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\$175,000 Grant Winners!

Congratulations to the winners of the additional grants offered by Boston College to the Allston Brighton community in January 2007.

- ✓ The **Allston Brighton Oak Square YMCA** was awarded the **\$50,000** grant for **Youth Development**.
- ✓ **Allston Village Main Streets** was awarded the **\$50,000** grant for **Beautification**.
- ✓ The **Allston Brighton Bicentennial Committee** was awarded the **\$75,000** for **civic engagement**.

In April both the bi-annual **\$25,000 Beautification** grant application and the **\$2,500** will be available online at our website www.bc.edu/neighborhood. You can also pick one up at the Neighborhood Center or request one emailed to you.

Read Boston

The Neighborhood Center has a **Read Boston** chapter that has placed over **50 Boston College students** this past academic year at local **BPS schools**. BC students are paid work-study funds and work with children within a classroom or after-school setting. The program has been **operating since 1998** through the Neighborhood Center and is considered a useful tool in assisting children succeed academically.



Allston-Brighton Little League Registration

Want to register your child for Little League this spring? Representatives from the **Allston Brighton Little League** will be at the **Boston College Neighborhood Center** on the following Saturdays:

Saturday, March 24th 10:00am-2:00pm
Saturday, March 31st 10:00am-2:00pm
Saturday, April 14th 10:00am-2:00pm

For more information about the **Allston Brighton Little League**, check out their website at www.abll.net.

Strong Women, Strong Girls!

Starting the week of March 12th, the Boston College chapter of **Strong Women, Strong Girls** kicked off its pilot program at the **Hamilton and Winship Elementary Schools** in Brighton. Using the study of contemporary and historic female role models, the **undergraduate women mentor third, fourth and fifth grade girls** in skill building activities to help build positive self-esteem and skills for life-long success.

Book Donations

This semester, the Neighborhood Center received two generous children's book donations. A **children's book author/illustrator** gifted several copies of her two books, *Goose Lake* and *Mixed-Up Nursery Rhymes*, to the **Read Boston program** and the **Educational Resource Center at Boston College** donated several books that were distributed at **Franciscan Children's Hospital**. Thank you!

Snow Shoveling

Several **BC Law students** living locally had offered to assist elderly and/or disabled residents during a snow storm. After a long season without snow, we were finally able to put some of those students to good use this past storm! Thank you!

Nominate an Unsung Hero!

When the Allston-Brighton Healthy Boston Coalition closed last August, the **Allston-Brighton Unsung Heroes Awards Committee** formed to continue the tradition of honoring the 'unsung heroes' in our community. With the help of a grant from the **Boston College Neighborhood Fund**, the committee is planning this year's **Dinner and Awards Ceremony at Boston College on Thursday, June 7th**. The committee is currently **accepting nominations until Tuesday, April 10th**. If you would like to nominate a special person, you can **pick up a nomination form at the Neighborhood Center** or call **Bill Margolin at the West End House Boys & Girls Clubs of Allston-Brighton** at 617-787-4044 ext. 18 or via email at wehbgclub@aol.com.

Boston College Student Athletes April Calendar

H.E.A.R. Program Schedule:

(Help Educate through Athletic Responsibility)

Tuesday, April 3 rd	St. Columbkille School
Tuesday, April 23 rd	Horace Mann School for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing
Tuesday, April 30	Hamilton School

The spring dates that Student Athletes will be visiting **Franciscan Children's Hospital** will be Monday, April 9th and Wednesday, May 2nd.



Boston College football player Nick Larkin at Franciscan Children's Hospital

Tax Time!

Because April 15th falls on a Sunday this year and Patriot's Day is Monday, April 16th, the **IRS deadline** has been extended to **Tuesday, April 17th**. If you need assistance with filing your returns, there are some great local resources that offer **FREE** services. We've listed a few here, but we **recommend contacting the site for details about eligibility:**

- ✚ **Allston-Brighton Resource Center**
367 Western Ave, Allston
617-562-5734
www.bostontaxhelp.org
Tuesdays 12noon – 7:00pm

- ✚ **Jackson Mann Community Center**
500 Cambridge St, Allston (Union Square)
617-635-5153
www.ctaboston.org or email:
ctaboston@accountant.com
Mondays 6:30 – 9:00pm

- ✚ **Oak Square/Allston-Brighton YMCA**
615 Washington St, Brighton (Oak Square)
617-782-3535
www.ctaboston.org or email:
ctaboston@accountant.com
Saturdays 9:30am – 12noon

We have created this newsletter as a means to keep our community updated on the Neighborhood Center's efforts in the Allston Brighton community. Please call us with any questions or comments.

For information,
please come visit our office at
425 Washington Street, Brighton Center.
Our Hours are: Monday-Friday 12noon-
5:00pm.
Or contact us at 617-552-0445 or visit our
Web site: www.bc.edu/neighborhood, or e-
mail us at bcnc@bc.edu



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