

The Greater Newburyport Village Celebrates Two Years of Operation

On February 27, Village members, donors, and their guests gathered together in the function room at VASA to celebrate the second full year of operation for the Greater Newburyport Village. Enjoying the outstanding view of Newburyport Harbor and the lights of downtown, new members and charter members celebrated with cocktails and an assortment of delicious appetizers, made new friends, told their



stories, and shared laughter. “There is a lot to celebrate,” said Paul Harrington, President of the Board of Directors. “We have had a terrific year with many accomplishments. We doubled our membership, increased the number of volunteers, delivered over 400 unique Good Neighbor service calls to members, significantly increased our

donations for the Membership Assistance Program so that those who need financial help to join the Village are able to do so, and had many other accomplishments. We are working hard to accomplish our vision of being a trusted community asset that meets members’ needs—a vision we can all be proud of.”



Do You Need Your Password to Access the Member Portal?

As Village members should know, the Village has a private section of our website called the Member Portal, restricted to members. Here you can access the Member Directory, request services, and update your profile.

We have recently learned that some members have not received their user names and temporary passwords to be able to access the Member Portal. If you are a member but don’t know your user name and password, please let us know. If you have not logged into the Member Portal or have forgotten your password, let us know that you need a password reset.

We are also offering a class to help Village members learn how to use the Member Portal and other aspects of the Village website. This will be both fun and informative, so make plans to join us if you’d like to improve your computer skills related to the Village. (See the article on page 2 of this newsletter.)

Upcoming Events See Website for more info!

Village Talk Open to the Public:

March 21, 1 pm, Newburyport Senior/Community Center
“Rounder Records Part 3: The Studio” with Marian Leighton Levy and Ken Irwin. (See page 2 article.)

Greater Newburyport Village Members & Volunteers Only:

March 14, 6 pm, Village Dinner, Mission Oak Grill, Green Street, Newburyport. Please RSVP no later than Friday, March 9.

Greater Newburyport Village Members Only:

March 28, 5:30 to 7:00 pm, Greater Newburyport Village Website Training for Members. (See page 2 article.)

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
or visit us on Facebook at:
www.fb.com/NewburyportVillage

Our Mission

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

Greater Newburyport Village Website Training for Members

On Wednesday, March 28, from 5:30 to 7:00 pm, in the Computer Lab at the Newburyport Senior/Community Center, Village Web Content Manager Donna Franz will present a class for members to tour and learn more about the Greater Newburyport Village public website and the private section called the Member Portal. You will learn what information is available online and understand what member-specific information is available in the Member Portal. If you don't already

have a user name and password to access this private section, you will gain that information in the class. This is how the Village keeps member information secure.

As we tour the public and private sections of the website, you will learn how to:

- Find information you are looking for
- Ask for a new password if you have forgotten yours
- Log into and log off the Member Portal

- Have your computer remember your login information
- Verify and update your Member Profile (contact information, interests, service requests, etc.)
- Register for events
- Access and interact with our Facebook page

We hope that as you learn about our website, you will become more comfortable using it. Watch for your invitation coming soon.

Amesbury's Greenleaf Supportive Day Program

The following information about programs for older adults may be useful to you or someone you know. Please note that this is not a Village program, but the information is provided as a service for local residents.

The Greenleaf Supportive Day Program offers each participant socialization and meaningful recreational activities as well as supervision, nutrition, and support services in a community-based setting. The program is designed to allow participants to continue living in their homes as independently and as long as possible. Greenleaf will also provide each caregiver with the respite needed to continue working, care for their family, and attend to their own well-being.

The hours of operation are Monday-Friday, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, including lunch, morning coffee, and afternoon snack (\$37.00 a day). Greenleaf is contracted with Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley and Commonwealth Care Alliance.

To be eligible, clients need to be able to follow directions and participate in activities, function in an ambulatory setting, interact appropriately with participants and staff, be capable of performing activities of daily living with limited aid, administer their own medications, govern their own personal care, and be generally cooperative, easily redirected, non-combative and non-threatening to self and others.

For more information please contact the Amesbury Council on Aging at 978-388-8138. Please ask for Vanessa Kahrman, MA, LSW, Assistant Director, or Karen Sullivan, LCSW Greenleaf and Outreach Coordinator email at kahrmanv@amesburyma.gov; or sullivan2@amesburyma.gov.

Caregiver Support

The Caregiver program is free to all and provides fun, recreational, and social activities to anyone who has an interest. The purpose for caregiver support is to provide caregivers with the resources needed to manage the stress associated with caring for a loved one. Support groups are offered to caregivers the first Thursday of every month at 10 am.

All Greenleaf Caregiver Support Events are now open to the public. Events are free to Greenleaf Members who sign up. RSVP at (978) 388-8138.



More photos from the Village Celebration

Village Talk: Rounder Records Part III

On March 21, our Village Talks continue the Rounder Records presentations that have proved very popular in the first two sessions.

Marion Leighton Levy and Ken Irwin are co-founders of Rounder Records. They will talk about their studio experiences at one of the premier independent record companies that featured traditional music, including artists Alison Krauss, George Thorogood, and many more. From studio recollections and music recording in general, Marian and Ken will have a conversation about their perspectives on the independent record business. After their informal introduction, there will be time for questions and answers.

Ken is a founding member of Newburyport's Belleville Roots Music Concert Series; Marian is involved in local social justice circles. Both are long-time Newburyport residents who have been in the music business all of their adult lives.



Cut from the same cloth ... convinced they have clear vision (courtesy of Paul Harrington)