

## Quarterly Newsletter

#### On the Hill

Mission Hill NHS held its 48th Annual Meeting at the One Brigham Circle plaza on Thursday, June 23rd. "Building Community: The Mission Continues" was a fitting theme for the night, as the Mission Hill community gathered for the second time since the start of the pandemic.



MHNHS presented awards to Millie DeLosSantos, a dedicated, longtime resident and MHNHS's Assistant Secretary, and to Rob Chandler, Community Architect for MSH & OGS and a true Community Builder. MHNHS presented China Weare, a caseworker intern from NEBH, with flowers for her work with our tenants. MHNHS presented awards to the Fitzgerald Park Arboretum team: NEU's Steve Schneider and his 2 co-ops Indira & Nadia, MHNHS board member Ellen Moore, and MHNHS's co-op Jess Johnson.

We were joined by Guest Speaker Arthur Jemison, City of Boston's Chief of Planning & BPDA Director, and enjoyed a musical performance by "Soul of Boston", cookies from Mike's Donuts, and food from Penguin Pizza.



#### Upcoming on the Hill

Fun in the sun! Mission Hill NHS is bringing back summer programs in Fitzgerald Park!

Join us for Tai Chi classes every Tuesday evening from 6-7pm from June 14th to September 13th in the park. Classes are free, open to all ages/abilities, and led by a local instructor.

Back by popular demand, jazz concerts will occur monthly on Wednesday evenings from 6-7:30pm! July 13th - NEU Jazz Ensemble, August 10th - Fabiola Mendez Trio, September 7th - Clear Audience.

One Brigham Circle is also having a concert series. See below for more information.



### MHNHS: What's New

Mission Hill NHS is closer than ever to applying for accreditation to make Kevin Fitzgerald Park a Level I Arboretum! In April, we had a very successful Arbor Day event in Fitz Park, where we planted 19 new trees! This brings Fitz Park's species count over the 25+ threshold needed!

Mission Hill NHS is incredibly grateful for our partnership throughout this entire project with the Northeastern University Arboretum team: Stephen Schneider and his 2 co-op students.

Next steps include finalizing a Master Plan, creating a database for all accessioned species, and writing the application from ArbNet's website.

Check out <u>this article</u> written by the Huntington News at Northeastern about our Arbor Day event. Listen <u>here</u> to an interview clip and read the associated article from WBZ News Radio about this project!





# Making a Difference on the Hill

Mission Hill NHS wants to highlight one of our own, María Sánchez. María is the current President of Mission Hill NHS and one of our volunteer Board members.



María moved to Mission Hill in 1973 and has been a prominent affordable housing activist. She was instrumental in the construction of 30 Gurney St, which was named the "María Sánchez House" to recognize her dedication.



María was featured in the Latino Pioneers in Boston documentary. More information about this documentary can be found on Que Lindo Boston's website <a href="here">here</a>. Check out the corresponding Latino Pioneers in Boston Magazine <a href="here">here</a>.

#### Get Involved

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