

October 10, 2004

To the Managers of the Community Preservation Committee,

I write to you in support of the application of the Newton Senior Center's proposal to develop the Park at the Newton Senior Center.

The proposal the Newton Senior Center is putting forward would not only benefit the Senior Center, it would benefit the entire community of Newtonville, as the Park at the Newton Senior Center would be open to all community members, regardless of age. The community of Newtonville is very much a 'walking' community in that many people park near the hub and then set out on foot to different businesses and programs. Our program, the New Art Center, is two blocks away from the Newton Senior Center.

The New Art Center is a community visual arts center providing education and exhibitions programs. Our Main Gallery is renowned as a venue for emerging artists and approximately 1500 students take visual arts classes here annually.

I hope you find it possible to support this project. It would really make the neighborhood more beautiful and user-friendly and it would benefit the entire community.

Please do not hesitate to call me at (617)964-3424 if you have any questions at all.

Sincerely

Kate Becker Executive Director

Great Harvest Bread Co. 316 Walnut St. Newtonville, MA 02460

To Whom It May Concern:

Great Harvest Bread is in support of the current beautification process of the Senior Center. We have been associated with the center for many years and applaud their efforts in the community.

Regards,

James Cellucci Owner

October 9, 2004

To the Community Preservation Committee Members:

The Newton Senior Center has been a wonderful addition to our neighborhood in Newtonville. Not only does it provide an invaluable service for the senior members of the Newton community, but it has also enhanced the visual and aesthetic elements of its surroundings. The garden at the back is beautiful and offers a lovely area for contemplation or conversation (and for our grandchildren to make wishes in the pond).

The proposed Park at The Newton Senior Center would be another welcome improvement. The front of the building has become rundown and uninviting; given its strategic location, it should be a well-used, well-lighted public space for shoppers and diners in Newtonville Square. As a homeowner on Walnut Place, I would love to see this area developed and used as an attractive, safe spot to converse and relax. My family and I give our support eagerly to this proposed project.

Thank you for your assistance in this excellent enterprise.

Sincerely,

Anne Serafin 25 Walnut Place Newtonville 617-527-1072



To: Newton Community Preservation Committee Members

We are writing to express our very enthusiastic support for the proposal for the Park at the Newton Senior Center. As long term business owners on Walnut Street in Newtonville, we feel that this will greatly enhance our Village center for the residents, merchants and our customers as well as the Senior Center participants. The plan has been thoughtfully designed to benefit all of these groups.

With your support, this Park can become an inviting place for everyone to enjoy. We hope that you will approve the proposal.

For the Company,

Marguerite Major

Carol Ann Shea 10/5/04 Owners

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October 1, 2004

Community Preservation Committee Newton Senior Center 345 Walnut Street Newtonville, MA 02460

To Whom It May Concern:

We at the Village Bank think that the upgrading of the park is a splendid idea. Newtonville is a very active and vibrant area of Newton and anything that can be done to spruce it up is needed and appreciated.

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Robert I. Mortarelli Assistant Trasurer/Manager Newtonville Office



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October 8, 2004

The Newton Senior Center 345 Walnut St. Newtonville, MA 02460 Attention: Jayne Colino, CPA letter

Dear Community Preservation Committee Members

I am writing to support the proposal to develop " The Park at The Newton Senior Center". This will be a great enhancement to our Village Center.

Best Regards, Thank You Kathleen M Malloy Kathleen Malloy Ariadne Restaurant & Bar Dear Jayne Colino,

Carol Ann Shea of Garden City Homes was good enough to share with me some of the planning behind proposed changes to the frontscape of Newton Senior Center. I wholeheartedly support the plan as it seems like a fine way to integrate the Center with the schools, shops and neighborhoods of Newtonville. As a Newtonville resident and store owner, I want to commend you and all others involved in the plan.

Thanks very much for your attention.

Sincerely,

Jack Kimball Owner Taste in Newtonville 311 Walnut St. To the Community Preservation Committee Members The Newton Senior Center Newtonville, Ma 02460

Dear Members,

I am a sixty-nine year old resident of Newton who retired from teaching in this city, in 2000. I live on Highland Ave. between Walnut Ave. and Lowell Ave. It has been both a joy and a pleasure to see the senior center develop in its mission to help older folks and in its outreach to the general population. So often when my husband and I have taken a walk to Newtonville Square we stop and rest in your lovely garden area. We admire the plants and enjoy a peaceful respite.

I want to encourage the preservation committee to upgrade the front of the Senior Center so that it might become a stopping place for neighbors and friends to socialize in what has become a bustling business area. How lovely to have a place to sit and be with friends and to feel part of the larger community. We need such places.

Thank you very much Rose Madsen 60 Highland Ave. Newtonville,MA 02460

#### **Park Friends Inc.** 18 Washington Park Newtonville, Massachusetts 02460 617-332-5024

October 8, 2004

To the Newton Community Preservation Committee:

Park Friends, Inc., a neighborhood organization dedicated to the preservation and restoration of Washington Park in Newtonville, enthusiastically supports the application for Community Preservation Act Funding by the Newton Senior Center and the Senior Citizens Fund of Newton, Inc.

Washington Park, a historic greenspace created in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, is literally within site of the Senior Center. The Center's plans to upgrade its frontscape will invite residents of our neighborhood to enjoy the many pleasures of this important facility, and will in many ways act as an extension of the park itself. Strollers in Washington Park will now be able to extend their journies to the new plantings, pathways, and seating envisioned by the Senior Center. The link is an appropriate one, as many Washington Park residents now take advantage the Senior Center, and many Senior Center users now make use of Washington Park.

As you know, Park Friends, Inc., with its co-applicant, the Newton Parks & Recreation Department, is applying for Community Preservation Funding for historically appropriate lighting for Washington Park. The funding would allow the purchase and installation of 17 electric luminaries and posts that replicate the gas lamps that graced to park in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. It is obvious that Park Friends, Inc. and The Senior Center have identical goals: to enhance and improve the village of Newtonville for the enjoyment of the surrounding community and the City of Newton itself.

Sincerely yours,

Nathan Cobb Treasurer

My name is Edward Bloom, and I am the CFO of International Data Group Inc., the owner of the house at 355 Walnut St in Newtonville.

We are neighbors to the Newton Senior Center and fully support the proposed changes to the facilities.

Please let me know if I can be of any assistance.

Thank you.

Regards,

Edward B Bloom CFO and Treasurer International Data Group Inc. (P) 508-935-4402

## TO: Community Preservation Committee Members

FROM: Robert J. DeRubeis, Deputy Commissioner, Parks & Recreation Department

RE: The Park at The Newton Senior Center

DATE: October 13, 2004

Dear Community Preservation Committee Members:

On behalf of the Parks & Recreation Department, I strongly recommend the "The Park at The Newton Senior Center" proposal that is currently in front of your committee.

Over the years we have enjoyed a strong bond with the Newton Senior Center and have assisted them in the maintenance of their site at the former Newtonville Branch Library. Since taking this site over the administration at the Newton Senior Center has continued to make improvements and upgrades that have been welcomed by the many individuals that use this site on a daily basis. To expand on the already wonderful programs that exist, the Senior Center staff is proposing a park for intergenerational use that will welcome children and adults of allages. We at Parks & Recreation are strongly committed to this type of programming and welcome the Senior Center's concept of "Recreation for All".

After reviewing the proposal, the amount of work that the department currently performs at the site will not increase with the implementation of the the park, and we will continue to give our support of in-kind services to maintain the area in and around the Newton Senior Center.



October 13, 2004

Dear Community Preservation Committee Members,

The Board of the Council on Aging/ Senior Center enthusiastically supports the Senior Citizens Fund of Newton's request for funding the proposed Park at our Senior Center.

This reinforces our mission to enhance the lives of Newton Seniors and to promote intergenerational programming.

Sincerely

Adele Hoffman Chairperson, Newton Council on Aging

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