



NEWSLETTER

3rd QUARTER 2007

President's Message:

"Without a sense of caring, there can be no sense of community." – Anthony J. D'Angelo, author

We had a great meeting lined up for April but sadly had to cancel due to snow/ice. How disappointing that the weather has been so disruptive this year.

The Patriot's Day storm, though, reminded me why I love living in Ferry Village. Many of us were struggling with no power, with water in our basements, and with damage to our homes or yards; yet, neighbors were out helping other neighbors.

Some of us checked on elderly residents, some cleared debris from storm drains, some helped move fallen limbs from the streets, and some performed many other acts of sharing and caring.

As difficult as it is to give of oneself during a crisis, even at a time when one may need help themselves, many people do it. So, logic would have it that it should be easier to give of one's time and attention when there is no crisis.

We all have busy lives, filled with work and family and health and home. But there must be a way to encourage sharing, caring, and neighbor interaction within our normal daily routines.

I hope you can find a couple of hours to join us on the 14th. Come share your thoughts on why YOU love living in Ferry Village, your ideas on how we can better connect with our neighbors, and your suggestions on how to improve and strengthen our community.

Caring is the easy part; showing up is the hard part, but the most important. I hope to see you on June 14th at 7pm!

Sincerely,
David Jacobs – 2007 President

Next Meeting

June 14th @ 7pm

Betsy Ross House – Meeting Room

99 Preble Street (Rear entrance on Henley Street)

The meeting agenda includes:

Creating Community: An Open Discussion on What Our Neighborhood Means to Us.

Research shows that communities are safer and stronger when neighbors are involved and know one another. We'll be asking residents to share their thoughts and ideas on how to connect with neighbors and how to continue to improve Ferry Village.

Some related topics we will also discuss include:

- Garden Tour and other Summer event ideas
- National Night Out event August 7th
- Engine One Fire Station Open House – School Street
- TRIAD events to assist senior residents
- Newsletter distribution ~ how to reach more people

Other Meeting Agenda Items

- CDBG Grant Awards – School Street playground and the High / Sawyer Street lot. Vote needed to accept grants.
- Friends of Ferry Village Memorial Fund – discussion and vote on how best to disburse funds.
- Next Meeting – September 13th: Annual meeting and nominations for 2008 officers. Guest speaker Earle Shuttleworth of the Maine Historic Preservation Commission.

Our THANKS to...

- ...the City Council for not closing our Engine One Fire Station!
- ...our January guest speaker, local historian and author **Kathryn DiPhilippo**. Kathy's presentation and slide show on the history of Ferry Village was educational and entertaining.
- ...**SPCTV** for taping this presentation now airing on Channel 2.
- ...our scheduled guest speakers for the April meeting, **Geoff Melhuish** and **Bjorn Swenson** from **Greater Portland Landmarks**. We were looking forward to their presentation and hope we can find time to reschedule in the near future.

**Web Site Created -
www.FerryVillageME.org**

At our January meeting, the membership approved the creation of a FVNCA website. It will be a great way to keep neighbors connected, to recruit new members and volunteers, and to introduce our friendly neighborhood to home buyers and businesses. We will be taking a tour of this site page-by-page at our June meeting followed by a discussion/Q&A.

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.

This image above of an old postcard featuring the Nazerine Church on Sawyer Street (now home to the Lyric Music Theater) came to us courtesy of Cora Simpson.



Volunteer Opportunities

FVNCA is always looking for able bodies to assist with distribution of our newsletter, to help with the annual meeting, 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.

Won't You Join Your Neighborhood Organization?

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. Come meet your neighbors and learn more about your neighborhood! Visit www.ferryvillageme.org for more info.

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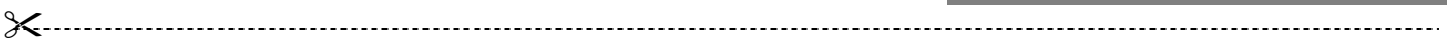
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**Ferry Village Neighborhood Conservation Association
MEMBERSHIP FORM**

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

Please check off Household Membership Business Membership Amount Enclosed: \$ _____
 New Membership Renewal

Name(s): _____ Business Name _____

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