

Bay Village Newsletter  
May 1999

### **FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK...**

Ah, spring!

There's just something so joyous about this time of year in Bay Village. Neighbors putting out their window boxes, the garden flowers beginning to bloom and all of us coming out from our winter hibernation. It's almost impossible to believe, but we are hard at work preparing for the largest event in our neighborhood, the Bay Village Street Fair. As most of you know, this is the most exciting and fun event we have in our neighborhood. But take a minute and think about the hours of volunteer work that go into making this event a success. From the entertainment, to food, to the vendors, to publicity...organizing the fair is a second full time job. I hope you can become involved and lighten the load of those putting together this year's fair. Many hands make a light load...so please take some time out of your very busy schedule to help out. There is a great deal of work still to be done, so don't hesitate to call Tony Wong or any of the Fair committee to offer your assistance.

With all of the festivities of the Fair, our committees are also staying focused on other issues of concern to the neighborhood including crime, planning, licensing, parking & transportation issues, Mass Turnpike air rights and city services. We encourage (and frankly need) your input and involvement regarding these issues as well. Our neighborhood will succeed with the dedication of its residents. If you like what you see, get involved. If you don't like what you see, even more reason to get involved! Thank you all, and I look forward to seeing you at the Street Fair!

Paul Gagnon,  
President, BVNA

### **CELEBRATE THE BAY VILLAGE STREET FAIR ON JUNE 5TH**

It's that time of year again -- come meet your neighbors and make new friends at the 27th Annual Bay Village Street Fair on Saturday, June 5, 1999 (raindate - Sunday June 6), from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. It's great outdoor fun for everyone at Boston's oldest and largest celebration of one of the city's most unique and historic neighborhoods. This exciting event takes place along Church, Melrose and Fayette Streets. Parking along these streets is restricted starting at 6 a.m. (If you don't move your car, it will be towed!)

Find your hidden treasures at the amazing Flea Market as over 100 vendors will be selling everything, from valuable antiques to hand-crafted toys to that ceramic bust of Elvis you've always wanted! Taste the delights of the neighborhood at the BBQ and Bake Sale and from area restaurants. Learn more about the unique

and interesting history of Bay Village through guided walking tours. New this year will be the Neighborhood Yard Sale which will be set-up along Fayette Street. For a fee of only \$5 for BVNA members (\$12.50 for non-members, this includes your dues for your first year of membership), Bay Village residents may have a space to sell their wares and former treasures - it's the perfect time to free up space by ridding your home of all that unwanted Tupperware you've been harboring!

The Bay Village Street Fair is only as successful as the neighbors who help make it happen and we need your help!. Volunteers, donations for raffle and auction items and bake sale goodies are needed to help make this event our most successful ever. It's always a lot of fun and a great way to get involved in your community. We need everything and everyone from raffle items, bartenders, BBQ cooks, raffle ticket sellers and clean-up crews. Please call the following people to be a part of this exciting celebration:

Donate baked goods - Paul Buta @ the Hotline; 542-BVNA

Volunteer your time - Eric Cordes, 357-1605

Auction and Raffle items - Hotline: 542-BVNA

Reserve a space at the Yard Sale - Steve Shram, 451-8068

Proceeds from the Bay Village Street Fair benefit the neighborhood beautification fund and Central Boston Elder Services, a social service agency that provides programs and services to seniors in order for them to remain self-sufficient and live independently in their own homes.

## **HELP!**

The entire Street Fair is organized and run by volunteers to benefit the Neighborhood Association, and we need your help! You can play a part in set-up or staffing one of the tables run by the neighborhood on that day. Come on out to meet your neighbors, have some fun and volunteer for a couple of hours to help make this year's Street Fair one of the best yet! Call Eric Cordes @ 357-1605 to sign up.

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HOLDS RETREAT**

The Bay Village Neighborhood Association Executive Committee held its second annual day long Goal Setting and Objectives retreat at the Radisson Hotel/57 Restaurant on April 24th.

This was an opportunity to evaluate the success of last year, as well as to set goals for 1999 and beyond. A list of the goals will be printed in the next newsletter. However, some of the major goals include: a more concentrated effort to communicate to the residents of Bay Village, to continue to strengthen our voice with our elected officials and city agencies, to continue to develop our relationship with the businesses in our area, to offer exciting social and fundraising activities throughout the year, and of course, to increase our

membership. A full list of our goals and objectives will be presented in our next newsletter.

A special thanks to the Radisson/57 for offering their space to us to work throughout the day, as well as to the dedicated members of the Executive Committee who gave up a Saturday to improve the quality of our neighborhood!

### **CURTAIN UP! LIGHT THE LIGHTS!**

Bay Village residents and their friends were the stars at the first annual Bay Village Fund-raiser at the Lyric Stage Company of Boston's production of Howard Crabtree's "When Pigs Fly" on April 29th. Those in attendance were treated to a wild ride of musical comedy, all to benefit the Bay Village Scholarship Fund and the BVNA general fund. Many of the patrons attended pre-show neighborhood cocktail parties as well as an after-show party with the cast of this hysterical production. The event was successful on many levels; it increased awareness of our dedication to the students at Boston High School, it was a unique opportunity to get to know our neighbors, and we had fun doing it! There are so many people to thank for making this event possible, including: Don Hosick, General Manager of the Lyric Stage Company of Boston, Paul and Kim from Finale, for providing the wonderful desserts for the cast party, Jo Campbell for organizing the event, and all of the people who supported this event with their financial contributions. We look forward to many more events like this, and if you missed this one, we look forward to seeing you next time!

### **INTRODUCING THE BAY VILLAGE " Y2K" CALENDAR!**

The BVNA is celebrating the Millennium by sponsoring a calendar of historic photos of Bay Village. The calendars can be ordered at the 27th annual street fair, and after publication it will be available through local shops and through the newsletter and Hotline. It will include old photos of our historic neighborhood and will be produced in an antique style. We are looking for sponsors and advertisers. Sponsorships are available for \$50 or more. Business card sized ads (2 x 3) are \$75, ¼ page is \$150, back and inside back page are \$500, which includes 50 calendars. For more information, please call Mike Maddigan at 542-BVNA. Press 1 and leave a message. Support the neighborhood and do your Christmas shopping early!

### **SCHOLARSHIP FUND UPDATE**

The BVNA scholarship fund has reached \$1,200. Last year, the neighborhood was able to award \$200 each to 5 Boston High School graduates. The money goes directly to the college the student attends and is applied directly to his or her expenses.

Please consider sending a tax deductible contribution to this worthy cause. Checks are to be made out to Boston High-BVNA Scholarship Fund and left at 33 Fayette Street, c/o Ann Kilguss, Boston High Liaison.

## **NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES**

Bay Village has two new neighbors! Susan and Paul Buta of Knox Street welcomed Sara Joy on April 21st. Sara weighed in at 8 lbs 3oz. Carol Carlsen and Daniel Krulewitch of Fayette Street greeted Carl-Isaak on April 3rd. Carl-Isaak tipped the scales at 7 lbs 5 oz. You can greet Sarah and Carl as their proud parents wheel them through the neighborhood.

On a sad note, Pat Rahilly passed away in April. A lifelong resident of Melrose Street and a retired Boston Police Detective, Pat attended the Abraham Lincoln School, now Boston High School, and St. James Church in Chinatown. We extend our sincere sympathies to his family.

Gene Cushing, formerly a resident of 230 Stuart Street and a former member of the Executive Committee, passed away in Framingham, where he had purchased a home several years ago. While in Bay Village, Gene was out daily in his wheelchair walking his little black skipper, Bones, on an extension leash. Again, our sympathy to his family and friends.

## **SUPPORT THE ENVIRO SCHOLAR FUND**

Betty Carter, a Special Ed teacher at Boston High has been a volunteer fundraiser for the Enviro Scholarship Fund for 5 years. The fund was developed to increase student awareness and appreciation for recycling and its positive impact on our environment. Through the collection of bottles and cans, the fund has realized approximately \$4000, which has been used for needy high school graduates to pursue more education. This year's goal is to raise an additional \$2000.

Ms. Carter is asking our support of this project. A barrel has been placed at the Fayette Street entrance of the school for the donation of recyclable bottles and cans, where they are removed daily (except weekends and holidays.) Consider recycling your bottles and cans for a worthy cause.

## **GINO'S CORNER**

Spring has arrived in Bay Village and along with the lovely flowers, greening trees and grass, birds and bees, it is prom and graduation time.

And, we have a graduate in the neighborhood! Gary from Melrose Street is happy to announce that Lucy will receive her cap and gown from obedience class this month. Congratulations, Gary and Lucy.

Canine training is definitely a team effort that continues for a lifetime, and to all well-mannered dogs who have completed basic training with love and care, congratulations.

For those of you who have been a bit reluctant to register for classes, think of it as "canine charm school!" Or show-biz! Who knows you might even be a star in a production of "Annie" or a principal for a Purina commercial. There's a world of opportunity out there for four-legged achievers and (keep this to yourself) there's even an agent living in Bay Village!

While we're on the subject of stars, wouldn't it be neat to have our own canine pageant like the Pooch Parade, but with a bit more razzle-dazzle, and we do like razzle-dazzle in Bay Village. In addition to the size and breed categories, we could have themes, with awards going to those selected by a distinguished panel of dog-loving judges. This could take place in the fall and perhaps could tie in to the block party.

Let's hear from you with ideas, suggestions, whatever. Just drop a note to GINO's CORNER, c/o BVNA, PO Box 1296, Boston, MA 02117, or call the BVNA Hotline at 542-BVNA. We need all dog owners and dog lovers to make it happen.

**RIP:**

Generous donations have been made to the pet memorial fund in Gino's memory by Gary Sloper of Bay Village, and Caroline Brownson and Gladys and Louis Soracchi of Columbia, CT.

**NOISY NIGHTS?**

Have you been awakened by pile driving between 2 and 4 AM? The noise is a result of pile driving that is part of the Central Artery project, aka the "Big Dig." During the day, register your complaints with the Mayor's 24-hour Hotline, 635-4500. At night, you can call the Big Dig night monitors at 228-4357 or 635-4500.

**HELP WANTED!**

**MARKETING/PUBLIC RELATIONS PERSON** New position open on the BVNA Executive Board. No pay, but very rewarding! Candidate would work closely with President, develop press kit, act as liaison with other neighborhood associations. Position may be molded to your skills and time schedule. **HELP KEEP UP THE PRESERVATION OF OUR "HIDDEN TREASURE", BAY VILLAGE.**

**INTERNS WANTED** Various opportunities are available to learn what makes the Bay Village Executive Committee work. Person(s) would work closely with current board members to learn what the position requires, with the hope of filling position in the future. This opportunity may lead to nomination for office for the

year 2000. Various committees include communications, crime, city service, licensing, and beautification. CALL THE BVNA HOTLINE OR PAUL GAGNON OR ANY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER TO INQUIRE.

**DATES TO REMEMBER: BVNA NEEDS YOU**

SATURDAY, JUNE 5: 27TH ANNUAL BAY VILLAGE STREET FAIR 11:00 AM-5:00 PM

(RAIN DATE, SUN., JUNE 6TH)

Monday, June 7, 1999: Executive Committee Meeting, 230 Stuart Street

Monday, June 21, 1999: Crime Committee Meeting, Renaissance School

Monday, June 28, 1999: Planning Committee Meeting, Renaissance School