



# NEWSLETTER

## 1<sup>st</sup> QUARTER 2007

### President's Message:

*"Continuity gives us roots; change gives us branches, letting us stretch and grow and reach new heights." - Hon. Pauline R. Kezer*

There are a lot of changes underfoot for FVNCA in 2007. For the past nine years, the FVNCA has been ably led by Aileen Martello. Aileen and her family recently left Maine; we wish them well in their new endeavors and thank Aileen for her tremendous dedication to Ferry Village.

We also must thank our long-time Treasurer, Carol Campbell, who is stepping down. Though she will remain a member, we appreciate Carol's years of service.

In addition to these changes, we welcome new officers Jennifer Kirk as our Treasurer, and Gail Kolbe as our Vice President.

I am pleased to report there is some continuity; Betsy Morrison is returning as our Secretary. Her ongoing dedication (and historical knowledge) is appreciated.

Some other changes I hope to discuss at our upcoming meetings are the creation of a website, updating literature for marketing and membership purposes, hosting an annual Ferry Village gathering, etc.

I am hopeful you can attend one (or all) of our four meetings this year to share your ideas for change! Together we can help Ferry Village reach new heights!

Sincerely,  
David Jacobs – 2007 President

**Next Meeting January 11th @ 7pm**  
**Betsy Ross House – Meeting Room**  
**99 Preble Street (Rear entrance on Henley Street)**

***The meeting agenda includes:***

**A Brief History of Ferry Village – a presentation by local historian and author, Kathryn DiPhilipppo**

Ferry Village is one of the oldest neighborhoods in South Portland (formerly Cape Elizabeth) and is rich in history. It got its name from the Ferries that went to and from Portland. It was a quiet fishing village before World War II. It was a self-contained community with several schools, local shops, a church, a movie theater, etc.

When the war broke out, the US government bought and tore down the small houses and shacks along the waterfront displacing fishing and shipbuilding businesses and families that had been there for generations and forever changing the landscape of Ferry Village.

**Please attend this FVNCA meeting to meet Kathy, to hear more stories, and to see photos of Ferry Village's past.**

*Kathryn DiPhilipppo is the historian for the South Portland Historical Society and writes a weekly column, "A Window on the Past," for The South Portland Sentry. Her first book, South Portland: A Nostalgic Look At Our Neighborhood Stores, is a unique local history publication. For more information, contact the Society at P.O. Box 2623, South Portland, Maine 04116 or Email Kathy at [Kathy@barrenhillbooks.com](mailto:Kathy@barrenhillbooks.com).*

### ***Our THANKS to...***

...District 1 City Councilor Claude Morgan and District 2 City Councilor Kay Loring for speaking at our Sept. 14th meeting. We appreciate your involvement in our ongoing quest to improve the quality of life for all Ferry Village residents.

...PROP. We appreciated using your meeting space and we thank Peter Stuckey for his presentation on PROP services and programs.

## Other January 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting Agenda Items

- FVNCA Election results
- FVNCA Sign refurbishing status
- Friends of Ferry Village Memorial Fund
- FVNCA Subcommittee report on zoning regulations
- Sawyer Street sidewalk status
- Speed Table update
- School Street playground
- Marketing/Communications (brochures; website; etc.)

## Volunteer Opportunities

FVNCA is always looking for able bodies to assist with distribution of our newsletter, to help with the annual Earth Week clean-up, to serve on subcommittees, and to help with membership recruitment. If you are interested in helping make Ferry Village a better place to live, work, and play, please contact us to volunteer.

### 2007 FVNCA Officers Contact Info:

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## Future programs and presentations at upcoming FVNCA meetings

April 12, 2007 – Guest speaker to be determined

June 14, 2007 – TBD

September 13, 2007 – Annual Meeting

## FVNCA membership dues are only \$5.00 a year

To become a member or to renew your membership, please fill out the form below and return to us.

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# Ferry Village Neighborhood Conservation Association MEMBERSHIP FORM

**Membership runs from September 1 to August 31.** Becoming a member guarantees delivery or E-mail of the FVNCA NEWSLETTER. **Please print clearly.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership dues: \_\_\_\_\_ \$5.00 per year      Renewal: \_\_\_\_\_      New Membership: \_\_\_\_\_      Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Make check payable to: Ferry Village Neighborhood Conservation Association (or FVNCA)**  
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