



NEWSLETTER

2nd QUARTER 2008

President's Message:

"If I had to equate "time" with a thing, the past would be Winter and the present would be Spring." – David Aaron Jacobs

My newsletters are always inspired by quotes, but this time, I created a quote inspired by my newsletter. I believe to fully appreciate Spring, we must remember what we went through to finally greet it. This is a theme of several topics I wish to share.

At our April meeting, we will discuss the High & Sawyer Street park mentioned elsewhere in the newsletter. FVNCA has not given up on the rehab of this paved lot. Included in our vision for the future of this park is an opportunity to celebrate Ferry Village's past.

Likewise, the South Portland Historical Society is in a race against time to raise sufficient funds to purchase a historic building to house their archives. I speak to their future visions to preserve the past on Page 2 of this newsletter.

Past and future collided this winter for our Treasurer, Jen Kirk, and her family. Their home on Stanford St. caught fire. While no one was hurt, they lost many things to the fire including memorabilia. To help the Kirk family look towards the future, donations were sought from Ferry Village residents. Over \$500 was raised and the Kirk's are very grateful for such thoughtful neighbors.

Lastly, the Ferry Village Memorial Fund was created to honor longtime resident Beulah Swiger. Children were her passion so the fund is intended to enhance the lives of those in the neighborhood. At our April meeting, we will be awarding our first gift from this fund to two deserving Ferry Village children. Please join us and help us honor our past and celebrate our future!

Sincerely,
David Jacobs – 2008 President

April 10th @ 7pm

Betsy Ross House – Meeting room
99 Preble Street (Rear entrance on Henley Street)
PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN RESIDENT PARKING LOT

The meeting agenda includes:

Guest Speaker – City Manager Jim Gailey

Though he is South Portland's new City Manager, Jim Gailey is not new to the city. Jim has been a part of our municipal government for years as Community Planner, Director of the Community Development Block Grant program, and Assistant City Manager. Jim will talk about his past municipal experiences, his plans in his newest role, and discuss some of the specific needs of Ferry Village.

Rendering of High & Sawyer Park Completed

As discussed at previous meetings, FVNCA submitted a grant request to the Community Development Block Grant Committee for the rehabilitation of the City-owned lot at the corner of Sawyer and High. The vision we presented was of an old-fashioned city park with an information kiosk, park benches, game table, lamp posts, and landscaping. The goal was to create a comfortable meeting place in the heart of the Village, an attractive entrance to the oldest neighborhood in the City, as well as a way to commemorate the role the Village played in the beginnings of South Portland.



We will share this sketch with the CDBG committee once our meeting is scheduled to discuss our award for this park. View a larger version at April's meeting.

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Help us preserve our history: We are looking for photos and stories to include in our archives on this website. If you have anything you can share or let us scan / copy, please contact us. Photos recently added to our website include two Front Street businesses: the staff of the **Portland Copper & Tank Company** courtesy of Walter Bell Jr. and the **Seaboard Packing Company** courtesy of Cora Simpson. Please visit our website and check out our "Photos" page.

