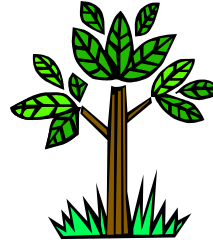


# NEWTON HIGHLANDS NEIGHBORHOOD AREA COUNCIL (NHNAC) NEWSLETTER

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The Newton Highlands Neighborhood Area Council is a nine-member official elected body under the City charter. Its purpose is to facilitate communication between Highland's residents and the Board of Aldermen and other City agencies. It also serves as a forum/ mechanism for local issues and for fostering community spirit through events such as Village Day, the Halloween Party and Haunted House, and the Winter Social.

## ANNUAL WINTER SOCIAL

Hyde Community Center

Saturday, January 22, 6:00-8:00 P.M.

*Local restaurants' "Soup du Jour"*

*Hot Fudge Sundae*

*Chase away your midwinter blues and post-holiday slump with the NHNAC & CDC Annual Winter Social. The Winter Social is a wonderful way for Newton Highlands' residents to get together after the holidays. Local restaurants participate by generously providing various soups for tasting. Sundae fixings are dessert. Beverages provided. Bring your picnic basket of soup compliments to round out the meal. This gathering is FREE.*

*Local vendors include Baker's Best, Coffee Corner, Ice Cream Works, Jamjuli, Le Soir, Newton Pizza House, O'Hara's, Walnut Foods, Whole Foods*

## NHNAC HOLDS PUBLIC MEETING ON WALNUT ST RECONSTRUCTION AND PROVIDES REPORT TO PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEE

The City of Newton Public Facilities Committee held a public hearing on September 22, 2004 to hear reconstruction plans for Walnut Street from the Commissioner of Public Works Bob Rooney. The NHNAC council members attended the meeting and stated the plans were unacceptable and residents were not given ample time to examine the plans nor given ample notice. NHNAC was granted its request that the public hearing be continued to allow for a community meeting. The NHNAC held a packed community meeting on October 28, 2004 at City Hall to present the City of Newton initial proposal for the reconstruction of Walnut St from Homer to Rt. 9 to local residents. Janice Bourque, NHNAC President and Srdjan Nedeljkovic, NHNAC Vice President presented the City's plans which included altering the curve near the Hope Fountain, elimination of parking spaces, planting and cutting of trees, bike paths, sidewalk and road improvements and pedestrian crossings.

Residents were able to offer reactions and ideas. The NHNAC consolidated the responses and produced a report at the continued public hearing on November 17, 2004 by the City's Public Facilities Committee.

The Public Facilities Committee requested that the Commissioner reapply for a state waiver on bike paths to receive state funding, recommended that several of the requests by the community be integrated, and that a Community Task Force be established to work with the Commissioner. The presentation and report is available on the NHNAC website. The NHNAC will continue to work with the City on this project and track its progress.

## **BRIGHAM HOUSE WINTER PROGRAMS**

The Brigham Community House is a multi-use facility that is supported by contributions from business and individuals. The popular Teen After School Program has been growing in leaps and bounds over the past year, offering a pool table, ping-pong, computer and Internet use, large-screen TV/VCR/DVD and board and card games. The center will be open 4 evenings (Wed & Thurs (4-9pm); Fri (4-11pm) & Sat (6-11pm). Other activities include a Sewing Club Tues (2-4pm) and Computer Help for seniors Tues (1-3pm). Welcome to new Board member Matt MacGuire, Manager of Bank North. Other Board members include: John Rice, Marcie Johnson, Karen DeLaurie, Jamie McManus, Ron Ponte, Dustina Bennett, Peter Harrington, Bob Staulo and Christine Samuelson. New active Board Members are welcome and assistance with fundraising. For more information about the Brigham House, please call Bob Staulo 617-527-3308.

### ***WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE KEPT UPDATED ON ISSUES & NEWS AFFECTING NEWTON HIGHLANDS?***

Please send us your email so we can quickly notify you of city or local meetings that might impact you that come to our attention with short notice. **Send your email address to John Rice at: [jrice@tsnn.com](mailto:jrice@tsnn.com).** Your email will only be used to notify you of events, activities & meetings that relate to the Newton Highlands Village.

### ***Haunted House & Halloween Party Thank You***

*Thanks to many helpers, both big and small, who made last fall's Halloween Party a tremendous success! Special recognition goes to Amy Greene for organizing the Halloween Party and John Rice for organizing the Haunted House.*

*A very special thanks to the NH Community Development Corporation and the NH Neighborhood Area Council for their joint \$1300 contribution which purchased the NEW metal staircase and plastic slide for the Haunted House. This slide replacement will allow years of continued fun and safe enjoyment for the kids.*

**The Newton Highlands Neighborhood Area Council holds open meetings on the third Thursday of the month at 8:30 PM at Brigham Community House, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, 20 Hartford St., Newton Highlands.**

#### **Area Council Members**

<b>Janice Bourque (president)</b>	<b>617-332-0676</b>
<b>Srdjan Nedeljkovic (vice president)</b>	<b>617-332-1721</b>
<b>David Oliphant (treasurer)</b>	<b>617-965-5287</b>
<b>Patty Kellogg</b>	<b>617-965-5577</b>
<b>John Rice</b>	<b>617-332-5827</b>

**Bob Staulo**

**617-527-2887**

**Ex-officio members of the NHNAC: Aldermen Christine Samuelson (5) and George Mansfield (6).**