

# The BallardVale Gazette

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## BALLARDVALE BLOCK PARTY!



**Date:** Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup>  
(Rain Date: Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>)  
**Time:** 12:00pm - 4:00pm  
**Place:** BallardVale Playground

The Date is getting Closer! Mark your calendars & join your neighbors for an afternoon of food and fun at the BallardVale Playground

- **Hamburgers & Hotdogs**
- **Moon Walk**
- **Face Painting**
- **Playground Activities**
- **Free Raffle**

We will be asking families to bring a potluck side dish & 2 liter bottle of soda or juice. Grills will also be available to people who would prefer to bring items that are not on the party menu. Everyone is welcome to bring lawn chairs, blankets, bikes, balls and other playground toys and activities.

We are estimating a turn out of at least 150 people. However, the more feedback we receive the better planning we can do with purchasing the food, paper goods, etc. The following are a list of sponsors who have helped to insure that this first event is a success.

### Sponsors:

The McCarron Family  
The Taylor Family  
The Huntress Family  
Elm Street Automotive  
Genetics Institute  
BallardVale Laundry  
BallardVale Historic District Commission  
Sunday's General Store  
Spinner's Pizza  
KaBloom  
Starbucks  
Taylor Rental  
Strawberry Tree Gifts  
Jafra Cosmetics

Thanks to all those that have helped us plan for the event, and there is still a lot of work to do! If you want to be involved, send us an email or give us a call. If you would like to donate, please make checks payable to the *BallardVale Block Party* and forward them to the address below. We look forward to hearing from you, and seeing you on September 8<sup>th</sup>!

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**All parking restrictions will be in effect.  
We suggest walking or using the MBTA Lot.**

## BallardVale Historic District Commission Members

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As you can see, we have two vacant positions on the commission. If you have an interest in serving on the BallardVale Historic District Commission, or know someone who might be interested, please contact Chris or Diane at the above phone numbers or by email. For one of our vacant positions, we hope to find an architect with background and/or interest in historic preservation.

We plan to publish a BallardVale Gazette about every three months. Our newsletter will try to keep you updated on issues relative to the Historic District. We could include helpful articles with topics such as, "protection from lead paint during renovation", and "renovation tips to help retain the historic character of

your home"; or BallardVale history and trivia; or we can alert you to possible changes down the road such as, the future of our present B'Vale fire station, possible uses for our old fire house (now privately owned), proposed development in BallardVale, just to mention a few ideas. What would you like to see? We will always include a calendar of upcoming meetings/events that may be of interest to you. We can sponsor and plan events, such as historic walks thru BallardVale, a Spring clean-up and more. Please let us know what interests you. Contact Chris Huntress, Diane Derby or Richard Bowen by email or phone, or speak with any of our commission members.

### CALENDAR

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| Sept 4 (Tuesday)    | <b>ZBA: Continuation of PH for proposed Ballardvale Crossing development</b><br>School Committee Conference Room - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor - 7:00PM     |
| Sept 8 (Saturday)   | <b>BallardVale Neighborhood Block Party</b><br>BallardVale Playground - 12:00 to 4:00 PM  |
| Sept 9 (Sunday)     | <b>Rain Date for Block Party - Same time, same place</b>  |
| Sept 11 (Tuesday)   | <b>Planning Board: Continuation of PH for proposed Genetics Institute expansion</b><br>Town Offices - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room - 8:15 PM |
| Sept 12 (Wednesday) | <b>BallardVale Historic District Commission monthly meeting</b><br>Town Offices - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room - 7:00PM                      |
| October 3 (Wed)     | <b>BallardVale Historic District Commission monthly meeting</b><br>Town Offices - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room - 7:00 PM                     |

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*See you September 8<sup>th</sup> at the Block Party !*