



# THE BEACON HILL TIMES

T H E R E A R E N O T I M E S L I K E T H E S E T I M E S

## Welcome Back Neighbors



Jack Gurnon (left) and Tom Long of Charles Street Supply.

## Hill businesses gear up for fall

By Dan Murphy

With autumn upon us, many Beacon Hill stores are gearing up for the season.

Jack Gurnon, owner of Charles Street Supply, a hardware store located at 54 Charles St., said most of his business at this time of year comes from returning college students who typically purchase items like tool kits, picture hooks and closet and shower rods.

“Our regular customers are often return-

ing home after their summer vacations, and they are looking for cleaning supplies,” he added.

And with the recent heat wave, Gurnon said fans and air-conditioner units are in great demand.

Alissa Eck, owner of Exclusive Jewels Gallery at 107 Charles St., said traditional

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## BEACON HILL CIVIC ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY CORNER

### New DOT data after the re-opening of the Longfellow Bridge

On September 6th, the Massachusetts Department of Transportation held a public meeting to present data now that the Longfellow Bridge has been fully re-opened for two months. Upon the re-opening many stakeholders, including local politicians, advocacy groups and neighborhood organizations such as the BHCA, requested a study of the impact of the re-opening. Significant changes have occurred with transportation and Boston’s growing population in the years since the project was conceived in 2011 including more bikes, more mapping apps, more ride shares, more residential units, and more office space.

While the data collection is only in its first phase with more to come this fall, the data revealed some good information. About ten times as many cars as bikes used the Longfellow Bridge during the initial months that it was fully open. That certainly may shift with college students returning in the fall. With the newly opened second inbound lane freeing up congestion, a high number of inbound drivers traveled above the speed limit and the city is already taking steps to slow them down.

Most important for the Beacon Hill community, the second phase of the study, during September and October, will focus on congestion at Charles Circle

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## Esplanade supporters enjoy a special “Breakfast at Tiffany’s” celebration

Benefit gala set for Sept. 15

Special to the Times

Tiffany’s & Co. hosted a “Breakfast at Tiffany’s” celebration for the Esplanade Association’s Moondance Gala committee at their Newbury Street location on Friday morning, September 7. The committee came together to preview the spectacular Tiffany Paper Flowers Pave Diamond Pendant that Tiffany’s & Co. generously donated to the upcoming annual benefit gala which is to take place on Saturday evening, September 15, along the banks of the Charles River. The winner of the necklace will be unveiled during the evening as a part of the Tiffany & Co. Mystery Blue Box Raffle.

“We are grateful to Tiffany & Co. for their generosity to the Moondance Gala which is such an important evening for the Esplanade Association,” said Michael Nichols, the Executive Director of the 100% privately-funded nonprofit organization. “It is only through the support of the greater community that the Esplanade Association can continue its ongoing horticultural work and diverse programming as well as the development of future initiatives and programs that will help us to continue to make life better in the park for the enjoyment of all.”

Last year the Moondance Gala raised



Moondance Gala Co-chairs Jill Shah, Alexi Conine and Tiffany & Co.’s Newbury Street Store Manager Sandra Nastasi.

over \$980,000 for the restoration, management, and beautification of the park. It is the 2018 committee’s goal to surpass this figure and for the first time, raise over

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## Frances Appleton Pedestrian Bridge across Storrow opens to the public

By Dan Murphy

The \$12.5 million Frances Appleton Pedestrian Bridge - a 230-foot-long, steel arch span that links Beacon Hill/Charles Circle to the Charles River Esplanade - is now open to the public.

The 14-foot-wide, 750-foot-long, multi-use bridge was constructed as part of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation’s (MassDOT) \$300-million renovation of the Longfellow Bridge, which links Charles Circle in Boston to Central Square in Cambridge via the Charles Circle. The Appleton is a signature bridge in the City of Boston with its elegant steel arch span, as well as the first fully accessible, ADA pedestrian bridge over Storrow Drive.

The old, existing footbridge is slated for demolition within the next two weeks, according to Miguel Rosales, the architect for both the Appleton and Longfellow

bridges, as well as president and founder of Boston-based Rosales Partners.

“As the designer of the Appleton Pedestrian Bridge, I was thrilled to recently cross it for the first time,” Rosales wrote. “The beautiful bridge floats over the park with stunning views of the Charles River. It is very light, visually pleasing and the first ADA accessible 14-foot wide link in the area. The main arch soars over Storrow Drive with a single, elegant gesture, which is inspired by the historic arches of the adjacent Longfellow Bridge.

“I am looking forward to having the bridge fully completed including walking surface treatments, hardscape elements and landscaping including the addition of new shade trees in the next few months. I am confident that Bostonians and visitors alike will enjoy using the innovative bridge for generations to come,” Rosales

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# EDITORIAL

## HAPPY ROSH HASHANAH

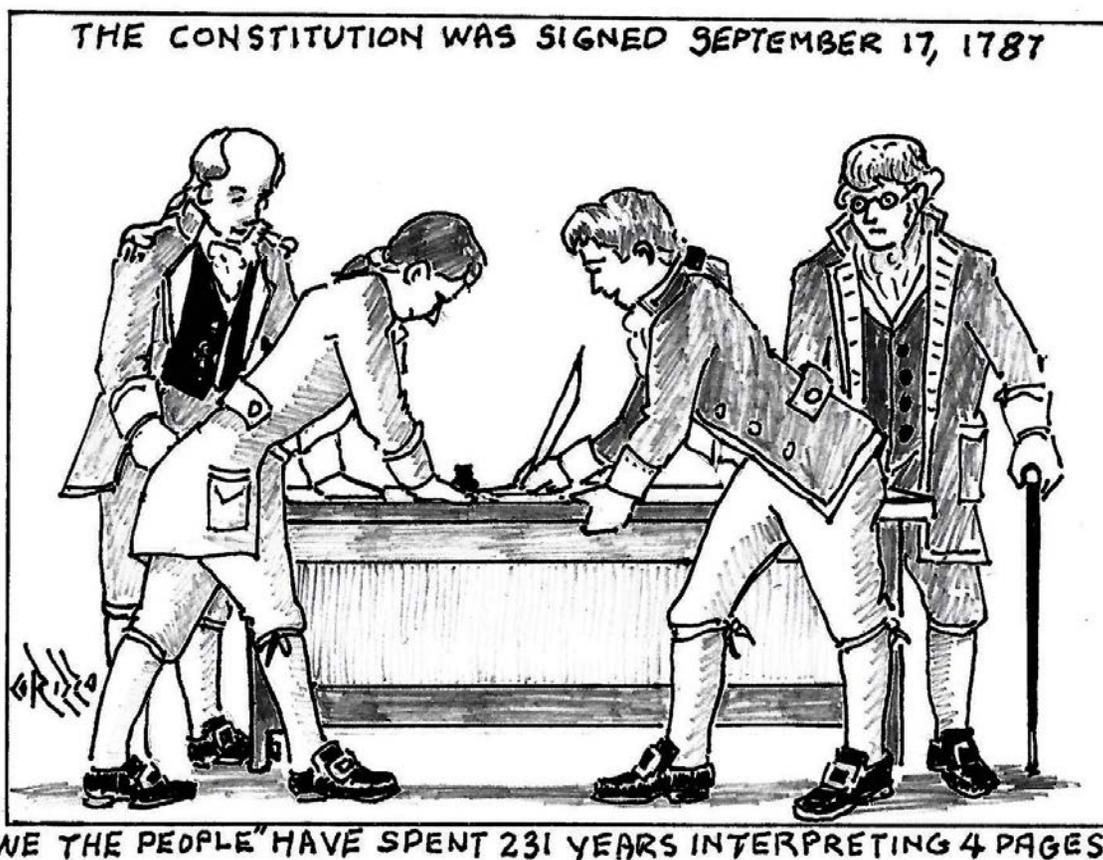
We join the community in wishing our friends and neighbors of the Jewish faith a happy and healthy New Year. Rosh Hashanah began Sunday night at Jewish places of worship and the services include the traditional sounding of the shofar.

Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur (The Day of Atonement, which begins next Tuesday at sunset) are the High Holidays on the Jewish calendar.

When avid baseball fans think of Yom Kippur, they recall the story of Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher, Sandy Koufax, who chose not to pitch in Game 1 of the 1965 World Series because it fell on the day of Yom Kippur, and being of the Jewish faith, he wanted to observe the holiday. Koufax took the mound in Game 2 and his team lost despite his fine pitching.

The Hall of Fame left-hander, who was born in Brooklyn, came back to pitch complete-game shutouts in Game 5 and Game 7 and help the Dodgers win the World Series over the Twins.

In Beacon Hill, we have the Vilna Shul and we welcome the occasion of the New Year to congratulate the congregation for their continuing efforts of maintaining this historic structure (which turns 100 next year) and for being so welcoming to all members of our community.



## GUEST OP-ED

### Global leaders dither while disease races to Latin America

By Andrew Spiegel, Esquire

You're nearly twice as likely to die from colon cancer living in a Latin American country than you are living in the United States.

Global health leaders are trying to fix this disparity. But unfortunately, they've misdiagnosed the problem.

Some blame intellectual property protections for pharmaceuticals. They argue that allowing companies to patent new drugs prevents patients in developing regions from accessing lifesaving medicines. They want to eliminate patents altogether.

This strategy is certain to fail. Effective intellectual property protection and enforcement encourages medical research and development. Weakening patents would reduce access to cutting-edge cures. It's time to take a new approach.

In September at the UN in New York, world leaders will meet to discuss non-communicable diseases. These leaders should focus on improving healthcare infrastructure in the developing world. Chronic diseases are on the rise in developing countries and they're ill-prepared.

Consider colon cancer. Right now, the condition is less prevalent in Latin America than in North America. In Latin America, there are 11 cases per 100,000

people. In North America, there are 30 cases per 100,000.

But that could soon change. Many countries are beginning to adopt more Americanized diets, which experts believe may increase one's risk of developing colon cancer. Sales of processed foods in developing countries are growing almost 30 percent annually.

That will cause the global burden of colon cancer to nearly double by 2035. All told, non-communicable diseases will account for 70 percent of fatalities in developing countries by 2020.

The developing world lacks the resources to treat these diseases. Honduras, for instance, has only 30 doctors per 100,000 people. The United States has six times that amount.

Instead of addressing these challenges, global health leaders get sidetracked by stale arguments about weakening intellectual property protections.

It costs more than \$2 billion to bring a new medicine to market. Intellectual property protections help researchers earn back this investment and encourage them to take this risk again.

Without these protections, companies would scale back drug development. That would lead to fewer lifesaving treatments. Patients would suffer.

Anti-intellectual property actions wouldn't even boost short-

term access to medicines. More than 90 percent of the WHO's list of "essential medicines" are off-patent. IP isn't a barrier to access for people in the developing world.

But anti-IP measures and poor IP-enforcement are barriers to care. And they abound in Latin America.

Brazil, for instance, abuses "compulsory licensing." This policy allows for the production of a patented product without approval from the patent owner.

In 2007 the government allowed Brazilian companies to reproduce the U.S. anti-retroviral Efavirenz for 77,000 patients.

That prevented its U.S. creator, Merck, from recouping the massive investments it made to create the life-extending drug. There's no incentive for drug companies to innovate if countries can copy patented, costly drugs at the drop of a hat.

The developing world is on the brink of a chronic disease epidemic. At the upcoming UN meeting on non-communicable diseases, countries must combat it by improving healthcare infrastructure while also encouraging innovation.

Andrew Spiegel, Esq., is co-founder and executive director of the Global Colon Cancer Association and a board member of the International Alliance of Patients' Organizations.

## Myles' Musings

By Myles Striar

### Go Figure

John McCain's demise last week	What you see in Trump is what you get.
Didn't rattle his commander-in-chief,	His followers think he'll set us aright.
Who thinks that POWs are weak	And they will if the US electorate
And kept his comments painfully brief.	Continues to show it's not very bright.

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# Michael Grogan elected to Beacon Hill Village board

By Suzanne Besser

Michael P. Grogan, who moved his business, Grogan & Company, to 20 Charles Street in 2013, is nationally recognized for his skills in appraising and auctioning heirloom furnishings and jewelry of value.

But not as well known is how highly he values being part of a community. For example, during the 30 years in which he and his wife Nancy lived in Dedham, he volunteered his time and talents to

community organizations ranging from the local historical society to an organization offering programs primarily to children.

So it is not surprising to learn that soon after Grogan moved to Boston last year, he looked again for ways to participate in the community. This time he reached out to Beacon Hill Village (BHV), a member-driven organization for Boston residents 50 and over that provides programs and services that help members lead vibrant, active and healthy lives while

remaining in their own homes and neighborhoods.

Beacon Hill Village enthusiastically welcomed Grogan and recently elected him to serve on its board of directors. At the same time, Doug Fitzsimmons was elected to serve as president and Karen Garvin as vice-president. Both are Beacon Hill residents.

Grogan believes BHV is a natural fit for him. During his 40 years at the helm of Grogan & Company, he has often worked with families going through major

life transitions, such as moving, downsizing or coping with the loss of a friend or family member. "I find myself coming into households where I get deeply involved with family members and talk at great length about their life experiences," he said. "I'm more aware and empathetic to the older segment of society than I have ever been."

And now he's ready to roll up his sleeves and get involved with members of BHV, a village within the village of Beacon Hill.



Michael Grogan and his wife, Nancy.

## OBITUARIES

### Denise Sassower

Emergency medicine physician, nutritionist and fitness enthusiast

Denise C. Rollinson Sassower, MD, passed away suddenly and unexpectedly on July 19.

For 24 years, she was the very beloved wife of Dr. Kenneth C. Sassower. She was also the loving daughter of the late John and Therese Lefebvre Rollinson; the dear sister of Paul and Kim Rollinson, of Somerset, N.J., and Judith and George White, of South Dartmouth, Mass. She was also the very cherished aunt of Derek White, Matthew White, Kori Rollinson Rozar, Amy Rollinson D'Orio, as well as several other nieces, nephews and friends. In addition, she was the fond sister-in-law of Herman and Susan Sassower, of New York, N.Y.; Philip and Susan Sassower, of New York, N.Y.; Fern and Arthur Sisser of Queens, N.Y.; and Mitchell and Bonnie Sassower of Queens, N.Y.

After having been a pediatric nutritionist at the Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York City for many years, Denise set her sights on medical school, and graduated from the Mount Sinai School of Medicine in 1994, where she was a proud member of the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society, and where she received the prestigious Upjohn Award for Clinical Excellence.

Denise completed a residency in emergency medicine at the Boston Medical Center in 1999, where she received the esteemed David Frommer Award for Clinical Research.

For the better part of nearly two decades, she was in emergency medicine attending at such prominent hospitals as St. Luke's Hospital in New Bedford; the Tufts-New England Medical Center in Boston; Martha's Vineyard Hospital in

Oak Bluffs; the Cambridge Health Alliance in Everett; the Melrose-Wakefield Hospital in Melrose; and the Good Samaritan Medical Center in Brockton, where she was employed until her recent passing.

In addition, she received multiple research grant funding, and was the author of numerous research publications; i.e., in the field of emergency medicine, as well as in the field of nutrition.

Additionally, she was employed as the staff physician for the Fisher College Health Services, and was an integral member of the Inn House Doctor medical concierge service here in Boston; i.e., two additional jobs in which she worked up until the time of her recent passing.

Denise was also an avid health and fitness enthusiast, and, having had no formal training in marathon running, proceeded to run over 90 marathons throughout the country, including at least one marathon in every one of the continental United States. Among the biggest thrills of her life was running the Boston Marathon every year with the Boston Police, and becoming the medical race director for the famed "Run to Remember;" i.e., an annual race to help commemorate those policeman who have fallen or who have become injured in the line of duty.

In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to the Boston Police "Run to Remember;" P.O. Box 664, North Berwick, ME 03906-0664.

As her devoted husband, Dr. Kenneth Sassower, reflects on the life and times of his beloved wife, he remembers that the last time they were together, she was quite taken by a new "Star-Gazer"



phone app that she had come across. According to him, "She would remark about how bright the stars and constellations were on that particular night. It is my fervent hope and prayer that she would come to know that she is, and will always be, the very brightest light to have ever illuminated the nighttime sky above. That is what she means, and will always mean, to me, as well as to so many countless others whose path she has blessed with her divine grace."

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## Students are invited to apply for City's Exam Schools

The Boston Public Schools (BPS) will offer the Independent School Entrance Examination (ISEE) for admission to the city's three examination schools on Saturday, Nov. 3, at 8 a.m. Testing will take place at seven locations across the city.

The deadline for registration is Sept. 21.

Students must currently be in Grades 6, 8 or 9 to take the ISEE. Starting the second week in September, interested candidates may register online at [boston-publicschools.org/exam](http://boston-publicschools.org/exam) and can obtain application materials from the principal/headmaster of his or her present school. Applications will also be available at the BPS Welcome Centers and all branches of the Boston Public Library during that same week.

The three BPS exam schools are Boston Latin Academy, Boston Latin School, and John D. O'Bryant School of Mathematics & Science. New students are admitted to Grades 7 and 9 at all three exam schools. The O'Bryant is the only exam school that accepts new stu-

dents for Grade 10.

A residency policy requires the parent/guardian of applicants currently attending private, parochial, Commonwealth charter schools, METCO program schools, or currently home-schooled applicants, to complete the residency verification process in person no later than Friday, Nov. 16.

Additionally, BPS will offer the TerraNova test to students currently enrolled in Grades 3, 4, and 5 at private, parochial, and charter schools for possible entrance into the Advanced Work Class (AWC) program beginning in September 2019. AWC is a full-day program located in select BPS schools across the city. The AWC program includes the same subjects as the regular education program, however, each subject is studied in more depth and at an accelerated pace, requiring the completion of more classroom work and homework by the student.

For Boston residents current-

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## BEACON HILL BEAT

### From Boston Police Area A-1

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**Burglary - Residential**  
08/29/18 – A Lime Street resident reported an unknown male suspect caught on a neighbor's video camera throwing a brick through the glass of the inner hallway door of his apartment some time between 9 p.m. on Aug. 28 and 8 a.m. the next day. The suspect then stole a package containing shoes. He apparently cut himself while reaching through the glass door.

Detectives will follow up with blood-stained box and video.

**Larceny from Motor Vehicle**  
08/30/18 – A victim reported he parked his 2003 Volvo S60 at Mugar way and Chestnut Street at around 7:05 p.m., and when he returned to his vehicle at about 9 p.m., the rear driver's side window was broken and his briefcase was stolen.

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## MYRTLE STREET PLAYGROUND WRAPS UP SUMMER PROGRAMING

Myrtle Street Playground summer programing came to an end this season by concluding with a Rainforest Reptile Show.

Despite the high heat temperatures, 40 kids turned out to learn about snakes, lizards and alligators. The Friends of the Myrtle Street Playground sponsored over 12 different events

this summer that were successfully organized by Patty Kendall, program coordinator for the Friends Committee. All families and children are invited to this week's back-to-school BBQ on Thursday, Sept. 13, from 4 to 6 p.m. Pizza and healthy snacks will be provided.



### BHCA (from pg. 2)

and our key neighborhood arteries. With increased demand on the Longfellow Bridge resulting from its re-opening, will drivers who have been working their way around our neighborhood in recent years now re-route to the Longfellow - creating a spike in travelers into Charles Circle and onto Cambridge and Charles Streets?

The Traffic & Parking Committee of the BHCA will hold a meeting September 27th

to discuss these initial results and other neighborhood transportation issues. Please contact committee chair, Ben Starr at [bstarr@atlanticretail.com](mailto:bstarr@atlanticretail.com) for further information.

#### BHCA Fall HillFest!

The end of summer is fast approaching and most of us look forward to the beautiful autumn season on the Hill. One of the hallmarks of fall in our neighborhood is the annual

block party organized by the Beacon Hill Civic Association. The BHCA, in its mission to build community, looks forward to organizing this annual activity, now in its 17th year! We are happy to host over 20 nonprofit neighbors so that they can share their missions with the community. We will be grilling hot dogs, and have live music, beer and pizza, and many more surprises.

We are grateful to this year's sponsors including Harpoon,

F.H. Perry, Hampshire House, Panificio, Florina's and more.

Plan to spend the afternoon on the flat of Mt. Vernon with your family and neighbors!

#### Come join us!

Beacon Hill Civic Association committees and special events bring together volunteers and neighbors, working together to assure a good quality of life on the Hill. All residents are welcome to become members and participate.

#### Upcoming BHCA Meetings

Monday, September 17: Architecture Committee Meeting. 5pm. 74 Joy Street.

Tuesday, September 18: Green Committee Meeting. 6pm. 74

Joy Street.

#### Upcoming BHCA Events

Young Friends Social – September 19

Fall HillFest – September 23  
BHCA Halloween on the Hill – October 31

Evening at 74 – November 8  
Garlands & Greens – November 15

Decorating Days – December 1st and 2nd

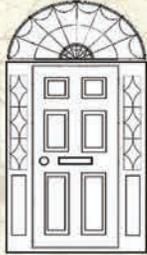
47th Annual Beacon Hill Gala – February 9

Visit the Beacon Hill Civic Association website [www.bhcivic.org](http://www.bhcivic.org) or call the office (617-227-1922) for more information on any of these events or to become a member.



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Pedestrians, cyclists and automobile traffic moved along the Longfellow Bridge.



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## FALL (from pg. 1)

pearls, which were of fashion for a long time, are now popular sellers.

The store offers free jewelry cleaning, and will check each piece for damage and wear. "After people find out that we do it, they're always coming back," Eck said.

Other services the store offers include repurposing jewelry to make it more contemporary, and Exclusive Jewels Gallery also buys jewelry.

Meanwhile, Rebekah Brooks Jewelry at 96 Charles St. is offering a 15-percent discount to Beacon Hill resident through Sept. 30 on all items including jewelry designed

by Rebekah and one-of-a-kind pieces. You can also visit their online shop at [rebekahbrooks.com](http://rebekahbrooks.com).

Red Wagon, a children's clothing shop located at 69 Charles St., is now stocking back-to-school fashions and even children's clothing for Halloween and Christmas.

Classic Roll Neck Sweaters – the store's private label and its most popular item – has also expanded its to include a style adorned with the New England Patriots color-scheme.

Red Wagon also has a "sales room" that offers 50 percent off items including dresses, short-

sleeved shirts and bathing suits.

Jenifer Hill, owner of Blackstone's of Beacon Hill at 46 Charles St., said the shop will host a "pop up" featuring items from her other store, KitchenWares by Blackstones at 215 Newbury St.

"I decided rather than opening another store here to get creative and bring products to customer," Hill said.

The first "pop up" event takes place at Blackstone's of Beacon Hill on Thursday, Sept. 27, from 3 to 7 p.m., and will showcase items from KitchenWares' cutlery department.

Blackstone's of Beacon Hill is also offering free deliveries to the store from KitchenWares.

December Thieves, which sells home and lifestyle items at 88 Charles St. and fashion at its other location at 51 Charles St., stocks many items that are popular during the fall months, including a White Melamine Stacking Bowl Set.

Designed in Paris, the set contains six, separate serving bowls, each illustrated with graphic designs. When stacked, the set is 13-inches tall, but can also be nested to 5.5 inches for cupboard storage. The set retails for \$170 and is available at the 88 Charles St. location and online at [decemberthieves.com](http://decemberthieves.com).

"They're great for saving space in tiny Beacon Hill Apartments, and also make lovely wedding or housewarming gifts," said Passage Crampton, owner of December Thieves.

Another item available at 88 Charles St. is an Australian, dyed sheepskin rug, which measures 39.5 by 23.5 inches and retails for \$130.

"They work well as cozy throws for the couch or car seat



The White Melamine Stacking Bowl Set, which sells for \$170 at December Thieves at 88 Charles St.

covers," Crampton said. "They're also a great gift for those moving into new homes or apartments."

Meanwhile, Beacon Hill Chocolates at 91 Charles St. will soon be stocking special truffles and handmade keepsake gift-boxes for Halloween, but candy is always in demand despite the time of year.

## SCHOOL (from pg. 3)

ly attending private, parochial or charter schools, the TerraNova test will be administered, free of charge, on Saturday, Oct. 13, and on Saturday, Oct. 20, for students that require special accommodations. On both dates, the test will be administered at the Washington Irving Middle School, 105 Cummins Highway, Roslindale. Students who attend a BPS school must take the test in their assigned school.

Registration materials for the TerraNova exam will be mailed to all non-public schools in Boston, and available for pick up at BPS Welcome Centers and at all Boston Public Library branches. The deadline for registration and to submit a request for special accommodations is Sept. 28.

For further information on the ISEE, please contact the Exam School Admissions Office at 617-635-9512, or visit [bostonpublicschools.org/exam](http://bostonpublicschools.org/exam). For more information about the TerraNova exam, please contact the BPS Data & Accountability Department at 617-635-9554 or visit [bostonpublicschools.org/awc](http://bostonpublicschools.org/awc).

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APPLETON (from pg. 1)

wrote.

Michael Nichols, executive director of the Esplanade Association, said, "We are excited that this breathtaking new footbridge has opened to make the Esplanade more accessible to visitors. Representatives from our organization advocated for this vital new connection from the early stages of the Longfellow Bridge restoration and we are so grateful to MassDOT, the Department of Conservation and Recreation, former State Rep. Marty Walz, current Rep. Jay Livingstone, Miguel Rosales of Rosales + Partners, and many other partners for their hard work to finally make the Fanny Appleton bridge a reality."

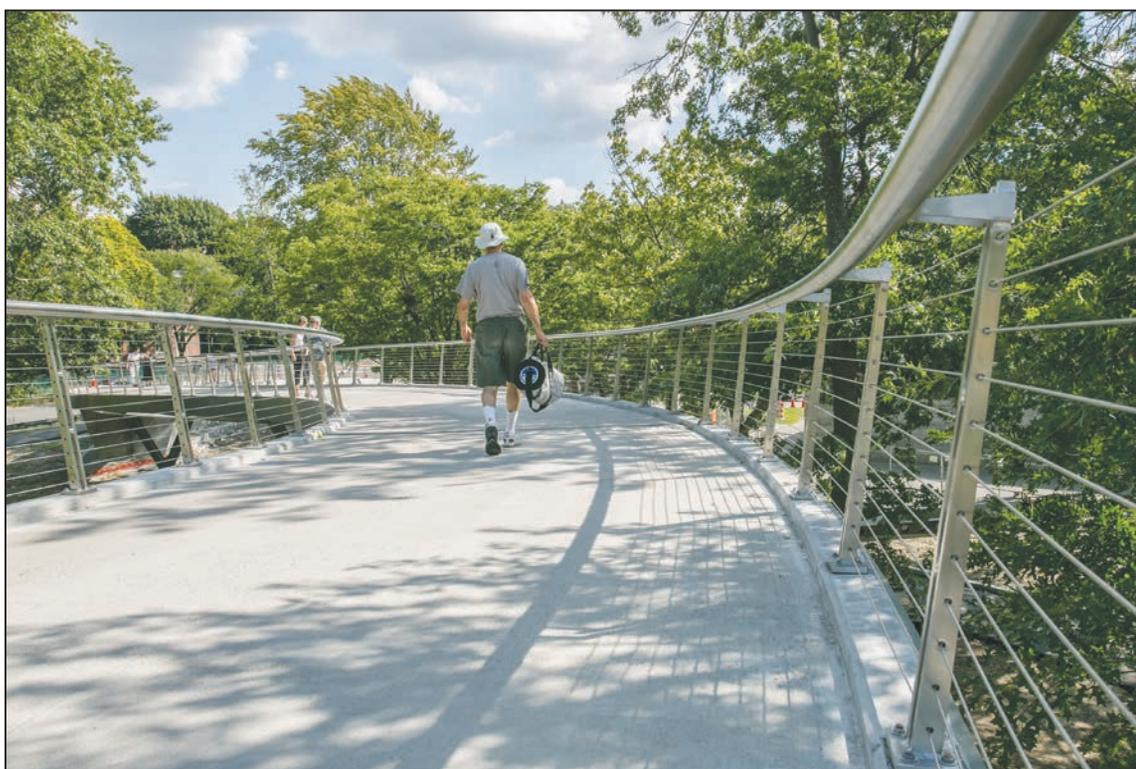
DCR Commissioner Leo Roy said, "The Baker-Polito adminis-

tration remains committed to providing residents and visitors with opportunities to safely visit the Commonwealth's state parks system. With the completion of the Frances Appleton Bridge, [DCR] is thrilled that pedestrians and bicyclists will have increased access to the Charles River Esplanade. Furthermore, the completion of the Frances Appleton Bridge serves as a major accomplishment, and is a welcome addition to the metro Boston area."

The bridge is named after the wife of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, one of the most widely known and best-loved American poets of his lifetime. He used to cross the Charles River from Cambridge to Beacon Hill in the 1840s while he was courting



"Fanny" Appleton, and the new bridge complements the historic Longfellow Bridge as a symbol of their union.



Carlos Arzaga

The Frances Appleton Pedestrian Bridge.

ESPLANADE (from pg. 1)

\$1 million for all the Esplanade Association is currently doing and hopes to do, to support the horticultural health and the beauty of the park.

The Esplanade Association is a 100% privately-funded non-profit organization that works to revitalize and enhance the Charles River Esplanade, sustain the natural green space, and

build community by providing educational, cultural, and recreational programs for everyone. Working in collaboration with the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, the Esplanade Association is dedicated to improving the experiences of the millions of visitors who enjoy Boston's iconic riverside park.

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- Sept. 8: First Day of Soccer Games
- Sept. 14: Back-to-School Masquerade Ball (10-14 yrs)
- Sept. 16: Art Workshop
- Sept. 18: Senior Dinner at 74 Joy Street
- Sept. 21: Friday Night Out (3-10 yrs)
- Sept. 23: Pancake Breakfast (9-11 am)
- Sept. 25 & 27: Winter Basketball Reg Opens
- Sept. 30: Kids Social (0-6 yrs)

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# CALENDAR

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## 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 [HYPERLINK "http://churchoonthehillboston.org/"](http://churchoonthehillboston.org/) \t "\_blank" [http://churchoonthehillboston.org](http://churchoonthehillboston.org/) for more information

## SUNDAY, SEPT. 16

**EVENT**, school kickoff, King's Chapel Church, 58 Tremont St., 10 a.m., contact [HYPERLINK "http://www.kings-chapel.org"](http://www.kings-chapel.org/) [http://www.kings-chapel.org](http://www.kings-chapel.org/) for more information

## TUESDAY, SEPT. 18

**RECITAL**, guitarist Robert Bekkers performing works by Bach and Sor, 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

## WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 19

**FILM**, "Downsizing" (2017, 135 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, SEPT. 20

**MEETING**, Book Discussion Group, West End Branch of the Boston Public Library, 151 Cambridge St., 3 p.m., call 617-523-3957 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.

## TUESDAY, SEPT. 25

**RECITAL**, Na'ama Lion (Medieval flute), Jussi Reijonen (oud), Nancy Hurrell (medieval harp) and Mike Williams (percussion) performing Medieval dance music, King's Chapel, 58 Tremont St., 12:15 p.m., suggested donation; \$3, call 617-227-2155

## WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 26

**FILM**, "Chasing Coral" (2017, 93 minutes, unrated), West End Branch of the Boston Public Library, 151 Cambridge St., 3 p.m., call 617-523-3957 for more information

## THURSDAY, SEPT. 27

**EVENT**, "Bitter Chicory to Sweet Espresso: Author Talk with Carmine Vittoria," West End Branch of the Boston Public Library, 151 Cambridge St., 6:30 p.m., call 617-523-3957 for more information

## BHAC AGENDA

The Beacon Hill Architectural Commission (BHAC) will hold its monthly public hearing on Thursday, September 20, 2018 at 5 p.m. in Boston City Hall at Piemonte Room on the 5th Floor.

### Violations

19.176 BH 60 Chestnut Street  
Applicant: John Holland, Holland Companies.

Proposed Work: Installation of deck railing at rooftop deck at rear garage; installation of HVAC condensers at garage roof; proposal to install temporary mesh screening in front of condensers.

### Design Review

18.1447 BH 120 Charles Street (Continued from 07/2018 & 08/2018)

Applicant: Zack Sambucci  
Proposed Work: Repair window sashes and storm windows.

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

Applicant: Kelly Robbins, Charlesgate Property Management

Proposed Work: Replace asphalt shingles at roof in kind in "Black Pepper"; replace awning fabric at dormer in "Driftwood Tweed".

18.713 BH 34 Beacon Street (Continued from 02/2018 & 06/2018 hearings)

Applicant: Mona Bonnot

Proposed Work: Install new intercom and camera system in wooden lintel to replace existing at front door in brass finish.

18.1423 BH 36 Joy Street (Continued from 07/2018 and 08/2018 hearings)

Applicant: Lawrance O'Connor

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

and alley end for ivy wall.

19.118 BH 55-57 Brimmer Street (Continued from 07/2018 hearing)

Applicant: Don Mills, Mills Whitaker Architects, LLC.

Proposed Work: Demolish and reconstruct rear one-story addition on back of carriage house; replace HVAC units on roof.

19.092 BH 20 Temple Street  
Applicant: Hilary Gouthro, RRR Waterproofing, Inc.

Proposed Work: Install copper connector downspout diagonally across building.

19.163 BH 48 Temple Street  
Applicant: John Carlton, Historic Door

Proposed Work: Replace historic paired entry doors.

19.427 BH 4 Otis Place  
Applicant: Monika Pauli, Pauli & Uribe Architects, LLC.

Proposed Work: Replace all 17 windows on main structure to match existing materials, color and lite configuration. (See Administrative Review items below).

19.100 BH 3 West Cedar Street  
Applicant: Megan Morgan, Payne/Bouchier

Proposed Work: Replace front door to match existing in detailing, material and dimensions; replace and repair sections of millwork and trim at entry to match existing.

19.424 BH 83 Chestnut Street  
Applicant: Henry Ladd, Howland Company Inc.

Proposed Work: Install fire connections on front elevation; replace pendant light in entry vestibule; install address numbers to left of entrance in mortar joints; construct roof deck.

19.409 BH 42 Chestnut Street  
Applicant: Rob Ferree, Ferree Group, Inc.

Proposed Work: Enlarge existing opening at rear brick wall on Branch Street and install garage door; alter curb cut at Branch Street.

19.207 BH 37-41 Bowdoin Street

Applicant: Sarah Gaulty, Celco Partnership

Proposed Work: Install two antenna enclosures at rooftop.

### Administrative Review/ Approval

19.412 BH 43 Anderson Street, Unit #4: Replace seven non-original 1/1 wood windows on side elevation in kind with 1/1 wood windows to match existing.

19.401 BH 44 Beacon Street: Scrape and paint front door and trim to match existing.

19.402 BH 45 Beacon Street: Repair front brownstone steps; remove lead paint at entrance, repair rotten wood at columns and trim and repaint in kind; scrape repair and repaint front window sills; repair brownstone lintels and sills at front and side elevation; repair iron platforms and balusters at front fence, repaint iron in kind; repair and repaint iron balconies; scrape and paint flagpoles at front elevation.

19.171 BH 30 Brimmer Street: Removal of two sets of double doors at South facing entrance to be restored off-site; install temporary doors at entrance while repairs are undertaken on original doors.

19.214 BH 69 Charles Street: Re-cover existing awning frame with new tan Sunbrella fabric to match existing in color, no vinyl lettering.

19.404 BH 115 Charles Street: Replace copper gutters in kind; replace and repaint rotten fascia boards at dormer in kind.

19.121 BH 1-3 Chestnut Street: Replace severely deteriorated brownstone sills and lintels with concrete molded and painted to match brownstone coloring; repair damaged brownstone sills and lintels with Comproco Matrix mix; re-glaze, scrape and paint windows; repair and repaint shutters.

19.430 BH 17 Chestnut Street: Repaint front door to match existing color.

19.425 BH 41 Chestnut Street: Repoint masonry on front elevation; repaint shutters, sashes and window trim to match existing; replace three lintels

19.423 BH 58 Chestnut Street: Repaint entryway trim, dormers and rear bay white to match existing; repaint all windows and doors black to match existing; replace skirt board in kind.

19.406 BH 38 Irving Street: Remove outer wythe of brick due to pulling away from structure and reconstruct using same brick with mortar to match existing with wall ties for support. (Approved as Emergency Repair on August 31, 2018).

19.414 BH 45 Mount Vernon Street: Replace copper gutter and downspout in kind; replace purple slate roof in kind.

19.415 BH 47 Mount Vernon Street: Replace copper gutter and downspout in kind; replace purple slate roof in kind.

19.421 BH 78 Mount Vernon Street: Replace rotten wood arched molding, pilasters, panels, casing and plinth bases at entry in kind.

19.411 BH 71 Myrtle Street: Replace six non-original 1/1 wood windows at front and recessed side elevation with 1/1 double-hung wood windows to match existing.

19.427 BH 4 Otis Place: Repoint

mortar on building to match existing in color and tooling; repair existing deck railing and repaint; replace pieces of missing or damaged slate roofing at mansard to match existing in color and dimensions; replace copper gutters to match existing; repair and repaint fire balconies. (See Design Review item above).

19.413 BH 64 Pinckney Street: Replace copper gutter and downspout in kind; replace black slate roof in kind; install copper flashing.

19.110 BH 123 Pinckney Street: Replace eight sets of window sashes at top floor and dormers in kind with 6/6 wood true divided lite windows.

19.420 BH 33 River Street: Repoint mortar on building to match existing in color and tooling; restore rotten wood trim at windows; remove and repair existing storm windows; clean rusted aluminum flat roof panels at oriel roof; repair sections of rotten wood trim at oriel and paint to match existing.

19.042 BH 79 West Cedar Street: Install brass flag mount into mortar on front elevation and install flagpole between windows on second story.

### Advisory Review

15 South Russell Street  
Applicant: Brigid Williams, Hickox Williams Architects, Inc.

Proposed Work: Construct vertical addition on existing three-story wood frame rowhouse; install rooftop deck.

**Review and Ratification of August 16, 2018 Minutes Staff Updates**

## Real Estate Transfers

BUYER 1 BACK BAY	SELLER 1	ADDRESS	PRICE
Jacobs, Jessica	61 Elm Street LLC	86 Berkeley St	\$1,295,000
Peter A&Ellen	Neuffer, Jason H	274 Clarendon St #9	\$785,000
Mcguirk, Gary	Harry P Scott T	289 Marlborough St #1	\$2,340,000
Wong, Jason	Miao, Cherry C	20 Gloucester St #B	\$575,000
<b>BEACON HILL</b>			
Levine, Elliott	Lauch, William C	10 Bowdoin St #207	\$1,496,625
Yen, Elaine P	Mccooy, Lynn D	17 Bowdoin St #2C	\$760,000
MP Brimmer LLC	Baiocco, Dana	33 Brimmer St #C	\$2,550,000
Boston Byron Vi LLC	6 Byron Street LLC	6 Byron St	\$6,100,000
Hasan, Tayyaba	Pine Tree Land Co	9 Hawthorne Pl #12N	\$762,500
Groves, James E	Hawpet LP	9 Hawthorne Pl #8D	\$730,000
Wolfe, Spenser	Iding, Mark D	22 Mount Vernon St	\$550,000
Hao, Zhiqian	Tin, Alvin H	50 Pinckney St #2	\$699,000
<b>SOUTH END/KENMORE/BAY VILLAGE</b>			
Kong, Xiaomei	Hoffman, Jeffrey A	10 Saint Charles St	\$2,600,000
Alekna, John N	Goldweitz, Jill B	505 Tremont St #418	\$2,150,000
Assad, Dennis G	Hunter, William A	199 W Newton St #1	\$1,505,000
Willey, Daniel P	Lauzon, Armand F	909 Beacon St #4	\$1,075,000
Shklovsky, Eduard	5 Claremont Park LLC	5 Claremont Park	\$2,137,500
Wolff, Robert	Sharma, Sudershan	108 Gainsborough St #4W	\$540,000
Murphy, Rory T	Brannon, Robert J	3 Hanson St	\$1,035,000
Fan, Bin	Debra E Coran RET	35 Queensberry St #11	\$525,000
Kong, Xiaomei	Hoffman, Jeffrey A	10 Saint Charles St	\$2,600,000
Fortunato, Anthony J	Kikuchi FT	124 Saint Marys St #A	\$437,500
Jeffrey, Jessica	Ohlund, Kenneth W	12 Stoneholm St #601	\$635,000
JSK Apartments LLC	Mayerchak, Matthew C	16 Symphony Rd #1	\$739,000
Hong, Suhngmin C	Siena Ink Block LLC	40 Traveler St #207	\$810,000
EQR Troy LLC	275 Albany Street LLC	55-57 Traveler St	\$216,125,000
Alekna, John N	Goldweitz, Jill B	505 Tremont St #418	\$2,150,000
Turbiak-Magnotti, Frances	Duker, Benjamin S	771 Tremont St #2	\$872,000
Wang, Yuhan	JJT LLC	99 Tremont St #318	\$897,100
Forest, Gilbert E	6 Union Park LLC	6 Union Park	\$2,525,000
Parker, Christine L	29 Upton LLC	29 Upton St #3	\$1,151,000
Stapleton, Amy R	Banta, David A	158 W Canton St	\$3,825,000
Assad, Dennis G	Hunter, William A	199 W Newton St #1	\$1,505,000
<b>WATERFRONT/DOWNTOWN</b>			
Dias, John J	Zisk, Morton	65 E India Row #12E	\$875,000
Dias, John J	Zisk, Morton	65 E India Row #12F	\$1,525,000
Pablo Di Si LT	Gao, Pam	65 E India Row #26D	\$785,000
Vahey, William	A&S Realty Management	36 Fleet St #6	\$409,000
Foss, Nathan	Foss, Michael	122-124 Fulton St #5	\$106,500
Jones, Patrick T	Jones, Patrick T	20 Rowes Wharf #501	\$799,000
Yeh, Ernest N	Doris A Quick T	151 Tremont St #16P	\$1,375,000
Vick, Robert	Ko, Nai N	580 Washington St #1406	\$1,350,000

## ATTENTION TO DETAIL

BY PENNY CHERUBINO

### THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The column detail in the last clue is on 20 Hancock Street built in 1806. For more than 30 years, this was the home of Charles Sumner (1811-1874) a leader of the Massachusetts anti-slavery movement, orator, and United State Senator.

Do you have a favorite building or detail you would like featured? Send an email to [Penny@BostonZest.com](mailto:Penny@BostonZest.com) with your suggestion.

### THIS WEEK'S CLUE



Eve Dougherty | 617.838.5884 | [eve@compass.com](mailto:eve@compass.com)

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## NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDUP

### 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

For more information, call 617-523-4575 or visit <http://churchonthehillboston.org>.

### Myrtle Street Playground summer programming

Friends of the Myrtle Street Playground offers summer free programming on Thursdays from 4 to 5 p.m., concluding with an end-of-season pizza party on Sept. 13. The rain location 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 guitarist Robert Bekkers performing works by Bach and Sor on Sept. 18; and Na'ama Lion (Medieval flute), Jussi Reijonen (oud), Nancy Hurrell (medieval harp) and Mike Williams (percussion)

performing Medieval dance music on Sept. 25.

### 'Climate Change' film series at West End Branch Library

The West End Branch of the Boston Public Library, located at 151 Cambridge St., presents "Climate Change: A Film Series," including screenings of "Downsizing" (2017, 135 minutes, Rated R) on Wednesday, Sept. 19, at 3 p.m.; and "Chasing Coral" (2017, 93 minutes, unrated) on Wednesday, Sept. 26, at 3 p.m. Call 617-523-3957 for more information.

### King's Chapel Church school kickoff

King's Chapel Church, located at 58 Tremont St., will hold its school kickoff event on Sunday, Sept. 16, at 10 a.m., following morning prayer service.

For more information, contact <http://www.kings-chapel.org>.

### High Holiday services with Chabad in the W Boston Hotel

Join Chabad of Downtown Boston for its annual welcoming and inspiring High Holiday Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services. These easy-to-follow services are interspersed with melodies, meaningful insights and explanations before a Kiddush buffet and breakfast. Services are held at the W Boston Hotel, 100 Stuart St., and there is no payment or membership required. Hebrew/English prayer book will also be provided.

For the full schedule and to R.S.V.P., visit [www.ChabadDB.org/HH](http://www.ChabadDB.org/HH) or call 617-297-7282.

### Hill House senior dinners

Hill House serves a hot meal to the seniors of the commu-

nity at 74 Joy St. on the third Tuesday of each month, including Sept. 18, 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.

### Book Discussion Group to meet at West End Branch Library

The West End Branch of the Boston Public Library, located at 151 Cambridge St., welcomes the Book Discussion Group on Thursday, Sept. 20, at 3 p.m.

September is National Recovery Month. Its purpose is to increase awareness and understanding of mental and substance use disorders and celebrate the people who recover. In addition to a month-long display and information on recovery, there will be a discussion on the book, "Dreamland: The True Tale of America's Opiate Epidemic" by Sam Quinones, copies of which are available at the library.

Call 617-523-3957 for more information.

### 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.

### Author Talk at West End Branch Library

The West End Branch of the

Boston Public Library, located at 151 Cambridge St., presents "Bitter Chicory to Sweet Espresso: Author Talk with Carmine Vittoria" on Thursday, Sept. 27, at 6:30 p.m.

Set in the Nazi-occupied town of Avella, near Naples, "Bitter Chicory to Sweet Espresso" views World War II from a child's perspective. Vittoria, professor emeritus at Northeastern University and a former West Ender, shows how people's lives were impacted by the military events of the war. Copies of "Bitter Chicory to Sweet Espresso" will be available for purchase.

Call 617-523-3957 for more information.

### City Hall showcases work of local photographer

"A Wholesome Creative Photography Exhibit" by John D. Caron Jr. will be on display in Mayor Martin Walsh Neighborhood Gallery on the second-floor of City Hall, 1 City Hall Square, through Sept. 28. Gallery hours are weekdays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and admission is free.

A longtime Boston resident, Caron is an accomplished poet and an award winning photographer, as well as the author of 15 books available at Harvard.com.

The lens for his latest exhibit expands from the shores of Big Beach, Maui, Nichols Town, Andros Bahamas, Boca Raton, Fla., to the streets and skylines of New Orleans during Mardi Gras and to familiar faces throughout New England. The exhibit is dedicated to Caron's mother Margherita and the memory of his late father, John Caron Sr.

### Untold Stories of the Public Garden free tours

Join the Friends of the Public Garden for free walking tours of Boston's iconic Public Garden and learn about the history, sculpture and horticulture of America's first public botanical garden. Tours are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 4 p.m., and Wednesdays and Thursdays at 10 a.m. (weather permitting) through mid-September. Meet at the "Make Way for Ducklings" sculpture in the Garden.

For more information, visit [friendsofthepublicgarden.org](http://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](http://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.

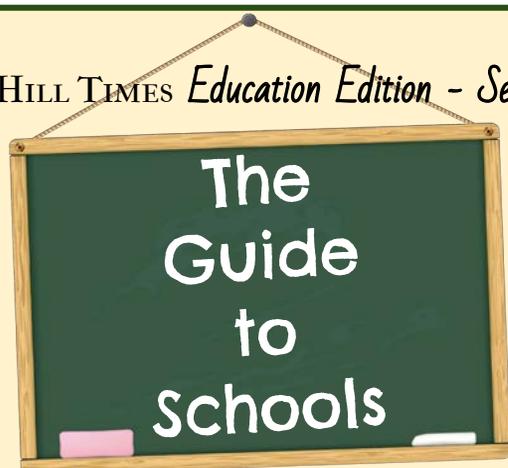
The group meets at 140

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THE BEACON HILL TIMES Education Edition - September 20

Our annual Guide to Schools features the Best of Boston's pre-K to High School and after school programs.



The Guide includes Open House dates and school profiles to help you choose the best educational opportunities for your young learners.

# NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDUP

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](http://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](http://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

The Boston Society of The New Jerusalem (BSNJ) Community Children's Chorus is a comprehensive musical training program for children in Grades 3 to 7.

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](http://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., welcomes 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.

## Get homework help at the West End Branch Library

The West End Branch of the Boston Public Library, located at 151 Cambridge St., offers homework help every Thursday from 4 to 6 p.m.

Get help from a Boston Public Schools teacher. No appointment necessary; simply drop in with your homework.

Call 617-523-3957 for more information.

## Compassionate Friends group reaches out to bereaved parents, 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](mailto: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.

## 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 [maristella.gulla@bostonabcd.org](mailto:maristella.gulla@bostonabcd.org) for more information.

## 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](mailto: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](http://www.spauldingnetwork.org) for more information.

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## CITY PAWS

# Put yourself in your dog's place

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

One of our favorite dog training experts, Patricia McConnell, Ph.D., a Certified Applied Animal Behaviorist (CAAB), recently wrote, "... my favorite game in dog training classes is having Person A teach Person B an action using nothing but a clicker, when Person B has no idea what behavior s/he is supposed to perform."

McConnell loves it because it teaches those of us who train dogs just how frustrating it can be to try to learn something when you don't really understand the language the teacher is using or what they are trying to communicate.

### Time for a Break

This was part of an article McConnell wrote on being aware of how tiring training can be for you and your dog. We have often suggested a good training session to wear out a dog who can't get his or her usual exercise because of inclement weather, an injury, or illness – the dog's or yours. Just as learning a new language, comput-

er program, or skill can wear out your brain, learning sit, down, and stay can wear out your dog.

We need to recognize the need to set a reasonable pace and allow for breaks when your dog can just enjoy being a dog. In fact, that's something we tell our dog Poppy. Sometimes when she seems more inclined to sniff or sit on a bench, we tell her to, "Be a dog!" She seems to understand that it's time to be at ease and enjoy her favorite doggie pastimes.

### Step-by-Step

We have new neighbors. Since Poppy wasn't used to them, she had been barking when hearing them pass by. This gave us excellent motivation for some remedial training on "Hush!"

Poppy is very food driven. We began correction of her barking by using a trained behavior she already knew, "Come to me!" If she stops barking and comes to one of us, she is rewarded with a tidbit from small jars containing her favorite treats that we've scattered around within easy reach

of the places we most often sit. You could also keep treats in your pockets or wear a training pouch to hold them.

After a week of work, Poppy was barking less and responding well to training. With our smart little pup, we have to be careful that she doesn't decide to bark just to get a treat, so we'll begin to refine when she is rewarded based on how quickly she responds. Eventually, we'll randomize treats and replace some with praise and pats.

One step in training builds on another. Most people have trained their dog to sit. If that is the behavior your dog knows, you can use it as a first step in communicating something else you want. Simply having your dog sit and rewarding him or her for doing that, is the first step in teaching many other useful communications like "Down," "Stay," "Don't jump," "Pay attention to me" or, as in Poppy's case, "Hush!"

As you think about how you will approach any training with your dog, try to imagine yourself



Poppy responded to "Come to me!" and sits waiting (not so patiently) for a favorite treat.

in the dog's position and think about the ways you can refine what you are saying and make what you want to happen clearer to the dog. Ask yourself if you would be able to figure out what you are asking, if you didn't

speak the language?

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