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## November Update

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Dear Friend of Discovering What's Next,

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The DWN HUB at the Newton Free Library is officially open for business and we welcome you to visit and see for yourself what this one of a kind community resource is all about. DWN launched the HUB and its Transition Navigator Program with a special standing room only event at the library on November 1st. The program featured a Conversation with Paul LaCamera, tours of the new DWN HUB, a ribbon cutting by Mayor David Cohen and other festivities. The realization of this HUB is yet another example of "it takes a village" and our village should be very proud. So drop by, see what it's all about and make sure to tell your friends.

For more about DWN happenings, please read on and share this information with your

friends and colleagues.

Looking forward to hearing from you soon,

Carol Greenfield

## • Just Ask! - Transition Navigators @ Your Service

### Transition Navigators @ The HUB

3rd Floor behind AV Department  
Newton Free Library  
330 Homer Street

What is a Transition Navigator? Twenty-three amazing community members are eager to tell you about it. These are the first corps of volunteers who have been trained by Discovering What's Next for a new kind of community service.

Transition Navigators are the volunteer staff of the DWN HUB. They are eager to help you discover resources that can facilitate your transition to and experience of retirement. They meet with people one on one or in small groups and help HUB guests as they identify the issues facing them and answer the question, "What's Next?"

The Transition Navigators can help you connect with the HUB's many different kinds of resources including specially created Resource Guides on topics of particular interest to this age group; reference books relevant to this life stage; computers with access to online resources and special databases. And of course Transition Navigators can connect you with other people for networking and sharing of experiences and expertise.

So stop by the HUB any time the library is open or for a schedule when the Transition Navigators are available, call 617-796-1419 or visit [www.newtonfreelibrary.net](http://www.newtonfreelibrary.net) and click on the Discovering What's Next logo.

## • Film and Discussion Club

### Film and Discussion Club

Boylston Place  
Chestnut Hill  
Monday, November 28, 2005  
7 pm

### New Documentary - Racing Against the Clock

Racing Against the Clock is a joyful documentary film about the courage and achievement of five older women who compete in track and field, striving to make it to the World Masters Athletic Championships in June 2003. We are privileged to see the determination of these women, ages 50 to 82, who have overcome significant personal, health and economic challenges as they fight to realize their goals. Some of them began their involvement in athletics later in life, as they entered retirement.

This film club is FREE to DWN participants and their friends thanks to a grant from Watertown Savings Bank. Films selected for their focus on issues related to aging are screened bi-monthly and followed by lively discussion led by Marian Knapp. Boylston Place is at 615 Heath Street. From Route 9 Eastbound, take a right at the light just before the new Charles Schwab offices. Then take an immediate left into Boylston Place's underground garage. Parking is FREE. For more information, email [mlknapp@ix.netcom.com](mailto:mlknapp@ix.netcom.com) We hope you will join us.

## • Got Ideas? We're Listening

### We Welcome Your Ideas

There is a wealth of experience and creativity in our community. As DWN continues to grow, we're sure that you are seeing possibilities for Discovering What's Next that excite your imagination as well as areas where DWN can make improvements. Our ability to capture your passion and your expertise is key to the future vitality and growth of DWN.

So how are we going to maximize this precious commodity? DWN announces the formation of the **Idea SWAT Team**. The mission of this team is to ensure that all ideas,

relevant to DWN, big and small, are heard by the community and support is provided for turning visions into reality.

You belong on the **DWN Idea SWAT Team** if you like to help people brainstorm their ideas and clarify their purpose and scope as well as to keep track of ideas and connect people in the community with these ideas.

For more information about becoming part of the **DWN Idea SWAT Team**, contact Corinne Schillin (cschillin@yahoo.com).

## • Transition Talks continue

### Transition Talks

Newton Free Library  
330 Homer Street  
Newton Centre  
November 29, 7 - 8:30 pm;  
December 12, 2:30 - 4 pm

### Afternoon and Evening Transition Talks

TRANSITION TALKS are free, hosted, informal, interactive, small group, drop-in discussions in public places among people with a common interest in talking to others about a variety of topics related to transition issues in midlife and beyond.

- Afternoon Transition Talk: Monday, December 12, from 2:30 - 4 pm
- Evening Transition Talk: Tuesday, November 29, 2005 from 7 - 8:30 pm
- Newton Free Library, 330 Homer Street
- Meeting Room A
- All Welcome
- For more info or to confirm your attendance, email [dwnext@comcast.net](mailto:dwnext@comcast.net)

## • A Generation in Transition: A Survey of Bay State Baby Boomers

### Mass INC Briefing

Westin Copley Place  
Boston  
South Ballroom  
RSVP 617-742-6800 ext 131  
Friday, December 2, 2005  
8 - 10 am

### MassINC releases new report on Bay State Baby Boomers

MassINC has just released a report on a survey of 1,000 Massachusetts baby boomers who were asked about their current circumstances and future plans for work, retirement, housing, caring for family members, and civic concerns.

The full report can be found at [www.massinc.org](http://www.massinc.org). A briefing on the findings of the survey and a roundtable discussion about the implications and challenges raised by the report will be held on Friday, December 2, 2005 from 8 - 10 am at the Westin Copley Place Boston

If you would like to attend this briefing, please RSVP by calling 617-742-6800 ext. 131

## • We Appreciate Your Help

**... and we hope you value having DWN in your community**

Thanksgiving is approaching and this is a special time of year to give thanks. DWN has been most fortunate to have been nurtured by a wonderful community of individuals, organizations and businesses. And for that we are very thankful. We could not have accomplished what we have, without this truly wonderful support.

In the next few days, you will be receiving a special email letter asking for your continued support - this time specifically your financial support - so that DWN can continue to make our community a better place for YOU. We know there are many competing demands on your financial resources but we hope that you value Discovering What's Next and recognize that our pioneering efforts are worthy of your support.

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*Discovering What's Next: ReVitalizing Retirement (DWN) is a community collaboration engaging mid-life and older adults in creative exploration of their next life stage. DWN provides connection and direction and opportunities for learning and community involvement.*