### CEDARWOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

### **SPRING 1998**

### ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

President:

Sandy Kiesling

58 Hamilton Road

894-4897

Treasurer:

Elisse Ghitelman

7 University Park

891-9307

Vice President: 117 Thornton Road

Hans Brings 891-9993

Secretary:

Steven Karel

46 Weatherbee Rd

899-6175

### ABOUT THE ASSOCIATION

The Cedarwood Association provides educational, civic and social opportunities. We have several social activities throughout the year (See the Calendar of Events). Also, we provide a scholarship each year to a deserving high school senior.

The association also provides a forum for people to express opinions and ideas to improve our neighborhood. Having an active Association allows us to mobilize quickly when issues arise which affect our community. -- SANDY KIESLING

### ANNUAL ASSOCIATION MEETING

The annual meeting was held on January 14, 1998. It included reports from the secretary, treasurer and each committee. Elections were held and the Association Officers will remain the same for another year.

President Sandy Kiesling reported that plans for the new Cedarwood Playground are moving ahead, right on schedule. Director of Parks and Recreation, Sandra Place, has received a lot of feedback on the preliminary designs and is now working with the designer to finalize the plans.

Also, the continued public safety issues of speed limits within the neighborhood and Brandeis parking were discussed. Other topics included: recent snow plowing by the city and the new cable company - Media One were . A \$100 budget was approved for the Garden Committee.

Councillor Rebecca McCullough reported on the many municipal issues for 1998. See Page 3 - Councillor's Corner column for details.



## NEW NEIGHBORS **OPEN HOUSE**

Place: 58 Hamilton Road Date: Saturday March 21, 1998 Time: 2:00pm - 4:00pm

The Cedarwood Association is happy to once again to sponsor a New Neighbor Open House. This event is a great opportunity for new neighbors to learn more about Cedarwood's yearly activities and history.

Even though we have not had an Open House event since 1994, thanks to Committee members Hans and Sarah Brings, all our new neighbors have had holiday plants delivered since that time.

If you are a new neighbor or have moved into the our neighborhood since 1994, we hope you will attend this fabulous event!

Once again, the New Neighbor Open House will be held on Saturday, March 21, 1998 from 2:00pm - 4:00pm at 58 Hamilton Road and graciously hosted by Sandy Kiesling and the New Neighbors Committee. Refreshments, hors d'oeuvres, and fun will be served!

PLEASE RSVP by March 14 to either Sandy Kiesling (894-4897) or Hans Brings (891-9993).

We are also looking for information from neighbors who have been with us for a while and have information on Waltham and Cedarwood that they would like to share with our new neighbors, Please call Sandy or Hans at the above numbers.

We hope everyone has a great 1998 and thoroughly enjoys all of the Cedarwood neighborhood activities planned for the year! -- HANS BRINGS



# NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES DIRECTORY



Name		Phone Number	Service
Casey	Boudrot	899-9456	Baby-sitting
Hans	Brings	891-9993	Free Real Estate Appraisal & Market Info
Stephen	Gardner	899-9617	Light Carpentry - Home Repairs
Jim	Giles	893-1717	Master Electrician - Residential Work
Meg	Hulliung	893-3783	Baby-sitting
Judy	Issacs	893-5356	Elementary School Tutoring
Leonard	Kelly	899-0730	Window cleaning & gutters cleaned
Tim	Kelly	894-8789	Electrician
John	Khederian	899-8650	Civil/Structural Engineering & Design
Dianne	Lombardi	899-1050	Real Estate Sales & Marketing Services
Jill	Lombardi	899-7923	Baby-sitting
Mark	Nardone	899-5996	Tree & Landscape Service, Snow
Ron	Pellitier	899-4547	Floor Sanding and Refinishing
Alexis	Shaw	894-5298	Real Estate Referrals and Sales
Tom	Sliney	899-1512	Custom-Made Golf Clubs and Repairs

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

New Neighbors Open House	March 21
NEIGHBORHOOD PICNIC	June 27
YARD SALE	Sept. 19

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Association Committees listed below need volunteers to work with the chairpeople. As you can see, we also have several committees in need of chairpeople.

Committee	Chairperson(s)	
Picnic and Yard Sale	Ellie Lyman Amy Eastwood	
General Events	OPEN	
Garden	Alexis Shaw	
New Neighbor	Hans Brings	
Playground	Sandy Kiesling	
Public Safety	Judy Issacs	
Scholarship	Sandy Kiesling	
Signs	OPEN	

I am pleased to announce that Judy Issacs has volunteered to chair our public Safety Committee. You can reach her at 893-5356.

I need four volunteers to serve on the Scholarship Committee. We meet once a year, around the end of April, to determine the scholarship winner.

We are interested in new ideas for activities that you might have and would like volunteers to help organize these efforts.

Please contact me to volunteer for any committee. -- SANDY KIESLING

### Newsletter

<u>Distribution:</u> Janet Smith-Flaherty 891-9737

Editor: Alexis Shaw 894-5298

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Spring is in the air and the Garden Committee has some new projects planned for 1998.

Help keep Cedarwood beautiful - The Garden Committee is sponsoring a **Spring Clean-Up** day in April. Please call Janet Smith -Flaherty at 891-9737 to sign up.

We are always looking for volunteers to help with planting and watering -- no experience necessary! Call Alexis Shaw at 894-5298.

### COUNCILLOR'S CORNER

The following is a brief update of things to come. More detailed information will appear in my next issue of *News from Ward 7*, which will be coming out soon.

I have received many calls concerning increased property taxes. Cedarwood homes are increasing in value, which is good news for residents. However, higher property values result in higher taxes. If you feel your assessment is not justified you may call the Assessors Office at City Hall (893-4040) and file for an abatement. Be prepared to backup your request. If your abatement is refused, you may appeal to the State Appeals Board, but there is a fee of \$125.00.

Water and Sewer bills are up 4.9%, the fourth lowest of 19 similar communities in the state. The figures printed in The New Tribune on 1/26/98 were incorrect. Waltham has been following a capital improvement plan for upgrading the infrastructure of water and sewer systems, which is resulting in lower costs to residents.

Thank you, once again, for allowing me to continue to serve as your Councillor. If you have any questions, problems, or concerns, please do not hesitate to call me at 893-7308. --REBECCA MCCULLOGH (COUNCILLOR - WARD 7)

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RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NEW NEIGHBORS WELCOME KIT							
We would like to start gathering personal recommendations to handout with the New Neighbors Welcome Kits. Please list such things as restaurants, shopping, mechanics, handymen, doctors, dentists, playgrounds, etc.							
Recommended Item:	Address:	Phone #:	Contact:				
Please drop off list or	call in to:						
Sandy Kiesling - 58 Hamilton Road (894-4897) before March 14, 1998.							
1998 C	edarWood Ass	sociation Members	hip Form				
Name:							

Membership Dues: Family - \$5.00 \_\_\_\_ Single Member Household - \$3.00 Optional Donation to Scholarship Fund: \_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #:

Return form with cash or check (payable to Cedarwood Association) to Elisse Ghitelman 7 University Park.