

Quarterly Newsletter

On the Hill

Mission Hill NHS strives to always support our residents, especially our seniors during the pandemic. Thanks to New England Baptist Hospital, Chris Dwyer, and China Weare, all of our seniors received candy and Stop & Shop gift cards for Valentine's Day! In conjunction, MHNHS staff wrote and delivered Valentine's cards to the seniors at all of our properties as well!



We also want to thank Wentworth Institute of Technology. Due to the generosity of Courtney Wright and Wentworth, Mission Hill NHS was able to distribute PPE to all of the tenants at our five properties: María Sánchez House, One Gurney Street, HERE House, 706 Huntington, and the Frawley-Delle apartments. Finally, through a donation from the Boston Public Health Commission, COVID-19 test kits were also distributed by Mission Hill NHS staff.

Making a Difference on the Hill



Mission Hill NHS is heartbroken to share that Elizabeth (Betty) Commerford, one of our longest serving board members and passionate Mission Hill community activist, passed away in

January 2022. She will be missed dearly by her family, friends, and community. Betty worked fiercely to create affordable housing for Mission Hill residents, and she was very active with HERE House, one of MHNHS's senior properties. Rest in peace, Betty.

MHNHS: What's New

Recently, Mission Hill NHS has been working more closely with Northeastern University through our collaboration with Stephen Schneider, Director of Horticulture and Grounds at NU, and his two co-op students. This partnership is invaluable as we work towards certifying Kevin W. Fitzgerald Park as a Level I Arboretum. Stephen and his co-ops and MHNHS's intern conducted site visits to the Park to inventory all species and are finalizing a Master Plan and MHNHS's Arbor Day event - all requirements for a Level I status. Finally, aluminum, embossed accession labels were placed on plantings to inventory and identify species, which is a major step! Check out MHNHS's website for more info on this project!



Save the Date

The 48th Annual Meeting for Mission Hill NHS will take place on **June 23, 6pm at the One Brigham Circle Plaza**. This meeting will report on organizational updates, discuss upcoming events & how to improve Mission Hill, and end with new Board member elections. Dinner and live entertainment will be included, and **ALL ARE WELCOME!** Stay tuned for more on this year's Guest Speaker and Community Award recipients!

Upcoming Events

Join Mission Hill NHS in **Kevin Fitzgerald Park** for an Arbor Day celebration! This community-building event will take place on **Friday, April 29th from 2-5:30pm**.

We will have fun, safe activities and freebies for all ages: **NEW trees** will be planted at Fitz Park, a **Northeastern Jazz Ensemble** performance, giveaways/raffles, information on our **Arboretum Project**, sustainability, & our **bee program**, and more! Email intern@missionhillnhs.org if you're interested in volunteering!

Help Fitz Park become an Arboretum!

Arbor Day Celebration!

@ Fitzgerald Park with Mission Hill NHS

<p>When: Friday, April 29, 2022</p> <p>Time: 2-5:30pm</p> <p>Where: Kevin Fitzgerald Park</p> <p>Who: Open to the public! Free!</p>	<p>Join us for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-Planting of TREES!!-Performance by NEU Jazz Ensemble-FREE seedlings, pamphlets, & education-Special Guest Speakers-Giveaway/raffles!!
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Sponsored by: Mission Hill Neighborhood Housing Services, Speak for the Trees Boston, Bank of America, American Forests, Northeastern University, & ADW Lincoln Properties

Interested in Art...

Interested in Art Classes @ Fitzgerald Park?



1. Scan the
QR code



or

2. Go to:
<https://forms.office.com/r/J5Cwjiax30>
to register!!!

*YOU NEED TO REGISTER TO ATTEND. You can register for **any** or **all** classes!

Mission Hill NHS will host programs in Kevin Fitzgerald Park again this summer! One of these will be a pilot program of 4 art classes!

These will occur on Thursday mornings (10-11:30am) in June. More info when you register! **YOU ARE REQUIRED TO REGISTER TO ATTEND.**

Scan the QR code on the flyer or [click here](#) to register!!

Parcel 25: Phase 2

Having spent over a year to properly remediate the Parcel 25 Phase 2 site after environmental issues were encountered in 2020, the 46-unit, 100% affordable, LIHTC rental project for families is now returning to traditional construction. MHNHS anticipates completion in late spring of 2023. Maloney Properties, our management agent, will likely begin the lottery process for rent-up of the units in early 2023. More information to come at our Annual Meeting!

Get Involved

Click [here](#) to sign up for our email list to get updates about MHNHS & ways to get involved!