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**Connelly Hardware - A Fixture in Brookline**

BrooklineCAN is pleased to highlight Connelly Hardware, its 10th local age-friendly business in our series.

Located in Washington Square at 706 Washington Street, Connelly Hardware is the oldest retail establishment in Brookline and a fixture in the charitable and business community. John and Irene Connelly, graduates of Brookline High School, started the family business in 1951.

After their retirement, daughter Kathy Kenney took charge, and today grandson Brendan Kenney serves as store manager. Brendan remarked that he began working in the store when he was thirteen years old and says, “he grew up in hardware.”

As a neighborhood shop, Connelly Hardware sells paint, seasonal products, and home goods. Its website denotes a wide variety of services Connelly provides, including making keys, cutting window shades to any size, renting a variety of equipment, repairing screens, and cutting single strength window glass. Connelly also works extensively with management companies, restaurants, painters, and contractors.

Brendan said he loves Brookline, and believes there is little competition from other similar stores. However, he finds that Amazon is very competitive and hurts small local businesses.

An age-friendly business, Connelly Hardware is easy to access, with no stairs. Staff will help customers in finding what they need and help them make decisions about the right product.

BrooklineCAN (Brookline Community Aging Network) is profiling Brookline's Age Friendly businesses by selecting companies with qualities that make them hospitable to older people.

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