

The Bay Village News

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Pigalle Serves up Fine French Cuisine



Expectations were high for Pigalle, the restaurant Kerri Foley and Mark Orfaly opened Friday December 15th on Charles Street South across from the Milner Hotel. The promise was an upscale restaurant, serving Paris-inspired fare and fine wines.

Having just been to Paris I was quite impressed by this warm, rich atmosphere that usually takes years to perfect. The décor the two owners decided on is a mixture of dark woods and gold toned walls. The low lighting, candles and floral arrangements exude romance.

Upon our arrival we were greeted by Kerri's smile and a cozy bar seating 6-8 comfortably. My husband and I chose to sit here, so we wouldn't miss any of the excitement. Pigalle was comfortably busy for an opening night. While they can seat up to 54 they chose to have a quiet opening with no reservations. When we arrived shortly after 9PM several tables were bustling with holiday cheer and a party of eight was enjoying desert.

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\$25,000 Flute Found in Bay Village

Did you know that Boston was the flute making capital of the world? No? Then I bet you also didn't know that over on Piedmont Street the company with the little blue sign has been crafting these gems for over 200 years. That's right!

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Seafarer's Friend Sells for \$2.3 Million

Built in 1956 by Columbia Pictures, this historic building will now take on a new life

During the 50's and 60's, when Bay Village was the film distribution capital of the world, this modern building at 45 Church was the home of Columbia Pictures and served as their movie distribution center. After being acquired by the Boston Seaman's Friend Society in 1978, it has served sailors from around the world and offered hospitality, pastoral care, information, and advocacy.

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BVNA Hangs 18 Dozen Wreaths This Holiday Season

On Saturday, December 9th Bay Villagers gathered at Church/Melrose to decorate the neighborhood and enjoy a cup of coffee with neighbors and friends. Over 18 dozen wreaths were hung thanks to the hard work of our many volunteers.



Thanks to our Volunteers!

June McCourt

Mike Maddigan

Nan Rubin

Mark & Sara Thomas

Ernie Lessa

Jo Campbell

The Bok Family

Dominic Mastrototaro

Hugo Cummings

Mary Anne Poole

Christine Colley

Andrea Foertsch

Doug Fielbelkorn,

Tracy Daniels

Stephanie Prysaizniuk

Barbara Gafney



BVNA Hotline Updated Monthly

Do you wonder where to put your now dilapidated Christmas tree? Want to get involved or express your opinion about a Bay Village issue? Are you interested in attending a BVNA function but aren't sure of the time and place? Call 542-BVNA. Our hotline is updated monthly with information about upcoming events, meetings and issues. There are voicemail boxes for almost all executive committee members and a general mailbox as well. Check it out!

Seafarer's Friend Sold

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Considering their steady decline in visitors over the past 25 years and the changes in the Boston port, they have decided to move to a smaller facility closer to the seamen they serve. Real Estate Company Sprogis & Neale represented the seller and originally listed the property at 2.75 million. According to Seafarer's Friend the building has been sold for 2.3 million. The buyer's name and intentions have not been disclosed at this time; however, the current conditional zoning as a lodging house expires with the transfer of the property. It will then be subject to a multi-family residential zoning amendment passed in Bay Village in October 1998.

Look for more details in next month's newsletter. Any questions or concerns should be directed to Planning/Zoning executive committee co-chairs Doug Fiebelkorn or Steven Procopio. Both can be reached by leaving a message at 542 - BVNA.

THIS MONTH'S MEETINGS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

PLACE 230 STUART STREET

DATE JANUARY 8TH

TIME 7 PM

Open meeting

PLANNING COMMITTEE

PLACE RENAISSANCE SCHOOL

DATE JANUARY 30TH

TIME 7 PM

Open Meeting

CRIME COMMITTEE

PLACE RENAISSANCE SCHOOL

DATE JANUARY 22ND

TIME 7 PM

Open Meeting

STREET FAIR COMMITTEE

PLACE 11 MELROSE STREET

DATE JANUARY 4TH

TIME 7 PM

Open Meeting

Annual Street Fair Coming Soon

I know it's cold out, but it's also time to start to think about the Bay Village Street Fair.

This will be the 29th Annual Street Fair, if anyone is counting. The first meeting of the Street Fair Committee will be held at my house, 11 Melrose Street on Thursday, January 4th at 7 P.M.. Anyone who wants to be involved come on over. If you have ideas, want to chair a committee (or the whole fair) I will see you there. If you can't attend, but want to be involved, call me. Also, if you know of someone who would like to be involved, please bring him or her over. We had a very successful fair last year, but we were very short staffed. We need chairs and assistants.

Our meetings were very informal last year, moving from house to house. You get to see the interiors of many houses and sample many tasty treats. They start as monthly meetings, and gradually move to weekly meetings the month prior to the event.

The Bay Village Street Fair is the oldest neighborhood street fair in Boston. This is an easy way to meet new people and have a great time. This is also the largest fund-raiser for the BVNA so please consider a position.

Thank you,

Mike Maddigan
BVNA President
451-2593

Toy Drive is Huge Success!

The BVNA's first Holiday Toy Drive for the benefit of the Floating Hospital For Children at New England Medical Center was a huge success! We were able to donate over 48 stuffed animals and toys to the children. All of the animals were adorable! I would like to take this opportunity to extend a special thank you to the following Bay Villagers for helping to make this Holiday Season a happier, less lonely time for the little folks who were unable to leave the hospital:

*We were able to donate over 48 stuffed animals
and toys to the floating hospital*

Anna Giangregorio, Ruth Knopf, Gus Bliesener, Ernie Lessa, Mike Maddigan, Jo Campbell, June McCourt, Len & Ann Phillips, Mary Taven, Douglas Hill, George Moccia, Nan Rubin, Mary Anne Poole, the Rizzos, and Paul & Sue Butta. And last, but not least, particular appreciation goes to our very own "Santa", Bob Blatchford, who in the spirit of the season, gave 25 teddy bears! Wow, thank you one and all!

Barbara Warren,
Toy Drive Coordinator

\$25,000 Flute

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Wm. S. Haynes

has created flutes for the best musicians in the business. Their customer list includes one of the world's most recognized players and current principal flutist for the Boston Symphony Orchestra, Jacques Zoon.

As a matter of fact, Zoon has helped current owner and master craftsmen John Fuggetta design several flutes and often frequents their establishment. One of his prize designs, which took three years in the making, was a wooden flute – the first wooden model made in over 60 years.



Originally all flutes were made of wood but in the early 1900's they started with metals. Haynes has several to choose from including gold, silver and even platinum. These are all handmade and require at least 100 hours of meticulous work. Now you can still buy a flute for around \$500 but if you are like Luciano Pavarotti you keep a golf flute on hand for your flute-playing guests. These works of art run around \$25,000.

During the late 1800's William Sherman Haynes, a silversmith, came here from Rhode Island to use his skills to repair flutes. At that time over 90% were brought to this country from Europe. These flutes were made from rare woods but were of very poor quality.

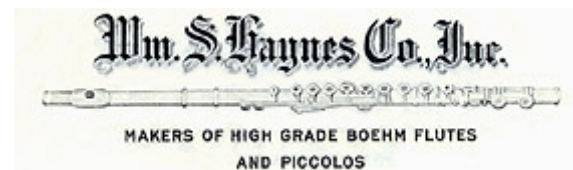
By 1888 this gifted young silversmith had adopted the basic flute system developed by German flutist Theobald Boehm and he opened his doors for business. This flute system used metals instead of wood and has remained relatively unchanged in design to this day.



Manufacturing the Haynes Flute. Artisans in the assembly, padding, and finishing department of the Wm. S. Haynes Company, circa 1945

William, son of a sea captain and a Virginia schoolteacher, opened his flute making shop in Bay Village and by the 1920s his company's commitment to meticulous craftsmanship and innovative design had already become legendary around the world.

The company that still bears the original owner's name was purchased by John Fuggetta in 1995 and continues to be one of just a handful of flute makers in the world.



From the kitchen of.... Sara Thomas

Vanilla Flake Cookies

Cream together 2 cups sugar, ½ cup margarine (not butter), ½ cup Crisco shortening. Add 2 tablespoons vanilla, 2 large eggs and ½ cup milk and mix well. Add ½ teaspoon salt, 1 teaspoon baking soda, 3 teaspoons baking powder and 4 ½ cups flour.

Place in refrigerator for at least 3 hours.

Roll dough into small balls (about a teaspoon size) and then roll in powdered sugar.

Place in an ungreased cookie sheet and bake at 375 degrees for 10 minutes

Cool

After they finish cooling, cut off the top, add filling and replace top.

Filling

Cream together ½ cup margarine and ½ cup Crisco shortening. Add 1 cup sugar. Heat ¾ cup evaporated milk, cool. Add sugar mixture to cooled milk and beat until soft peaks form. Add one teaspoon vanilla.

Please share a recipe by submitting them to saralthomas@hotmail.com

BVNA Holiday Party



From the President's desk...



Mike Maddigan,
President, BVNA

The Bay Village Neighborhood Association celebrated the holiday season in style. First, thanks to all of you who volunteered on what seemed to be the coldest day of the year to decorate our neighborhood with greens and wreaths on the lampposts.

The annual tree lighting and caroling at the garden was a festive affair with many students from Boston High School performing as guest "artists". The Holiday festivities continued as the party moved to Vapor on Warrenton Ave. A special thanks to our friends at Vapor for donating a seasonally decorated private room for our Holiday event. Party goers renewed friendships and engaged in lively conversation, accompanied by a pianist and wonderful food prepared by Bay Village's celebrity chef, Terence Janericco.

In addition to all of the fun, many residents donated toys to our toy drive benefiting the Floating Hospital. Collectively the neighborhood donated 48 toys to this worthy cause.

Now it's back to business for all the committees working on issues and projects that benefit all of us year 'round.... Sara lays out another newsletter... Domenic checks flower catalogs... and Doug, Len, Steve and June attend hearings at City Hall as the daily pace of our neighborhood gets back to normal.

Although, "the weather outside is frightful", the 29th Annual Street Fair committee is forming. The first meeting is about to be held and we are looking for committee chairs and volunteers to fill all of the positions vital to the success of this event. It may be freezing out now, but in June...Colorful banners will brighten our streets... Exotic foods will seduce our palettes...Lively music will fill the air as we contemplate purchasing that antique we just saw, or yes, another hot dog!

Bay Village continues to be the finest neighborhood in the City of Boston in which to live. It is the residents' concern for this historic corner of the world and their concern and compassion for each other that make this so. I am proud to be one of the few that are fortunate enough to call this home!

Pigalle's Opening Night

While we have been to France, French wines are not our forte. Not a problem. Bartender John Ferguson helped us choose one that would most likely match our American wine pallet and let me sample until I found just the right one. I prefer a Riesling or Sauvignon Blanc so he recommended the Aligote, Chassis. My husband prefers a good beer and spotted an interesting label from the Czech Republic, Pilsner Urquell. As a matter of fact, John explained, "this was the first Pilsner ever made". Interesting.

After conversing with John and taking in the scenery we decided to try an appetizer. Being the Sushi nut that I am I talked my husband into the Spicy Tuna Rolls. Amazing! This wonderful display was made of spicy tuna delicately wrapped in Phyllo dough and was served with pickled vegetables and a dipping sauce. Unfortunately we were too full from attending a Christmas party earlier when we stopped here but we plan to go back soon.

Owner and chef Marc Orfaly is a native from Brookline and was educated at Johnson and Whales College of Culinary Arts. He has worked at Olive's, Sage and #9 Park and specializes in French cuisine. Co-Owner Kerri Foley is from South Boston and has worked in New York City's Grammercy Tavern and Boston's #9 Park. The two decided on this area for its central location, proximity to the theater district and its lack of fine French restaurants. They wanted to be pioneers in this area and we wish them the best of luck!

Gino's Corner

See If You Can Match the Dog to Their Owner

(Answers on page 8)

Dogs

Bassets: Lucy and Ethel
Cocker Spaniel: Holly
Greyhound Mix: Nikki
Jack Russell: Kate
Scotty: Lola
Vizsla: Eva
Pug: Jonsie
Poodle: Mystie

Owners

Eric
Mark
Marcia
Mary Anne
Earnie
Peggy
Andrea
Susan

Mass pike Airspace to be Developed

Mayor Appoints Bay Village resident to Chair Citizens' Advisory Committee

BVNA Vice President Christine Colley will chair the Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC) for the development of air rights parcels 16 and 17 over the Massachusetts Turnpike. There will be a series of open meetings starting in late January and February. BVNA encourages all interested and/or concerned residents to come and voice your opinion. Notice of meeting time, dates and locations will be announced on the BVNA Hotline at 542-BVNA as well as in the back Bay Courant and the South End News. Winn Development is planning a mixed use of hotel, office, retail and condominiums for parcels 16 and 17. Parcel 16 is located on the Northwest corner of Columbus Avenue at Clarendon Street. Parcel 17 forms a triangle running along the southern side of Columbus Avenue and Berkeley Street.

Help Wanted

There are many ways to get involved and help our neighborhood.

1. Join BVNA – Your dues go to help in many ways such as improving quality of life, beautification, social activities and social awareness.
2. Join the Executive Committee – There are a wide variety of activities on our board or you can be a member – at-large and get involved in several areas.
3. Volunteer – Throughout the year we ask neighbors to help with clean up days, the Street Fair, Wreath hangings, planting bulbs and caring for our parks, etc. There are also many things that can be done from home so you won't need to attend meeting or come to events.

To get involved call Mike Maddigan at 451-2593 or the BVNA hotline 542-BVNA and leave a message for your area of interest.

Together we make things better!



Bay Village Neighborhood Association 2000-2001 Executive Committee

President	Mike Maddigan	Co-Planning/Zoning	Doug Fiebelkorn
Senior Vice President	Jo Campbell	Co-Planning/Zoning	Steven Procopio
Vice President	Christine Colley	Recorder	Mary Teeven
Archives	Barbara Warren	Registrar	Eric Cordes
Beautification	Domenic Mastrototaro	School Liaison	Anne Kilguss
Co-City Services	Ernie Lessa	Social Activities	Diane Marvin
Co-City Services	Barbara Gaffney	Traffic	Terence Janericco
Communications	Sara Thomas	Treasurer	Paul Buta
Crime	John Shope	Web Site	Mary Anne Burgoyne
Co-Licensing	June McCourt	At-Large	Mary Anne Poole
Co-Licensing	Len Phillips	At-Large	Nan Rubin

Put a little Spring into your Life!

Why wait for spring to enjoy sweet-scented hyacinths?

Forcing hyacinths and other spring flowering bulbs is easy. It's just a matter of mimicking nature and fooling the bulbs. This method of forcing bulbs entails tucking them into a pot of soil, chilling it for several months, then bringing the pot into a warm room and watching the bulbs slowly develop tender sprouts. Within a few weeks, green leaves emerge; blooms arise and open slowly. A pot of forced bulbs makes an ideal gift for a bedridden or housebound friend who will witness the bulbs' daily progress.

If you chill several pots of bulbs and bring them into a warm room one week at a time, you can stretch their flowering season through the winter. Try planting different colors of hyacinths in each pot, from white and pink to lavender, purple, and blue.

Time frame

30 minutes for planting
12 weeks for chilling
4 to 5 weeks for growing and blooming

Materials:

terra cotta oval pot (16x5x8)
6 bulbs (Tulips, narcissus, paperwhites, crocus or tulips)
potting soil
green moss (1 package)



Step one: Plan ahead.

Start the project about 16 weeks before anticipated bloom time. Plant bulbs in containers at least 4 inches deep. Fill pot half-full of potting mix. Place bulbs on soil with their pointy side up and spaced at least ½ inch apart. Cover bulbs with soil, leaving ¼-inch of their points above soil. Water soil thoroughly.

Step two: Do the big chill.

Set potted bulbs in a dark, cool place -- 35 to 50 degrees F. is ideal - do not allow bulbs to freeze. Depending on where you live, store pots in an unheated garage, cold frame, root cellar, or refrigerator. Check bulbs every few weeks; keep soil moist but not wet.

Step three: Imitate spring.

Bring your potted bulbs out of cold storage and into a warm room (60 to 65 degrees F.). Tuck a layer of green moss around the bulbs, covering the soil to make a more decorative display and help preserve soil moisture. Set bulbs in sunlight for several weeks.

Step four: Recycle.

You cannot force the same bulbs twice, but you can transplant forced hyacinth bulbs to the garden and enjoy them again next year. After the forced bulbs finish blooming, cut spent flowers and allow foliage to wither naturally. When spring arrives, gently uproot the bulbs, and replant them 6 to 7 inches deep in the garden. Sprinkle with fertilizer and water.

Crime Committee – John Shope

The next Crime Committee Meeting has been moved from its normal 3rd Monday of the month to the fourth Monday, January 22nd in observance of Martin Luther King Day. It will be held at the Renaissance School at 7 PM. This month's special guest is Lieutenant Kelley. Lt. Kelley is the 2nd shift commander and will discuss plans to coordinate the two areas, A & D, which make up Bay Village. Through this effort we hope to prevent the prostitution from alternating between these two areas and get this illegal activity stopped for good.

Beautification – Domenic Mastrototaro

Bay Village Neighborhood Park (Charles Street South) If you have looked recently, it seems that just a little more work has been done to the Bay Village Neighborhood Park. Both gates have been installed. We hope the Boston Parks Department will finish it this year. Please remember that dogs are not allowed in this park but there is room for Fido in the lot next to the Milner Hotel. There are also several trashcans on Church Street for disposal of animal waste. These are there for your convenience and are maintained by the BVNA, not the city. Please do not put household trash in these cans.

Bay Village Garden (Church & Melrose) There will be a meeting this month, on January 9th at the City Hall Environmental Department at 4PM concerning the installation of the fountain and bulletin board within the garden at Melrose and Church. If approved by the Historic Commission, we will proceed to the next phase, which is locating the proper funding source within the city resources and gathering support for the project. We will keep you informed of the progress through upcoming newsletters. The Bay Village Garden is owned by the Department of Neighborhood Development, but maintained by BVNA. NO DOGS ALLOWED.

Boston High School Liaison - Anne Kilguss

This has been a busy Fall for BVNA collaboration with Boston High. Neighbors, students and school staff volunteered to paint and spruce up the school as well as hang wreaths around the school property. We are also working on a joint grant to do more of the same.

Students joined in the Holiday festivities by caroling at the Tree Lighting Ceremony and through the neighborhood on December 10th leading up to the BVNA Holiday party.

The Boston High School has asked that we remind neighbors and visitors that the school does not allow parking between the hours of 6:30AM and 3:30PM on school days.

We are looking for mentors and tutors for students and would love to hear from you. To get involved, call Ann Kilguss at 426-5779.

BVNA Committee Schedules:

Executive Committee Monday, January 8th at 230 Stuart Street 7 PM
 Planning Committee Last Tuesday each month, Renaissance School 7 PM
 Crime Committee Fourth Monday this month, Renaissance School 7 PM

Dog/Owner Quiz Answers



Bassetts: Lucy and Ethel (Mary Anne)
 Cocker Spaniel: Holly (Eric)
 Greyhound Mix: Nikki (Peggy)
 Jack Russell: Kate (Marcia)
 Scotty: Lola (Susan)
 Vizsla: Eva (Mark)
 Pug: Jonsie (Andrea)
 Poodle: Mystie (Ernie)



Bay Village Neighborhood Association Membership Application

Name: _____ Telephone:(home) _____ (work) _____ e-mail address: _____

Street Address: _____ Unit/Apartment#: _____

Type of Membership:

Individual \$7.50
 Family \$12.00
 Business \$40.00
 Senior \$2.00
 Student \$5.00

Interests

Beautification
 Fundraising
 Social Activities
 Communications
 Public Relations
 Crime Prevention
 City Services
 Archives
 Membership
 Planning/Zoning
 Licensing
 Website

Donations \$ _____

If you chose Family membership, please list individual

Family members: _____

* Mail membership form to Registrar PO Box 1296, Back Bay Annex, Boston, MA 02117