

• VILLAGE HIGHLIGHT: NEWTON HIGHLANDS •

Favorite thing about your village



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Fun playground or park

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John Rice

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INSIDER VILLAGE TIP: Check out Newton Highlands events at the Hyde Community Center www.hydecenter.org, at Crystal Lake www.crystallakeconservancy.org, and at Woman's Club of Newton Highlands at www.newtonwomansclub.com.

Annual Village Event



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Favorite thing about your village:

The Highlands is a vibrant village with many gathering spots to spend time with friends and neighbors. There are busy shops, restaurants and other businesses along Lincoln and Walnut Streets. In addition, the Highlands village life and sense of community is supported by local organizations. The Hyde Community Center on Lincoln St. is the only nonprofit community center in Newton and home to many events, activities, and a lovely garden. In 2013, the Hyde Center built the only permanent outdoor bandstand in the City of Newton. The Newton Highlands Neighborhood Area Council runs Highlands Village Day and other annual events. The Brigham House on Hartford St., formerly the Highlands branch library, is a Queen Anne style house built in 1886. This historic building was restored in 2008 for use as a community center. Woman's Club of Newton Highlands on Columbus St. is another community resource and offers an annual scholarship to local high school students.

Favorite place to get a coffee or snack:

Lincoln street is home to many great snack shops. Indulge candy store is a Newton Highlands institution, Walnut Market, a gourmet food store that also specializes in wine & craft beers has a wide selection of snacks, and two new businesses that opened 2020 add to the sweet treat lineup in the village: Cacao, a nut and chocolate shop and Lakon Paris Patisserie specializing in baked goodies such as croissants, dark chocolate mousse and lemon tarts!

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Year you moved to the village:

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