



Bay State Village NEWS

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The Annual Springtime Bash is Just Around the Corner

by Julie Thomson

Don't miss this year's Bay State Village "Bash!" If you've been to this potluck before, you know it's an event not to miss. If you've never attended, you'll be glad you did. Our new Ward 5 City Councilor, Alex Jarrett, will also be there!

When: Sunday, March 15th from 12-2 PM

Where: Nonotuck Community School

What: Bring a dish to share, and come enjoy your neighborhood community!

For more information, please contact:

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Save the Date! Sustainability Fair at Northampton High School on June 6

by Molly Craft



Join the NHS Environmental Club, the Center for EcoTechnology (CET), the Bay State Village Association, and Cooler Communities on Saturday June 6th from 11am-4pm, at the Northampton High School for a day of fun and sustainability! Come check out student projects, craft vendors, food trucks, electric vehicles,

information on how to live more sustainably, and so much more.

Reach out to Molly Craft from the CET at molly.jo.craft@cetonline.org to sign up to help or with any questions.

Please Donate To Our Scholarship Fund

by Norm Spencer

Thanks to the generosity of the BSVA community, the many gifts to our Scholarship Fund have created an \$18,000 endowment. Since 1989, this endowment has provided an annual scholarship to an eligible graduating Smith Vocational School student and/or a Northampton High School student who lives in Bay State.

Our endowment is held in C.D.'s and in conservative mutual funds. Gifts to the Fund helped us to have increased the award amount to \$450 without depleting the endowment. BSVA, Inc is an IRS 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization. Your donation to our Scholarship Fund may be tax-deductible.

A check payable to "BSVA, Inc." should be mailed to BSVA, Inc; c/o Norman Spencer, Treasurer; 26 Nutting Av; Florence MA 01062. A receipt is available upon request. Thank you.

For High School Seniors, It's Scholarship Time

by Jackie Ballance

For Bay State Village residents who are graduating seniors at either Northampton High School or Smith Vocational High School, it's time to complete your application for the annual BSVA Tobin Family Memorial Scholarship available at each school. An application can be picked up at either school in the Guidance Office, and it needs to be returned to the respective Guidance Office by March 16 (because March 15th is a Sunday). Seniors, don't procrastinate!

The BSVA Garden

by Julie Thomson

With spring right around the corner, we're thinking about all the beautiful flowers that will soon start to bloom in our sweet BSVA garden at the corner of Riverside Drive by the Northampton High School. We have BSVA residents Sue Norton and Ann Burger to thank for this contribution to our neighborhood!

Our two master gardeners could use some help this year. It takes a lot of work to keep the garden as beautiful as it is. If you are interested and committed to maintaining the BSVA garden, even just a couple of hours here and there, reach out to Sue for some initial guidance. Your time will be much appreciated by the whole neighborhood!

Please contact: Sue Norton, suenorton@comcast.net



A Family-Friendly, Wintertime Movie Event

by Julie Thomson

The BSVA hosted its first family-friendly winter movie screening this past February at the Nonotuck Community School. “The Lego Movie 2” was screened for our neighborhood kids who were cozied up on the floor with mats, blankets and pillows. There was also popcorn and other snacks for all to enjoy. If you missed this community movie, stay tuned for our next BSVA movie screening!

Thanks for the Music & the Community!

By Stephen Taranto

The 2020 Baystate Village Association annual picnic at Maine’s Field was a success last September, with lots of neighbors and their families, some great salads and burgers and kids all over the place! All those who made it out were rewarded with some of the best tunes played in Maines Field.

The two musicians who brought the community event to life were BSVA resident and local mandolin player, Ben Weiss, and Florence musician Annika Amstutz who played the fiddle. We from the BSVA board wanted to thank the two for gracing our gathering with such lovely melodies.



About Our Bay State Village Association

MEETINGS are held on the 4th Tuesday of the month from 7-8:30 pm at the Nonotuck Community School (but not every month). People should check the website or google group for meeting announcements.

WEBSITE: www.baystatevillage.org. Check it out, we post updates on there!

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

DUES: \$10 per household, ages 65 and older are free.

BSVA Events: Save the Date!

by Julie Thomson

March 15th, 2020:

BSVA Bash, 12:00-2:00 pm @ Nonotuck Community School

April 28th, 2020:

Board Meeting, 7:00-8:30 @ Nonotuck Community School

May 26th, 2020:

Annual Board Meeting (elect board members and appoint officers) 7:00-8:30 @ Nonotuck Community School

June 6th, 2020:

Sustainability Fair, 11:00 am-4:00 pm @ Northampton High School

June 6th, 2020:

BSVA Neighborhood Tag Sale, starting at 8:00 am (email Gary Hartwell - below - to put your house on the map).

July 28th, 2020:

Board Meeting, 7:00-8:30 @ Nonotuck Community School

September 12th, 2020:

BSVA Picnic, @ Maines Field

September 22nd, 2020:

Board Meeting, 7:00-8:30 @ Nonotuck Community School

It’s Time for BSVA Dues

by Norm Spencer

Your BSVA dues support our spring Bay State BASH, the Community Tag Sale in early June, our late summer picnic in Maines Park, and our spring and fall Roadside Clean-Ups. Dues also support information meetings for elections and for town proposals, the garden in front of Greg’s Auto, printing expenses for this newsletter which is distributed to 400 homes, and for our website.

Dues are \$10 per calendar year per household, optional for households with a family member over 65. 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.

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