsolicited offer to fund the anti-graffiti paint needed to deter defacement of the property. The DPW then

## New Summer Event-Bastille Day 2016

came on board to clear large trees to restore the wonderful view and cleared brush along the roadways leading to the Park. The results are amazing. Neighbors of the park are excited about this change along with many residents and visitors. **Thank you HRA for your generous offer which created so much motivation for many needed repairs!** Although our plans for a Volunteer Cleanup Day were cancelled, it was on a positive note. The anti-graffiti paint was ordered and DCR was on board for painting—day off for us...Thank you

to the businesses that offered services: Hingham Lumber Cohasset MA, Lowe's Weymouth MA, Aubochon Hardware Cohasset MA, Joshua Goodwin Disposal Hull MA, Kal's Ice Cream Hull MA, Hulltastic Popcorn, Mac Loves Cheese Hull MA, Home Depot Rockland MA, Hull and Cohasset Boy and Girl Scouts ★

*The Society meets on the first Monday of each month. Join us for updates and details on our plans*



Your next appointment is:

**Casa de Joseph  
Salon**

781-925-2850  
443 Nantasket Ave.  
Hull, Ma. 02045

24hr Cancellation required

## Repairs at the Park

In December 2015 DCR released a formal bid request for interest in repairing the Officers' Quarter's front porch. The bid was awarded and repairs are underway. Once the porch is completed the DCR will return to reviewing Curatorship Proposals. We are happy this Historic building is receiving necessary repairs and will hopefully be re-opened soon. The Historic Water Tower still awaits repairs and remains closed. We have found grant options for a master plan for park repairs and hope to have them accepted by the Town of Hull. Once repaired we will be happy to see the beautiful panoramic views from the

tower's observation deck of Boston Harbor and surrounding communities ★



Historic Water Tower awaits Repairs



Photo by Shirley Moloney

## "Stand for Something"

Watch for our fundraising events, volunteer, make a donation today, Attend a meeting - All ideas are welcome. Your contribution will help us reach our goals.

Thank you to all of our  
Bastille Day Event  
Sponsors and Organizers

*La Fête Nationale*



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Hull Boy Scouts  
Hull Board of Selectmen  
Hull Historical Commission  
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▶ Working to Save Hull's History  
for future generations

Watch for future  
updates and events



## Fort Revere Park, Hull MA



~ Formerly named Fort Independence and now named in honor of Paul Revere, this Coastal Defense System was used to protect Boston Harbor during the American Revolution through the Second World War and was listed on the National Historic Register in 1975.

The 8+ acre historic park holds scenic views of Boston Harbor Islands, nature habitats and dedications from past eras.

The Tower is the first reinforced concrete water tower constructed in the United States and served as a lookout platform in defense of Boston

Harbor. It was sited on one of the five points of the star shaped earthwork fort. Monuments dedicated by the Country of France to honor the French Soldiers who served there sit in the closed water tower's observation deck and on the grounds nearby.

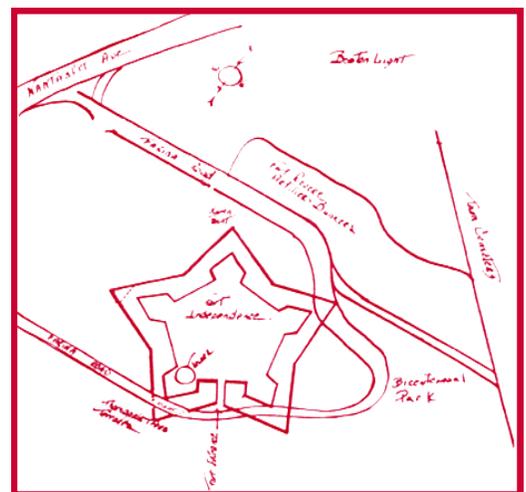
~ Meet with the Fort Revere Park and Preservation Society to help protect this vital history of Fort Revere that many fought so hard for and help preserve one of our town's greatest assets ★

## Our Mission:

To promote and preserve the coastal fortifications, related facilities and history of Hull, Massachusetts, and its environs.

## Our Goals:

To support the restoration of Fort Revere Park with regard for its historical significance and recreational beauty. Maintain a presence at Fort Revere Park and offer activities to the public to further promote the vital history of Fort Revere. Develop a plan to restore and re-open the Park's Historic Water Tower and Officers' Quarters Museum Building.



Location of Fort Independence on today's grounds