
New Years News

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COASTAL NEIGHBORS NETWORK

Village Matters

The Coastal Neighbors Network board sends you best wishes for a happy and healthy New Year. Here is some of our news - all good!

Thank you!

First of all, a huge thank you to all who have helped us so far in our effort to get Coastal Neighbors Network off the ground. The board has been steadfast and committed, but so too have many committee members, the media, community organizations and town leaders. We hope you will continue to recognize and support CNN as a community resource that will benefit its members, their families and the larger Dartmouth community by enabling members to stay active, safe, and at home.

Beacon Hill Village 15th anniversary

Beacon Hill Village is celebrating its 15th anniversary this year with a simulcast of Atul Gawande, the inspiring doctor and author of "Being Mortal," who will be addressing all villages in the Village to Village Network on February 13 from 5:00 PM-6:00 PM. We will be live streaming his talk, and will host a follow-up "Coffee and Conversation." We are still working on the details and will keep you posted on the location for this event. Save the date!

Formal designation as a 501c3

CNN received its 501(c)(3) designation before Christmas. We are thrilled because it means we can initiate significant fundraising. If we are successful in raising \$75,000 over the next few months, our projected opening for June 2017 will be realized! While we still have much work to do, we will hold a few special fundraising gatherings to encourage those who are able to make founding donations to help us start in a strong financial position — that is, with one year's operating expenses in the bank. We will be reaching out to you in the coming weeks and we will welcome your support at whatever level you can contribute. We know from the experience of villages in the entire Village to Village Network that membership dues cover only 60% -70% (on average) of the cost of running a village, so the success of our fundraising effort will be paramount.

New website

We are developing a website for Coastal Neighbors Network. It is currently a "work in progress" but you are welcome to visit the site and watch it unfold. It will be full of valuable information as we get closer to the date our Village becomes fully operational. [Coastal Neighbors Network](#)

Grant proposal pending

We have submitted a grant proposal to Leadership Southcoast (www.leadershipsouthcoast.org) to engage a team of professionals in marketing CNN and put the finishing touches on our policies and procedures. We are impressed with the positive outcomes of past work that the Leadership Southcoast teams have done for other non-profits and hope CNN will be chosen as one of their grantees.

Presentation to the Dartmouth COA

We will be making a presentation to the Dartmouth Council on Aging Board in February. We hope this will be the beginning of a powerful collaboration and a positive working relationship.

We encourage you to forward this to Dartmouth friends (over 50) to keep them informed about our virtual village. If you are on Facebook, you can also help by [liking and sharing our page](#).

Your friendly CNN Board,

Kate Fentress, Chair
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Interesting Reading

Tips for Creating a Home for Aging Owners

[New York Times 30 Dec 2016](#)

What is Olding?

[Voices of Aging 1 Nov 2016](#)

The Mission of Coastal Neighbors Network is to enable Dartmouth residents 50 and over to remain at home and to stay connected through a range of services provided by volunteers and approved vendors. We are a non-profit membership organization dedicated to the concept of Aging in Place.

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