

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Save the Date for Village Town Hall Meeting

Village Members & Volunteers,

Please mark your calendar for the 2019 Village Town Hall on Saturday, May 18, from 10 am to noon, at the Newburyport Senior/Community Center. I sincerely hope you can come—and please RSVP by May 10 to ensure the caterer brings plenty of food!

We plan a quick-paced meeting for Villagers to share their thoughts about what the Village does well and what we can do better. We'll have refreshments, small group discussions, a group session reviewing all ideas, and information about volunteer opportunities. As always, our Town Hall goal is to continue to make the Village what you want it to be, so we need to stay in touch with all of you.

Register for this event by opening the calendar event page and clicking *Register Now* or by calling (978) 206-1821. Please join us! Thank you.

Paul Harrington, President

Profile of an Exemplary Friendship: Doris Allen and Onalee Cooke



When Doris Allen moved a few doors down from Onalee Cooke two years ago, little did these sociable ladies know such a wonderful friendship would develop from their chance proximity in a Newburyport neighborhood. It took a few months for them to connect and recognize something special in each other, but when Doris invited neighbors to a Christmas get-together, these ladies began a friendship that deepened as they discovered their similar interests in life, including

travel, music, cultural events, good restaurants, and social gatherings. Doris and Onalee share many interests while maintaining separate talents. With distinctive personalities that complement each other, Doris has taken piano lessons and enjoys playing classical music on her baby grand (she is a self-proclaimed “concert pianist wannabe”) while Onalee loves gardening and covers her deck with blooms in warm weather.

Doris and Onalee have formed their own support group that is remarkable. For example, as both have recently recovered from surgery, they assisted each other through their recuperations. Both bemoaning their dislike for cooking for themselves, they often share meals and at times even cook together as they enjoy a glass of wine. And recently they watched the Academy Awards celebration together and have seen many of the films.

Both are members of the Greater Newburyport Village, and Doris volunteered on the Program and Events Team for years. You may have met them separately or together at Village events or attending other events in town. Be sure to say hello to them because you will benefit from their love of life, which is infectious and enviable.

Upcoming Events

See Website for more info!

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

April 17, 1-2 pm. “Living Near Seabrook Nuclear Plant” by C-10 Research and Education Foundation executive director, Natalie Hildt Treat.

May 15, 1-2 pm. “The Greenway Carousel and the Fox” with Jeff Briggs, carousel designer (see story, page 2).

For Village Members and Volunteers:

April 16, 6-7:30 pm, Village Dinner at Mission Oak Grill, Newburyport. (Separate checks as usual.) RSVP by April 12.

May 8, 6-8 pm, Appetizer Potluck, Dalton House, Newburyport. RSVP by May 3.

For Village Members Only:

April 4, 4:15 - 6:15 pm, Village Going Deeper Series Session Three.

May 23, 4:15 - 5:45 pm, Village Going Deeper Series Session Four (see story, page 2).

May 21, 9:30 am, Plum Island Nature Walk with Bill Gette.

To Contact the Village

For information:

call 978-206-1821

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visit our website:

www.greaternewburyportvillage.org

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Registering for Village Events is Important!

Village events often require registration because of a capacity limit or because the caterer needs the number by a certain date. It's critical that all attendees register by the RSVP date—and cancel your registration later if needed to open a place for someone else. Following are the steps for registering online at the Village website. (Note these for future reference.) If you cannot access the Village website, please register for events by calling (978) 206-1821 or emailing services@greaternewburyportvillage.org. Ask for a ride if needed.

To register as a member:

1. Log into the Member Portal from the Village home page.
 2. Open the event of interest in the *Event Calendar*.
 3. Click **Register Now**.
 4. Ensure **Sign up yourself** is selected.
 5. Click **Next** and follow the instructions.
- Note: You can register another member by selecting **Sign up member**.

To register as a volunteer:

1. Open the event of interest in the *Event Calendar*.
2. Click **Register Now**.
3. Click the green text: **Have you previously registered for an event or are you on our mailing list? Click here to search.** Note: If you type your name instead of searching for it, your name will appear multiple times in the database and that will distort our records!
4. Enter your email address and first name, then click **Search**.
5. Verify your name, click **Next**, and follow the instructions.

To register a guest: When an event is open to guests, register them by entering their names in the window that opens when you click **Register Now**.

Thank you for understanding that registration is important for events to run smoothly, with no one “left out in the cold”!

Our Village's Mission

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



Village Going Deeper Series: Sessions 3 and 4

Our Going Deeper Series explores in depth a variety of issues and concerns on the minds of Village members. The third session will be on April 4, 4:15–6:15 pm, at the Newburyport Senior/Community Center; session four will be May 23. See last month's newsletter for detail about the Session 3 topic: Five Wishes. Session 4, “Being an Elder,” focuses on the roles of elders in our modern world. How can we be more purposeful and intentional? How can we make a real difference in our families and communities? Please join us for the conversation on this topic.

Villagers, Mark Your Calendar!

Spring is coming, and it may help warm your soul to put these coming events in your calendar!

On **May 8**, from 6 to 8 pm at the Dalton House in Newburyport, we're having an **appetizer potluck** for all members and volunteers. Please bring your favorite appetizer to share with your Village friends and join this informal gathering. Drinks will be provided. Bring anything you like—this is a nonjudgmental event!

On **May 21**, at 9:30 am, members are invited on a **Plum Island nature walk** with Bill Gette, former Joppa Flats sanctuary director, hugely popular educator and ecologist, and the Village's favorite naturalist! We'll meet at Parking Lot #1 for introductions and a brief orientation.

On **June 20**, from 6 to 8 pm, we're having a **complimentary Lobster Bake** at the PITA Hall on Plum Island for members. Not a lobster lover? Choose a chicken or vegetarian option when you register. Side dishes include clam chowder, mussels and steamers, corn on the cob, coleslaw, and watermelon. Have some great food cooked fresh on site, with a complimentary glass of beer, wine or lemonade, and enjoy spending time with your Village friends at the beach! **RSVP registration with food choice is needed by June 3.** More details to come.

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.

Upcoming Village Talk

Come to our May Village Talk to hear Newburyport sculptor Jeff Briggs talk about his creative and technical processes in developing the iconic Greenway Carousel in Boston. He was the designer, sculptor, and art director for this unique carousel featuring 14 different animal characters native to the land, sea, and sky of Massachusetts, inspired by drawings from Boston school children. The carousel was designed to be accessible to individuals with physical, cognitive, and sensory disabilities.

Jeff will show a video on the design and production of one of the characters, the Fox. He will explain the direct plaster method of sculpting, beginning with the armature construction through to the final finished surface, including the custom glass eyes, the fiberglass casting process, and the color study materials and selection.