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## **Local leaders step up to plate for Public Garden group**

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Local business and neighborhood leaders are teaming up to play softball to support the Friends of the Public Garden.

The third annual All-Star Softball Game hosted by the Friends of the Public Garden and the Back Bay Association is set for Tuesday, July 17, at 5:30 p.m. at the Boston Common ball field.

This year's players include Boston City Councilors Michael Ross and Tito Jackson, John DeMatteo of Park Square Realty Corp., Rick Dimino from A Better City, Larry DiCara from Nixon Peabody, Kevin Heffernan from Liberty Mutual Insurance, and Michael Cantalupa from Boston Properties.

Each player donated \$250 to the Friends of the Public Garden, which helps maintain the trees and gardens of the Boston Common, Public Garden, and Commonwealth Avenue Mall.

“It is so nice to see so many local business men and women take an active part in maintaining the Public Garden,” Elizabeth Vizza, Executive Director of the Friends of the Public Garden, said in a statement.

The teams will be coached by Henry Lee, president emeritus of the Friends of the Public Garden and Jerry Carchedi, Assistant Boston Parks Commissioner.

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