

Brookline, NH

Economic Development

Newsletter

Housing for Older Persons (HOP)

“55 versus 62”

The Economic Development Committee and the Planning Board have recognized the need to provide more housing options for local seniors. Whether it is to downsize, to look for a maintenance-free living arrangement, or to reduce real estate taxes, senior housing is sometimes a great choice.

Back in 2003 the “Housing for Older Persons (HOP)” Zoning Ordinance was adopted by Brookline voters with requirements such as:

- ⇒ Solely occupied by persons 62 years of age and older,
- ⇒ Minimum 20-acre track of land in the residential district,

- ⇒ 0.5 acre per dwelling,
- ⇒ Single, detached or attached duplexes with maximum 2 units per building.

Although these standards can be what some folks are looking for, the Planning Board is working on additional options for HOP developments.

One main modification would be to offer such living arrangements to people 55 years of age and over which makes such developments more attractive to developers.

Other changes to the current ordinance would be to allow “Mixed-Use” HOP developments in the Commercial District, along the Route 13 corridor. Such developments would offer 1 or 2 bed-

room apartments, off-street parking and direct access to shopping facilities.

The Planning Board met with developers and builders to get a sense of what works (and does not work) in neighboring towns. Brookline residents will have the opportunity to provide input and share their ideas during a Forum on September 9th.

In the upcoming months, the Planning Board will hold public hearings and will prepare amendments that will be presented to voters at the March 2015 Town Meeting. Check the [website](#) for updates!

For more information, contact Valerie Rearick valerie@brookline.nh.us

Souhegan Valley Chamber of Commerce



The Chamber of Commerce is recognized as a leading force in improving the economic health, business environment and overall vitality of the 11 towns in the Souhegan Valley.

Seeking to encourage growth for the future, while sustaining the valued quality of life within the Souhegan Valley, the Souhegan Valley Cham-

ber of Commerce is an asset to both local businesses and residents.

Please take some time to get to know us. Join us at one of our many events. Give the office a call. Read about the benefits of membership. **We are here to support your business and your community.**

Visit the Chamber’s website for more information.

<http://www.souhegan.net>

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Fall 2014

Save the Dates:

- **Old Home Days**
Sept. 5, 6 & 7
- **Jordan’s Walk**
September 27th
- **Southern NH Business Expo:**
October 18
- **Selectboard / Finance Committee Budget Meetings:**
Mid-October to Mid-November (every Monday night)
- **Zoning Amendments Planning Board in Nov. & Dec.**



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Southern NH Business Expo - Saturday, October 18, 2014

Hampshire Dome - Emerson Road, Milford NH

Mark your Calendar!

Do not miss this great opportunity to meet with local merchants!

The 2014 Southern NH Business Expo will be on a Saturday, on October 18 - 10:00 am - 5:00 pm.

This year the *Economic Development Committee* will again be present to support Brookline Businesses and promote our great Town.

Many Brookline Businesses will participate. Stop by their booth and see what they have to offer!



Meet your Merchants!

Brookline After School Program

<https://sites.google.com/a/sau41.org/asp/>

The Cozy Tea Cart

<http://www.thecozyteacart.com/>

Donna Corey Photography

www.donnacoreyphotography.com/#!/HOME

Gavin Remodeling

<http://www.gavininc.com/>

Irish Luck Stable, LLC

www.facebook.com/IrishLuckStables/timeline

Neil Stone Karate Academy

<http://www.neilstoneskarate.com/>

Occitan Imports, LLC

<http://www.occitanimports.com/>

Premier Home Inspection

www.premierhouseinspection.com

Ultimate Green Cleaning

www.ultimategreencleaning.com

2014 International Sculpture Symposium Andres Institute of Art

The 2014 International Sculpture Symposium will take place from September 14th to October 5th.



The Artists have all been identified. Check out their websites.

Alak Roy from Bangladesh

<http://www.alakroy.com/>

Norbert Jager from Germany

<http://www.nj-art.de/html/link.html>

Ennica Mukomberanwa from Zimbabwe

<http://zimsulpt.com/artist/ennica-mukomberanwa/>

Bernie Carreno from Texas

<http://www.berniecarreno.net/index.html>

This year's theme: "*Intimate View*"
"*How we open ourselves up to be seen and open ourselves to see others.*"

For more information about the Symposium or the Institute, contact:

John Weidman, Co-Founder, Artist Director and Studio Manager
director@andresinstitute.org

John manages symposia, classes and all artistic aspects of the institute.

8th Jordan's Walk for Wishes and Dash for Dreams Saturday, September 27, 2014



Jordan's Walk is an annual FAST 5K run and walk in memory of Jordan Coffey, a 14-year-old former student at the Richard Maghakian Memorial School, who lost his battle with brain cancer in 2005. All proceeds of Jordan's Walk benefit the *Make-A-Wish Foundation of NH*.

The course begins and ends at the school, touring participants down country roads through the center of historic Brookline.

After the race enjoy music, entertainment, massages, games, a complimentary barbecue, and *Taste of the Area*. Unique gift baskets, donated by friends and businesses, will once again be raffled off after the race.

When: Saturday, September 27, 2014
12:00 noon: Check-in, Last minute

Registration & Runner Number
Pick-up

2:00 pm: Race time

Where: Richard Maghakian Memorial School - RMMS
22 Milford Street / Route 130
Brookline, NH 03033

For more information and to register, go to the Jordan's Walk website
www.jordanswalk.com



Sample mouth-watering appetizers, entrees, desserts, pastries, and beverages from some of the area's finest restaurants, caterers, bakeries, delis, and beverage companies.

Taste of the Area: contact Danielle Beaudette (603) 249-9111

Credit: Photographs by Ann Somers

Know Your Town... *Brookline Chapel*



Did you know the Brookline Chapel has hosted over 60 weddings since it was purchased by the Town in 2008?

The Chapel is available for rent all year long and can seat up to 160 guests.

Brusch Hall, located behind the Chapel, is fully equipped with bathrooms, complete kitchen, sofas, chairs and tables.

Concerts, Recitals, Weddings, Art Expos and other events can be held inside this beautiful piece of architecture!

An ample **parking area** is conveniently available.



To Rent the Chapel:
Please contact **Rena Dunklee**
Phone: 603-673-8855 ext 214
E-mail: rena@brookline.nh.us

Souhegan Valley Chamber of Commerce - Award dinner

Congratulations to the **Brookline Fire Department Association** for receiving the **Volunteer of the Year Award!**

“Over the last year, the Town of Brookline suffered several tragedies that affected the entire community and the Fire Department especially. The Brookline FD Association took the lead in raising funds to help the families of those affected such as after the Bingham Lumber fire, support for the family following the death of Curt Jensen, a

fellow Brookline Fireman, and supporting a Zumbathon (firefighters in full gear doing Zumba) for the family of Katie Hamilton. In addition the BFDA participates in the Tyler Ride, and Neighbors Helping Neighbors (fundraising for the Brookline welfare department).

During extended power outages, the Department provides water, hot showers and serves breakfast, lunch and dinner to residents needing assistance.”



Trent Blalock (SVCC in-coming Chairman), Karen Keating (SVCC out-going Chairman) and Phil Soletsky (BFDA)

Credit: Article & Photograph from the SVCC

Building Department Update

Welcome Brookline’s new Building Inspector / Code Enforcement Officer, **Romeo Dubreuil!**



“I have been in the construction industry for over 30 years working on residential and commercial projects. I enjoy helping the public with building projects and look forward to serving Brookline.”

Do not hesitate to contact Romeo with any questions you may have or for advice! rdubreuil@brookline.nh.us (603) 673-8855 ext 212.

Information about Building Permits is available on the Brookline Website and forms can be downloaded by following this link: <http://www.brookline.nh.us/node/1993/files>

The website also offers
[Prescriptive Residential Wood Deck Construction Guide](#)
[Building Permit Fees](#)
[Building Code](#)
[Blasting Ordinance](#)
[Blasting Fees](#)

Office hours:
Monday—Thursday
8:00 am - 10:00 am

Meet Brookline Businesses (series)

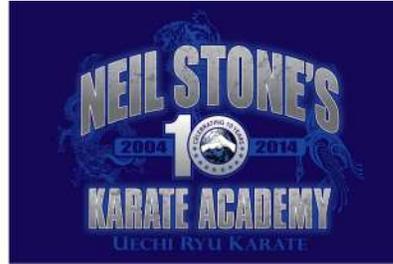
Neil Stone's Karate Academy

Neil Stone's Karate Academy was founded in 2004 and will kick off their 10 year anniversary celebration this September. Originally located in the Big Bear Lodge, the Academy moved in 2006 to its current location on the hill overlooking the Lodge.

NSKA teaches an Okinawan style of martial arts and self-defense, an art and physical activity great for all ages. NSKA offers classes for kids as young as 4 and there is no age limit to practicing this art. Martial arts have something to offer everyone and are a life-long activity. Whether you are looking to learn self-defense, improve coordination, get in better overall health, improve flexibility, or relieve stress, NSKA is the place for you.

The youth program is great for children

of all abilities and skills and has become a second home for many of the students. Kids work on their focus, discipline, self-control, indomitable spirit and so much more than just the physical aspect of martial arts. NSKA is the only Academy in the area utiliz-



ing the Powerful Words Character Development Program which helps make a long lasting impact on their young students.

Over the past 10 years NSKA has given over \$50,000 to various national and local charities through annual fund-raising such as silent auctions and "Kick-a-Thons". This past year NSKA donated over \$2,000 to local schools to purchase extra supplies for this upcoming school year.

Owner and Sensei, Neil Stone, has been studying martial arts for over 25 years and teaching for over 20 years. He and his award winning staff have been happy to serve the Brookline community for the past 10 years and encourage everyone to stop by and give martial arts a try!

For more information about NSKA visit their website at www.neilstoneskarate.com and search for them on Facebook.

Brookline Website

"Stay Connected"

The website offers easy navigation for businesses, residents and visitors to access pages dedicated to news and events, as well as information on all town boards, committees, departments and schools.

New features include quick links to Town Resources such as past meetings via a link to **Town Hall Streams**

<http://www.townhallstreams.com> and receiving news via email by subscribing to **E-Alerts**

<http://www.brookline.nh.us/Subscribe>

Businesses and Residents can directly contact the [website administrator](#) to submit news announcements or questions.

We want to make sure that as many

businesses as possible are listed in the **Brookline Business Directory** and we make every effort to keep it up-to-date.

If your business is not listed in the Directory, if your contact information has changed, or if you have a new website, please contact Valerie Rearick at valerie@brookline.nh.us

Next Newsletter

Sponsor the next EDC Newsletter!

In each newsletter we feature one of Brookline's business. In order to inform the public of their activities, we welcome all business related submissions.

For more information, please contact Valerie Rearick (603) 673-8855 ext. 215.

The EDC encourages all Brookline Business Owners to send a description of their activities, a biography, a presentation of their team, etc... along with pictures. Email valerie@brookline.nh.us

Planning Board Update

Upcoming workshops to amend Ordinances and Regulations:

- ⇒ Housing for Older Persons Ordinance
- ⇒ Accessory Dwelling Units Ordinance
- ⇒ Driveways Regulations

Remember that all agendas and approved minutes are available on the [Brookline Website](#).

The Planning Board meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month.

Open positions: Alternate Members. Contact [Valerie Rearick](#) for more information.

Brookline Lions Club

Be a part of the largest service organization in the world! The Brookline Lions Club, founded in 2002, invites you to contact a member or attend a meeting and join us in our many activities supporting services to the sight and hearing impaired as well as in support of local services right here in Brookline and the surrounding area.

The Brookline Lions Club is the organizer of the Line Our Streets with Patriotism flag program and the 4th of July Parade, as well as the Family Fun Day in partnership with the Hollis/Brookline Rotary. We perform vision screening for incoming chil-

dren in Brookline schools, we put on two annual dinners for Brookline Sen-

iors, and contribute to the efforts of local organizations like the Brookline



Welfare department, Camp Allen in Bedford and many, many more.

Brookline Lions Club meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month, 6:30 pm at the Brookline Fire Station Meeting Room, and we welcome new members.

To learn more, see our Facebook page, visit our booth at Brookline Old Home Days or contact any Lions Club member.

Welcome to Brookline!

Welcome to all new residents!

The Economic Development Committee (“EDC”) has developed tools and ways to better communicate with businesses and residents.

Welcome Packets were put together to provide as much information as possible for new residents. If you have not received it, please stop by the Town Hall to pick one up. Packets are also available on the Website under the “Residents” tab:

<http://www.brookline.nh.us/residents>

Do not hesitate to contact Town Hall Staff. We are here to assist you in any way we can.

New Businesses, Welcome!

Décor & You

Kelly Murphy, Designer/Owner.

61 Averill Road

kmurphy@decoranyou.com

(603) 672-9452

Cell (508) 314-6275

www.teammurphy.decorandyou.com

Precision Tooling, LLC

Steven Eberhard

21 Ben Farnsworth Road

(603) 718-5024

nptnh@live.com

If you would like to receive more information about the Economic Development Committee, or to get involved, please contact Tad Putney, Town Administrator, tputney@brookline.nh.us. (603) 673-8855 ext. 213

Transportation - Resurfaced Roads & New Sidewalks

Recently the Department of Transportation (DOT) resurfaced Route 130, Quimby Road and South Main Street . These arteries now offer a smoother ride to motorists and provide quieter travel corridors for residents. Well maintained roads also give a positive image and a “welcome to our beautiful town” message which is often very much appreciated by visitors, including business prospects.

An additional section of sidewalk was

recently completed allowing residents to safely walk all the way to the Safety Complex and to the Post Office.

Brookline is applying for another sidewalk grant in late September. Funding will be sought for two additional sidewalk segments:

- ⇒ Old Milford Rd, from Steam Mill Hill Road to Rocky Pond Road, and
- ⇒ Route 130, from South Main Street to Bohanon Bridge Road.



(Before)

(After)

Milford Street (Rte 130) new sidewalk

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Website
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*Creating a Foundation for
Business Success*

*In May 2012, the Selectboard chartered Brookline's Economic Development Committee ("EDC") to
"promote balanced, long-term economic development, which reflects and
enhances the character of our community."*

*The EDC meets at least monthly as it works to complete research and develop materials that will support
both existing and future businesses in Brookline.*

If you are interested in learning more about the EDC, please contact **Tad Putney**, Town Administrator at tputney@brookline.nh.us or **Valerie Rearick**, Town Planner at valerie@brookline.nh.us for more information.

The NRPC has launched a new website! Check it out!

[Nashua Regional Planning Commission \(NRPC\)](http://www.nashuarpc.org) <http://www.nashuarpc.org>

One of the new features is the *Live Maps!* A great tool for Town Departments as well as the general public



**Many Thanks to Neil Stone's Karate Academy
for supporting the Economic Development Committee
and sponsoring this newsletter**

