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Sat. Aug. 19th • 3:00-6:00pm • Maines Field • Rain or Shine

FOOD, TUG-OF-WAR, and MORE!!!

Hot dogs, tofu pups, veggieburgers & hamburgers, rolls, lemonade & soda: provided by the BSVA. Bring a salad, casserole or dessert to share.

Members free, guests \$3, children under 10 free.

For more info, or to help, contact Jeff Dawson <dawsonjeffreyj@gmail.com>



Scholarship winner !! Zoe Driscoll-Sbar

Zoe Driscoll-Sbar is this year's scholarship winner. She was a hard working scholar and a varsity athlete at Northampton High School. There she built a strong record in mathematics and English as well as developing into a skilled softball player. She is also a longtime participant in the Relay For Life raising money for cancer research. "I loved growing up in Northampton and attending our public schools. After college I hope to move back and teach children." She will enter Merrimack College in the fall where she plans to study education and play division 2 NCAA Softball.

For more than 20 years the BSVA has recognized outstanding high school seniors from our neighborhood with Tobin Family Scholarships. The awards are supported by donations from our members. The scholarships are named for Peg, Jack, and Dot Tobin who did so much to build and maintain our organization. See below for how you can contribute to the Scholarship Fund and become a member of this great neighborhood organization. Your help and new ideas are always welcome!

HINCKLEY STREET RECONSTRUCTION

Twenty years after it was first scheduled, the reconstruction of Hinckley Street is to begin this month. Ludlow Construction Co. plans to start excavation at Riverside Drive the second or third week in August. The contractor must install a 36 inch stormwater line before much of the work can begin on Hinckley. This line will eventually connect Hinckley Street drains to a new outfall emptying into the old power canal next to the Mill River. Construction here will probably close the street to through traffic during working hours for one or two days. Detours will be marked.

Channeling storm water at this site will necessitate construction of a steel and concrete retaining wall and access road. Plans and permits can be found online in the Engineering Section under current projects at the DPW web site listed at <northamptoncity.gov>.

The two-year 3 million dollar project includes new sewer and water lines, new and enlarged storm drains and a sidewalk with a raised crossing at Nonotuck. When complete, the reconstruction will run from Riverside Drive to South Main Street.

There is no plan to widen the travel lanes and the DPW has specified protection for a number of trees during construction. DPW engineer Felix Harvey will oversee the project and can be contacted by telephone at 587-1570 ext. 4313 or on line at <fharvey@northampton.gov>

HELP!

The Bay State Village Association needs you. If you can help with the Clean-Up, the Bash, the Picnic or any of the activities we sponsor, please speak to one of the contacts listed as contacts on the bottom of the back of this page. Ideas for more ways to improve our neighborhood are welcome!

Thank You

• **Greg's Auto Repair** on Riverside Drive whose water supply is keeping the Bay State Village Garden alive and blooming. Rick and Irene Mott donated water to the garden for many years and now the new owner, Jeff Tenczar has generously offered to continue to supply the water for the garden.

From our president:

Friends and Neighbors,

The Bay State Village Association has a few small projects involving digital design work. Are any of you neighbors able to spend a couple of hours this summer helping out? If so please email our president, Jeff Dawson.

Looking forward to seeing you at our picnic, Saturday afternoon, August 19, at Maine's Field.

Best, Jeff Dawson, BSVA President

The ReCenter:

A Great Local Reuse Resource

Last Saturday at the Glendale Road Transfer Station's ReCenter swap shop, a man was tinkled pink to find a vehicle tow rope. He'd always wanted one, and took it home...free of charge! ReCenter volunteers constantly hear happy adoption stories. There was the person who found a dozen brand-new garden stakes released during a garage clean out, and there was the happiness double-whammy that occurred when a donor was pleased at the prospect of someone else enjoying his beautifully maintained vintage rotary mower and the new owner was more pleased to find it. The ReCenter is a great place to get durable household items for free AND increase the chances of your highly usable household discards being appreciated by others. Established by the City DPW's ReUse Committee to help reduce Northampton's waste without becoming an expense to the City, items that are ultimately recyclable, have proven to be highly popular, and are coveted by partner reuse organizations are welcome anytime. Other, higher-risk items are accepted if the donor is willing to pay the standard disposal fee (in case the item is never adopted). The shop is open Saturday mornings April through October from 8-11:30 AM. Northampton residents with valid City of Northampton Transfer Station permits enjoy free access, or annual ReCenter passes are available for \$10. Find a brochure with details at: <http://tinyurl.com/HampReCenter>
Interested in joining the ReCenter volunteer team? Contact Susan at 413-587-1059 or swaite@northamptonma.gov

Traffic Calming Update

At the most recent monthly BSVA meeting, neighbors decided to convene a subcommittee on Traffic Calming. The group will build on the work of previous BSVA traffic calming efforts and initiatives to identify solutions and work with other neighbors, city officials, state leaders and others to realise them.

The group, currently consisting of Mark Jewell, MJ Adams, and Regine Spector, will meet to discuss how to address concerns related to speeding and safety, as well as opportunities to increase the biking and pedestrian friendliness of the neighborhood. Particular streets of concern which the group is focusing on include Nonotuck, Federal, and Riverside. Intersections that have been noted by neighbors to be particularly dangerous include: Nonotuck/Federal; Nonotuck/Hinckley; Riverside/Nonotuck/Milton; Riverside/Federal and Riverside/Liberty.

Members of this subcommittee have also been meeting with residents of Federal and Nonotuck who are working on improvements to these streets. Anyone interested in joining or contributing to these neighborhood-wide efforts should contact Mark Jewell. His email is markjewell@gmail.com.

From our treasurer Your dues support all our social activities including our BASH in March, the Tag Sale in June, our Picnic, and the Roadside Clean-Up. Dues also support meetings about elections, town proposals and regulations; the garden at our village sign; this newsletter, our website, and more

Dues are \$10 per calendar year per household, payable to BSVA, Inc. Dues are optional for members age 65 and older. Please send your check payable to BSVA, Inc. to: BSVA, Inc.; c/o Norman Spencer, Treasurer; 26 Nutting Av; Florence MA 01062. A self-addressed envelope is enclosed with this newsletter for your convenience.

REMINDER!

We hope you had success with your June tag sale. Don't forget that the Association would appreciate a contribution of 10% of your proceeds.

And Continuing Thanks to:

- Sue Norton and Ann Burger for tending the lovely garden around our sign.
- Gary Hartwell and his daughter Lila Lu for our amazing event signs.

Bay State Village Association

MEETINGS are held from 6 to 7:30pm, at the Nonotuck/Feiker Community School, on the 4th Tuesday of the month. Usually there are no meetings in July, August or December.

WEBSITE: www.baystatevillage.org

GOOGLE GROUP: is sent to members by email. Add your name or post a message via <http://groups.google.com/group/baystatevillage>. Questions? Email Josh at jbedell2@gmail.com

DUES: \$10 per household; age 65+ free.

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