



# City of Quincy, Massachusetts

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**Community Meeting**  
**49 & 53 Copeland Street**  
**Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm**  
**Sterling Middle School Auditorium**  
**444 Granite Street**

Dear Neighbor:

I write to invite you to a community meeting I am hosting on Wednesday November 19, 2014 at 6:00 pm in the Sterling Middle School auditorium to discuss a plan to establish a female sober living program at 49 & 53 Copeland Street.

These properties have been operated as rooming houses for many years and have been the source of numerous complaints by neighbor's far too often requiring police action. These properties have been the source of great difficulty and trouble in the Brewers Corner neighborhood and I am pleased they are now under new ownership.

Recently, I met with the new owners, along with our community police department commanding officer. I am pleased to report to you that the plan for a female only facility at this location appears to be the best possible option for its future use. The facility will be a locked facility with constant video surveillance and an around the clock staff person on site. The residents will be required to submit to eight random drug and alcohol screens per month and held accountable for their actions both in and outside of the facility. This is a welcome change in oversight from the existing manner in which these properties have been managed. Further, the owners have pledged to work cooperatively with myself and Quincy Police to address any issues should they arise moving forward. The owners have offered office space within the building for our area community police officer to work out of, which would ensure a stronger police presence at the property.

There is an unquestionable need in our city for more programs that target substance abuse. I look forward to discussing this issue in greater detail with you at the community meeting. Please find a letter from the new owners on the back of this letter.

Sincerely,

Brian Palmucci  
Ward Four Councillor

Copy to area residents



125 Greenleaf Street Quincy, MA 02169

Dear Resident,

Solutions Group, Inc. was founded in 2011 to provide a safe sober living environment for people in recovery from alcoholism and drug addiction. For the past three years Solutions Group has consistently provided clients structure, support and a "family like" atmosphere. As the drug epidemic grows worse, we as a community need to start addressing the problem. How often do we hear of someone suffering from addiction and the family not knowing what to do about it? There is a shortage of treatment and recovery centers throughout the commonwealth, therefore Solutions has opened facilities in Boston, Quincy and Cape Cod. Solutions Group provides housing for men as well as women. The lack of female housing in the Quincy area is a particularly appalling.

The properties at 49 & 53 Copeland Street have recently changed ownership. These properties are currently in much disarray. We have witnessed extensive drug use, prostitution and even violence in a very short amount of time. It is the intent of the landlord partnered with Solutions Group to do an extensive renovation throughout these buildings. At the end of the renovations, when all of the existing tenants have found housing, Solutions Group will convert the two properties into a recovery home for women. We feel as if this use will be a substantial improvement to the property. Surveillance systems, alarmed doors and around the clock staffing will be among the many improvements.

If you have any questions or concerns please call 857-247-3215.

Thank you very much,

Rich McDonald  
Solutions Group, Inc.