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'TIS THE SEASON



Photo Courtesy Ivy A. Turner

On Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 7 and 8, Ivy A. Turner and volunteers from the Beacon Hill Civic Association decorated the neighborhood's 1,089 lamp-posts with garlands and bows for the holidays. See Page 7 for more photos.

BHCA board awards first round of Community Fund grants

By Dan Murphy

The Beacon Hill Civic Association board of directors awarded its first round of Community Grant funds totaling \$22,500 during their monthly meeting Monday, Dec. 9, at the Boston Athenæum.

The board voted unanimously

in April to distribute at least \$20,000 each year for an initial period of three years "to community-based Beacon Hill, Cambridge Street, and adjacent neighborhood non-profit organizations, community development corporations, and other civic groups dedicated to promoting and enhancing quality of life in the community

through projects and programs for residents involving the arts and education, youth sports and recreation, day care centers, playgrounds, activities for seniors and persons with special needs and disabilities, community gardens and spaces, affordable housing, social

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BEACON HILL CIVIC ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY CORNER

Thank You to our Holiday Decorators and Donors!

The BHCA would like to thank all the members of our community who helped in some way to decorate Beacon Hill for the holidays. A tradition loved by all, this massive project couldn't happen without the donations we have

received for pole sponsorships, Garlands & Greens tickets (thank you, Tom Kershaw!) and other donations. A huge thanks to Ivy Turner, who has had the dedication and stamina to organize this event for 20 years! Also, our thanks to the students of the Torit Montessori school on Cambridge

Street for cutting the 1,110 pieces of wire we needed to wire the garlands. We are grateful for the help of the Beacon Hill Women's Forum, the Advent School, for Chris Pedersen and his van, and for Michael Maler, Site Manager of the Otis House, for graciously

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Eggnog Party returns to Nichols House Museum

By Dan Murphy

Continuing a beloved neighborhood tradition that dates back more than two decades, the Nichols House Museum will usher in the holiday season tonight, Dec. 12, with its Traditional Beacon Hill Eggnog Party.

"This holiday tradition goes back to at least to the '90s, maybe even further," said Charlotte Wittmann, the museum's development and communications coordinator. "It's a really nice, festive community event that attracts a lot of members and patrons of the museum, as well as neighbors and Beacon Hill residents."

The festivities take place from 6 to 8 p.m. at 55 Mount Vernon

St., at which time besides other beverages and food, guests will be treated to an eggnog recipe concocted by a one-time resident of the living museum Rose Standish Nichols - a renowned landscape architect, author and the eldest daughter of Dr. Arthur Nichols - with help from Mary King, Rose's life-in companion at the end of her life. (Rose bequeathed the building designed by the venerable architect Charles Bulfinch to become a museum following her death in 1960.)

As in years past, the Back Bay Ringers will perform at the party - a tradition Wittmann said pays homage to the interest that members of the Nichols fam-

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PLAYING WITH THE BAND



Photos by Keiko Hiromi

Preston Silva joined the Beacon Hill Brass Band's performance while playing a Star Wars light sabre during the annual Tree Lighting ceremony on Charles Street last Thursday, Dec. 5. See page 6 for more photos.

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allowing us to use their facilities and for working with us all day - start to finish. A true celebration of community!

BHCA Annual Appeal

For 97 years, the Beacon Hill Civic Association has worked to enhance the quality of life for our residents through community building, civic engagement and historic preservation. The Annual Appeal provides vital funding for our ongoing operations, enabling our advocacy work on behalf of the community.

This year, we have separated

the Beacon Hill Gala from the Annual Appeal, and so your Annual Appeal donation is fully tax deductible. Your generosity allows us to continue our mission to preserve and protect our unique and historic neighborhood.

We have much work to do and we can't do it without you. Please watch your mail for the BHCA Annual Appeal envelope or donate online at bhccivic.org/make-a-donation.html. We thank you in advance for your support.

Gala invitations will arrive after the new year.

Upcoming BHCA Events

Architecture Committee Meeting - Monday, December 16th, 5pm, 75 Joy Street

First Friday Coffee Hour - Friday, February 7th, 8-9am, BHCA, 74 Joy Street

Undecorating Days - Saturday and Sunday, January 11th and 12th

48th Annual Beacon Hill Gala - Saturday, February 8th, Four Seasons Hotel Boston

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 strengthen our numbers and add credibility to our purpose as advocates for Beacon Hill. Please call our office at 617-227-1922 or email the BHCA Executive Director at patricia.tully@bhccivic.org with any questions, comments or concerns, or to become a member.

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

**EVENT SHOWCASES
NOBEL PRIZE WINNERS**



Photo by Bryce Vickmark

Nobel Prize winners, Weiss Fund grantees and Beacon Hill residents Abhijit Banerjee and Esther Duflo, along with the third winner Professor Michael Kremer, were on hand for the first-ever conference "Showcasing What's Possible with Small Amounts of Money and Big Ideas" -- highlighting the extraordinary research of both fledgling, as well as well-established researchers on Nov. 28 at the Harvard Faculty Club in Cambridge.



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NICHOLS HOUSE (from pg. 1)

ily had in hand-bell ringing: Dr. Arthur Nichols took up the pastime, which he passed along to his daughter, Margaret, who went on to become a member of the Beacon Hill Ringers - a hand-bell ensemble that evolved into the Back Bay Ringers.

"The museum rooms will also be decorated for the holidays and open for all to visit," Wittmann said in anticipation of tonight's event.

Tickets cost \$30-\$40 and can be purchased at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/traditional-beacon-hill-eggnog-party-tickets-81761106671>.

If you would like to attend, call the Nichols House Museum beforehand at 617-227-6993.



Photos Courtesy of the Nichols House Museum

Above and left, holiday decorations on display at the Nichols House Museum.

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ATTENTION TO DETAIL

BY PENNY CHERUBINO

THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The wrought iron balcony in the last clue is on 2 Derne Street built circa 1849. These balconies add detail to the flat front of this building and its neighbor. Fire escapes and fire balconies must be professionally inspected and certified once every five years.

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THIS WEEK'S CLUE



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EDITORIAL

REMEMBER THOSE WHO ARE LESS FORTUNATE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

"It was the best of times; it was the worst of times."
-- Charles Dickens, A Tale of Two Cities.

With Christmas just two weeks away, most of us will be rushing about -- either to the stores and malls or on-line --- to do our last-minute holiday shopping in hopes of finding that "perfect" gift for our family members and loved ones.

Although the vast majority of Americans have much to be thankful for because of a strong economy and a record-low unemployment rate, there are many of our fellow citizens who have not shared in the general prosperity.

Statistics tell us that millions of Americans of all ages, including those in our own communities, are struggling financially, often through no fault of their own, thanks to a combination of low-wage jobs and a strong real estate market that ironically has made apartments (let alone buying a home) unaffordable.

Far too many of our fellow citizens, including children, live either in shelters or in similar temporary housing arrangements -- or on the streets -- because the reality of our economy has left them out in the cold -- literally -- thanks to high rents and soaring land values.

This dichotomy is most evident and acute in the cities of Los Angeles and San Francisco. Despite the vast wealth in those metropolitan areas, thousands of homeless persons, including many who have full-time jobs, are living in tent and cardboard "neighborhoods" on city sidewalks.

The homeless always have been among us, but the scope and depth of the problem is far beyond anything that has been experienced in our lifetime. The vast discrepancy between the enormous wealth enjoyed by some Americans and the abject poverty being endured by others is similar to what we read about in major urban centers in South America and India - but it now is happening right here in the U.S.A.

For these millions of Americans, the holiday season brings no joy. Indeed, the announcement by the Trump administration last week that there will be a cutback in the Food Stamps program (known as SNAP) that threatens to leave millions of Americans (including many children) hungry is a real-life Grinch story, but without a happy ending.

Psychologists tell us that the Biblical directive, that we should give to those who are less fortunate, actually is the best gift that we can give to ourselves. Giving to others activates regions of the brain associated with pleasure, social connection, and trust, creating the so-called "warm glow" effect.

Whether it be donations to local food banks and toy programs, or even as simple as dropping a few dollars in the buckets of the Salvation Army Santas, there are multiple opportunities in the next two weeks for each and every one of us to make the holidays brighter for those who are less fortunate.

Myles' Musings

By Myles Striar

Let's Hear it Again

Peace on Earth. Good will toward men. And never been more a propos.
Add "girls and women", and say it again. We need to see it and to hear it.
It's the essence of the season's spirit There is no other way to go.

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Who makes Christmas?

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

As we approach Christmas day let's take a moment to salute the grand women of Christmas.

My wife knocks herself out preparing for events like Thanksgiving and Christmas. She started preparing the Thanksgiving meal two weeks in advance and for sure we had a feast. For some time now she has been in charge of locating the right Christmas gift for children and grandchildren and most anyone else. She also wraps the gifts and has the wheels turning for our Christmas meal. Let me stop everything here and interject that I have presented myself front and center many times for helping wrap gifts and even preparing the meal. However, my wrapping and cooking do not "meet up to muster," as we used to say in the country.

My mom worked hard cooking and wrapping and decorating the Christmas tree. The mother of my two sons loved Christmas and always knocked herself out cooking, shopping and wrapping. I remember my grandmother

Hinkle slaving over a stove and my hat is off to my two sisters and deceased mother's in law who did so much to make Christmas meaningful for family and friends. Trust me here I don't want to leave anyone out.

Hear me I am not slighting the men of Christmas. My dad, Joseph and Jesus all count big time. Many men cook, wrap gifts and shop. I've done all of that. For 12 years my now deceased first wife could do nothing because of multiple sclerosis. Whatever was done was on me. Looking back I know I was sorely lacking when it came to pulling it altogether. I simply had to do the best I could and my best wasn't all that great really.

I wonder how many moms and women feel this way. I wonder how women cook their brains out and wrap to exhaustion, clean house and try to make Christmas wonderful and then feel like nobody gives a dang or appreciates what they have done? I bet plenty do. Don't let this happen this year. Praise them! Thank the dear souls who knock themselves out to try to make Christmas happen - for

you and your loved ones.

Mary the mother of Jesus went through a lot. When she became pregnant and still a virgin, who bought her story? Not many. Joseph did and he married her and took care of her and the new baby Jesus. However, starting out as a young mother with so many unknowns and the hardships that came with an unexpected pregnancy in that day were not easy. The Bible says, "But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart." For most of her life before and after the birth of Jesus, she carried a heavy load.

Keep the love, kindness and praise flowing this Christmas - especially for those dear women who often carry a heavy load. Often they are the ones who really make Christmas.

Glenn Mollette is the publisher of Newburgh Press, Liberty Torch and various other publishing imprints; a national columnist - American Issues and Common Sense opinions, analysis, stories and features appear each week in over 500 newspapers, websites and blogs across the United States.

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services, and whatever [it]...deems appropriate."

Of the 20 applications the Civic Association requesting funds were initially reviewed by its Executive Committee, Rob Whitney, president of the group's board of directors, said six recipients were selected.

Rev. Dr. Sarah Garrard and Montez Haywood received a \$10,000 grant on behalf of Old West Church to support its "two-pronged mission" to provide healthy and nutritious meals through its Monday Night Community Dinner and Food Forest programs.

Nils Klinkenberg, executive director of the Beacon Hill Friends House, was awarded \$5,000 to contribute to the nonprofit's Financial Inclusion Fund, which

intends to increase access to affordable housing in the neighborhood to prospective residents.

Sandy Steele, president of the Nichols House Museum board of directors, received \$2,500 on behalf of Linda Marshall, executive director, for the creation of a Visitor Learning Center to help enhance the experience of visitors to the museum.

Likewise, Michael Nichols, executive director of the Esplanade Association, was awarded \$2,500 to work together with the Civic Association to design two clean-up days focusing on the intersection of the Frances Appleton Pedestrian and Longfellow bridges on the Charles River Esplanade.

Jen Matson received \$2,000 to help underwrite promotional and advertising costs for the Beacon

Hill Art Walk, which since 1990, has opened up neighborhood residents' private gardens, alleyways and courtyards for one day each year to view offerings from myriad visual artists and to hear a selection of live music.

Jack Burton, a 16-year-old Chestnut Street resident, was also awarded \$500 grant that to create a story-telling project using video and audio recordings aiming to unite generations throughout the neighborhood that will be shared with the community upon its completion.

Anyone interested in contributing stories and ideas to Burton's project are encouraged to contact him via email at jack_burton22@milton.edu.



Michael Nichols, executive director of the Esplanade Association, receives a Community Fund grant from Rob Whitney, president of the Beacon Hill Civic Association board of directors.



Jen Matson accepts a Community Fund grant to support the Beacon Hill Art Walk from Rob Whitney, president of the Beacon Hill Civic Association board of directors.



Nils Klinkenberg, executive director of the Beacon Hill Friends House, accepts a Community Fund grant from Rob Whitney, president of the Beacon Hill Civic Association board of directors.



Jack Burton (left) accepts his grant from the Beacon Hill Civic Association's Community Fund from Rob Whitney, president of the group's board of directors.



Photos Courtesy of the Beacon Hill Civic Association
Montez Haywood and Rev. Dr. Sarah Garrard of Old West Church receive a Community Fund grant from Rob Whitney, president of the Beacon Hill Civic Association board of directors.



Sandy Steele, president of the Nichols House Museum board of directors (at right), receives a Community Fund grant from Rob Whitney, president of the Beacon Hill Civic Association board of directors.

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BEACON HILL TREE LIGHTING AND HOLIDAY STROLL

Photos by Keiko Hiromi



After the tree was lit, friend and animal friends enjoyed the time. Here, Emma Stanton (holding Finn), Olivia Hancock (holding Koda), Kaylin Riggs and Kelsey Riggs.

The annual Beacon Hill Tree Lighting and Holiday Stroll took place on evening of Dec. 5 on Charles Street. Hosted by Beacon Hill Business Association, the event took place on car-free Charles Street for shoppers and strollers to enjoy music, caroling, horse carriage rides and a lot of family friendly activities to celebrate the holiday season.

At the height of the celebration, Santa Claus helped to light the Christmas tree.



Back Bay Ringers perform at the Tree Lighting.



Ari Vaysberg and Simone Shteyman.



Grace Tedeman, Sadie Hajj and Emily Tedeman show off candy canes before the tree lighting.



Kathy, Cassidy and Jessica Lawless.



Stella and Kevin Belanger.



Santa calling for a countdown to the Tree Lighting.



Brian, Patti and Claire Raab.

Andrey Feng with Santa in front of the brightly-lit tree.



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SCENES OF BHCA DECORATING AREA STREET LAMPS

On Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 7 and 8, Ivy A. Turner and volunteers from the Beacon Hill Civic Association decorated the neighborhood's 1,089 lamp-posts with garlands and bows for the holidays.



Patricia Tully, executive director of the Beacon Hill Civic Association; Ivy A. Turner, and Sandra Gilpatrick of the Beacon Hill Women's Forum.



Advent School students brave the rain Monday to decorate poles on Brimmer Street.

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HILL HOUSE HOLDS ANNUAL VISIT WITH SANTA

Photos by Derek Kouyoumjian

Hill House held its annual Visit With Santa last Thursday, for all kids to connect with the jolly man behind the holiday cheer and give him their list of gifts. Arts and crafts, face painting, and other activities made the experience fun and loosened the tension as the kids got to meet the Big Man himself. Ho, Ho, Ho!



Miller Simon gave Santa his full list while his brother, Ford, thinks things over before it's his turn during the annual Photos with Santa at the Hill House



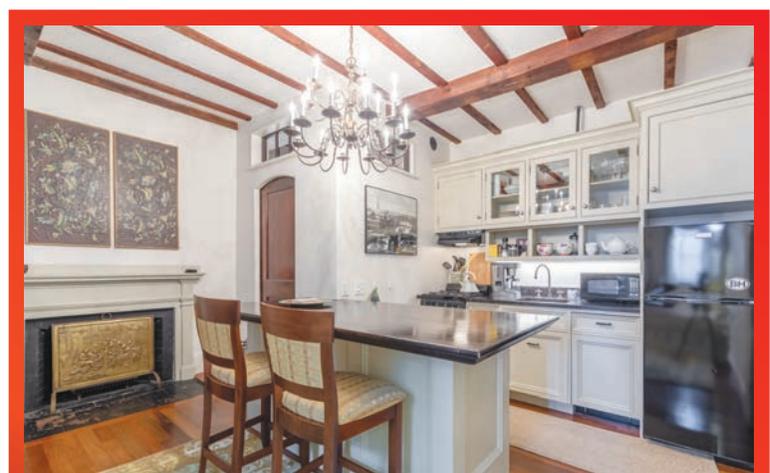
Arden Cha and Jack Levine hit the arts and crafts table.



Claire Weiss shows her enthusiasm for her visit with Santa.



Victoria and Violetta Mezentseva have candy canes in hand after meeting Santa.



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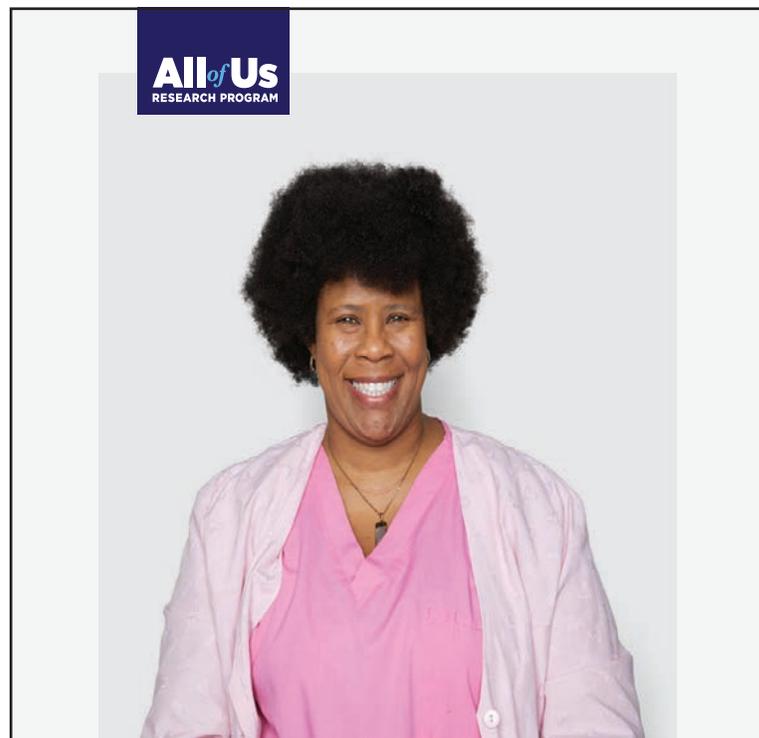
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The founders of local babysitting service Summer Sitters, Ann Davis and Erin Barrett - with Ann's daughter Lucy (left). Summer Sitters were involved with organizing the activities for the kids while they waited to meet Santa.



The founders of local babysitting service Summer Sitters, Ann Davis and Erin Barrett - with Ann's daughter Lucy (left). Summer Sitters were involved with organizing the activities for the kids while they waited to meet Santa.



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Charlotte, Luca, and Olivia Miller (bottom to top) arrive to meet Santa.

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NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDUP

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 Emily Bieber-Harris (soprano), Jennifer Webb (alto), Andy Troska (tenor) Heinrich Christensen (organ) performing Handel's "The Half-Hour Messiah" on Dec. 17.

Coming to the Hidden Gallery

The Hidden Gallery at 25 Myrtle St. presents Fresh Paint New Arrivals Shop for Art on Saturdays, Dec. 14 and 21, from noon to 5 p.m.; and Fresh Paint New Arrivals Last Minute Shopping on Monday, Dec. 23, from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Hill House 2020 Flag Football League registration open

Hill House, Inc. located at 127 Mount Vernon St., will open registration for its 2020 Boston NFL Flag Football League is now open. Register until Dec. 30 to receive the early bird rate of \$125/ per person. This league sees over 150 children from across the city participate and is open to children in Grades K-7. All players will receive a reversible NFL-team-branded jersey and an NFL Flag belt. The season will be nine weeks long, and teams will have a chance to practice, as well as play games at Clemente Field in Boston. Don't wait to register to receive the discount. Registration will be open for individuals and teams. The fall league starts Sept. 8, 2020.

Business networking on the Hill

The Beacon Hill Network is sponsoring an open business-networking event at 75 Chestnut on Wednesday, Jan. 22, from 6 to 8 p.m. These events are open to anyone who would like to do business networking in our local community.

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.

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

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

MGH seeking volunteers

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.

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 (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 tcfof-boston@gmail.com for more information.

West End Food Pantry seeking donations

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

in the neighborhood.

The pantry is located in the West End Branch of the Boston Public Library and is staffed by volunteers from ABCD's North End/West End Neighborhood Service Center. Non-perishable (canned and boxed) items are being sought, including rice, pasta, canned tuna, canned chicken, chili, beans, vegetables, cereal, soups, cup of noodles, etc.

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

Volunteers needed for hot meal program

The North End/West End Neighborhood Service Center

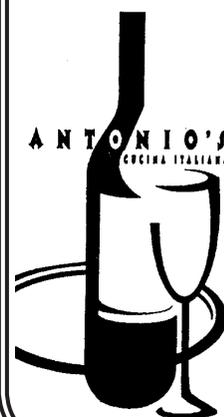
(NE/WE NSC), located at 1 Michelangelo St., serves a hot, fresh, home-cooked lunch to seniors in the neighborhood Mondays and Fridays, and is looking for two volunteers to help with shopping, food preparation cooking, serving and clean-up. The non-profit providing services and programs to low-income residents of the North End, West End and Beacon Hill is looking for volunteers who can assist with the whole meal from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on a Monday and/or Friday, but can make arrangements to fit your schedule.

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

Antonio's Holiday Party Platters

	Half Tray (4-6 people)	Full Tray (8-10 people)
House Salad	\$25.00	\$45.00
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Antipasto	\$35.00	\$70.00
Eggplant Parmigiana	\$40.00	\$80.00
Ziti Saldate	\$30.00	\$60.00
Baked Ziti	\$35.00	\$70.00
Fusilli & Broccoli	\$35.00	\$70.00
Fusilli, Eggplant, Garlic & Oil	\$35.00	\$70.00
Chicken & Ziti Saldate	\$45.00	\$90.00
Chicken, Pasta & Broccoli	\$45.00	\$90.00
Chicken Marsala	\$45.00	\$90.00
Chicken Cutlet Parmigiana	\$45.00	\$80.00
Sausage Cacciatore w/Ziti	\$50.00	\$95.00
Chicken Cacciatore w/Ziti	\$45.00	\$90.00
Shrimp Margarita	\$50.00	\$100.00
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Shrimp Cacciatore w/Ziti	\$50.00	\$100.00
Veal, Pasta & Broccoli	\$50.00	\$100.00
Veal Marsala	\$50.00	\$100.00
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FRESH AND LOCAL

Favorite kitchen tools

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

We've been cleaning out our kitchen cupboards. Two young people setting up their first apartments gave us the perfect excuse to sort out the duplicates, pass on gadgets we no longer use, and reorganize the space so our favorite tools are within reach. This made us very aware of the items we love and use most. Here are just a few of them.

Prep You and Your Space

Preparing to cook has a specific sequence of steps for Penny. She dons an apron, washes her hands, and puts a non-slip cutting board and a flexible cutting mat (for trimmings) in her work area.

Two large rimmed baking sheets with silicone mats come out of the oven to cover the stovetop and extend her workspace. An induction burner is placed on one of them. (Since we bought

induction burners, our cooktop is seldom used.)

The odd-looking pot that's often placed on that burner is a slim, tall "Fourth Burner Pot." We use it to steam vegetables, boil eggs, cook noodles, and make small batches of chicken stock from every rotisserie chicken we buy.

Next, she selects the knife or knives best for the job from an array on magnetic knife racks along one wall. Finally, she'll grab any special tools she'll need for the specific food she's preparing. That might be a mandoline, Thai shredder, bench scraper, microplane, or mortar and pestle. All that happens before she begins to gather the ingredients she needs to make the recipe.

Always Ready

Lazy Susans are key organizers in our tiny place. They're in the pantry, refrigerator, and tucked into kitchen corners. Two salt pigs



Some favorite kitchen tools are silicone mats, induction burners, 4th burner pot, salt pigs, plastic squirt bottles, tongs, kitchen shears, y-peelers, bench scrapers, and Thai shredders.

(a large one with kosher salt and a small one with a finishing salt) live on one with a pepper grinder, and plastic squeeze bottles of local honey, olive oil, and neutral oil within reach when we cook.

Another of those squeeze bottles sits next to the stove with water in it. We have Bon Appétit food director Carla Lalli Music to thank for this idea. In one of her videos, she saved a broken sauce by adding a squirt of water and emulsifying it again. She recalled having worked in a restaurant kitchen where every station had a squeeze bottle of water for quick adjustments.

Heavy duty kitchen shears hang on a hook near the work area. These can cut through small bones. A lighter duty set is usu-

ally in the dish drainer. We use them like Korean cooks for many tasks where others might use a knife, from clipping herbs to cutting meat.

Other Pro Tools

Friends in the restaurant business and years of watching a select group of food media professionals who actually educate, has convinced us of the value of some pro tools.

Our digital scale is used daily. Weighing is simply more accurate than measuring. Quick read digital thermometers are always at hand to check the internal temperature of meats, casseroles, and even bottles of wine.

Blue tape hangs on the side of our refrigerator to identify and

date everything we use around the kitchen. We use dozens of glass canning jars to store our foodstuffs, leftovers, stocks, and prepared food. Tongs are the most used tool living in a ceramic pot of utensils in another corner.

Ed's Favorites!

As the non-cook, Ed's most used kitchen tools are a thin fish knife (he prefers for cutting fruit), our toaster oven, Nespresso machine, salad spinner, and a long bread knife and crumb box for slicing his favorite loaves.

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CALENDAR

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TUESDAY, DEC. 17

CONCERT, Emily Bieber-Harris (soprano), Jennifer Webb (alto), Andy Troska (tenor) Heinrich Christensen (organ) performing Handel's "The Half-Hour Messiah," King's Chapel, 58 Tremont St., 12:15 p.m., suggested donation: \$5, call 617-227-2155 for more information

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 22, 2020

EVENT, Beacon Hill Network open business networking event, 75 Chestnut, 6-8 p.m.

BEACON HILL RESIDENT AND BRIMMER AND MAY STUDENT WINS ATHLETIC AWARD



Elisabeth Fitzgerald '22, Beacon Hill resident and Brimmer and May sophomore, was named to the Independent Girls Conference (IGC) All-League team for Varsity Girls Soccer. Brimmer's Varsity Girls Soccer team finished the season with a record of 8-4-1.

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Breaking and Entering - Commercial
12/01/19 - At approximately 10:59 p.m., police responded to a commercial break at a Cambridge Street donut shop. On arrival, officers met with an employee who had found the front glass door smashed and the cash drawer discarded by the front door. An undetermined the amount of U.S. currency was stolen at this time. Security video footage of the incident is available.

Vandalism - Graffiti
12/01/19 - At around 11 p.m., officers met with Emerson College Police regarding graffiti written on the side of the building at Boylston and Carver streets.

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BOSTON COMMON CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING



Photos by Jon Seamans

Santa Claus leads the crowd in a singalong as the Boston Common Christmas tree is lit in the grand finale of an hour-long entertainment spectacular on Dec. 5 that featured a surprise appearance by country superstar Dolly Parton. Mayor Martin J. Walsh and guests from the Province of Nova Scotia including Minister of Communities, Culture and Heritage Leo Glavine hosted the celebration presented by the Boston Parks and Recreation Department, title sponsor The Province of Nova Scotia, signature sponsor Encore Boston Harbor, Jumbotron sponsor Geico Local Office, presenting sponsors Exelon and the Coca-Cola Company, and media sponsors WCVB Channel 5, Magic 106.7 FM, and The Boston Globe.

Mejia wins at-large race by one vote after recount

By Lauren Bennett

After a recount called by At-Large City Council candidate Alejandra St. Guillen after losing to Julia Mejia by 10 votes on election night, Mejia still came out victorious—but this time by only one vote. Mejia garnered 22,492 votes, and St. Guillen got 22,491, the Election Department announced on Dec. 9. Mejia will fill the fourth vacant At-Large council seat, joining Michelle Wu, Anissa Essaibi-George, and Michael Flaherty, who were all reelected in the September election.

St. Guillen has decided not to challenge the results a second time. In a statement put out by her campaign, she said: "After weighing all the options with my team

and my family, I have come to the decision to not move forward with a court challenge. I am so grateful to every person who supported me over this last year in our campaign to build a better Boston for all. I am so proud of what we accomplished and even though we came up short, I feel like we are all winners."

St. Guillen also congratulated Mejia on her victory and for "running an inspiring campaign and showing us all what we can accomplish when we have the courage to walk in our power." She added that she believe St. Guillen will be an "excellent councilor" and looks forward to being represented to her.

Mejia took to Twitter to show her gratitude for her supporters. "I am so overwhelmed by today's results," Mejia wrote on Monday night. "Thank you to all 22,492 people who believed in this #MejiaMovement. Today goes to show that #EveryVoteCounts. I want to thank my team who have been here from the beginning all the way to today's final count." Mejia also thanked all of the volunteers who aided in the recount process, as well as congratulated St. Guillen on her "incredible campaign." Mejia wrote, "We made history TOGETHER."



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