

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

Twenty-five years ago, the Brookline Senior Center was built on a simple yet powerful intention: for older adults to have their own place in Brookline where they can enjoy a daily meal, socialize, and meet new people. Over the past quarter century, that idea has grown into something far greater. The Senior Center has become a lifeline — a “third” place in addition to people’s first place in the home and second place in their working lives — and, for many, a second home.

And now, together, we ask: what comes next?

This past year, we’ve already begun shaping that answer by expanding our team, opening our doors wider to intergenerational connections, partnering with multiple organizations, adding technology, and creating incredibly meaningful programming and volunteer opportunities that bridge generations — all while putting an age-friendly lens on town projects to support and represent our community.

The truth is, in 2026 we are serving more older adults than ever before. Our population is growing — both in number and in wisdom — which means we must, and we will, expand. My vision includes a second Senior Community Center on Fisher Hill — not someday in the abstract, but as a real, necessary next chapter in how we serve this community. A place that extends our reach, reduces barriers, and ensures that no one is left on the margins because of geography, mobility, or capacity.

My commitment to you is this: a future rooted in equity, where programming and services are accessible, inclusive, and reflective of all who call this community home.

The last 25 years have shown us that when a community comes together with purpose, there is nothing it cannot build. That is why I am inviting you into a participatory future. The success of this Senior Center — its next 25 years — will be determined by all of us. We need your voice, your urgency, and your hope in this work. The future we build must be active. It must be collective. And it must be bold. Share your ideas and make your voice part of the next 25 years at our senior celebration Thursday, June 18 at 1:00pm. See page 10 for details.

Happy Pride Month! And a special warm wish to all the dads out there
Happy Father’s Day.

Sincerely,

Emily J. Williams
Director

