

BAY TO SOUND NEIGHBORS



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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

September is almost upon us. I am sure many would join me in considering the coming month to be among the best on the Cape. The air and ocean temperatures are usually warm, the Cape is less crowded and you can still enjoy the beach. Colorful fall plantings appear and cranberry bogs begin their harvests. It's also a time when dog owners can take their furry friends to enjoy the beach after Labor Day. Count me in!



In July, our board of directors were happy to finally meet in person after many months of meeting online via Zoom! Over the summer, our membership team has been busy taking on new members and we've also been recruiting and training new volunteers. Our committees have been meeting to plan for social activities this fall, however, holding the events may depend on how we are doing with the rate of spread of the COVID variant locally. We continue to monitor communications from the CDC and the state and local Department of Public Health regarding the spread of the COVID variants and will make decisions about holding events accordingly. Wearing a mask to protect yourself in public places that are indoors is a good practice, and many businesses are now encouraging it.

As always, please let us know about any needs you may have. Be safe.

Carol Donohue

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Maureen Boland has been volunteering with Bay to Sound Neighbors (B2SN) since the very first information meeting in 2017 when B2SN was just an idea. Recognizing the value this great organization could bring to the community, she immediately joined the marketing and outreach organizing committee. Then, when B2SN began to operate, she served on the board of directors until September 2019.



Throughout her volunteer service as a leader and service provider, Maureen has been dedicated to the members. Besides providing countless rides, what she remembers as being special are the friendly visits with members seeking some company and conversation.

Friendly visits for Maureen weren't only to sit and chat. She has been known to take the member to the beach, go for a walk, visit Packet Landing or the



Elder Services of Cape Cod and the Islands (ESCCI) is a community-based organization dedicated to serving older adults across the Cape and Islands. If you need help related to home care, family caregiver support, or just have questions about long term services or planning, call 508-394-4630 or 1-800-244-4630 to get the assistance you need.

WELCOME NEW B2SN VOLUNTEERS!

Pat Burke	Laura Bagley
Patrice Fazzio	Steve Harris
Joe Lima	Sylvia Goodale
Lynda Warren	Denise O'Leary

A Bit of Yarmouth History

The town of Yarmouth was originally known as Mattacheese in 1639 when three English-born farmers, Anthony Thacher, John Crowe and Thomas Howes, created the first permanent settlement on the north side of the Cape. By 1640, Mattacheese was renamed Yarmouth after the seaside town of Great Yarmouth in England. In one short year, Yarmouth had a population boom to 28 families and homes. The early settlers found abundant food in the Cape Cod Bay including cod that was referred to as "Cape Cod Turkey." Cape Cod had a very dense forest and the early settlers found plenty of game to add to their seafood diet.

The early settlers referred to the Long Island Sound waters as the South Seas and a settlement that includes much of West Yarmouth was founded in 1643 along Lewis Bay by Yelverton Crowe, who may have been the brother to John Crowe, the founder of the settlement to the north. Yelverton acquired the land from a native sachem. The deal was that Yelverton could have as much land as he could walk in one hour in exchange for an ox-chain, copper kettle and a few trinkets. It turned out that Yelverton was quite a walker.

Yarmouth was much larger in the early days and included the lands of Chatham, Harwich, Brewster, Dennis, and the Barnstable Village of Cummaquid. Over the years the towns separated from Yarmouth, and Dennis was the last to initiate a friendly split in June 1793.

The Taylor-Bray farmhouse and barn seen below date from 1780-1820.



Source: *Brief History of Old Yarmouth*

Bass River Park. Sometimes her friendly visits involved gardening with a member. She is dedicated to having a positive impact on our members' day.

In addition to volunteering for B2SN, Maureen works with the Faith Family Kitchen serving meals to people in need. She also works with the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) where you can find her working community road races, stuffing police cruisers with food, staffing the High School Shelter when needed, delivering and supplying products to congregant homes, and working on the Brown Bag program providing supplemental groceries through the Council on Aging.

Maureen is an amazing person who gives tirelessly to the community. When she isn't busy volunteering, she is active biking, walking, continuing with her 30-year yoga practice and traveling to explore her family roots in Italy.

Trivia – Test Your Knowledge

1. What 1959 American religious film, starring Charlton Heston, won 11 Oscars, including Best Picture?
2. What is the name of the 1960 Harper Lee novel that won a Pulitzer- Prize?
3. Who won a 1943 Academy Award for his animated short film *Der Fuehrer's Face*?
4. What actor is remembered for starring in "Rebel Without a Cause" in 1955?
5. What 1970's American sitcom TV series contained the lead actress' name in the title and the audience was told in the theme song, "she's gonna make it after all"?

Answers at the bottom of the page.

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Answers to Trivia: 1. Ben-Hur 2. To Kill a Mockingbird 3. Walt Disney
4. James Dean 5. Mary Tyler Moore