

## Talk: Our Village and the Village Movement



On June 28, Village President Paul Harrington and Board Member Bill Franz gave a public presentation on the growing Village Movement across America and the services and benefits of membership and volunteering in the Greater Newburyport Village.

An enthusiastic crowd of about 50 local residents packed the meeting room at the Newburyport Senior/Community Center to learn more about Villages and share their thoughts and have their questions answered.

Here are just a few highlights from the talk:

- ◆ Some 230 Villages are now operating across the country, with 130 more in

development, serving over 40,000 older adults.

- ◆ The Greater Newburyport Village has provided over 240 services to members since opening in March last year.
- ◆ Thanks to generous donors, our Village's Membership Assistance Program helps pay the dues of members with limited financial resources.

Many in attendance expressed interest in becoming members and/or volunteers, so watch for new faces at upcoming Village events!

## Recycle Your Scarves

Do you have an excess of scarves you'd like to recycle and have transformed into a beautiful Village creation for the October 14 Rubbish to Runway fundraiser? Bring them to any of our events and give them to Linda, Ellen or Susan. More details to come about this fun fundraiser for Long Way Home.

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

## Remember!

Check the Village website often for more detailed news about upcoming events.

## Upcoming Events

**SAVE THE DATE:** The Village Watch Party with Atul Gawande, author of *Being Mortal*, Monday, September 25, 4:45 to 6:30 pm. Newburyport Senior/Community Center. Open to the public. Check our website for more detail.

### Village Talk – Open to the Public:

July 19, 1 pm, Newburyport Senior/Community Center  
"Dating Houses in Essex County and Newbury" with John Cole (see p. 2).

### Village Members, Volunteers, and Donors Only:

July 19, 5:30-7:30 pm, Village Barbecue. RSVP by July 5.

August 22, 6 pm  
Village Dinner at Glenn's Food & Libations in Newburyport

### Village Members Only:

August 15, 9 am  
Tour of Ogunquit Museum of American Art

September 14, 9 am  
West End Tour of Boston  
For more detail on both tours, check our website and next newsletter.

## How to Contact the Village

### For member services and RSVPs:

call 978-206-1821  
or email a service request or RSVP to:  
[services@greaternewburyportvillage.org](mailto:services@greaternewburyportvillage.org)

### For information:

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or visit our website:  
[www.greaternewburyportvillage.org](http://www.greaternewburyportvillage.org)

## Ready to join the Village?

Become a Member



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## July 19 Village Talk: “Dating Houses in Essex County and Newbury”

On Wednesday, July 19, at 1 pm, at the Newburyport Senior/Community Center, John Cole presents a free public talk. Known as “The Old House Whisperer,” Cole was Property Manager for the SPNEA (now Historic New England) and has overseen countless preservation



projects in New England. He founded Shaker Workshops, Inc. and taught Historical Preservation at the Harvard School of Design and at the University of Arkansas Graduate School of Architecture. Today, he shares his expertise through lectures, consulting, and by writing books and dating documents for private homeowners. As an authority in the field of historic American houses, John loves to share his passion

with audiences of all ages. His talks are extremely engaging and attract standing-room-only crowds. Come early!

### Our Mission

**To promote living well and independently for a lifetime through community engagement and a network of neighborly support.**

## “Creating Communities Without Walls”

A board member from the Greater Newburyport Village attended the recent “Creating Communities Without Walls” meeting hosted by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs, which focused on Villages and other local community organizations that support older adults who wish to remain in their homes and neighborhoods. In the next 20 years, older adults will make up 30% or more of the populations of most Massachusetts cities and towns. One in three older adults in Massachusetts lives alone, and two out of every three have

## Just For Fun: Village Newsletter Contest!

To celebrate the first year of the *Voice of the Village* newsletter in its new format, see how many questions below you can answer based on stories in previous newsletters. Do an information scavenger hunt through past issues of the Village newsletter archived on our website: [greaternewburyportvillage.org](http://greaternewburyportvillage.org). The first member, volunteer, or donor to email in the correct answers to [services@greaternewburyportvillage.org](mailto:services@greaternewburyportvillage.org) will win a bottle of wine at the BBQ on July 18! (Must be present to win.)

1. Name the Village member who is still running cross-country races after age 80.
2. Which Village volunteer organized local Boy Scouts to help rake leaves for members last fall?
3. Name at least three local restaurants where Villagers have dined together.
4. Which Village volunteer organized the Vendor Referral Program to help members find local home professionals?
5. How many operational Villages now exist nationally, according to the 2016 national survey?
6. Which Village member has been a tour guide leading groups to Egypt and various sacred sites?
7. Name the library tech volunteer who gave a Village Talk to help us expand our use of smart phones and tablets.
8. Which Village volunteer helped a member by installing a new thermostat in their home?
9. Identify the museum Villagers will be touring in September.
10. What Village member, for a special reason, will drink only Heineken beer?

### Top 10 Questions and Concerns from Older Adults

**FINANCIAL**

1. Will I be able to afford accessible housing and services?
2. Will my community have adequate, affordable and accessible transportation?
3. Will I be able to pay for all my expenses?
4. Will I be able to keep working and to get job training or career support if I need it?
5. How can I avoid scams and financial exploitation so that I don't lose my life savings?

**HEALTH**

6. Will I be able to find well-trained and professional home care workers if I need them?
7. Will I be able to find a nursing home that delivers high quality care if I need one?
8. Will I develop dementia? How will we take care of all the people who have it?

**GETTING THE HELP I NEED**

9. How can I take care of my own needs while caring for my loved one?
10. How can I access information and resources on aging services?

Sources: Feedback from older adults and aging network professionals as heard by EOE, Elder Affairs Committee Chairs and other legislators, COAs, DPH, DMH, EOHHS, 2015-2016; 2012 Needs Assessment Surveys in EOE State Plan on Aging, 2014-2017.

four or more chronic health conditions. Older adults typically have unique concerns and needs, as shown in the slide above. The discussion highlighted the importance and value of Villages for helping meet these needs in an age-friendly community.

