



MONTHLY NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS

September 2024

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President's Corner

~ By Marilyn Dearborn

We're closing in on Labor Day already!!! Where did the summer go? Sure hope you had a chance to "chill out" on one of our beaches and just enjoy! The days are getting shorter, temps are getting cooler and sooner than we think, the trees will show their true fall colors!!

Happy Labor Day!

Observed the first Monday in September, Labor Day is an annual celebration of the social and economic achievements of American workers. The holiday is rooted in the late nineteenth century, when labor activists pushed for a federal holiday to recognize the many contributions workers have made to America's strength, prosperity, and well-being.

Source: www.dol.gov/general/laborday/history



Were you planning to join us on September 5th when we take a lovely cruise around the bay while enjoying a "lobster roll" or other luncheon choice? See info in this newsletter on page 2; there's still a little time left to sign up!

Our premier event "*A Taste of Crosby Mansion*" will be here before you know it – have you signed up? If not, be sure to do it soon as we have sold out for the past two years. The sign up form is on Page 2, or try signing up on the NEW website. Delight in a glass of wine or beer and some wonderful food; greet old friends or meet some new ones; just enjoy a wonderful afternoon! This year **the proceeds from the silent auction will go towards the purchase of a new van for the COA.** The **Friends will match "dollar for dollar"** whatever proceeds we garner from the silent auction. We hope to see all of you there.



Mark Your Calendar for the Annual Meeting October 9th



In order to offer fun activities for our seniors, the Board has begun working on plans for events in 2025. We'll continue making those plans at our Annual Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, October 9th (the **special location** to be announced in the October Newsletter with complete details). Member input is always welcome and we'll be appointing board members, too! Why not join us?

Need a ride? Let us know. We have access to the COA van for this important meeting. This is your organization and your ideas and suggestions are needed as plans are developed.

If you'd like to attend the Annual Meeting, please call Marilyn at 508-385-2881 so you can be added to the list. Hope to see you there!



It's Official....we've got our new website up and operational. You'll now be able to sign up for membership; register for our events; pay by credit card; find local resources; and more! Stop by the new site:

www.friendsofbrewsterseniors.org soon to see how it works. If you have ideas about anything, just send an email to this address: info@friendsofbrewsterseniors.org and we'll get back to you as quickly as possible. You can also call President Marilyn Dearborn at 508-385-2881!

Last Call: Join Us on the Lobster Roll Cruise!



Ahoy Matey! We're heading out into the Bay on Thursday, September 5th to enjoy a fantastic lunch while relaxing in the sun-

shine (or in the shade). You'll need to bring some cash as there are two cash bars onboard offering a wide selection of beverages for purchase. Directions: In Dennis, at the intersec-

tion of Route 134 & Route 6A turn right onto Bridge Street, then right onto Sesuit Neck Road. Park in the Town of Dennis Municipal Marina, 351 Sesuit Neck Road. Look for the boat named "Lobster Roll!" Boarding is at 12:30, and the boat leaves at 1 PM sharp. We'll return around 2:30 PM.

-----PLEASE PRINT VERY CLEARLY and SAVE THE TOP PORTION FOR YOUR RECEIPT-----

Name: _____

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email: _____ Day of event Phone: _____

Indicate #: Chicken Caesar Salad _____ Lobster roll _____ Roast Beef Rollup _____

Veggie Rollup _____ Lobster Caesar Salad _____

tickets @ \$45/each (member) = \$ _____ # tickets @ \$55 (non-member) = \$ _____

Additional Donation = \$ _____ Total Enclosed for Lobster Roll Cruise \$ _____

Drop off your registration & payment (check payable to FOBS) at Sea Captains' Thrift Shop (66 Harwich Road) or mail to FOBS, PO Box 2310, Brewster MA 02631. **Registration & payment is first come, first served!**

Are you Coming? It's the Party of the Year! Join Us for "A Taste of Crosby Mansion."



We hope to see you on Sunday, September 29th, 3-5 p.m., at 163 Crosby Lane. Come and enjoy appetizers and drinks with your friends and neighbors as we wind down from summer. Capacity is limited and we've sold out 2 years in a row! Sign up below. We'll have Door Prizes and a fantastic selection of Silent Auction items too!

Proceeds from the Silent Auction will be dedicated to the purchase of a new vehicle for the COA. Ticket price includes a drink (beer, wine, or soda) and lots of great appetizers and great conversations! Cash bar (\$5) also available for additional beer and wine.

Name: _____

Name: _____

Email OR phone: _____

_____ @ \$ 15.00/ea. = \$ _____ Extra Fundraising Donation = \$ _____ Total enclosed: \$ _____

Tickets must be reserved and paid for by September 23, 2024. No Ticket Sales at the Door

Mail this form and your check to Friends of Brewster Seniors, P.O. Box 2310, Brewster, MA 02631 or drop it off at Sea Captains' Thrift Shop, 66 Harwich Road, Brewster (open M-Sat, 10-4)



SEA CAPTAINS' THRIFT SHOP

66 Harwich Road ~ (508) 896-8180

Donna Bowie, Manager

If in doubt about purchasing or donating, please call first.
HOURS: MON - SAT, 10-4
Donations Accepted Daily: 11 - 2pm
We Don't Accept Credit Cards...Sorry!

"September! The world shall now transform into pumpkin (spice) everything."

... Keith Wynn

Our volunteer staff could use a few additions as we head into the fall. Do you have just 3 hours per week to give to Sea Captains' Thrift? You will work with wonderful volunteers committed to our mission of helping Brewster seniors. We are dedicated to keeping seniors engaged in their community through volunteerism, a monthly newsletter and events throughout the year. Please consider supporting your community with your time and talent at Sea Captains'. Applications are available at the thrift shop or call (508-896-8081) and we'll mail an application to you.

Whew! The relentless, steamy heat of summer has left at last; or so we hope. With the change of season upon us, Sea Captains' has changed as well. August 25th saw the shop transformed by our experienced six member crew of volunteer "flippers".

The change (flip) into fall/early winter offerings was a 4 hour project of beehive-like activity. And "Voila!", visitors about to leave the Cape and farsighted locals will find goodies galore, which will be ready Monday, August 26th. All remaining summer goods will be available in the ANNEX at \$1.00 per item.

Sea Captains' is now accepting fall/winter clothing and accessories each day, 11-2, back door only. All clothing must be **CURRENT, CLEAN & COMPLETE.**

September is the perfect time to thank the entire volunteer staff, regular & substitute, for going above and beyond during these past summer months. Kudos to ALL!



Saturday, September 28th is National Good Neighbor Day!

Sure, we're all busy and sometimes don't have time to do one more thing other than wave hello to our neighbors! But try to go one step further on this particular day – stop and say hello and ask how they are; bake an extra loaf of bread when using that abundant supply of zucchini from the garden; help them clear their yard; offer them -- especially the

elderly -- some help if needed.

Maybe it's as simple as giving them your phone number to call if they ever need something! Many of Brewster's elderly do not have family nearby, so knowing there is someone they can call is a "great relief" even if they never actually call you.

These are just a few suggestions, maybe you can think of something else to do on "National Good Neighbor Day." Remember – one small gesture can make the world of difference. We all need and should be "good neighbors!"

Tips for Using our New Website

Please be patient as we work out bugs. When signing up for an event, membership, or making a donation, you need to eventually **PROCEED TO CHECKOUT** in order to enter your name, etc.

Yes, it's still **BOCCE** weather! You don't need to sign up, you just need to show up. We meet Mondays at 4 PM down at the COA. The court has been refreshed by the DPW and we weed it weekly. We've added some new players, but many of our regulars are playing too. Stop down & join in the fun, or just cheer the players on!

What are You Waiting For?

The Friends operates on a calendar year basis, so if you're interested in the many discounts still available this year, you'll need to sign up now to get them! Membership forms are available at the Sea Captains' Thrift Shop and on the website at www.friendsofbrewsterseniors.org. It's a small, but great investment, benefitting you and other Brewster Seniors, too. Membership questions? Contact **Kathy Macdonald** at khelenmack@comcast.net

Calendar of Friends' Events

Sep 5 - Lobsta' Roll Cruise
Sep 29 - A Taste of Crosby
Mansion - YES!
Oct TBD Sip & Paint?
Dec TBD Holiday on the Cape
Dec TBD Holiday Luncheon

Searching for New Board & Committee Members! Want to Help Serve the Needs of Brewster Seniors?

The Friends Need You!!

General questions? Please contact President Marilyn Dearborn @ 508-385-2881 (home #) or any Board Member to learn more about the Friends.

2024 Friends Board of Directors

Donna Bowie, Thrift Shop ♦ Suzanne Dean ♦ Marilyn Dearborn, President ♦ Ronnie Dickens
Elizabeth "Sam" Gardiner, Secretary ♦ Jane Hester, Treasurer ♦
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**Open meetings are held monthly on the 2nd Wednesday at 9:30 AM at the
Brewster Bible Alliance Church, Rte. 6A. You're encouraged to attend!**

Email: brewsterfriends@gmail.com ♦ visit Facebook pages ♦ www.friendsofbrewsterseniors.org

The Friends of Brewster Seniors is a 501c3 nonprofit organization whose mission is to support, promote & enrich Brewster's senior residents and the Brewster COA through annual participant support, donations & fund-raising. The Friends welcome you to become involved with our many activities and events.

Happy September!

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