

Voice of the Village

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Building a network of neighborly support

Meet Volunteer Kincade Webb

Kincade was an early volunteer in the Greater Newburyport Village, shortly after learning about the Village from a friend involved in the founding. As a Village Builder, he took over the task of developing the Volunteer Handbook. After the Village launched, he became a Good Neighbor Volunteer and now enjoys providing car rides to members.

Kincade began volunteering in various ways not long after retirement. For six years he's given one day a week to Partners in Development, a nonprofit group that builds medical clinics, homes, and schools in Guatemala, Haiti, Peru and the US. His major role is keeping the records for their Child Sponsor Program, which supports extremely poor children in these countries. He's



also active in the Plum Island Beautification group. What he enjoys most about the Village and his other volunteering, he says, is meeting and getting to know new people. Formerly employed as a manager in a high-tech field, he also likes putting his organizational and problem-solving skills to good use.

When not busy volunteering, Kincade may be found gardening, boating, or riding his bike. He and his wife, an avid musician, retired to Plum Island after 30 years in Cambridge. They have sons in Amesbury and Los Angeles and a daughter in Waltham, and five grand-kids keeping them busy. "Life's been good for us," Kincade says, "and that's part of why I want to lend a hand to others who need it. After all, we're all in this together."

Village Members' Gardens on Tour

The backyard gardens of two Village members were included on Newburyport's recent Annual Garden Tour, a fund-raiser for the Museum of Old Newbury. *Left*, Susan Coolidge sits in her grape arbor. *Right*, Sally Milewski's garden ball reflects the light from nearby blooms and an image of her home. Many Villagers seem avid gardeners – an interest group, anyone?





Upcoming Events See Website for more info!

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

July 18, 1-2 pm "101 Days Across America: The Joys of Retirement Camping" with Kate Derrick and Tom Lochhaas.

August 15, 1-2 pm "A Tale of Two Cities - Urban Renewal, Newburyport and Boston's West End" with Prof. Lois Ascher.

Village Members and Volunteers Only:

July 17, 6 pm, Village Dinner, Loretta, 15 Pleasant Street, Newburyport. Separate checks. Come join the fun! Please RSVP by July 13.

July 22, 4 pm, Village Meet-Up at Theater in the Open production of *Medea*, Maudsley State Park. Meet at parking lot kiosk 3:30 to 3:40.

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

Village Talk: "101 Days Across America"

In January, newly retired Village members Kate Derrick and Tom Lochhaas left Newburyport on a coast-to-coast camping trip that ultimately lasted 101 days over almost 10,000 miles. They camped with their 15-year-old Australian shepherd mostly in state and national parks, and enjoyed exploring by bicycling, hiking, and kayaking. While they slept in their 10-foot camper, they spent most of their time outdoors. They met wonderful, interesting people, saw all manner of wildlife, ate regional cuisine, enjoyed live

local music, and explored museums and trails everywhere. They will share photos of their experience across America while giving tips based on what they discovered about the many joys of life on the road, unplugged from the media, and living in the present. If you've ever wanted to take such a trip, or just to live vicariously through others who have, you'll not want to miss this armchair adventure!

Our Mission

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



Photos by Barbara Dowd

Members Potluck Get-Together

On June 13, some 45 Village members gathered at the historic Dalton House to share a great variety of delicious appetizers, drinks, and scintilating conversations. Everyone pitched in with the food, with outstanding results! Village President Paul Harrington spoke briefly to share the news that the Village now has over 90 members, surpassing the Board's goal to date, as more and more people in the community learn about the Village. The focus now shifts to attracting more volunteers to help provide services for members, so please help spread the word about this as well.

If you haven't been to a Village event or get-together yet, think about it! There were lots of smiling faces at this one as people revisted old friends and made new ones. Come to our next Village Dinner and make some smiles!

To Request a Member Service

Please remember to make your request via the Village phone number or email (see page 1). If there is no answer on the phone, leave a message and you'll be called back. Please make your request at least 48 hours in advance.