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BROOKLINE COMMUNITY AGING NETWORK HOLDS FREE RECEPTION FOR CURRENT AND PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS ON JULY 18

The Brookline Community Aging Network (BrooklineCAN) is holding its second annual FREE reception for current and prospective members on Wednesday, July 18, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at 93 Winchester Street in Brookline.

This second reception is for members and anyone who is thinking of joining BrooklineCAN. Light refreshments will be served and prizes given away. This is an opportunity to meet your neighbors and learn more about the accomplishments of BrooklineCAN.

The organization also will recognize members as Volunteers of the Year for their selfless contributions to BrooklineCAN.

The mission of BrooklineCAN is to help older residents remain in their homes and be fully engaged in the life of the community. At the reception, you can learn about the Network's goals and services, offer ideas for additional programs, and discover how you can help yourself, your neighbors and help to make Brookline an even more livable community.

Recent accomplishments of BrooklineCAN include the design of two online guides. One guide directs visitors to <u>one-floor living</u> that identifies condos and apartment buildings with elevators and the other guide points out <u>public restrooms</u> throughout Brookline. The organization also worked to obtained property tax relief for low-income elders and supported caregivers in procuring permits to park for more than two hours.

The Brookline Community Aging Network is a town-wide initiative that welcomes people of all ages and backgrounds who wish to support older residents in remaining a vital part of the community. The Network's website, http://www.brooklinecan.org, is the focal point of the organization.

Nearly 400 people have become members of BrooklineCAN since its launch on April 2010. Annual Membership is \$25 for an individual and \$50 for a household.

Membership benefits include a <u>monthly newsletter</u>, <u>discounts from town businesses</u>; information about preferred contractors and <u>service providers</u>; educational forums; and involvement in an intergenerational <u>volunteer network</u>. In addition, members have the opportunity to join <u>advocacy efforts</u> on issues related to independent living.

To RSVP or for more information, call 617-730-2777, email <u>info@brooklinecan.org</u>, or visit the website at <u>www.BrooklineCAN.org</u>.