



**TOWN OF BROOKLINE
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

11 Pierce Street, Brookline, Massachusetts, 02445
Telephone: (617) 730-2300 Facsimile: (617) 730-2296
www.brooklinema.gov

Dr. Swannie Jett, DrPH, MSc
Director of Public Health
& Human Services

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
March 6, 2018

CONTACT: Lynne Karsten
617-730-2336

Brookline Celebrates National Public Health Week 2018

Is climate change fake news? What's the impact of so many gun shootings on the public's health? National experts on climate change and gun control are two featured speakers when Brookline celebrates National Public Health Week Monday, April 2, through Saturday, April 7, 2018. Dr. Philip Murray, President and Chief Executive Office, Woods Hole Research Center, will discuss public health and climate change; Dr. David Hemenway, Professor, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, explores the connection between gun control and public health.

During the week Brookline residents also can choose to join the Conversation Game for Living and Dying Well, attend a talk for parents about their teenagers; learn the first steps to help in an emergency, or be entertained and concerned by a family-oriented documentary, STINK! This year the Public Health Department has partnered with Climate Action Brookline to jointly produce three public health week events, as noted below:

Monday, April 2, #NotFakeNews---Public Health & Climate Change. Philip Duffy, Ph.D., President and Executive Director, Woods Hole Research Center, and former Senior Science Advisor at the White House, has devoted his career to the use of science in addressing climate change. At the White House, Dr. Duffy drafted domestic and international climate policy. He will discuss the implications of climate change on public health. **Hunneman Hall, Brookline Main Library, 361 Washington St. 7:00 - 8:30PM.** A joint program with Climate Action Brookline.

Tuesday, April 3. Hello—The Conversation Game for Living and Dying Well. What matters most to you in the event of a serious illness? Having this discussion with a loved one benefits everyone, but it can be daunting. HELLO Brookline is a town-wide initiative that uses an engaging conversation game to bring adults together to discover what matters most. Join us to play Hello at the **Brookline Senior Center, 93 Winchester St. 1:30 - 3:30PM.** Refreshments.

Tuesday, April 3. Who Really Is in Control? Public Health & Gun Control. Annual Meeting of Friends of Brookline Public Health. David Hemenway, Ph.D., Professor of Health Policy, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, presents the Frances Parkman Denny, MD lecture, on the timely topic of the relationship between public health and gun control. In 2012, Dr. Hemenway was recognized by the CDC as one of the "twenty most influential injury and violence professionals over the past 20 years." **Hunneman Hall, Brookline Main Library, 6:00 - 7:30PM.**

Wednesday, April 4, The Secret Lives of Teens & Tweens. Jon Mattleman, MS, a prominent Massachusetts teen therapist, gives the "inside scoop" on what teens and tweens are really thinking, what they fear, why they do not share their fears and how to support them. **Pierce School Auditorium, 50 School Street, 7:00 - 8:30PM.**

Thursday, April 5. You Are the Help Until Help Arrives. Learn how to help and what to do in an emergency before the professionals are on site. **Hunneman Hall, Brookline Public Library, 361 Washington St., 6:00 – 7:30 PM.**

Friday, April 6. FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT - STINK! Stink! opens with a foul smell, a pair of kid's pajamas and a father trying to figure out what that smell could be. A highly-rated, family friendly documentary that brings light to the secrets of the chemical industry. Prof. Michael Berger, Simmons College, and Kathryn Rodgers, MPH, Silent Spring Institute, will lead an informal discussion. **Lawrence School Auditorium, 27 Francis St. 6:30 – 8:30 PM.** A joint program with Climate Action Brookline.

Saturday, April 7. Youth Climate Adaptation. Come to Pierce School where Brookline students with a passion for science are invited to create and present new ideas that address current climate change challenges. Participants with the most innovative ideas will receive certificates. **Pierce School, 50 School St. 11:00AM – 2:00 PM.** A joint program with Climate Action Brookline.

Brookline Public Health and Human Services mission is to preserve, protect & promote the physical, mental, and environmental health of the Brookline Community. We collaborate with partners to reduce health inequities and respond to emerging public health challenges. For additional information, contact Lynne Karsten, Director of Community Health, Brookline Department of Public Health, 617-730-2336; lkarsten@brooklinema.gov. Also, please join our Twitter discussion: @BrooklineHealth, Facebook: Brookline Department of Public Health, or Instagram: Brooklinehealth.