

Tuesday
September 15, 2009 @ 7 p.m.

Meeting

Blessed Mother
Teresa of Calcutta
Parish Hall

This Tuesday's Agenda

The National Grid Regulator at Sharon's Park



National Grid regulator shown behind damaged tree with wound spray painted "battle ship" grey

On Monday, August 10, **National Grid** abruptly placed a concrete gas line regulator in the ground on the Mount Vernon Street edge of Sharon's Park. They did so without the knowledge or approval of this community. Fortunately, a "stop work" order was executed that day.

National Grid's encroachment angered many neighbors, young and old, who together with the **CityRoots** program, the **Bricklayer's Apprenticeship** program and businesses like **ATS**, worked nights and weekends for three years to develop Sharon's Park.

The E-board has recently met with officials from National Grid, the **Mayor's Office** and the **Public Improvement Commission**. These officials offered limited options for the removal of regulator with some mitigation that would enhance the Park. Given the limited scope of the options presented, should the community press for more options, and to what extent should we seek additional mitigation?

Father Jack Ahern

If you have not already done so, here is your opportunity to meet the new pastor at Blessed Mother Teresa Parish. Father **Jack Ahern** will drop by to say hello.

Help Complete & Name the Green Space at Howell & Washburn



From the left Travis Stewart, Karen Chaffee and Desmond Rohan build the Rain Garden. In the background Janice Geary and John Lowe install erosion preventing netting over newly planted small native shrubs.

Please join your neighbors on the work dates listed below at the slopping green triangle at the intersection of Howell Street, Washburn Street and Dorchester Avenue, as we develop this green space into our neighborhood's second pocket park. The effort is supported by the neighborhood's fourth annual **CityRoots** in-kind grant of greenery and technical assistance. The effort also has in-kind support from several businesses including **Got Junk**, **ATS** and the **New England Regional Council of Carpenters**.

Under the leadership of CityRoots Project Coordinator **Karen Chaffee** and neighbor **Desmond Rohan**, much progress has made by many neighbors toward the completion of this community designed park. Future work dates include:

Saturday September 12th (9:30 - 1:00)
Wednesday September 16th (6:00 - dusk)
Saturday September 19th (9:30 - 1:00)

If you are interested in working any of these dates, please email us at civic@mccormackcivic.com. Also please note that at Tuesday's meeting, it is our goal to select a name for the park.

Pope John Paul II Academy Update



PJP2 Dumpster remains without promised enclosure.

Archdiocese Official **Ed Saunders** and Pope John Paul II Facilities Director **Bill Heenan** are invited to the meeting to address several unfulfilled commitments that were made during the planning and construction of the Columbia Road Campus. The commitments are associated with several issues including the Columbia Road drop-off and pick-up, street and sidewalk repairs, hanging wires, dumpster enclosure and schoolyard activity.

Police Reports

Officers Jack Loan and **Richard Doherty** of C6, **Officer Michael Keaney** of C11 and **Trooper Brian Dunn** from the **State Police** will present reports.

Be On Your Guard

There has been a rash of burglaries in the neighborhood. Beware of suspicious activities and if you see it, call 911. It's a good idea to keep the porch light on at night as well as the back yard flood light. We will have crime prevention information at the October meeting.

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Next Meeting:
Tuesday, October 13, 2009

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