

# Ken Parker

## for Mayor of Newton

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### **Parker Shares Plan and Receives Public Input**

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*October 23, 2008 Newton, MA*—An exciting new plan to modernize Newton government, improve our streets, sidewalks and parks and make our schools once again the best in America was unveiled before large crowd of City residents and representatives of local and statewide media on Tuesday by members of Alderman Ken Parker’s Mayoral Exploratory Committee.

A sampling of ideas discussed included establishing Chief Financial Officer and Chief Information Officer positions to make City hall more cost-efficient, responsive and accountable, using project teams to keep our parks clean and streets smooth, improving public safety through community policing and advancing the commitment to math and science education in our public schools.

“Here in The Garden City we have a great public resource—a wealth of knowledge held by City residents,” said Alderman Parker. “This resource is something I value tremendously and that is why I have opened our work for public review before it is finished. I hope all Newton residents will visit [Parker2009.org](http://Parker2009.org), review our draft plan and share their comments with me and the Exploratory Committee.”

The plan, called the draft Blueprint for Newton’s Future and a product of the work over over one hundred Committee members, details innovative ideas to restore excellence to the City’s government and, according to Alderman Parker, “Bring Newton back!”

“We are pleased to engage concerned Newton residents in finding a new and better way forward,” said Todd Krasnow, chair of the Finance and Management Subcommittee and member of the Staples, Inc. founding management team.

The draft Blueprint for Newton’s Future is a comprehensive document offering Newton residents a substantive picture of what a Parker Administration will seek to accomplish starting in 2010. Details are available at [www.parker2009.org](http://www.parker2009.org).

“To have so many people engaged in a substantive effort like this well over a year before Election Day is truly inspiring,” said the Exploratory Committee’s Field Director Shawn Fitzgibbons. “The depth of Alderman Parker’s city-wide support is reflected by the achievements of his Exploratory Committee and shows that his strong ideas are backed by an equally strong and vibrant organization.”

For more information about the Blueprint for Newton’s Future, the Ken Parker for Newton Mayor 2009 Exploratory Committee or to join our effort please visit [www.parker2009.org](http://www.parker2009.org) or contact Shawn Fitzgibbons at [shawn@parker2009.org](mailto:shawn@parker2009.org) or (617) 997-2577.

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