

Voice of the Village

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Building a network of neighborly support

Village Members, Get Your Order in Soon for the Plum Island Lobster Bake!

Come join us to welcome summer with a complimentary Lobster Bake on Plum Island on Thursday, June 20, 6 to 8 pm. Not a lobster lover? Choose a chicken or vegetarian option. Have some great food cooked fresh on site, a complimentary glass of beer, wine or lemonade, and enjoy spending time with your Village friends at the beach!

Choose your entrée when you register for the event on the Village website:

- One whole steamed Lobster
- BBQ Chicken
- Vegetarian: grilled portabella mushroom, roasted red peppers and feta cheese All meals include clam chowder, mussels and steamers, corn on the cob, coleslaw, and watermelon. Hot dogs will also be available. The vegetarian entrée includes salad, corn, and baked potato.

Please register and make your dinner selection no later than June 3. No meal changes can be made following registration. (If you register and later find that you cannot attend, please cancel your registration so someone else can come.)

The dinner is at the PITA Hall, 8 Plum Island Boulevard, Newbury. As parking is limited, please carpool if you can. See you at the beach!



Villagers at the recent tour of the Peabody Museum

Don't Forget the Village Town Hall

Village Members & Volunteers,

To help us continue to make the Village what you want it to be, please come to the 2019 Town Hall and share your thoughts about what we do well and what we can do better.

When: Saturday, May 18, 10 am to noon.

Where: The Newburyport Senior/Community Center.

Refreshments will be served, and two lucky attendees will win valuable raffle prizes! Please register for this event by May 10 to ensure the caterer brings plenty of food. On the Village website open the calendar event page and click Register Now, or call (978) 206-1821.

Hope to see you there!

Paul Harrington, President of the Greater Newburyport Village

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 Events

See Website for more info!

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

May 15, 1-2 pm. "The Greenway Carousel and the Fox" with Jeff Briggs, carousel designer.

June 19, 1-2 pm. "If This House Could Talk" with Jack Santos, Local Historian.

For Village Members and Volunteers:

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

June 4, 6-7:30 pm, Village Dinner at Loretta's, Newburyport. (Separate checks as usual.) RSVP by May 31.

For Village Members Only:

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

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

June 20, 6-8 pm, Lobster Bake on Plum Island.

June 21, 11:30 am, Tour of Spencer-Peirce-Little Farm.

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Tom Chulak Guides Next Village Going Deeper Session

Consider that primitive societies esteemed elders for their wisdom, honoring them as vessels containing the knowledge or lore of the clan, defining a role for their elders. Now consider the cultural expectations in our own diffuse society, in which elders often live independently, separated from family connections, with the prospect of spending many years in retirement.

The contemporary scenario leads to many questions for older adults: What do we want to do now that we are free of work demands? How do we add value at this stage of our lives? How do we beat cultural expectations? What are the things we denied ourselves in our past because we had no time (or energy) that we might consider

DeGrenier, and Frances Butsavich.

Welcome New Village Members

now? Can we become more open to the world and take risks that we once feared?

Being aware of messages our culture sends us and then making conscious choices about how we want to be in the world—this is the central concern that Tom Chulak, brother of Villager Ellen Chulak and long-time minister and citizen of the world, will bring to our attention at our fourth Going Deeper session, called "Being an Elder."

To learn more about Tom and this topic, visit the Village website and check the Event Calendar for May 23. The session will be from 4:15 to 5:45 pm at the Newburyport Senior/Community Center. Please register by May 20.

Tom Chulak

Our Village's Mission

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



As the Village grows, we continue to think about ways to connect with each other. One

for new members to meet each other and other Village members. Recently Wil and Lidy

de Hollander graciously hosted this event. Please welcome our new members when you

meet them at future events; they are Beverly Hill, Janice Downing, Pauline Derby,

Lindsay Cavanagh, Anne and Forrest (not in photo) Speck, Maria Sterk, Elizabeth

such way, from the Member Care team, is hosting occasional and informal gatherings



Wil and Lidy de Hollander

Did You Know? Senior Discounts

Many restaurants, stores, and other companies offer discounts for senior citizens, but often they're not posted and you won't know about it unless you ask. Check websites such as these to see hundreds of available discounts:

- https://www.theseniorlist.com/senior-discounts
- https://www.seniorliving.org/finance/senior-discounts

Locally, the City of Newburyport has senior reductions in a number of fees, including the city parking permit, dog license, and car sticker for the yard waste facility. Be sure you get the senior discount! Newburyport also has programs to assist seniors with property taxes (with income and other conditions); check the city website at: https://www.cityofnewburyport.com/sites/newburyportma/files/uploads/all_exmpts_senior_spreadsheet_updated.pdf

—or ask in the Assessor's Office at City Hall. The Newburyport Senior Center can also help with the program to earn a property tax reduction by City volunteering.

Upcoming Village Talk

June 19: "If This House Could Talk"

You're sure to enjoy our June Village Talk, when local historian Jack Santos will tell us fascinating stories of Newburyport's lovely old houses. Jack will share with us the best, the funniest, the most poignant, and the most historical signs and stories. Learn more about this Yankee Homecoming tradition from the man who wrote the book.