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The Newsletter of the High Street Hill Association

April 2012

Please Join Us for Your Neighborhood Association's

Annual Meeting

Monday, April 30

at the Latvian Lutheran Church
58 Irving Street

6 PM Family Potluck Dinner

7 PM Featured Speaker Paul Epstein

In 2005, Brookline High School Social Worker Paul Epstein had a dream to create a safe place where Brookline teens could go after school to learn, socialize and have fun. And now, 6 years later, the Brookline Teen Center is closer to becoming a reality.

HSHA Annual Business Meeting to Follow

Those with last names beginning with A-F please bring a dessert, G-M a salad, and N-Z a main dish.

Olmsted Park Volunteers Needed

Olmsted Park needs some grooming from its nearest and dearest neighbors. So come help spruce up your park as part of Earth Week. With help from the Town's Park Department

crew we will be edging beds, mulching and planting replacement shrubs. Get a free "Friends of Leverett Pond" tee shirt. Tools will be provided. Sponsored by HSHA's Friends of Leverett Pond in cooperation with the Brookline GreenSpace Alliance and the Town of Brookline Division of Parks and Open Space. For more info please call Rob Daves at 617-566-7334 or Hugh Mattison at 617-232-6083.

10AM to 1PM Saturday, April 21.
Meet at the Allerton Street Overlook on Pond Avenue.



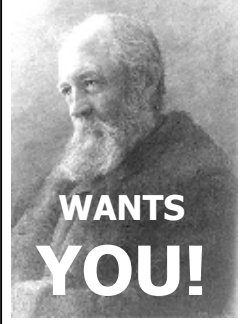
Presenting the 2012 HSHA Board Candidate Slate

(to be voted on at our April 30 meeting)

Bill Weber, President
Alexis Hasiotis Wintersteen, Vice President
John Carpenter, Secretary
Kristin Leader, Treasurer
Margot Balboni
Kerry Brown*
Blake Cady
Rob Daves
Anthony Flint
Betsy Shure Gross
Margaret Talcott*

Thanks to the following outgoing board members for their service: **Maria Conner** and **Olivia Fischer Fox**
(denotes *New Candidates)

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Energy Efficiency, Renewable Energy, and Historic Homes

Another HSHA Special Event

A Forum sponsored by the High Street Hill Association
10 AM - Noon Saturday
June 2, 2012
Latvian Lutheran Church Hall, 58 Irving Street

Sally Zimmerman, Manager of Historic Preservation Services, Historic New England *Energy Retrofits and the Historic Home: Weighing the Risks and Opportunities*

Greer Hardwicke or Jean Innamorati, Preservation Planners, Town of Brookline
A discussion of the new Guidelines for the Installation of Renewable Energy Systems

Lara Curtis Hayes, Senior Planner, Town of Brookline

Town sponsored initiatives for energy upgrades and conservation: Climate Change Action Brookline and Green Homes Brookline

Steve Garwood, Next Step Living. *An energy efficiency company working with the town describes how it provides home energy diagnostics and improvements for residents*

Vote on May 1

The annual Town Election will be on Tuesday, May 1. Since the boundaries of Precincts 4 and 5 were redrawn this year, we will be voting to fill all 15 Town Meeting Member seats in each precinct rather than the customary 5 slots. Although there are only 15 candidates for the 15 openings in Precinct 5 and 17 for 15 in Precinct 4, your vote will count. In each precinct, the 5 candidates with the highest number of votes will be rewarded with 3-year terms, the next 5 highest with 2-year terms and lowest 5 with one-year terms. All of the HSHA area is in Precinct 5 except for the portion that is both east of High Street and north of Allerton Street which is in Precinct 4. Because of the re-precincting, Precinct 5 has been expanded to extend west to Warren and Cottage Streets.

Precinct 4

Vote at Town Hall

SARAH T. AXELROD 41 Bowker Street
EDITH R. BRICKMAN 33 Pond Avenue
INGRID E. COOPER 30 Brook Street
FRANK W. FARLOW 8 Bowker Street
MARTHA A. FARLOW 8 Bowker Street
NADINE GERDTS 56 Linden Place
SHARON L. McCARRELL 82 Brook Street
JOHN T. MULHANE 45 Brook Street
MARIAH C. NOBREGA 6 Juniper Street
DONELLE S. O'NEAL, SR. 68 Village Way
JOSEPH E. ROBINSON 41 Brook Street
VIRGINIA A. SMITH 12 Linden Street
DAVID M. TRIETSCH 52 Linden Place
CARLOS ERNESTO MORALES 32 Juniper Street
SHAWN K. O'NEAL 22 High Street
MARJORIE SIEGEL 59 Linden Street
ROBERT VOLK 45 Linden Street

Precinct 5

Vote at Lincoln School

RICHARD E. ALLEN 158 Cypress Street
BLAKE CADY 24 Walnut Place
ROBERT S. DAVES 9 Upland Road
DENNIS J. DeWITT 94 Upland Road
BETSY SHURE GROSS 25 Edgehill Road
DAVID H. HAMLIN 6 Wellington Terrace
HUGH MATTISON 209 Pond Avenue
RANDOLPH MEIKLEJOHN 161 Cypress Street
PHYLLIS R. O'LEARY 16 Jamaica Road
ANDREW M. OLINS 242 Walnut Street
LENORE K. von KRUSENSTIERN 302 Walnut Street
NEIL A. WISHINSKY 20 Henry Street
ANGELA B. HYATT 87 Walnut Street
PUJA P. MEHTA 50 Jamaica Road
CLAIRE B. STAMPFER 50 Sargent Crossway

Neighborhood Notes

Greening of Philbrick Square

Heavy use of our local park combined with soil erosion and lack of maintenance have taken its toll. So on March 29, at the request of neighbor Faith Michaels, several residents met with Parks and Open Space Director Erin Gallentine and her management staff to talk about the condition of Philbrick Green (or Square). As a result, the stump of a large old oak has been removed and in the next few weeks a replacement tree will be installed, the lawn will be repaired and reseeded and ruts at the lower end will be filled. In order to give the lawn the time it needs to regenerate, signs will be posted to ask residents to refrain from using the park during this period.

Volunteers Needed at Fairsted

Fairsted, the Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site on Warren Street, needs volunteers this spring from April-mid June to work at least 5 hours per week between the hours of 9am-1:30pm Tuesday-Friday, preferably with experience working with youth and a respect for the natural world. To learn more about the program, Volunteering for Good Neighbors: Landscape Design & Community Building, contact Adreinne Sharigan at adrienne_sharigan@nps.gov.

Muddy River Dulcimer Festival at Brookline Music School

Friday, April 27, 8:00 pm, Pill Hill neighbors Lorraine and Bennett Hammond in concert - free.
Saturday, April 28, 1:30 pm Free Family Folk Concert and Instrument Petting Zoo.
Saturday, April 28, 1:00-5:00 pm Appalachian Dulcimer Workshops.
Full afternoon workshop ticket \$20.00 (\$10 for seniors and those under 18). For more info call the Brookline Music School, (617) 277-4593.

New Guidelines

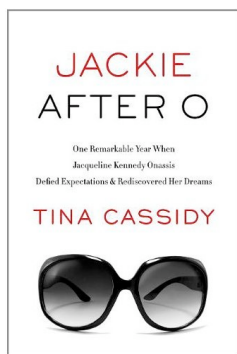
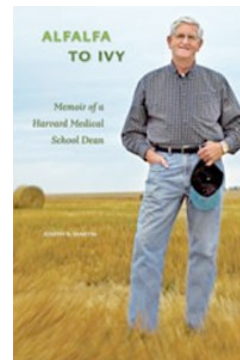
Did you know that there are 4 installations of solar photovoltaic panels in Pill Hill and that more are being considered? On April 10 the HSHA Board sent a letter to the Preservation Commission (PC) requesting that the HSHA and the other Local Historic Districts (LHD) be notified of all future drafts of its official guidelines for renewable energy systems and that it allow each organization a reasonable amount of time to comment before these guidelines are discussed or voted on by the PC. We believe that LHD participation will produce the best guidelines, in keeping with our previous discussions with the PC about participation and openness.

Author! Author! Two More Book Talks

The first of our new *Pill Hill Author Series*, which was held on March 25 and featured Susan Senator, was well attended and very interesting. In the coming weeks you'll have the opportunity to hear from two other distinct voices in the neighborhood:

On Sunday, April 22, **Joseph B. Martin**, former dean of Harvard Medical School and a Hawthorn Road resident, will discuss his book – a combined personal memoir and reflection on education and leadership – *Alfalfa to Ivy: Memoir of a Harvard Medical School Dean*. In the book, Joe traces his roots in a remote Mennonite town in rural Alberta, Canada, to his days at the University of Alberta and medical school, then on to a career at McGill University, Mass. General Hospital, the University of California, San Francisco, and ultimately to a deanship at Harvard, where he and his team located the gene for Huntington's disease. Joe says he wanted to write about "the process of how you get things

done. Academic leadership is hard and erratic and complicated by the big egos that you work with, and some things go well and some things flunk. I wanted this book to be a personal illustration of how those things arose, and were dealt with, and walked away from if they weren't working."



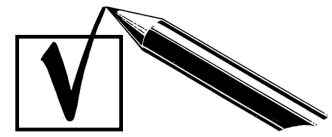
And on Sunday, May 20, **Tina Cassidy** will present her new book, *Jackie After O: One Remarkable Year When Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis Defied Expectations and Rediscovered Her Dreams*. Tina was a reporter and editor at the *Boston Globe* for more than a decade. A relative newcomer to Walnut Street, she also is the author of *Birth: The Surprising History of How We Are Born*, published in 2006.

In her new book, which will be published in May, Tina chronicles a pivotal year in Jackie O's life, when she rediscovered talents and passions she had set aside for her role as public wife. In January 1975, she kicked off a year of great activity and change, including a high-profile role in the campaign to save the landmark status of Grand Central Station in New York City; and the death of her second husband, Aristotle Onassis, the public speculation about his enormous estate, and her tumultuous relationship

with his daughter, Christina. The year also included Jackie's pursuit of her first real career with a job in the editorial department of Viking Press and the early stage of what could have been the most meaningful romantic relationship of her life. These major changes reflect a cultural shift, with women taking on larger roles in the community and in the workplace. *Jackie After O* takes a unique look at this time and at the life of Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis as she shook the world's expectations and pursued her dreams in middle age.

Both events take place at the home of Blake and Dorothy Cady, at 24 Walnut Place, from 4-6 p.m. While RSVPs aren't required, please let us know if you plan on attending by emailing Bill Weber at bweber8@hotmail.com or calling 617-738-5504 as seating is limited.

This past year the High Street Hill Association helped to make Pill Hill a great neighborhood.



We...

- sent email HSHA Neighborhood News Updates about events, important meetings and lost cats.
- partnered with the Parks Department and the Emerald Necklace Conservancy to host a concert and movie in Olmsted Park.
- maintained a useful website with photos of every house and lots of historical information.
- worked with other groups in Brookline to meet common goals for zoning, open space, energy conservation.
- held a series of book talks featuring local authors.
- organized a Fathers Day Picnic on the Green with free pony rides.
- worked hard with the Town to find traffic calming solutions for High Street and Pond Avenue.
- held our annual Caroling on the Green.
- distributed a free neighborhood newsletter to each household in the neighborhood.
- organized volunteers to plant shrubs in Olmsted Park and donated money for a new tree.
- donated to Steps to Success to help local students graduate and go to college.
- held an Annual Meeting and potluck dinner to schmooze and elect a new board.
- held a family Winter Carnival even though we had no snow.

Do you think our neighborhood would be as special without the HSHA?

The HSHA collects dues and voluntary donations in order to host neighborhood activities, support worthy causes that impact our neighborhood, and to conduct other necessary HSHA business. At our last annual meeting it was voted that the dues should be \$25 per family/household. Please provide all of the contact information below so we may keep you up to date on neighborhood news and concerns.

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High Street Hill Association

Membership Application

New
 Renewal
 Associate*

* For those that live outside of the HSHA area (subject to board approval)

Name _____ Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Living in Pill Hill since _____ (please print clearly)

- Yes, I'd like to receive the HSHA newsletter and updates by email.
- Enclosed is a check for \$25 for a one year family/household membership.
- I'd like to support the HSHA with an additional donation of \$ _____.
(the HSHA is 501(c)4 organization and donations are not tax deductible)

Total Enclosed _____

NEW!

In the spirit of community building, the High Street Hill Association is going to create and distribute a neighborhood directory for dues-paying members including their address and contact information. We respect your privacy, so please check the boxes below if:

- ___ I do not want my email address included
- ___ I do not want my phone number included
- ___ I do not want to be included

What neighborhood issues or activities are you interested in? Would you be willing to volunteer your time to help out?

- ___ Neighborhood social activities
- ___ Neighborhood & community political issues
- ___ Olmsted Park beautification

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 Brookline, MA 02445