

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

### Annual Village BBQ a Smash Hit!

On July 19 the Greater Newburyport Village held its first annual BBQ party at the Newburyport Senior/Community Center, with about 50 members, volunteers, and donors attending. The food provided by American BBQ of Rowley included hamburgers, hot dogs, and chicken with sides of cornbread, beans, potato salad, and coleslaw. Wine, beer and soft drinks were served. Village volunteer Mike Prendergast on concertina along with Ann Federowicz on fiddle provided rousing Irish music. People were having so much fun that

when our allotted time at the Center was up, no one wanted to leave!

Kudos for the event go to Linda Bogdanoff and her Programs and Events Team and their two months of advance planning and work. You probably wouldn't believe how much effort it takes to pull off an event like this, everything done by volunteers, and the result was just terrific. It just goes to show something most of us have discovered about our Village: it's not



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just the benefits that come from membership and volunteering, but the real community you're a part of. Let's all keep staying connected through other Village events, including upcoming Village Talks, museum tours, and group dinners—while also looking forward to next year's BBQ!

Paul Harrington, President  
Greater Newburyport Village

## Upcoming Events

**SAVE THE DATE:** The Village Watch Party with Atul Gawande, author of *Being Mortal*, Monday, September 25, 4:45 to 6:30 pm. Newburyport Senior/Community Center. Open to the public. Check our website for more detail.

### Village Talks – Open to the Public:

**August 16, 1 pm, Newburyport Senior/Community Center**  
"Nautical Newburyport: A History of Captains, Clipper Ships and the Coast Guard" with Dyke Hendrickson.

**Sept 20, 1 pm, Newburyport Senior/Community Center**  
"Restoring the Coachman's House on the Maudslay Estate" with Tom Wester.

### Greater Newburyport Village Members & Volunteers Only:

**August 15, 9 am to 1 pm**  
**Members Only Tour of Ogunquit Museum of American Art** (see story on page 2).

**August 22, 6 pm, Member and Volunteer Dinner: Glenn's Food & Libations**, 50 Water Street, Newburyport. RSVP by Aug. 18.

**September 14, 9 am, Members West End Tour of Boston** (more info in next newsletter).

### How to Contact the Village

#### For member services and RSVPs:

call 978-206-1821

or email a service request or RSVP to:  
services@greaternewburyportvillage.org

#### For information:

call number above or email:

info@greaternewburyportvillage.org

or visit our website:

www.greaternewburyportvillage.org

## Village Talk on Nautical Newburyport

The Village Talk on August 16 features local writer Dyke Hendrickson speaking on “Nautical Newburyport: A History of Captains, Clipper Ships and the Coast Guard”—the title also of his fourth book.

Dyke Hendrickson is a journalist and author with a love of history. He has been with *The Daily News* for about 5 years, during which time he wrote a 27-

part series on the city's 250th anniversary.

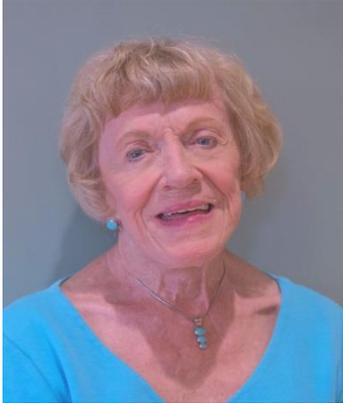
*Nautical Newburyport: A History of Captains, Clipper Ships and the Coast Guard* is an overview of our community's waterfront, focusing on the period from 1764 to 1915.

Hendrickson has always lived near a waterfront. The newspapers he has worked for include *The Portland Press*

*Herald*, the *New Orleans Times-Picayune*, the *Boston Herald*, the *Boston Business Journal*, and now *The Daily News*.

His talk, beginning at 1 pm at the Newburyport Senior/Community Center, is certain to be interesting and entertaining.

## Village Member Thanks Volunteers



*Village member Doris Allen wrote to us recently to express her gratitude for some help she received from Village volunteers. In her own words:*

I knew that moving out of my home where I had lived for 45 years would be a challenge. Family and friends volunteered some help, and for that I was grateful. But once I started packing, I saw I was going to need some serious help with larger items. What could I do? Then it hit me one morning: who better to call on but the Greater Newburyport Village! I emailed Bill Jaros and

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told him of my daunting task, and within 24 hours, he responded with the name and phone number of one of the Good Neighbor Volunteers, Mike Prendergast. We connected, and he arrived on schedule and provided me with many hours of help over a 3-day period. Soon after that I realized I needed still more help, and Bill provided me with another efficient volunteer, Frank Vincent. And still again, a few days later, more of the same efficient help. My sincerest THANK YOU to these volunteers and to everyone who gives their time in the Village helping one another in their time of need. I couldn't have done it without you! This is such a fine organization, and I am so glad to be a part of it! We all need to “talk it up” to help spread the word about the Village throughout our communities.

## Ogunquit Museum Tour for Members

Join this Village adventure, as we visit the beautiful and quaint Ogunquit Museum of American Art. During our visit, we will be given tours of their extensive collection of American art and outdoor sculptures and experience the magnificent views from the seaside gardens. They have unique gifts made by local artists and craftspeople in their museum shop as well.

We will be carpooling to the museum, leaving Newburyport at 9 am and returning around 1 pm (details to follow with your reservation). Space is limited, with only a few slots still available. RSVP by August 11. Museum admission is \$8, which includes the special tour fee to be paid that day; please bring cash.

## More on Village Events

For additional information on all Village events, please check the Events Calendar at [www.greaternewburyportvillage.org](http://www.greaternewburyportvillage.org). To register for the event online, double-click on the date of the event, and look for the registration button on the right.

## Our Mission

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

## Village Volunteer Barbara Dowd Crowned in Yankee Homecoming

Barbara was commended at the Senior/Community Center on August 2, and crowned, as one of two Yankee Homecoming Senior Volunteer Award Winners. The honor celebrates volunteers who make a difference in the community by giving much of their lives to helping others. Speaking of others, Barbara said, “Volunteers are a national treasure. Every nonprofit is run by a volunteer board.”

Barbara's volunteer activities fill many pages, and we hope you read about her Thursday in the *Daily News*. She has also worked at the nonprofit Girls Inc. “inspiring all girls to be strong, smart and bold,” and served on the boards of the Jeanne Geiger Crisis Center and the Newburyport Library. She has been a Good Neighbor Volunteer for us since the beginning. Congratulations, Barbara, and thank you from the GNV!



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