



Voice of the Village

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Building a network of neighborly support

Village Board Announces Dues Reduction

The Greater Newburyport Village Board of Directors is pleased to announce that Village membership dues have been reduced for the new year. Annual dues will now be only \$300 for an individual, or \$450 for a household. Current members and volunteers should have already received a letter from the Village about this change and the options for those who have already paid for a second year at the former dues.

This positive decision is based on a

review of the current membership level, our changed status as an all-volunteer organization, our goal to double our membership, and an assessment of our 2017 fiscal requirements. Hereafter, we will continue to review membership dues annually to ensure a continued balance between our financial obligations and our ability to meet them.

We hope you agree that this action will spur growth in the Greater Newburyport Village membership, bringing added excitement to our lively group.

Village Watch Party on February 13

Join us at 4:45 pm on Feb. 13 at the Newburyport Senior/Community Center for the 5 pm celebratory live webcast of "The Value of Community and Choice as We Grow Older" featuring Atul Gawande, author of *Being Mortal*, as the keynote speaker. Dr. Gawande is a renowned surgeon, public health researcher, and writer who will speak about the value of community and opportunities as we grow older. His book examines people's efforts to maintain autonomy as they age in the face of ingrained habits, cultural expectations, and other influences. His talk is part of the national Village movement's 15th anniversary. He will address the Village model as an option for assisting older adults in their efforts, providing services and extending community to people who want to remain in their own homes and enjoy activities, attributes, attitudes and ages that engage the community's older adult population.

You need not have read Dr. Gawande's book to appreciate and learn from his talk. If you do not yet

know about the Village concept, this event will also be a great way to learn about the movement, both national and local.

Everyone in the greater Newburyport area is invited. Come and meet local Village members and learn about opportunities for involvement as a member or volunteer. Light refreshments will be served.

The Greater Newburyport Village is one of more than 200 open Villages, with more than 150 more in development, in 45 states. Villages are presently serving more than 40,000 people just like you.

Special thanks to the Newburyport Senior/Community Center for helping host this event and to the City and Port Media for their technical support.

Our Mission

To promote living well and independently for a lifetime through community engagement and a network of neighborly support.

Upcoming Events

Feb. 13, 4:45 pm, Watch Party at Newburyport Senior/Community Center. Open to the public. See article at left.

Village Talk – Open to the Public:

Feb. 15, 6:30 pm, Nbpt Library "The Adventures of a Local Jeopardy! Champion" with Jill Santopietro Panall

Greater Newburyport Village Members & Volunteers Only:

Feb. 17, 8:30 am, Anna Jaques Hospital Private Tour
RSVP by Feb. 10
See article on page 2.

Feb. 22, 6:30 pm, Members and Volunteers Dinner (Bring a Friend!)
VASA Waterfront Kitchen and Bar
175 Bridge Road, Salisbury, MA
(former Stripers location)
RSVP by Feb. 15

March 1, 6 to 7:30 pm Meet-up and Gallery Tour (rescheduled)
Paula Estey Gallery
3 Harris Street, Newburyport
www.paulaesteygallery.com
RSVP by Feb. 22
See article on page 2.

RSVP to 978-206-1821 or
services@greaternewburyportvillage.org

See the Village website for more detail on all events.

Remember that members can also learn about other members through the Members Portal on the website.

Private Tour of Anna Jaques Hospital

Have you ever wondered what goes on behind the scenes at our local hospital? A lot has happened at Anna Jacques Hospital since it opened its doors to the first patient in 1884. Join us on February 17 for a private tour of the hospital and meet some of the people who make it such a special place in our community, including Mark Goldstein, President and CEO. In addition to the Institution for Savings Inpatient Unit and the

Newburyport Five Cents Savings Bank Birth Center, we'll see their state-of-the-art power plant and have an opportunity to meet Herman, an extremely high-tech and valuable teaching "patient." Join us in front of the gift shop at 8:30 a.m. and bring along any questions you may have. Please RSVP by February 10. Space is limited, so sign up early to ensure a spot. Call 978-206-1821 or send an email to services@greaternewburyportvillage.org.

Meet Board Member Bill Jaros

When Bill moved to Newburyport in the fall of 2013, he had no idea how deeply he was about to become involved in the Village. He and his wife Bernie knew Paul and Betty Harrington, both having lived in Concord, Mass., before choosing Newburyport as their retirement community. Soon Paul joined with others starting up the Village, and Bill was drafted—in part wanting to meet new people near their new home. By spring 2014 Bill was on the Board of Directors and became active in the operations and planning group tasked with the immense work of getting a new Village up and running.

Of the many benefits of Village membership, Bill is particularly interested in its role of helping area newcomers meet people and become active in the community. In Concord he had been in a "newcomers club" that introduced people to others and helped them become established. Within the Village his roles have included organizing the recommended vendors list for homeowners seeking professionals as well as starting up interest groups for members. As a Board member, he has also helped with overseeing operations (budget, planning, insurance, etc.) and the larger decisions to help the Village move forward. Currently Bill is also acting as Village Concierge to assist members requesting services, by matching their needs with the skills and abilities of our Village's Good Neighbors volunteers.

Bill's wife Bernie also volunteers to help the Program and Events Team with communications and to help publicize Village events. Together they have become a key part of our Village. With their four children and nine grandchildren living away, the Village has become like a second family. You can learn more about Bill and his professional past on the Greater Newburyport Village website, where Board member profiles are accessible under the "About Us" tab.

Looking back at his three years with the Village, Bill reflects that one of his most satisfying activities has been to organize the Membership Assistance Program for community residents who need Village services but may be unable to afford membership dues. "We knew there are many people out there who need our services," he says, "and now we can really reach out to them." In addition, his own experience testifies to how the Village can provide a social connection for newer area residents.

Bill and Bernie frequently attend Village dinners and other events. If you don't already know them, come over and hear his jokes at the next one!



Village Dinner at VASA

What better way to fight the February doldrums than to dine with the Village at Salisbury's new waterfront restaurant! Come alone or bring a friend. VASA resides in the former Stripers building just over the bridge from Newburyport. It has been renovated and serves fresh local cuisine. Join us on February 22 at 6:30 pm in our own private dining room. Separate checks.

Meet-up and Gallery Tour

On Wednesday, March 1, from 6 to 7:30 p.m., we broaden our concept of Village Meet-Ups by offering members and volunteers a private tour of the exhibition titled "TERRITORY, The View Where You Are" at the Paula Estey Gallery at 3 Harris Street, Newburyport. The exhibit features the macrocosmic view of painter Miranda Updike, the natural world's point of view by photographer David Stone, and the territory of family life by woodcut collage artist Jen Groeber.

Our host, Paula Estey, has been an artist all of her life. She feels the gallery is an extension of her purpose on this planet. Refreshments will be served. We hope you will join in the fun! (RSVP by Feb. 22.)



How to Contact the Village

For member services and RSVPs:
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or email a service request or RSVP to:
services@greaternewburyportvillage.org

For information:
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