

BROOKLINE TAB

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A walking tour of Brookline

Rep. Frank Smizik, D-Brookline, will lead a walk through parts of North Brookline, identifying sites explaining the Kennedy family's relationship with Brookline and the changes to Brookline as it grew from the Muddy River to a modern suburb. He will also look to the future of Brookline as a successful urban-suburban community with a discussion of the Planning Department and the town strategy for Coolidge Corner.

Join Smizik and your friends and neighbors on this walk to select Brookline sites on Saturday, June 2. Walkers will meet at Coolidge Corner that morning at 10. The walk will last approximately two hours, and will begin at the S.S. Pierce building with a discussion of Coolidge Corner development.

Other stops on the walk include: the two Kennedy houses and the family church; the Coolidge Park area, a neighborhood that was developed by Joseph Kennedy; a tour of Harvard Street, looking at the positive impacts of certain businesses, along with some problems; green space areas added to the community; some of the areas that will be affected by proposed zoning changes.

This walk is part of a series of spring walks with legislators, sponsored by WalkBoston, a Boston organization that advocates for more pedestrian-friendly cities and towns throughout the state. To participate in the walk, RSVP to Lauren Coughlin at 617-722-2210, or e-mail Lauren.Coughlin@state.ma.us.

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