

Quarterly Newsletter

On The Hill

Saturday, September 24th, Mission Hill Neighborhood Housing Services held our annual Mission Hill Road Race, to honour former State Representative Kevin W. Fitzgerald and benefit the Fitzgerald Park! After being “re-imagined” for 2 years due to Covid-19 restrictions, the 5k race was brought back in person! Over 250 people participated to run or walk in the Race!



Along with runners and walkers, volunteers from local institutions, Northeastern University, Wentworth University Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, Sociedad Latina, and Fenway High School served as “human arrows”, at water tables, at race registration tables, and as medical aids in the field! We love having youth involvement in our Road Race!

Neighbors and other community members gathered in the Fitz park for art, music and an exciting Kids Fun Run! The Mission Hill Artists Collective were able to showcase and sell their art, as well as raffle off a couple of jewelry items and art pieces! Our own board member Mort Ahmadifar raffled off one of his own art pieces! DJ Mez, a

local of the Roxbury/Mission Hill area performed a great set for Road Race attendees, playing lively running music.

Awards were given to overall winners, as well as runners in each age group. The annual Puddingstone Pot trophy, given annually to the institution with the highest number of participants, was awarded to Wentworth University, as they had the greatest number of runners, walkers, and volunteers at the MH Road Race.



Mayor Michelle Wu, Councilors Kenzie Bok, Ruthzee Louijeune, Erin Murphy, Michael Flaherty, and Representative Nika Elugardo all spoke at the event. Mayor Wu led the walkers off at the starting line of the race. John Fitzgerald, son of Kevin W. Fitzgerald, spoke in remembrance of his time growing up in Mission Hill as well as his dad’s love for the Road Race.



Upcoming on the Hill

LOVE YOUR BLOCK!

Join the Mission Hill Community in cleaning up our neighborhood!

**October 15th
9am-12pm**

MHNHS is encouraging the youth in our buildings to get involved!



Text 908-507-2079 or email james.em@northeastern.edu to volunteer!

Pizza for volunteers after Clean-up!

In partnership with the City of Boston's Office of Civic Organizing, "Love your Block" is coming to Mission Hill on **Saturday, October 15th**! Love your Block is a neighborhood beautification program that aims to clean-up and restore the streets, sidewalks, parks, and open spaces within various neighborhoods of Boston. Mission Hill NHS, with the help of Henry Santana, the City's Director of Civic Organizing and also a MHNHS board member, will be hosting two clean-up teams in Mission Hill. Team Roxbury Crossing will meet at the corner of Tremont and Gurney Street at 9:00AM, and Team Fitz Park will meet at the entrance to the park on Saint Alphonsus Street at 9:00 AM. Henry's office will be providing tools, gloves and other materials, while Mission Hill NHS will be providing garbage bags and tulip and daffodil bulbs to plant! If you would like to participate, please contact MHNHS staff person **Emily James** at em.james@northeastern.edu. Please come out and **Love your Mission Hill Block!**

MNHS: What's New

With Covid-19, the sense of unity with neighbors and other members of the Mission Hill community was greatly affected. As restrictions have eased up, we have started bringing back our Summer programming on the Hill! This summer we hosted a series of jazz concerts in the Kevin W. Fitzgerald Park, as well as Tai Chi and Art classes for our seniors. The jazz concerts were a huge hit among the Mission Hill community, who enjoyed performances by the Northeastern Jazz Ensemble, Fabiola Mendez, and Clear Audience. The Hyde Park Art association helped foster connections among our senior residents during our June and September art classes.

Thank you to the Mission Hill Fenway Neighborhood Trust for sponsoring all of our summer programming and activities at the park and at our buildings!



Spotlight on the Hill:

This September our own board member Bruce Keary and wife, Mary Urban-Keary were honored at the Sociedad Latina ribbon cutting ceremony! Bruce and Mary Urban-Keary were previous owners of the current Sociedad Latina's building at 1530 Tremont Street. Their commitment to community, affordable housing, and making music is celebrated by all of Mission Hill, as a music room was dedicated in their honor.

Bruce moved to Mission Hill for law school in 1970, and he has lived ever since. He is a strong advocate for preserving the diverse, family nourishing, community of Mission Hill.



Building Together!



Thank you to Courtney Wright and Wentworth University staff for their work on a special volunteer drainage project at HERE House, one of our senior properties. Courtney and other Wentworth staff volunteered their time and skills to completing the project.

Celebrations on the Hill!

In celebration of school starting again, Mission Hill NHS in collaboration with New England Baptist Hospital, hosted two Back-to-School BBQs for residents of 706 Huntington Ave, Frawley/Delle, One Gurney St, and the Maria Sanchez House! Children of our buildings all received backpacks filled with essential school supplies! Our residents enjoyed yummy food, a raffle, and music from DJ Group, "A Trike called Funk"! The backpacks and essentials were provided by new England Baptist Hospital. Beautiful baskets containing household supplies were provided by Courtney Wright of Wentworth Institute of Technology and were raffled off to seniors. Thank you to Board member Chris Dwyer and to Courtney Wright for all your help with this event!

