

Mayor-Elect Ruthanne Fuller today announced several members of her senior staff.

- Maureen Lemieux will be the Chief Financial Officer, a position she's held in the city since 2010.
- Auburndale resident Dana Hanson will serve as Director of Community Engagement and Inclusion.
- Ellen Ishkanian will serve as Director of Community Communications.
- Newton Centre resident Noah Rivkin will serve as Executive Aide to the Mayor.

The hiring process is underway currently for a Chief Operating Officer and Citizens Assistance Officer.

"This is a team of talented individuals dedicated to public service," said Mayor-Elect Fuller. "They will be joining a strong team of department heads already at City Hall. We're all excited to get to work for the City of Newton on Jan. 1," she said.

Dana Hanson has been a community activist in Newton for the past 18 years, volunteering for numerous organizations and boards. Her experience includes serving as past PTO president at Burr Elementary School and F.A. Day Middle School, trustee of the Newton Free Library, and founding board member of the Auburndale Community Library. She has an undergraduate degree in Environmental Studies from Brown University and a Master of Science degree in Environmental Science and Engineering from the Harvard School of Public Health. She lives in Auburndale with her husband Brian and her two teenage boys who attend Newton North High School. Dana can be reached at dhanson@newtonma.gov.

Ellen Ishkanian has spent her career as a journalist covering issues and communities in the Boston area, including Newton, most recently for the Boston Globe. She was also a past editor of the Waltham News Tribune and the Newton Graphic. Ishkanian is a graduate of Providence College. She was born in Cambridge and now lives in Wellesley with her husband Rick Rendell and a son in high school. A second son is a student at the University of Missouri. Ellen can be reached at eishkanian@newtonma.gov.

Noah Rivkin is a lifelong resident of Newton Centre. He is a graduate of both the Newton Public Schools and Columbia University where he majored in History. An avid rower and movie buff, Rivkin is passionate about volunteerism and community organizations. Noah can be reached at nrivkin@newtonma.gov.

Mayor-Elect Fuller also announced a decision to seek out a new City Solicitor. "I am very grateful for City Solicitor Kahn's dedicated service here in the City of Newton for many years," Mayor-Elect Fuller said. Associate City Solicitor Ouida Young will become acting City Solicitor on Jan. 1 until a permanent replacement has been chosen.

