



Voice of the Village

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Building a network of neighborly support

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Welcome to 2020!

Has it really been twenty years since we managed to survive Y2K? Are we really approaching our fourth anniversary of launching our Village? There were some concerns about that launch as well, but they too proved unnecessary because of the efforts of our Village Builders doing the research and planning needed to get us going. These volunteers continue to set our course as we look ahead and adjust to the new challenges as the Village grows and our members and volunteers age. They will be working over the coming weeks to set our goals for the next three years. In April we look forward to gathering with members and volunteers at a Town Hall Meeting to review and discuss these goals. I invite and encourage you to be there and to offer suggestions at any time at my email listed below.

Best wishes to all in 2020,

Paul Harrington, Executive Director executivedirector@greaternewburyportvillage.org



Upcoming Events

See Website for more info!

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

January 15, 1-2 pm.

"Tanzania" with Barbara Dowd, Jane Tuohy, and Frances McLaughlin, who visited in support of young people in rural communities with few opportunities.

February 19, 1-2 pm. "A

Veteran's Walk Across America" with William Shuttleworth, who walked 3,300 miles across the country to raise awareness and funds for veterans.

For Village Members and Volunteers:

January 13, 12-1:30 pm,

Village Lunch at Sea Level

Oyster Bar, 1 Market Square, Newburyport. (Separate checks as usual.) RSVP by January 9.

For Village Members Only:

February 22, Anniversary

Celebration Brunch at Michael's Harborside. Details to come – save the date!

Thank You, Volunteers!

(A new newsletter feature sharing comments from Village members who have received volunteer services.)

As a longtime member of the Village, I have enjoyed excellent educational and recreational programs, as well as great dinners and other social events, and many new friends. Another major benefit of my Village membership is help with a variety of needs... a ride to the bus station, getting window air conditioners installed and removed and other heavy items moved, weeding and raking help, and the latest—assembling a new cat tree! I couldn't do these things myself. It took a Village and I am so grateful for this wonderful help!

- Joyce Cejka

Let The Games Begin

It is officially winter when many are apt to feel cabin fever, especially when the "weather outside is frightful." The daylight hours are short, the nights are long, and being alone can get downright depressing. Village volunteers can bring warmth and cheer to members by making friendly visits to lighten the days. Would you like to have someone visit? Volunteers are ready to sit and chat or to play a game; dust off your Scrabble board, dig out those Cribbage directions, or start a new jigsaw puzzle. And while we are visiting, maybe we can help with a few chores you need doing. Please let the Village know if you would like a few friendly visits this winter by calling the Concierge at 978 206-1821 or by sending an email to services@greaternewburyportvillage.org.

We Want To Know If you know a member or volunteer who is facing surgery, a loss, or an important milestone, let the Village know so we can acknowledge it appropriately and offer help as needed. Please call 978-206-1821 or email membership@greaternewburyportvillage.org.

To Contact the Village

For information:

call 978-206-1821

email:

info@greaternewburyportvillage.org

visit our website:

www.greaternewburyportvillage.org

For member services:

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Village Holiday Party Enjoyed by All!



Sorry we don't have room for photos of everyone at the holiday party!
There are many more photos on the Village website, under the tab "About Us."
(Photos by Barbara O'Dowd)