

Now's the Time to Join the Village!

Don't forget! Members have received a mailing from the Village with membership renewal information. Renew before December 31 for 2017, and receive a \$100 discount in your dues.

Village volunteers and other new members are also invited to join now and receive the same discount.

Can't find the renewal form? Just call 978-206-1821 and we will resend it.

Meet Member Susan Coolidge

When Susan Coolidge moved to Newburyport a year and a half ago, her daughter, who lives in Brooklyn, NY, expressed some concern about her decision to move even further away from her and her two grandsons. But Susan is actively involved in the Joppa Flats Education Center and was weary of the commute from Cambridge. She

would become so involved with our area's environmental riches and want to move closer to our area. She has a master's degree in Environmental Science and taught children natural science for a total of 38 years in Beverly, Indiana, and Cambridge. She loved taking kids outside to dig around in nature. Now she also takes art classes and paints in oil, is active in local politics, and is an accomplished gardener. She's written a children's book that she illustrated herself. She prefers old houses, like the Victorian she has now, where she brought her antique claw-foot tub and a soapstone sink.

When we asked Susan why she joined the Village, she said, "My daughter is comforted that I am part of a supportive community." For Susan, Newburyport is a right-sized city for all that she enjoys, and she finds the Village a great way to make new friends while enjoying outdoor, educational, and social events. The Village also helps her daughter worry less about her, knowing that when she needs something done in that old house, someone from the Village will be over to assist. Susan also volunteers for the Village, serving on the Program and Events Team (see October 2016 newsletter). She's enjoyed Lunch & Learn programs, members' dinners, and several outdoor Village adventures.



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also wanted to live in a smaller, walkable city. And she loves the area's tidal marshes and for a time made her old camp in the Rowley marshes her home, where she had to plan her arrivals and departures around the supermoon tides.

It is not surprising that Susan

Upcoming Village Events

Lunch & Learn and Village Talks – Open to the Public:

Dec. 7, 11:30 am,* Hope Church
"Championing the History of Amesbury's Industry and People" with John Mayer, Executive Director, Amesbury Carriage Museum

Jan. 11, 6:30 pm, Nbpt Library
"You CAN Keep Collecting! Repurposing Your Art Legacy" with Paula Estey, artist and gallery owner

Jan. 25, 11:30 am,* Hope Church
"Decluttering Can Be FUN!" with Corrine McKeown, certified Senior's Real Estate Specialist

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

**Bring a lunch at 11:30 – talks start at 12:00.*



Greater Newburyport Village Members and Volunteers Only:

Dec. 8, 6 pm - Dinner at Michael's Harborside – RSVP ASAP!

Jan. 17, 6 pm - Dinner at Loretta's – RSVP BY Jan. 12

Join Us and Bring a Friend!
Get connected and enjoy our community of good folks. (Separate checks.) **RSVP to 978-206-1821 or services@greaternewburyportvillage.org**

More Events on page 2!

See the Village website for details.

Boy Scout Troop Helps Village Members

Newburyport's Boy Scout Troop #21 recently pitched in to rake leaves for four Village members as part of their service to the community. Troop leader Len Wallace, working with Village Good Neighbor Volunteer Charlie Ebert, organized the Scouts along with some of their parents to rake leaves on November 12.

Thanks to Scouts Trevor Cody, Han Lambert, Henry Blouin, Lance Olsen, Samuel Lincoln, Eugene Avery, Bryce Ciampitti, and Reece Ciampitti; and



to leaders and adults Leonard B. Wallace IV, Leonard B. Wallace V, Richard Jean, Stewart Olsen, Brain Avery, and William Lincoln.



Did you see the article about our Village in the November issue of *Newburyport Neighbors* magazine? It's now posted on the Village website – show it to your neighbors!

Food! Friends! More Events and Fun!

Our Village dinners for members and volunteers continue as some of our popular get-togethers. Check the "Upcoming Village Events" column on page 1 for the dates and times of our December and January dinners at **Michael's Harborside** and **Loretta's**. These are casual, comfortable experiences where we gather at communal tables to share good company over good food and drink. Your only cost is what you order. Take a break from your kitchen to enjoy these good times together.

Save the Date: February 13, 2017

On the evening of Feb. 13 the national Village to Village Network, in conjunction with the 15th year celebration of the Beacon Hill Village, is hosting a live webinar with watch parties nationwide. Atul Gawande, author of *Being Mortal*, is the inspirational keynote speaker. The Greater Newburyport Village will be hosting a public event to join in – arrangements still being made.



Private Tour of Anna Jaques Hospital

For members and volunteers only:

Have you ever wondered what goes on behind the scenes at our local hospital? Join us on February 17 for a private tour and meet some of the people who make it such a special place in our community. Learn some interesting things you never knew! Join us in front of the gift shop at 8:30 a.m. RSVP by February 10. Space is limited.

Gallery Tour Rescheduled

Many Village members and volunteers had signed up for the Paula Estey Gallery Tour in November - which had to be postponed at that time due to illness. This special event is now being rescheduled for March 2017 – **stay tuned for the new date!**

How to Contact the Village

For member services and RSVPs:

call 978-206-1821

or email:

services@greaternewburyportvillage.org

For information:

call number above or email:

info@greaternewburyportvillage.org

or visit our website:

www.greaternewburyportvillage.org

Did you know?

... that Village members have received volunteer services such as:

- ✓ Fixing a propane grill
- ✓ Installing a new doorbell
- ✓ Cleaning leaves from roof gutters
- ✓ Taking an old TV to the Recycling Center
- ✓ Checking a member's home while out of town
- ✓ Setting up home Wi-Fi
- ✓ Getting a ride to/from a colonoscopy appointment
- ✓ Taking a lawn mower for blade sharpening
- ✓ Getting holiday decorations down from the attic

Just call us if a volunteer might be able to help!

Remember!

Check the website often for more detailed news about upcoming events.

Meet other Village members through Village events and by browsing the Member Portal Directory.

Our Mission

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