

HIGHLIGHT

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The Newsletter of the High Street Hill Association

June 2007

A Neighborhood Tradition!

PONY RIDES
(from 4:30-5:30 only)

Exhibit of Pill Hill Art
(see "Extras" below)



Come to the HSHA

Annual Picnic on the Green

(Philbrick Square, top of Upland Road)

**Sunday, Father's Day, June 17
4 PM**

**Bring family, friends, a dish to share
and something to put on the grill**

Soft drinks and grills will be provided

Dues Appeal Update

We've had a great response from our annual dues appeal last month. A special thanks to the following who gave an extra donation to support the HSHA and its activities:

Ella M. Alkema	Alida and Tim Hanson
The Bakers	Theodore and Ruth-Arlene Howe
Mildred Ann Campbell	Reverend and Mrs. Thomas Kennedy
Sally and Bill Coughlin	James and Ruth Ann McDonald
Anastasia Davis	Kyra-Jean Montagu
Lisa Frost and Paul Zintl	Nicola Moscufo
Dozier and Sandra Gardner	Lucy and Dick Robb
Duncan and Ruth Gillan	Polly Shakespeare
Joan Lautenschleger and Jack Cummings	

Do You Have Energy Saving Recommendations?

Many of us are interested in making our old homes more energy efficient. However, there is so much to choose from on the market now, it is often difficult to know even which light bulbs work best. If you have had success with anything from a particular brand of energy efficient light bulb to an insulation contractor, send me the information, and I will compile a list to be used as a reference for our neighbors. (Having someone who has had success with a product is often a more reliable reference than a salesman!) Your reference should include: the product, the company & address for that product and your name and contact information. The list will then be posted along with references to the next *Highlight* and on our website.

Many thanks, Olivia Fischer Fox, 36 Upland Road, ofisherfox@comcast.net.

Brookline GreenSpace Alliance

**NEIGHBORHOOD
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Town of Brookline-Parks and Open Space

UPDATE

This spring over forty neighbors joined our effort to spruce up Olmsted Park. With the guidance of the Town's Division of Parks and Open Space we have raked, edged and mulched beds, removed knotweed and unclogged the Babbling Brook. It's been quite a success so far but we've got one more work date scheduled. Please join us Saturday, June 16, from 10am to 1pm. Tools will be provided and "Brookline Volunteer" T-shirts will be given to all who help out. Children welcome. Please meet at the parking lot near the intersection of Pond Avenue and Jamaica Road. Thanks to all who pitched in and special thanks to Park Department Project Leaders Christine Dean, Karen Ariele, John Gillis and Jim Casselman.

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Meet the New HSHA Board

Our Annual Meeting on April 23rd was a busy one. In addition to hearing from guest speaker Deirdre Buckley from Climate Change Action Brookline, we got a chance to ask questions of State Representative Jeffrey Sanchez, Town Administrator Rich Kelliher, Police Captain John O'Leary and Parks and Open Space Director Erin Chute Gallantine. We also inducted a new board. It includes a mix of old timers and new faces and will well represent the diverse residents of the High Street area.

We would like to thank outgoing board members Arlene Mattison, Cliff Reid, Luis Moreno, Rosemary Mahoney and Marie Schick for their past service. Arlene, a past president who has been on the board for many years, will be especially missed. In countless ways she has been a tireless advocate for our neighborhood and we have always appreciated her warm manner, political experience and good advice.

High Street Hill Association Board 2007-2008

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Highlight Extras

Check out www.highstreethill.org for these useful neighborhood links:

- **Now that "The Sopranos" is over whadda ya gonna do?** How about seeing what's happening on the mean streets of Brookline? The Weekly Police Blog, www.blog.brooklinepolice.com, has episodes that are worth viewing.
- **Feel like you're living life in the breakdown lane?** Maybe you are. Route 9 is getting ripped up and the Green line is due for an update. Get the latest news before you head out. Route 9 construction schedules are posted at www.pavert9.com and MBTA alerts are at www.mbta.com/rider_tools/transit_updates. By the way, the Green Line will be closed Saturday and Sunday, June 9 & 10, between Kenmore and Riderside. Busses will be available instead.
- **Grave Concerns?** If you missed Tom Elwertowski's wonderful Memorial Day tour at the Old Burying Ground on Walnut Street check out the photos and historical information he's posted on the HSHA site: www.highstreethill.org.
- **Front Porch Gallery For a Day** At the upcoming HSHA Picnic painter Virginia Jacobs will again display some of her latest works on the DeWitt's porch. If you missed last year's exhibit you can view her neighborhood scenes on the HSHA website.
- **Wet Paint But No Smoking** Before you sign a contract for painting the exterior of your home make sure your painter is fully compliant with the latest environmental policies just updated on the Town website. You just might avoid a fire like the one that occurred last week at 39 Irving Street. www.townofbrooklinemass.com/health/Environmental.html.

Save the Dates:

- Thurs, June 7** *The Brookline Neighborhood Alliance Annual Meeting, 7pm, MLK Room, BHS*
A Speech by Sam Bass Warner, Visiting Professor of Urban Studies and Planning at MIT
Also: Neighborhood Leadership Awards
- Thurs, June 14** *Planning Board Hearing for 224-228 Cypress St (Development Project at Foley's Liquor) scheduled for 8:15pm, Town Hall, 6th Floor*
- Sat, June 16** *Neighborhood Volunteers Work Date 10am-1pm. See page one.*
- Sun, June 17** *HSHA Annual Picnic 4pm-dark, Philbrick Square*
- Sat, June 23** *Brookline Climate Change Action Day Town Hall Plaza, 1-5pm (rain location BHS)*
Speakers: Congressman Barney Frank, State Representative Frank Smizik
Ross Gelbspan, author of "The Heat is On" and "Boiling Point"
Mindy Lubber, Ex Dir, Coalition for Environmentally Responsible Economies
Also: 40 environmental exhibitors, live music, food, alternative energy vehicles, activities for children, water dragon parade and an organized bike ride.