

FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Dear Friends of the Brookline Senior Center,

I hope you're enjoying end-of-summer, and looking forward to beginning-of-fall pleasures.

I feel particularly grateful for the Brookline Senior Center. In addition to offering much needed air conditioning, the Brookline Senior Center is a vibrant hub for those who wish to learn something new, be entertained, exercise, access critical resources, and connect with others.



Betsy Pollock

Lately, however, I've noticed that some Brookline Senior Center classes are so popular that when registering, people are informed that "Due to high demand for the Senior Center's monthly trips, and a desire to be fair for all and allow more participants to enjoy these opportunities, we enter all registrants into a free, staff-supervised raffle..." or "due to the overwhelming demand and popularity of classes, you can only register for one balance class per series."

If you've been looking forward to signing up for a trip or exercise class, this notice might be disappointing, though it's not surprising. Brookline's age 65+ population has grown and is expected to increase. According to the 2020 American Community Survey data and the US Census data that was featured in the "Brookline Older Adult Community Health Needs Assessment" in 2022, Brookline's age 65+ population was 9,486, 16% of the total population. This is a 6% increase from 2015 and is projected to grow.

Are we keeping up with the need in Brookline? What resources are necessary to accommodate our expanding older population? We will explore this further. And, together, we'll continue to engage and support our age 65+ population.

In a recent letter I mentioned the need to replace our fitness equipment. One donor responded with a \$1,000 contribution! Thank you! Would you like to support our \$16,000 fitness machine goal? You can contribute here: <https://brooklineseniorcenter.charityproud.org/Donate>

Or here:



Warm regards,

Betsy Pollock, MSW
Foundation Board President