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## Power play



BY PAUL HALLORAN

After 20 years of existence, the Kasabuski Holiday Classic high school hockey tournament was on thin ice, but the tournament will be held again this year, thanks to a big assist from Wheelabrator Saugus.

Kasabuski Arena Managing Director Dan Maniff approached Wheelabrator Saugus Plant Manager John O'Rourke about becoming the lead sponsor for the 21st annual tournament. O'Rourke and Wheelabrator were quick to say yes.

"This is a tournament with a great deal of tradition, and it would have been a shame to see it shut down," O'Rourke said. "We were happy to be able to take over as lead sponsor and keep it alive."

The tournament is scheduled for Dec. 29 and 30 at Kasabuski Arena. There are eight teams in two divisions. Saugus High joins Danvers,

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Wheelabrator Plant Manager John O'Rourke, Saugus High hockey players Mike Kotowski, Steve Groark and Paul Andrews and Dan Maniff of Kasabuski Arena.

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## Positive partnership

Waybright School students enjoy their annual Field Day. Wheelabrator Saugus, which has "adopted" Waybright, sponsors Field Day and many other initiatives at the school.

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# Connected to the community



**JOHN O'ROURKE**

Being a good corporate citizen and a good neighbor are paramount to our company's philosophy. We at Wheelabrator are fortunate to have been involved with a number of important community initiatives over the past year, some of which you will read about in this edition of *Wheelabrator Saugus News*.

Part of what I enjoy most about my job is the opportunity to get out and interact with the people of Saugus. Whether it's cheering on the Sachems at the hockey rink or watching our elementary school students power through the latest technology, it's rewarding to know we have made some impact on their day-to-day lives.

It's also exciting to see community members coming to us for service opportunities and exploration. In the past few months alone, we have welcomed students from North Shore

Community College, members of Mass. Audubon Society and the Boy Scouts, thanks to the efforts of Peter Young. I look forward to watching the development of Peter's upcoming initiatives involving Bear Creek Wildlife Sanctuary.

On the back page, you will meet one of our veteran employees, who has been at the plant since day one. I think the fact so many of our employees have remained with the company this long is testament not only to the positive working environment Wheelabrator tries to foster, but also to Saugus and the surrounding area.

Please remember we remain, as ever, committed to serving you. Best wishes for a safe and happy 2010.

*John O'Rourke is plant manager of Wheelabrator Saugus.*

## Open-door policy

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## Wheelabrator sponsors hockey tournament

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Lynnfield and Boston Latin in Div. 2, while Div. 1 consists of Malden Catholic, Wakefield, Austin Prep and St. Mary's (Lynn).

"Wheelabrator sponsoring the tournament is huge," Maniff said. "Without their support, we would have been in big trouble. They have always had a good relationship with the rink."

In 2002, Wheelabrator committed to donating \$50,000 over five years for a new Zamboni for the rink. The company had also purchased the Zamboni that had been in operation since the rink opened in 1984.

The cost for ice time alone for the eight games of the tournament is more than \$8,000. When you factor in game officials, rink staff and other expenses, it costs well over \$10,000 to run the tournament, Maniff said.

"Wheelabrator really bailed us out," he said.

"The tournament is a great tradition," said Saugus High Senior Paul Andrews. "It would be great to win it."

There will be an awards banquet hosted by Prince Pizza on Dec. 31. Trophies for the winning teams, MVPs and best offensive and defensive players in each division will be presented, sponsored by the Saugus Federal Credit Union.

## Anderson takes the LEED

Wheelabrator Director of Engineering earns national recognition

BY MEAGHAN CASEY

When it comes to sustainable design and energy practices, Wheelabrator is taking the LEED.

Roger Anderson, director of engineering for Wheelabrator Technologies, has earned Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) accreditation from the U.S. Green Building Council. The accreditation is presented to professionals who have demonstrated a thorough understanding of green building practices, and who have passed the national exam. Anderson is one of approximately 75,000 nationwide and the first at Wheelabrator to earn the prestigious credential.

"Today's society is demanding more and more in terms of green-building design and technology that preserve and protect our natural resources," said Anderson. "That's what sustainability is all about. People want to recycle; they want to purchase organic foods; they want to invest in fuel-efficient cars; and they want to be able to purchase green, renewable power."

As a certified LEED professional, Anderson hopes to be able to better meet those demands.

"Wheelabrator needs to position itself to be able to respond," he said. "We need to have green-building design in our arsenal of offerings to the communities we serve."

As an internationally recognized green-building certification system, LEED provides verification that a building or community was designed and built using strategies aimed at improving energy savings, water efficiency, emissions reduction, improved indoor air quality and stewardship of



Director of Engineering Roger Anderson earned a national green building certification.

resources.

Anderson, who grew up on a dairy farm in Wisconsin, has more than 30 years' experience in engineering, project management, field construction, permitting and contract administration. He earned his degree in civil and environmental engineering at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and began his career as a structural design engineer with UOP, Inc. in Des Plaines, Ill. He then progressed to project engineer, field engineer and home office construction coordinator, working on various petrochemical, refinery, pharmaceutical plants, trash-to-energy facilities and air pollution control projects.

Before joining Wheelabrator, he also spent

time in the oil industry in Saudi Arabia, and as a construction monitor at an ethanol plant in Tennessee. There, he reported to the World Bank and the U.S. Dept. of Energy, which provided loan guarantees on this experimental, yet successful, technology.

Anderson was hired by Wheelabrator in 1985, serving as project engineer on the original development and construction of the Claremont, N.H., Bridgeport, Conn., Lisbon, Conn., and Falls Township, Penn., facilities.

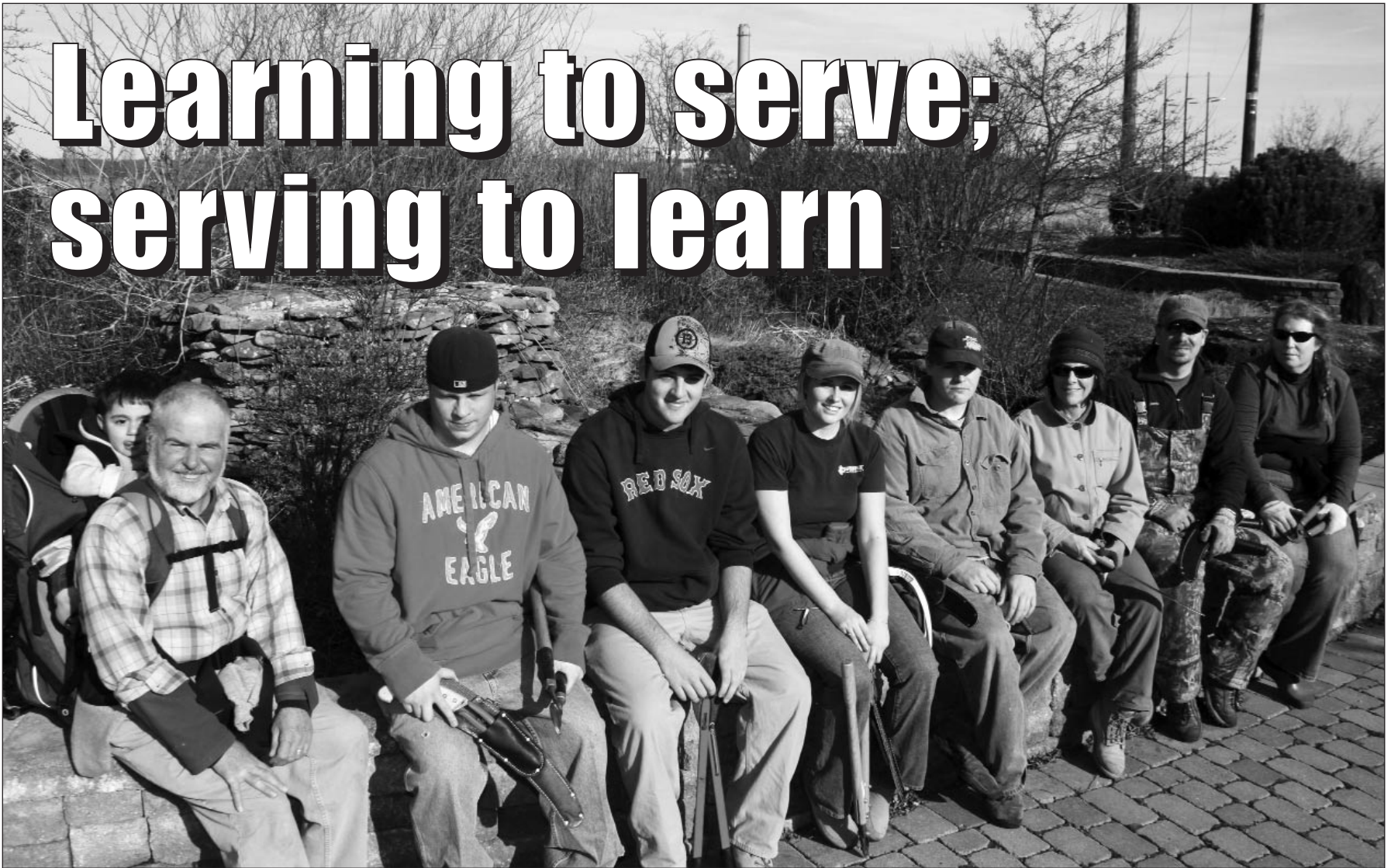
As project manager of Wheelabrator's ash management research and development program, Anderson managed various research projects. In 1995, he was appointed general manager of Wheelabrator's IPS division, a biosolids management company.

Subsequently, he was appointed director of engineering of Wheelabrator's former BioGro division in Annapolis, Md., and then project manager on the initial phase of Wheelabrator's Putnam, Conn., ash landfill project.

Appointed manager of projects in 1998 and director of engineering in 2009, Anderson had managed the design and construction of the air-pollution-control retrofit projects, including some major plant rebuilds, that Wheelabrator conducted pursuant to the revisions in the Clean Air Act. Since 2005, he has witnessed a resurgence of interest in the waste-to-energy industry and has dedicated much of his time to those pursuits.



# Learning to serve; serving to learn



Peter Young, left, with son Armen, guided NSCC students, from left, Casey McCormack, Kevin Czarnecki, Katie Emerson, Dan Wilkinson, Mary Jo Ficocello, Jerry Mendenhall and teacher Barbara Heath at the Bear Creek Wildlife Sanctuary.

## NSCC students volunteer at Wheelabrator's Bear Creek Wildlife Sanctuary

BY MEAGHAN CASEY

Combining a passion for service and the environment, students from North Shore Community College (NSCC) spent a warm winter's day volunteering at Wheelabrator's Bear Creek Wildlife Sanctuary.

The students, enrolled in a new service-learning course entitled the Landscape of Sustainability, spent the morning of Dec. 4 removing the invasive plant *Elaeagnus umbellata*, otherwise known as autumn olive, from the sanctuary.

"Bear Creek is a living laboratory for us," said professor Barbara Heath, chair of the Department of Environmental Technology at NSCC. "It has helped my students to see real-life applications of recycling, carbon reduction, sustainable practices and good stewardship of our natural resources made by a large corporation like Wheelabrator."

As a faculty-initiated learning program, Service learning is a teaching method that connects meaningful community-service experiences with academic learning, focusing on critical and reflective thinking, and civic responsibility. At NSCC, there are more than 50 faculty participants and more than 60 different service-learning courses offered.

"I see it as a way to make students aware of community needs, which can create a sense of civic responsibility and help students engage the wider world around them," said Heath. "It's an experience forcing them to examine their attitudes, values and beliefs. For some, service learning is their first time giving to some greater cause."

Heath's course aims to look at sustainability in a broader, more holistic way.

"We want all our students to have an opportunity to explore sustainability issues," she said. "This course is designed to encourage students to engage with their communities and to value and protect our natural environment. It also provides an opportunity to explore new and emerging career paths related to sustainability. Incorporating service learning was a way the students could walk the walk of sustainability, instead of just passively listening to a lecture or doing a reading."

In addition to the field work, students also met for

lectures, guest speakers and group discussions. Prior to their work at Bear Creek, Peter Young, environmental technology professor at NSCC, led the students on a tour of the sanctuary. He also visited with the class to speak about the history of the area and the transformation of the 207-acre former landfill that now serves as a haven for migratory birds and other wildlife.

"The students could see Bear Creek was an amazing place, but also a work in progress," said Heath. "They were very excited to go back and contribute to its progress. It also

gave the students an on-the-ground taste of environmental management and a sense that small efforts can be an important part of the larger picture when it comes to helping our environment."

Student Daniel Wilkinson, who is embarking on a three-semester service learning project, agrees. He was inspired after taking an entomology course with Young.

"Since then, I've been learning all I can about the lives of insects," said Wilkinson. "He knows more about this subject than anyone else I know."

Wilkinson was happy to spend the day at Bear Creek, where he'll be pursuing constructive goals of his own.

"As far as the location, it may not seem like there is an overabundance of insects, but I like to think of it as the invisible universe to be explored," he said. "I hope to create a collection from and for the sanctuary, which future students can use to learn more about the environment. I want people to realize that no matter where you are, you are surrounded by some form of wildlife and it should be appreciated – even in its smallest forms."



NSCC students Jerry Mendenhall and Mary Jo Ficocello cut invasive shrubs at the Bear Creek Wildlife Sanctuary at Wheelabrator Saugus.



# Wheelabrator and Waybright: a positive partnership



Above, Wheelabrator's Heidi Choate and Waybright Principal Dr. Linda Arsenault pose with students during field day; at right, students compete in a sack race; far right, Arianna Quaganti plays tug o' war.



BY MEAGHAN CASEY

It was a day of hula-hooping, potato-sack racing and recreational learning at its best at Waybright Elementary School's annual field day.

The event was a big success thanks to funding from Wheelabrator Saugus and Kowloon. Wheelabrator and Kowloon have adopted the Waybright School for the past seven years through the Saugus Business Education Collaborative (SBEC) Adopt-a-School program, supporting the needs of both staff and students. The goal of the program is to help provide students with cultural, recreational and athletic activities the school alone cannot provide.

"Wheelabrator has given the students and staff great opportunities and additional funds to help everyone," said Waybright Principal Dr. Linda Arsenault. "Having a great partner is something I've never experienced in other districts."

"Wheelabrator has partnered with Waybright Elementary School for many years through the SBEC, and we make a concerted effort to be as involved with the school as much as we can," said Heidi Choate, community relations specialist for Wheelabrator and SBEC board member. "Attending field day is one of the highlights for us. After a long

school year, it's great to see the kids let loose and have fun. It's rewarding to see the smiles on their faces and knowing we played a role in helping the school and PTO make the day successful for them."

In addition to funding and participating in field day, Wheelabrator remains actively involved with Waybright throughout the school year. Choate makes monthly visits to classrooms, reading aloud to students in the younger grades.

"They're not just here for financial support, they are now part of the Waybright family," said Arsenault, praising Choate's commitment.

The plant also helped the school host its annual Breakfast with Santa, which raised a record \$7,600. Additionally, Wheelabrator provided Waybright with funding for Scholastic Reading Counts!, a computer-based reading program that helps to encourage and monitor independent reading. On Dec. 8, the company donated \$9,000 for two additional SMART Boards in the school.

"Thanks to all Wheelabrator has done, the students get a different way to learn and have technology at their finger tips, literally," said Arsenault. "They love it."

“Wheelabrator has given the students and staff great opportunities and additional funds that help everyone. They're not just here for financial support, but as part of the Waybright family.

**Dr. Linda Arsenault**  
Waybright Principal



Wheelabrator's Heidi Choate and John O'Rourke present a check to Principal Dr. Linda Arsenault and teachers Michele Pinksten and Linda Gauthier for new SMART Boards. Also pictured, from left, are students Kyle Bernard, Uzziah Omosefe, Catherine Sanders, Ashley Muldanado and (bottom row) Anthony Turilli and Forest Brooks;



Dr. Linda Arsenault, left, with Adopt-a-School partners Donald Wong of the Kowloon and Wheelabrator Saugus Plant Manager John O'Rourke.



## CARING FOR THE COMMUNITY



Above, Community Relations Specialist Heidi Choate and Plant Manager John O'Rourke speak at opening day for Saugus Public Schools; at right, Superintendent of Schools Richard Langlois, O'Rourke, Belmonte Middle School Principal Geoff Bruno and Choate meet for a check presentation to benefit middle school technology.



# Wheelabrator gives back

## SUPPORTING SAUGUS SCHOOLS

Wheelabrator Saugus understands the importance of investing in future generations, which is why it remains committed in its support of Saugus Public Schools.

On Dec. 8, Plant Manager John O'Rourke presented the Saugus Business Education Collaborative with a \$9,500 technology grant to be used at Belmonte Middle School.

Belmonte Principal Geoff Bruno said the grant funding will allow the schools to purchase two new SMART Boards – a mobile unit and a stationary one. The remaining funds will be used to increase the number of LCD projectors in the classrooms.

"It's amazing," said Bruno, who is in his first year as principal. "A lot of what we've done with rolling out new technology to our library and media center has been a result of collaboration with local businesses. It's exciting to be part of a real resurgence in the middle school and to see the community rallying and being supportive, even in these tough economic times."

Earlier this year, Wheelabrator also participated in opening day for Saugus Public Schools. The event consisted of a breakfast and workshops for teachers and administrators to kick off the school year. Wheelabrator has sponsored the superintendent's gift to the teachers for the past two years. This year, everyone in attendance received a briefcase. O'Rourke and Heidi Choate, community relations specialist for Wheelabrator and SBEC board member, were invited to attend and speak at the event.

"On behalf of the Saugus Public Schools, I would like to thank you for supporting and acknowledging our professional staff and all the fine work they do for the children of Saugus," said Superintendent Richard Langlois. "Your thoughtfulness demonstrates their efforts are valued by the community."

## SPECIAL OLYMPICS DAY

Wheelabrator served as a proud sponsor of the Harry Agganis Special Olympics Day at World Series Park. The fourth annual event was held on Sept. 19 and raised more than \$17,000 for Special Olympics Massachusetts. In four years, Special Olympics Day has raised almost \$45,000.

"We'd like to thank all those who contributed to making this year's event such a huge success," said co-organizer Bob Davis. "From the donors to the volunteers, we feel very fortunate to have people step up and contribute to this very worthy cause."

Special Olympics Day is named in honor of Harry Agganis, the legendary athlete from Lynn Classical, Boston University and the Boston Red Sox. The idea for it was inspired by Steve Agganis, a grand-nephew of Harry Agganis and owner of Agganis Construction, and his family. Steve Agganis was instrumental in building World Series Park. His son, Gerry, threw out the first pitch during the opening ceremonies. This year's event was dedicated to the memory of Eunice Kennedy Shriver, who founded Special Olympics in 1968.

Special guests included Olympic medalists Mike Eruzione, Sandra Whyte Sweeney and Nancy Kerrigan, and Olympic hopeful Riley McIlwain. Eddie Palladino, announcer for Celtics games, served as master of ceremonies. A six-game softball tournament involving Special Olympic teams from the area took place throughout the day. The Malden team took top honors, and all athletes received medals.

## YMCA

The Saugus Family YMCA, in conjunction with the Greater Lynn YMCA, raised more than \$25,000 through its YMCA for All Kids annual online auction. Wheelabrator Saugus donated a pair of premium club level seats to an upcoming Celtics vs. Lakers game on Jan. 31, with parking included. Among the highest bids, the tickets sold for \$1,200.

All money raised through the online auction, which ran from Oct. 12 through Nov. 6, is being used to support the youth and family programs at the YMCA.

## YOUTH LACROSSE

Thanks to the generous support of Wheelabrator, Saugus is home to a new athletic league – Saugus Youth Lacrosse.

The league was founded by Saugus residents Mike Moriello and Darrell Segee, both of whom are lacrosse enthusiasts, in an effort to provide the children of Saugus with the opportunity to learn and participate in the sport.

"With numerous Saugus children playing youth lacrosse for neighboring communities, a varsity lacrosse program at Saugus High School and a brand new professional lacrosse team playing at the Boston Garden, it was clear the popularity of the sport and demand for the sport was here," said Moriello.

Using seed money from Wheelabrator, Moriello and Segee were able to successfully get the league off the ground.

"Being it was a brand new start-up organization, there was

absolutely zero funding and equipment," said Moriello. "Without Wheelabrator's generous donation, none of this would have been possible. Saugus Youth Lacrosse would like to again thank the company for all they have done to assist this youth league."

Moriello hopes the new league will provide students with a competitive advantage moving forward.

"In the past, many of the kids in Saugus didn't have the opportunity and didn't discover the sport until their freshman year at Saugus High," he said. "They would then compete against players who have been playing since they were five or six years old. Now, with the newly formed youth league, the future of Saugus High lacrosse will benefit."

In its first year, Saugus Youth Lacrosse attracted 110 participants and 15 qualified coaches. It will be entering the Mass Bay Youth Lacrosse League (MBYLL) for the upcoming 2010 season. Beginning in the spring, teams in the four age brackets will compete in regularly scheduled games against opposing youth lacrosse teams.

## M.E.G. FOUNDATION

Wheelabrator Saugus presented a \$7,500 donation to the Marleah Elizabeth Graves (M.E.G.) Foundation to assist the group in its efforts to restore the historic former Cliftondale School into the Saugus Cultural Arts Center. This follows a \$7,500 donation the company made last year.

The goals of the M.E.G. Foundation are to:

- ◆ work with Saugus Public Schools to supplement the education of youth in the community who have experienced the elimination of many programs in the visual and performing arts;
- ◆ provide the town of Saugus with a visitor's center to encourage tourism to the area;
- ◆ offer educational programs in a variety of disciplines to working adults in the evenings and on weekends;
- ◆ provide a meeting place for various groups and organizations that are in need of a central location with parking;
- ◆ provide function and conference rooms for private parties, businesses and public events; and
- ◆ create job opportunities through the restoration and renovation of this historic building and to create permanent employment for its administration and maintenance.



## CARING FOR THE COMMUNITY



Clockwise from above, team members of the Saugus Youth Lacrosse League; Manny Alvarez-Segee is the league's youngest lacrosse player; Thanking John O'Rourke (second from left) for his generous donation on behalf of Wheelabrator Saugus are Saugus YMCA kindergarten students and (standing, from left) Bruce MacDonald, executive director of the Greater Lynn YMCA; Mindy Medick, Saugus YMCA branch executive; and John Smolinsky, board vice chairman.







# Wheelabrator original



## Manning among Saugus plant's first employees

BY MEAGHAN CASEY

In 1975, Warren Manning was among the pioneers of Wheelabrator, witnessing the birth of a new form of renewable energy production in Massachusetts, the country and the world. Today, Manning remains committed to a company that has grown and flourished since its beginnings more than three decades ago.

Manning, who now serves as maintenance planner at Wheelabrator Saugus, was first hired as an ash truck driver on Sept. 2, 1975 – in the midst of the company's start-up.

"We had the opportunity to work with the people who built this place," said Manning. "The company got to where it is today in big part because of the people here at this plant, people like Dan Madigan (who served as chief engineer and plant manager). We learned a lot."

Manning took the position at the suggestion of his brother, Bruce, who was working as assistant plant operator at the time and who now serves as the New England region vice president of Wheelabrator. Bruce's son, Scott, recently came on as day shift supervisor at the plant. He had been working at Wheelabrator's North Andover plant before joining his uncle in Saugus.

"It's great to be able to work with him," said Manning of his nephew.

Outside of his family ties, Manning has created strong bonds with the other employees who have remained dedicated to Wheelabrator.

"When you're here this long, you work with a lot of great people," he said. "A lot of guys have been here since the beginning, and it looks like the new guys coming in are here to stay, too."

After his early days as a driver, Manning went on to work in the crane deck for the next decade. Before being named maintenance planner, he served as maintenance mechanic for 16 years and warehouse clerk for five years.

As maintenance planner, he is now responsible for working with purchasing agents, submitting requisitions and ordering materials, among other duties.

"I enjoy what I do," he said. "It's a good, stable job, no matter what position you hold here."

Manning resides in Peabody with his wife, Gayle. They have two daughters and two grandchildren.