

Amy Mah Sangiolo is an attorney, and former at-large City Councilor for the City of Newton (served for 20 years and was the longest serving Asian American elected official in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts). Amy is a progressive Democrat who grew up in New Jersey - her late father, an American born Chinese Air Force veteran, and her mother, a Japanese immigrant. Amy studied classical piano at the Juilliard School of Music Pre-College Division, graduated from Barnard College and went on to get her law degree from Rutgers Law School-Newark. After law school, Amy moved to the Washington DC area and worked for several environmental non-profits, including the Container Recycling Institute and the National Wildlife Federation where she worked on passage of Senator John Kerry's Reform of the National Flood Insurance Program. She then went on to work for the American Occupational Therapy Association before moving to Newton.

Amy is the founder of the Asian American Democrats of Massachusetts and a trustee of the Charles River Neighborhood Foundation. She has served on the Community Advisory Boards of WGBH and the Institute for Asian American Studies at UMASS Boston, is a former Board member of Springwell (a senior services agency), and the Walker Center for Ecumenical Studies. Amy is currently a Trustee of the Harry H. Dow Memorial Legal Assistance Fund, a Board member of the John M. Barry Newton Boys and Girls Club and serves as Vice Chair of the Newton Democratic City Committee. Amy, is also a member of the Screen Actors Guild (union member since 1979), League of Women Voters - Newton, and member of the Greater Boston Chinese Cultural Association.

Amy continues to send out a weekly newsletter updating residents of community and government issues. She is currently leading an effort to green the Newton Public Schools - advocating for the creation of a sustainability coordinator, continuing her work to institute a formal composting and food rescue program within our public schools. Amy will serve as a Volunteer Coordinator for the Dreamfar Marathon Team for it's upcoming 10K in Sharon in January. Amy has also been working with a group to try to get a dedicated news service in the City and has been working with volunteers to bring public art to the City (most recently working with folks on the Greenway Art Display last summer and planning for this coming year).

Amy is married to John Sangiolo, an electrical engineer at Raytheon, and has three children, George - who is a George Washington University graduate in Biophysics, Midori, who is a sophomore at Columbia University Fu Foundation School Engineering, and Joseph, who is a senior at Newton South High School. Amy also takes care of her 93 year old Japanese American mother, Yuriko, who lives in Westwood, and her two dogs, Frank, a 5-year old Pug and Aji, a 7 -month old Mini-Golden-Doodle rescue.