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Governor Patrick on triumphant Lynn tour

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Governor Deval Patrick began his day at the Lynn Health Center, **moved on to Bridgewell** – Lynn Mental Health Center on Boston Street and closed the circle at Lynn/Nahant Beach.

In all three visits to locations either being expanded or rehabbed with the aid of state funding, Patrick was met with cheers and positive comment.

At the newly refurbished and re-opened Ward Bath House on Lynn/Nahant Beach, the governor received repeated rounds of applause from local residents and legislators, and a rousing speech by Representative Steven Walsh noting the governor's contribution to the city.

"No one has done more or cared more or made bigger promises to Lynn and kept them than Governor Patrick," Walsh said. "He is finishing everything he has started," he added.

Department of Conservation and Recreation Commissioner Richard Sullivan received a long round of applause for the great work he has done and continues to do on the Lynn/Nahant Reservation, which literally sparkled at low tide under a warm sun on a fabulous New England day at the beach.

"When we started out here three years ago I promised I would come back every year – and I have done that and we have accomplished much," he said. "This administration is committed to the beach, to the modernizing, improving and making safer the causeway to Nahant."

In fact, Sullivan's presence at community and neighborhood meetings and his hands on style of management, has seen conditions at the beach, the bath house and wherever DCR operates improve dramatically.

In fact, the beach has not been cleaner in years nor maintained as well from day to day – and the offensive odor so prevalent in an entire era past, was not notable at all.

Representative Robert Fennell's remarks, as usual, were short and sweet.

"This administration, this governor have done more than everyone who came before in my 16 years at the State House," Fennell said.

"These people have delivered," he said, pointing to Governor Patrick, Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs Ian Bowles and Sullivan.

"Because they have delivered, we have delivered," Fennell said of he and his colleagues, Rep. Walsh, and Senator Tom McGee.

"This is what it is all about," Fennell added.

Fennell also made wonderful comments noting the Ward Family, who attended the ribbon cutting at the bath house named after their father.

About 75 people attended the ribbon cutting at the beach.

