



BAY SPRING COMMUNITY CENTER NEWS

April 2015

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April

- 11 ARTS ALIVE! Master Class Performance of "Almost, Maine" 1PM
- 11 Local Brew "Spring Fling" 7PM
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- 19 Sunday Music: Michael Fishel Bresler and Phil Edmonds 3PM

May

- 9 The Currents 7PM
- 11 FBSCC Open Meeting 7PM

For the most up-to-date event and activity information, check our online events listing at:

<http://www.bsccri.org/calendar-of-events/>

Are you interested in proposing an event, concert, educational program or other activity to be held at the BSCC? Submit your proposal at:

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A Special Thank You

We'd like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Bindu Mallick and Deb Rota for their fantastic work making the "Light Up the Night" luminary event such a success. You ladies are awesome!



Local Brew Five for \$5 Packs the House

Despite the disruption caused by the snow, we managed to get one great event onto the stage in February and March and it was a doozy. The Local Brew "Five for \$5" event filled the BSCC with an enthusiastic crowd that came together to enjoy five different fantastic musical acts.

Visit the [BSCC YouTube Channel](#) to see videos of all five of these acts

YouTube as well as past performers.



BSCC Strategic Planning Making Great Progress

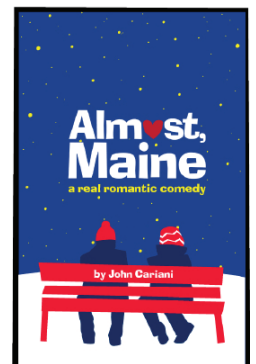
The BSCC Strategic Planning process has continued to move forward during the winter months, with the Strategic Plan on track to be completed this Spring. Thanks so much to everyone who contributed to the effort through the strategic planning survey. Your input was invaluable!

During April, the Strategic Planning Committee will be seeking input from key constituencies including the Town of Barrington, past FBSCC Chairs, seniors, and youth. For more information on this work, contact Julian Alssid at jalssid0815@gmail.com.

Get Ready to Visit "Almost, Maine"

ARTS ALIVE! presents its Master Class performance of John Cariani's play, "Almost, Maine", directed by Dena Davis. This advanced group of teen actors will perform the popular, award-winning play on April 11 and 12 on the BSCC stage and you won't want to miss it.

Find out more at <http://www.bsccri.org/event/arts-alive-almost-maine/>



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To foster a community spirit and to engage and enrich Barrington by bringing neighbors together through a variety of social, artistic, cultural and educational activities.

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Community Memories — John Marchand

by Magi Green

The Bay Spring Community is one full of history. From time to time, we'll be sharing some of that history through the voices of community members. While we'll publish excerpts from the essays here, the complete stories of our friends and neighbors will always be available on the BSCC website at <http://www.bsccri.org/community>.

"A magical, innocent time of joy is my memory of growing up in the Bay Spring area of West Barrington". Born in 1945 John Marchand, Jr. shared his memories of growing up surrounded by family in a time when life was so less complicated.

A Place for Generations to Grow Up Together

The area is blessed with many residents who were related to the original settlers. John's cousin Tommy Phillips still resides in their grandfather's home at 10 Rose Lane. The house was originally built by their grandfather Vincent F. Phillips who was born in 1891. His father Tom Phillips came from England. John's father, John Marchand, Sr. was a fireman at the local fire house on Narragansett Ave. which is now the Bay Spring Community Center.

A Different Sort of Life

Life was much simpler. Children would spend their days quahogging; spending time at Ashman's Spa, a combination of convenience store, soda fountain, grills and juke box. Ice cream at Coopers Ice Treat was always delicious... Serbea's Soda Services was another great place. Jolly playgrounds and Lavin's Campgrounds, always something to do, never enough time.

Hurricane Carol

The unexpected arrival of Hurricane Carol in 1954 remains vividly clear... He was gathering quahogs with his feet for his mother so she could make chowder for dinner when the storm began. "It was like the calm before the storm". The skies were bright, the water calm and all of a sudden the skies blackened and the rain and wind began. The family tried to stay in their home but when it became obvious it might not be safe they rushed to the fire station. His youngest sister Paula was wrapped in extra blankets as she had the mumps.

John Marchand, Jr. graduated Barrington High School in 1963. He bravely enlisted in the U. S. Navy and after boot camp served in the Seabees in Vietnam. Divorced, he is the proud father of three and grandfather of three. He worked in various construction businesses and retired as an Estimator Construction Manager for Coordinated Metals.

Spending time with John I am reminded about the importance of living your life to the fullest. He has survived many challenges; now blind in one eye and requiring a wheelchair, he is a resident of Atria Bay Spring Village. He has a thirst for learning and studying historical history. There is much we cannot change in our lives. Yesterday is gone but for John, today is a new day and there is so much to learn and stories to tell.

Read the complete essay at <http://www.bsccri.org/community>



John Marchand circa 1965

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