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**“Guide to Residential Building with Elevators”**

People thinking of moving to Brookline have a new tool to help them find the perfect condo or apartment. The online “Guide to Residential Buildings with Elevators,” created by Brookline Community Aging Network (BrooklineCAN), is designed to help people looking for one-floor living in a large residential building in Brookline.

The Guide was created for BrooklineCAN members by the group’s Livable Community Advocacy Committee (LCAC). It is being made available to the public -- free of charge -- for a limited time.

Frank Caro, chair of LCAC and co-founder of BrooklineCAN, says, “We focused on 80 Brookline buildings with elevators because they may eliminate the need for residents to climb stairs. Although we created the Guide to assist older people who might wish to live in buildings that do not require walking up and down stairs, individuals and families of any age could find this information important.”

Providing information about both condominium and rental buildings, the Guide includes not only information about the availability of elevators but also about building location, number of floors, number of units, and number of bedrooms. For most buildings, the Guide provides additional information including laundry arrangements, parking, and availability of outdoor space.

The Guide consists of an interactive map of Brookline with color-coded pointers or flags showing apartments throughout the town. Each color represents the number of units in each building from 25 through 264 (purple represents 25-30 units, blue is for 31-35, pale blue is for 36-42 units, etc.). Click on a flag and read comprehensive information about the

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building located at a specific address. Users may also enter key words, such as two (or 2) bedrooms, and the map will show only buildings that have two bedroom units. People who need support in using the directory may contact BrooklineCAN at 617-730-2777. Coaching sessions will be held at the Brookline Senior Center, 93 Winchester Street, Brookline.

The Livable Community Advocacy Committee received valuable assistance with this project from Brookline Assessor Gary McCabe and his staff. The following members of the Livable Community Advocacy Committee contributed to the design and development of the guide: Carol Schraft, Mary Stevenson, Nancy Peabody, Chobee Hoy, Carol Deanow, Shirley Partoll, Carol Caro, John Seay, and Frank Caro.

The “Guide to Residential Buildings with Elevators” is the latest among the services and programs provided by Brookline Community Aging Network. Earlier this year, BrooklineCAN documented all restrooms in Brookline available to the public. The public restroom map is available online at [www.BrooklineCAN.org](http://www.BrooklineCAN.org).

Affiliated with the Brookline Senior Center, BrooklineCAN is a volunteer organization whose aims include making Brookline an even better place to live for people of all ages. Launched last April, BrooklineCAN has enrolled nearly 400 members. Brookline residents of all ages can become members of BrooklineCAN. Membership is \$25 for individuals and \$50 for households. Other members-only benefits include a list of contractors and repair workers vetted by the organization and discounts at 60 Brookline businesses.

BrooklineCAN researches services and activities available throughout Brookline and neighboring locations and provides information and links to these services through its website ([www.BrooklineCAN.org](http://www.BrooklineCAN.org)) and through an informative monthly newsletter.

For additional information about Brookline Community Aging Network, visit <http://www.brooklineCAN.org> or call 617-730-2777

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