



THE BAY VILLAGE NEWS

For the Residents of Bay Village



PRESIDENTS LETTER

By Brian Boisvert, Piedmont Street

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It’s been a relatively calm period for the Bay Village Neighborhood Association. For the first time we have not had any licensing issues, major developments to review, or other crises to fight. However, things will be “heating up” soon and BVNA members will be called to get involved in several issues that directly impact us.

There’s going to be plenty of development in areas of direct concern to us. I’m sure most people have seen the recent press reports about projects that will impact our neighborhood. These reports include proposed redevelopment of 100 Arlington St. into office space to the current failed state of the Columbus Center project. BVNA plans to be highly involved as these projects move forward.

The BVNA has always distinguished itself by engaging in productive dialogue on these matters and has a positive reputation in this city for recognizing the economic constraints under which developers operate while still fighting to maintain quality of life for our neighborhood and its residents. It’s going to be a challenge to work for reasonable development in

the are without feeling like our little neighborhood is “under siege.” But the BVNA is willing to do everything possible to keep our neighborhood looking like a neighborhood and not a construction site. The BVNA is going to need continued involvement from Bay Village residents through all of this construction. I’ve seen a lot of new faces getting involved in the BVNA over the past year and I would love to see more!



Please send me a note if you would like to help. You can also come to our monthly Crime meetings and our planning meetings to speak with

neighbors about your concerns. If you are not yet a BVNA member, please join. It’s inexpensive and makes us a stronger organization. It’s a matter of numbers: high membership equals big influence; low membership sends a message of apathy. Please refer to Page 4 if you are not already a member or go to <http://www.bayvillage.net/join/>.

HOLIDAY NEWS IN BAY VILLAGE

Pictures from past holidays and upcoming news about future events!

by Jo Campbell,
Co-chair, BVNA Beautification

Christmas News

Bay Village was full of holiday magic again this year thanks to all of the neighbors who volunteered and shared the spirit of the season. Our two Bay Village trees were outstanding. Tom Kauycheck and his crew draped the Bay Village Neighborhood Park tree from top to bottom with multi-colored lights. The tree in the Bay Village Garden (at left) was anchored with cobblestones and braced with lines by Rocque Dion, David Wright, Keith Gnoza, James Hogue, Brian Boisvert, combined their talents to string the lights and create a truly magical tree. Following the tree lighting, Maria and Bernardo Guzman led the caroling. All of us then moved on to MJ O'Connor's restaurant to celebrate with friends and neighbors. Thank you all for making this a wonderful holiday!



"SPRING HAS SPRUNG" Tea Party

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by Anne Neiman Editor.
Address any comments or
questions to
anne.neiman@neighborhood.

Come join us as BVNA will host its annual tea party on March 22, 2010. In recent years we have had more emphasis on the tea than the gardening, but with much input from residents we have decided to put more focus on the gardening. While there will still be tea and cookies at the party, Susan Shields, a nationally recognized gardener has agreed to come and speak to us. All residents in attendance will receive a special gift from Shields to take home and plant. We hope to see everyone there!



CRIME COMMITTEE REPORT

A way for BVNA to keep you and your family updated and safe!

by Mary Teeven,
Crime Committee
Chair



Crime News

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 St., 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.

Car break-ins are still occurring 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.

The best way to discourage illegal activity is to keep outside lights on and keep your doors locked. Post "NO TRESPASSING" signs. If

you see suspicious activity, call 9-1-1 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 here constantly, but we are.

We need to take responsibility for our neighborhood. One of our local officers is Ramadani Abdul-Aziz, try and say hello when you see him. It's nice to let him know we appreciate his presence. Please e-mail BVNA Crime Committee Chair Mary Teeven with any questions and concerns: crime@bayvillage.net.

THREE GREAT WAYS TO GET INVOLVED IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

1. Join BNVA- your dues help us deal with crime, improving our quality of life, beautification, and also social activities. A membership form is located on Page 4 or by visiting www.bayvillage.net/join
2. Volunteer- Throughout the year we ask neighbors to help with clean-up days, wreath hangings, and also in caring for our parks. There are so many things that can be done to help our neighborhood but it takes volunteers to make it possible.
3. Write- Please write to the Mayor and City Councilors or attend public meetings of the Historic District Commission, the Licensing Board, or 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 can make things better!



JOIN US TODAY!

Become a member and bring us a step closer to being a better neighborhood

Being apart of the BVNA is a great way to get involved, know what is going on in our community, have a say in decisions that could affect you or your family, and a great way to make lifetime friends! Fill out the form below and turn it into Michelle Blevin's, membership chair, mailbox at 1335 Bay St.

Name: _____

Address: _____

How long have you lived in this neighborhood? _____

Why are you interested in being involved in the BVNA?

Please circle below all that you are interested in participating or helping with.

Meetings Party Planning Neighborhood Beautification Public Relations

Sign your name to verify that you would like to be involved and make a check, or pay \$100.00 cash to Michelle Blevins. Membership dues of \$100 are paid one time and \$30 payments must be made every 6 months to be an official member of the BVNA.

Signature: _____



THANK YOU FOR SIGNING UP!
WE LOOK FORWARD TO GETTING TO KNOW YOU!

