



## Please Welcome the Newest Members of the Bay Spring Community Center!

We're thrilled to be joined by the Alssid Family, Anna Amiradaki, Tristan and Doreen Barako, Bob and Celeste Corriveau, Rebecca Copple, David Bates, Joy Hearn, and Dexter Nieforth.

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## Make New Friends When You Join the BSCC!

Become a Friend of the BSCC and join a vibrant community filled with art, music, activities and more. Checks can be made payable to "BSCC" and sent to Bay Spring Community Center, P.O. Box 184 Barrington, RI 02806.

\_\_\_ \$20 \_\_\_ \$50 \_\_\_ \$75 \_\_\_ \$100 \_\_\_ Other

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Your membership makes BSCC events possible by supporting our newsletters, website, supplies and more. We will never sell or share your contact info.

## EVENTS

### January

18 - Sparky's Puppets Snowy Lands  
21 - Programming Meeting  
22 - Book Club

### February

1 - Chinese New Year Celebration / Pot Luck 5:00  
4 - Programming Meeting 7:00  
8 - Local Brew 7:00  
15 - Teen Night 7:00  
18 - Programming Meeting 7:00  
20 - Open Meeting about FEMA Flood Insurance Changes 7:00  
26 - Book Club † 7:00

### March

4 - Programming Meeting 7:00  
18 - Programming Meeting 7:00  
26 - Book Club † 7:00

### April

8 - Programming Meeting 7:00  
12 - Local Brew w/Cajun Hobos Dance Lessons TBD  
22 - Programming Meeting 7:00  
23 - Book Club † 7:00

### May

6 - Programming Meeting 7:00  
17 - Yard and Plant Sale  
20 - Programming Meeting 7:00  
28 - Book Club † 7:00

### June

7 - Local Brew w/ Len Cabral 7:00  
25 - Book Club † 7:00

† Visit [www.bsccri.org](http://www.bsccri.org) for book club selection

## FEMA Flood Insurance Set for Major Increase; BSCC to Host Expert Panel on Feb. 20 to Discuss Implications

Unless plans are changed by federal legislation, FEMA flood insurance rates are set to jump by as much as five times the current levels in mid-2014. To help Barrington residents understand the implications of this change and their options, BSCC will be hosting a panel discussion and Q&A session during the February 20th open meeting at 7:00 PM. Expected panel participants include representatives from the Town of Barrington, local building contractors, surveyors, legal and insurance experts, and realtors. Together, they will address:



- Changes to the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)
- How these changes will impact homeowners
- When these changes take effect
- What you can do to decrease your FEMA flood insurance costs

This meeting is free and open to all Barrington residents. Stay tuned on the BSCC website and Facebook page for further details and the complete panel lineup.

## Come Celebrate the Chinese New Year and the Year of the Horse With Us

A Chinese New Year Celebration / Pot Luck on Saturday, February 1 at 5:00 PM will include a tea ceremony, tai chi demo, and lecture on the history of Chinese New Year. The evening will end with the release of Chinese lanterns. Everyone is welcome!



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Friends of the Bay Spring Community Center is a 501(c)(3) so all donations are tax-deductible!

## Programming Committee Needs Your Input!

The Programming Committee wants your help. From the list below, please let us know what programs interest you. Send your suggestions to the **Programming Committee at [BSCCprogramming@gmail.com](mailto:BSCCprogramming@gmail.com)**.

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| <i>Children</i>          | <i>Teen</i>              | <i>Adult</i>             |
| <i>Arts &amp; Crafts</i> | <i>Knitting Club</i>     | <i>Health</i>            |
| <i>Gardening</i>         | <i>Music</i>             | <i>Dance</i>             |
| <i>Yoga</i>              | <i>Theater</i>           | <i>Writer's workshop</i> |
| <i>Poetry Slam</i>       | <i>Movie Nights</i>      | <i>Game Nights</i>       |
| <i>Book Club</i>         | <i>Other Suggestions</i> |                          |

Look at our calendar in this newsletter for many upcoming programs, including a new Book Club that will begin meeting the fourth Wednesday of every month. See our website for the monthly book title. We are also planning a Family Arts Night in March (date TBD). Like our Facebook page and visit our website for updates on these events and more!

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## BSCC and the Joys of a Unique Playground

“Mom I want to go to that fun playground. With the trees and the really big slide!” This was how my 5-year old recently described the Bay Spring Community Center’s playground. It is one of her favorites, and even through the winter we have found ourselves there. Outside playtime can already be limited in today’s world of indoor digital interaction; add to that a frigid winter and it’s easy to see the concern for Vitamin D deficiencies. But when Mother Nature gives us the occasional respite from sub-freezing temperatures, the novelty of the playground often tops our list of what to do. Sometimes we squeeze in a quick 15 or 20 minutes of slides and swings during errands, other times we meet up with a couple of friends for over an hour enjoying a hot coffee while the kids play. Having a few playgrounds in town to choose from is quite nice as I have seen my children inspired to play a little differently at each one, and I believe the variety of equipment contributes to the development of a range of gross motor skills. For my 5-year old of course it’s just fun to play hide and seek behind the trees and enjoy that “really big slide.”



## We Are Fired Up About Luminary Night Success!

Thank you to everyone who worked to make the Second Annual Luminary Night on Saturday, December 21, a resounding success. Neighborhood captains, Friends of the Bay Spring Community Center, and local merchants helped to line driveways, walkways, and storefronts throughout Barrington with more than 1,300 luminaries.

Not only was this a beautiful way for the entire town to celebrate the Winter Solstice, but more than \$2,000 was raised for programs at the Community Center.

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## Fundraising Committee Members Needed

The Fundraising Committee is still looking for members interested in supporting the BSCC in a variety of ways. We are working on grant applications to submit to several charitable foundations and arts organizations this spring. Building on the huge success of Luminary Night, we would like to create at least one other community-based fundraising event for 2014. Anyone interested in helping in any way with Fundraising, please contact **Duncan Maio at [dmaio@verizon.net](mailto:dmaio@verizon.net)**.



Friends and fans gathered for the December 7th Local Brew and Artisan Craft Fair with Bay Spring Folk and headliners The Gnomes. The next Local Brew will be February 8th and feature Ken Totushek, The Swampbirds, Stephen Venuti, MeccaLilly, and The Edibles.

## Membership Drive Continues!

Thank you to our members who have renewed their memberships recently. We have heard from about half of you so far, so please send in your payment today if you have not done so already (a membership form is included in this newsletter). Membership dues benefit everyone by defraying the costs of programs (thereby keeping the entry fees low for you) and newsletters, and by helping pay for continued improvements to the Community Center.

