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Ken Parker Supporters Celebrate Newton's Future

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Newton, MA--Don't stop believin"! According to the hundred-plus crowd of people who gathered on Sunday to Celebrate Newton's Future, we can solve the structural deficit, restore excellence to Newton's public schools and bring our City's programs and services back to a national leadership position.

As part of the Ken Parker for Newton Mayor 2009 Exploratory Committee's Summer Party and Celebration of Newton's Future a large crowd of friends and neighbors gathered to discuss their ideas, raise funds, enjoy Chinese food and music (including Journey's song, "Don't stop believin'") and hear remarks by School Committee Member Geoff Epstein and Alderman Ken Parker.

"Sunday was great! I knew Ken helped Newton raise revenue, but I had no idea it was over \$15 million," said Newton Centre resident Ross London, "I learned a lot from his and Geoff's speech. The setting for the evening was great and I met many neighbors for the first time. I never imagined supporting Ken would be so rewarding!"

Both Alderman Parker and School Committee Member Epstein shared exciting details regarding their ideas for the City's government and schools.M

Alderman Parker described his vision for the future of Newton, in which accountable, responsive management practices and restored financial health make it possible to improve services and the quality of life in Newton: "I look forward to the day when our well-maintained streets and sidewalks are safe for bicycles and pedestrians, so that we can walk down tree-lined streets to neighborhood services, to accessible public transportation, and to clean, beautiful parks."

The Ken Parker for Newton Mayor 2009 Exploratory Committee will be working on a blueprint for Newton's future during the summer and fall. If you are interested in becoming involved with this effort, please visit www.parker2009.org or contact the Committee's Field Director Shawn P. Fitzgibbons at shawn@parker2009.org or (617) 997-2577.