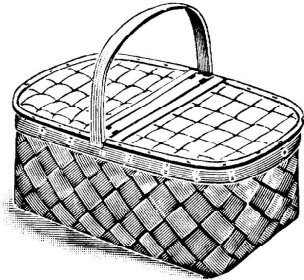


## HSHA



on the Philbrick Green

**4PM to 8PM Sunday, Father's Day, June 16**



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)

## Mattisons Receive Emerald Necklace Conservancy "Park Champion" Award

On May 14th, at its 15th Anniversary Celebration under a tent in the Back Bay Fens, the Emerald Necklace Conservancy presented a Park Champion Award to HSHA neighbors Hugh and Arlene Mattison for their tireless and longtime efforts on behalf of Olmsted Park. This year there were seven awards given, each to a significant advocate of a part of Olmsted's linear park system. Nominated by their park peers, these award recipients were described by ENC Director Julie Crockford as the "unsung heroes of the parks."



Hugh, Arlene and ENC Director Julie Crockford

Hugh and Arlene are indeed deserving of such an honor. From their perch at 209 Pond Avenue, the Mattisons' connection to Olmsted Park is deep and longstanding and they have dedicated much time and energy to activities that have improved, enlivened or protected our neighborhood treasure. Olmsted Park, now a jewel in the Emerald Necklace, wasn't always so glittering. In the 1970's, it was an urban eyesore-- the trees were tangled and overgrown, Leverett Pond was choked with tires and shopping carts and commuter traffic clogged a road where the current bike path is. Hugh and Arlene and other HSHA members banded together, picked up the trash and started lobbying the local and state governments, leading to the creation of the Emerald Necklace Master Plan and the Muddy River Restoration Project that is now underway. The Olmsted Park you see today is due in large part to their 35 years of vigilant and continued activism. Arlene currently serves on the Muddy River Management and Oversight Committee and is president of the Brookline GreenSpace Alliance. Hugh is co-chair of the Friends of Leverett Pond, chair of the Brookline Tree Planting Committee and a Town Meeting Member. Both continue to be relentless proponents of our parks and open space. Thank you.

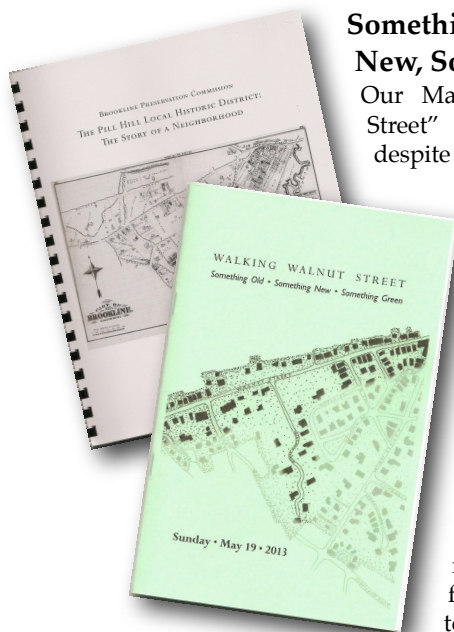
## Save the Date

### Party at Clark Park

Come celebrate the reopening of our newly renovated neighborhood park. After lots of neighborhood input, a thorough design process and a complete overhaul, Clark Park is looking fabulous. Refreshments, music and games. Courtesy of the Town of Brookline Parks and Open Space Division. Co-sponsored by the High Street Hill Association. 1-3 PM Saturday June 15 at Clark Park Cypress Street. Free.

### Something Old, Something New, Something Green

Our May 14th "Walking Walnut Street" tour was a great success despite the chilly weather. If you missed getting to see the 13 homes on the tour closeup, you might like to pick up a copy of the 32-page tour guide. It's packed full of interesting neighborhood info. Thanks to all the homeowners who participated. And thanks especially to John Carpenter for his extensive research, to Kristin Leader for the booklet design and to Margaret Talcott for editing.



HSHA has also printed a limited number of the Preservation Commission's History of Pill Hill. If you would like either booklets please contact Rob Daves at [robdaves@rcn.com](mailto:robdaves@rcn.com). Free to HSHA members.

### Summer Concerts in the Park

Bring your family and friends and a picnic basket to Olmsted Park for an evening of music. Sponsored by the Emerald Necklace Conservancy and the Town of Brookline Parks and Open Space Division

**6 PM Sunday, August 4: Longwood Symphony**

**6 PM Sunday, August 11: Boston Opera Collaborative**

At the Allerton Overlook in Olmsted Park near the intersection of Pond Avenue and Allerton Street. Free.

### Have you paid your dues yet?

If not, see our website for a membership form. And thanks to all who have already sent in their dues to support our events such as our recent Walking Walnut Street tour and upcoming HSHA Picnic and neighborhood needs such as Steps to Success and the Lincoln After School Program.

### Did you know?

HSHA gets a percentage (at no cost to you) of any purchase that you make from Amazon.com if you enter their site from the HSHA website. Make the HSHA a button (label it "Amazon/HSHA") on your browser toolbar so you won't forget.

### Welcome to the Land of Point

It's been many years since the our neighbors in The Point have had a neighborhood association. But last month several residents, including several Town Meeting Members, got formally organized to start the Greater Point Neighborhood Association, covering an area "in Precinct 5 from High Street Hill to the Sargent Estates." We'd like to welcome the GPNA and expect that we will work closely together on issues of common interest. On the other hand, this could be the start of a healthy rivalry. Volleyball anyone?

## Introducing the 2012-3 HSHA Board

(voted at the May 6 HSHA Annual Meeting)

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*High Street Hill Association*  
**Survey Questions**

We hope you enjoy this newsletter and have taken a moment to join the High Street Hill Association (HSHA), or renew your membership for 2013-2014. With the survey below we invite **neighbors new and old** to share thoughts that will help guide HSHA activities in the year.

**If you would prefer to complete this survey online, it's easy.  
Go to [www.surveymonkey.com/s/G5PZ8LZ](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/G5PZ8LZ)**

Are you a HSHA member? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If not, please tell us why? \_\_\_\_\_

**PART 1:**

Please let us know what you believe are the most important items for the HSHA to focus on by **ranking the below items 1-5, 1 being most important to YOU.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Upholding Historic Preservation**

Working with neighbors and the Preservation Commission to ensure appropriate design oversight, processes and procedures regulating improvement projects

\_\_\_\_\_ **Maintaining Green-spaces and Streetscapes**

Ensuring that the neighborhood's green spaces and street trees/plantings are properly cared for , improving street signage, plaques and misc. permanent fixtures

\_\_\_\_\_ **Organizing Social Events & Fostering Community**

Helping connect/introduce old & new neighbors, hosting events for all age groups and promoting spirit of community and goodwill.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Advocating on town hall /city counsel issues**

Working together with elected officials on matters relevant to our neighborhood, particularly in the area of safety, traffic, and street work

\_\_\_\_\_ **Providing yearly support to local non-profit organizations**

Making donations to groups who directly serve our community and neighbors (of all ages and incomes levels)

**PART 2:**

List your favorite HSHA event or suggest ideas for new ones:

Include your name if you'd like to help organize an event:

Involved in a non-profit impacting our neighborhood? Please list it here:

If there is anything else you would like to tell us that will help us make decisions that positively impact, protect, and promote the quality of life in our neighborhood, do please write briefly on the back of this sheet.

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THANK YOU for letting us what's important to you/your family. We on the Board are honored to serve you and this fine neighborhood. Thanks for joining the HSHA and supporting the community.

**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM** by bringing it to the JUNE 16 ("FATHER'S DAY") PICNIC or dropping off/ mailing it by JUNE 20 to Committee Member Margaret Talcott, 28 Allerton Street, Brookline MA 02445

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