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**Engage With Your Community Sept. 14 at  
BrooklineCAN's 7th Annual Meeting: The Power of Engagement**

Participate, collaborate, advocate! "The Power of Engagement," BrooklineCAN's 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting and Exposition will take place Thursday, September 14, from 5:00 to 7:00 pm, at the Brookline Senior Center, 93 Winchester Street, Brookline.

Refreshments and Expo from 5 to 6:15 pm will be followed by a program of speakers and community service honors. Music will be presented by the Brookline High School Jazz Band. This event is free and open to all. (Registration is required--call 617-730-2770.)

Dr. Judith Gonyea, Professor and Associate Dean of Research at Boston University School of Social Work, will address, *Promoting Age-friendly Communities in the Current Political Environment: Opportunities and Challenges*. She will discuss how life is enriched when people are actively involved in meaningful projects and goal-directed activities.

BrooklineCAN will present community service awards to the Brookline League of Women Voters, Brookline Interactive Group (BIG), and TRIPPS (Transportation Resource Information, Planning, & Partnership for Seniors). Awardees are being recognized for their work around engagement: encouraging volunteerism, educating and informing and promoting access to activities that encourage involvement.

Exhibitors include Brookline Adult Education, Brookline Interactive Group (BIG), ENCORE, Brookline Public Library, Brookline Recreation Department, Brookline Board of Selectmen, League of Women Voters, BrooklineCAN, and The Brookline Senior Center. These Brookline organizations and others will offer information about ways to become involved in community activities.

According to the 2010 census, 24 percent of Brookline's population -- or 14,182 residents -- are over the age of 55. Town residents, between the ages of 55 and 64, have increased by 40 percent since 2000.

Affiliated with the Brookline Senior Center, BrooklineCAN is an all-volunteer organization which enables older residents to remain independent and fully engaged in the life of the community. The organization advocates on behalf of Brookline's older residents, works with town agencies on behalf of Brookline's seniors, provides ways for members to contribute to the community, and in general acts to make Brookline an even better place to live for people of all ages.

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Visit the BrooklineCAN website at <http://www.brooklineCAN.org> , or call 617-730-2777 for additional information about Brookline Community Aging Network and to request a copy of BrooklineCAN's informative monthly newsletter,.

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