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12 Church gets New Owner, Menu, Name and Hours



Native Bostonians Andrew and Debra Woods have leased 12 Church Street and plan to upgrade the historical venue in many ways. While they will take over on February 1st they will not make changes until March.

The new shop will be named after the Woods' daughter Krystal and will be changed to Krystal Café. They plan to upgrade both breakfast and lunch menus and will provide delivery and catering services. They will keep the current hours of operation - Monday – Friday 7AM to 3PM for now but will soon be open on Saturdays.

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Get Ready.

Save the date of June 2 for the 29th Annual Bay Village Street Fair. See inside for more details.

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NO WAY TO TREAT A LADY

This sleek new musical mischievously marries humor with romance and murder in a most entertaining play. You will thoroughly enjoy yourself at the

3rd Annual Bay Village

Theater Night
Thursday March 8th

At the Lyric Stage 140 Clarendon Street 7:30 PM Curtain

Performance only tickets \$35.00 each.
Performance & Meet the talented performers at an after show cast party- tickets \$50.00 each.
(A portion of the ticket price goes for the BVNA Scholarship Program)

This is a wonderful time to get together with your friends and neighbors. Invite them to your home for a Pre-Theater Party... Try out some new hors d'oeuvres you've been dying to try on someone. Have Fun!

Seating is limited and will be on a first call and paid basis. Please call Jo Campbell at 482-7518 or Diane Marvin at 654-8929 for reservations.

Call Today!

6 Who won the BEST WINTER DECORATION AWARDS

Committee Reports

Planning Committee Report

By Doug Fiebelkorn and Steven Procopio



Developers Seek to Double Seafarer Building Square Footage

At the January 30 meeting of the BVNA Planning Committee, developers Will Lojeck and Michael Venditto, Jr. presented plans for the 2 story building at 45 Church Street presently occupied by the Seafarer's Friend Society. The plans call for 4 offices on the first floor and 11 residential units to be added on the upper floors. Approximately 9,400 square feet would be added on two additional stories and a head house, to bring the overall height of the building to 55 feet. The developers acknowledged that they needed several variances from zoning regulations from the Zoning Board of Appeal and that they needed neighborhood support in order to go forward with the project as proposed. Among the variances needed are Floor Area Ratio (2:1), Commercial Use, Excessive Height (35 feet) and Parking. The meeting was very well attended by abutters and neighborhood residents who expressed concern over the excessive building height, building density, commercial use and lack of parking. The developers are going back to the drawing board to assess the financial viability of the proposed project given the neighborhood concerns.

Crime Committee Report

By John Shope

I am happy to report that the Crime Committee had a very successful meeting on Monday, January 22, 2001. Approximately twenty residents, primarily from Isabella and Cortes Streets, attended.

Lt. James Kelley of Area A-1 gave a PowerPoint presentation on the problems presented by the division of Bay Village into two different police jurisdictions: Area A-1 (east of Arlington Street) and Area D-4 (west of Arlington Street). Will Krier, John Stack, and others spoke extensively about the increase in prostitution and drug dealing on Isabella and Cortes Streets that has followed the successful increase in police presence on the Area A-1 side. Sgt. Joseph McDonald and Sgt. Paul Saunders from Area D-4 pledged to increase patrols and sting Operations on their side of Bay Village, and encouraged residents to report prostitution and suspicious activity to 911.

Lt. Kelley proposed that the bike patrols operating in Area A-1 be permitted to cross over Arlington Street to the Area D-4 portion of Bay Village, and proposed other coordination efforts, such as joint patrols and coordinated dispatch to the two different radio frequencies for A-1 and D-4.

Residents of Isabella and Cortes also pledged to contact the Department of Public Works concerning malfunctioning streetlights on Isabella and Cortes Streets, and representatives of Our Lady of Victories Roman Catholic Church indicated that they would investigate improving the lighting on the back of the church. Condominium owners were also encouraged to add additional lighting to their buildings.

The next meeting of the Crime Committee will be on Monday, February 26, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. at the Boston Renaissance Charter School. Our topic will be improving lighting conditions in Bay Village.

The 29th Annual Bay Village Street Fair Committee:

Street Fair Chair/(open)

Public Relations/Mary Teeven

Licensing/Permits/Mike Maddigan

Food/Eric Cordes and David Gural

Sponsorships/(open)

Bursar/Ruth Knopf

Bake Table/Bob Blatchford

and Beautification/Mary Anne Poole and Barbara Warren

Please call Mike Maddigan at 451-2593 to chair one of the open committees

Vendors/Steve Schram and Stephanie Prysiazniuk

Logistics/Len Phillips

Entertainment/(open)

Beverages/Nan Rubin and John Rafferty

Volunteers/Ernie Lessa

White Elephant/open

Raffle/George Klauber and Jo-Ann Ross



12 Church

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Andrew and Debra grew up in Boston, Andrew in the South End and Debra in Roxbury. Andrew attended Morgan State University and Debra Northeastern. Andrew spent some time working as a kitchen manager at Rebecca's Café until they opened Krystal Clear Catering in Malden. They will continue to own and operate both businesses.

The little corner store at 12 Church has been part of Bay Village for many years and has seen many types of businesses. Originally it was a penny candy store serving local children and the young at heart. It then became Pinky's, named after its owner who lived at 45 Fayette. Pinky and his wife decided to open a café after encouragement from friends who they often entertained at their home. They served high tea and baked goods. The property was later used as a dry cleaner, then became Reeves Leather Goods, owned by neighbor George Reeves. It became a café again when neighbor Marcia Wetherbee opened "The Meeting place" around 1975 until 1992. It was quite the hot spot back then serving the likes of Sally Struthers, Katherine Hepburn and local politicians. On a typical Saturday a line on the street would form just to get a taste of the delicious baked goods Marsha created.

While the little corner store at 12 Church has seen its fair share of businesses it has retained its historical value by keeping its original tin ceiling and wood floor. Stop in and welcome the new owners when you get a chance.

Bay Village Street Fair Questions

Q What is the Bay Village Street Fair?

A This will be the 29th year the Bay Village Neighborhood Association has closed Church Street to vehicular traffic for up to 10,000 people. Over 100 antique and craft booths, food, plants, music, face painting, pony rides and a raffle are being planned. It's the BVNA's biggest fundraiser. And each year a portion of the proceeds goes to local charities. This year's recipients are the BVNA Boston High School Scholarship fund and the Floating hospital.

Q What is the date and time?

A The date is Saturday June 2nd from 11 AM to 5 PM (Rain Date is Sunday June 3rd).

Q What can I do to get involved?

A We still have chair positions open, like entertainment and sponsorships. It's not all work. We meet monthly at different people's homes, so please join us.

Q If I don't want to chair a committee, how can I still help out?

A We will need items for the White Elephant Table. Your old treasures can be a neighbor's great find (and the neighborhood gets the benefits). Also baked goods for the Bake Table will be needed. Or how about signing up for a 2-hour shift at the hot dog grill or on the registrars' table?

Q Where do I sign up?

A Just call 542-BVNA and leave a message after going to #3. Join us and help your community while having some fun at the same time.

Note: Check out last May's newsletters for a great historical look at the first fair.



From the kitchen of....

Sara Thomas

Italian Style Beef -Pepperoni Soup

Brown and drain ground beef, remove from pan and sauté the onions, pepper, mushrooms until tender, add remaining ingredients as well as the drained beef, bring to a boil and then cover, lower heat and simmer for 30 minutes.

I like serving this with crusty bread or good cheese bread and a big salad for dinner.

- 1 pound ground beef
- 3 cups sliced pepperoni
- 1 cup sliced fresh mushrooms
- 1 green pepper diced
- 1 bunch green onions diced
- 2 cloves of garlic, minced
- 2 T tomato paste
- 1 (28) oz can crushed tomatoes
- 4 cups chicken broth
- 1 t oregano
- 1 t ground black pepper.

The following BVNA Executive Committee members helped remove the wreaths February 10th: Barbara Gaffney, Ernie Lessa, Doug Fiebelkorn, Steven Procopio, Mary Teeven, and Domenic Mastrototaro and enjoyed coffee at 11 Melrose St. afterwards.



To Your Health!

By Susan Buta

With cold and flu season continuing, let's talk about some herbal supplements that can really help "knock the socks off" your symptoms this winter.

Echinacea has gained tremendous popularity since about 1994 (the year congress loosened the FDA's discretion over nutritional and herbal substances). It is now found in tea, vitamin supplements, cough drops, and as herbal remedies. The strain most often studied is Echinacea Purpurea. This strain is biologically active, cultivatable, and has been shown to provide a "significant benefit over placebo effect [to boost immune function]," says Dr. Chris Jensen, VP of Scientific Affairs for Shaklee Corporation. If the herb has been grown without pesticides and herbicides and its quality can be assured, it is quite safe for people with normal, healthy immune function. Theoretically, the herb boosts our immune system by activating it. Echinacea "increases the particle digestion capacity of our white blood cells, fibroblasts, and T-cells" according to Dr. Linda Rodriguez, cardiologist, pediatrician, and Wellness Educator. Therefore, these important immune system cells can continue to



B.V.N.A. PRESIDENTS 1972 – 2001

The Presidents

Mike Maddigan Oct. 88 – present
John Gannon Oct. 87 – 88
John Gannon Oct. 86 – 87
Reign of Hubert Wils Oct. 86 – 87
Christine Colley Oct. 95 – 96
Christine Colley Oct. 94 – 95
Glen Gustafson/Roger Yorkshaitis Oct. 93 – 94
Ruth Knopf Oct. 92 – 93
Ruth Knopf Oct. 91 – 92
John A. Flynn Oct. 90 – 91
John A. Flynn Oct. 89 – 90
*No President Oct. 88 – 89
Gaye Bok Oct. 87 – 88
**No President, but 2 VP's, Ben Clarke and John Giangregorio Oct. 86 – 87
John Giangregorio Oct. 85 – 86
John Giangregorio Oct. 84 – 85
John Giangregorio Oct. 83 – 84
Len Phillips Oct. 82 – 83
Ann Phillips Oct. 81 – 82
Tim McFeeley Oct. 80 – 81
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June McCourt Oct. 77 – 78
Joseph H.B. Edwards Oct. 76 – 77
Joe Edwards, Jo Campbell Somers, Braley Gray Oct. 75 – 76
Len Phillips, Susan Straight, Braley Gray Oct. 74 – 75
Brad Bryant, Sandy Hoke, Sandy Kowen Oct. 73 – 74
***Larry Geoghegan Oct. 72 – 73

*1988 – 89 No President or VP to quote the 12/88 B.V.N.A. newsletter. “The Association, which has no President, or Vice President this year is being led by the Executive Committee, with different members taking on the role of chairperson from month to month”.

**1986 – 87 to quote the 1/87 newsletter: “During the month of January four officers of the B.V.N.A resigned their offices. The Executive Committee elected Ben Clarke and John Giangregorio as Co-Presidents”.

***1973 – 76 Following a law suit against Larry Geoghegan in response to his strong leadership in attempting to control the problems being caused in Bay Village by the operation of “Jacques” and “The OtherSide”, it was decided to have more than one

President for a few years.

List compiled by June McCourt and Ann Phillips
(Documented from B.V.N.A. newsletters – unfortunately, at this time, we are not able to accurately document previous Presidents before 1972)

...Remembering Christmas Past

Bay Village looked festive throughout the holiday season with thanks to everyone who decorated their windows, doors and window boxes with greens, ribbons, lights and imagination.

Special Award:

That FLOATING FANTASY WREATH linking friends from two houses at #6 and #7 Fayette Street

Best Award: House *IT WAS A TIE*

#26 Fayette Street HOLIDAY DRESSING with a touch of GLAMOUR

#27 Fayette Street TRADITIONAL CELEBRATION with contemporary HIGHLIGHTS

Entrance Award:

#30 Fayette Street Delicate lights and greens add SPARKLING BEAUTY to this doorway

Well worth mentioning: WREATHS

#18 Melrose Street Outstanding Festive Dressing

#24 Melrose Street Matching Twins

#40 Piedmont Street Apple Delight

Window Box:

#40 Church Street Gold Flamingos & Branches

Neighborhood Notes

Congratulations to Crime Committee Chair John Shope for being named a partner at Foley, Hoag and Elliot, LLP.

Edgerley Place’s own Marcus Stacy is performing in Henrik Ibsen’s “Hedda Gabler” at the Huntington Theater Company’s Mirror Performance Project.

Career changes have forced Sarah and Mark Thomas to relocate to Raleigh, North Carolina. Although they lived in the village only for a brief time, their work on the newsletter and communication issues was outstanding and their energy and enthusiasm will be greatly missed.

Once again the Bay Village Neighborhood Association offers its deepest sympathies to Roy Knox and his family. With much sorrow, we inform you that Jonathan Knox passed away on Thursday January 25th. Roy and his wife, Karen who died last year, were long time residents of Bay Village and were very involved in the activities of the neighborhood. Their activities included working on the development of the houses on Cortes Street involving the neighborhood and Boston Aging Concerns as well as many other committees. Following Karen's death, Roy moved to Hale House but the neighborhood was still supported by their son Jon, who not only had his band play at some neighborhood events, but also served on the board of Boston Aging Concerns. The Knox family has given so much and deserves our compassion. If you desire to send condolences to the family, please address them to:

Roy Knox
c/o Hale House
273 Clarendon Street
Boston, MA 02116

From the Presidents desk...

Standing in the heart of our neighborhood, Boston High School is filled with students who are working hard to pursue their education and secure their futures. These are tomorrow's professionals and all 'round good citizens; our next leaders. All urban high school students face unique challenges, but I have met many of these students and they are meeting those challenges.

Many of these students are from working class backgrounds, some of them even new to this country. As college costs soar, parents and students often struggle to pay for higher education. That's where you can help. The Bay Village Neighborhood Association has established an annual scholarship program that provides financial aide to some of the most dedicated students there. The BVNA donates a fixed amount to this important program, and we encourage neighborhood residents to contribute to the fund also. These awards are for one year only, and the money goes directly to the student's school of choice.

The BVNA has also established a mentoring program at the school. The BVNA's own Anne Kilguss and Mary Anne Poole, working with Boston High Headmaster Nicole Bahnam have made a world of difference to these students and have enlightened many adults along the way. We all know an education is the cornerstone of success. So as graduation time rapidly approaches please consider supporting these programs with your financial support or as a mentor.

Thank You, *Mike Maddigan*

How to get involved? Checks can be written to the Boston High School Scholarship fund and placed in the mailbox at 33 Fayette Street. Your donation is tax deductible. Mary Ann Poole at 482-0555 can be contacted for mentoring information.

The 2000-2001 BVNA Executive Committee



Front Row (1 –r): Len Phillips, Mary Teeven, Barbara Gaffney, Mary Anne Poole, Mary Anne Burgoyne, Anne Kilguss

Middle Row: June McCourt, Ernie Lessa, Jo Campbell Somers, Nan Rubin, and Barbara Warren

BVNA Meetings:

- **Executive Committee – First Monday of the month, 230 Stuart Street (South Cove) 7-8 P.M.**
- **Planning Committee – Last Tuesday of the month, Renaissance School 7 P.M.**
- **Crime Committee – Third Monday of the month, Renaissance School 7 P.M.**
- **Next Street Fair meeting – Thursday March 1 Call Mike at 451-2593 for details – locations change monthly**

Special meetings:

CAC Parcels 16 & 17 Mass. Turnpike Air Rights Development Proposal (Dates may change so watch for updates) Currently scheduled for Wednesday’s March 7th, April 4th and May 2nd. All meetings are at Franklin Institute at 141 Berkeley Street entrance

Was volunteering one of your New Year’s Resolutions?

Get involved in your community by calling 542-BVNA

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Please call us at 542-BVNA with ideas for articles or any photographs

Special note for Gino fans, Gino’s Column will return in the next issue

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
Donations	\$ _____

Interests

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

If you chose Family membership, please list individual

Family members: _____

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