Our efforts to preserve the forest must also be directed at our elected officials of our beautiful Mystic River watershed. As a gift to the forest this holiday, and for a stay of execution for the trees, please write and call 3 of the watershed legislators in your area to

thank them for continuing to try to preserve these woodlands

and floodplain which keep us safe and in good health.

Legislators whose Districts are directly on Mystic River:

All phone numbers are 617-722-four digits below

Patricia.Jehlen@state.ma.us    1578

Rep.JayKaufman@hou.state.ma.us     2320

Rep.GeneOFlaherty@hou.state.ma.us    2396

Rep.DeniseProvost@hou.state.ma.us      2210

Rep.TimothyToomey@hou.state.ma.us

Rep.AliceWolf@hou.state.ma.us      2380

Anthony.Petruccelli@state.ma.us      1634

Rep.SeanGarballey@hou.state.ma.us      2400

Rep.WilliamBrownsberger@hou.state.ma.us    2676

Sal.DiDomenico@state.ma.us      1650

Kenneth.Donnelly@state.ma.us    1432

Alewife T stop. Passenger Pick up exit. Right at Road. Walk over Little River bridge (north) to pathway (left) into Reservation facing west. Walk to end of Pathway for service. Driving go to Acorn Park Drive to the end.

 ***Annual Solstice Service***

**7th Annual**



**December 17th**

**3pm**

**Alewife Reservation Meadow**

Join Rev. Lilia Cuervo from First
Parish in Cambridge Unitarian Universalist

for this global ritual time at Alewife Reservation.

Led by First Parish in Cambridge, Rev. Lilia Cuervo, and all friends of nature 2011

 Maya Apfelbaum – Eco dance performer

**INGATHERING** Pepper Greene

People arrive and take their places while the flute is playing

**WELCOME**  Ellen Mass- Friends of Alewife Reservation

**GREETINGS** Rev. Lilia Cuervo

People greet each other by bowing and saying “Be still my heart, these great trees are prayers”.by Rabindranath Tagore

**FLUTE**

**CALLING THE SPIRIT OF THE FOUR DIRECTIONS**

Each volunteer calls the Spirit of the assigned direction

**SONG**  “O, Great Spirit”

**BRINGING FORTH SOLSTICE FLAMES** Russ Geer

Once again the wheel turns and the winter solstice is here.
May the warmth of this fire we light
Reignite the fire of commitment that sets our minds and hearts ablaze pushing us to work for change and transformation.
Blessed Be

**MEDITATION** Rev. Leslie Phillips

**CHANT** Linda Pinti

**FOR OUR MOTHER GAIA**

 “What progress have we seen lately in protecting Mother Gaia?”

**HOW SHALL WE GO FORTH AS FRIENDS OF THE ALEWIFE RESERVATION?**

**FLUTE**

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**FLUTE**

**A PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCETO THE FAMLYOF EARTH**(In unison)

I pledge allegiance to the Earth,

and to the flora, fauna

and human life that it supports,

one planet, indivisible,

with safe air, water and soil,

economic justice, equal rights

and peace for all.

**BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING SONG** "Let the Trees Be!"