



# 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

## IT'S THAT TIME OF THE YEAR



Photos by Marianne Salza

*Lisa Macalaster and Richard Pierce performing, 'Blue Skies,' in festive voice and attire. Meanwhile, Liam Sherburne and Julia Burkhardt chatted in front of the fireplace during the annual Garlands & Greens Fundraiser at the Hampshire House on Weds., Nov. 14. The annual gathering raises money to help fund the decorations on the neighborhood's 1,100 gas lampposts.*

## BEACON HILL CIVIC ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY CORNER

### BHCA Gives Testimony at the Boston Freedom Rally Hearing, Docket #1421

The Beacon Hill Civic Association attended the hearing sponsored by Councilors Josh Zakim and Ed Flynn held last Wednesday and presided over by Committee Chair Matt O'Malley at the City Council chambers at City Hall. Patricia Tully, Executive Director of the BHCA, joined Arturo Gossage of Chinatown Residents Association, and Lauren Hoops-Schmieg, Executive Director of Hill House, to support the opinion and findings of the Friends of the Public Garden and their Executive Director, Liz Vizza.

### BHCA comments were as follows:

"Good afternoon.

On behalf of the Beacon Hill Civic Association ("BHCA"), I'd like to thank City Councilors Josh Zakim and Ed Flynn for sponsoring this matter and Council President Campbell, Councilors Edwards, Essaibi-George, Wu, Flaherty, Baker, and Committee Chair Matt O'Malley for offering this venue and opportunity to give public testimony on the Boston Freedom Rally event.

My name is Patricia Tully, and I am the Executive Director of the BHCA. We are a non-profit organization representing Beacon Hill with over 800 active members. Our mission is to preserve the quality of life on Beacon Hill through historical preservation, civic engagement and community development. Our goal, as neighbors helping neighbors, is to maintain this historic neighborhood as a clean, safe and livable place for families and residents of all ages.

Councilors Flynn and Zakim originally filed a request for this hearing on the event, citing complaints about "illegal activities and permit violations" at this

year's three-day event that took place during the period Sept. 14 through 16, 2018. Among the ideas the City Council should consider, the request stated, was having the event move off the Boston Common to some other, more appropriate venue.

We share in the belief that the Boston Common is not an appropriate venue for this event. We have heard from our members about their concerns that having the event at the park is not

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## BHAC denies application to equip Charles Street streetlights with cell nodes

By Dan Murphy

The Beacon Hill Architectural Commission shot down a proposal to replace three Charles Street streetlights with new ones equipped with cell-phone nodes during its Nov. 15 hearing at City Hall.

The commission denied three separate applications submitted by Joseph Shannon of Crown Castle, a Hingham-based provider of wireless infrastructure, to remove existing, single-acorn streetlights and replace them with new, double-acorn streetlights equipped with large, box-shaped antennas at their bases at Charles and Revere streets; Charles and Pinckney streets; and Charles and Mt. Vernon streets, respectively.

Shannon said his company has an agreement with the city's Department of Innovation and

Technology to install the new streetlights, and, to date, has deployed 700 of them around Greater Boston, including 400 citywide.

Kenneth Taylor, committee chair pointed, to many problems he perceived with the proposed design, including the new streetlights' color, brightness and height, which would hover over Charles Street's existing gaslights. "They ought to work well within the context of the gaslights," Taylor said.

The commission denied without prejudice another application to install two antenna enclosures for Verizon on the rooftop of 37-41 Bowdoin St., since the new structures as proposed would be visible from a public way.

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## Think small on Small Business Saturday

By Dan Murphy

Small Business Saturday, coming Nov. 24, is the perfect opportunity to get started on your holiday shopping while supporting the neighborhood's unique mix of retailers.

"As far as the Beacon Hill Business Association is concerned, every day is 'Small Business Day,' and we feel very fortunate to be part of a small-business dominated community," said Lucy Grogan, who serves as co-president of the organization alongside Ali Ringenburg. "Beacon Hill is a destination for small businesses, so this is just an opportunity to emphasize that."

Launched in 2010 by American Express, the campaign takes place nationally each year on the Saturday after Thanksgiving and offers holiday shoppers an alternative to Black Friday and Cyber Monday, which highlight big-box and

online retailers, respectively.

"Small businesses build community and give back to a neighborhood in a way that big-box retailers and online shops cannot," wrote Lana Barakat, owner of December Thieves, which sells home and lifestyle items at its 88 Charles St. storefront, as well as fashion at its other location at 51 Charles St. "While shopping small is something that should be done year-round, Small Business Saturday is an important reminder to celebrate and support your local businesses to keep them successful, and to keep your community thriving."

Jennifer Hill, the owner of Blackstone's of Beacon Hill at 46 Charles St., whom Grogan describes as "the neighborhood's small business ambassador," wrote, "Small Business Saturday is important to local shops

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# EDITORIAL

## HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving is a uniquely American holiday, tracing its roots back almost 400 years to the Pilgrims, long before there was even a thought of a United States of America.

Thanksgiving is the ultimate family-centered holiday. It has no national-celebration connotations, and no required gift-giving. It lacks the commercialism, solemnity, and political overtones of all of our other national observances.

It's a day for schoolboy football, family gatherings, and not much else to do other than enjoy a great dinner with those whom we love and care about.

It is the only day on the calendar when we have no obligation other than to spend the day with those who mean the most to us. It asks nothing more from each of us (other than for the person who is doing all the cooking!) beyond just showing up and enjoying the company of our family and friends and then having a great meal.

Even in this time of divisiveness in our country, we all can agree that Thanksgiving makes us aware of what we have to be thankful for. Despite our present trials and tribulations, Americans are remarkably fortunate to be where we are. Thanksgiving is a national celebration that serves to remind us how blessed we are at a time when circumstances are so cruel for so many others in the world.

Thanksgiving serves as a rare day for relaxation, reflection, and inevitably -- at least for some of us -- a post-dinner nap or early night of sleep. In a time when so many of us are connected 24/7 to some instrument of communication, it truly is a relief to have a day when we can just shut it all off.

We wish all of our readers a happy -- and restful -- Thanksgiving.



## GUEST OP-ED

### Thanksgiving and very thankful

By Glenn Mollette

This Thanksgiving I am thankful to not have cancer. I hope.

Six months ago my family doctor sent me for a CT scan because I went in to be checked out for something that felt weird which ended up being nothing. However the CT scan did reveal some nodules in my thyroid. A local Endocrinologist did a fine needle biopsy and said one of the nodules was thirty percent suspicious of malignancy. I went to another doctor out of town who did the same test that came back inconclusive and then another test which revealed the same nodule was about forty percent suspicious of malignancy. I asked the question "What should I do," and his response was we need to remove the entire thyroid within two months.

I didn't really want to do the surgery and have read many reports about people living their entire lives with thyroid nodules. I have read many die with thyroid malignancy that never caused them any trouble. Of course, cancer anywhere in your body is never working to your advantage.

I agreed to have the surgery and pathology revealed that I not only had a suspicious nodule but four malignant nod-

ules. According to the extensive report I had three malignant ones on the right lobe of my thyroid and one malignant one on the left side of my thyroid. The pathology report, surgeon and supervising Endocrinologist all have assured me that the malignancies were small and contained within the thyroid and no further treatments are necessary at this time. Of course for the rest of my life I will be visiting my doc for surveillance to see if anything nasty pops back up.

This of course is the short version of the story. The main point is I'm better off with cancer out of my body than in my body. This time last year I was clueless that anything so detrimental to my health was lurking beneath the surface. This year I will celebrate Thanksgiving for a miraculous early detection and a surgery that ended up being the only real choice to make.

My voice is not strong yet after the surgery and I have a little pill to take every day but who cares I am alive, feel good and writing this column. I have to praise God almighty for his grace toward me. I also have to be thankful for medical insurance that provided me a way to go to a place where I chose to go. Two other doctors told me that I only needed half of my thyroid removed and if cancer was found then I could have the other half removed. Who wants

to have two surgeries? I did not. The doctor I sought out could not prove I had malignancy on my left lobe but simply said, "I don't like how it looks and I think the whole thing needs to come out." I am grateful that I got to choose my doctor and my place of surgery. Every American should have the option of choosing their doctor and place of medical care.

Some people are not as fortunate. I have several friends who could not beat cancer and passed on this year. Often times the symptoms was already an indication that things were already too late for them to treat their condition.

As a word of caution I want to strongly say that simply waiting to see what your condition does often ends up being an emergency down the road. If you have an early warning then trying to move forward to aggressively eliminate the problem or treat it is the only way to have a chance of winning. Of course, we are talking about our human bodies and there will always be something to repair or deal with concerning our health. We go from one thing to another if we are blessed to live long enough.

Thus, this Thanksgiving I am thankful - very thankful.

*Glenn Mollette contributes to the Beacon Hill Times.*

## Myles' Musings

By Myles Striar

### Lots to be thankful for

Lots to be thankful for again this year.      Though it really strikes as quite queer  
What's not to be thankful for we'll forget      That no impeachment's in the works as yet.

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**Be Thankful...** Happy Thanksgiving to all our Readers!  
Day your stomachs be full and your spirits high!

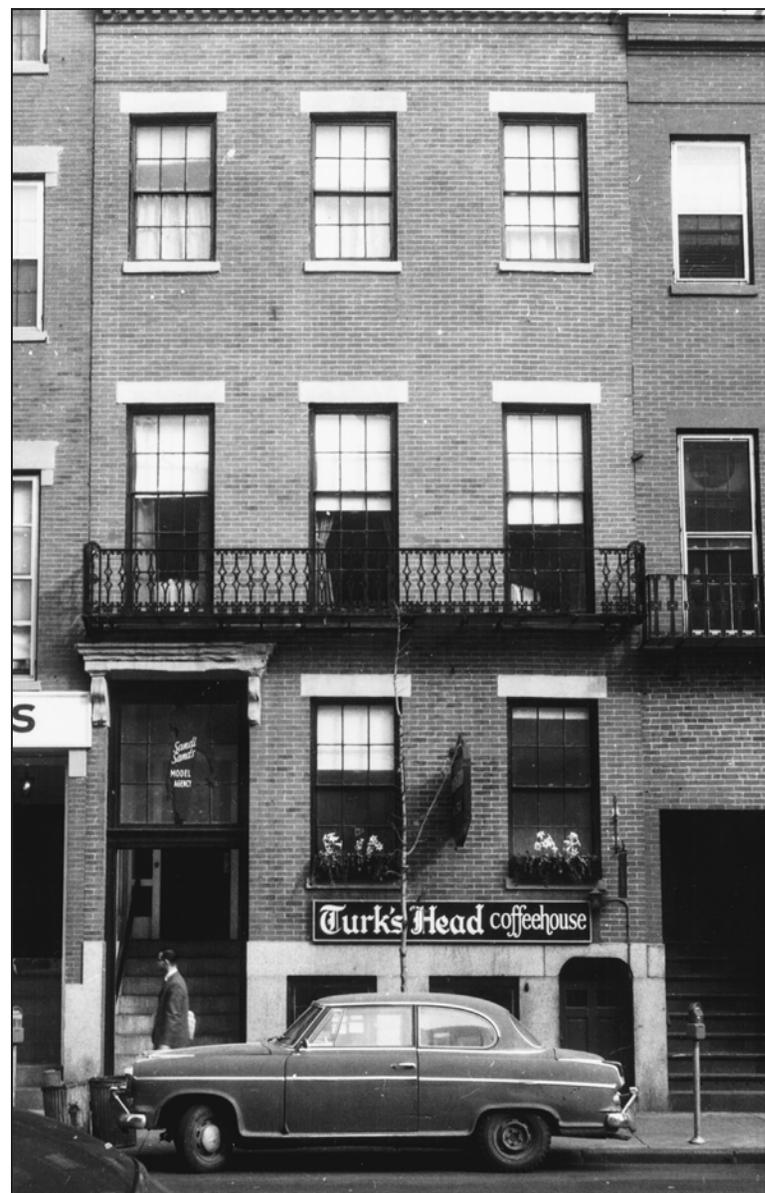
## Real Estate Transfers

BUYER 1 BACK BAY	SELLER 1	ADDRESS	PRICE
Saviano, Jeffrey	Oliverio, Michael L	204 Beacon St #4R	\$610,000
Rayon, Aurora	Loizeaux, Peter T	126 Commonwealth Ave #2	\$1,475,000
Hadawar, Jordan	Barr, James H	148 Commonwealth Ave #G2	\$399,000
Grubbs, William J	Mapfre USA Corp	2 Commonwealth Ave #11H	\$4,100,000
Levy, Nicole L	Hardy-Gagne RT	83 Dartmouth St #2	\$1,200,000
Demmer, Helene	Cribbins, Matthew G	167 Marlborough St #1	\$4,550,000
LWC 296 Marlborough LLC	296 Marlborough St LLC	296 Marlborough St	\$5,200,000
Jodom Realty LLC	Mccarthy, James J	431 Beacon St	\$3,575,000
Grubbs, William J	Mapfre USA Corp	2 Commonwealth Ave #11H	\$4,100,000
Kemper, Stephen G	Inam, Arun	400 Commonwealth Ave #103	\$1,900,000
Mauro, Jordan	Almond, Patrici M	405 Commonwealth Ave #10	\$725,000
Zhou, Yuxin	Schneider, Pam	466 Commonwealth Ave #204	\$430,000
<b>BEACON HILL</b>			
Zhang, Qunhao	Streckenbach, Scott C	2 Hawthorne Pl #4J	\$515,000
8 Joy Street Development	Bennett, Judith A	8 Joy St	\$2,000,000
Kodani, Cj E	Burke, Jane S	13 Lindall Pl #1	\$529,000
Fretz, Ramsay	Pittsfield Lands RT	112 Pinckney St #12	\$689,000
Lewis, Earl	Zerner, Henri	87 Pinckney St #3	\$1,380,000
J Barndt LT	Al-Khatib, Malek	6 Whittier Pl #12A	\$575,000
<b>SOUTH END/BAY VILLAGE/KENMORE</b>			
Adams, Leslie M	Perz, Sarah M	30 Worcester Sq #2	\$429,000
Morisse, Gregory	121 Portland LLC	121 Portland St #701	\$767,000
Fidelman RT	Davis, Debra M	45 Province St #2005	\$2,400,000
Guzzi, Michele	Hildreth, Benjamin	45 Province St #2202	\$1,315,000
Carneiro, Simone	Palmin, Alla	45 Province St #2305	\$2,530,000
Neu, Ryan R	Krupp, Michael H	27 Rutland St #2	\$2,100,000
Chesler, Maria	Graves, I Paul	65 Rutland St #1	\$1,767,950
166 Fuller Street Realty	Lockwood, Holly	73 Rutland St #3	\$635,000
411 Shawmut Avenue RT	Strauss, Daniel G	411 Shawmut Ave #4	\$840,000
Lindquist, Kimberly A	Alverson, Lauren	448 Shawmut Ave #5	\$540,000
Bane, Harrison	Whitters, James P	450 Shawmut Ave	\$2,550,000
Consigli, Anthony M	Kutchin, James	110 Stuart St #19G	\$2,530,000
Deng, Jing	Afriterra LP	60 Temple St	\$1,785,000
Granahan, Raquel T	Siena Ink Block LLC	40 Traveler St #406	\$880,000
Kwan, Alvin W	JTT LLC	99 Tremont St #110	\$277,100
W Canton Canton Street RT	Kieffer, William H	180 W Canton St	\$3,875,000
Lee, Eunju	Kelleher, John J	88 Waltham St #3	\$325,000
Duffy, Amanda L	Brandt, Janis	167 Warren Ave #2	\$670,000
Fabbrucci, Peter	Carton, Barbara C	542 Massachusetts Ave #2	\$805,000
Ding, Yun	Bishop, Robert E	684 Massachusetts Ave #5	\$649,000
Carey, Ryan M	Lee, Maurice D	690 Massachusetts Ave #2	\$1,450,000
Pereira, Christoph A	Pohl, Raymond	40 Montgomery St #B	\$1,895,000
Vickers, Lisa J	Sbrogna, Debra S	1 Huntington Ave #702	\$2,150,000
7 Keswick Street LLC	Thompson, Raymond L	7 Keswick St	\$2,100,000
Binnie, Dylan	Miseljic, Slobodan	20 Lawrence St	\$2,324,500
Oleary, Gregory	Thomasian, Margaret	37 Lawrence St #12	\$530,000
Barry F Cohen RET	FSH 1013 LLC	220 Boylston St #1013	\$2,800,000
102 Chandler LLC	Chandler Northeast Hldgs	102 Chandler St	\$5,450,000
Graves, Bernard	SHB Realty LLC	1 Charles St S #602	\$935,000
Osullivan, Daniel	Donnelly, Stephen	410 Columbus Ave #1	\$1,399,000
Tobin, Sheila L	Wadsworth Village LLC	56 Gray St #4	\$405,000
Fenway 22K NT	Point Condo LLC	188 Brookline Ave #22K	\$2,150,000

## ATTENTION TO DETAIL

BY PENNY CHERUBINO

### THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The doorway in the last clue is on 71 Charles Street built circa 1845. Today the door leads to the Hungry I. But, in this 1965 photo from the Boston City Archives, it was the entry to the Turk's Head Coffee House. According to a 1967 article in the Boston College newspaper, the manager Miss Benzequin wanted this to be a place where young, hopeful performers were given a stage and an audience. For next week, identify the structure next to the dapper gentleman in this 1914 photo. 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



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**Navigating you home.**

COMPASS

# Bridburg shares her story of creating a community for writers at the BHWF

By Laura Chassaigne

On Tuesday, Nov. 13, members of the Beacon Hill Women's Forum (BHWF) gathered at the Hampshire House to hear from Eve Bridburg, founder of local literary powerhouse organization GrubStreet.

The evening opened with remarks from Neighborhood Narrative speaker Katherine Hudson of KM Hudson on Charles Street. Hudson spoke convincingly of the importance of well-fitting undergarments, both for comfort and to improve the fit of clothing. Her small and intimate shop specializes in personalized fittings, since she believes that no two women are alike, and that feeling comfortable is paramount.

The keynote speaker of the evening was Eve Bridburg, founder and executive director of GrubStreet. Bridburg gave an eloquent account of how feeling like an outsider as a young person made her interested in telling stories and bringing people together. In her view, books expand our perspective and allow us to walk in someone else's shoes. They bridge the space between others

and us, and can make us feel less alone, no matter our circumstances.

Bridburg grew up outside Hartford, Conn., and was born to Irish immigrant parents. Her parents were Jewish and Catholic, and obtained a papal dispensation to be able to marry in a Catholic church, but growing up between cultures and religions led her to feel like an outsider, and throughout her young adulthood she struggled with identity. This quest to know herself led Bridburg to the study of religion and philosophy and to travel, all while writing stories and poems.

Eventually she enrolled in graduate school for creative writing, but found that the rigid and intensely critical atmosphere was not helpful for her. However, Bridburg did discover a love of teaching through her work with undergraduates, and after finishing started teaching writing courses along with a friend, calling themselves "GrubStreet."

The first course of eight students bonded over their writing and formed strong friendships, illustrating for Eve that it is "pretty remarkable what hap-



*Eve Bridburg, founder and executive director of GrubStreet, speaking to members of the Beacon Hill Women's Forum (BHWF) on Nov. 13 at the Hampshire House.*

pens when strangers get together to share their stories," and that criticism given with love can help many students more than the withering critiques she had

endured in school. Growing enrollment proved that this resonated with people, and the burgeoning community began to call themselves "Grubbies."

Busy caring for two young children along with her career, Bridburg looked for volunteers to help make GrubStreet a non-profit literary community, and then eventually shifted to publishing, where she worked for five years, before coming back to GrubStreet as executive director. Now, GrubStreet has blossomed into the largest literary arts center in the country, offering a wide spectrum of courses from how to write a first poem to an intensive workshop on finishing a novel, in attempts to be "radically inclusive."

In the next few years, GrubStreet will move from their current space on Boylston Street to a large space in the Seaport, after winning a bid through the City of Boston. This new location will allow them to have a bookshop and café, and more classroom space, as well as a community space for writers and readers. GrubStreet promises to become an even greater resource for Bostonians in the future, and the catalyst for many more friendships and launched writing careers.

For more information about the plethora of events offered during the BHWF's 2018-2019 season and to purchase membership, visit [www.beaconhill-womensforum.org](http://www.beaconhill-womensforum.org).

## SMALL BUSINESS (from pg. 1)

because it draws attention to the importance of this part of our community. When you shop small at a local store, eat at local restaurant or sip coffee in your neighborhood, you have a chance to chat face-to-face with your neighbors and friends. These things all contribute to community, something Amazon cannot offer."

Jack Gurnon, owner of Charles Street Supply, the independent hardware store at 54 Charles St., applauds American Express for launching Small Business Saturday nearly a decade ago.

"Do I believe it brings in that much extra business? Not really, but I think it makes people focus on the fact that there are

small businesses out there... and it brings in some new people from the suburbs to visit the neighborhood shops," Gurnon said. "It's really hard for brick-and-mortars these days...and as a small business owner, I think it's great because we need to do everything we can to keep people's minds off the Internet."

## BEACON HILL BEAT

### From Boston Police Area A-1

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#### Larceny

11/13/18 - At about 10:04 a.m., a landlord reported copper downspouts (drainpipes) were stolen from the front of his Revere Street building.

#### Larceny - Shoplifting

11/16/18 - A Charles Street

boutique reported a female suspect entered the dressing room to try on four dresses at about 4:45 p.m. The suspect stole one of the dresses, leaving the other three behind, before fleeing on foot. The store has a surveillance video of the incident, and detectives will follow up.

## BHAC (from pg. 1)

In a matter continued from the July 19, Aug. 16 and Oct. 18 hearings, the commission approved an application for 36 Joy St. to replace the existing cedar stockade fencing along Mugar Way with a new cedar fence that would measure 93-feet, 6-inches long and consist of connected panels of treated lattice fencing for an ivy wall. This approval came with the proviso that the new fence feature a "19th-century design."

The commission also approved another application to replace an existing wooden fence with a 6-foot, cedar fence and gate at 12 Otis Place, with the stipulation that the applicant submit a "measured drawing showing the proposed gate."

In another matter, the commission approved an application submitted by John Corey, the manager of the LLC for the project, to remove the lower security grate at 20 Pinckney St.

The commission also approved an application from architect Monika Zofia Pauli to install new, first-story storm windows at 20 Chestnut St. in a

matter that was continued from Oct. 18.

Moreover, the commission approved an application for renovation to a single-story home at 86 Chestnut St. that was once home to a first-floor storefront, with the proviso that an existing fanlight at the entryway be preserved.

In a matter continued from Oct. 18, the commission again voted to continue an application for 71 Chestnut St. until the applicant could provide what Taylor described an "accurate" and "specific" proposal.

The scope of the proposed work includes re-pointing masonry at the front façade; replacing all sills and lintels with cast stone; removing existing iron grate over the door and iron gate at the door alcove; cleaning rust off the existing steel beam and re-painting it; replacing existing wood panels in transom over double-doors with new glass panes; repairing all doors; replacing deteriorated sections of wood trim in-kind; and replacing first-story 16-light wood window in-kind; and

re-painting all exterior wood elements using a new color scheme.

Meanwhile, the commission partially approved an application submitted by John Day, an associate at Cambridge-based LDa Architecture and Interiors, for proposed renovations to a single-family residence at 22 West Cedar St.

The scope of the proposed work includes removing metal cladding at the bay window and parapet and installing copper cladding to match the existing cladding at the rear elevation; removing faux-cement fiber black slate at second-story bay and upper Mansard roof and installing black slate; installing roofdeck on top of the existing rear two-story addition; and replacing non-historic "six-over-six wood window with eight-light wood door."

On this matter, the commission approved the replacement of the copper-cladding, but requested that redesigns of the roofdeck and new door.

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## CITY PAWS

### Give thanks to our animal friends

by Penny & Ed Cherubino

As you gather with friends and family to give thanks for the good things in your life, don't forget the animals who not only fill our days with unconditional love, but also help keep us healthy and safe. Just think about how our lives are improved by the cat that snuggles on our lap, the dog who runs to the door and is always glad to see you, the specially trained K9 teams that serve and protect, or the highly trained service dog that enables a person with a disability to do more things safely.

#### Furry Family and Friends

First there are the companions that share our lives. Besides our own dog Poppy, this includes the animals others have brought into our sphere. There are the dogs we play with when visiting friends at home, the pals we walk with, and the cats we don't see as often but feel as though we know through tales of their adventures and antics.

A great honor is to be selected by a dog or cat as a special friend, even though you were never part of their family. Poppy has selected a few members of our circle to adore. While we don't know why these particular humans are on her list, we do know they are all special people in their own right and that she has very good taste.

#### Working Dogs

"Sending the puppy!" is a favorite response by one of the Boston Police dispatchers to a request by an officer for a dog to help search a building, track a suspect, or locate drugs or weapons. In addition, dogs are used to investigate fires, locate bombs, find people in disasters, and provide comfort to victims.

Penny had the opportunity to meet one of the thera-

py teams that visits patients at Massachusetts General Hospital. The pair was in the lobby adding some bling and personality to their street wear. The human half of the pair said they have been doing this for years and enjoy bringing a bit of fun into the days of both patients and staff. We hadn't thought about how a therapy dog might reduce stress for the care teams.

#### Service Dogs

Most of us recognize a seeing eye dog by the special harness and the way the team of a dog and person works together. You may see a sighted person walking or in a wheelchair with a mobility assistance dog wearing a different type of harness. These dogs are trained for tasks like bracing and balancing, opening and closing doors, retrieving items, or pulling wheelchairs.

Hearing ear dogs alert a person with hearing loss to sounds they might miss. Medical assistance dogs have the ability to let a person know of changes in blood sugar levels or an oncoming seizure. Psychiatric service dogs assist people who are suffering from issues like depression, anxiety, post-traumatic stress disorder, autism, and fetal alcohol syndrome.

As you think about and give thanks for all the creatures who make our day-to-day lives better, also consider ways you might be able to improve their lives in the years ahead. It may be as simple as making time for your own animals or learning how you can support and advocate for all the other classifications of animals who serve the public.

*Do you have a question or topic for City Paws. Send an email to Penny@BostonZest.com with your request.*



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*Give thanks for mobility assistance dogs trained for tasks like bracing and balance, opening and closing doors, retrieving items, or pulling wheelchairs.*

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### ANNUAL GARLANDS AND GREENS

Photos by Marianne Salza

Beacon Hill Civic Association (BHCA) President Robert A. Whitney loves taking his now 11-year-old son, Adam, around the neighborhood to adorn it for the holidays. Last year, the two worked as a duo, embellishing four blocks of their street with wintery cheer. On Nov. 14, Whitney and BHCA members celebrated Garlands and Greens, a holiday fundraiser hosted by Tom Kershaw, at the Hampshire House. The cocktail party benefits the 23rd Annual Beacon Hill Holiday Decorating, when friends volunteer to decorate 1,100 gas lamps with garland and bows.

"I live on Phillips Street," explains Whitney, who has been

participating in the tradition for 15 years. "We call our group The Phillips Street Fliers. We would run down the street with our ladders to see how fast we could decorate the street. It's a lot of fun."

Join neighbors in Holiday Decorating on Saturday, Dec. 1, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 2, 11 a.m. to dusk. For more information or to coordinate a team, call BHCA at (617) 227-1922, email info@BHCivic.org, or join the Facebook group: Beacon Hill Holiday Decorating. Visit www.BHCivic.org to contribute by credit card, or mail a check to Beacon Hill Civic Association, 74 Joy Street, Boston, MA 02114.



In the photo top Connor and Scott Keys, with Lori Spencer, Mike, Renee, and Hutch Walsh.



Diana Olney, Kimberly Amsden, and Christie Hedges.



Joe Schutt, Julie Madjar, Karen Hensey, and Mimi Sun.

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# ANNUAL GARLANDS AND GREENS FUNDRAISER TO DECORATE THE HILL



Melissa Conocer and Carol Hayon.



Fiona Coxe, Joe Schutt, Paul Odelson, Abi Clark, and Sarah Teczar.

▼ Susan Moussalli, Shannon Sweeney, and Kristina Dorne.



Sarah Teczar and Krystina Mroczkowski.



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# City Council holds hearing to discuss Freedom Rally's future

By Dan Murphy

The City Council held an at-times contentious hearing to discuss the future of the Boston Freedom Rally – the event, formerly known as “Hempfest,” held each year on the Boston Common to promote marijuana legalization and advocacy – on Wednesday, Nov. 14, at City Hall.

“We’re looking for a way this popular event can continue,” said Councilor Josh Zakim, who co-sponsored the hearing with Councilor Ed Flynn. “This isn’t about cannabis, use pro or con. This isn’t about recreational marijuana dispensaries, which I supported. This is about our city parks.”

An estimated crowd of between 15,000 and 20,000 was on hand for the 29th annu-

al Freedom Rally, sponsored by MassCann (Massachusetts Cannabis Reform Coalition), the state affiliate of NORML (National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws), over the weekend of Sept. 14 to 16. Compared to years past, city officials said the latest event caused an unprecedented amount of damage to the Common, with reports of attendees driving their cars onto the park, camping out there overnight and leaving behind mountains of trash in their wake, including discarded syringes allegedly found among the debris.

Boston Parks Commissioner Chris Cook said no other event in the city’s park system generates as much trash as the Freedom Rally. This year’s event cost the city \$10,000 in overtime cost to clean the Common after

the event, with that cost having risen as high as \$20,000 in years past.

Cook said the Parks Department neither supports nor endorses the event, and “has legally challenged it more than six times.”

In response to the popular perception that the event has gone from a one-day political outing to a three-day commercial festival, Cook said “There doesn’t seem to be a strong, consistent political message, but what there definitely is a large amount of commercial activity.”

Sgt. James Hasson of the Boston Police Department said while smoking is illegal in all city parks, officer didn’t cite people for this offense on the Common during the event and remained on the periphery except when responding to public safety con-

cerns.

“It would tie up resources and could incite the crowd,” Hasson said regarding the decision not to uphold the smoking restriction in the park during the event.

Liz Vizza, executive director of the Friends of the Public Garden, said the size of the event grew more than 50 percent in area in the past year, and echoed Zakim’s suggestion that City Hall Plaza would be a more appropriate venue for it going forward.

“There are other places this event can take place that don’t impact 50,000 residents and the thousands of people who visit the park,” Vizza said.

John Swomley, MassCann’s ACLU-appointed attorney, said while his client would consider scaling the event back to two days from three, but would not

compromise on holding it on the Common, citing the park’s significance in the history of the Free Speech movement.

Swomley also inferred that it was the city’s strategy to not issue Freedom Rally organizers a permit “until the very last day” in an attempt to thwart the event.

Meanwhile, Eve Waterfall, speaking as a Beacon Hill resident, parent and athletic coach, expressed concern that no attempt was made to prohibit minors from the entering an event where marijuana products were openly consumed and distributed in what some described as an “open-air drug market.”

“The event in its current form is not good for our parks, our city and our children,” Waterfall said.

## Martin Richard Foundation seeking ideas

The Martin Richard Foundation is calling on young people ages 5-22 to submit their ideas for bringing their communities together in service with projects that promote peace, justice and kindness. Through the Foundation’s Bridge Builder Program, up to 30 applicants will be selected to receive \$500 grants to turn their idea into reality. Applications are available

at MartinRichardFoundation.org. Projects should be led by young people; display peace, justice and kindness as core values; and tackle an issue that warrants attention in their neighborhoods or schools. Adults may apply on behalf of the young people who will carry out the project, and educators, youth development professionals or coaches can help to support the project.

The deadline to submit applications is January 14 and groups will be notified of their selection by March 1.

The Martin Richard Foundation believes that service to the community builds bridges of understanding and breaks down barriers, and is encouraging young people to stand up and recognize that the time is right to lead an effort in their neighborhoods that brings people together in service and motivates others to want to do the same.

“Community service has the power to transform the way young people see the world by allowing them to understand how they can positively impact their peers and communities. Our Bridge Builder Program empowers young people to stand up and lead projects that foster inclusion, equality, understanding and trust,” said Martin Richard Foundation Executive Director Terri Ladka. “If you are a young person with a great idea that can build bridges in your community, we want to hear from you!”

For more information about the Bridge Builder Program and application guidelines, visit <http://www.martinrichardfoundation.org/bridge-builder-program>.

## OBITUARIES

### Carol Hodges Of Boston and Newport, RI

Carol A. Hodges of Boston and Newport, RI, passed away peacefully in her Newport, RI home on Sunday, Nov. 17. She was 77 years old.

Carol is survived by her husband, Allan A. Hodges.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in Carol’s memory to

the Potter League for Animals, P.O. Box 412, Newport, RI 02840 or online by visiting [www.potterleague.org/donate](http://www.potterleague.org/donate).

Arrangements are private and by the O’Neill-Hayes Funeral Home. For more information and online condolences, please visit [www.oneillhayes.com](http://www.oneillhayes.com).

### North Washington Street Bridge Replacement Public Information Meetings

**Tuesday, November 27, 2018 at 6:00pm**

Nazzaro Community Center

30 N. Bennet Street, Boston, MA 02113

**Wednesday, November 28, 2018 at 6:30pm**

Shriners Hospital for Children Auditorium

51 Blossom Street, Boston, MA 02114

**Thursday, November 29, 2018 at 6:30pm**

Knights of Columbus

545 Medford Street, Charlestown, MA 02129

At these public meetings, the project team will present on the project to date, including approvals to install a temporary parallel bridge to speed up construction and reduce traffic and pedestrian impacts. The project team will also discuss construction staging, traffic plans, public outreach, and next steps. Q&A will follow.

All meeting venues are accessible. To request language or access accommodations, please contact MassDOT’s Director of Civil Rights at 857-368-8580, TTD/TTY 857-368-0603,

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To learn more about the project, visit:

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# CALENDAR

THE DEADLINE FOR LISTING EVENTS IS THE TUESDAY BEFORE PUBLICATION. CALL 617-523-9490 OR FAX 617-523-8668 OR EMAIL EDITOR@BEACONHILLTIMES.COM

## TUESDAY, NOV. 27

RECITAL, "Songs of Wild Imaginings," with Rob Flax (violin-voice-guitar), King's Chapel, 58 Tremont St., 12:15 p.m., suggested donation; \$5, call 617-227-2155

## WEDNESDAY, NOV. 28

FILM, "The Blues Brothers" (1980, 133 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, NOV. 29

CONCERT, "Messiah" sing-along with special-guest conductor Danica A. Buckley, Church on the Hill, 140 Bowdoin St., 7:30 p.m., tickets: \$18.18 each, phone: 617-523-4575 or visit <http://churchonthehillboston.org> for more information

## WEDNESDAY, DEC. 5

FILM, "The Buddy Holly Story" (1978, 114 minutes, Rated PG), West End Branch of the Boston Public Library, 151 Cambridge St., 3 p.m., call 617-523-3957 for more information

## THURSDAY, DEC. 6

EVENT, annual holiday party, West End Branch of the Boston Public Library, 151 Cambridge St., 6:30 p.m., Call 617-523-3957 for more information

EVENT, Beacon Hill Business Association's Beacon Hill Holiday Stroll, 6-9 p.m.

## SUNDAY, DEC. 9

EVENT, Beacon Hill Holiday House Tour, noon-4 p.m., tickets: \$125 each, link for tickets on the event page at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/beacon-hill-holiday-house-tour-tickets-51308282454>

## WEDNESDAY, DEC. 12

FILM, "Almost Famous" (2000, 123 minutes, Rated R), West End Branch of the Boston Public Library, 151 Cambridge St., 3 p.m., call 617-523-3957 for more information

## WEDNESDAY, DEC. 19

FILM, "School of Rock" (2003, 109 minutes, Rated PG-13), West End Branch of the Boston Public Library, 151 Cambridge St., 3 p.m., call 617-523-3957 for more information

## WEDNESDAY, DEC. 16

FILM, "The Commitments" (1991, 117 minutes, Rated R), West End Branch of the Boston Public Library, 151 Cambridge St., 3 p.m., call 617-523-3957 for more information

## BHCA (from pg. 1)

appropriate due to the large size of the event, the general rowdiness of the event participants, and the continued failure by the event organizers to follow the requirement of the permits that they were granted to run this event.

We have received complaints concerning the continued presence of parked cars on the green space during the event, of overnight camping by event partic-

ipants in the park, and of the leaving of massive amounts of trash, including used hypodermic needles, strewn in the park. Such complaints also included comments by our members that they did not feel safe in the Boston Common during the event this year.

The BHCA fully supports the efforts of the Friends of the Public Garden ("Friends"), which earlier this year raised

significant concerns about the event as the size of its crowds has grown, and the Friends has shared photographs with us of the incredible disarray, including garbage, used food containers, used cooking oil, and other organic waste, which the Friends have described as "beyond anything we have seen in years past" and said required hours of overtime for clean-up.

Some of the comments that

were received before, during and after the recent Boston Freedom Rally event on the Boston Common, included the following:

"I'm planning to bring my family on our annual visit to Boston and Beacon Hill - will it be safe to visit the Common this year?"

"The Hempfest participants were selling smoking apparatus in a park where smoking is banned! Minors were exposed to the message of drug use in our public park...where there is a merry-go-round and playground! There is clearly a conflict in values and messages here."

"What can we do? It was such a dangerous event."

"I saw a woman urinating in front of everyone by the Frog Pond near the playground!"

"...the Boston Common was a disgrace...it was sad to see our Parks Department cleaning up after so much disrespect. I hope the Hempfest event can be not only be moved from the Common in the future, but also focus on education and awareness and not as an enabling event for so much negative and disruptive behavior."

"There was a shirtless man sitting with open glass mason jars full of marijuana with people gathering around him."

"This can't continue. We need fresh ideas to fix it now. I am offering to help. This event should not have a special dispensation to turn the Common into a garbage dump."

In conclusion, we believe that the Boston Common is a sacred resource that must be protected so that it can continue to serve the needs of all of Boston's residents for many years to come. It is not an appropriate venue for this event, and we respectfully request that the City Council, Mayor's Office and the organizers of the

event work together to find a more appropriate venue for this event next year.

Thank you for the opportunity to present these comments."

The public still has the opportunity to send their concerns and comments to Councilor Matt O'Malley, Chair on Environment, Sustainability and Parks at [mattthew.omalley@boston.gov](mailto:mattthew.omalley@boston.gov).

### Join us!

If you haven't yet become a member of the BHCA, we invite you to join. Your input in quality of life issues on the Hill is important to us, and we rely on you our neighbors to bring your comments and concerns to our attention. By joining our membership, you add to the collective voice of the neighborhood and support our work in historic preservation, community development and civic engagement. Please call our office at 617-227-1922 or email the BHCA Executive Director at [patricia.tully@bhcivic.org](mailto:patricia.tully@bhcivic.org) with any questions, comments or concerns, or to become a member.

### Upcoming BHCA Meetings

Tuesday, Nov. 27: Events Committee Meeting at 6 p.m., 74 Joy Street

Wednesday, Nov. 28: Traffic and Parking Committee Meeting at 6 p.m., 74 Joy Street

### Other upcoming BHCA Events

Young Friends Social - Wednesday, Nov. 28, 7-8:30 p.m., Harvard Gardens

Decorating Days - Dec. 1 and 2  
47th Annual Beacon Hill Gala - Feb. 9, at the Omni Parker House

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.

## Walsh to light Common Christmas Tree on Nov. 29

Mayor Martin J. Walsh and The Honourable Karen Casey, Deputy Premier of Nova Scotia, will celebrate the 77th Annual Tree Lighting on Boston Common on Thursday, November 29, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The celebration is presented by the Boston Parks and Recreation Department, title sponsor The Province of Nova Scotia, Jumbotron sponsor JetBlue, and presenting sponsors Exelon Generation, the Coca-Cola Company, and Bank of America with additional support provided by WCVB Channel 5, Magic 106.7 FM, and the Boston Globe. The holiday lights throughout both parks will light up in sequence shortly before 8 p.m. when Mayor Walsh is joined onstage by Deputy Premier Casey, members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and Santa Claus. The show will close with a pyrotechnic display by Atlas PyroVision.

The holiday decorations throughout Boston Common and the Public Garden include the City of Boston's official

2018 Christmas tree, a 46-foot white spruce tree donated by Ross McKellar and Teresa Simpson from Oxford, Nova Scotia. This marks the first time the annual Christmas tree gift to Boston has come from Cumberland County.

WCVB's Anthony Everett and Shayna Seymour will once again host Channel 5's live broadcast of the event beginning at 7 p.m. featuring multi-platinum pop star Andy Grammer, music from Nova Scotia's Hillsburn and

Makayla Lynn, local recording artist Phaedra, Willy Wonka from "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory," the cast of North Shore Music Theater's "A Christmas Carol," and the Morning Star Baptist Church Gospel Choir.

The lighting of the trees on the Common is made possible through the generosity of the Egan Family Foundation, the Lynch Foundation, the Massachusetts Convention Center Authority, John Moriarty & Associates, Berkshire Bank, the Herb Chambers Companies, the Greater Boston Convention & Visitors Bureau, and contri-

butions from other individuals and institutions.

The annual holiday display includes the official Christmas tree from Nova Scotia and trees throughout Boston Common. Refreshments and additional support will be provided by promotional sponsors Dunkin' Donuts, Capital One, Xfinity, KIND Snacks, H.P. Hood LLC, Power Crunch Bars, Drake's Cakes, Nature's Path, and an appearance by the L.L. Bean Bootmobile.

This is the 47th year that Nova Scotia has given a tree to the people of Boston as thanks for relief efforts following the December 6, 1917, explosion of a munitions ship in Halifax Harbor. Within 24 hours of the disaster a train loaded with supplies and emergency personnel was making its way from Boston to Nova Scotia. For more information please call (617) 635-4505, go to [www.boston.gov/parks](http://www.boston.gov/parks), or visit us on Facebook. For Boston Common parking information go to [www.mass-convention.com/bcg.html](http://www.mass-convention.com/bcg.html).

## NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDUP

### Hill Holiday House Tour returns Dec. 9

The Beacon Hill Holiday House Tour returns on Sunday, Dec. 9, from noon to 4 p.m.

For more than 20 years, the Nichols House Museum has organized and hosted the tour, which offers the public a rare opportunity to experience a select group of remarkable private residences.

This year, the Nichols House Museum is partnering with the Colonial Society of Massachusetts, the William Hickling Prescott House and six private homeowners to showcase outstanding examples of historic preservation, as well as creative modern interpretation and adaptation in a broad range of architectural and interior design styles.

During the event, the Nichols House Museum also invites you to explore "Craftswomen: The Woodworkings of Rose and Margaret Nichols in Arts & Crafts New England," a special pop-up exhibition honoring a new museum acquisition. By purchasing a ticket, you will be contributing financial support for the Nichols House Museum's ongoing preservation and programming needs.

A reception also takes place at the William Hickling Prescott House from 3 to 5 p.m.

General admission tickets are \$125 each; link for tickets

on the event page at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/beacon-hill-holiday-house-tour-tickets-51308282454>.

### King's Chapel's Tuesday Recitals

King's Chapel, 58 Tremont St., presents its Tuesday Recitals. Admission is by suggested donation of \$5 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 "Songs of Wild Imaginings," with Rob Flax (violin-voice-guitar), on Nov. 27.

### 'Rock the Holidays Film Series' at West End Branch Library

The West End Branch of the Boston Public Library, located at 151 Cambridge St., presents "Rock the Holidays Film Series," including screenings of "The Blues Brothers" (1980, 133 minutes, Rated R) on Wednesday, Nov. 28, at 3 p.m.; "The Buddy Holly Story" (1978, 114 minutes, Rated PG) on Wednesday, Dec. 5, at 3 p.m.; "Almost Famous" (2000, 123 minutes, Rated R) on Wednesday, Dec. 12, at 3 p.m.; "School of Rock" (2003, 109 minutes, Rated PG-13) on Wednesday, Dec. 19, at 3 p.m.; and "The Commitments" (1991, 117 min-

utes, Rated R) on Wednesday, Dec. 26, at 3 p.m.; Call 617-523-3957 for more information.

### 'Messiah' sing-along at Church on the Hill

In 1818 the "Messiah" had its first full performance in Boston. Also, in that year, the Boston Society of the New Jerusalem/Church on the Hill was founded. Join Church on the Hill, 140 Bowdoin St., to celebrate these two momentous events on Thursday, Nov. 29, at 7:30 p.m.

The special-guest conductor will be Danica A. Buckley, leading the vocal soloists and orchestral musicians in a sing-along performance of Handel's magnificent music, including "Part I" and the "Hallelujah Chorus." Join in the singing or be part of the audience.

The ticket price is \$18.18 (the entire box-office proceeds and donations will go to support underprivileged young musicians). Bring your copy of the musical score or purchase a score at the door. This venue is handicap accessible.

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

### Peanuts gang coming to Boch Center Shubert Theatre

Just in time for the holiday season, the Peanuts gang will be coming to the Boch Center Shubert Theatre from Nov. 29 through Dec. 2 for "A Charlie Brown Christmas Live On Stage." Tickets are on sale and can be purchased at the Boch Center Box Office, online at [www.bochcenter.org](http://www.bochcenter.org), or by phone: 866-348-9738.

### West End Branch Library annual holiday party

The West End Branch of the Boston Public Library, located at 151 Cambridge St., presents its annual holiday party on Thursday, Dec. 6, at 6:30 p.m.

The event will feature live music by vocalist Will McMillan, accompanied by Joe Reid on keyboards, performing classic songs by Judy Garland, as well as winter classics such as "Jingle Bells," "Sleigh Ride," "Winter Wonderland," "Rudolph The Red-Nosed Reindeer," "The Christmas Song" and "Silent Night." Refreshments will be served.

Call 617-523-3957 for more information.

### Beacon Hill Holiday Stroll returns Dec. 6

The Beacon Hill Business Association presents the Beacon Hill Holiday Stroll on Thursday, Dec. 6, from 6 to 9 p.m.

The annual holiday celebration includes Pictures with Santa at Hill House from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., and the tree-lighting at Charles and Mt. Vernon streets at 7 p.m.; performances by the Back Bay Ringers, a brass quartet and the King's Chapel carolers; and complimentary horse-drawn carriage rides.

### 'A Christmas Carol' comes to North Shore Music Theatre

Bill Hanney's North Shore Music Theatre (NSMT) will once again present the area's most beloved production of "A Christmas Carol" sponsored by MarketStreet Lynnfield. This award-winning, original musical adaptation was created solely for North Shore Music Theatre and cannot be seen anywhere else. Two cast members, David Coffee (Ebenezer Scrooge) and Cheryl McMahon (Mrs. Dilber), will be both celebrating their 25th appearance in the holiday show. "A Christmas Carol" will play 14 performances from Friday, Dec. 7 through Sunday, Dec. 23.

Throughout the run, NSMT will be collecting toys in the lobby for Tiny Tim's Toy Drive. NSMT will be accepting unopened, unwrapped toys for boys and girls ages 2 to 12. All toys will be donated to Toys for Tots.

Tickets are priced from \$64 to \$79 – all tickets for children 18 and under are \$35. Performances are Dec. 7-23 (Evening shows Dec. 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, 16, 20, 21 and 22 at 7:30 p.m.; Matinees Dec. 8, 9, 15, 16, and 22 at 2 p.m.) Tickets can be purchased by calling the North Shore Music Theatre box office at 978-232-7200, via the website at [www.nsmnt.org](http://www.nsmnt.org) or in person at 62 Dunham Road (Route 128, exit 19), Beverly, MA. Also, OUT at the North Shore, an evening for the Gay and Lesbian Community with a post-show reception (sponsored in part by Ryan & Wood Inc. Distilleries) on Dec. 14 after the 7:30 p.m. performance.

### Hidden Gallery Holiday Art Show

The Hidden Gallery at 25 Myrtle St. will hold its Holiday Art Show on Saturdays and Sundays, Dec. 8 and 9, and Dec. 15 and 16, from noon to 5 p.m.

Also, gallery hours are Wednesday through Saturday from noon to 5 p.m.

Call 617-419-0527 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 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.")

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### 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.

### '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").

The Church on the Hill sponsors this initiative but we are not promoting any religious ideology.

### '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 [tcfboston@gmail.com](mailto:tcfboston@gmail.com) for more information.

### 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.

### 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 [maria.stella.gulla@bostonabcd.org](mailto:maria.stella.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.

### 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.

### 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.

### Volunteers needed for American Cancer Society cosmetic sessions

The American Cancer Society is currently seeking volunteers for the "Look Good...Feel Better" sessions held at Tufts Medical Center, 800 Washington St. "Look Good...Feel Better" is a free program that teaches cancer patients hands-on cosmetic techniques to help them cope with appearance-related side effects from chemotherapy and/or radiation treatments. Volunteers are needed to assist the cosmetologist conducting the session and are responsible for set-up, cleanup, and any other needs of the program. Programs are held from noon to 2 p.m., one Monday every other month. For more information or to volunteer, contact Nanyamka Hales at 781-314-2611 or via e-mail at [Nanyamka.Hales@cancer.org](mailto:Nanyamka.Hales@cancer.org), or visit [cancer.org](http://cancer.org).

### Be a friend to elderly

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](http://www.fw4elders.org) or call 617-482-1510.

### 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.dbrrotary.org](http://www.dbrrotary.org) or call 617-535-1950.

PLANNING BEGINS FOR SPRING 2019 GREEN AND WHITE BALL

On Tuesday, Nov. 13, the Friends of the Public Garden (FOPG) gathered at Marc Hall Design in the South End to celebrate the commencement of the planning for its spring gala, the Green and White Ball, which will take place at the Four Seasons Hotel Boston on Friday, April 26, 2019. Friends Board Chair, Leslie Adam welcomed guests, while co-chairs Ashley Harmon (Beacon Hill), Amanda Pratt

(Beacon Hill), Jessica Schmitz (Beacon Hill) and Lisa Taffe (Beacon Hill) introduced event partner Marc Hall, who gave guests a sneak peak of his inspiration for next spring's event – the rose. Working with rose varieties from all over the world, Marc and his team demonstrated the making of three spectacular arrangements and excited the guests about what is to come at Boston's most anticipated spring-

time gala.

Over the past 21 years, the Green and White Ball has raised over \$6 million to renew, care, and advocate for the Boston Common, Public Garden, and Commonwealth Avenue Mall, which has been the mission of the Friends since its inception 49 years ago. Proceeds from the events have provided critical funds for annual care and major improvement projects in the parks, to ensure the health and beauty of these important green spaces. For information about the Friends of the Public Garden and the upcoming Green and White Ball on April 26, 2019, visit [www.friendsofthepublicgarden.org](http://www.friendsofthepublicgarden.org).



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