

Biography: Harry Bilodeau
(As interviewed by Allison Trionfetti)

Harrison (Harry) Bilodeau was born in Springfield, Massachusetts in 1943. After receiving his B.A. from the University of Pennsylvania in 1966, Bilodeau came to Providence with his wife, Arria Chase, in 1969 as a graduate student in Brown's American Civilization department, receiving his M.A. in 1976.

From 1969 to 1973 Bilodeau lived in an apartment on Benefit Street, befriending his landlords who would introduce him to the property management business. During this time his first two sons, Otis and Rufus, were born. In 1973, following the advice of his landlords, Bilodeau bought a multiple unit residence on Power Street where he resides and rents to other locals to this day. The move catalyzed Bilodeau's budding career as a property manager, a career that became official in 1982 with the establishment of Bilodeau Property Management, Inc., over which Bilodeau is president. Two years prior, Bilodeau's third son, John, was born.

Bilodeau served as an active member of the Fox Point Citizen's Association from 1998-2004, working to improve conditions and relations in the neighborhood. In 2002, Bilodeau ran for City Council, coming in third. Bilodeau remains actively concerned with politics in Providence, voicing concerns with government inattention to neighborhood communities and problems with the education system.