

First Annual Malden River Festival Draws Over 1,000 People

MEDFORD - MALDEN LINE – The first annual Malden River Festival at the new “Park at River’s Edge” brought ~1,000 residents of the Tri-Cities of Malden, Medford, and Everett to the Malden Riverfront in Medford.

The event featured free informational tables and demonstrations of safe summer activities and environmental topics from local groups. Live entertainment was staged on the patio of the Tufts Boathouse, which was graciously offered for this event by the university. Performers included the Malden High School Band, Casey Sullivan and her band, *Fitness Delivered*, Paula Terenzi’s Dance Complex Dancers, and the Wah Lum Kung Fu and Tai Chi Academy.

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A magician, sponsored by Armstrong Ambulance Company, also entertained people in the park.

During the festival, the first 300 attendees enjoyed a free barbeque provided by Preotle Lane and Associates, the developer of

River’s Edge. The Residences at River’s Edge provided Italian Ices and Bread of Life gave out water and healthy snacks.

In addition, a local Malden youth group, Youth A.C.T. (Activism, Coalition, Trust), brought their third annual Urban Art Competition to the festival. Attendees of the festival could enter the competition for a small fee and paint one 2’ X 4’ wooden board. Prizes were awarded for 1st, 2nd, and, 3rd places.

The organizers hope that the Malden River Festival will become an annual Tri-City tradition.

A similar river festival will be held in Everett on Saturday, August 7, 2010, organized by La Comunidad, Inc. If residents are interested in getting involved if future river-related efforts they should contact Nick Cohen of Tri-CAP at ncohen@tri-cap.org or call (781) 322-4125 (x237).

Groups partnering for this event included:

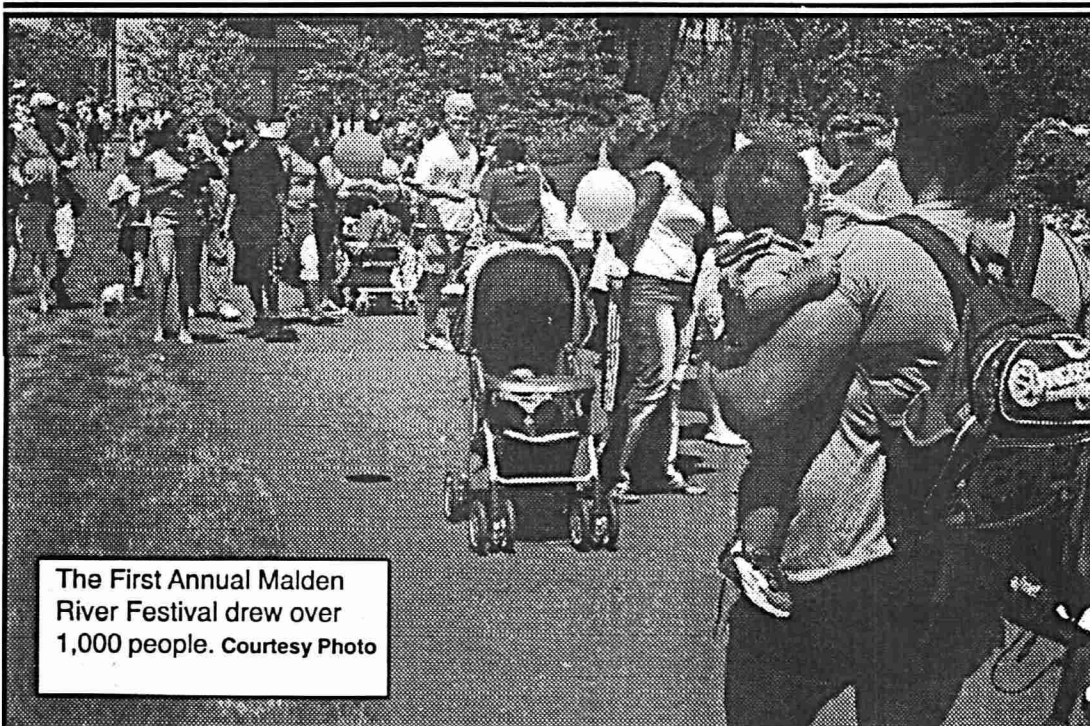
Preotle Land and Associates; Tri-City Community Action Program, Inc.; Tufts University; The

Residences at River’s Edge; Armstrong Ambulance Company; Boys and Girls Clubs of Middlesex County; Bike to the Sea; Bread of Life; Cambridge Health Alliance; Casey Sullivan and Her Band; Cataldo Ambulance Company; Chelsea Creek Action Group; the Cities of Everett, Malden, and Medford; Energize Everett; Fitness Delivered; Friends of Medford High School Rowing; Gentle Giant Rowing Club; Greater Medford Visiting Nurses’ Association; Hallmark Health; Joint Committee for Children’s Health Care in Everett; La Comunidad, Inc.; Magic Mike; Malden Access Television; Malden High School Band; Malden Redevelopment Authority; Mass Appeal International;

Massachusetts Environmental Trust; Mystic River Watershed Association; Mystic Valley Elder Services; Neighborhood Health; Network Health, Paula Terenzi’s Dance Complex;

Portal to Hope; Wah Lum Kung Fu and Tai Chi Academy; Youth A.C.T.; YWCA Malden.







Above, musicians performed at the First Annual Malden River Festival. Below, kids took advantage of the fitness bikes to see how to get in shape. **Courtesy Photos**

