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The Newsletter of the High Street Hill Association

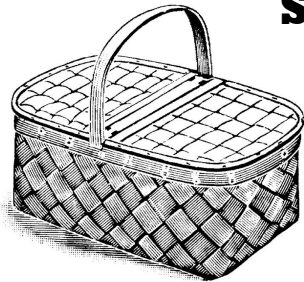
June 2010



Sunday, Father's Day, June 20

Bring family, friends, a dish to share and something for the grill

Soft drinks and grills will be provided



Pony Rides

(from 4:30 to 5:30 only)

Time to Act Locally

In 2008 Brookline's carbon footprint was approximately 540,000 tons of carbon dioxide-- 74% of which is residential-- making each of Brookline's 27,000 households responsible for 15 tons (the average Swedish home produces half of that). If each Brookline household reduced its carbon emissions by 5,000 pounds (15%) it would make a huge difference. That's the goal of Climate Change Action Brookline (CCAB).

Low Carbon Diet workshops, also called EcoTeams, are the way to make that goal happen. The workshops are based on the Low Carbon Diet book by David Gershon which builds on two decades of learning and a highly successful pilot program in which participants achieved a 22% (6,700 pound) annual CO2 reduction.

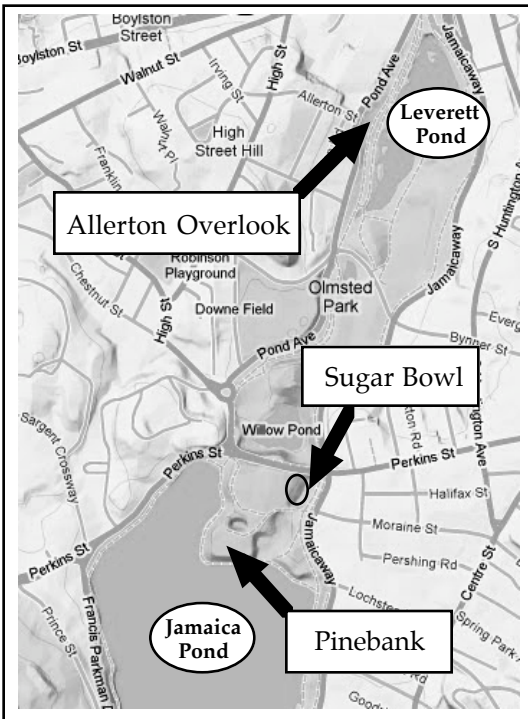
But what CCAB needs are HSHA liaisons, or neighborhood captains, to arrange the workshops and encourage neighbors to commit to something like a modern day Tupperware party. CCAB will provide the EcoTeam conveners. They just need someone to act as the Pill Hill "whip." If you are interested in being a liaison or hosting an EcoTeam please contact Rob Daves. Your children will thank you.

Red Cab Redux

Recently, when the developers of the Red Cab site on Route 9 withdrew their proposal for a medical office building, residents in the White Place neighborhood drafted a warrant article that would reduce the size of any future building on that site. The result, after a close vote at Town Meeting, is a Davis Path Special District Zoning Committee, chaired by Selectman Dick Benka. It will have a year to study zoning changes for the site in depth, not just for building height and size, but also for parking requirements and other criteria. Since that stretch of Route 9 between High and Cypress is one of the only areas in town for commercial development it is imperative that this cornerstone site be done right. Hopefully, this committee will develop a vision for an attractive, vibrant and pedestrian-friendly commercial area along both sides of Boylston that will respect the historic neighborhoods that lie so close by. We are hopeful that a resident of the Pill Hill neighborhood will be on the study committee when the Selectmen announce the appointments on June 22.

2010 Dues Appeal Update. Thank You.

We've had a great response: 94 households paid the \$15 annual dues, 31 of whom deserve a special thanks for their extra donations (totaling \$743) to support the HSHA and its activities.



A Summer of Sundays in the Park

June 27, 6 PM. "A Program of Threes," *Boston Pops Brass Quintet*
Pinebank at Jamaica Pond

Featuring three works by Bach, three 16th century Carmina, three chansons by Debussy, a three movement modern quintet by British film composer Malcolm Arnold, and three jazz standards.

July 11, 6 PM. "A Renaissance Evening," *Boston Pops Brass Quintet*
Pinebank at Jamaica Pond

This program includes renaissance brass, dances, canzoni and ayres by long-forgotten composers including the most prolific Renaissance composer, "Anonymous". The second half will feature show tunes from 20th century Renaissance men with works by Bernstein, Williams and Mancini.

July 18, 7 PM. Movie Night featuring "Fantastic Mr. Fox"
The Sugar Bowl

Kids games and picnic at 7 PM, movie at 8:30 PM.

July 25, 6 PM. "Let's Dance at Jamaica Pond," *Boston Landmarks Orchestra*
Pinebank at Jamaica Pond

Featuring Beethoven, Symphony No. 8 and Weber's, "Invitation to the Dance."

August 8, 6 PM. "Old-Time Brass," *Boston Pops Brass Quintet*
Allerton Overlook at Olmsted Park

Featuring some works written originally for brass band: Holst's Second Military Suite in F, selections from the American Brass Band Journal including marches, ballads and quick-steps played by bands that were part of the Civil War Armies. Also featured is old-time ragtime and early turn-of-the-century jazz.

Local Traffic Update

Although it's been two months since a Town Hall meeting at which our neighborhood gave Town Transportation Administrator Todd Kirrane their comments regarding proposed raised crosswalks on Pond Avenue, he assures us that he has not forgotten us. He says has not scheduled the promised next neighborhood input session because his department is still in the process of collecting data and forming solutions to address concerns about traffic and speeding on High Street, something that many at the last session felt was lacking. He tells us that they have already collected traffic counts and are currently trying to see if a stationary speedboard at the top of High Street Hill (for traffic traveling down toward Highland) will effectively reduce speed. They have attempted the trial twice but the police speedboard is now broken and is in the shop for repair. They say it will be ready next week and once the data is in they can schedule the meeting, most likely in the beginning of July.

Town Meeting Member/open space activist Linda Pehlke is working with many key individuals to bring to fruition Brookline's own PARK(ing) Day, during which inspired individuals transform metered parking spaces into temporary public parks. It is a powerful and fun message.

The first organizational meeting, 7 PM Wednesday, June 23rd at Town Hall, will cover logistics, theme, and preliminary design. Visit www.parkingday.org for more information on this nationwide concept.

Congratulations

Fifty years ago Oakland Road neighbors Friedrich and Ingeborg von Huene started their small business making reproductions of centuries-old wooden flutes and recorders. The family workshop at 65 Boylston Street is still small and the instruments are still handmade but the workshop and its products are now famous, a mainstay of Early Music lovers the world over. Last week the Brookline Selectmen honored them with a resolution congratulating them for their outstanding contribution to the fabric of our town. Please visit the HSHA website to read the complete text of the resolution.

