

**PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

## Village Growth, Changes on the Board

Our Village is growing! With 13 new members joining already in 2018, we now have 84 members—and dozens more volunteers. The word continues to get out about the many benefits of membership, both for volunteer services and social and educational opportunities, and we continue to meet our growth projections. Keep talking to your friends and acquaintances! And remember that thanks to donations, our Membership Assistance Program can help people with limited financial means to become members.

In other news, volunteer Kerri Glynn is now assisting Village Concierge Bill Jaros with responding to members' requests for services and coordinating volunteers to provide needed services. Thanks, Kerri! Since our beginning we have provided over 500 services to members, and volunteers are currently helping members at an average rate of about 35 services a month. Rides are the most requested service, and lately volunteers have been doing more grocery shopping for members not able to get out. Dog walking is also popular. Members, don't hesitate to let us know when you need some help with almost anything! Bill and Kerri report it is very rare for volunteers not to meet a request.

On the organizational side, April brought some changes to the Village's Board of Directors. Board members serve three-year terms. This year, two of our directors elected not to continue on the board. Anne Ferguson needs more time traveling to the Buckeye State to visit her grandbaby. The other is one of our founding directors, Stefanie Hufnagel, busy with other work. It may seem odd to say that these changes actually strengthen the leadership of our Village, but they do. Both have agreed, as they move from the Board, to continue their support as members of the Advisory Council. We are very grateful for their service. We welcome our two new directors, Mary Olson and Donna Franz. Mary has been an active volunteer on the Program and Events Committee. She will serve as clerk. Donna has volunteered assisting with strategic planning and on the Communications Committee. She will be overseeing the website while working with general Board tasks.

The Board is committed to continue growing and improving the Village. Please feel free to let us know your ideas or concerns, as we are there for you.

Looking forward to seeing you at upcoming events!

Paul Harrington  
President, Greater  
Newburyport Village



### 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  
or RSVP online at  
www.greaternewburyportvillage.org  
(click Event Calendar, double-click the date, and click registration button)

#### For information:

call number above or email:  
info@greaternewburyportvillage.org  
or visit our **website**:  
www.greaternewburyportvillage.org  
or visit us on **Facebook** at:  
fb.com/NewburyportVillage

## Upcoming Events

See Website for more info!

**Village Talks Open to the Public at Newburyport Senior/Community Center:**

**May 16, 1-3 pm** "Newburyport in World War II: A Documentary by Jean Foley Doyle" (2-hour movie).

**June 20, 1-2 pm** "Twenty-five years: Greater Newburyport/Bura Alliance" with Joanna Hammond and Ted Van Nahl.

**Greater Newburyport Village Members & Volunteers Only:**

**May 14, 6 pm, Village Dinner,** The Grog, Newburyport. Please RSVP no later than May 11.

**Greater Newburyport Village Members Only:**

**May 9, Tour of Cape Ann Museum** (see page 2 note).

**June 5, Village Adventure to Forest Hills, Jamaica Plain** (see page 2 article).

**June 13, 6 pm, Members Potluck** at the historic Dalton House - **Save the date!** (More information to come.)



Villagers at recent State House Tour

## Village Members Instructors at Learning Lyceum

Sarah and Alan Ward, who are members of the Greater Newburyport Village, will be leading a class in the Newburyport Adult & Community Education Learning Lyceum program on the topic of how trees communicate, defend themselves, and nurture each other. Changes in forests due to climate change will also be discussed. Discussions will be based on several recent books such as *The Hidden Life of Trees* by Peter

Wohlleben.

Alan Ward is a retired physician, founder of Holistic Family Practice in Newbury, and a landscape photographer. Sarah Seabury Ward is a retired teacher, founder of the Nature Connection in Concord, and a sculptor. They are both finely tuned to nature and will share their love of trees, woods, and forests with the class. The class begins June 4, but advance registration is required. Learn more online: <https://newburyportadulced.org/product/the-hidden-life-of-trees>.

## Plan Ahead for Village Events!

Please note that many events have to be limited in numbers of attendees. **The May 9 Tour of Cape Ann Museum is now full.** That's why we always ask that you RSVP as early as possible to ensure a place. But there's still room at the May 14 dinner! Come and enjoy this delightful social event.

## Village Talk: WWII in Newburyport: A Documentary Film by Jean Doyle

**Wednesday, May 15, 1-3 pm**

As the number of living World War II veterans dwindles, Jean Foley Doyle has made it her mission to ensure their stories are not forgotten. The author and historian's latest documentary examines World War II history as experienced by Newburyporters, both on the battlefield and the home front.

The documentary's origins date back to 1995 when Doyle, then a teacher at Newburyport High School, organized an oral history project through which dozens of local veterans were interviewed about their wartime experiences. These interviews serve as the basis for the film along with accounts from the city's home front. Firsthand accounts are brought to life by contemporary voices, but the stories remain unchanged. The soldiers' own words offer raw and intimate perspectives on experiences at Pearl Harbor, the Philippines, D-Day, the Battle of the Bulge, and Iwo Jima.

Through her film, Doyle strives to honor those who served and survived, and those who never came home. She notes that "it is estimated that 40 million people died worldwide in World War II. The mind cannot comprehend such a figure or a cataclysm of such dimensions. The mind and the heart are, however, capable of understanding 43, the number of Newburyporters lost in the war. They died a long way from the North End and the South End, from Three Roads and Joppa, from March's Hill and Break O' Day Hill, from Chain Bridge and Bummer's Rock, from Mt. Rural and Old Town Hill – a terrible distance from home."

### Our Mission

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

## Village Adventure to Forest Hills

**Tuesday, June 5 (rain date, June 7)**

The modern world is a very different place from the Victorian world that hosted Forest Hills Cemetery. As a culture we have turned away from a recognition of the glory of creation that helped us respond to the wonders of the universe. We embrace instead those technological innovations that continue to amaze us with their prowess.

At Forest Hills Cemetery in Jamaica Plain, those forgotten connections to nature and eternity have been restored, not only by the surrounding memento mori, but by the landscape as well. The cemetery itself embodies the Victorian consciousness and response to death, reminding us by its sacred presence of how eternal truths are woven into our lives. It makes of death a door rather than an end.

Our tour guide extraordinaire, Lois Ascher, will lead this 1½ hour tour. More details about lunch and the day will be sent to registrants before the event. Participants who have been on Lois's tours can't say enough about how enjoyable they are and how much they learn.

We will be carpooling to Forest Hill, leaving Newburyport around 9:45 a.m. and returning to Newburyport between 2:30 – 3:00 pm. Please let us know if you would like to join the carpool or are planning to drive yourself.



At the April Village Talk, the audience learned about the important role of service dogs, and one visiting dog decided to get close and sit on an attendee's lap! Photos by Donna Franz