



# BAY SPRING COMMUNITY CENTER NEWS

June 2015

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## June

- 6 Local Brew with the Atwater-Donnelly Trio 7PM
  - 18 ARTS ALIVE! Musical Review 5:30PM
  - 20 Battle of the Bands 6:30 PM
- Have a great summer & we'll see you in September!

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? Let us know at:

<http://www.bsccri.org/get-involved/>



## Thanks to Everyone for Their Help on the Strategic Planning Initiative

The future looks bright for the BSCC if the strategic planning initiative has anything to say about it. With the volunteer committee serving as the focal point, we gathered input and ideas from past Board members, Town officials, community residents (including local teens and residents of Atria Bay Spring), and from the membership through an online survey as well as our recent open meeting with the Board (photo below). Stay tuned for more news and updates.



## The Currents: Audience & Speakers Share the Love

On Mother's Day Eve, community members gathered with four great speakers sharing their thoughts on the topic of "Love" at the May edition of The Currents.

Professor Mark Johnson led off with a hilarious yet informative look at plant sex (and we will never listen to "Let's Get it On" the same way ever again!). We were then joined by poet Karen Donovan, who read an original work, writer Chris Watson and his tale of going to sea for the first time, and the Reverend Patrick Greene, who offered a wonderful conclusion to the evening.



*The Reverend Patrick Greene*

Visit the [BSCC YouTube Channel](#) to see videos of three of our presenters as well as other performers who have joined us on the BSCC stage or out in the yard.



## Local Students Wow with Improv, Theatre & Volunteers

Local students brought two very different and entertaining performances to the BSCC stage in April and May. First, the students of the ARTS ALIVE! program wowed audiences with a fantastic presentation of John Cariani's play, "Almost, Maine", directed by Dena Davis.



*It Is What It Is performs*

The original improv group, It Is What It Is, had the audience rolling with laughter during an afternoon of lightning-fast and hilarious original comedy.

And lastly, thank you so much to Ms. Elaine Varone and her Life Skills class at Barrington High for their time and efforts delivering our newsletters this year!

## A Special Thank You to Gia Drummy and Susan Wood

As members of the FBSCC Board for the last seven years, Gia Drummy and Susan Wood helped guide the BSCC to new levels of activity, increase membership, and raise the profile of the organization. While they are now stepping down from the Board, we are thrilled to know that they will continue to serve as volunteers. Thank you, Gia and Susan, for your passion for this great community!



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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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## Volunteer Profile: Denise Conway, A Tough Act to Follow

“A tough act to follow!” These are the first words that come to mind when thinking about Denise Conway and her role as BSCC Programming Committee Chair. Back in 2013 as the community center was preparing for its Grand Reopening, Denise was among the first handful of members to volunteer her time to be part of the fledgling programming committee.

Under Denise’s leadership, the BSCC has steadily expanded the amount and scope of programming promoting “Arts & Culture” in the community with shows ranging from spoken word to classical guitar, puppet shows to pow-wows, and folk-rock to rock & roll. She also worked closely with committee members to answer questions critical to the BSCC’s ability to be a resource for the community, including what type of programs should the BSCC consider hosting, how would events would be paid for, and more.

So it was a great disappointment to learn that the demands of full-time employment as a speech therapist have made it necessary for Denise to resign as Programming Committee Chair. Though the committee will continue to build on the foundation she helped to lay, she will be missed.



## Clean as a Whistle, Courtesy of Our Volunteers

Thanks to everyone who turned out for the BSCC Spring Clean-up in April! With more than 10 volunteers on hand, the grounds and inside were looking great in time for our April concerts.

## Did You Get to See these Tremendous Performances in April, May and June?



John Wiening

*The Atwater-Donnelly Trio featuring Aubrey Atwater, Elwood Donnelly & Cathy Clasper-Torch*

THE FINAL LOCAL BREW OF THE 2014-2015 SEASON



*Michael Fishel Bresler and Phil Edmonds*



## Become a member at WWW.BSCCRI.ORG & make some new friends!

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

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