



**HILL HOUSE AND THE BEACON HILL CIVIC ASSOCIATION "GO GREEN"**

*Local Neighborhood Groups Host Free Community Day to Encourage "Green Living"  
in Partnership with Eco-Friendly Boston Businesses and Organizations*

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**BOSTON, MA** (February 22, 2010) – **HILL HOUSE**, a non-profit community center serving over 2,000 families in downtown Boston is co-hosting with the **BEACON HILL CIVIC ASSOCIATION**, **GO GREEN 2010: A Community Day for the Environment** on **Thursday, March 4, 2010**. Families and community members of all ages are invited to participate in fun interactive eco-friendly activities and have the opportunity to learn about renewable energy, eco-responsibility and other earth friendly actions by local "green" businesses as well as other community organizations.

"We are proud to partner with the Beacon Hill Civic Association to present GO GREEN 2010," said David Beardsley, Executive Director of Hill House." GO GREEN is a celebration of our community and the many ways together we can create a better world by greening our own neighborhood."

Among the activities currently scheduled to take place throughout the afternoon are:

- How to Green Your Home Tips presented by **CHARLES STREET SUPPLY & HARDWARE**
- Recycling Demonstrations and Games for Kids by **CASELLA WASTE SYSTEMS**
- Seedling plantings along with decorating small watering cans with the **BEACON HILL GARDEN CLUB**
- Renewable Energy Alternatives Demonstration by **TAVAC ENERGY SERVICES**
- Creative "**GREEN**" **ART EXHIBIT** by students from **neighborhood elementary and nursery schools**
- Meet **GREEN GIRL**, the official mascot of **GREEN SCHOOLS** whose mission is to create healthier/greener-learning environments in schools ~ she will be sharing environmental stories, songs, crafts and games. A volunteer for Green Schools, **Miss Massachusetts 2009, AMANDA KELLY** will be also be a part of the afternoon's festivities
- **BOSTON BIKES** will be on hand to talk about the city's exciting Bike Share program
- Pedi cab rides from **BOSTON PEDICABS** (weather permitting)
- **ZIP CAR** will be giving away free driving hours to new members
- Learn more about **THE ESPLANADE ASSOCIATION**'s centennial celebration
- Healthy Afternoon Snacks will be available from **WHOLE FOODS** and **BOSTON ORGANICS**
- Clothing Drive to benefit **THE EPILEPSY FOUNDATION OF MA** ~ clean out your closets and bring your old clothes to Hill House where the Epilepsy Foundation will have a truck and collect ALL clothes which will be sold to a fabric recycling center to raise money to benefit their summer camp program

**GO GREEN 2010 will be held on Thursday, March 4<sup>th</sup> from 3:00pm until 6:00pm. Hill House is located at 127 Mt. Vernon Street in Beacon Hill. This event is free and open to the entire community.**

Later that evening, Hill House will then host an information and Q&A session, **Living Green in Beacon Hill: A Contractor's Perspective on Your Historic Home** from **6:30-7:30pm** with guest speaker, Finely H. Perry, Jr. founder of F.H. Perry Builder, Inc. and Director of the National Association of Home Builders. Again, this event is free and no reservations are required.

It is Hill House's mission, through quality programs, collaborative partnerships and volunteer support, to build and foster a strong sense of community and improve the quality of life for residents of all ages. Since it's founding over 40 years ago, Hill House has provided thousands of families with access to creative, athletic and social programs all while fostering a community in the city. ([www.hillhouseboston.org](http://www.hillhouseboston.org))

Established in 1922 by a small but concerned group of neighbors to protect Beacon Hill's residential character, the Beacon Hill Civic Association (BHCA) is a volunteer neighborhood organization, which helps preserve and enhance the residential quality of life on Beacon Hill. The BHCA acts as an advocate for the residents as well as a clearinghouse for information and community events. ([www.bhcivic.org](http://www.bhcivic.org))

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