

# Quarterly Newsletter:

## On the Hill:

The Holiday Season is upon us! Mission Hill Neighborhood Housing Services (MHNHS) in partnership with New England

Baptist Hospital, aimed to make our annual holiday celebrations at our properties as care-free as possible for our residents. This Thanksgiving, we dropped off Thanksgiving cakes and Stop and Shop gift cards to our residents at Frawley-Delle and 706 Huntington Ave. MHNHS organized a Thanksgiving Food Drive at our office where board members, staff members, and other One Brigham Circle visitors donated canned food and nonperishable items. Volunteers from Clark Construction also donated 80 boxes of mashed potatoes and 40 cans of corn.

We then put together food bags for our families at One Gurney Street, and delivered the bags, as well as a Thanksgiving cake and Stop and Shop gift card.



Because of Covid-19 we have been unable to host in-person Thanksgiving dinners for our families at the Maria Sanchez House. Instead, we hosted a “grab-and-go” style dinner, sponsored by NEBH, which included a delicious turkey dinner from Penguin Pizza, a dessert from Solid Ground Café, and a Stop and Shop gift card. A huge thank you goes out to Board member Chris Dwyer of the NEBH for all her and NEBH’s help with Holiday events and donations. Thank you to the MHNHS Board Members and Courtney Wright from

Wentworth Institute of Technology for volunteering their time to assist in drop-offs, as well as Clark Construction staff for their donations and help volunteering! We appreciate all of you!

## Those Who Are Making a Difference:

This November two of our own Board Members and the Executive Director of MHNHS were recognized for their contributions to the Mission Hill Community. New England Baptist Hospital (NEBH) hosted a celebratory luncheon to honour these and several other community members for their commitment to the neighborhood and its well-being. A huge congratulations to Matilda Drayton, Rich Giordano, and Patricia Flaherty and others for their years of dedication to creating a prosperous neighborhood.



Board member Matilda Drayton has connected Mission Hill neighbors with countless resources and has been an active member of the Alice Taylor community for over 30 years. Board member Rich Giordano currently works for Fenway CDC as the Director of Policy and Community Planning as well as the Back of the Hill CDC, advocating for affordable housing in the neighborhood. MHNHS Executive Director, Patricia Flaherty has been a vocal member of the community since she moved to Mission Hill during her college years. She has been building not only affordable housing, but a sense of community in our buildings and the neighborhood.

## Halloween on the Hill:

This October we got many of our seniors to groove at the Senior Celtics event! New England Baptist Hospital in partnership with the Tobin Community Center and the Boston Celtics held their annual Senior Celtics dance clinic, led by the Celtics Dance team!



## Developments in the Neighborhood:

MHNHS, in collaboration with other community organizations, has organized a “Postcard Campaign” in opposition of the proposed development at 80-100 Smith Street. Developers are proposing a 13-story tower of luxury rental housing. The luxury, market rate units would be 75% studio/1 bedroom with only 25% being 2-bedroom units. There would be little or no affordable units and no family-size units. The building would house an underground parking garage, adjacent to the Mission Grammar School Parking Lot, adding unwanted traffic to the already dangerous pick-up and drop-off area. The buildings would cast shadows upon the baseball field, the Tobin School, and the apartment complexes of Mission Main. In addition, the building, being out of context with the existing properties, would infringe upon the beautiful Mission Church complex, which gave Mission Hill its name. Because of these reasons MHNHS is in opposition to the 80-100 Smith Street project. **Please share your comments**

**to the BPDA at the following link:**

<https://www.bostonplans.org/projects/development-projects/80-100-smith-street>

Celtics players Noah Vonleh and Justin Jackson even made an appearance, wearing their great Halloween costumes and participating in a dance competition with seniors! Later in the evening, the community gathered at the Tobin Community Center for a festive Halloween celebration of cupcake decorating, as well as Trick-or-Treating, a costume contest, and a VERY spooky haunted house! A huge thank you to John Jackson, Administrative Coordinator at the Tobin Community Center and MHNHS Board member, for organizing a successful Halloween on the Hill!

## Upcoming on the Hill:

This Saturday, December 4th at 3:30PM the Mayor’s Enchanted Trolley Tour is coming to Mission Hill! Join us at Brigham Circle for a Tree lighting ceremony and caroling! Let's jump into the Christmas Spirit!



**\*Note that the existing is shown above in color and the proposed is shown in black and white.**