

THE BEACON HILL TIMES

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Charles Street building housing Beacon Hill Pub sells for nearly \$5.4 million

By Dan Murphy

A local investment firm has purchased the building housing the Beacon Hill Pub for \$5,543,500 million, according to records on file with the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds.

Besides the property at 147-149 Charles St., the Greater Boston Bar Co. also bought the buildings housing two other bars, Mary Ann's on Beacon Street in Cleveland Circle and the Tam on Tremont Street in the Theater District for \$1.51 million and \$1.6 million, respectively. Another iconic Boston bar, Sullivan's Tap at 168 Canal St., has also recently changed hands.

"We're honored to be the new proprietors of the Beacon Hill Pub, Mary Ann's, the Tam and Sullivan's Tap," said Michael W. Ford, an attorney representing the bars. "We look forward to operating these bars for many years to come."

The investment group includes Fred Starikov and Steve Whalen, owners of the Brookline real estate firm City Realty, as well as attorney Julius Sokol, who also serves as CEO of the proposed East Boston-based medical marijuana company New England Patient Network; restaurateur William Gateman; and Dana Rosenblatt, senior loan officer and a retired, left-handed professional boxer.



The Beacon Hill Pub at 149 Charles St.

Boston City Council and residents want hospitals, universities to pay their fair share

By Lauren Bennett

The City Council Committee on Ways and Means held a hearing on August 2 regarding the Payment in Lieu of Tax

(PILOT) program. Through this program, which is in its seventh year as of fiscal year 2018, schools, hospitals, and cultural institutions can voluntarily compensate the city through cash payments and

community benefit programs instead of paying taxes.

The Chair of the Committee is Mark Ciommo, and the sponsors are councilors Anissa Essaibi-George and Lydia Edwards. At the start of the hearing, Essaibi-George said that she appreciates the services that institutions such as hospitals and universities bring to the city of Boston.

Edwards said that this hearing was "about a good neighbor policy," and that she had several goals for the hearing, including that accurate and up to date

information be looked at, as well as the discussion of ways that the city can be "bold, creative, and make sure these institutions are paying."

While Edwards recognized that this program is voluntary, she said that she wants to make sure that these institutions pay their fair share. Right now, institutions are asked to pay the equivalent of 25 percent of their assessed property taxes and half of that is forgiven in a community benefit, so "in effectual institutions are

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BEACON HILL CIVIC ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY CORNER

Trash and Recycling 101

With so many new residents moving into the neighborhood and others soon to return from a long summer away, the Beacon Hill Civic Association wants to talk trash again.

Most likely it's a topic frequently discussed since the neighborhood association was founded 95 years ago. There is no doubt that handling trash and recycling properly reduces litter and rodent activity, and contributes largely to making this neighborhood a livable one!

For both those new to the neighborhood and longtime residents, here's what you need to know: Household trash is collected by the Boston Department of Public Works every Monday and Friday. Trash should be placed in heavy duty black bags, not small grocery or kitchen bags. It should be set out for collection on the curb by 7 a.m. on the collection day or after dark on the night before. Residents are strongly encouraged to wait until the morning of collection day to set out their trash in order to reduce spillage, scavenging and rodents.

Household trash may not be set out at any other times nor may it be placed in the city trash barrels on Charles or Cambridge streets. Building and construction materials may not be put out for city pick up. The existing trash regulations are strictly enforced. Residents seeing trash improperly handled are encouraged to report such violations to the city by calling 617-635-4896 or 311, tweeting @BOS311 or using the BOS:311 app. Landlords should let their tenants know of these rules, as the City can give violation tickets to the owner if trash is improperly put out. Recycling is also collected on Monday and Friday. All recyclable materials may be mixed together and placed in clear plastic bags, which should be set on the curb by 7 a.m. on the collection days or after dark the evening before. Recycling bags should be put about four feet from the black bags containing trash in order to help collectors distinguish between the two.

Items that can be recycled include newspapers, magazines and catalogues,

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MassDOT announces Longfellow lane closure

MassDOT will close a single lane on the inbound roadway of the Longfellow Bridge overnight through Friday, August 10, from 9:00 p.m. each night to 5:00 a.m. the following morning. The lane closures are to allow the contractor to complete assorted tasks in preparation for substantial completion. The inbound roadway consists of two lanes and one lane will be maintained for travel at all times.

Storrow Drive East & Westbound Lane Closures

MassDOT will implement overnight lane closures on Storrow Drive east and westbound in the vicinity of the Longfellow Bridge through Friday, August 10. Single lane closures will begin at 9:00 PM and double lane closures will be from 11:00 p.m. each night to 5:00 a.m. the following morning. The roadway in this area consists

of three lanes in each direction. A minimum of one lane will be maintained for travel at all times. WSC will make every effort to minimize noise and traffic impacts during the overnight work hours.

For more information on the project, visit the website at www.mass.gov/massdot/longfellowbridge. View construction progress photos on MassDOT's Longfellow Bridge Flickr Album. For questions or to report issues related to construction, please call the project hotline at 617-519-9892 or email longfellowbridge@state.ma.us.

MassDOT encourages drivers to avoid the area and seek alternate routes to minimize delays. Those traveling through the area should expect delays, reduce speed, and use caution. The schedule for this major infrastructure project is weather dependent and subject to change without notice.



One of the Beacon Hill Business Association's new, reusable shopping bags.

Business Association introduces custom, reusable shopping bags

By Dan Murphy

The Beacon Hill Business Association has introduced custom, reusable, multi-use shopping bags that besides being “green,” also come with special perks from local businesses.

The bags are adorned with the Charles Street skyline and available at the Boston Arts and Antiques Company, the Cambridge Trust Company, Charles Street Supply and December Thieves, among other neighborhood businesses, and each bag also comes with a tag offering benefits such as a free appetizer at 75 Chestnut and 10 percent off a purchase at Charles Street Supply.

“For a long time, we’ve wanted to put out a reusable shopping bag that is branded for those who love

Beacon Hill,” said Ali Ringenburg, who serves as co-president of the Business Association alongside Lucy Grogan. “And since using the bags can bring significant savings, we wanted to offer an incentive to support local businesses and to be out shopping in the neighborhood during the hot, summer months.”

In addition to celebrating the neighborhood, Grogan described the bags as “functional” and “stylish.”

“It’s a fun promotion for both our business and residential communities,” she said.

Stacy Sheehan, BHBA clerk, said “We see the program as a fun and exciting opportunity to draw additional business to the neighborhood during the summer months... while being environmentally friendly as well.

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asked really to pay 12 and a half percent of the equivalent property tax payment,” said Enid Eckstein of the PILOT Action Group.

Councilor Kim Janey agreed with Edwards, saying that while Boston is a “world class city,” it is still a city “where we see less and less state aid and more and more burden is placed on property tax residents.”

City of Boston CFO Emme Handy praised the PILOT program, saying that it is “a very successful voluntary program,” and that other cities have used it as a model. She said that \$33.6 million was paid in Fiscal Year 2018 as voluntary money from participating institutions, and that 74 percent of the Fiscal Year 2018 request was met.

“Fiscal health of the city of Boston is one of our highest priorities,” Sam Tyler of the Boston Municipal Research Bureau said. He said that in terms of revenue generation, the program has been “very successful,” and that more diverse revenue sources have been advocated for.

Tyler said that the total PILOT payments have been below the city’s request, partially because “the city’s request was aggressive for the first five years.”

However, he said that educational institutions have increased their payments by five million dollars over the seven years, but it is still less than the city has asked for.

Handy said that she agrees that there is progress to be made, but “the nature of the voluntary program would mean that we cannot compel an institution to gift us something.”

Councilor Ed Flynn asked what steps could be taken to encourage those not paying to contribute fairly to the city. Handy said that it is a great idea to build on community connections with institutions, and Tyler agreed that maintaining relationships with these institutions is “important.”

Right now, since the PILOT program is voluntary, institutions get to decide what their community benefits are. Ciommo said that every college/university has to provide a ten year master plan in which they go through a process with the community and once there is some agreement, the community benefits will come forth.

Enid Eckstein of the PILOT

Action Group said that “we came together to advocate for improvements in the program,” and said that they felt like evaluating the program was an important step.

“These institutions benefit from being part of the vital fabric of Boston, and they receive essential city services, so what is their responsibility to the city?” she asked.

The PILOT Action Group has generated a report that Eckstein said she believes shows how the PILOT program “falls short in several key areas.” She said that there is uneven institutional participation—while more total cash funds are collected each year, increasingly fewer institutions are paying their full requested amount. She said that number has actually decreased each year. In fiscal year 2018, Eckstein said that only 26 percent of institutions met their full requested payment, and there is 77 million dollars in unpaid payments.

“The health care sector comes closets to meeting its obligations, whereas universities and cultural institutions lag behind,” she said.

She said that she wants to “make very clear” that several of these institutions hold billions of dollars in endowments, have millions in surplus revenue, and paid more money in hedge fund management fees than they paid to the city for the PILOT program this year.

“So we really have a misalignment here in terms of our system and this is all public record,” Eckstein said. “We have an obligation as the city to look at how we oversee a program that we rely on.”

Several members of the community testified. A large portion of them were related to the Northeastern University in some way, an institution in which one student said that since 2012 has paid just five and a half million of the 18.7 million the city has requested.

Caitlin Gaffny, an educator at both the Maurice J. Tobin K-8 School Roxbury and at Northeastern University, testified about the juxtaposition of Northeastern’s expansion into neighboring areas alongside the loss of resources at the Tobin School. She gave examples like “Northeastern’s footprint in Roxbury has significantly enlarged, the Tobin School lost

our library and librarian.” And “Northeastern expanded their global reach, Tobin School lost our school resources officer.”

After four or five of these juxtapositions, Gaffny said, “Today I call upon the Boston City Council to hold Northeastern and all of the other institutions responsible for giving back their fair share to this great city that they have significantly benefitted from.”


Another commonly brought up issue is the affordable housing crisis, which many of the graduate students who testified attributed in part to the lack of university-provided housing.

Richard Giordano of the Fenway Community Development Corporation said that “universities have done tremendous good things for this city, but they’ve also created tremendous problems.”

He suggested that if universities are not going to construct dorms to the capacity that they would need, that they should begin to donate the land that “they’ve been land banking and in some cases pretty much exploiting or holding for other purposes” to non-profits and community development corporations that can build affordable housing. He said that this way, these buildings will come back on the tax roll since affordable housing is taxed.

Councilors Essaibi-George and Edwards closed out the hearing by saying that this is only the beginning of a discussion on this topic. “This can’t be a one-and-done style of hearing,” Essaibi-George said. She said that she thinks it’s important to recognize the role that these institutions play in the city, as well as the partnership that is important for the city to have, “especially as we as a city more and more rely on property tax revenue from residents and homeowners across the city.”

“There are no enemies at the table, just better standards that we can hold our institutions to,” Edwards said. “And I think I look forward to working with them to create those standards and I know ultimately we will and we ultimately will not only continue to lead the nation, but really, really actually have a true success that all of us can benefit from.”



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BHAC AGENDA

The Beacon Hill Architectural Commission (BHAC) Hearing will be held on August 16 starting at 5 p.m. in the Piemonte Room on the Fifth Floor of City Hall.

Violations

19.099 BH 11 Irving Street

Applicant: Corinne Getchell, Modica Associates

Proposed Work: Installation of intercom system in vestibule.

Design Review

18.1330 BH 133 Charles Street (Continued from 07/2018)

Applicant: Millicent Cutler, Ouimillie

Proposed Work: Install 26"x20" solid oak, painted projecting sign using existing bracket.

18.1407 BH 87 Pinckney Street (Continued from 06/2018 and 07/2018)

Applicant: Linda Ward

Proposed Work: Replace existing pendant light at front entrance with recessed lighting.

18.1423 BH 36 Joy Court (Continued from 07/2018)

Applicant: Lawrance O'Connor

Proposed Work: Replace existing 6'-0" cedar stockade fencing along side yard; attach five panels of treated lattice fencing for ivy wall; install single lattice panel at wall and alley end for ivy wall.

18.1447 BH 120 Charles Street (Continued from 07/2018)

Applicant: Zack Sambucci

Proposed Work: Repair window sashes and storm windows.

18.1511 BH 32-34 Hancock Street (Continued from 07/2018)

Applicant: Dylan Forester, Touloukian Touloukian, Inc.

Proposed Work: Replace asphalt shingles at roof in kind in "Black Pepper"; replace

awning fabric at dormer in "Driftwood Tweed".

18.1415 BH 11 Chestnut Street (Continued from 06/2018 and 07/2018)

Applicant: Joe Holland, M. Holland & Sons Construction, Inc.

Proposed Work: Replace all historic 6/6 window sashes on front elevation with insulated glass sashes.

18.1525 BH 11 Louisburg Square (Continued from 07/2018)

Applicant: Ryan Garrity, Sea-Dar Construction

Proposed Work: Replace 14 windows on front elevation in kind with TDL, wood, double hung windows with curved sashes at bowfront; repaint and repair shutters; repaint ironwork; repaint previously painted stone window sills.

18.1524 BH 141 Cambridge Street (Continued from 07/2018)

Applicant: Benjamin Haavik, Historic New England

Proposed Work: Install iron hand railings at front entrance; install irrigation line; install four security cameras.

19.111 BH 63 Beacon Street

Applicant: Adam Wylie, Mayhew Project Management

Proposed Work: Replace two non-original basement windows on front elevation; install security grates on two basement windows; relocate hose bib under lintel at basement lintel to granite façade.

19.095 BH 93 Pinckney Street

Applicant: Sean Cryts, Historic Window and Door Holdings

Proposed Work: Replace three historic 2/2 windows on third floor with true divided, wood windows to match existing profile, dimension and color; remove storm windows.

19.118 BH 55-57 Brimmer Street

Applicant: Don Mills, Mills Whitaker Architects, LLC.

Proposed Work: Demolish and reconstruct rear one-story addition on back of carriage house; construct exterior fire escape and roof deck on reconstructed structure for alternate means of egress; replace HVAC units on roof. (See administrative review items below).

Administrative Review/Approval

19.018 BH 53 Beacon Street: Replace three sets of window sashes on rear elevation with true divided, wood windows to match existing; remove storm windows.

19.118 BH 55-57 Brimmer Street: Repair and repaint door and transom at Brimmer Street entrance; Install door off Chestnut Street in lowered grade for accessible entrance; Replace sections of bricks on Chestnut Street façade in kind where needed to match existing; clean and repoint sections of façade to match existing; Replace brownstone sills to match existing; paint replacement granite sills to match brownstone sills and lintels; repair chimneys and replace dryer vent with chimney pots; replicate wood window frames in kind, repairing wood sashes; install copper flashing; replace deteriorated hayloft timber in kind and replace bird screening with nylon mesh; replace slate roof in kind; replace copper roofing at dormers.

19.094 BH 1 Chestnut Street: Repair brownstone lintels and sills using Conproco to match existing color, detailing and texture; repoint sections of façade to match existing.

19.049 BH 27 Chestnut Street: Replace non-original two-story, multi-lite arched window with insulated glass window; replace plywood cladding at beam of window.

19.109 BH 2 Derne Street: Dismantle

structurally unsound rear chimney and reconstruct using salvaged bricks; install copper flashing at chimneys; replace broken lintels above third and fourth floor windows with cast stone to match existing in dimension, material, color and texture.

19.114 BH 82 Mount Vernon Street: Install fire department connection, strobe and bell; install front door buzzer; replace seven pairs of wood shutters on front elevation.

19.108 BH 50 Myrtle Street: Replace sections of non-original iron fencing with historic design installed into curbing at playground entrance; repaint existing wrought iron fencing black; repaint tree guards black; repaint benches black; install bronze turtle sculpture in playground.

19.022 BH 90 Myrtle Street: Repoint two chimneys using mortar to match existing.

19.138 BH 55 Phillips Street, #1: Replace six non-original wood 1/1 windows in kind.

19.139 BH 55 Phillips Street, #2: Replace four non-original wood 1/1 windows in kind.

19.140 BH 55 Phillips Street, #3: Replace six non-original wood 1/1 windows in kind.

19.141 BH 55 Phillips Street, #5: Replace six non-original wood 1/1 windows in kind.

19.137 BH 55 Phillips Street, #7: Replace six non-original wood 1/1 windows in kind.

19.090 BH 33 Revere Street: Replace three non-original 6/6 windows on third floor of front elevation with true divided, wood windows

Advisory Review

94 Beacon Street

Applicant: Paul Lukez

Proposed Work: Alter roof decks and fire escape systems on roof; Construct new glass hatch for roof access

Deal struck on Beacon Hill to tax short-term rentals

By John Lynds

Last week Massachusetts lawmakers struck a deal that would extend the state's hotel tax to Airbnb units and other short term rentals.

Rep. Aaron Michlewitz, who led the charge and was a key figure on Beacon Hill in pushing for short-term rental regulations, said last week that the deal struck among members last week is the 'first of its kind' in the nation.

Like the state's 5.7 percent hotel tax, short-term rentals that are advertised on Airbnb, bed and breakfasts and second homes that owners offer to vacationers, will be taxed at that rate. Again mirroring the state's hotel tax, cities and towns can add another 6 percent to the 5.7 percent. Boston can go up to 6.5 percent and if the owner of a short-term rental owns more than one unit

in a Boston neighborhood like the North End or Beacon Hill, Boston can add another 3 percent tax to the additional units, explained Michlewitz. However, the owner's first unit would be taxed at the regular rate and all additional units would be taxed at the higher rate in any given neighborhood.

What makes Massachusetts's regulation unique, explained Michlewitz, is that cities and towns that opt to charge the additional 3 percent tax will have to spend 35 percent of that revenue on affordable housing and transportation.

I'm proud that both the House and the Senate passed our conference committee bill on regulating and insuring short-term rentals, including Airbnb," said Michlewitz. "This bill will generate at least \$50 million in revenue and we will be the first state in the nation to attach

short-term Rental funding to affordable housing. I want to thank all those that helped us get to this point over the last four years."

Mayor Martin Walsh, who had been pushing short-term rental regulations in Boston, applauded Michlewitz and the House's work.

"I applaud Speaker DeLeo and Rep. Michlewitz for their leadership in crafting a framework for short-term rentals," said Walsh. "Their statewide approach and tax structure complements the City of Boston law. Together, we will protect long-term housing in our neighborhoods."

Back in June the Boston City Council voted 11-2 in favor of creating an ordinance to regulate short term rentals like Airbnb. The ordinance creates a public registry of short-term rentals and completely exempts lodg-

ing houses, bed and breakfasts and certain corporate housing with established contracts with educational, medical or other institutions from regulation as a short-term rental. According to Walsh the ordinance hashed out by his Administration and the City Council takes a three-tiered approach to classifying short-term rental units. These include Limited Share Units that consists of a private bedroom or shared space in the owner-operator's primary residence, in which the operator is present during the rental. The fee associated with this classification will be \$25 per year. Home Share Unit are defined as whole units available for a short-term rental at the primary residence of the owner-operator. The fee associated with this classification will be \$200 per year. Owner-Adjacent Unit consists of an owner-occupied two-

three-family building, in which the owner lists a single secondary unit as a short-term rental. The fee associated with this classification will be \$200 per year. The regulations also provide protections for the occupants of the short-term rental unit by prohibiting any property with outstanding housing, sanitary, building, fire or zoning-code violations from being listed. In addition, the operator is required to provide notice to abutters of a short term rental unit within 30 days of approved registration. Non-owner occupants are not permitted to operate short term rentals in their leased units. The city will levy penalties to any person who offers an ineligible unit as a short term rental, fails to register, or fails to comply with a notice of violation.

EDITORIAL

HANDS-FREE DRIVING LAW NEEDED

Public safety advocates have been disappointed this week that the legislature has failed to adopt a bill in this legislative session that would ban the use of mobile electronic devices while operating a motor vehicle unless the devices are used in hands-free mode.

Distracted driving is a huge and ever-growing problem, surpassing drunk driving as a source of carnage on our roadways. The National Safety Council asserts that distracted driving accounted for 26 percent of the 30,000 lives lost in motor vehicle accidents in 2013. Teens were the largest age group reported as distracted at the time of fatal crashes.

It is estimated that five seconds is the average time a driver's eyes are taken off the road while reading or sending a text message. At 55 mph, those five seconds are enough to cover the length of a football field. The result has been an estimated one million motor vehicle accidents caused by distracted driving.

Fourteen other states and the District of Columbia prohibit drivers from using handheld mobile devices, including New Hampshire, Connecticut, and Vermont.

With polls asserting that 80 percent of the public supports a hands-free driving law, we hope that the legislature will take steps to enact this needed legislation when the new legislature reconvenes in January.

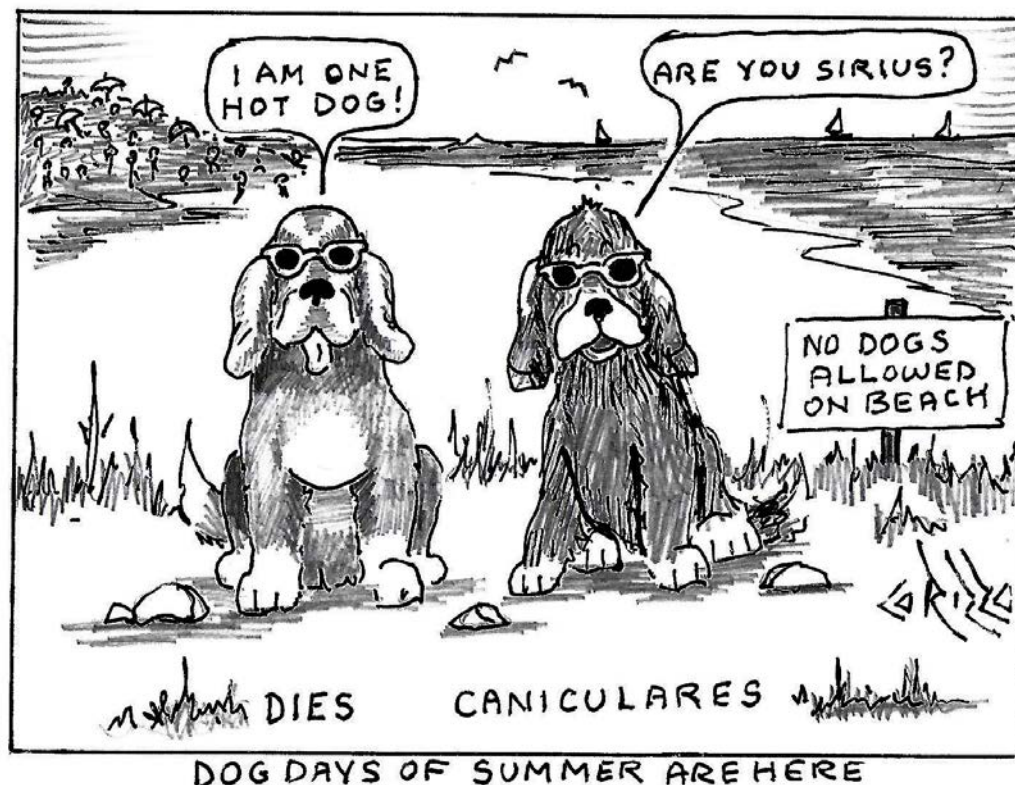
A TRAGEDY THAT AFFECTED ALL OF US

The news reports about the tragic motor vehicle accident that claimed the life of a 32-year-old Cape Cod man who had just become a new father -- as he was returning home at night from the hospital after visiting with his wife and child -- caused all of us to pause for a moment to ponder how life can be so cruel and capricious.

The victim, Kevin Quinn, 32, was a former Marine who had served two tours of duty in Afghanistan. Although Mr. Quinn had survived military duty in one of the most dangerous places in the world, he could not make it home safely on what should have been an uneventful ride back from the hospital on Route 28 on the Cape.

There has been much discussion about whether the operator of the other vehicle, who also was killed in the crash and who had a lengthy criminal record, should have been released from jail and out on the street, especially in view of a recent arrest for operating under the influence while being out on bail on another serious charge.

Questions also have been raised as to whether the police officer should have broken off the high-speed chase that resulted in the fatal crash, especially when the speeds reached 65 miles per hour and the suspect was passing other vehicles. At what point does an officer have to realize that giving up the chase is a preferred alternative to placing the lives and safety of everybody else at risk? We do not pretend that there are any easy answers to these questions. However, what is clear is that a confluence of all of these factors resulted in the death of a wonderful young man, who had served his country honorably, leaving his wife a widow and their newborn child without a father.



GUEST OP-ED

National Grid open to negotiations

By Marcy L. Reed

At National Grid, we're industry leaders in the clean energy transition. We take seriously our responsibility to help solve major energy challenges, while meeting our customers' evolving expectations and ensuring that the cost of our service is sustainable for years to come. Our effort to keep costs reasonable for our customers has led to our current dispute with United Steelworkers Locals 12003 and 12012-04, which together represent 1,250 of our more than 10,000 unionized employees.

A portion of our customers' bills support labor costs. On average, both our gas and electric customers are seeing a 5-percent to 7-percent annual bill growth without seeing significant changes in their level of service. We're concerned about affordability for our customers.

To stay ahead in an ever-evolving marketplace and to control our customers' costs, National Grid cannot continue to provide health insurance and new-hire retirement benefits to one segment of our unionized workforce that are inconsistent with the vast majority of our unionized employees, and also inconsistent with every other investor-owned utility in Massachusetts.

When it comes to the types of

retirement and health insurance benefits that our customers ultimately pay for, those provided to employees represented by Locals 12003 and 12012-04 are the exception, not the rule. For example, 16 other local unions that represent National Grid employees have agreed that new hires will not be covered by traditional pension plans. These two locals have not. Further, employees in these locals still maintain health insurance coverage that includes no deductibles and no co-insurance.

Our inability to reach agreement on these issues resulted in the company's difficult decision on June 25 to inform these two locals that their members could not continue to work without a comprehensive agreement that meets both our employees' and customers' needs. This work stoppage is the exception to our otherwise unblemished record of successfully negotiating scores of contracts with unions over two decades.

We're proud to have always provided good jobs with competitive wages and benefits to our employees. Since 2016, we've added 140 more well-paying jobs in these two local unions alone. The average employee in these locals earns more than \$120,000 a year, including overtime. If our offer to these locals of 14.53 per-

cent in compounded raises was accepted on June 25, that average salary would increase by 2022 to more than \$137,000 annually.

We want every employee at National Grid to be able to grow a career here. In recognition of the long hours they often work under challenging conditions and in emergency situations, we will continue providing good wages and benefits that help them today and during retirement.

But when less than 10 percent of American workers have pension plans themselves, and more than 50 percent have no employer-funded retirement plan at all, we're simply asking our unions to adopt a competitive company-funded 401(k) plan for new hires -- as they have done elsewhere.

Defined contribution plans like a 401(k) are more aligned with changing workforce demographics, providing a tangible benefit that employees can see grow. Our proposed company-funded defined contribution 401(k) plan, with contributions of 3 percent to 9 percent matched against base and overtime pay, is comparable to retirement plans agreed to by United Steelworkers for new hires at the other investor-owned utilities in Massachusetts -- as well as

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at utilities in New Hampshire and Connecticut.

National Grid has not proposed that any current employees in these locals give up their pensions or move out of a traditional pension plan. In fact, we offered a 10 percent pension increase by 2021 for employees currently represented by Locals 12003 and 12012-04.

But these two locals have drawn a line between themselves and other United Steelworkers

locals – as well as 16 other unions at National Grid, who have agreed that new hires would not be covered by traditional pension plans.

Why is it that these locals are so fundamentally opposed to changes their United Steelworkers brothers and sisters have made at other utilities? In fact, there is no reasonable answer to this question.

We will continue to negotiate in good faith and remain avail-

able seven days a week to try to reach an agreement with these locals that gets our employees back to work to serve the customers who depend on us. We look forward to our ongoing negotiation sessions with the locals, and to every day that gets us closer to resolving our differences.

Marcy L. Reed is the President Massachusetts and EVP Policy & Social Impact

AROUND THE CITY

FENWAY PARK CONCERTS

Jimmy Buffett performs, Aug. 9, Billy Joel, Aug. 10 Journey and Def Leppard, Aug. 11, and Pearl Jam, Sept. 2, 4, at Fenway Park; Wiz Khalifa is at Xfinity Aug. 7, Brad Paisley, Aug. 11, and Counting Crown, Aug. 17, all at Xfinity Center. ace Ticket, 534 Comm. Ave., Boston, MA.

AMERICAN IDOL LIVE! 2018

The show features this season's

top seven finalists and special guest, Kris Allen, Sunday, Aug. 19, at Lynn Auditorium, 3 City Hall Square Lynn, 781-599-SHOW; Ticketmaster, 800-745-3000. Ticketmaster, LynnAuditorium.com.

CARRIE

Boston Children's Theatre Summer Studio Four presents two-act, two-hour "Carrie the musical," Aug. 10, 11, 8 p.m., and Aug. 12, 2 p.m., Marblehead High School Theatre, 2 Humphrey St., Marblehead. 617-424-6634, boxoffice@bostonchil-

drenstheatre.org.

CLOUD TECTONICS

Fort Point Theatre Channel presents Jose Rivera's "Cloud Tectonics," workshop performances, August 8-21: Aug. 8, 6 p.m., Hyde Square Task Force, 30 Sunnyside St. Jamaica Plain, free JP Licks Ice cream giveaway; The fort Point Room at Atlantic Wharf, 290 Congress St., Boston, Aug. 14, 7:30 p.m. Boston Playwrights Theatre, 949 Comm. Ave., Boston, Aug. 17, 18, 7:30 p.m.; Gloucester Stage, 267 E. Main St., Gloucester, Aug. 21, 7:30 p.m. Reservations, jaime@fortpointtheatrechannel.org.

TRUE WEST

Joe Short directs Sam Shepard's play, Aug. 17-Sept. 8, Wednesday-Saturday, 7:30 p.m., matinees Saturday, Sunday, 2 p.m. Gloucester Stage Company, 267 E. Main St., Gloucester. \$35-\$45, discount tickets offered. gloucesterstage.com 978-281-4433.

AS YOU LIKE IT

Brown Box Theatre presents as part of its annual Free Shakespeare Tour, Free, open-to-all "As You Like It," Aug. 10-26: Aug. 10-12, Christian Herter Park, 1175 Soldiers Field Road, Allston; Aug. 16, French River Park, Davis St., Webster; Aug. 17, Waterfront Plaza at Atlantic Wharf, 200 Congress St., Boston; and many others. No reservations needed.

OUR DEAR DEAD DRUG LORD

Rebecca Bradshaw directs Alexis Sheer's play Aug. 17-Sept. 1, for Off The Grid Theatre, Boston Center for the Arts Calderwood Pavilion, Roberts Studio Theatre, v57 Tremont St., South End, Boston.

JIGJAM

The Irish bluegrass quartet stars perform Aug. 14 at Club Passim, 47 Palmer St., Cambridge. \$15, members, \$13. clubpassim.org, 617-492-7679.

Otis House lecture series recalls dining in Victorian Boston

Explore the history of drinking and dining in Victorian Boston on Tuesday evenings in August at Otis House. Come early for a reception in the courtyard.

On Aug. 7, historian Jim O'Connell analyzes historic menus from the Parker House, Union Oyster House, Durgin-Park, Locke-Ober, Café Marliave, Jacob Wirth and some long-forgotten eateries to explore how 19th-century Boston restaurants reflected Victorian culture. Topics include the influence of French and British cooking, ostentatious multi-course banquets, working-class oyster bars and eating houses, ladies' tea rooms and ice cream parlors, and the emergence of ethnic eateries.

The Aug. 14 lecture recalls when Massachusetts was part of the Triangle Trade, the 18th-century world economy. Rum from New England was traded in Africa for enslaved people, who were brought to the West Indies and the Caribbean, where they cultivated sugar cane. The sugar cane was later refined into molasses, which was shipped to New England and often used in the distillation of rum. In his talk on molasses, historian Anthony Sammarco traces it from the eighteenth century

through the teetotalism and abolitionist causes of the nineteenth century, to the Great Molasses Flood of 1919, which became an integral part of the North End of Boston's history.

The Aug. 21 talk revisits In 1900 when Boston had the most breweries per person of any city in the country. The overwhelming majority of them were in the Stony Brook area of Roxbury and Jamaica Plain. During the heyday of Boston breweries, this area was the center of the industry, with at least 24 breweries along the banks of the Stony Brook. Learn from Michael Reiskind about the history of brewing in Boston, and the Irish and German immigrants who established the breweries in the city.

These talks, which are co-sponsored by Historic New England and the Victorian Society in America/New England Chapter, take place at the Otis House Museum, 141 Cambridge St., at 6 p.m. A reception precedes the lecture and starts at 5:30 p.m. Admission is \$17, or \$12 for Historic New England and Victorian Society members. Register at 617-994-5920 or www.HistoricNewEngland.org.

Boston Children's Festival comes to Franklin Park Aug. 21

Mayor Martin J. Walsh and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department are proud to present the 2018 ParkARTS Boston Children's Festival on Tuesday, August 21, at Franklin Park in Dorchester from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. ParkARTS is made possible in part through the generosity of Holly and David Bruce.

Children and families from throughout Boston have the opportunity to participate in a variety of free activities from various exhibitors including L.L.Bean, Cambridge Science on the Street, a show by Rosalita's Puppets, ParkARTS arts and crafts, the Bubble Guy, Mass Hort, New England Aquarium, Zoo New England, and more.

The August 21 event will also include book giveaways from the ReadBoston Storymobile, exploring a Boston Fire Department fire truck, identification kits from the Suffolk County Sheriff's

Department, a visit from the Boston Park Rangers Mounted Unit, face painting, crafts with PJ Library in Greater Boston, dance performances from the BCYF Jackson-Mann Community Center, and free treats and giveaways from HP Hood LLC, KIND Snacks, Polar Beverages, Growing Smile Pediatric Dentistry, and Magic 106.7.

The location of the festival is on Pierpont Road off Circuit Drive, near the back entrance of the Franklin Park Zoo. By MBTA, take the Orange Line to Forest Hills and the #16 bus to the Zoo. By car, the park can be reached from Blue Hill Avenue, Seaver Street, or Circuit Drive.

There is ample free parking and the park is ADA compliant. For further information, call (617) 635-4505 or visit www.boston.gov/parks or www.facebook.com/bostonparksdepartment.

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Larceny from Building
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Small kitchen priorities

by Penny & Ed Cherubino

Over the years, we've cooked in a suburban kitchen large enough for all the guests at a party to gather around and make their own tortellini. The kitchen in our first pied-à-terre in Boston was so small we had to fit a cutting board across the sink due to the lack of counter space.

Our current kitchen has an 8'x 8' footprint. But this is common for city life and we have many friends who, like us, do a lot of cooking in a small space. It does take some adaptation, but generations of cooks have made do with less and produced great food.

Prioritize and Downsize!

One way to make the most of a small kitchen is to reduce your selection of cooking equipment and appliances. Every so often, we all have to think about the items we actually use and prioritize our kitchen storage anew.

Select your most important items and put those in your prime space. For example, our blender is on a high shelf in a cabinet, but our large granite mortar and pestle sit on the counter where we can pull them over and smash up a spice blend or make a pesto. If you're a blender fan, you might do the opposite.

Our knife collection hangs on the wall on a magnetic rack. Knives and cutting boards are a priority for us. As our knife skills have grown, we use fewer gadgets because we can get the work done quickly with a well-sharp-

ened knife.

Coffee, or more specifically espresso, is an important part of our day. We have downsized from a large footprint espresso machine, burr grinder, and half-gallon jar of coffee beans to a compact Nespresso machine with a vertical capsule storage system. That move alone freed up a secondary work area, so the two of us can work on either side of the sink.

Pack the items you seldom use into two collections. The first is for speciality items you have used recently and a second for items you can't remember using for some time. Set a date on your calendar and bring anything you haven't missed to a donation center.

Key Items

In addition to knives, cutting boards, a few good pans, and a utensil crock filled with basics (like wooden spoons, spatulas, a masher, tongs, and ladle) we have some multi-use items that we use all the time.

For example: full, half, and quarter sheet pans with matching silicone mats are stored in our oven and serve not just for roasting and baking, but also are routinely placed on our cooktop to extend our counter space.

These pans are used to hold ingredients as we prep them. Covered with a thirsty kitchen towel, they serve as drying racks for clean equipment. They've been used to spread and sort beans and legumes, and to dry herbs. These sturdy metal trays



Full sheet pans on our stovetop extend our counterspace by holding ingredients as we prep them.

can be moved to-and-from our dining table when the kitchen counters are full.

Don't let a small kitchen be an excuse for serving highly processed foods, frozen entrées, questionable take out, or for never cooking a meal. Let the challenge of space limitation help you improve your food preparation skills, encourage you to shop often and well, and serve yourself and those around your table memorable food that you prepared in your own home.

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Chestnut Street resident runs Falmouth Road Race to fight cancer and honor late friend

By Dan Murphy

When Ally Colton participates in her second Falmouth Road Race on Sunday, Aug. 19, the 25-year-old Chestnut Street resident will not only be running to raise funds for cancer patients and their loved ones, but also to again honor a close friend who succumbed to the disease more than six years ago.

Colton is one of more than 60 more runners taking part this year in the seven-mile race through Cope Cod to support the Joe Andruzzi Foundation – a nonprofit that provides much-needed financial assistance to New England cancer patients and their family members. Former New England Patriots three-time Super Bowl champion offensive guard Joe Andruzzi and his wife Jen founded the organization in 2008 following Joe's own successful fight against cancer. Last year, Team JAF members who ran in the Falmouth footrace raised more than \$100,000 for the cause.

Colton was introduced to the Joe Andruzzi Foundation by her friend Samantha Bourque, an active member of the nonprofit who died of cancer in 2012. When Colton returned home to Belmont in the summer of 2013 after her sophomore year at Iowa State, she decided to take part in the Falmouth Road Race to benefit the foundation and

honor Bourque's memory, even though Colton had no prior running experience.

Afterwards, Colton returned to Iowa to finish her undergraduate degree and didn't spend another summer in the Boston area until after she graduated last year. She is now about to enter her second year at Suffolk Law School, which brought her to back to Massachusetts and prompted her to take part in the Falmouth Road Race as a Team JAF member again this year.

"I loved the experience the first time, but haven't been around to run another one until now," Colton said.

Bourque and others who have faced cancer so courageously compelled Colton to take on the challenge again.

"People like Samantha fighting cancer with a sense of optimism is what inspires me to run and train," Colton said. "It's so small compared to the challenges they face each day."

Jen Andruzzi, the foundation's executive director, wrote, "Ally's efforts are directly benefiting cancer patients and families in need throughout New England. We are grateful for the efforts our runners are making to prepare for this race, and we are excited to come together as a team this August."

Meanwhile, Colton said running the Falmouth Road Race for the foundation has brought

her closer to Bourque's memory.

"I've gotten to know people through the foundation who crossed paths with Samantha... and they always enjoy reminiscing and telling stories about her," she said.

To help Colton reach her goal, visit her fundraising page at <https://www.firstgiving.com/fundraiser/ally-colton-1/Team-JAF-at-the-2018-Falmouth-Road-Race>.

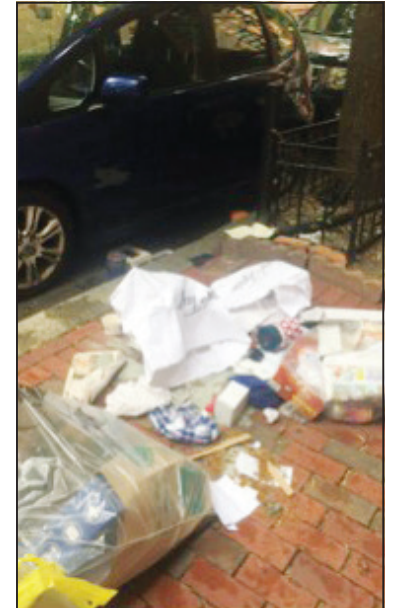
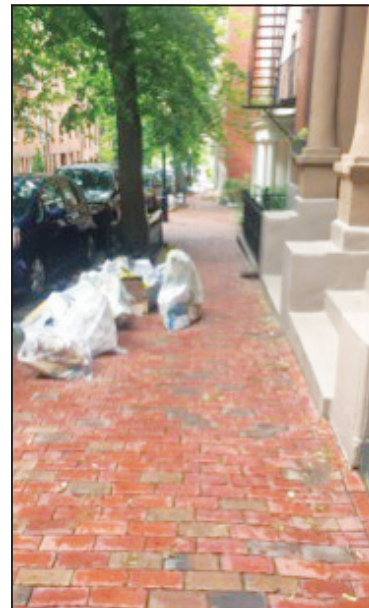


Ally Colton training for her second Falmouth Road Race.

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THURSDAY,AUG. 9

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM, Instrument Petting Zoo, Myrtle Street Playground, 4-5 p.m., admission: free, (rain location: 74 Joy St.)

TUESDAY,AUG. 14

RECITAL, Chrstiaan Teeuwsen on C.B. Fisk organ performing works by Buxtehude, Pachelbel and Sweelinck, King's Chapel, 58 Tremont St., 12:15 p.m., suggested donation; \$3, call 617-227-2155

WEDNESDAY,AUG. 15

FILM, "My Left Foot" (2005, 103 minutes, Rated R), West End Branch of the Boston Public Library, 151 Cambridge St., 3 p.m., call 617-523-3957 for more information

THURSDAY,AUG. 16

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM, popsicles and sprinkler, Myrtle Street Playground, 4-5 p.m., admission: free, (rain location: 74 Joy St.)

TUESDAY,AUG. 21

RECITAL, Margaret Felice (soprano) and Christopher Rakovec (organ) performing works by Couperin and Milhaud, King's Chapel, 58 Tremont St., 12:15 p.m., suggested donation; \$3, call 617-227-2155

EVENT, Hill House's Senior Dinner, 74 Joy St., 5-6 p.m., contact: Meredith Adamczyk at 617-227-5838 ext. 22 for more information

FILM, "Keeping the Faith," Boston Synagogue, 55 Martha Road, 6:30 p.m., suggested donation: \$5, R.S.V.P. to office@bostonsynagogue.org

WEDNESDAY,AUG. 22

FILM, "Capote" (2005, 114 minutes, Rated R), West End Branch of the Boston Public Library, 151 Cambridge St., 3 p.m., call 617-523-3957 for more information

THURSDAY,AUG. 23

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM, storyteller and magician BJ Hickman, Myrtle Street Playground, 4-5 p.m., admission: free, (rain location: 74 Joy St.)

TUESDAY,AUG. 28

RECITAL, Racha Fora performing cool jazz/Brazilian fusion, King's Chapel, 58 Tremont St., 12:15 p.m., suggested donation; \$3, call 617-227-2155

WEDNESDAY,AUG. 29

FILM, "Frida" (2004, 122 minutes, Rated R), West End Branch of the Boston Public Library, 151 Cambridge St., 3 p.m., call 617-523-3957 for more information

THURSDAY,AUG. 30

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM, New England Aquarium Touch Truck, Myrtle Street Playground, 4-5 p.m., admission: free, (rain location: 74 Joy St.)

THURSDAY, SEPT. 6

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM, rainforest reptiles, Myrtle Street Playground, 4-5 p.m., admission: free, (rain location: 74 Joy St.)

THURSDAY, SEPT. 13

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM end-of-season pizza party, Myrtle Street Playground, 4-5 p.m., admission: free, (rain location: 74 Joy St.)

CONCERT, Plamen Karadonev (accordion and piano) and Elena Koleva (vocalist) performing jazz standards and Broadway hits, Church On The Hill, 140 Bowdoin St., 7:30 p.m., admission: free, call 617-523-4575 or visit <http://churchonthehillboston.org> for more information

SUNDAY, SEPT. 23

EVENT, Hill House's annual Welcome Back Pancake Breakfast, the Firehouse, 127 Mt. Vernon St., 9-11 a.m.

Charlie Thomas' Drifters to be playing at City Hall Plaza August 15

Timeless R&B classics return to City Hall Plaza with Charlie Thomas's Drifters at the Dorothy Curran Wednesday Night Concert Series on August 15 at 7 p.m.

The series is presented by Mayor Martin J. Walsh, the Mayor's Office of Tourism, Sports, and Entertainment, the Boston

Commission on Affairs of the Elderly, and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department in partnership with title sponsor Bank of America. Additional support is provided by Polar Beverages.

Charlie Thomas is a Dorothy Curran Concert Series favorite who earned his place in music his-

tory as a member of the Drifters, the group that placed 37 records on the Billboard national R&B charts. Twenty-five Drifters songs reached the Top 10, with five of those making it to #1. Thomas carries on the group's legacy by performing such Drifters classics as "Dance With Me," "This

Magic Moment," "Some Kind of Wonderful," "Under The Boardwalk," and more.

The Dorothy Curran Wednesday Night Concert Series closes August 22 with the Trammps performing hits including "Hold Back The Night," "Where The Happy People Go,"

"Soul Bones," and their signature song "Disco Inferno" as featured on the soundtrack of "Saturday Night Fever."

For more information, please call (617) 635-4505 or visit the Parks Department online at boston.gov/departments/parks-and-recreation or facebook.

Hill House launches first-ever, citywide NFL FLAG football league next month

Young football fans can now enjoy the fun and excitement of America's favorite sport starting this fall with Hill House's launch of the city's first NFL FLAG football league. Open to children in Kindergarten through the seventh grade, this citywide league will take place on Sunday mornings at Clemente Field on the Emmanuel College Campus in Back Bay. Registration is now open through www.hillhouse-boston.org. Teams are encouraged to sign up, but individuals can register for \$175 per person. The season will begin in September.

"Our mission is to ensure that children living in the city have

the opportunity to participate in the best sports programs possible," said Hill House Program Director Sam Renshaw. "With much research coming out about the concussion dangers of playing full contact football at this age, we are delighted to launch this NFL Flag option so that kids can have a fun and safe athletic experience."

NFL FLAG is the premier youth flag football program in the United States with more than 365,000 boys and girls age 5-17 playing in leagues across the country. Players in NFL FLAG powered by USA Football have fun while gaining the sport's inherent benefits and of physical fitness.

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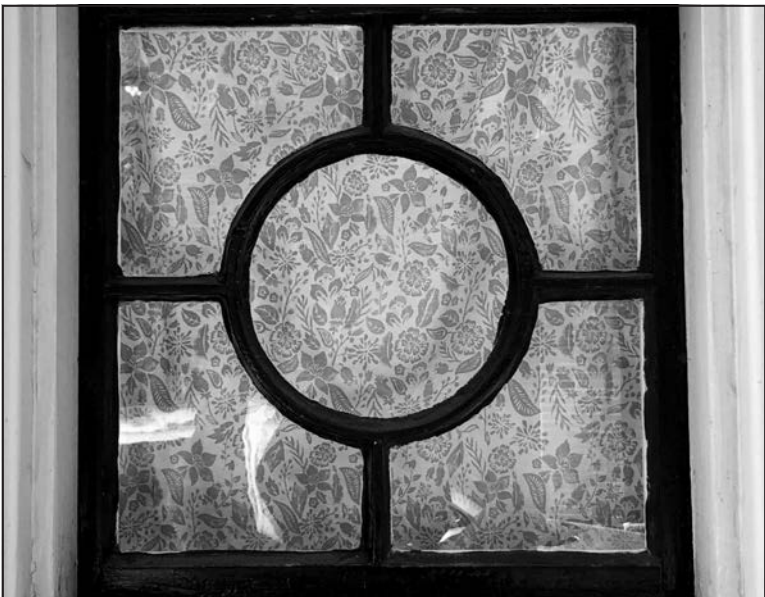
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The metal panel in the last clue is on the Lindall Place Tunnel where the Red Line crosses Lindall Place near the MGH MBTA stop. This tunnel, designed by architect Howard A. Carson, was built in 1909. A 1911 edition of Scientific American Magazine reported that as the builders tunnelled under Beacon Hill, they found wells that had supplied water to the homes above. Some wells were a hundred feet deep, more than a century old, with the hollow pump-logs still in place and in fair condition.

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The rain location for all events is Hill House at 74 Joy St.

King's Chapel's Tuesday Recitals

King's Chapel, 58 Tremont St., presents its Tuesday Recitals. Admission is by suggested donation of \$3 per person; the donations are given to the performing musicians. Programs begin at 12:15 p.m. and last approximately 35 minutes; for more information, call 617-227-2155.

Programming includes Chrstiaan Teeuwesen on C.B. Fisk organ performing works by Buxtehude, Pachelbel and Sweelinck at Aug. 14; Margaret Felice (soprano) and Christopher Rakovec (organ) performing works by Couperin and Milhaud on Aug. 21; and Racha Fora performing cool jazz/Brazilian fusion on Aug. 28.

'Lives of the Artists' film series at West End Branch Library

The West End Branch of the Boston Public Library, located at 151 Cambridge St., presents "Lives of the Artists: A Film Series," including screenings of "My Left Foot" (2005, 103 minutes, Rated R) on Wednesday, Aug. 15, at 3 p.m.; "Capote" (2005, 114 minutes, Rated R) on Wednesday, Aug. 22, at 3 p.m.; and "Frida" (2004, 122 minutes, Rated R) on Wednesday, Aug. 29, at 3 p.m.

Call 617-523-3957 for more information.

Hill House senior dinners

Hill House serves a hot meal to the seniors of the community at 74 Joy St. on the third Tuesday of each month, including Aug. 21, from 5 to 6 p.m.

No sign up is required for the seniors - they are more than welcome to come by for a meal and socialization.

Contact Meredith at Hill

House (617-226-5838) for more information.

Film experience explores Jewish experience

The Boston Synagogue, located at 55 Martha Road, presents its "Jewish Experience Across Cultures and Genres" Summer Movie Series, including a screening of "Keeping the Faith" on Tuesday, Aug. 21, at 6:30 p.m.

There is a suggested donation of \$5 per person, and R.S.V.P. is preferred and can be directed to office@bostonsynagogue.org.

Jazz accordionist and jazz vocalist

Come to The Church On The Hill at 140 Bowdoin St. on Thursday, Sept. 13, at 7:30 p.m. for a concert of music by traditional jazz and Broadway composers.

This concert will feature the talents of Plamen Karadonev (accordion and piano) and Elena Koleva (vocalist) performing jazz standards and Broadway hits. Their repertoire includes compositions by Victor Young, Wayne Shorter, Hoagy Carmichael, Johnny Mercer, Horace Silver, Cole Porter and many others.

The concert is free and open to the public; there will be a (handicap accessible) reception with savory and sweet delights immediately following.

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Hill House's Welcome Back Pancake Breakfast

In conjunction with the Beacon Hill Civic Association's HillFest, Hill House will hold its annual Welcome Back Pancake Breakfast at the Firehouse at 127 Mt. Vernon St. on Sunday, Sept. 23, from 9 to 11 a.m.

Enjoy flapjacks, bacon, fruit, coffee and more as Hill House celebrates fall. Staff will be on hand to speak all about Hill House and its programming for ages 0-12.

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For more information, visit friendsofthepublicgarden.org.

Learn new game at West End Branch Library

The West End Branch of the Boston Public Library at 151 Cambridge St. offers Chinese-style Mahjong on the second and fourth Fridays of the month from 2 to 4 p.m.

Mahjong is a tile-based game that originated in China during the Qing dynasty that is commonly played by four players. While similar to the Western card game rummy, it uses 144 tiles instead of cards. Instructors are Likam Lie and Nancy Martin.

Call 617-523-3957 for more information.

Nichols House Museum seeking volunteer tour guides

The Nichols House Museum welcomes volunteers to join the museum as tour guides.

Guides provide vital support to the museum by leading high-quality tours to diverse audiences and communities. Hours are flexible, and orientation and training throughout the month of March are required. Guides receive complimentary admission to the museum and all museum programming events. There are also regular opportunities for complimentary, behind-the-scenes visits to other local museums and cultural organizations. Applicants should be interested in history, architecture, and decorative arts, and enjoy interacting with visitors of all ages. Tour Guides typically commit to half or full-day shifts.

To apply, complete the application form available on the museum's homepage, www.nicholshousemuseum.org.

BSNJ Community Children's Chorus

The Boston Society of The New Jerusalem (BSNJ) Community Children's Chorus is a comprehensive musical training program for children in the third through seventh grades.

Your child will be participating in a program that promotes:

the love of music, expressive singing, teamwork-cooperative learning, building new friendships, self-assessment and the fun of being in an outstanding program.

The group meets at 140 Bowdoin St. on Saturday mornings. Tuition is free for any child with a Greater Boston-area address. All levels of singing ability are welcome. To register, contact Carlton Doctor at 617-523-4575 or visit www.churchonthehillboston.org (click on "music.")

BSNJ/The Church On The Hill sponsors this initiative, but we are not promoting any religious ideology.

MGH seeking volunteers

Massachusetts General Hospital Volunteer Department is seeking volunteers for its very busy office. Candidates must have excellent interpersonal skills in dealing with a broad international community of volunteers, as well as the ability to handle multiple tasks. Various shifts are available.

Contact Kim Northrup at 617-724-1826 for more information.

King's Chapel's Concert Series concludes

For its final concert of the 60th Concert Series season, King's Chapel, located at 58 Tremont St., presents Choral Evensong with the King's Chapel Choir and an organ recital by Heinrich Christensen on Sunday, May 20, at 4:30 p.m.

Admission is free. Call 617-227-2155 or visit www.kings-chapel.org/concert-series.html for more information.

'Coloring for Adults' at the West End Branch Library

The West End Branch of the Boston Public Library, located at 151 Cambridge St., presents "Color Your World: Coloring for Adults" on Fridays from 2 to 4 p.m.

At this time, the library will supply coloring pages, colored pencils, markers and crayons, or bring your own supplies if you prefer. Feel free to drop in between these hours.

Call 617-523-3957 for more information.

Spanish/English Language Exchange

The West End Branch of the Boston Public Library, located at 151 Cambridge St., presents the Spanish/English Language Exchange/Intercambio de Idiomas en Inglés y Español on Mondays from 3 to 5 p.m.

At this time, English speakers can practice Spanish and Spanish speakers can practice English in this fun, informal conversation class.

Call 617-523-3957 for more information.

BSNJ Community Children's Chorus

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Your child will be participating in a program that promotes: the love of music, expressive singing, teamwork-cooperative learning, building new friendships, self-assessment and the fun of being in a well organized program.

The rehearsals take place at 140 Bowdoin St. on Tuesday afternoons. Tuition is free for any child with a Boston address. All levels of singing ability are welcome. To sign up, please contact Mr. Doctor at 617-523-4575 or visit www.churchonthehillboston.org (click on "music").

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'Preschool Story Hour' at West End Branch Library

The West End Branch of the Boston Public Library, 151 Cambridge St., offers the "Preschool Story Hour" on Tuesdays from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Children, ages 3 to 5, and their caregivers join the children's librarian for weekly stories, songs, rhymes and movement. This is a high-energy story time, and families, daycare and school groups are all welcome to drop in.

ESL conversation group resumes meeting at West End Branch Library

The West End Branch of the Boston Public Library, located at 151 Cambridge St., wel-

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comes the English as a Second Language (ESL) conversation group every Tuesday from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Come and practice your English language skills with other newcomers and a facilitator.

West End Playgroup meets Tuesday mornings

The West End Community Center, located at 1 Congress St., welcomes the West End Playgroup on Tuesdays from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. through the fall and winter.

This is a free drop-in time to let kids play and adults chat with one another. Small toy donations are welcome.

'Toddler Time' at the West End Branch Library

The West End Branch of the Boston Public Library, 151 Cambridge St., presents "Toddler Time" on Wednesdays from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

At this time, children ages 18 months to 3 years and their caregivers join the children's librarian for developmentally appropriate stories, rhymes, movement, and songs. Drop-in for families, and groups, should contact the library ahead of time at 617-523-3957.

Compassionate Friends group reaches out to bereaved parents and families

The Boston Chapter of The Compassionate Friends (TCF) meets at Trinity Church on the first Tuesday of each month from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

TCF is a national self-help, mutual-assistance organization offering friendship, understanding and hope to bereaved parents and their families. Call

617-539-6424 or e-mail tcfofboston@gmail.com for more information.

West End Food Pantry seeking donations

The West End Food Pantry needs help to continue serving its more than 120 clients per month. They welcome donations to replenish the supply of food that they give out to hungry residents in the neighborhood.

The pantry is located in the West End Branch of the Boston Public Library and is staffed by volunteers from ABCD's North End/West End Neighborhood Service Center. Non-perishable

(canned and boxed) items are being sought, including rice, pasta, canned tuna, canned chicken, chili, beans, vegetables, cereal, soups, cup of noodles, etc.

Donations can be left at the library, 151 Cambridge St., on Monday through Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday from noon to 8 p.m. and Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Introduction to laptops, eReaders and iPads at the West End Branch Library

The West End Branch of the Boston Public Library, 151 Cambridge St., offers an introduction to laptops, eReaders and iPads by appointment only. Get the most out of your eReader or Laptop. Receive tips and guidance during these one-on-one sessions. Call Branch Librarian, Helen Bender at 617-523-3957 or e-mail hbender@bpl.org to set up an appointment.

Yoga for seniors at the West End Branch Library

The West End Branch of the Boston Public Library, 151 Cambridge St., presents yoga for seniors every Tuesday from 2:45 to 3:30 p.m. Classes are led by Tatiana Nekrasova, a certified yoga instructor.

Volunteer at Spaulding Rehab

Stay active, meet new people and be connected with your community by volunteering at Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital. Staff members will match your skills and interests to a volunteer opportunity. The hospital is currently recruiting volunteers, ages 18 and up, for two- to three-hour-a-week shifts for a minimum of six to 12 months commitment. Visit www.spauldingnetwork.org for more information.

After-work tai chi group at the West End Branch Library

The West End Branch of the Boston Public Library, 151 Cambridge St., welcomes after-work tai chi group every Thursday from 5 to 6 p.m. Come and try this low impact energy exercise with yang-style tai chi instructor Arthur Soo-Hoo.

Be a friend to elderly in need

FriendshipWorks seeks caring people to offer help and support

to isolated elders in the Boston area. Volunteers are needed to provide companionship and assist elders with tasks such as reading, organizing, or going for a walk - lend an hour each week and gain a friend and a new perspective. Volunteers also needed to escort elders to and from medical appointments. No car is needed and hours are flexible. For more information or to apply online, visit www.fw4elders.org or call 617-482-1510.

Local residents needed to drive cancer patients to and from treatment

The American Cancer Society is in great need of Road to Recovery volunteers to drive local cancer patients to and from their chemotherapy and/or radiation treatments. An integral part of treating cancer successfully is making sure cancer patients receive their treatments, but many find making transportation arrangements is a challenge. The American Cancer Society provided more than 19,000 rides to cancer patients in New England last year, but needs new volunteer drivers to keep up with the demand for transportation.

Make a difference in the fight against cancer by becoming a volunteer driver for the American Cancer Society's Road to Recovery. Drivers use their own vehicle to drive patients to and from their treatments. The schedule for volunteers is flexible, and treatment appointments take place weekdays, primarily during business hours. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a volunteer driver for Road to Recovery, contact your American Cancer Society at 800-227-2345 or visit www.cancer.org.

Join the Downtown Boston Rotary Club

The Downtown Boston Rotary Club, the first new

Rotary Club in Boston in 100 years, holds meetings at the UMass Club in the Financial District on the first and third Tuesdays of each month from 6 to 7:15 p.m.

For more information, visit www.dbrotary.org or call 617-535-1950.

Volunteers needed for hot meal program

The North End/West End Neighborhood Service Center (NE/WE NSC), located at 1 Michelangelo St., serves a hot, fresh, home-cooked lunch to seniors in the neighborhood Mondays and Fridays, and is

looking for two volunteers to help with shopping, food preparation, cooking, serving and clean-up. The non-profit providing services and programs to low-income residents of the North End, West End and Beacon Hill is looking for volunteers who can assist with the whole meal from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on a Monday and/or Friday, but can make arrangements to fit your schedule.

Contact Maria Stella Gulla, director, at 617-523-8125, ext. 201, via e-mail at mariastella.gulla@bostonabcd.org for more information.

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