

NEWTON HIGHLANDS NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTER

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Newton Highlands Neighborhood Area Council

Brigham House, 20 Hartford Street, Newton Highlands, MA 02461

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The Newton Highlands Neighborhood Area Council is a nine-member officially elected body under the City charter. Its purpose is to facilitate communication between Highlands residents and the Board of Aldermen and other City organs. 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.

The Area Council meets monthly, every third Thursday, at 8:30 pm at the Brigham House. The public is welcome to attend these meetings.

NHNAC HOLDS CRYSTAL LAKE COMMUNITY MEETING

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 26TH- 7:30 TO 9 PM
HYDE COMMUNITY CENTER**

Swimming and boating season will soon be upon us. Crystal Lake is a wonderful asset but also has rules and regulations regarding its use. Many people are not familiar with these regulations and there are often misunderstandings regarding what we can and cannot do. The Area Council is hosting this special meeting to help brief the Highlands community and Crystal Lake neighbors about these regulations as well as listen to any questions or concerns folks might have. City officials will be participating in the meeting. We look forward to seeing you there. Any questions, please contact Janice Bourque at j_bourque@comcast.net.

VILLAGE DAY 2004 – JUNE 13, NOON TO 5:00 PM

Come celebrate in the Village! There will be live music, rides for the children, food, bicycle parade, the annual Highlands footrace, silent auction...and more. See the enclosed flyer for more details. **Volunteers willing to help out and vendors interested in a booth can contact John Rice, Chair of Village Day at jrice@tsnn.com.**

THANKS TO NEWTON HIGHLANDS BUSINESSES FOR A GREAT WINTER SOCIAL

Many people from the community – of all ages – turned out for the January Winter Social at the Hyde Center. We want to publicly thank our generous merchants and restaurants for donating their delicious soups, bread, cheese, coffee, and ice cream. It was a wonderful time for everyone! Thanks to:

Baker's Best

Ice Cream Works

Le Soir

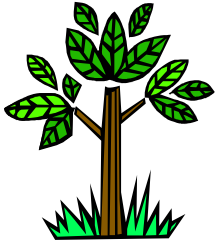
O'Hara's

Coffee Corner

Jamjuli

Newton Pizza

Whole Foods

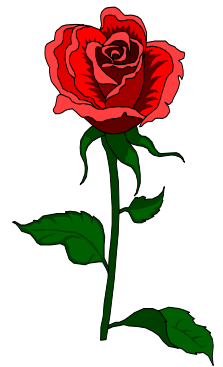


HOPE FOUNTAIN REPAIRS

As many of you are aware the Hope Fountain is need of repairs; we are in the process of working on that with the generous help of knowledgeable individuals from the city. However, and the bushes surrounding the fountain did not survive either the winter weather or perhaps the street salt. Please call if you have suggestions for new plantings or can help in planting new bushes. Additionally, the pump continues to get clogged with debris. We need someone who is capable of making a small cage to cover the pump so it can be easily cleaned. If you are willing to help us with the shrub work, or if you can engineer a pump cover, please contact Dave Oliphant 617-965-5287 or email at deoliphant@yahoo.com.

NEWTON HIGHLANDS BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

While on the subject of beautiful flowers in the Village, we also want to thank the merchants for their continued support of the potted plants that line Lincoln Street during the warm months of the year. The planting of the flowers is led by a community volunteer, Janet Zerlin-Fagan, with help from many others who spend several hours hauling dirt and planting the flowers every spring. This committee is always in need of green thumbs (or not so green!) to help with the planting. Please contact Janet at 617-965-9617 if you would like to be involved.



INTERESTED IN BEING UPDATED ON ISSUES IN 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. Your email will only be used to notify you of events, activities & meetings that relate to the Newton Highlands village.

The Newton Highlands Neighborhood Area Council holds open meetings on the third Thursday of the month at 8:30 PM at Brigham Community House, 2nd floor, 20 Hartford St., Newton Highlands 02461.

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