The Newsletter of the High Street Hill Association

April 2014

Happy Birthday, Mr. Olmsted

On Saturday April 26 from 1-3 pm, the High Street Hill Association will present a Frederick Law Olmsted Birthday Celebration in Olmsted Park! Co-sponsored by HSHA's subcommittee the Friends of Leverett Pond, the Town of

Brookline's Parks and Open Space Division and the Brookline GreenSpace Alliance, the event will provide something for everyone in the family— a park stroll with Mr. Olmsted (actor Gerry Wright), sidewalk chalk art, music, glitter tattoos, nature stories, a pooch parade and a tree identification walk with Town Arborist Tom Brady— all topped off with an Olmsted birthday cake made by our own local expert baker (and board president) Diana Post. Downward Dog's Tracy Kimball will be on hand to lead your canine friend in a Pooch Parade with prizes provided by Brookline Grooming and Cause to Paws. Exciting new restaurants Rifrullo Cafe and Fairsted Kitchen will provide samples/snacks of their fine cooking.

A free FLO Birthday Button, designed by HSHA board member Kristin Leader, will be given to everyone who attends. This event is free and open to all.

Event Schedule

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1-1:45	A Stroll with Mr. Olmsted (actor Gerry Wright)
1:45-2:15	Pooch Parade sponsored by Downward Dog, Brookline Grooming and Cause for Paws
2-2:45	Tree ID Walk with Town Arborist Tom Brady
2:45	Cutting of the Olmsted Birthday Cake by Parks and Rec Commission Chair, John Bain and performance of Dr. Seuss's "The Lorax" by actor Gerry Wright.

Throughout the Event:

- **★** Music
- ★ Sidewalk Chalk Art
- **★** Storytelling
- ★ Brookline GreenSpace Quest
- **★** Free Mini-cupcakes
- ★ Free samples from Rifrullo and Fairsted Kitchen
- ★ Glitter Tattoos for Kids
- ★ Complimentary Olmsted Birthday Party Buttons
- ★ Info Tables from Local Environmental/Parks Groups

Please Join Us for Your Neighborhood Association's



at the Latvian Lutheran Church 58 Irving Street

6 PM Family Potluck Dinner

7 PM Featured Speaker Brookline Economic Development Director Kara Brewton

Several development projects are occurring on our doorstep-- a hotel at the Red Cab site; reconfiguration of the Pearl, Juniper, Walnut, Rt 9 area and the Childrens' Hospital project at Brookline Place. But what can be done about the rest of the Route 9 corridor?

What are the implications for our neighborhood?

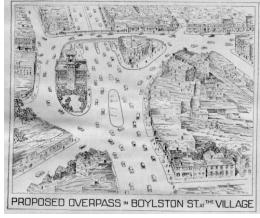
Ms. Brewton will give us an overview and answer your questions.

HSHA Annual Business Meeting and Board Election* to Follow

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

Help Build the Future of the Route 9 Corridor

Andy Martineau, Brookline Economic Development Planner, has invited HSHA residents and the other neighborhoods adjacent to Route 9 from the Boston line to Cypress Street to a meeting to consider the future of this important corridor on Wednesday, April 16th. Recently, the Town has held similar discussions with residential neighborhoods adjacent to the North Brookline and Washington Square commercial areas. This meeting will be a continuation of a brief, introductory discussion at a March 6th meeting between the Planning Board and Economic Development Advisory Board, which touched on issues such as the appearance of properties, pedestrian and bike improvements, traffic, and long-term visioning for the Brookline Village area.



From 1931 Brookline Planning Board Report to the Board of Selectmen

According to Mr. Martineau, "[the Town] often receives general complaints about the condition of properties along the eastern portion of Route 9 from the Boston line to Brington Road. For some property owners, specific complaints could result in enforcement action to bring their buildings into compliance with the Town's standards for building safety. For all property owners, residents and Town staff, these complaints are part of an emerging discussion about the future of Route 9 as two major projects are scheduled to move forward and an additional project will go before Town Meeting this spring. These projects include a hotel development at 111 Boylston Street (spring '14), Gateway East (spring '16) and a new redevelopment proposal for Brookline Place. Each of these projects will play an important role in the revitalization of the Route 9 corridor."

You are invited to attend this meeting to share your thoughts and ideas for this part of Town. If you are unable to attend the meeting or would like to know more about these projects please contact Andy Martineau at 617-730-2050 or amartineau@brooklinema.gov.

7 pm Wednesday, April 16, in the Lincoln School Auditorium.

Upcoming Events

Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site Invites the public to "Go Wild" for National Park Week

The staff at Fairsted are offering several ranger tours, an illustrated lecture, special exhibits and expanded visiting hours to highlight the connections between the Olmsteds and the preservation of our nation's wild and scenic places. All programs are free, open to the public, and do not require reservations.

April 17 through 29. For detailed info, please visit www.nps.gov/frla.

Olmsted 2022 Presents 2nd Annual Climate Change Conference: The Muddy River: Past, Present, and Future

Join in for a free walking tour of the Fens leading up to the Muddy River Construction Site (Landmark Center) and discussion of the \$92 million dollar project to "daylight" the Muddy River, which will help to prevent flooding and will restore Frederick Law Olmsted's vision for the Emerald Necklace. The tour will consist of the following:

Historical Perspective: Led by Frederick Law Olmsted (as portrayed by Gerry Wright) and Park Ranger Alan Banks of the FLO National Historic Site.

Present Conditions: Docents Stan Everett and Don Herzlinger from the Emerald Necklace Conservancy will speak about the Fens and the Muddy River as they are today.

Progress and Future: Fran Gershwin, Chair of the Muddy River Restoration Project Maintenance and Management Oversight Committee (MMOC), and Margaret Dyson, Director of Historic Parks at Boston Parks and Recreation Department, will provide a presentation on the current state and future of the project.

11 am 1 pm Saturday, April 12, Shattuck Visitor Center, 125 Fenway, Boston, MA. Go to www.muddyrivertour.eventbrite.com to RSVP.

*Presenting the 2014 HSHA Board Candidate Slate

Thanks to outgoing board members **Brian Grossman** and **Margot Balboni** for their service to the neighborhood.

Colleges of the Fenway Annual Muddy River Symposium: Adventures in Environmental Advocacy and Activism

- Sandy McEvoy, Wheelock College Associate Professor of Political Science will discuss the nuts and bolts of social movement.
- A CofF student panel will discuss student sustainability initiatives on campus.
- Networking session with local environmental groups to share opportunities for environmental advocacy and activism.
- Poster session projects focusing on research on the Muddy, sustainability projects, etc.

Registration is open. Go to http://cofmuddyriversymposium2014.eventbrite.com/

4-7:30 pm Thursday, April 17, Wheelock College, 43 Hawes Street

The Emerald Necklace Conservancy Presents the Boston Premiere of Film "Frederick Law Olmsted: Designing America."

This 60-minute 2014 film by Lawrence Holt chronicles the career and lasting influence of America's premiere landscape architect who designed New York's Central Park, Biltmore in Asheville, NC and Boston's Emerald Necklace. To Olmsted, a park was both a work of art and a necessity for urban life. Olmsted's work to preserve nature created an "environmental ethic" decades before the environmental movement became a force in American life. Discussion with film producer Lawrence Holt follows screening. Co-presented with the Museum of Fine Arts. Note: HSHA board member Betsy Shure Gross has a brief appearance in the film.

8 pm Wednesday, April 23, at the MFA. For tickets (\$11 for General Public/\$9 for MFA Members) go to mfa.org.

SAVE the DATE:

HSHA Annual Father's Day Picnic

Pony rides and good times with your neighbors. 4 pm Sunday, June 15 on Philbrick Square (or Green)

Diana Post, President
Anthony Flint, Vice President
John Carpenter, Secretary
Kristin Leader, Treasurer
Kerry Brown
Rob Daves
Christopher Gates (new)
Betsy Shure Gross
Matt Hyatt (new)
Margaret Talcott
Alexis Hasiotis Wintersteen

Town Election May 6

In addition to contested seats for Town Meeting, this year's Annual Town Election will feature 4 candidates running for 2 Selectman seats and 6 candidates for 3 School Committee slots.

The polls will be open from 7 am to 8 pm. 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. On the list below an asterisk denotes a candidate for re-election.

Precinct 4

Vote at Town Hall 3 year term/Vote for Five

NADINE GERDTS 56 Linden Place*
MARIAH C. NOBREGA 33 Bowker Street*
MARJORIE SIEGEL 59 Linden Street*
ROBERT VOLK 45 Linden Street #2*
ERIC D BERKE 77 Pond Avenue
SARAH T. BOEHS 179 Aspinwall Avenue
ALAN R. CHRIST 117 Kent Street

Precinct 5

Vote at Lincoln School 3 year term/Vote for Five

RICHARD E. ALLEN 158 Cypress Street*
HUGH MATTISON 209 Pond Avenue*
PUJA P. MEHTA 50 Jamaica Road #1*
RANDOLPH MEIKLEJOHN 161 Cypress Street*
LENORE VON KRUSENSTIERN 302 Walnut Street*
DAVID JOSEPH KNIGHT 5 Maple Road
AMIE LINDENBOIM 66 Chestnut Street #1

One year term/Vote for One DAVID JOSEPH KNIGHT 5 Maple Road WILLIAM E. REYELT 121 Chestnut Street

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High Street Hill Association

Membership Application

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		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 lik	e to receive t	he HSHA newsletter	and updates by email	I.	
	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)					
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	High Street Hill Association					

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