

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Winter Solstice Celebration

Belmont Uplands Silver Maple Forest  
at Alewife Reservation

**Sunday, December 12, 1:30 – 3 pm**

Acorn Park Drive- Cambridge Discovery Park, near the Alewife T stop & the Minuteman Bike Path

*Celebrate the Solstice in our URBAN WILD bordering Cambridge, Belmont, and Arlington!*

*Join the Environmental Group and Covenant of UU Pagans of The First Parish (UUA) in Cambridge, friends of First Church Congregational of Somerville, Friends of Alewife Reservation (FAR), and a host of local community members for an outdoor service honoring the Sacred in the Dark, the Light, and the gifts of clean water, wildlife habitat and solace that this precious and threatened forest gives to our urban community.*



*Bring Your Reverence for Earth and the Cycles of Life*

*Bring Your Singing Voice* 🎵

*Bring Children*

*Dress appropriately for the weather*



*Hot Beverages and Children's Activity Provided*

*Abutting the Alewife Reservation are eight acres of silver maple forest, rich in wildlife, thickly canopied with one great 17-foot circumference silver maple tree and other 100-year old trees slated for decimation by developers. All manner of life – plant and tree, hawk, turtle, fox, beaver and coyote - will die or lose their habitat. The lowland silver maple forest is rare tree cover in our metropolitan region. Surrounding Wetlands clean our groundwater and provide flood control to those living in the Alewife area. Come fall in love with this forest and help us preserve it!*

*FAR has been given permission to hold this Celebration in the private forest. We will meet outside the forest, proceeding in and out together.*

## **Walking from Alewife T stop:**

*Look for Guides and signs outside Bertucci's Pizza at 1:15 pm or follow these directions: Behind Passenger Pickup go north towards Route 2 along bike path. Before the overpass **carefully** cross the road and continue around edge of Bulfinch. Turn left at first entry, into Bulfinch. Turn right onto access road. Forest entry is about 1/8 mile down road on the left, past south parking lot. People will be gathered.*

## **Driving:**

*Route 2 west from Cambridge. At first Arlington exit, turn off at Lake St. Two lefts to go back east on 2, but before Route 2, turn right into Acorn Park Drive (Discovery Park). Park in South Lot.*

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