



massasoit  
dental  
associates

Dr. John P. Blatz D.D.S.  
Dr. Stephen J. Black, D.M.D.



## THE DAILY SMILE

[www.massasoitdental.com](http://www.massasoitdental.com)

508-583-0103

Welcome again to your seasonal edition of *The Daily Smile*. It's hard to believe it is fall again. Massasoit Dental Associates invites you to share this busy season with us, from back to school to world series baseball and of course our favorite football season. Time will pass quickly, so please remember your dental health. Call for an appointment today!

### What's New?

We are excited to announce *Dr. Ariel Bales-Kogan* has joined our staff at MDA as our new orthodontist. He started seeing patients on Fridays in October 2007.

Invisalign, a series of clear aligners used to straighten teeth will now be available in our office. Call to schedule your free orthodontic consult today.

Best wishes and many thanks to *Dr. Kalina Pluta*. She has recently married and is moving back to Canada to continue her dental career. Congratulations!

### Digital X-Rays are Here!

With your next visit to our office, you will notice a new addition to our diagnostic capabilities. Digital x-rays produce a clearer, sharper image that will enable us to see more clearly and diagnose more accurately. There will be numerous benefits to you:

1. A more thorough exam as the digital image shows the smallest details.
2. Radiation exposure is 1/10th of a normal x-ray.
3. X-rays are blown-up on a large screen for you to be able to co-diagnose with your hygienist and doctor.
4. The capability to print out copies of your x-rays or electronically send them to your insurance company or dental specialists.

We can't wait to share this technology with you! We appreciate your patience as we implement this equipment to our practice.

Dr. Stephen Black has recently completed an in-depth course on implants/abutments to be utilized chairside when creating dentures and crowns and a course on cosmetic dentistry.

### **Self-Etching Light-Cured Pit & Fissure Sealant**

No mess, no fuss! One step sealants are finally here. The simplified process requires less time and reduces the risk of contamination. Call for your children's sealant appointment today.

### **Brighten your days and nights**

Pick-up your tooth whitening kits today. Get a jump start on the holidays.

### **Are you committed?**

Your gingiva, or gums, are the foundation for your teeth and dental health. Flossing helps to reduce harmful bacteria that may cause gum disease and tooth loss. If you have swollen or bleeding gums, you have gingivitis. This early stage of gum disease may be reversed by daily flossing and a dental check-up twice per year. Within just a few days, you will see and feel amazing results. Give it a try, stick with it, and you will be on your way to a healthier you. And don't forget to ask your dental hygienist about your numbers.

The American Heart Association has changed the guidelines for dental prophylaxis. If you have a joint replacement or heart defect you may have had to take antibiotics before a dental cleaning to prevent infection. We will now be contacting your primary physician, cardiologist or orthopedic doctors by fax to determine the need for antibiotic prophylaxis.

**Family and friends always welcome. Thank you for your referrals**