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**From:** Comity [mailto:comity@comcast.net]

**Sent:** Thursday, February 12, 2009 6:58 PM

**To:** Ann Ormond

**Cc:** Laurie Contrino

**Subject:** Attention Laurie, text for event listing --- context for review by both Ann and Laurie

Please read bold text for quick review.

Some text/context, particularly that footnotes, may be taken/tailored from existing material.

Mayor Moak will be forwarded this exchange with a foreword; Mary Lou Supple addressed re image(s).

Tidings,

As explained in yesterday's exchange to the Chamber, hope to connect in the near future. In the interim, we are forwarding text for Chamber of Commerce 2009 – 2010 Guidebook (\*) --- as a "place marker" for an event listing --- and will forward potential image(s) directly to Mary Lou (as Laurie had suggested).

Word count 78 words (excluding attributes in parenthesis and alternate/optional text in brackets):

BEGIN TEXT for event description

**December 31, New Years Eve**

**Celebrate (and cerebrate) a "Once in a Blue Moon Opportunity"**

**Throughout the generations, the Waterside people of Newburyport have measured time and progress with the New and Full Moons that rise at the mouth of the Merrimack River ~ remarking milestones and marking benchmarks with each blue moon ~ an ideal opportunity to reorient and reflect, both individually and as a community. Come to know more about this "Motion of Comity" at [www.Comity.org](http://www.Comity.org).**

END TEXT

As footnoted below, hopeful a community event (of some nature) will evolve for this occasion --- and would like to resume discussions with the Chamber and Mayor Moak --- however the deadline for text as a "placemaker" is tomorrow, Friday, February 12.

Despite a medical "benchmark" to consider next month --- have begun to engage others (organizations) "in a Motion of Comity" for the upcoming old style calendar year (March 25, 2009 – March 24, 2010, tentatively termed, "The Year of Charting Courses").

Much more anon.

Take care.

Forwarded in a Motion of Comity,

The Dears, Ken and Dominique

[Comity.org](http://Comity.org)

[LordTimothyDexter.com](http://LordTimothyDexter.com)

\*\*\*\*\* FOOTNOTES \*\*\*\*\*

\* (As Ann and Mary Lou will recall) page 8 of the 2007 – 2008 Guidebook --- which cited the last (new style blue moon) "Once in a Blue Moon Opportunity" (May 31): Mary Lou had made no changes to the submitted text --- leaving the reader to resource the website for more details. Because of the space constraints, have made little changes except to indicate that this year, the new style blue moon falls on New Year's Eve.

[NOTE: To imply that plans are in motion for a celebration (and cerebation) of sorts to mark the occasion --- added the phrase "celebrate (and cerebrate), see footnote.\*\*]

\*\* Along with Michelle Landers, Comity was a source for the Newburyport Current article at <http://www.wickedlocal.com/newburyport/archive/x1295922114>. While not instigating the piece, Gillian Swart called for input, much as she had Michelle Landers and Mayor Moak. (She was assigned to report what happened to such celebrations in Newburyport.)

Smiled to read the mayor quoted in the article --- for have had similar conversations with him when he expressed his independent opinion that he would like to see the event resurrected in some fashion. With the last blue moon on May 31, 2007 --- had noted that the Waterside community should anticipate the next blue moon would fall on New Years Eve, December 31, 2009. And that seems a "once in a blue moon opportunity" to experiment with the experience anew. \*\*\*

\*\*\* While in that article, the mayor is quoted as mentioned fireworks (which were part of the earlier First Night celebrations) --- obviously this would be improbable to consider given the more "dire works" and fiscal times ahead. But there is no reason not to consider something along the lines his concept of "Newburyport Revisited" --- especially since Marquand's "Dexter Revisited" was published 1960 (marking a golden anniversary) --- the year after the conclusion of Warner's "Yankee City" series, Volume IV entitled "The Living and the Dead," published in 1959.

In 1949, the year that the restoration process of the First Religious Society's steeple was completed. The fundraising effort (as noted at the FRS website hyperlink [http://www.frsoo.org/ow\\_hist.htm](http://www.frsoo.org/ow_hist.htm)) was propelled with Marquand's exuberance. Reading this bit of history, it is something to which we should "a-spire" (pardon the pun). Marquand's eloquent homily to commence fundraising for the project, later published by the *American Unitarian Association* in the Christian Register (November 1949 issue) can be found at <http://www.harvardsquarelibrary.org/unitarians/marquand.html>. (Ken has some interesting photos with the full moon and FRS steeple he plans to use for a Comity.org webpage, so perhaps we can conspire to have those published in the 2009-2010 guidebook.)

Much of the "cerebation" (thinking) underway (just supposing in repose) --- although the mayor and Comity have yet (though hope) to catch up on this and that to revisit celebrations --- which had been considered when the movement was launched anew ten years ago in 1999 (and a half generation, then decade before). With the aforementioned published material in hand, common sense dictates that "Pain(e) is a terrible thing to waste."