



Ken Parker for Newton Mayor 2009 Exploratory Committee

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Ken Parker for Newton Mayor 2009 Exploratory Committee Announces Citywide Gatherings.

Newton, Massachusetts, Saturday, February 02, 2008—Citywide, supporters of Alderman Ken Parker's potential bid for mayor are inviting Newton residents into their homes in February and March for a discussion over coffee of issues facing the City today.

Invitees are asked to consider important questions facing the city; what should be done about the Newton North Project; how can we fix our City's schools and fire stations without breaking the bank; what can we do to get Newton back on sound financial footing; and why are our streets and parks in such poor condition, and what can be done to fix this problem?

Ken Parker and members of his Exploratory Committee are seeking to engage neighbors, friends, family members and colleagues in an active discussion about Newton's future.

"We are asking Newton residents to share their ideas and concerns regarding the future of our City," said Alderman Ken Parker. "We believe that it is time to change business as usual at Newton City Hall and take a fresh approach to the challenges facing our community. That means bringing open and transparent government to Newton.

We are hearing that City Hall has not been responsive to concerns about poor maintenance of buildings, parks, and streets. We want to hear Newton residents' ideas for how we can improve our long-term financial planning and bring sound management practices back to Newton. These events are conversations in which participants ask questions and share their thoughts about the direction of our City," Parker added.

Currently, the schedule of coffees for Ken is as follows:

- Feb 7 at 7:00 pm

- Feb 10 at 2:00 pm
- Feb 10 at 4:00 pm
- Feb 12 at 7:00 pm
- Feb 17 at 2:00 pm
- March 30 at 2:00 pm
- March 30 at 4:00 pm

Alderman Parker encourages anyone who is interested in attending a coffee to contact the Committee's Field Director, Shawn P. Fitzgibbons, at (617) 997-2577 or shawn@parker2009.org for more detailed information.

Please check the Committee's website as more events will be added in the coming weeks – www.parker2009.org.