

# The Bay Village News

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## PARKARTS IN ELLIOT NORTON PARK THIS SUMMER!

In coordination with the City of Boston Parks Department ParkARTS program, Elliot Norton Park will host outdoor arts events for adults and children.

For kids: every Friday from late June through August, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., our very own **Judy Komarow** of Melrose Street will lead creative arts for children.

For adults: Thursday, July 10 at 7 p.m., jazz singer **Valerie Stephens** will perform in ENP with the Stephens Trio.

Boston By Foot  
Special Tour of Bay Village,  
Sunday, June 29,  
2 to 3:30 p.m.  
Details inside on Page 4.

The Bay Village Neighborhood Association  
invites you to our  
Third Annual Bay Village Fundraiser



Tuesday, July 1, 2008  
6:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Generously hosted by Avila,  
a modern Mediterranean restaurant,  
One Charles Street South at Stuart Street.

Celebrate Fourth of July week in style  
with an evening of *hors d'oeuvres*  
and wine and beer with friends and neighbors.

Advance Tickets \$50 (\$75 at door if available).

Proceeds to benefit  
Bay Village Neighborhood Association  
and Community Servings.

Please return ticket form (on Page 7)  
and check made out to  
Bay Village Neighborhood Association (BVNA)  
by June 24 to Nan Rubin, 10 Melrose Street or  
to Rachel's Kitchen, 12 Church Street.

[www.bayvillagefundraiser.org](http://www.bayvillagefundraiser.org)

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June is here! Warm weather in Boston – it doesn't get much better than this. And it's more welcome after the seemingly never-ending winter we just experienced. I hope everyone has fun activities planned in and around Boston his summer!

I will begin by thanking everyone who came out on April 26 for our annual Bay Village Spring Clean-up. More than 40 neighbors helped sweep our streets clean of all of the sand and debris left over from our harsh winter.

Speaking of warmer weather, criminal activity tends to increase with thermostat readings. If you see any "activity" that the police should be aware of -- call 911. Even if you think the police won't be able to respond in time to address that particular incident, the call itself is valuable. Ultimately, crime prevention is a statistically-driven enterprise. If you don't call, the police are less likely to be aware of the issues in our neighborhood. Calls lead to action and keep the police informed. The message from the police during our monthly crime meetings is clear -- if you see something, call.

Late in May, we received welcome news about Columbus Center. After several months of stalled activity on the site, Massachusetts Turnpike Authority executive director **Alan LeBovidge** let us know that the MTA was in talks with the developers and that these negotiations would conclude before the end of June. If the developers are unable to provide assurance of continued progress on the project, the MTA will call for full rehabilitation of the construction area around Cortes Street.

On May 28, we had a public meeting with the MBTA concerning the Silver Line. While the Bay Village residents that did attend came with excellent questions, answers were not particularly forthcoming. We were told that there would be future meetings scheduled for more specific responses. (See **Mark Slater's** update on Page 5 for more details.) I can't stress this enough: the MBTA is moving forward with plans to dig up our neighborhood. If you are concerned about this at all, you need to make every effort to attend these public meetings, ask questions, and make your voice heard. I was disappointed at the low turnout on May 28. I realize that spending an hour on a Wednesday evening watching an MBTA PowerPoint presentation may not be your idea of a fun night out (and it isn't mine either), but it is very important to our future quality of life here. This isn't just a Bay Village issue. All taxpayers should be disgusted at the billions (yes, with a 'b') of our money that will be spent on this silly bus tunnel. The fiscal irresponsibility boggles the mind. Let's stay engaged during this crucial period.

Information about future Silver Line meetings, our Crime and Planning meetings, and all other events and information pertinent to Bay Village is distributed via e-mail and posted on the community bulletin board at the corner of Melrose and Church Streets. If you're a BVNA member and are not receiving my e-mails, email me at [brian\\_boisvert@yahoo.com](mailto:brian_boisvert@yahoo.com). If you're not yet a BVNA member, please join! It's inexpensive and it makes us a stronger organization: high membership equals big influence; low membership sends a message of apathy. This is especially important in our dealings with large developments in and around Bay Village such as the Columbus Center and Silver Line. Please go to <http://www.bayvillage.net/join/> or use the membership form on Page 14 of this newsletter.

Finally, our BVNA Social Activities Co-chairs have planned special events for us. Tuesday, July 1 is the BVNA summer fundraiser at Avila Restaurant at One Charles Street South. Our annual Block Party is September 18 and we have a winter fundraiser scheduled for early 2009.

Mark your calendars and I'll see you there!

**2007-2008 BVNA OFFICERS  
AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

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At Large: **Doug Fiebelkorn, John Shope,  
Judy Komarow, Gaye Bok, Jehanne Bjornebye.**

by Dick Junghans, President of Friends of Elliot Norton and Bay Village Parks.



The June meeting of the Friends of Bay Village and Elliot Norton Parks ("Friends") will be held on Tuesday, June 10, 7 p.m. at One Lyndeboro Place. Refreshments will be served!

With a spare crew of attendees, the Friends have forged ahead through sheer persistence!

A major objective this year is to install automatic irrigation systems that will ensure the health of ENP and adjoining areas well into the future. The Friends submitted a

Small Changes application to the Boston Parks Department for a cost-sharing plan for this \$38,000 bill. Hoping to hear soon. (You can see this at [www.bayvillage.net](http://www.bayvillage.net).)

This year, we also plan to install a stele in honor of **Elliot Norton**, the revered dean of Boston theater critics for whom the ENP was named. He died a couple of years ago at age 100. We aim to have it installed in time to coordinate with the Spring 2009 Elliot Norton awards. **Shirley Thorne**, who is spear-heading this effort, has been in touch with local theatrical maven, **Nance Movsesian**, former friend and associate of Mr Norton, for her perspective and guidance. We are looking at raising \$5,000 (that's a guess) for a four-foot marble stele, with relief carved portrait and text. See the volunteer request at right.

**Eric Cordes** has been on the job researching whisky barrel planters and has found a manufacturer in Lowell. These recycled (read "green") plastic barrels do not peel with wear. We will be canvassing the Village for barrels that need replacing. If you are willing and able to take care of a planter and don't have one, notify me or Eric.

You may have noticed informational signs on the fenced section at the north side of ENP. We received a \$2,000 Small Changes grant from the Parks Department a year ago to convert this area to an "urban wilds" with native New England plants. Over time, we will increase the presence of these plants. Other goals are to cover the pumphouse with vines, including the native hummingbird (trumpet) vine, to make it green and to flower! Eyesore, be gone! Check back in a few years to see if ENP has hummingbirds!

We welcome new membership and participation. Whoever is presently a member and has not paid dues this year, PAY UP, to **Doug Fiebelkorn**, Treasurer, 29 Appleton Street, Boston 02116. Or give check to me. It is \$25 per year. If you are not a member and want to join, please contact either of us.

Dick Junghans, President, Friends of Bay Village and Elliot Norton Parks [Rich32323@yahoo.com](mailto:Rich32323@yahoo.com), 617 556-0035, One Lyndeboro Place, Boston 02116.

## GREEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We need volunteers for the following (you don't have to be a member):

1. Planters. Work with Eric Cordes to inventory planters and order and receive replacements.
2. Memorial stele. Help on fund-raising which will involve contact with theaters and with *The Boston Herald*, where Elliot Norton worked.
3. ParkARTS events. In coordination with the Boston Parks Department's ParkARTS program, we will have events for adult and children. For kids: every Friday from late June through August, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m, **Judy Komarow** will lead the creative program for kids in ENP. We need assistance with this weekly event. On Thursday, July 10 at 7 p.m. jazz singer **Valerie Stephens** will perform in ENP with the Stephens Trio. We need help handing out literature and coordinating with the Parks Department staff.
4. Gardening volunteers. This is a recurring need; you can make your own investment in the appearance of our parks. Bay Village parks and their gardeners are listed below. If you would like to participate in the care of these areas, you can talk to the individual gardeners when you see them, or you can contact me, Dick Junghans, and I will reach the person for you and help set up your participation. Generally, you don't need anything: we have spare gloves and garden tools for any given day.

Elliot Norton Park, **Domenic Mastrototaro**  
Bay Village Park, **Tom Kauycheck**  
Lyndeboro Enclave, **Dick Junghans**  
Bay Village (Church and Melrose) Garden,  
**Jo Campbell, Brian Boisvert**  
Isabella Street Park, **Jo Campbell, Robin Cheung, Rocque Dion**  
Fayette-Marginal Nook, **Steve Sampang, John Shope**  
Tremont-Marginal Corner, **Steve Sampang.**

**BOSTON BY FOOT WILL  
TOUR BAY VILLAGE  
JUNE 29!**

Learn more about the history of your neighborhood: the craftspeople and bricklayers who built these charming houses, the neighborhood-wide house raisings of the 19th century, and Bay Village's 20th century role in the movie distribution industry.

Boston By Foot is leading a special tour of Bay Village on June 29 at 2:00 p.m.



The tour will last an hour and a half. Price is \$15 per person, or \$6 if you are a member of Boston By Foot.

Meet your guide and purchase tickets at the Statler Fountain outside the Park Plaza Hotel.

No reservations required.

The tour begins on time and will be offered rain or shine. Please arrive ten minutes before 2 p.m.

Boston By Foot is a non-profit organization founded in 1976 to promote public awareness of Boston's architectural and historical heritage through guided walking tours.

For more information, go to:  
[http://www.bostonbyfoot.org/tours/Bay\\_Village](http://www.bostonbyfoot.org/tours/Bay_Village), or  
contact **Rocque Dion** at  
[rocque.david@verizon.net](mailto:rocque.david@verizon.net).

**Dana Masterpolo and Artie Rice,**  
Co-chairs, Planning Committee.  
**Len Phillips and John Cerone,**  
Co-chairs, Licensing Committee.

1. 69 Church Street (former Dedo location). A small Italian restaurant is interested in moving into this space, using the BVNA's previous agreement written for establishments at that location.
2. Trustees from the Edgar Allan Poe Condo on Broadway presented a mansard/dormer/window bay restoration project for their building.
3. 212-222 Stuart Street. This 10-story office building is currently going through the Article 80 process at the BRA. The end of April through June 6 was the public comment period for the building.
4. 122 Arlington (BCAE). Original plans called for demolition and building a new facility; currently, the BCAE plans to rehab the existing building.
5. 108-112 Arlington is currently under agreement and the interested buyer has plans to convert it to two-family residential use.
6. Representatives of Boston Properties and Avalon made a presentation about the new building proposed for 888 Boylston (between the Prudential Center entrance and the Hynes Convention Center). Plans call for retail and office space and a new residential tower on Exeter Street.
7. **Alan LeBovidge**, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority, met with concerned Bay Village residents about the status of Columbus Center. He stated that a decision should be announced within the next 30 days as to whether the developer will be granted an extension to postpone work for 18 months or whether the entire project will be scrapped. In either case, he promised to do all possible to restore the site to at least its original condition and return the parking spaces lost. The developer is currently using workers from Project Place to keep the perimeter of the site cleaned up. The BRA has been very responsive to our concerns about keeping the site clean and safe.

The Licensing Committee works on all licensing issues that may affect the neighborhood, including service of alcohol, beer and wine, and food. The Planning Committee works on zoning and building issues that may affect the neighborhood.

All neighbors are welcome to attend and BVNA members are invited to join the committees.

The Licensing and Planning Committees meet jointly on the last Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the South Cove Apartments, 230 Stuart Street.

Cortes Street residents report dumping of major garbage (beds, furniture, etc.) in the Columbus Center construction site off Cortes Street. If you observe dumping, please call 911.

Silver Line Phase III is a proposed one mile bus tunnel to be used to connect Silver Line Phase I, which runs aboveground from Dudley Square to Downtown Crossing, and Silver Line Phase II, which runs (mostly) underground from South Station through the Seaport District to Logan Airport.

The MBTA has finally confirmed publicly that they have chosen a tunnel up Tremont Street (with an entrance ramp running from Marginal Road to Jefferson Street) and then proceeding up Charles Street South as their final route. This route is technically known as the Charles Street South Modified Alignment. The MBTA held a public hearing to present an overview of their plans on May 28, which was attended by a small number of Bay Village residents.

In answer to the explicit points of those who attended the MBTA presentation, as well as constant questions from neighbors in Bay Village, there is in fact no bona fide transportation justification for this project—none that holds up to even light scrutiny—and for those who have read the previous BVNA letters of the past five years (which have been widely distributed), every possible transportation and environmental objection has been catalogued and communicated forcefully to all our elected or appointed officials. Trying to comprehend the twisted transportation logic of this project as presented by proponents will only lead to severe headaches and depression, as I can personally attest.

The MBTA, the lobbyists of the Artery Business Committee, and most especially our own Congressman **Capuano** have developed a “party line” to rationalize the project which has a superficial air of plausibility, but which lacks logic, substance or ethics. The point of this project is three-fold:

First and foremost, the point is to get funding under the federal “New Starts” rapid transit program. Without space for details, I will simply note that this program purposefully favors bus rapid transit projects. Secondly, the point is to provide make-work for unions left idle by the end of the Big Dig. Third, the point is to find a way to connect the Seaport (South Station) and Back Bay (via Boylston Station), which the Chamber of Commerce has convinced themselves is of vital importance, and also to connect the Convention Center to the Common Garage, which will without a doubt be ripped up and expanded in the not-distant future.

All of this begs the question as to how this leads to a \$500 million tunnel through Bay Village. The answer is that there is simply not sufficient ridership to make a core tunnel from South Station to Boylston financially viable. From a transportation perspective, this of course suggests that the project is ill conceived. The political solution is simply to carve a tunnel through Bay Village which will require all riders from Dudley Station going downtown on the Silver Line to pass through this core tunnel. Voila, instant ridership and viability, despite the fact this tunnel confers no benefits to the riders actually traveling this route. The \$500 million to be spent on a tunnel through Bay Village is key to the \$1 billion tunnel that is actually desired from Boylston to South Station. And while taxpayers should be rightfully horrified at this logic, from Congressman Capuano’s perspective, bigger and more expensive (and, thus, more Federal funds that he can claim he obtained for his District) is actually a virtue, not a sin.

The BVNA’s protests were previously successful in having the Massachusetts Environmental Protection Agency, whose approval is needed for this project, requiring the MBTA to formally consider and analyze a “no-portal” alternative (no tunnel through Bay Village). Disturbingly, despite a written record to the contrary, the MBTA is suddenly affirming that no public comment period is required.

This acceleration is under orders from Governor **Patrick**, apparently eager to make amends to his union backers for the failure of the casino bill. The attractiveness of accelerating this proposal from his perspective is that it because it falls under the MBTA’s budget, legislative approval is not required for the State’s component of this project, estimated at approximately \$500 million. The taxpayers of the Commonwealth, however, still foot the bill.

This push from the Governor has significantly worsened our position. I will note, however, the following points: 1) FTA funding required for this project is far from assured, 2) The MBTA is destitute, 3) The Commonwealth is in increasingly precarious financial position, and one expected to become substantially worse.

The BVNA will continue to fight this project as it can. Individual residents can write letters as they see fit, but we do ask that you copy us on your letters so we know what’s going on. While Congressman Capuano stands alone as unwilling even to meet with us to hear our concerns, we have received sympathy but no action from the bulk of our elected representatives, save for Speaker **DiMasi**, our state legislator, whose office has expended tremendous resources and offered substantial help in trying to protect Bay Village.

## SAVE THE DATE FOR UPCOMING BAY VILLAGE EVENTS!

1. Bay Village's Annual Block Party is September 18, 2008 at 6 p.m. We close off part of Melrose Street and enjoy a great outdoor party catered by a local restaurant.

2. Looking ahead to 2009, BVNA will hold a fundraiser at Fleming's on February 8, 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Please mark your calendars!!

## BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE UPDATE: BAY VILLAGE GARDEN

by Jo Campbell.

That lovely big maple tree in the Bay Village Garden (corner of Melrose and Church) provides welcome shade in the summer, but the tradeoff has been no proper soil or sun for flowers.

This year, after much discussion with our dedicated green-thumbs, we devised a plan to use containers and sink them in the ground. This monumental task required digging and cutting through a developed root system as strong as concrete.

**Rocque Dion** to the rescue!

We filled the containers with potting soil and flowers arranged by our creative floral director **Mark Bocash**, with help from **Rocque, Keith Gnoza, Alexandra Pilavis**, and a few "suggestions" from passersby.

Our hard-working volunteers were rewarded with a "libation" to celebrate a difficult job well done!

The birds are also happy to have the fountain working, under the watchful eye of now officially retired **Richard Cross**. Thank you to Beautification Co-chair **Brian Callaghan, Eric Cordes, and Tom Kauycheck** for the colorful plantings and barrel watering.

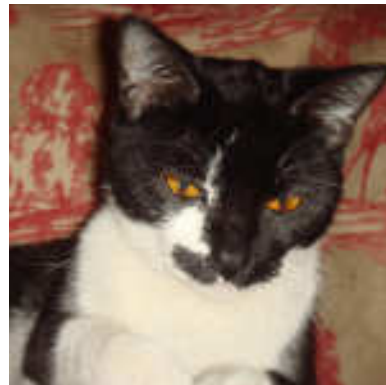
A very special thank you to long-time residents **Aphro Rahilly** and **Tony Short** for sweeping the corners of Church Street and Melrose Street all year.

Let's continue to keep Bay Village the Best and Most Beautiful Neighborhood in Boston!

## BIG NEWS FROM THE 6 BAY VILLAGE CAT RESCUE SERVICE

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL RESCUE

Kudos to **Amy Pollutro** of Winchester Street, who safely trapped the black and white kitten seen around the neighborhood for several weeks. The four month-old female, named **Violet**, received a clean bill of health from South Bay Veterinarians and is enjoying her stay with Amy until she finds a permanent home. Are you interested? Please contact Amy at [amy.pollutro@gmail.com](mailto:amy.pollutro@gmail.com) if you can help with a placement.



Violet is precious: she is very lovable, likes to snuggle, and is good with children and other cats.

WE NEED ADDITIONAL DONATIONS

Last summer, we rescued **BK**, an all-black male cat who had been on the streets for months, gave him medical care, and placed him in a happy home.

Bay Villagers have been generous in donating to our fund, contributing \$210 so far, which covered BK's medical bills and the cost of our own Have-a-Heart trap.

We're hoping to raise more money--to spay Violet and cover the costs of future cats abandoned in Bay Village. We are negotiating a cost reduction at ARL similar to the one we secured for BK's bills.

Please send donations of \$10 to **Bill Nigreen** at 7 Fayette Street.

The Bay Village Cat Rescue is committed to saving strays from the street so they can enjoy the happy and healthy lives they deserve. If you see a cat that looks like it is lost or abandoned, immediately contact Amy at 617-775-9271 or **China Altman** at [china.altman@verizon.net](mailto:china.altman@verizon.net), 617-728-3652.

CLEAN UP VOLUNTEERS!

**Charlotte, Nate, and Chris Goddu and Lisa Pirozzolo, Francine Pilgrim, Mary Teeven, George Klauber, Brian Quinn, Catherine Pulley-Dennison, Job Dennison, Michael Rosenzweig, Chris Helley, Steve Burdick, Alex Sanchez, Nan Rubin, Anne Sanford, Heidi and Eric Sifferlen, Alan Fincke, Hugo Cunningham, Judy Ingram, John Freda, Emily and Jack Kemp, Aoife Austin, Barbara Gaffney, Douglas Hill, Christine Colley, Jo Campbell, Jorge Russell, Tim Kavich, Jason Loomis, Marissa Stubbs, Eli Akerstein, Greg Poulos, Judy Komarow, Michael Duando, Sheila Geoghegan, Brian Boisvert, Mary Darmstaetter, Artie Rice, Lynne Andrews, the Bok family, the Siskind family, and many others!**

**CITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT**

by Co-chairs

**Sarah Herlihy** (sbherlihy@yahoo.com),  
and **Jim McCormick** (jamesdmccormick@comcast.net).

The neighborhood had a strong turnout for Spring Clean-Up on April 26. More than forty Bay Village residents pitched in on a beautiful spring day to sweep the sand and trash left over from our long winter. After just a few hours of hard work, the neighborhood sparkled.

Many thanks to the Mayor's Office for providing brooms, shovels, and other equipment needed to get the job done and to the Radisson for providing free parking to the neighborhood during the event! Special thanks to the very talented Street Sweeper and Little Green machine operator who navigated our narrow streets expertly and all of the City workers who stayed with us until the very last garbage bag was collected.

In addition to the clean-up, we had a very successful "walking tour" of Bay Village with representatives from the Department of Public Works. We discussed replacing missing gas lamps, correcting "ponding" issues at various street corners, and removing tree stumps, among other issues. The DPW was very responsive (and have removed one particularly invasive stump from Winchester Street already) and we will continue to work with them on long-term improvements in Bay Village. Certainly budget concerns will limit some work, but we'll continue to make sure Bay Village concerns have priority with the City. If a particular issue concerns you, please let us know!

Remember, the City has a great website to report City Services issues (trash, street lights, etc.) at <http://cobonlineservices.cityofboston.gov/customerservice/>.

There will be a hazardous materials collection sponsored by the City of Boston on June 14 at the UMass/Boston campus, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. There will be a similar collection on June 28 at the West Roxbury Public Works yard at 315 Gardner Street, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Also, from May 1 to October 31, hazardous materials will be collected on the first Saturday of the month from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Public Works Yard in Roxbury at 280 Highland Street off Columbus Avenue; on the second Saturday of the month at the Public Works Yard in Hyde Park at 58 Dana Avenue; on the third Saturday of the month at the Public Works Yard in Brighton at 315 Western Avenue; on the fourth Saturday of the month at the Public Works Yard in East Boston at 320 East Eagle Street.

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Tickets \$50 in advance (\$75 at door)

Proceeds to benefit the  
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and Community Servings.

Party open to Bay Village neighbors and their guests. All reservations will be held at the door.

Name.....

Address.....

Phone.....

Email address for confirmation.....

.....I/We would like .....tickets at \$50 each for the party.

..... I/We are unable to attend, but we would like to contribute \$..... to the BVNA.

Cash or checks only. Please make all checks payable to: Bay Village Neighborhood Association (BVNA)

On May 5, the French Consul General, **François Gauthier**, at a ceremony in his Cambridge home on Brattle Street, bestowed a medal on **Edward Baron Turk** of Winchester Street to honor Turk's knighthood in France's Order of Arts and Letters. Attending the ceremony and reception were friends, colleagues, and several of Turk's MIT students who have been taking a course with him on his new book project, an overview of contemporary French theater and performance arts. **Gaye Bok** of Melrose Street reports that daughter **Kenzie** was elected to a two-year term to the Democratic State Committee as one of two female college delegates. **Linda Taylor** reports that she and **Stan Sharenson** retired, sold their condo in the Columbia, and plan to spend our summers in Vermont and winters in Miami. "Life is good," writes Linda, "but we will miss Bay Village." **June McCourt** of Piedmont Street congratulates Melrose Street's **China Altman**, who was honored at the May 12 Friends of the Public Garden Annual Meeting for her 20-year rosearian-ship as head of the Rose Brigade--a volunteer group that takes tender loving care of the rose beds in the Public Garden. **Kris Foster** of Broadway graduated from New England School of Law on May 23; she takes the Massachusetts bar exam in July. Winchester Street's **David Lapin** writes that, shortly after the June 8 gala honoring his 25 years as Executive Director of the Community Music Center, he will be traveling to Venezuela to observe *El Sistema*, the miracle music education program that that country has implemented for 31 years. *El Sistema* serves over 250,000 children and young adults—kind of like CMCB but on a national scale, although CMCB does serve an impressive 5,000 across the city of Boston.



**Charlotte Goddu**, Fayette Street, as the White Witch in her school play, *Narnia*, at Milton Academy.



Fortunately, this regular visitor to **Michael Rosenzweig's** Fayette Street deck looks way too thin for a Thanksgiving platter!



**Nate Goddu**, Fayette Street, pitching for the Dodgers, his Little League team. His dad **Chris Goddu** is the coach.

## MORE TASTY TIDBITS!

**John Cerone** of Fayette reports that on the way back from his annual gig teaching international law in Tokyo, he hopped over to Seoul to speak at a conference on the law of war. At the end of June, he heads to South America to lecture on international human rights law in Santiago, Buenos Aires, and La Paz. We are delighted to report that, after a long search, Bay Village stalwart **Mary Teeven** has found a new home in Bay Village, just down the street on Fayette. **Thanh Huibers** of Melrose Street just graduated from the UMass Boston Family Nurse Practitioner Masters program degree. "I have been an RN for over 12 years and will be looking for an FNP job. If someone is looking for one somewhere, please let me know!" **Bernice Broyde's** son **Xander Shapiro**, born and raised on Church Street, whom long-time residents may remember for having run the lemonade stand for many years at the Bay Village Street Fair, was just promoted to Director of Marketing at Del Monte Foods in San Francisco. Bernice says: "Try Fruit Naturals products--one of my son's businesses!" **Neal, Malu, Myles and Alana Siskind** moved from Fayette Street on June 1: "Bay Village will always hold a special place in our hearts. It is where we began our life as a family and enjoyed special times with friends, neighbors and, surprisingly, wildlife. Although we will miss the neighborhood and city life tremendously, we are excited to move onto the next chapter of our lives in the suburbs." Goodbye also to **Matt and Michelle Feiner**, who are expecting a child and moving to Needham.



**Nancy Morrisroe** of Melrose Street sent in this photo and the following note: "**Mark and Isabel** are sitting on the porch at one of our favorite sunset spots on Harbour Island in the Bahamas. We all enjoyed a wonderful week of sun, surf, and Goombay smashes. In other Slater news, Isabel turned 4 on May 9. If you see her speeding by on her new 'big kid' bike, feel free to say hello!"



**Eli (left) and Kyle (right), Brett Terrien's** Melrose Street basenjis, pose for the camera after Eli's recent surgery.

## THE MYSTERIOUS CHURCH STREET "HOSTEL"

Each year, visitors arrive in Bay Village looking for a hostel that isn't there. The Prescott International Hotel and Hostel is located at 36 Church Street in Everett. However, their website, and other search engines use Boston as part of the address. So, many visitors end up walking up and down Church Street in Boston, with their luggage, searching in vain. Often times, those visitors are tired from a long trip, and may not speak English very well. If you see someone who might be looking for the hostel, please try and offer assistance. Arriving at this location could be their first stop in the area, and we would like to help make it a pleasant one. An information sheet has been created to give directions to the Prescott and other hostels in the area. If you wish to get a copy of this information, please contact **Keith Gnoza** at [kgnoza@hotmail.com](mailto:kgnoza@hotmail.com).

**Marcia Wetherbee** of Fayette Street reports that **Bill Doherty** recently retired from Morgan Stanley. Prior to that, he worked at Shawmut Bank for 22 years. Bill moved to Bay Village in 1963 and lived at 33 Melrose; at the time, he paid \$125 a month for rent! Currently he lives on Fayette Street and is enjoying his retirement. **Gar Smyth**, formerly of Fayette Street, returned to Bay Village to say hi to all his friends. He and wife **Kim** now live in Shanghai and enjoy the view from their 42nd floor apartment. They live across from what will soon be the tallest building in the world. **Boomer**, their Jack Russell terrier, has made friends with another Jack and several whippets. It is against the law for dogs to do their business on a public way and so Boomer is lucky to live within a compound that has gorgeous grounds and space. Gar and Kim's son **Rory** is two and a half years old and speaks Japanese, English, and a little Chinese. May 30 was **Meghan Haggerty's** last day as South End/Bay Village Coordinator for the Mayor's Office. She will be pursuing a Masters Degree in Public Policy and Urban Planning at the Kennedy School. Meghan served Bay Village with intelligence and energy; she will be missed.



On May 25, BVNA President **Brian Boisvert** of Piedmont Street completed all 26 miles of a charity marathon to support the American Stroke Association. More details: [www.ttes.vermont2008.kintera.org](http://www.ttes.vermont2008.kintera.org) /bboisvert

**CRIME COMMITTEE REPORT**

by **Emily Kemp**, Co-chair, Crime Committee.

With the arrival of warm, summer weather, there is a potential for increased criminal activity within Bay Village and around the city. If you see suspicious activity, please do not hesitate to call 911. While a call to 911 won't always receive an immediate response from the police, the calls are recorded and reviewed. The volume and frequency of calls is important to help the police allocate resources across the different neighborhoods throughout Boston.

Car break-ins are still the most prevalent criminal activity going on within Bay Village. As a reminder, never leave valuables in your car especially in plain sight. And if you have a portable GPS device be sure to take it with you when leaving your car and use glass cleaner to remove the tell-tale suction cup mark.

Crime meetings are every third Monday of the month. We meet with Captain **O'Rourke** and Sergeant **Lema** at the South Cove apartments at 7 p.m. This meeting is an excellent forum to express concerns regarding crime and overall quality of life within the neighborhood.

The greater our presence at this meeting, the greater our ability to influence decisions regarding police department resources.

As always, please e-mail BVNA Crime Committee Chairs **Chris Goddu** and **Emily Kemp** with any questions and concerns: [crime@bayvillage.net](mailto:crime@bayvillage.net).

**DOG PARK NEWS**

by **Marcia Wetherbee**, Fayette Street.

On May 17, **Barbara Gaffney, Leslie Colburn, Marcia Wetherbee, and Sarah** of Melrose Street cleaned the dog run next to the Milner Hotel on South Charles Sreet. The morning had been rainy, and many dog owners thought the event was cancelled. Our small group collected five bags of garbage!!

Special thanks to **Bill Nigreen** for trimming the bushes and **Ann Kilguss** for the used tennis balls.

Please clean up after your pet in the dog park or on the street. We have many Bay Village owners and even two dog walkers from Beacon Hill, **Bill and Steve**, who take great pride in keeping the dog park clean.

There are still those who can be inconsiderate. Please use the extra bags that are provided. Emptying the trash can is done on a volunteer basis. Pickup times for trash are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

### **THREE GREAT WAYS TO GET INVOLVED AND HELP OUR NEIGHBORHOOD**

1. **Join BVNA** - Your dues help in many ways, such as dealing with crime, improving our quality of life, beautification, social activities (membership form is on Page 14 or [www.bayvillage.net/join](http://www.bayvillage.net/join)).

2. **Volunteer** - Throughout the year we ask neighbors to help with clean-up days, wreath hangings, and caring for our parks. There are also many things that can be done from home so you won't need to attend meetings or come to events.

3. **Write** to the Mayor and City Councilors and attend public meetings of the Historic District Commission, the Licensing Board, the Zoning Board of Appeal, to ensure that our neighborhood is represented.

To get involved, call the BVNA hotline at 617-542-BVNA and leave a message for your area of interest.

Together we make things better!

## **LOCAL GIRL SCOUT TROOP 9258 HAD A GREAT SPRING!**

by Sue Buta.

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From eating with their hands at the Addis Red Sea Ethiopian restaurant, to selling more than 3,600 boxes of Girl Scout cookies, to hosting and preparing dinner for their families, to enjoying a musical experience with Boston University's Tau Beta Sigma Honors Band sorority, the girls excitedly participated in great new life experiences.

For their community service, the girls voted to support Boston City Hospital's Grow Clinic by collecting baby clothes, vitamins, and supplies. The Grow Clinic, headed by Dr. **Deborah Frank**, serves children that are "failing to thrive" due to malnutrition, poverty, and lack of parenting skills.

If you want to see our Scouts in action, Bay Village neighbors, supporters, and cookie fans are welcome to witness our troop's next milestone on June 11. Our most experienced Brownies, who were once five-year-old Daisy Scouts, are "Flying Up" to Junior Girl Scouts. We will celebrate their achievements this year and also welcome incoming girls. RSVP: [sue@buta.org](mailto:sue@buta.org).



Bay Village neighbors in photo: **Sarah Buta**, Knox Street (third from left, second row), **Alexandra Pilavis**, Church Street (second from right). Adults: from left, Dr. **Deborah Frank**, **Susan Buta** (Knox Street), **Christina Nichols** (Church Street).

### **MONTHLY BVNA CRIME COMMITTEE MEETINGS OPEN TO ALL**

BVNA Crime Committee meetings take place on the third Monday of every month.

This is an opportunity to meet directly with the police, hear their updates, and express any concerns about issues you may be seeing around your homes. Turnout at these meetings has been low lately, and it's in everyone's best interest to reverse that trend.

Not only will increased attendance help to send a message that we take crime seriously, but proactive attendance can also help to prevent issues before they occur.

If you can spare less than an hour on Monday evenings, please make every effort to attend.

## TRASH RULES AND VIOLATIONS

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Regular Trash Pick-Up for Fayette, Melrose, Jefferson, Church, Winchester, South Cedar Way, Piedmont, Shawmut, and Broadway: Monday, Wednesday, Friday; Recycling Day is Friday.

Trash Pick-Up for Arlington, Cortes, and Isabella: Monday and Thursday;  
Recycling Day is Monday.

City regulations prohibit putting out trash before 5 p.m. the day before trash day. Use large, tightly-tied 2-mil plastic bags rather than open paper bags. It's best to put trash out the morning of pick-up to reduce the potential for garbage to spill out on the sidewalk and for rats to have a picnic.

If a neighbor puts out trash too early or on the wrong day, or if there is an unsanitary situation, drop a line to our City Services Committee co-chairs **Sarah Herlihy** (sbherlihy@yahoo.com) or **Jim McCormick** (jamesdmccormick@comcast.net), or call ISD Code Enforcement at 617-635-4896. They will send an inspector and issue a violation. The fines for overflowing residential trash is \$50 and residential trash put out too early, or on the wrong day, will result in a \$25 fine.

### JUNE IS ADOPT-A-CAT MONTH!

Bay Village volunteers for the Animal Rescue League of Boston---**Eric Cordes, David Gural,** and **Judy Komarow**--- want the neighborhood to be aware that:



June is National Adopt-a-Cat month and the Animal Rescue League of Boston will be celebrating this important month again this year.

As in the 2007 Adopt-a-Cat celebration, the ARL will be promoting adult cat adoptions by discounting the adoption fee to \$50 for the month of June.

We will also be holding small events throughout the month of June like our Foster Care Baby Shower (June 1st for Dedham & Boston, June 7 for Brewster) and a Soft Paws Clinic at Boston Veterinary Care on June 15.

Last year our efforts helped us place 212 cats into new homes in June 2008. We'd love to increase that number this year! Please help us spread the word about this event.

### WHAT TO DO ABOUT GRAFFITI

When large, ugly graffiti tags appear in Bay Village, you can take quick and easy action to make them disappear. Call the City's "Graffiti Busters" unit at 617-635-3284.

They can, on their own, clean graffiti on "public" items such as stop signs, mailboxes, and light poles.

If you report graffiti on private property, Graffiti Busters will need the owner's consent.

The owner consent form is on the City's Graffiti Buster's website at: [www.cityofboston.gov/propertymanagement/graffitibusters.asp](http://www.cityofboston.gov/propertymanagement/graffitibusters.asp).

It is a simple matter of completing the form and sending an email. The City is very responsive.

## Become a Member of The Friends of the Public Garden

by **June McCourt**, Piedmont Street.

The Friends of the Public Garden is among the oldest parks advocacy groups in the nation, formed in the 1970s when the Public Garden and Boston Common were almost beyond saving. Since that time, the Friends have worked in a public/private partnership with the Boston Parks Department to care for Boston Common, the Public Garden, and Commonwealth Avenue Mall.

As residents of Bay Village, we know how fortunate we are to live so close to these priceless public jewels in the heart of our city - they belong to us all. Many of you are already "friends," helping to support the constant struggle to finance the upkeep of these precious open spaces. For those of you who might have recently arrived in Bay Village, or perhaps for those who thought your friendship wasn't needed or you didn't know how easy and inexpensive it was to become a friend, I hope to encourage you to join. Your support is needed more than ever in these current frugal times of limited public funding for our parks and recreation areas in Boston.



As a resident of Bay Village for many years, and as a Board member of the Friends of the Public Garden and a member of the newly formed Membership Committee, I am reaching out to Bay Village in particular to join. I promise you will feel so good, and quite different as a "friend" when you next walk through that glorious garden or hike across the Boston Common knowing that you are contributing large or small to the survival of these open spaces for years to come. You will also receive a newsletter to become informed about the workings of the friends with the parks department and other activities and issues that are of interest.

Membership is just \$25; other options and information can be found at [www.friendsofthepublicgarden.org](http://www.friendsofthepublicgarden.org) or 617-723- 8144 or email: [fopg@gis.net](mailto:fopg@gis.net). I hope you will join us today!

### CALL 911 WHENEVER YOU SEE SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

Whenever you see any suspicious activity (that may be someone sitting on a front stoop engaging in drug consumption or someone walking up and down the street looking out of place), call 911 and report it.

The police may not respond immediately, but they will respond eventually and that will mean more of a police presence in our neighborhood.

Police coverage in Boston is determined by the level of 911 calls, so don't hesitate to report any problems. The police cannot be in our neighborhood 24/7, but we are. We need to take responsibility for our neighborhood.

One of our local officers is  
**Ramadani Abdul-Aziz** --

say hello when you see him and offer him a cup of coffee. It's nice to let him know we appreciate his presence. As always, please e-mail BVNA Crime Committee Chairs **Chris Goddu** and **Emily Kemp** with any questions and concerns: [crime@bayvillage.net](mailto:crime@bayvillage.net).

### Note from your Editor, Kathleen McDermott

I hope you enjoy this Newsletter.

Thanks to everyone who contributed articles, photos, information, and advice, including **John Cerone, Mark Slater, Jo Campbell, China Altman, Bill Nigreen, Sue Buta, Sarah Herlihy, Rocque Dion, Chris Goddu, Emily Kemp, John Shope, Brian Boisvert, Nan Rubin, Jim McCormick, Richard Junghans, Artie Rice, David Lapin, Judy Komarow, Thanh Huibers, Mary Teeven, Bernice Broyde, Neil Siskind, Brett Terrien, Nancy Morrisroe, Daniel Krulewitch, Marcia Wetherbee, Michael Rosenzweig, June McCourt, Edward Baron Turk, Gaye Bok, Kris Foster, Jim McCormick, Keith Gnoza, Eric Cordes, David Gural, Linda Taylor, Andrew B. McFarlan, Betsy Roxby, Marty Foster, Paul Anagnostos, Amy Pollutro.**



I invite you to use this Newsletter as a forum to tell your Bay Village story. Photos are welcome, or email me and I'll come by and take a snap. [kathleenmcd@att.net](mailto:kathleenmcd@att.net)

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**PLEASE REPORT ILLEGALLY  
PARKED, NON-RESIDENT CARS**

The Traffic and Parking Department has a special "enforcement line" to report illegally parked, non-resident cars. If a resident reports an illegally parked car, and can describe the exact location and make of the vehicle, the Department will call a nearby Parking Enforcement Officer on a cell phone to ticket the illegal car--ASAP! The "enforcement line" is 617-635-3125.

**CHECK OUR  
COMMUNITY BULLETIN  
BOARD!**

Notices regarding all important community issues and meetings are always posted on the bulletin board at the Bay Village Garden (corner of Melrose and Church Streets).

**IT IS NEVER TOO LATE TO JOIN OR RENEW!**

by **Doug Hill**, BVNA membership ([dhillbv@aol.com](mailto:dhillbv@aol.com)).

It's never too late to join or renew your Bay Village Neighborhood Association membership. Memberships run from July 1 through June 30 but don't let that stop you! We would like to get everyone living in Bay Village to be a member. Membership in the organization gives our small-sized neighborhood a big voice within the city of Boston. Politicians, the Mayor, the BRA, MBTA, and the Boston Licensing Board, to name a few, all care about how many residents are BVNA members in determining whether to pay attention to our neighborhood needs. Membership also gives you access to email updates of ongoing neighborhood issues, and free or reduced ticket prices to neighborhood parties and events (always a great way to meet and get to know your neighbors). So renew today and ask your neighbor to join as well!

It is easy and inexpensive to join: just fill out the application below or go to [www.bayvillage.net](http://www.bayvillage.net) and download an application. Applications can be mailed to BVNA Registrar, PO Box 1296, Back Bay Annex, Boston, MA 02117.

For new members of the BVNA – WELCOME, for returning members THANK YOU for your continued support and interest in our wonderful neighborhood.

**Bay Village Neighborhood Association Membership Application**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (work) \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street address: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit/Apartment#: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership runs from July 1 through June 30. Members will be asked to renew every July 1.

**Type of Membership:**

Individual \$ 10.00  
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**Interests:**

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 Social Activities  Membership  
 Communications  Planning/Zoning  
 Public Relations  Licensing  
 Crime Prevention  Website

If you chose Family membership, please list individual family members below:

\* Mail membership form to Registrar P.O. Box 1296, Back Bay Annex, Boston, MA 02117.

The By-laws of the Association limit VOTING membership to residents and/or owners of property within Bay Village. Anyone can join as a non-voting member!

Professional (BVNA member) seeking a quiet, one bedroom apartment for September 1 in Bay Village where one very well-mannered cat can also take residence. All other considerations flexible, just want to stay in this great neighborhood!

Please contact me at urban\_pastorale@yahoo.com if you or someone you know is seeking a tenant for the fall. Thank you.

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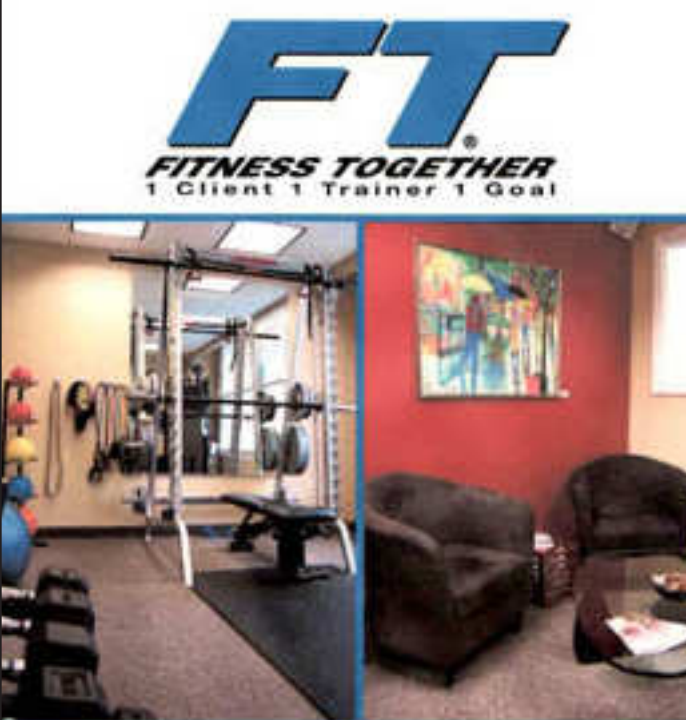
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