



# PROSPECT HEIGHTS ASSOCIATION



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## Mayor Paul Sharp



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Paul was born in 1949 to Paul and Ida (Ferdenzi) and grew up at 26 Lawrence Street. One of five children, Paul is the oldest son.

From Milford High School, Paul went to and graduated from Suffolk University in 1972. Upon graduation he went to work for the Fortune 500 Company, Zayre and quickly moved into the management team. Paul became one of Zayre's youngest Corporate Vice Presidents. During this time he married his high school sweetheart, Terrie (Delfanti) and had two children – Kimberly and David.

As Paul was turning 40 years old, he was bitten by the entrepreneurial spirit and left Zayre to rise in the ranks of a small independent company. First, as a Director and then as its President and CEO; Paul took the company public on a New York exchange.

In 2004, Paul recognized tremendous growth developing in the cosmetic and beauty skin care business and thus began his latest venture. Today, Paul develops and imports cosmetics and skin care lines from Europe, primarily Italy and France. These products can be found in major retail chains throughout the United States.

Paul believes that the lessons learned and values developed during his Lawrence Street years have served him and his family well. He has worked to pass on these lessons and values to his children with the hope they will continue on to the next generation, namely his grandson, Samuel.

Paul often says, "If you forget where you come from, you do not deserve to be where you are." The Sharp Family has been on a wonderful journey and it all started here.























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Paul Sharp, right, who has been named the 51st mayor of Prospect Heights in Milford, shakes hands with Alberto Correia, center, the outgoing mayor, flanked by past mayors, Joe Derderian, left, Bento doCurral Jr., second from right, and state Rep. John Fernandes, back left, at Prospect Heights Park recently.

## Paul Sharp will be next Heights' mayor

He will be 51st head of the association

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MILFORD — Paul Sharp has never forgotten his roots.

The Milford man fondly recalls his earliest years at Prospect Heights, a neighborhood rich in history where mothers ruled and neighbors were always willing to lend a hand.

And a little over a month from now, Sharp will take his place in the area's history as he becomes the 51st mayor of Prospect

Heights.

"Whenever I can be associated with people who put family first and are hard workers who never forget where they came from — not only do I welcome the opportunity, I embrace it," Sharp said.

Each year, the Prospect Heights Mayors Association picks a new mayor to lead a community project to benefit the neighborhood.

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## Sharp to be next Heights mayor

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1904 to house its workers, the neighborhood drew immigrant families, current Mayor Al Correia said.

Each year a mayor is picked from one of six major nationalities in the Heights — Armenian, Greek, Irish, Italian, Polish and Portuguese.

"The Irish mayors got together, looking for candidates, and they brought the candidates to the general members meeting, where we select the new mayor," Correia said. "I represented the Portuguese. This year it's the Irish."

Sharp, who grew up on Lawrence Street, was honored.

He said he is proud the Heights is his home. "If you forget where you came from, you don't deserve to be where you are," he said.

Sharp, who owns his own a cosmetics company, will have to choose a project once he's sworn in at the Portuguese Picnic on July 17.

He's not sure what he'll decide, but said the association provides incredible support.

"The other mayors have willingly and openly said whatever you need, we'll help. I appreci-



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Joe Derderian, a former mayor of Prospect Heights in Milford, takes a moment to look at the sign for Prospect Heights Park.

ate it, because I'll need it."

Former mayors said Sharp will do just fine.

"Paul is an active guy in the community. He has good leadership skills and he understands the importance of the neighborhood," said state Rep. John Fernandes, D-Milford, who served as mayor a few years ago.

"He's one of us," added 1989 Mayor Bento doCurral.

Correia said Sharp will be a perfect fit because his heart is in the right place. "The big thing is, he cares."

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