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VOTE TUESDAY, JUNE 16

A special election is being held to fill the vacant seat in the Massachusetts House of Representatives formerly held by Speaker **Sal DiMasi**.

Please vote and let your voice be heard. This seat is very important to Bay Village and a strong voter turnout shows our dedication to the issues.

Details available at
www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/eleidx.htm.

SAVE THE DATE!

July 16
ParkARTS! Jazz Concert
in Elliot Norton Park

"A Tribute to Miles Davis"

More greenspace news on page 4.

SILVER LINE UPDATE

by BVNA Vice President **Mark Slater**.

A great deal has happened with the MBTA's proposed Silver Line Phase III in 2009 and, for the most part, things have gone well for the many opponents of this project. While the project is not officially dead, the odds of its construction look increasingly low.

The MBTA was expected to file its required final environmental reports and funding applications with the Federal Transportation Administration (FTA) in August of 2008. These filings were all repeatedly delayed without public explanation. In early 2009, the lead proponent of this project, Representative **Capuano**, who has used his congressional earmarks to direct engineering funding for this construction project, aggressively leaked the preliminary FTA rating of "weak recommendation" to the press. This was apparently an attempt to spin the essential rejection of the project by the FTA, since projects with this rating rarely receive funding.

The FTA's rating focused on the enormous debt load the MBTA carries (and which would be increased by close to an additional billion dollars to fund this project), as well as in the increase in operating deficits that this project would cause.

Silver Line Phase III did not have a completed design and hence was not "shovel ready," or eligible for federal stimulus funding, in 2009. The MBTA and others appear to have decided that some federal money for surface construction of Silver Line extensions is preferable to no funding at all.

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All of these developments, coupled with the MBTA's and the Commonwealth financial crisis, suggest that the odds of construction of the tunnel and portal through Bay Village are low. Even Congressman Capuano has admitted publicly that while that the project is not dead, "it is on its deathbed" and "likely won't be built in my lifetime."

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

by **Brian Boisvert**.

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June – finally! It appears that warm weather has decided to stick around. I hope everyone has fun activities planned in and around Boston this summer!

After our long winter, it was great to see so many people help with our annual Spring Clean-Up. The turnout was the largest I've ever seen and we gave Bay Village a good scrub! Many people have also done a terrific job with their colorful and appealing window boxes and sidewalk barrels. Thanks to everyone who helped out at the Clean-Up and to those who sweep, every week, in front of their homes and pick up sidewalk trash. It makes a big difference.



Warmer weather brings criminal activity to our streets. If you see anything 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. Crime prevention is statistically-driven, and 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 Committee meetings is clear — if you see something, call. Last summer was one of the better ones I've seen in terms of crime, and that's largely due to the proactive response of Bay Village residents. Let's stay on top of it this summer, too.

Our June Crime Committee meeting will be dedicated to an important topic – the potential reversal of traffic flow on Isabella Street. If you have any opinions (pro or con) on this issue, please make a point to attend and hear the discussion. See page 3 for details.

June is time to renew your BVNA membership. If you are not yet a BVNA member, please join. It's

inexpensive and it makes us a stronger organization. Our elected officials pay attention to our membership numbers. High numbers send a strong message about how much we care about our neighborhood. Please go to <http://www.bayvillage.net/join/> or use the membership form on page 12 of this newsletter.

Finally, I want remind Bay Village residents that on Tuesday, June 16, there will be a special election to fill the vacant seat in the Massachusetts House of Representatives formerly held by Speaker **Sal DiMasi**. Please vote and let your voice be heard. This seat is very important to Bay Village and a strong voter turnout shows our dedication to the issues. Details are available at www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/eleidx.htm.

See you at the polls!

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Jeff Goodstein, Mat Thorensen.

**PROPOSAL TO REVERSE
FLOW OF VEHICLE TRAFFIC
ON ISABELLA STREET**

**SPECIAL AGENDA
BVNA CRIME COMMITTEE MEETING
JUNE 15, 2009**

The June 15 meeting of the Bay Village Crime Committee will have a dedicated agenda. The subject is a proposal to reverse the flow of vehicle traffic on Isabella Street.

This proposal would change the direction of Isabella Street to a one-way street beginning at Arlington Street to Columbus Avenue. It currently runs one-way from Columbus Avenue to Arlington Street.

Resident complaints about Isabella Street's current direction identified traffic issues such as speeding, vehicles using Isabella Street as a cut through, over-weight trucks, pedestrian safety, and that a majority of parked vehicles are non-resident.

Meeting location: 230 Stuart Street, Boston MA;
time: 7:00 p.m (sign in at 6:45).

There will be representatives from the Boston Police Department, District A-1, and the Boston Transportation Department. This meeting will offer an open forum to all Bay Village residents.

If you did not respond to the survey distributed in March 2009, you can complete one at this meeting.

Ed. note: A thousand thank-yous to **Rocque Dion, Church Street**, for his photos of gardens and people that appear throughout

CRIME COMMITTEE REPORT

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 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, 230 Stuart at the corner of Church, at 7 p.m.

This meeting is an excellent forum to express concerns regarding crime and overall quality of life within the neighborhood. Turnout at these meetings has been low lately, and it's in everyone's best interest to reverse that trend. The greater our presence at this meeting, the greater our ability to influence decisions regarding police department resources.

Please e-mail BVNA Crime Committee Chairs **Mary Teeven** and **Ken Ham** with any questions and concerns: crime@bayvillage.net.

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

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

Summer arrives (?). I write this while it is 50 degrees F, overcast, chilly and clammy at the end of May! But we all know beautiful weather lies ahead.

Jazz Concert in Elliot Norton Park. Hopefully, July 16 will be one of those beautiful weather days. It is the date of the next Elliot Norton Park jazz concert: "A Tribute to Miles Davis." This concert is courtesy of the ParkARTS! program of the City of Boston Parks Department and we thank **Dianne Kerrissey**, Director of ParkARTS! and **Toni Pollak**, Parks Commissioner.



Sidewalk Barrels and ENP Planting. Through the supreme efforts of **Eric Cordes**, the new planters were distributed during the Spring Clean-Up, replacing disintegrating barrels around the Village. We all owe Eric a barrel of thanks! Nyuk! **Jo Campbell**, BVNA Beautification Co-Chair, will coordinate the replacement of the thorn bushes in ENP's barrels with flowers.

ENP Irrigation System. We did not succeed in getting City funding for the irrigation system for Elliot Norton Park. Budget cutbacks are the problem. The burden continues on **Tom Kauycheck** and **Domenic Mastrototaro** to continue their labor-intensive efforts to keep the grass green. Anyone who has an occasional hour to move sprinklers should ask Tom or Dom how you can help. And since the hot days need it the most, you can get a free cooling off with a water spray in the bargain! The Parks Commissioner did say that infrastructure grants will be coming up and we may be able to get a cost-sharing arrangement by this mechanism. Will keep you posted.

Native Plants. My own pet project is the establishment of an Urban Wilds in the Lyndeboro Enclave, the fenced area on ENP's north side of ENP. We are gradually introducing plants native to New England to give a woodlands feel, a sense of how our neighborhood might have looked before the settlers arrived. Well, except those of you who would have been in the bay under the water! But this little plot was above the waterline. It will take a few years to fully transform the area. Logs are placed to suggest paths to draw the viewer's vision into the woods. Signs are hung to explain how fascinating our native plants truly are--treasures too easily taken for granted! We put out new signs every time a new plant flowers. Some new plants are being purchased this year, including the hard-to-find Massachusetts state flower--trailing arbutus. We reserved and obtained our specimen--after three years of missing out--at Garden in the Woods in Framingham. Anyone who has a country place with wild flowers, your live donations are welcome!

Vandalism. Sadly, the Enclave suffered vandalism last summer, with deliberate pulling out, breaking/cutting, and poison spraying of dozens of introduced native plants, plus cutting of hoses. The Friends spent \$400 from their budget to buy replacements, plus the trouble and lost time for plant establishment. If you notice anyone other than myself inside the area, or those working with me, please let me know. Don't confront anyone yourself. We filed a police report last fall.

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

Volunteers. The following Parks and their Gardeners are listed. If you would like to participate in the care of these parks, you can talk to the individual Gardeners when you see them, or you can contact me, Dick Junghans. Generally, you don't need anything: we have spare gloves and tools for any given day.

Parks

Elliot Norton
Bay Village Neighborhood Park
Lyndeboro Enclave
Bay Village (Church Street) Garden
Isabella Street Park
Fayette-Marginal Nook
Tremont-Marginal Corner

Gardeners

Domenic Mastrototaro, Tom Kauycheck
Tom Kauycheck
Dick Junghans
Jo Campbell, Brian Boisvert
Jo Campbell, Robin Cheung, Rocque Dion
Steve Sampang, John Shope
Steve Sampang

CITY SERVICES REPORT

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by City Services Committee co-chairs

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

Boston Shines Neighborhood Clean-Up. The neighborhood had one of its most successful clean-ups in recent history, with more than 60 residents turning out to sweep, rake, and shovel away the debris of winter. Fabulous weather certainly helped the turn-out and it was great to see new faces in the crowd. Clean-Up volunteers are listed on page 6.

BVNA thanks the Mayor's Office for providing clean-up equipment, the Radisson Hotel for their generous offer of free parking, Mike & Patty's for supplying incredible coffee and treats, and the Columbus Center developers who made a contribution to the BVNA to pay for the coffee and treats!

Because a clean neighborhood improves our property values and decreases crime, try to keep Bay Village clean. Put your trash out the morning of pick-up (instead of the night before) and sweep in front of your home on a weekly basis. Bay Village takes pride in being one of the cleanest neighborhoods in the City -- let's keep it that way!

Sidewalks and Trees. The BVNA City Services Committee co-chairs asked the Mayor's Office to work with them to develop a short and long term plan to improve the condition of the trees and sidewalks in Bay Village. As part of that effort, the BVNA supported funding for the co-chairs to walk through the neighborhood with an arborist experienced in urban tree issues. The walk-through occurred in late May and provided the co-chairs with information to prioritize work that needs to be done on neighborhood trees and how to preserve trees while repairing sidewalks.

The next step is to create and circulate a comprehensive tree survey of Bay Village. We are coordinating a meeting with the Mayor's Office on this issue.

New Complaint Tracking at City Hall. Recent news reports have drawn attention to a new on-line constituent service system implemented by City Hall. Its purpose is to track and resolved city service issues (street lights in need of repair, trash problems, rats, etc.). Report these problems at <http://www.cityofboston.gov/mayor/24/>. You should be able to track the City's response to any complaint you submit. As always, let us know if issues aren't being addressed in a timely manner.



BVNA social directors **Nan Rubin** and **Rocque Dion** take a break from party planning to join the Spring Clean-Up.

In the works:
the Bay Village Block Party in September, BVNA Holiday Festivities in December, and a Winter Fundraiser in early 2010.

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 12 or 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!

SILVER LINE UPDATE, FROM PAGE 1.

The latest state filing for federal stimulus funds contemplates extension of the Silver Line past Dudley Square into Mattapan, a surface connector from Dudley Square to

Ruggles Station, and a new line that connects over surface roads from Dudley Square to South Station. This last proposal is most significant for Bay Village, as any future MBTA filings will have to use actual ridership data from this bus route as opposed to the highly inflated estimates of potential ridership previously used as a partial rationalization of Silver Line Phase III.

All of these developments, coupled with the MBTA's and the Commonwealth financial crisis, suggest that the odds of construction of the tunnel and portal through Bay Village are low. Even Congressman Capuano has admitted publicly that while that the project is not dead, "it is on its deathbed" and "likely won't be built in my lifetime."

(5/28/09 Telephone Community Meeting;
<http://www.house.gov/capuano/index.shtml/>)

It would be easy to declare victory on the Silver Line Phase III at this point, since all of the proposed actions the MBTA is now taking seriously undermine their ability to proceed with this project. I remain optimistic but watchful: the MBTA has not formally withdrawn its proposal for Silver Line Phase III.

I would be remiss if I did not note the tremendous support that Bay Village has received from former Speaker of the House, **Sal DiMasi**, in our battle against the MBTA. Mr. DiMasi devoted considerable resources to helping us, always kept us informed, and encouraged us at all times to fight for our neighborhood. His constituent services representative, **Aaron Michlewitz**, worked tirelessly on our behalf, and attended every single meeting we had with the MBTA in public or in private to make sure our interests were protected. I have no doubt that without their active concern and actions, Bay Village would have been ripped apart by construction.

THANK YOU SPRING CLEAN-UP VOLUNTEERS!



Kelly and Joe Kennedy,
Fayette Street.

Kara Bischoff, Bevan Dobberpuhl, Judy Ingham, Steve Dunwell, James Hogue, Jean Funzie, Kelly and Joe Kennedy, Michael Rosenzweig, Mary Teeven, Chris, Charlotte, and Nate Goddu, George Brackett, Aimee Figueiredo, Mary Darmstaetter, Jacqui Mital, Shelbylee Freed, Michelle Greer, Jonathan Bruesewitz, Rocque Dion and David Wright, Fay and Gene Hale, Dana Masterpolo, Megan and Victor Castro, Stephanie Markus, Eric and Heidi Sifferlen, Ben Beck, Barbara Gaffney, Keith Gnoza, Daniel, Carl-Isaak, and Nathanael Krulewitch, Aaron Michlewitz, Ian Williams, George Klauber,

Alex and Oliver Bok, John Shope, Francine Pilgrim, Stephen Naso, Robert, Jeff Hale, Paul Buta, Andrew Morollo, Gerald Garrett, Bill Nigreen, Tim Kacich, Eric Cordes, Artie Rice, Brian Boisvert and Sarah Herlihy, Jim McCormick, Aoife Austin, Nan Rubin, Eliza Humphreys and Chip McConnell, Robert Stinson, Christine Colley.

Note from your Editor, **Kathleen McDermott**

I hope you enjoy this Newsletter. Thanks to everyone who contributed articles, photos, information, and advice, including **Mark Slater, Jo Campbell, China Altman, Bill Nigreen, Rocque Dion, Brian Boisvert, Betsi Akerstein, Prilla Smith Brackett, Richard Junghans, Mary Teeven, Nancy Morrisroe, Bette Greene, Jim McCormick, Lena Chuyan, Dan Currie, Peter Rainey, Gaye Bok, Daniel Krulewitch, María Guzmán, Nancy Ham, Sarah Herlihy, Jo-Ann Ross, George Brackett, Aimee Figueiredo, Eric Cordes, Doug Hill, Heidi Sifferlen, Christine Colley, Marty Foster.**



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.
kathleen@hautehistory.com.

EDGAR ALLEN POE HAUNTS BAY VILLAGE

POE SQUARE
(CORNER OF BOYLSTON AND CHARLES STREETS)
DEDICATED APRIL 28

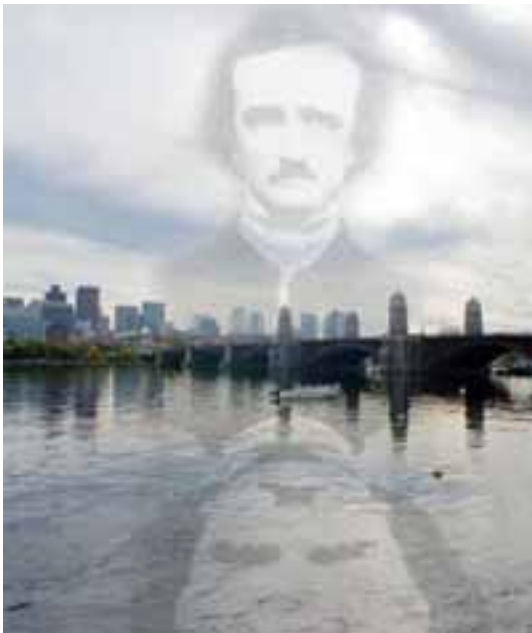
On the morning of January 19, 1809, **Edgar Allan Poe** was born in a boardinghouse at 62 Carver Street, now Charles Street South.

To commemorate



the 200th anniversary of Poe's birth in Boston, Mayor **Menino** declared January 2009 "Edgar Allan Poe Appreciation Month" and, on April 28, he dedicated the intersection of Charles and Boylston Streets as Edgar Allan Poe Square. A new street sign marks the spot.

"After two centuries of indifference and occasional irritation," Mayor Menino remarked at the ceremony, "Boston has embraced America's literary master. It is time to forgive any little quarrel Edgar Allan Poe may have had with the city of Boston and to forget that he ever called us 'Frogpondians,' said that our hotels were poor and our poetry 'not so good' . . . The city of Boston takes great pride in its literary heritage. Edgar Allan Poe is one of the most important figures in American literature. We are proud to call him a Bostonian."



The Poe Square Public Art Committee will commission a permanent work of public art in Poe Square. They hope to create a more conceptual piece than a simple statue, perhaps the sound, rising up from Poe Square's sidewalk, of a tell-tale beating heart.

Boston Poe bicentennial events will continue. Boston College English professor **Paul Lewis** is curating a Poe exhibition entitled "A Raven in the Frog Pond: Edgar Allan Poe and the City of Boston."

The exhibition opens December 17 at the Boston Public Library. A reception will be held from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. (Amontillado may be served.) At 7 p.m., Professor Lewis takes on Poe-ists from Richmond, Baltimore, Philadelphia, and other

cities in Part II of "The Great Poe Debate."

For more information, images, and podcasts on the efforts of Boston College's Edgar Allan Poe Bicentennial Committee, go to <http://at.bc.edu/celebratingthemacsabre/>. For more information on the Poe Square Public Art Committee, contact **Dan Currie**: dcurrieus@yahoo.com.



This building at 62 Carver is said to be Poe's birthplace. It was razed in the 1960s and replaced by a parking lot. 60 (at left), stands today, its doorway identical to that shown in this 1959 photo.

Raymond Biswanger Slide Collection, Rare Book & Manuscript Library Image Collections, University of Pennsylvania Libraries.

Montage photos courtesy of Boston College; text courtesy Dan Currie and the Poe Square Public Art Committee.



PLEASE PICK UP AFTER YOUR DOG!

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WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS!

A MESSAGE FROM
BRIAN BOISVERT, BVNA PRESIDENT

Welcome to all new neighbors
who have recently moved
into Bay Village.

We hope that you will enjoy
living in Bay Village and
take pride in it the way we do.

Bay Village is an open
and friendly place.

Join the BVNA and come meet your
neighbors at the Bay Village Block
Party in September.

by **Jo Campbell**,
BVNA Community Relations,
jocopley7@aol.com.

Bay Village is known
as a pet friendly neighborhood.

Most residents obey the existing laws: curb
your dog, pick up, and properly dispose of
poop. Three very simple steps that
most people follow,
but some do not--ever!

We don't blame the dog, but we do blame
the person at the other end of the leash.
Strong comments, yes, but we must find a
way to correct this anti-social behavior. I
welcome your comments and suggestions.

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 make
careful note of incidents 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 co-chairs

Mary Teeven and **Ken Ham** with any
questions and concerns: crime@bayvillage.net.

ABOUT THE CARDINAL MEDEIROS CENTER

by case manager **Peter Rainey**.

Since last summer, the Cardinal Medeiros Center
has resided at 25 Isabella Street, in the basement of
Our Lady of Victories Church. We seek to improve
the quality of life for elders who face the challenges
of aging and homelessness. We offer
comprehensive and innovative
programming and services for adults 45 or older.
These include lunch, a nursing clinic, chiropractic,
mental health, and substance abuse programs.

We are open Monday through Thursday, from 9 to 4
and Friday from 9 to 3. **John Livingstone** is the
director: 617-619-6961. We welcome visitors,
although it is best to call in advance.
My number is 617-619-6963.

Finally, we have some high school/college volunteers
who could do community service in the Bay Village
neighborhood; if there is any interest,
please contact me.

Gaye Bok of Melrose Street sent in this Bok update: **Abby Bok** graduates from Milton Academy and will attend Yale University after a gap year. She will be learning Mandarin this summer and will attend language classes in Shanghai in the fall. **Oliver Bok** will enter Milton Academy in September. Fayette Street's **Daniel Krulewitch** reports that **Carl-Isaak Krulewitch** was chosen as a "Singer of the Year" at Boston Children's Chorus, and that brother **Nathanael** auditioned for and was invited to join the Chorus as well. Nathanael is playing for the Giants in South End Baseball. **Yeritsu** and

Mitiku Hoyt-Rouse of Winchester Street celebrated their birthdays with a wild party at King's Bowling. Great news from **Eric** and **Heidi Sifferlen** of Fayette Street: "We are expecting our first baby in September. Boy or girl? It will be a surprise! We look forward to introducing him or her to all the neighbors."

George Brackett, of Church Street, joined the Apollo Club of Boston (<http://apolloclub.org>), the second-oldest continually active men's chorus in America, founded in 1871. The Club rehearses Tuesdays at the Harvard Musical Association on Beacon Hill, and concertizes widely, singing show tunes, sea shanties, and other glee club favorites. The Club's last public concert of the season is at the Nahant Town Hall Sunday, June 7, at 3 p.m. "Love to sing?" asks George. "Come join us!"

Domenic Mastrototaro and his four chihuahuas--**Aida**, **Tosca**, **Iago**, and **Gizmo**--all of Jefferson Street, recently hosted **Samantha**, faithful chihuahua companion to



Bernardo and **María Guzmán** of Melrose Street spent a week in Washington, DC visiting their son, **Bernardo**. He is a first grade teacher at Beauvoir Cathedral school. María spent a day in his classroom: "it was a wonderful experience!"



Aimee Figueiredo of Fayette Street sent in this photo of **Charlie**, her five month-old Cavalier King Charles spaniel.

Christopher Schaldenbrand, star of Boston Lyric Opera's production of Mozart's *Don Giovanni*. Cortes Street resident **Betsi Akerstein's** Urbanity Dance Project has two community dance festivals: June 6 in Harvard Square and June 20 at the Boston Center for the Arts. Check out www.urbanity-dance.com. **Nancy Ham** reports that their Church Street condo was featured in the inaugural edition of *Esplanade* – a new magazine about living in Boston. **Prilla Brackett** of Church Street participated in Cambridge Open Studios in May; Bay Villagers

Rocque Dion and **Jo Campbell** visited her studio. **Jo-Ann Ross**, certified wine specialist and Fayette Street resident, reports to Lyon, France, on June 7 as part of an eight-person wine education team sponsored by the French Wine Society.

At the annual meeting of the Massachusetts District Attorneys, Suffolk County DA **Daniel Conley** presented the Spotlight Award to Assistant District Attorney **Kris Foster**, of Broadway. This award is given in recognition of "outstanding service, spirit, and professionalism."



Isabel Slater of Melrose Street with one of her very best friends on Harbour Island, Bahamas -- **Goldie** the Parrot! Goldie's home is a beach-side bar that has beautiful sunsets and fantastic Goombay smashes which kept Isabel's parents happy!

Do you like Tasty Tidbits?
 Would you like to see more?
 Send us yours for the next issue.
 No "bit" too small!
 Email me at
kathleen@hautehistory.com
 with short news items or photos
 about weddings, new babies, new
 neighbors, pets, life transitions,
 and any other notable
 developments.

SPRINGTIME IN BAY VILLAGE

Beautification Report by **Jo Campbell**, Co-Chair/Beautification.

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Sounds like a musical playing on Broadway. It's a time to appreciate the beauty all around this wonderful neighborhood. Time to stroll down familiar streets and other streets that may not be on your daily path.

Notice the colorful pansies overflowing the barrel and window boxes at **Mike & Patty's** at the corner of Church and Fayette Streets. Continue down Fayette where 32 has some unusual flowers, including cosmos and miniature roses. Low window boxes at 15 have mixed perennials and annuals including snapdragons and ageratum.



On to Melrose Street. Urns are overflowing in color at 17 and 18. At 26, stately copper window planters are centered with mini-trees and splashes of colorful flowers are carried into the matching barrels.

20 Winchester shows off elegant rhododendrons in full bloom.

Piedmont Street has a couple of green thumbs. At 18, low window boxes and long tubs show off spiky red salvia, begonia, and sedum--just a few of the flowers mixed with textured leafy greens.



8 and 10 Isabella Street have bright flowers in matching window boxes and sidewalk barrels.

A big thank you to the enthusiastic group of gardeners from the Columbia on Church Street. On a Saturday morning in May, **Rocque Dion** led them in clearing Isabella Street Park and planting beautiful geraniums from GT Florist on South Charles. In addition to Rocque, **Prilla Brackett, Nancy and Ken Hamm and David Wright** all worked their magic. Stroll by and enjoy the flowers and if you would like to join the fun, they plan to finish Saturday, June 6.



Finishing up back at Church Street, you'll see the five matching barrels at 45 stretching around the corner to Winchester -- their mini-trees centered with colorful pansies.

I've mentioned just a few highlights in our neighborhood. Take a walk around, enjoy the beauty, and get some ideas for doing your own window box or barrel. It's fun and rewarding, not only for you but for all your friends and neighbors to enjoy.



Let's continue to keep BAY VILLAGE the best and the most beautiful neighborhood in Boston!

A BARREL EXPERIMENT

An experiment is underway for two barrels and three tree pits near the South Charles end of Melrose Street. **China Altman** of Melrose Street is trying to establish wild flowers, mostly from seeds. They may take a while to get established. If this is successful China hopes it may prove an alternative solution for barrels and tree pits without regular caretakers since wildflowers will not need as much water as some of the plants customarily used. She was helped in setting up two new barrels by **Carl-Isaak, Nathanael, and Daniel Krulewich, Dick Junghans, Eric Cordes**, and GT Florist on South Charles.

THE SIDEWALK BARREL PROJECT



After months of planning, the sidewalk barrel project hit the streets during the Bay Village Spring Clean-Up.

Eric Cordes of Melrose Street coordinated the disbursement and placement of the new barrels.

He thanks all those who came out to work, most notably, **Mary Darmstaetter**, Broadway, **Rocque Dion** and **David Wright**, Church Street, **Megan Castro**, Fayette, and **Francine Pilgrim**, Melrose.

And thank you to **Paul Miller** of Winchester Street for donating many healthy hosta plants for the barrels and Bay Village gardens!



From top:
Eric Cordes, wheeling the new barrels for distribution;
David Wright and **Barbara Gaffney**, Melrose Street, planting barrels.

JUNE IS BVNA MEMBERSHIP MONTH!

by Douglas Hill, BVNA Registrar.

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It's that time again--time to renew your membership in the Bay Village Neighborhood Association!

If you are already a member, your membership will expire at the end of June. If you are not a member, this is a great time to join.

Memberships run from July 1 through June 30. This month we we'd like to get everyone living in Bay Village to be a member.

Your membership in BVNA 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. This is especially important in the current economic climate.

Membership in BVNA gives you access to email updates of ongoing neighborhood issues, and free or reduced ticket prices to neighborhood parties and events (a great way to meet and get to know your neighbors or rekindle friendships).

So renew today and ask your neighbors to join as well! It's easy and inexpensive to join--just fill out the application on page 12 or download an application at www.bayvillage.net.

Applications can be mailed to BVNA Registrar, PO Box 1296, Back Bay Annex, Boston, MA 02116.

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

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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).

TRASH RULES AND VIOLATIONS

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.

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
Family \$ 15.00
Business \$ 50.00
Senior \$ 5.00
Student \$ 5.00
Donations \$ _____

Interests:

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 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!

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.

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

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PLANNING AND LICENSING COMMITTEES MEET EACH MONTH

The Licensing Committee works on all licensing issues which 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 committee.

The Licensing and Planning Committees meet jointly on the last Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the South Cove apartments (230 Stuart Street).

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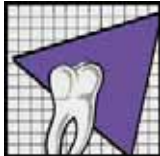
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