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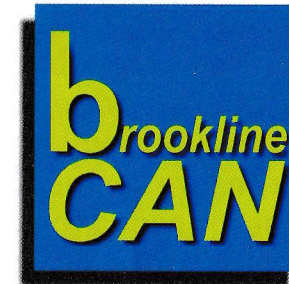
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Brookline Community Aging Network



2016 ANNUAL MEETING

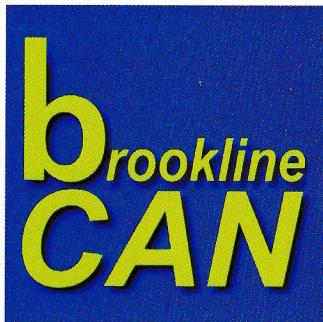
Senior Housing – Trends, Resources, Opportunities

Thursday, September 15, 2016
5:00 – 7:00 pm

Brookline Senior Center
93 Winchester Street
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Help your neighbors. Help yourself. Help your Town.



Brookline Community Aging Network – BrooklineCAN – is a town-wide, all volunteer

initiative founded in 2010. We pull together resources in innovative ways to ensure seniors have the information and support needed to remain engaged in the life of the community. We succeed through advocacy, innovation, and collaboration.

Our 400 members – ranging in age from 32 to 98 – live in all areas of Brookline, more than a dozen other towns and cities in Massachusetts, as well as in several other states. Members live in apartments, condos, single-family houses. Many but not all are retired. All care about making Brookline an even better place to live, for seniors and people of all ages!

BrooklineCAN volunteers – 70 and growing – team up to enhance communication, build membership, advocate for meaningful change, and engage older adults in stimulating educational opportunities.

Founding Partners of BrooklineCAN



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Guide to Activities:

First Floor: Registration and Expo – enjoy wine, beer and hors d'oeuvres

Third Floor: Awards ceremony, Brookline High Jazz Ensemble, light dinner

PROGRAM AGENDA

5:00 pm Welcome to BrooklineCAN!

Explore Expo, Network, Learn, and Enjoy!

6:15 pm Awards Ceremony and Keynote Remarks

Welcome Roberta Winitzer,
Master of Ceremonies

Frank Caro and Ruthann Dobek,
Steering Committee Co-Chairs

Community Service Awards

Award Presentations, Nancy Daly, *Selectman*

Roger Blood for Promoting Affordable Housing

Board of Assessors: Mark J. Mazur, Gary McCabe,
and Dr. Harold A. Petersen for
Leadership on Property Tax Programs

Keynote Remarks

Len Fishman, *Director*
Gerontology Institute, UMass Boston

2016 KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

COMMUNICATIONS

This past year saw the launch of the Age-friendly Cities TV program. Topics included transportation resources, Brookline Public Libraries, health services and Brookline parks. See Brookline Age-friendly Cities TV programs on the BrooklineCAN web site.

The new cable television show complements strong communications strategies previously in place, notably our monthly newsletter; our website, Twitter, Facebook; and our press releases.

A progress report on the Brookline Age-friendly City initiative was released this year; it provides an overview of many projects involving collaboration among many Town departments, BrooklineCAN, and the Council on Aging. The report is available electronically through the BrooklineCAN website.

EDUCATION

BrooklineCAN sponsored six educational programs featuring experts on longevity, dealing with stress, Social Security, driving retirement, ageism, and home ownership challenges.

MEMBERSHIP

New in 2016: "discounted" memberships for households with annual income of \$35,000 or less. The donation for this new type of membership is \$10 a year, set as low as possible to enable people with a wide range of incomes to become members. BrooklineCAN has also created a new business membership level to be implemented during the coming year.

2016 KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

LIVABLE COMMUNITY ADVOCACY

It was another BrooklineCAN banner year for influencing policy on issues of interest and importance to seniors and people of all ages.

- The Transportation Board formed a standing pedestrian committee for Brookline.
- The Transportation Board approved free parking to Senior Center volunteers at two Town parking lots.
- DPW replaced sidewalks on Auburn Street based on the sidewalk audit completed by our Pedestrian Safety project.
- 50 street lighting problems for pedestrians were identified in N. Brookline because of our inspections.
- The pocket park at the corner of John and Green Streets near Coolidge Corner was refurbished.
- DPW mounted 100 "Walk Your Bike" signs on sidewalks in commercial areas on Beacon Street and Harvard Street.

TRIPPS

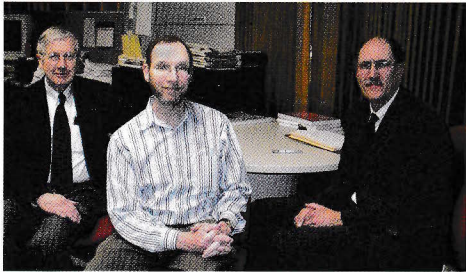
(TRANSPORTATION RESOURCES, INFORMATION, PLANNING AND PARTNERSHIP FOR SENIORS IN BROOKLINE AND NEWTON, MA)

Launched in 2015 through the leadership of BrooklineCAN, TRIPPS had a great first year. TRIPPS offers a guide to local travel options in Greater Boston as well as individual support to residents of Brookline and Newton aged 60 and older. TRIPPS staff and 13 trained volunteers assisted over 50 seniors seeking help, researched transportation options, and facilitated dozens of outreach and education events in the community, including two panel discussions on driving retirement.

2016 COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS

Board of Assessors

We are grateful to the Board of Assessors for the leadership it has shown in ensuring Brookline has a tax work off program. The office stays abreast of current legislation



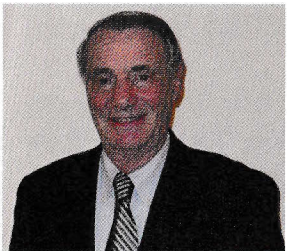
Board of Assessors (L-R): Dr. Harold A. Petersen, Mark J. Mazur and Gary McCabe

and advocates for older homeowners. Gary McCabe has been chair of the Board of Assessors since 2007. Harold Petersen is Associate Professor Emeritus (Economics) of Boston College's Morrissey

College of Arts & Sciences and a member of the Board since 1990. Mark Mazur has been a member of the Board since 2003 and is the full time assessor in the Town of Sharon, MA.

Roger Blood

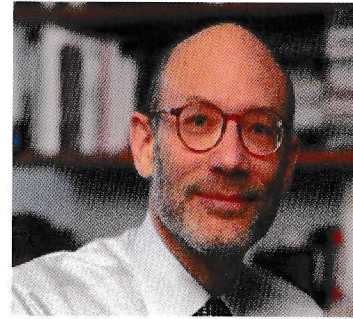
Roger Blood has served on the Brookline Housing Advisory Board since its creation 25 years ago and as its Chair for 20+ years. Tenure highlights include: development and



refinement of Brookline's successful inclusionary zoning program; leveraging substantial federal and state funding to create and preserve affordable housing in Brookline through the Affordable Housing Trust Fund; running Brookline lotteries

for affordable homeownership units; development of a 'toolkit' for various households and housing types; and co-sponsorship of a Chapter 40B Housing Production Plan to guide appropriate development. Roger lives with his wife, Sarah, in Precinct 13.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



LEN FISHMAN is director of the Gerontology Institute at UMass Boston. The Institute is the research, policy and consulting arm of UMass Boston's gerontology program—one of the oldest and largest aging studies programs in the world.

Created by the Massachusetts Legislature in 1984, the Institute conducts research, analyzes policy, and provides education to policy makers and the general public about social, economic and health issues concerning older adults.

From 2000 to 2013, Len was CEO of Hebrew SeniorLife, New England's largest non-profit provider of senior housing and health care. He led the transformation of this 110-year old nonprofit from a long-term care institution to an integrated system of health care and housing, research and teaching. During Len's tenure HSL became an affiliate of Harvard Medical School, and serves as the School's principal clinical research and academic teaching site in geriatrics.

Before joining HSL, Len was president of LeadingAge, in Washington D.C., representing 6,000 non-profit senior housing and health care providers, serving over three million seniors, in the U.S. and Canada.

Len served in the cabinet of NJ Governor Christine Todd Whitman, as commissioner of the Department of Health. He led the governor's initiative to unite all programs serving seniors into one cabinet-level department.