

HAPPY HALLOWEEN

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HALLOWEEN BOO PARTY RETURNS TO MYRTLE STREET PLAYGROUND



The Friends of Myrtle Street Playground again sponsored their Halloween BOO Party on Saturday, Oct. 26, at the playground.

This popular neighborhood costume party brought local youngsters together for an afternoon of “ghostly games and creepy crafts” and a “batty bake sale” to benefit Friends programming, as well as face-painting and a paper airplane contest. Free pizza and cider were also provided, courtesy of Whole Foods.

“The Friends of the Myrtle Street Playground would like to thank the amazing local community for participating in the BOO Party and for bringing the children in their precious costumes,” according to a statement from the group. “We appreciate the incredible support and involvement year-round.”

District 8 city council hopefuls face off at candidates’ forum

By Dan Murphy

Two weeks ahead of the Nov. 5 Boston municipal election, two hopefuls vying for the District 8 city council seat squared off during a wide-ranging candidates’ forum Tuesday, Oct. 22, at Fisher College.

Kenzie Bok, an affordable housing advocate, community leader and the former chair of the Boston Ward 5 Democratic Committee, will face Jennifer Nassour, an attorney and former chair of the Massachusetts Republican Party, in the race for the seat to represent Back Bay, Beacon Hill, Fenway-Kenmore, Mission Hill and the West End currently held by Josh Zakim, who is stepping down after three terms. Peter Nessen, who previously served as secretary of the Executive Office for

Administration and Finance of Massachusetts and as a senior cabinet member under former-Gov. William Weld, was the moderator for the event, which was jointly sponsored by the Beacon Hill Civic Association, the Neighborhood Association of the Back Bay and the West End Civic Association.

Bok said she first became aware of the “power of the council” while working as a budget director for former Councilor Ayanna Pressley, who assumed office in 2010. Since neither Bok nor Pressley, who now serves as a U.S. representative, had ever scrutinized the city’s budget before, Bok said they took a “deep dive” approach that was soon adopted by other members of a council.

Also, Bok pointed to the “collection action” the council can

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New documentary looks back at nation’s deadliest nightclub fire

By Dan Murphy

A new documentary looks back at what remains the deadliest nightclub fire in U.S. history, as well as one of the most tragic chapters in the history of the City of Boston.

Written by Zachary Graves-Miller and Paul R. Miller and directed by Graves-Miller, “Six Locked Doors: The Legacy of

Cocoanut Grove” begins with two local entertainers, Mickey Albert and Jacques Renard, opening Cocoanut Grove at 17 Piedmont St. in 1927, which was modeled after a nightclub bearing the same name in Los Angeles’ Ambassador Hotel. It was a beautiful venue with a ceiling that opened up to allow for dancing under the stars,

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BEACON HILL CIVIC ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY CORNER

Living in a Historic District – a Guide for Beacon Hill Homeowners

What is the difference between the Beacon Hill Architectural Commission and the Beacon Hill Civic Association?

The Beacon Hill Architectural Commission (BHAC) is a division of the City of Boston’s Environment Department and shares offices and staff with the Boston Landmarks Commission. As a branch of city government, it has regulatory authority.

The Beacon Hill Civic Association (BHCA) is a non-profit neighborhood group of residents and property and business owners within the Beacon Hill Historic District. The BHCA is a volunteer organization that helps to preserve and enhance the quality of life on Beacon Hill through community building, civic engagement and historic preservation.

Is my Beacon Hill residence historic?

If your residence falls within the region bounded by Storrow Drive and Cambridge, Bowdoin, Beacon and Park Streets, you live within the Beacon Hill Historic District.

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The color of the famous purple windows or “Lavenders” of Beacon Hill was caused by the chemical reaction of manganese oxide to sunlight in the early- to mid-1800s.

HALLOWEEN STREET CLOSURES ON THE HILL

— FROM 4-8PM ON 10/31 —

- Pinckney St., from Joy St. to Charles St.
- Mt. Vernon St., from Joy St. to Charles St.
- Chestnut St., from Walnut St. to Charles St.
- West Cedar St., from Revere St. to Chestnut St.
- Anderson St., from Myrtle St. to Pinckney St.
- Branch St., from Charles St.

Real Estate Transfers

BUYER 1 BACK BAY	SELLER 1	ADDRESS	PRICE
Giletti, Andrea C	Higgins, Mary O	180 Beacon St #8C	\$850,000
Fogle, Martin A	Oneil, Jean W	160 Commonwealth Ave #521	\$699,500
Schliemann, Peter C	306 Raksha LLC	201 Newbury St #306	\$1,450,000
Mouyal, Simon	Brian D Bertonazzi FT	375 Marlborough St #4	\$2,150,000
Reed, Michael T	Weiss, Benjamin J	121 Saint Botolph St #4	\$1,270,000
Bedi, Abhayjit	Weiss, Robert H	145 Saint Botolph St #21	\$1,130,000
BEACON HILL			
Manzollilo, Barbara A	Dolan Janet E Est	82 Chestnut St #41	\$512,500
Delucia, Elizabeth A	Goldie, Kenneth S	5 W Hill Pl #D	\$900,000
Scott Strode 1991 T	Odell, Christine D	170 W Newton St #2	\$1,680,000
Ditomassi, George R	Ohren, Joel F	12 Walnut St #4	\$800,000
SOUTH END/BAY VILLAGE/KENMORE			
Isabella Street Unit 2	27 Isabella LLC	27 Isabella St #2	\$2,450,000
Pados, Kristin M	Wesseler-Morgan, Amy	507-507A Columbus Ave #3	\$1,100,000
Kimball, Jennifer	Hanover Court LLC	34 E Newton St #6	\$525,000
Krepelka, Andrew J	Nall, Aaron	31 Massachusetts Ave #2-3	\$770,000
Chard, David	Lesnikoski, Beth A	120 Norway St #13	\$588,000
Johnson, Casey	Walsh, Rory P	686 Tremont St #5	\$899,000
Kasper, Mia M	Li-Santiago, Xing L	27 Wareham St #206	\$259,057
Schott, John	Contardo, Jason G	1411 Washington St #19	\$375,000
Trea 350 Wasahington St	TR 350 Washington Corp	350 Washington St	\$134,211,350
Casey, William R	Bourgeois, James	30 Worcester Sq #1	\$495,000
WATERFRONT/DOWNTOWN			
Manhattan 2 T	Hanaka, Martin E	80 Broad St #PH1105	\$1,850,000
Peter F Kielyb T	Klibanov, Alexander M	85 E India Row #23A	\$3,786,250
Peter F Kielyb T	Klibanov, Alexander M	85 E India Row #23B	\$3,786,250
Peter F Kielyb T	Klibanov, Alexander M	85 E India Row #23C	\$3,786,250
Row House Investments Inc	Chinatown Cmnty Lnd T	95 Hudson St #1	\$2,000,000
Chinatown Cmnty Lnd T Inc	Sokol Enterprises LLC	95 Hudson St #1	\$2,000,000
Chinatown Cmnty Lnd T Inc	Sokol Enterprises LLC	95 Hudson St #2	\$2,000,000
Row House Investments Inc	Chinatown Cmnty Lnd T	95 Hudson St #2	\$2,000,000
Row House Investments Inc	Chinatown Cmnty Lnd T	95 Hudson St #3	\$2,000,000
Chinatown Cmnty Lnd T Inc	Sokol Enterprises LLC	95 Hudson St #3	\$2,000,000
Chinatown Cmnty Lnd T Inc	Sokol Enterprises LLC	95 Hudson St #4	\$2,000,000
Row House Investments Inc	Chinatown Cmnty Lnd T	95 Hudson St #4	\$2,000,000
Tapalova, Madina	Lindahl, B John	580 Washington St #5D	\$900,000

ATTENTION TO DETAIL

By PENNY CHERUBINO

THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The wall with a space for the tree to grow is in front of 7 Willow Street built as a part of 37 Chestnut St. circa 1824 and subdivided for the creation of a separate property in 1980.

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

THIS WEEK'S CLUE



BHCA (from pg. 1)

What is a Historic District?

A historic district is a neighborhood with historic, cultural, architectural, and/or aesthetic significance to a city, state, or region, or to the country as a whole. The Historic Beacon Hill District, the oldest historic district in Massachusetts, was created in 1955 by an act of the Massachusetts General Court. The act was designed to promote the educational, economic, and general welfare of the public by preserving and maintaining the Beacon Hill neighborhood as a landmark in the history of American architecture. The BHAC, with members appointed by Boston's mayor and city council, works with homeowners to ensure that the neighborhood's character is protected and preserved.

How does living in a Historic District affect me?

For homeowners on Beacon Hill, living in a historic district means that any change to the exterior of their properties must be reviewed by the BHAC. The Commission evaluates proposed changes according to criteria that include architectural continuity, physical impacts on the building and neighborhood, visibility from a public way, historical accuracy, and appropriateness for the building. These criteria are outlined in the Historic Beacon Hill District Architectural Guidelines, which are available from the Commission, or at <https://www.boston.gov/historic-district/historic-beacon-hill-district>.

It is important to note that the Beacon Hill Civic Association's Architecture Committee reviews all matters considered at the Beacon Hill Architectural Commission prior to any hearing on those matters, and they submit their written opinions to the BHAC prior to those hearings as well.

What do I do if I want to change the color of my front door?

Homeowners in the Historic District who wish to make exterior changes to their properties that will be visible from a public way must apply to the BHAC

for approval. As the commission follows the Historic Beacon Hill District Architectural Guidelines, it may decline to issue a "Certificate of Appropriateness" for your proposed paint color. The members of the commission, who are knowledgeable about historic structures, do not make decisions arbitrarily. If your application is denied, you are encouraged to seek guidance from the commission in making an appropriate selection.

What steps should I take before I start a renovation project?

To obtain approval for exterior changes, property owners should visit the BHAC at Boston City Hall to obtain a copy of the Historic Beacon Hill District Architectural Guidelines and an application form. These are also available on the BHAC website as noted above. Interior changes do not require approval by the BHAC.

How can I learn about the history of a building on Beacon Hill?

The Boston Landmarks Commission has published a guide to researching historic homes that contains information on how to locate building and alteration permits, newspaper articles, maps and other print resources. Historic New England has a large collection of photographs, which can be seen by appointment and can often provide evidence of the earlier appearance of a building. In addition, the Boston Landmarks Commission may have survey information on properties on Beacon Hill.

What can I do to help preserve the Historic Beacon Hill neighborhood?

There are many ways to get involved. You can join the Beacon Hill Civic Association, which helps protect Beacon Hill's residential character in a variety of ways, and take part in their many activities and committees. Also, the Boston Preservation Alliance is a citywide nonprofit organization that provides proactive, grassroots advocacy and educational programming on major issues affect-

ing Boston's historic buildings and communities.

Some important resources:

Beacon Hill Civic Association
617-227-1922 www.bhcivic.org

Boston Preservation Alliance
617 367-2458 www.bostonpreservation.org

Beacon Hill Architectural Commission
617-635-3850 www.boston.gov/historic-district/historic-beacon-hill-district

Boston Landmarks Commission
617-635-3850 www.boston.gov/departments/landmarks-commission

Historic New England
617-227-3956 www.historicnewengland.org

Garlands & Greens, Wednesday, November 13th, 6-9 pm

It's that time of year again as we get ready to decorate the 1,100 gas lamps all over Beacon Hill for the holidays. Garlands & Greens, a favorite neighborhood tradition, will take place on Wednesday, November 13th, at the Hampshire House. Now in its twenty-fourth year (and the 20th year of decorating the entire hill!), Tom Kershaw will once again be our gracious host for this annual event to raise

funds for the garlands and bows to adorn the lampposts. Drinks, delicious hors d'oeuvres, holiday music, and fabulous prizes from our local businesses are sure to make this a special night. Get your tickets in advance at www.bhcivic.org/upcoming-events for this sell-out event and be a part of holiday decorating. \$35 BHCA members, \$40 non-members.

First Friday Coffee Hour will return in December!

First Friday Coffee Hour will return on December 6th. Make plans to stop by and bring a neighbor – learn what the BHCA is up to and how you can get involved while enjoying coffee and donuts! At 74 Joy Street, 8-9am.

Join the BHCA

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 with any questions, comments or concerns, or to become a member.

Upcoming BHCA Meetings

Cambridge Street Committee,
Wednesday, November 6, 6pm, 74 Joy Street

Zoning & Licensing Committee,
Wednesday, November 6, 7pm, 74 Joy Street

Mark your calendar for these BHCA Events!

Beacon Hill Meet & Greet –
November 4th at 75 Chestnut

First Friday Coffee Hour –
December 6th at 74 Joy Street

Decorating Days – December
7th and 8th

48th Annual Beacon Hill Gala –
February 8th at the Four Seasons Hotel

Visit the Beacon Hill Civic Association website www.bhcivic.org or call the office (617-227-1922) for more information on any of these events.

CITY OF BOSTON DISPARITY STUDY Business Outreach Meetings

Mayor Walsh and the City of Boston are committed to the full and equitable participation of minority-owned businesses (MBEs) and woman-owned businesses (WBEs) in our contracting opportunities.

We want to hear from YOU!

- Successes or barriers encountered when doing business or trying to do business with the City (i.e., bonding, insurance, disparate treatment, etc.);
- Recommendations for equitable inclusion of M/WBEs in the City of Boston's bid/proposal procurement policies and procedures; and
- Ease of identifying City contract or subcontracting opportunities.

Thursday, November 7th, 2019

8:00am - 10:00am

VietAID
42 Charles St. Suite D
Dorchester, MA. 02122

Thursday, November 7th, 2019

6:00pm - 8:00pm

JPND
31 Germania St. # A
Jamaica Plain, MA. 02130

Friday, November 8th, 2019

8:00am - 10:00am

Black Market Dudley
2136 Washington St.
Roxbury, MA. 02119

If you are unable to attend these public meetings:

You may submit written testimony about your experiences to Bostondisparity@bbcresearch.com

At each disparity study meeting, food will be provided, the environment will be child-friendly, and interpretation will be made available upon request. Businesses will also have the opportunity to learn about upcoming contracts, the City's certification process, and becoming a City vendor (on-site registration available). We want to work with you!

The City of Boston has commissioned BBC Research and Consulting, Nunnally & Associates, Kelley Chunn & Associates, and Bevco & Associates to conduct a disparity study to assess whether any barriers exist for minority-owned businesses and woman-owned businesses to compete for City contracts.

Who can I contact for more information?

Sheryce Hearn, Deputy Director
City of Boston, Office of Economic Development
(t) 617-635-3449
(e) sheryce.hearns@boston.gov

Iris McClish, Director
BBC Research & Consulting
(t) 303-321-2547
(e) imclish@bbcresearch.com

BEACON HILL BEAT

From Boston Police Area A-1

COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICE: 617-343-4627
DRUG UNIT: 617-343-4879 • EMERGENCIES: 911

Larceny - Shoplifting

10/9/19- A Charles Street market reported two unknown male suspects stole two bottles of alco-

hol that were valued at a total amount of \$90 at approximately 1 p.m.

EDITORIAL

BE SURE TO VOTE TUESDAY

This Tuesday, Nov. 5, is election day in cities and some towns across the state for local offices, including mayoral and council contests.

Not too long ago, local elections in Massachusetts routinely drew voter turnouts of 80-90 percent, almost equivalent to, if not exceeding, presidential elections. However, in recent decades, voter turnout typically has been no more than 30 percent for municipal elections.

We find it ironic that local elections attract the attention of only a fraction of the voters who turn out for the state and national elections. Local government, and those whom we elect to serve in those posts, have much more of an impact on our daily lives than do our state and federal governments.

Local government is in charge of our public safety departments, our schools, our trash collection, the condition of our streets, and almost everything else in between.

The quality of life in our hometown communities affects our families and ourselves -- and our property values -- far more directly than what transpires at the state and national levels.

So we urge all of our readers to get out and vote on Tuesday. The aphorism about the weather -- that we all complain about it, but can't do anything about it -- does not apply to our local government.

We do indeed have the ability to affect what happens at our local government level -- but only if we take the time to vote.



HAPPY HALLOWEEN... TELL YOUR FOLKS TO VOTE

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

SUPPORTS BOK

Dear Editor,

I am reaching out to you today regarding the District 8 City Council election, which is fast approaching. As you know, I was a candidate during this election season and had the opportunity to engage with the other candidates in meaningful dialogue about the most critical issues facing our community. Over the past few weeks, I have also had the opportunity to speak at length with Kenzie Bok regarding the day-to-day quality-of-life issues that we are all faced with as city residents, and, of course, we discussed the much larger district-specific and city-wide issues.

While Kenzie and I have different life experiences and different approaches to serving District 8, we both recognize the great value of community advocacy and how the dedication of District 8 residents has shaped our historic neighborhoods and community green spaces. Kenzie and I also share a sense of urgency with regard to affordable housing, the opioid crisis, public schools, and transportation. It is important for a city councilor to improve the day-to-day issues on the local level while working in parallel on larger strategic initiatives.

I am endorsing Kenzie for City Councilor because she has committed to showing up and advocating for neighbors at community meetings, especially where development is concerned. I am backing her as she agrees that there needs to be a fundamental change with regard to the BRA - not just a name change to BPDA. She understands that the role of Boston City Councilor is to invite people to the table, actively engage residents in substantial dialogue, connect people to resources, and enact change that has measurable and positive impact.

Kenzie has called Boston home for decades, as have I, and we

know that this is the time for strong and active leadership to manage growth while preserving the fabric of our neighborhoods. I look forward to working with Kenzie to improve civic engagement and equity across District 8. Please make a plan to get to the polls on Tuesday, November 5th, to exercise your right to vote - and take a neighbor with you!

Kristen Mobilia
Former District 8 City Council
Candidate
20-year Fenway resident and
community advocate

VOTE ERIN MURPHY FOR CITY COUNCIL AT-LARGE!

Dear Editor,

We are writing to encourage everyone in Boston to vote for Erin Murphy for City Council At-Large on Nov. 5. Erin left her position as a BPS teacher after 22 years in the classroom to run for office for the first time. We know Erin Murphy as a friend, the teacher of our kids, the neighborhood leader who always shows up to help out however she can, and as a person of integrity who is running for office for all the right reasons: To represent the voices of every-day residents in every neighborhood; To improve City services for our seniors, children, and our most vulnerable neighbors; And to bring her formidable work ethic to the full time job of being a Boston City Councilor.

Tuesday's election is an important one. There may be as many as five new City Councilors elected this year, and we hope every resident will make it to the polls on November 5th. All the neighborhoods of Boston deserve a City Councilor who will be a truly independent voice. Erin is a first-time candidate for office, but her roots in our city run deep, as does her commitment to supporting causes that matter to all of us. As

a Boston Public School classroom teacher for 22 years, Erin advocated for her special needs students and their families who were in danger of falling through cracks in the system and not receiving the services they needed. Mayor Walsh named her to his Education Transition team because of her long years of experience in service to public education and Boston families. Erin was also recognized by Gov. Baker and the Gavin Foundation for raising awareness and much-needed funds for addiction and mental health recovery services for those suffering and their families. Erin is a tireless advocate for reducing the stigma of addiction and mental health issues.

Please consider Erin Murphy for one of your four At-Large City Council votes on Tuesday, Nov. 5. Erin has earned her reputation as the "hardest working candidate in the race" by knocking on thousands of doors across the City and meeting residents where they live and work to listen and learn so that she can be a leader who is truly responsive to the needs of our neighborhoods. For a sensible, honest, hard-working At-Large Councilor in City Hall, vote for Erin Murphy!

Sincerely,

Nicole Shand, MATTAPAN
Dan Daly, BRIGHTON

Susan & Danny McMorro, WEST ROXBURY

Anne and John McGahan, SOUTH BOSTON

Nancy Doherty, JAMAICA PLAIN

Jeff Ross, SOUTH END

Luis Grillon, EAST BOSTON

Doug MacDonald, CHARLESTOWN

Anne Cullinane, ROXBURY

Billy Cosetta, SOUTH BOSTON

Jack "JK" Kelly, CHARLESTOWN

Deirdre Manning, DORCHESTER

Angel Argueta, EAST BOSTON

Eddie Brown, HYDE PARK

Kristin & Stephen Walsh, DORCHESTER

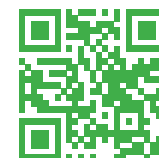
Kathleen Chardavoine, CHARLESTOWN

Judy Kelly Manning, SOUTH BOSTON

Brian and Susan Donelan, ROSLINDALE

Marguerite LeBlanc, HYDE PARK

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GUEST OP-ED

An Olympian's guide to the boardroom

By Michael G. Wilson

I've hit rock bottom more times than I can count.

As a gymnast, I overcame injuries that would have ended many other athletes' careers -- only to watch my Olympic dreams slip out of reach. As a businessman, I built a successful start-up -- and then lost it all.

The main thing I've learned? Setbacks can be productive if you're willing to learn from them. Today, as I lead a successful company, I constantly inform my decision-making with the lessons I learned as an athlete and entrepreneur.

First, never give up.

When I was 12, I trained under gymnastics coach Ralph Reeves,

the toughest coach I ever had. I would spend hours perfecting my craft -- getting up on the pommel horse as I tried not to look down at my cracked and bloodied hands. Upon finishing each routine, Coach Reeves would utter one word: "Again."

As the Junior Olympic Games approached, it looked like my hard work was about to pay off. Then, I blew out my knee and tore my ACL, MCL, and meniscus while training. Refusing to let my injury determine my fate, I went on to win my first national championship.

I eventually graduated from the University of Oklahoma as a five-time All-American and NCAA champion with a spot on the Olympic roster. But due to

President Jimmy Carter's boycott of the 1980 Moscow Olympics, I never got a chance to participate.

I was devastated, but I picked myself up -- again -- and transitioned to the business world. More setbacks awaited.

Second? Forgive others.

In the mid-1980s, I started my first company. But before I knew it, the relationship I had with my business partner soured and I found myself broke, divorced, and living in a tiny apartment on a loan from my ex-father-in-law.

That episode would have been enough for a logical person to never open another business.

Call me illogical. After this incident, I went on to build and sell multiple successful companies. I say this not to brag, but

merely to prove my bona fides to other entrepreneurs who are just starting out and facing their own challenges.

It's crucial to forgive your colleagues, your subordinates, even yourself. I didn't dwell on losing my Olympic dreams; I moved on to compete as a businessman. And I didn't vow revenge on my ex-partner, I forgave him.

Finally, trust but verify.

As an athlete, I had to trust and listen to my body, my doctors, my coaches and trainers to overcome my injuries. After my experiences, I've learned to pay very close attention to what people are saying -- and more importantly, what they aren't saying -- in the boardroom. Reading body language and getting to know people

before you do business with them is just as important as studying their qualifications on paper.

Today, as I lead a business, I spend countless hours strategizing for and planning out my board meetings. Sometimes my preparation lasts three times as long as the actual meeting. But as I learned throughout my athletic experience, preparation is the best way to ensure success.

If you're an entrepreneur, you will eventually experience a business setback. It's inevitable. But the next time you do -- pause, make a game plan, and think to yourself, "again."

Michael Wilson is the CEO of Healthcare Highways. This piece originally ran on InnovationMap.com.

FORUM (from pg. 1)

accomplish together, especially in instances where its members are at odds with the mayor under the city's existing charter system.

In contrast, Nassour said, "Our charter is what it is, but you need a district councilor who is going to fight for you. You're not going to change who has the power, but what you can do is to work with the person in power to promote the views of your constituents."

Bok, who said she would serve as an ombudsman for the District 8 neighborhoods as councilor, said she would attempt to resolve city-wide issues that often overlap.

For instance, Bok cited climate change as a pressing citywide concern, but said it's an especially urgent matter in District 8, which would be more prone to flooding than other parts of the city.

"I would start block by block and scale it up to take on larger challenges," Bok said. "We need to tackle everyday problems and think about long-term solutions."

Like Bok, Nassour said as councilor she would employ both micro and macro approaches in tackling problems. "We need to look at holistic solutions on some things, but others are more specific to the neighborhood," Nassour said.

In regard to City Councilor at-Large Michelle Wu's call to abolish the Boston Planning and Development Agency, Bok said the focus of a city agency created more than 50 years ago to "supercharge the economy" should be shifted to one tasked with finding the "best use of public land for the public good."

Nassour agreed that the agency

needs to be restructured so the planning and development roles are more clearly defined and separated.

Regarding the city's need for affordable housing, Nassour suggested working with the Chamber of Commerce to solicit monies from universities and big businesses to create a \$250-million development fund to meet this need.

Bok maintains Boston would be well advised to look at San Francisco, which she said is five to 10 years further along in terms of unaffordable housing.

"The housing stock just becomes capital accumulation," Bok said. "I don't want to see neighborhoods become neighborhood capital depositories. I want to see neighborhoods."

Also, Bok said affordable housing could be built on public land and coops should be encouraged to help the middle class remain in the city.

Both Nassour and Bok expressed reservations on rent control while applauding a new ordinance that would prohibit Airbnb listings that aren't registered with the city.

In response to how she would balance the interest of different transportation modes in the city, Bok pointed out that Beacon Hill has the highest percentage of residents from any city neighborhood who walk to work while contending with countless cars coming from outside the city that cut through the neighborhood. "We need to shift the focus back to pedestrians," she said.

Bok also called for the implementation of bike lanes "practi-

cally and systematically" to avoid creating ones that "dump you off at dangerous intersections, which aren't good for bicyclists or anyone else."

Likewise, Nassour described the implementation of bike lanes on Beacon Street as dangerous for all modes of transportation while advocating for better enforcement via cameras, a greater police presence and fines to dissuade reckless biking.

As for the citywide School Committee structure, Nassour and Bok also said they would like to see a body whose members aren't all appointed by the mayor. "A hybrid school committee would be the way to go, with both elected and appointed members," Nassour said.

Nassour also underscored the importance of upgrading the city's existing schools while creating safe and comfortable environments inside.

"We need the best teachers and resources in buildings where [students] are comfortable going to school," Nassour said. "We have a lot of schools that are underutilized...and we need to do something with them."

In regard to possible locations for a district elementary school, Kenzi suggested siting it at Winchell School, a Massachusetts General Hospital-owned property at 26 Blossom St., or at an underutilized Fenway school building.

Meanwhile, the candidates were torn on the opening a cannabis dispensary -- recreation or medical -- in District 8 neighborhoods.

Bok described the city's current policy of requiring one-half mile



District 8 city council hopefuls Kenzie Bok and Jennifer Nassour at the Oct. 22 candidates' forum at Fisher College.

between dispensaries as problematic and a possible legal quandary for the city, since most applicants won't ultimately receive permitting even after following through with a costly process.

Instead, the city instead should treat permitting of these establish-

ments in the same manner it currently handles liquor stores, Bok said.

Nassour, on the other hand, said Beacon Hill and Back Bay would be unsuitable locations for dispensaries, given the abundance of schools in both neighborhoods.

A Model for Early Childhood Education in Downtown Boston

Commonwealth Children's Center

a private, non-profit, NAEYC accredited early childhood educational program located on Beacon Hill, has immediate openings for preschool children age 2.9+

www.commchildcenter.com

617-727-4802 ext.10 Susan Rogers or ext.15 Maria Stotts

ELIZABETH 'BIDDY' OWENS HONORED AT NICHOLS HOUSE MUSEUM

On Thursday October 17, the Nichols House Museum presented Elizabeth "Biddy" Owens with the inaugural Rose Standish Nichols Award in recognition of her dedication to historic preservation and committed service to the Nichols House Museum. To celebrate the occasion, friends and supporters gathered at the Union Club to honor Biddy. Proceeds from the event totalled \$90,000, which will support the Museum's on-going programs, events, collection care, and preservation work.



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Dear Boston Neighbors,

We are writing to encourage everyone in Boston to vote for Erin Murphy for City Council At-Large on November 5th. We know Erin Murphy as a friend, the veteran BPS teacher of our children, the neighborhood leader who always shows up to help out however she can, and as a person of integrity who is running for office for all the right reasons: To represent the voices of every-day residents in every neighborhood; To improve City services for our seniors, children, and our most vulnerable neighbors; And to bring her formidable work ethic to the full time job of being a Boston City Councilor.



Tuesday's election is an important one. There may be as many as five new City Councilors elected this year, and we hope every resident will make it to the polls on November 5th. All the neighborhoods of Boston deserve a City Councilor who will be a truly independent voice.

Learn more about Erin at erinforboston.com, and please consider Erin Murphy for one of your four At-Large City Council votes on Tuesday, November 5th. Erin has earned her reputation as the "hardest working candidate in the race" by knocking on thousands of doors across the City and meeting residents where they live and work to listen and learn so that she can be a leader who is truly responsive to the needs of our neighborhoods. For a sensible, honest, hard-working At-Large Councilor in City Hall, vote for Erin Murphy!

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VOTE ERIN MURPHY FOR CITY COUNCIL AT-LARGE ON TUESDAY, NOV. 5th!

STORYBOOK BALL RAISES OVER \$2 MILLION FOR MGHfC

MassGeneral Hospital for Children (MGHfC) traveled “to infinity and beyond” and raised over \$2 million on October 19, celebrating its 20th year of supporting pediatric health via its premier event, Storybook Ball!

Jennifer and Mark Dolins of Chestnut Hill and Andrea and Justin Rosen of Charlestown co-chaired the Toy Story-themed event, which focused on gastrointestinal health and disease in children. The Pediatric Gastroenterology and Nutrition programs at MGHfC provide multidisciplinary care and expertise in gastrointestinal, liver, pancreatic, nutritional and feeding disorders in infants, children, and adolescents.

More than 500 guests came together at The Castle in Back Bay for the black-tie bash, enjoying dinner, dancing with DJ Chris Roxx, and carnival games like Operation and Bean Bag Toss, taking home prizes from local sponsors like Boston Symphony Orchestra, North River Outfitter, and PUMA.

Event planner Rafanelli Events channeled Woody, Buzz and Andy’s gang to bring Toy Story to life, complete with classic arcade games at Pizza Planet and Mr. and Mrs. Potato Head-themed snacks. Boston’s top folks like former Governor Deval Patrick, Herb Chambers, Chef Tiffani Faison, Jay and Christy Cashman, and

over a dozen co-chairs from previous years, including Jennifer Nassour, Rebecca Seidenberg, and Simone Winston, came out to raise a glass to the two decades of this incredible event.

Co-Chairs Jennifer Dolins and Andrea Rosen kicked off the speaking program with a heartfelt welcome. Peter L. Slavin, MD, President, Massachusetts General Hospital, walked guests through the incredible advancements at the hospital over the past two decades thanks to the almost \$30 million Storybook Ball has raised. Ronald E. Kleinman, MD, Physician-in-Chief, MGHfC, introduced a 20 Year in Review video, featuring now-and-then patient stories, and Allan M. Goldstein, MD, Surgeon-in-Chief, MGHfC, led a live appeal.

This year’s featured patient,



Rachel and Allan Goldstein MD.

Liam Doherty (11), was on-hand with his family to share his story. Liam, who has been receiving treatment at the Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) Center at MGHfC since he was diagnosed at six with Crohn’s Disease, ranks his doctor, Pediatric Gastroenterologist Jess L. Kaplan, MD, as one of the most important people in his life. A boy with inspiring resilience and a positive attitude, Liam has raised over \$40,000 in three years via a neighborhood lemonade stand to help find a cure for Crohn’s, truly making lemonade out of lemons.

“There really is no preparation for somebody telling you that your child has a disease without a cure,” said Liam’s mother, Lauren Doherty, in the patient video. “But since day one I’ve really loved the



Kerry Swords and Bryan Rafanelli.

level of care and attention that Liam was given at MassGeneral Hospital for Children.”

After dinner, an animated live auction kicked off with comedian and actor Lenny Clarke, sports radio talk show host Rich Shertenlieb, and auctioneer Stanley Paine. Some of the highlights included a memorable dinner party prepared by Chef Tiffani Faison and Rafanelli Events; an adventurous trip to Ireland with skeet shooting, archery, and high tea; and a five-night Las Vegas expe-

rience, complete with a meet-and-greet with the band Aerosmith after their Deuces Are Wild show

Proceeds from Storybook Ball over the past two decades have allowed MGHfC to provide extraordinary care to patients and their families; to recruit and support the best physicians, surgeons and researchers; and to speed the development of new technologies and cutting-edge research that can transform clinical approaches locally and globally.



Krista McCabe Cruz, Dr. Adeline Boatin and Dr. Rumbi Mushavi.



Dr. Louise Ivers and George Howard.



Anna Sapone and Dr. Alessio Fasano.



Deval and Diane Patrick, Martha and Dr. Ronald Kleinman, Monica and Adam Kleinman.



On Tuesday, November 5th, Re-Elect Michael Flaherty! #1 on the Ballot

During this era of rapid growth and development in our city, Michael Flaherty continues to lead on addressing quality of life concerns for all Bostonians.

Michael Flaherty has worked with communities across Boston on efforts to expand access to affordable housing, address the issue of displacement, extend tenant protections, and advocate for resources to stabilize our neighborhoods.

Michael Flaherty championed the passage and adoption of the Community Preservation Act (CPA), which has now collectively granted an approximate \$42 million for 91 projects across the city devoted to affordable housing, historic preservation and open space.

Michael Flaherty has consistently called for increased access to treatment on-demand for those suffering from substance-abuse disorders and mental health issues, along with advocating for expansion of resources for community health centers across Boston.

Michael Flaherty has called for closing the academic achievement gap by supporting the Student Opportunity Act and introducing an optional Year 13 to prepare students for college and beyond.

Michael Flaherty

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BEACON HILL NURSERY SCHOOL PUMPKIN DECORATING PARTY

On Sunday, Oct. 27, the BHNS community enjoyed a festive Pumpkin Decorating Party. With huge thanks to the co-chairs and volunteers of the Parent Teacher Partnership for organizing the event, BHNS children and their families enjoyed decorating pumpkins with a wide array of materials, played with friends in the gym, and delighted in special themed snacks. With many choosing to come in costume, the partygoers included adventurous pirates, roaring dinosaurs, sparkling princesses, glittering mermaids, and many other wonderfully creative characters! A particular highlight of the day was the chance to see so many young alumni return with their siblings and reconnect with old friends. The Pumpkin Decorating Party, clearly now a treasured annual event, was well-attended on this rainy Sunday afternoon, and was a joyful community-builder for all of the families in our school!



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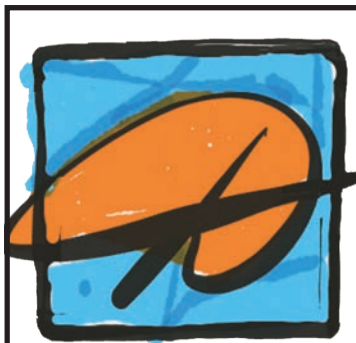


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HILL HOUSE FRIGHT NIGHT

Photos by Mike Mejia

Kids ages 10 to 15 celebrated Halloween with refreshments, music, and games at the Hill House on Friday, October 25. The Hill House is a non-profit community center located in Boston's Beacon Hill.



Charlie Perkins places a skull on Sadie Lopez, who volunteered to be wrapped during a mummy costume competition.



Corey Kumin adjusts Mimi Perkins' glasses during the mummy contest at Fright Night.



Maddie Brown, left, and Charlie Perkins, right, pose for a picture after mummifying their friend, Sadie Lopez.



Panda Bears Elle Stangle and Nevena Wheeler take a break from making slime to pose for a picture.



Naomi Brinkley, center, embraces Greta Nielsen, left, and Elle Stangle, right.



Left to right: Maddie Brown, Corey Kumin, Sadie Lopez, Mimi Perkins, and Emma Kiernan.



Mimi Perkins after being mummified by her friends at the Hill House during the annual Fright Night on Friday, Oct. 25. Kids gathered for Halloween refreshments, games and fun.



Brian Geddy and Riley Forest.



Emily Parker and Caitlin McDough.

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City Council candidate Jennifer Nassour will appear first on the ballot for District 8 voters

Jennifer Nassour is excited to share with voters that she will appear first on the ballot for District 8 City Councilor on Tuesday, November 5.

With just days until the general election for Boston City Council, Jennifer has been hard at work reaching out to voters in each of the unique neighborhoods of the

district, including the West End, Beacon Hill, Back Bay, Fenway, Kenmore, Audubon Circle, and Mission Hill.

“For me, this race has been so rewarding,” says Jennifer Nassour. “I entered this race because I knew we as a city could do better for residents, and I realized that the adversity

I faced in my own life is what motivated me to fight for my neighborhoods. I want to thank every person who shared their stories, concerns, and experiences with me along the way!”

Nassour’s platform has centered on tackling quality of life issues across District 8, including:

- Make our streets and

sidewalks safe for all of us

- Tackle the opioid crisis
- Fix every school for every student
- Clean up trash, littering, and the rats they bring to our neighborhoods

Jennifer Nassour is an attorney and former CEO of the nonpartisan women’s coalition,

ReflectUS. She lives in Back Bay with her three daughters and two dogs. Nassour is running to represent District 8 on the Boston City Council. The election is November 5, 2019. For more information on Jenn’s candidacy, visit jenn4boston.com.

FIFTH ANNUAL PUMPKIN FLOAT AT FROG POND

Photos by Derek Kouyoumjian

The 5th Annual Pumpkin Float at Frog Pond in Boston Common brought much activity and fun for all. Pumpkin and Autumn fans got to bring a small, carved pumpkin to have an LED “candle” put inside and set off on Frog Pond. The event is a partnership between Parks Department and Skating Club Of Boston with Polar Beverages, Xfinity, Holly Bruce, Perfect Party, Hood, LL Bean, Tufts Medical Center, and many other proud sponsors.

A variety of bouncy houses, performances from the Boston Circus Guild members, informational booths from scientific organizations, and more made this free event one worth catching.



Boston Parks And Recreation employees Nancy Novak and Ashley Degiacomo set off pumpkins to float on the Frog Pond.



Tess, Jordan, and Tiegan Lee take on the arts-and-crafts table.

Right, Emily Iannazzi with Affective Neuroscience And Development Lab at Harvard University shows off an actual human brain – perfect for all the Frankensteins coming next week for Halloween.



Vinit Baliyan as Joker.



Right, Willa Pettinelli with her princess pumpkin.

FIRE (from pg. 1)

but since the club opened at the height of Prohibition and consequently couldn't serve alcohol, business was lean in the early years.

A gangster and one-time bootlegger who was described as the "Al Capone of Boston," Charles "King" Solomon owned the Cocoanut Club from 1931 until two years later, when he was gunned down in an after-hours Boston nightclub. During his tenure, Solomon began the habit of keeping the nightclub's doors locked, due to both his fear of being gunned down by rival gangsters, and to deter patrons from skipping out on their tabs. Attorney Barney Welansky purchased and expanded the nightclub following Solomon's unnatural demise while maintaining the closed-door policy.

On the evening of Nov. 28, 1942, Boston College's football team was defeated by Holy Cross in a 55-12 upset at Fenway Park. The team had made reservations at the Cocoanut Club that night, but canceled them in light of the humiliating defeat.

At 10:15 p.m., the fire began in the Melody Lounge downstairs

when 16-year-old busboy Stanley Tomaszewski lit a match in an effort to install a light bulb that a patron had removed earlier that evening. The blaze immediately engulfed the lounge area and reached up the staircase within three minutes, and by 10:20 p.m., it had spread throughout the whole complex.

Firefighters responded to the scene rapidly and were able to extinguish the blaze in short order, but six exit doors were locked, had been blocked or were otherwise not properly functioning while a bottleneck was created at a revolving door as patrons and employees attempted to flee to safety, as several survivors recall in the film.

One survivor recounts walking over corpses before reached a locked exit door, which a firefighter broke down to rescue him, while another said it took months to get the smell of smoke out of her hair.

In all, the fire claimed 492 lives of about 1,000 people on hand at the nightclub that night. (It was only licensed for 500.) Between 100 and 200 other patrons were also injured as a result of the

blaze, many of them severely. One guilt-ridden survivor committed suicide while many others suffered from post-traumatic stress in the aftermath.

Welansky was convicted of 19 counts of manslaughter the next year. He was sentenced to 12 to 15 years in prison and served nearly four years before being pardoned by then-Gov. Maurice J. Tobin.

In the film, former-Boston Mayor Ray Flynn describes the fire "as a tragic event but [one that] did have an impact on public safety," leading to major advances in burn and lung treatments, the advent of new legal precedents and the creation and enforcement of new safety rules were created and enforced.

Yet despite these advances in public safety, the story of Coconut Grove still bears repeating as evinced by the 2003 Station nightclub fire in West Warwick, R.I., that resulted in 100 deaths; and the 2016 Ghost Ship warehouse fire in Oakland, Calif., which took 26 lives.

Visit sixlockeddoors.com for screening times, locations and more information.



Photo Courtesy of the Boston Public Library

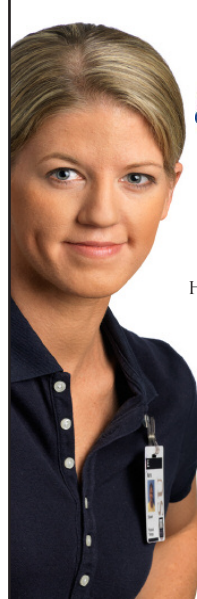
The Cocoanut Grove, which was located at 17 Piedmont St.

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Elisabeth's experience caused her to redirect her own career aspirations. Inspired by the medical professionals who helped her reclaim her active lifestyle, she changed her major to study physical therapy—a profession where her own experience could help other patients prevail through difficult recoveries.

We tell Elisabeth Marra's story here to illustrate two of the most profound messages we know. Don't give up, and remember to give back. If reading it inspires just one more person to achieve something special, then its telling here has been well worth while.



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NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDUP

Kids' Halloween Party at Hill House

Hill House, Inc., located at 127 Mount Vernon St., is sponsoring its free annual Kids' Halloween Party on Thursday, Oct. 31, from 3-5 p.m.

Come for trick-or-treat bag making and other spooky arts-and-crafts, as well as face painting, Halloween games and an adorable photo opportunity by Infinity Portrait Design. Local nonprofit More Than Words will also be on hand with a pop-up shop to help support their youth services organization. This is a great way to celebrate before going trick or treating in the neighborhood.

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 cellist Ben Swartz performing Bach Cello Suites nos. 1 and 6 on Nov. 5; Donald Zook (flute) and Steven Young (organ) performing works by Becker, Cooman, Jensen and more on Nov. 12; Olson/De Cari

Dou (soprano Gioia De Cari and guitarist John Olson) performing works by Harnick, Jobim, Leisner and more on Nov. 19; and Italy's Giorgio Revelli on the C.B. Fisk organ performing works by Bach, Charpentier, Pachelbel and more on Nov. 26.

Children's programs at the West End Branch Library

The West End Branch of the Boston Public Library, located at 151 Cambridge St., offers "Music with Megan" on Fridays until Nov. 8 at 10:30 a.m. Preschoolers join Megan to play rhythm instruments, sing, and move to all kinds of music. This program is ideal for children birth to age 5 with caregivers. Families will be admitted on a first come, first-served basis the day of the program, but other groups can't be accommodated.

Also, the library offers Sherry Eskin's Toddler Time through Nov. 6 at 10:30 a.m. Toddlers and their families join Sherry Eskin for developmentally appropriate songs, stories, and lots of movement. This program is intended for individual child-caregiver pairs. Come prepared to engage with your child(ren).

Concert featuring jazz accordionist and jazz harpist

Come to the Church On The Hill at 140 Bowdoin St. (across the street from the State House) for a concert of music by great jazz composers on Sunday, Nov. 10, at 3 p.m.

This concert will feature the talents of Plamen Karadonev (accordion and piano) and Charles Overton (harpist) performing innovative jazz compositions and Broadway hits. Their repertoire includes compositions by Michel Legrand, Jerry Bergonzi, Plamen Karadonev, Cole Porter and others. The concert is open to the public, admission is \$9, and there will be a reception of savory and sweet delights immediately following the concert.

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

Nichols House Museum to begin Winter Season hours

Beginning Nov. 7, the Nichols House Museum, located at 55 Mt. Vernon St., will begin its Winter Season hours: open Thursday through Saturday with guided tours on the hour at 11:00 a.m.; noon; and 1, 2 and 3 p.m.

Visit www.nicholshousemuseum.org to learn more.

MGH seeking volunteers

The Massachusetts General Hospital Volunteer Department is seeking volunteers to help families connect with loved ones after surgery. Candidates must have the ability to walk extensively, and to push a person in a wheelchair. Shifts are available weekdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and 2 to 6 p.m.

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 wel-

come. To sign up, please contact Mr. Doctor at 617-523-4575 or visit www.churchonthehillboston.org (click on "music").

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

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 noon to 1:30 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.

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 for more information.

West End Food Pantry seeking donations

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FRESH AND LOCAL

Pancakes are international

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

We may think of pancakes as an all-American breakfast dish and a staple of this country's diner food. However, pancakes, in one form or another, are part of many cultures like the French Crêpes, Indian dosa, Chinese Mandarin pancakes, potato latkes, Irish boxty, Russian blini, and Dutch pannenkoeken. While we can't cover all of these, we'll tell you about a few of our favorites.

By Any Other Name

Just think of the many names we have for pancakes— flapjack, griddle cake, hotcake, slapjack, Johnny cake, hoe cake, or silver dollars. Our own breakfast order will usually be for blueberry pancakes with real maple syrup. But, our all time favorite version is the blueberry cornmeal pancake we enjoyed for many years at a little breakfast spot in Provincetown. We are on the trail of this specific recipe!

Alternative Batters

When it comes to alternative batter pancakes, we love the

Vietnamese Crêpe or bánh xèo which literally means sizzling cake. This batter is made of ingredients you could always have in your pantry— rice flour, sugar, coconut milk, and tumeric. No eggs, no milk, just staples are needed and it's gluten free. The batter actually benefits from being refrigerated overnight. The filling can be a traditional mix of bean sprouts, pork, and shrimp, or you can use this base to clean out your leftovers.

When we order moo shu from a local Chinese restaurant we always order extra Mandarin pancakes. This is the same wrapper you're served with Peking duck. These are simply flour, water, and toasted sesame oil. You can purchase these in Chinatown and they are best reheated by gentle steaming. Having them on hand in your freezer provides an alternative to rice when you serve a stir-fry.

Potato Pancakes

As lovers of good latkes, we are ready to take on the many versions of Irish boxty. Since most recipes use leftover mashed potatoes, these may be a delicious way to

use holiday table leftovers in the months ahead.

A boxty is traditionally a combination of leftover mashed potatoes, finely grated raw potato, flour, milk or buttermilk, perhaps eggs, and sometimes baking soda. There are as many recipes as cooks. Some call for all mashed and others for all raw potatoes. What's more, some versions of this dish are baked in a pan as boxty bread or boiled like dumplings.

Oven Pancakes

German pancakes or Dutch Babies are a quick, easy way to enjoy that crêpe flavor without standing at the stove pouring and flipping. The site The Kitchn called them, "... a hybrid (or a love child, if you will) of a pancake, a crepe, and a popover — all in one giant skillet." And, like crêpes you can fill these giant pancakes with sweet or savory goodies.

This batter is very similar to a crêpe batter but is easy to remember, so it can become a meal you know by heart or you can put it on a sticky note inside a cupboard door. The key ingredients are: two eggs, ½ cup of flour, ½ cup of



This Vietnamese Crêpe (bánh xèo) is made from a batter of rice flour, sugar, coconut milk, and tumeric.

milk, and a pinch of salt cooked in 2 tablespoons of butter. Sugar is added for some sweet versions and we have experimented with herbs and spices when we want savory.

Another reason we love pancakes is their ability to let us create the perfect bite on a fork with bits of other favorite foods

like bacon, ham, sausage, syrups, fruits, cheeses, and whatever your heart desires at that moment.

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NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDUP

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 mariastella.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,

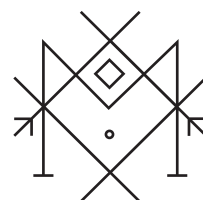
Helen Bender at 617-523-3957 or e-mail hbender@bpl.org to set up an appointment.

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.



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