



THE BOURNE BUZZ

February 2021

“Happy Valentine’s Day” from the President:



Can you feel the momentum building with Bourne Newcomers and Neighbors? It was an exciting BNN Board Meeting in January when we had events to brainstorm, discuss and plan! While our events may not be in person, they are COVID-19 compliant and a way to reach out to each other and the community. Speaking of BNN Board Meetings, ever think of helping and holding a position on the board? We are seeking individuals for membership and communications for the new term beginning in May, contact Dee Wylie if you would like details about the positions, thank you in advance for helping.

BNN received a thank you letter from the Bourne Food Pantry for our donation resulting from the BNN Cookbook created by BNN members. Kathy Fox Alfano ran a Soup and Cracker collection for the pantry with 3 drop off sites. Kathy is hoping to collect each month whatever the food pantry needs. February’s collection will be cake mixes, frosting and cookies. Karin Benedict has a relationship with Bourne Manor which is allowing us to bring smiles to the men and women who reside there. We are going to be giving 105 Valentine Cards to the residents along with a carnation on Valentine’s Day. While isolation is tough for many of us, it certainly is for the Bourne Manor people who have not seen family and friends. We are hoping to make many people smile! See flyers and articles about how you can help with both events.

Proudly we can say that Bourne Newcomers and Neighbors has donated \$1,692 to local charities in 2020. What an amazing accomplishment, Thank you everyone.

Let’s send a big thank you to Bill Prodouz for kicking off our Lunch and Learn Zoom program on January 26. Great information, pictures and enthusiasm for such a beautiful island, Cuttyhunk. I personally feel a trip in our future! Proceeds from our L and L for January will be going to Cape Cod Needy Fund, please read Bill’s article about the Cape Cod Needy Fund. Next Lunch and Learn will be on Zoom on February 23 at 7pm with Bourne Selectman James Potter. I guess we could call this a Lunch and Dinner? Details below. Did you see that BNN now accepts Pay Pal??? Thank you to all who worked on this project.

Stay safe and healthy,

Dee Wylie, BNN President



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Event Buzz:

Saturday Feb 13th through Saturday Feb 20



BNN Cake Mix, Frosting and Cookie Drive
For Bourne Food Pantry

Saturday Feb 13 – Saturday Feb 20



Drop off in bins at:

Chris Crane, 3 Russell Rd.

Karin Benedict, 109 Valley Bars Rd. (Do not open gate)

Gerri Parham Andos, 6 Oak Ridge Dr.

The Bourne Food Pantry is in need of Cake Mixes, Frosting and Cookies this winter. A variety is appreciated.

Wednesday Feb 24th 7-8 PM



BNN Presents:

***Zoom Q & A Session* with
Jim Potter, Bourne Selectman
Wednesday, Feb 24th at 7 – 8 PM**

Jim was elected to the Bourne Board of Selectman/Sewer Commissioners in 2018 and is the youngest Selectman ever elected in Bourne. He serves as the Bourne Representative on the Cape and Islands Water Protection Fund Board and is the Chairman of the School Building Committee. Jim helped create the Bourne Community Engagement Committee in 2019 and co-authored the revised Wind Turbine By-laws.



Please submit questions and topics for Jim in advance. Send them to Kathy Fox Alfano, Moderator, by Feb. 21st at kfoxalfano@gmail.com.

Registration is required for this Zoom event. Register and send a check for \$5.00 to BNN, 6 Oak Ridge Dr., Pocasset, MA 02559. PayPal is available at <https://py.pl/1UZVcT>.

Visit BNN on FB at Bourne Newcomers and Neighbors Club and at our website www.bournenewcomers.org.

Member Profile: Kathy and Carl Georgeson

Carl and Kathy Georgeson first visited Cape Cod over 45 years ago. They fell in love with the topography and beauty and spent summer vacations in Falmouth and Brewster. Sixteen years ago they bought their second home here in Bourne and commuted from New Jersey for long weekends. In 2017 they finally retired, sold their homes in NJ and MA and bought their present home, all within 6 weeks. The beaches and small town quaintness as well as the close proximity to Boston is what drew them here.



Kathy grew up in Northern New Jersey and Carl in western Kansas. They met in NYC and married in Western Kansas many moons ago. Kathy graduated from Fordham's School of Social Work and Carl from Columbia's B-School having already finished a graduate degree in international business from Thunderbird in Phoenix. Carl worked for Phelps Dodge Int'l and Kathy was a clinical social worker at Saint Vincent Hospital in Greenwich Village. In 1980 they decamped from the Upper West Side to the New Jersey suburbs, just before their daughter Amanda was born. She is now a preschool special-ed teacher in southern Vermont and their son Eric is a producer/director of digital media in Los Angeles. Their grandchildren Jace and Ava live in Vermont.

In New Jersey, Kathy continued as a clinical social worker at Fair Oaks, then in her own private practice. Carl's career took him to Western Electric/Bell Labs/Lucent Wireless and finally to NJIT to manage their IP portfolio. In retirement they are both active members in the community. Kathy loves to cook and entertain and they had the first BNN Christmas party in their home. She coordinates BNN book club #3. Kathy and Carl coordinate Friday dominoes (will they ever return?) and they volunteer for the Cape Symphony. Kathy now enjoys acrylic painting and is a member of the Sandwich Arts Alliance. She is also on The Cataumet Schoolhouse Board. Carl is on the Bourne Historical Commission, the Selectmen's Energy Advisory Committee and the Education/Scholarship Committee. Last February, Carl coordinated a BNN trip to the Mystic Seaport art museum to see the special exhibit of J.M.W. Turner's paintings from the Tate in London. Going forward they are hopeful BNN will be able to put together more such day-trips to area and regional museums and cultural events.

Both Carl and Kathy love to travel and share their adventures of meeting new people and cultures. Carl studied in Denmark and has always traveled for his career which allowed them to rack up Frequent Flyer miles so the family could vacation in Spain, France and Denmark. They have recently been to China, SEAsia, Morocco, South Africa, South America and Russia and are looking forward to restarting their world travels sometime soon. But until they & the rest of the world gets a handle on COVID they're stuck here on Cape Cod – could be worse.

Recipe of the Month

This recipe has no name but sounds like a quick, delicious, and easy dinner!

Submitted by Marilyn Tarallo



- Boneless pork chops (or chicken breasts)
- Chicken broth (or water) – about ¼ cup
- Peppers (sliced)
- Onions (sliced)
- Small can (or two) of diced tomatoes
- White rice or sliced white potatoes

In a large skillet, brown meat on both sides. Add onions, peppers, and tomatoes (and sliced potatoes if you choose) as well as the chicken broth (water).

Cover and simmer on a low heat for about an hour, checking to make sure the liquid doesn't evaporate. The meat should be very tender and break apart.

Serve with rice if you choose.

Volunteer Buzz:

I know a lot of you have been asking and wondering about The Happy Hope Factory. I reached out to Lisa Tischer, she informed me that they will be starting a new national campaign that will involve lots of coloring. This coloring can be done right in your own home. As soon as I hear from her, I will let you know.

I also reached out to the Joint Base and they have the Mobile Market Drive. Volunteers pack grocery bags with both perishable and non-perishable items. Anyone in need of food can drive up and pick up a bag. I am waiting to hear back from them as far as what they need for volunteers.

If you have any questions regarding a volunteer opportunity, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me.

Patty Robidoux 508-596-4403 Patty.jrmurph@gmail.com

The Cape Cod Needy Fund

By Bill Prodouz

Are you looking for a charity that is “doing good” for our Bourne neighbors and fellow Cape Codders? We were looking for new ways to donate locally this past year and we found the Cape Cod Times Needy Fund.



Since 1936 the fund has raised and distributed money to local folks needing help to pay for food, utilities, medical bills, car repairs and more. This fund allowed us to make an immediate and measurable difference in the lives of some neighbors who called for help in 2020 during the pandemic. Fund organizers vet every request and then work with a variety of social service and faith partners on the Cape and Islands. No cash is given directly to clients because the Needy Fund pays vendors through a voucher system. They also offer budgeting information to clients and referrals to other agencies.

The key for us donating in 2020 is that the Needy Fund offers short-term help to begin to build a bridge to the long-term. They help about 4,000 people a year in meaningful ways such as car repair money so folks can drive to work, rent or mortgage assistance to keep people in their homes and security deposit assistance so people can move in to available housing. Short term food assistance for families and funds for unexpected medical bills are often provided. The Needy Fund fills in the gaps while sustainable solutions are sought.

The Needy Fund is a registered 501(c)(3) and donations are tax deductible. Donations are accepted throughout the year and may be made at www.needyfund.org. or via checks made payable to Cape Cod Times Needy Fund and mailed to Cape Cod Times Needy Fund, PO Box 36, Hyannis, MA 02601.

Hope this helps you to help others! - Bill and Tina

Buzz Members Suggestions:

Ready to try something new? Many of our members have been sharing favorite books, movies and TV shows with other BNN members. So here are a few suggestions. If you have a favorite please send it to Suzanne Lasher suzlasher@gmail.com

Prime Video: One Night in Miami

HBO: Succession

Netflix: Virgin River

Netflix: Call My Agent

Netflix: Lupin

Netflix: My Octopus Teacher

Be a BNN Valentine!

Hope your Valentine's Day brings you happy thoughts, good times and lots of love..



Brighten a senior's life by sending a valentine...

Karin Benedict has names of the 105 seniors
who live at Bourne Manor.

The goal is to make sure they all get a card.....



Please text Karin for the names at 508 292 3752 or email her at kbpisces@aol.com.

Cards need to be done by the 9th of February. Please drop off at one of the BNN food pantry collection sites. Chris Crane, 3 Russell Rd, Grey Gables....Gerri Parham Andos, 6 Oak Ridge Dr, Pocasset...Karin Benedict, 109 Valley Bars Rd, Bourne (Mo Beach). Choosing multiple names will help guarantee everyone has a great Valentine's Day.

Thanks in advance Karin Benedict



Buzz around Town:

Check out events and activities at the Jonathan Bourne Public Library

A new craft every Friday
January 8th - February 26th
Available during curbside pick-up hours
Beginning at 10am while supplies last

Crafts for Kids



Stop & Shop Community Bag Program



Support the JBPL this month! Visit your local Stop & Shop and purchase a \$2.50 reusable **Community Bag**. For every bag sold, the Library will receive a \$1 donation.



StoryWalks

Bundle up and join us on the field behind the library each week for a self guided StoryWalk, ending with a take home craft. Please remember to wear your mask & follow social distance guidelines.

For more info contact Terry Johnson
Children's Librarian at tjohnson@bournelibrary.org
or call 508-759-0600 ext. 6106

Check out events and activities available through the Council on Aging

TO GO LUNCHES

Provided by Cyd's Kitchen

MUST PLACE ORDER BEFORE NOON ON FRIDAY FOR FOLLOWING THURSDAY PICK-UP AT 12PM
~PLEASE WEAR A FACE COVERING & SOCIAL DISTANCE~

TO PLACE YOUR ORDER, PLEASE CALL THE COA AT 508-759-0600 EXT 5300

FITNESS CLASSES

Monday - Friday at 10AM on Bourne Community TV (Channel 13)



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| Senior Fitness with Barbara Barsham | Zumba with Michelle Thimas | Fitness & Yoga with Sherrie Best | Yoga with Linda Sheldon |
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Previous Highlights: Soup and Cracker Drive



We delivered over 400 cans of soup plus over 50 boxes of crackers and assorted other goodies.

The food pantry was very grateful and is looking forward to our next drive for Cake mix frosting and cookies!

Thank you to all who participated!



2020-21 Board Officers:

Membership: Marilyn Jackson
Hospitality: Anne Burbine & Mary Ellen Curran
Communications: Marty Smith

2020-22 Board Officers:

President: Dee Wylie
Vice President: Gerri Parham Andos
Treasurer: Tina Prodouz
Secretary/Volunteer leader: Patty Robidoux
Activities: Suzanne Lasher
Programs: Kathy Fox Alfano
Publicity: Nancy Selchan
EX Officio: Karin Benedict

Our mission is to welcome newcomers to the area; to provide existing members of the community with social activities; to provide an atmosphere of friendliness, goodwill, and helpful information for members; to provide a means for people with like interests to meet and join together for social activities and to encourage members activism and knowledge of the community.