

FRIENDS OF SAXONVILLE

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Shivaun's Pettsitting & More Business Member Feature

by David Longden

Saxonville is the home to a good number of small businesses. Many of these can go unnoticed by residents, until they find they are in need of a particular product or service.

One of the more unique companies is **Shivaun's Pettsitting & More**. Originally based in Wayland, owner Shivaun Pryor is now a Saxonville resident. Since 2005, Shivaun and her staff have been caring for pets while their owners are away for a reasonable fee. Are you going on vacation? Shivaun will visit your 4-legged roommates – feeding, petting and even grooming your pets, keeping them in good shape without sending them to a kennel.

Shivaun has a lot of experience with animal care. Several years ago she worked at a nearby children's farm, taking care of the chickens and ponies. She demonstrated the proper ways of feeding and grooming them to the groups of children who visited the farm every day. Later, Shivaun decided to put this experience to work for her and started her own pet care service.

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(Above) Shivaun Pryor and canine client Cosmos. (Inset) Shivaun's hand made canvas tote bags are available for purchase in three sizes; suitable for a water bottle and snack, towel and bathing suit, or books. © Damianos Photography

Jingle Bell Day 2013

by Laura Melegos

December 14, 2013 was a frigid New England day, but those braving the cold to come to Pinefield Shopping Center found Robinsons Hardware hosting their annual holiday horse-drawn hayride. Kids and kids-at-heart enjoyed the smooth ride the Percheron horses provided, creating an old-time Currier & Ives feel to the day. The Friends of Saxonville created a Jingle Bell Café for the second time. This year it was held in the old Landoz Hometowne Grille space where the Friends offered hot chocolate, hot apple cider, coffee, a selection of delicious holiday cookies and brownies, plus a spot in which to keep warm and engage in good conversation. Again, the Friends handed out jingle bells for all those



(Above) Iris and Joe of "Round Midnight" perform at Robinsons.



(Top right) Anne Schloder of Robinsons Hardware. (Bottom) Horse-drawn hayride departs Robinsons. (Bottom left) At the Jingle Bell Café, (front, l to r) John Melegos, volunteer and FOS Board Members Paula Longden, Laura Melegos, Mary McCarty and Lynne Damianos (back) David Longden, Susan Silva, Jeremy Longden, John Stasik and Sean Longden. © Damianos Photography



attending. There were lots of happy-chocolate faced children enjoying the holiday atmosphere.

The Pinefield merchants helped make the day special with raffles, entertainment and promotions. Walgreens also held a photo opportunity with Santa!

Wayne Anthony and Lynn Hess of the V.F.W. Post 929 Framingham held a 50/50 raffle. There was also an opportunity to purchase the Friends' new glassware benefiting the Athenaeum renovation project. See www.Saxonville.org for more details.

Jingle Bell Day is usually held the first Saturday in December, but check in with Robinsons or the Friends of Saxonville website for confirmation as the time approaches. Mark your calendar for this annual free and family-fun event right here in Saxonville! ❖

Athenaeum Corner

by John Stasik

The Athenaeum Restoration is on track and on schedule.

In May of 2013, the Framingham Town Meeting approved funds to prepare final restoration construction documents for the Athenaeum Hall. Through the summer and fall of 2013, town officials worked with the Friends of Saxonville to create a public request document that described the purpose and goals of the Athenaeum Restoration Project. In December, town officials released the request seeking qualified firms interested in doing the project.

A selection committee consisting of the Town Manager, the Director of Building Facilities Management, a member of the Board of Selectmen and three members from The Friends of Saxonville Athenaeum Task Force is now interviewing firms that have submitted proposals. By mid March, a firm will be selected and the Design Development phase will begin.

The chosen firm, working in partnership with town professional staff, the Framingham Disability Commission and the Project Advisory Committee, will submit a plan to Town Meeting that will fulfill the goals and purposes of the restoration. The design development team will utilize existing design information plus new information obtained from meetings with interested individuals, groups and government committees to insure a fully transparent and public process. From this plan all subsequent Construction Documents will be

created. These construction documents will provide the builder all of the necessary information to perform the restoration and will provide the designer an accurate cost estimate for the entire project.

The complete design report and costs will be available for a Town Meeting final decision in the fall of 2014 with a proposed construction start date in 2015. The Request for Qualifications released to the public in December is available on The Friends of Saxonville web site – www.Saxonville.org.

The Athenaeum Task Force is very interested in your thoughts regarding The Athenaeum Restoration project. Please email your questions, suggestions and concerns to jstasik@verizon.net. ❖

The Athenaeum has been a community hall for Framingham residents for over a century. In recognition of that fact, the task force is assembling a collection of memories, photos and memorabilia of past events to help jog memories and give new ideas for future uses for the Hall. If you have a story, a photo, a program or news clip of an event that occurred in the Athenaeum that you would like to add to our assembly, please contact John Stasik at (508) 877-6771 or jstasik@verizon.net. – Thank you!

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Shivaun's Pettsitting & More Business Member Feature

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Now, nine years later, she has a regular group of local clients she serves while they travel for business, go away for weekends, or are at work. Shivaun feeds their pets and provides company to keep them from getting too stressed while their human friends are away.

Shivaun can care for various types of pets, but has her limits. "I don't do snakes," she says, and also draws the line at mice, rats and similar rodents. Dogs, cats, chickens, turtles, and guinea pigs are okay. Dogs are her favorite, since there was a beagle in her house when she was a child. "I would like to find someone who needs me to watch their ponies," says Shivaun. "But there aren't that many around this area." She is also looking to add other pet care givers to her staff.



Shivaun likes the freedom her job provides. "I am my own boss; I can set my schedule," she says. She is an active supporter of the Friends of Saxonville, and is



Shivaun Pryor and canine client Cosmos. © Damianos Photography
Shivaun's Pettsitting logo by Lisa Thompson Graphic Design

a business member. Shivaun has participated in many of our monthly board meetings. We are glad to have such a unique service and supportive business member in our village.

For more information, visit www.MetrowestPetsitting.com or contact Shivaun at (508) 816-8310, or shivaunpryor@yahoo.com ❖.

Annual Meeting: Wednesday, March 26

by Lynne Daminaos

Please join us for the Friends of Saxonville Annual Meeting to be held Wednesday, March 26 at 7:00 pm at Edwards Church Education Building, 39 Edwards Street.

There will be light refreshments and time for socializing followed by a special speaker and our annual meeting. It's a great time to find out what's going on in Saxonville and to see your neighbors. ❖



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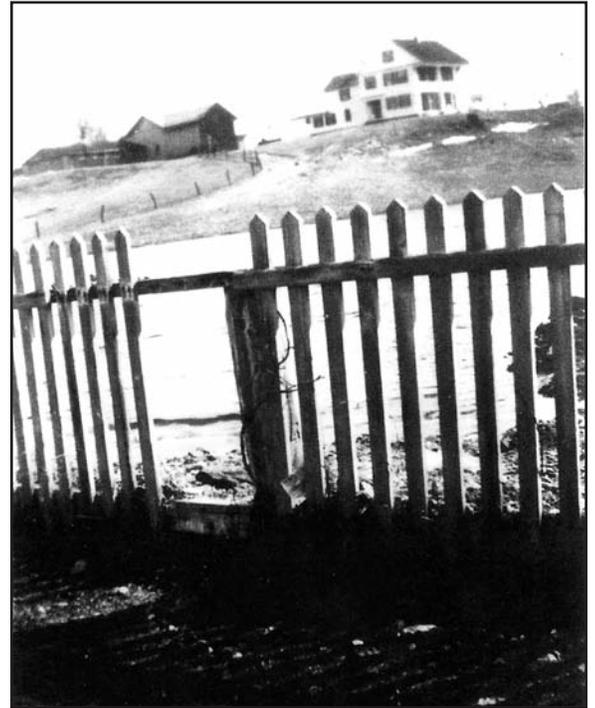
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Trivia Question ?

by Susan Silva



Do you remember where this farm was located in Saxonville?



Please visit www.Saxonville.org for the correct answer

Vibes from the Village • by Mary McCarty

- Liberty's Famous Pizza's roof sign has been designated as Historic. It is much in need of repair and will be restored.
- The Town of Framingham has reached a settlement agreement with Ellingwood Construction of Meadow Street to achieve an orderly, predictable and certain wind-down of its recycling operations with "hard stop" dates for cessation of all recycling and grinding activities and removal of all materials that have been undertaken by Ellingwood for approximately the last 25 years. All materials will be removed and the berm area returned to grade by September 1, 2016.
- Best wishes and good luck to our Board Member Brian LeFort who has announced his candidacy for Massachusetts State Representative.

Friends of Saxonville Membership

by Paula Longden

The Friends of Saxonville runs on a fiscal year of May 1 through April 30. Each year we ask our members to renew their membership, currently \$25 for individuals and \$50 for businesses. Your support helps to offset the costs of printing and sending these newsletters, running special events in the community, and maintaining areas such as the Carol Getchell Nature Trail.

If you have not yet paid your annual dues, please consider making your payment today by mail, or visit our website www.Saxonville.org to pay electronically. If you are unsure that you have already sent in your payment, please contact treasurer Paula Longden at paula.longden@verizon.net or (508) 877-7034.

Thank you for being a member and for supporting our efforts! ❖



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The mission of the Friends of Saxonville is to educate the public about the special identity of Saxonville, an historic neighborhood of Framingham, Massachusetts, and to preserve, enhance, and protect its cultural, economic, environmental and historical qualities.

Membership fees help support our initiatives, newsletter, and our annual Discover Saxonville events.

Please renew your membership or consider joining us for the first time. If you renewed already – Thank you!

If your membership is not up to date, this may be the last newsletter you will receive.

Memberships or Donations:

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Or detach form below and mail your check to:

Friends of Saxonville, P.O. Box 3236
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- Connection to this wonderful village: Priceless!

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- 9. You love Saxonville.
- 8. You love Saxonville history.
- 7. You like to hear people say, "Friends of where"?
- 6. To learn about local lore; what's true and what's gossip.
- 5. To keep up to date on the Cochituate Rail Trail, Carol J. Getchell Trail, Danforth Bridge, and Athenaeum.
- 4. To help preserve the history of the oldest part of our town.
- 3. FOS members are my new BFFs!
- 2. Saxonville is historical, hip and happening.
- 1. We need you to complete us!**



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Jingle Bell Day 2013



FOS Board Member Laura Melegos hands out jingle bells on the horse-drawn wagon. © Damianos Photography



Jeff Underwood of Robinsons Hardware. © Damianos Photography