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Photo by Seth Daniel

With Gov. Charlie Baker giving a standing ovation, Mayor Martin Walsh exits the stage at Symphony Hall in the Back Bay on Tuesday night, Jan. 7, after his annual State of the City Address. Mayor Walsh delivered a 20-minute oration that touched on new initiatives in housing, education and transportation.

Walsh delivers State of the City address

Promises investment in education, transportation, and housing

By Lauren Bennett

Mayor Marty Walsh gave his annual State of the City address at Symphony Hall on Jan. 7, where he made many promises in terms of affordable housing, education, and transportation. He also looked back at what the City has

accomplished over the past year, and how it can continue moving forward.

For the first time, Mayor Walsh highlighted resident success stories ahead of his speech. Four individuals were invited to the stage to share their stories and how Mayor Walsh's programs have helped

their dreams come true.

Yohan Almonte from Mattapan was formerly homeless and ended up in jail, but he said that Mayor Walsh's Operation Exit program "changed my life." The Operation Exit program allows Boston's population most vulnerable to gun

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BEACON HILL CIVIC ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY CORNER

Why Support the BHCA?

By Suzanne Besser, past-president

Year after year, the Beacon Hill Civic Association turns to the community, asking contributions to its Annual Appeal.

So, why support our nonprofit organization?

Take a look outside and you'll find the answer. Since 1922, the BHCA has been affirming the integrity of Beacon Hill and ensuring its future as a livable and attractive residential community. We'd like to keep doing it.

We strive to build communi-

ty, engage residents civically and preserve the historic fabric in this very special and unique neighborhood that we all call home.

We were formed after community leaders in the early 1920s successfully resisted the city's intent to remove the bricks from our

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Taking the Oath

City Council welcomes four new members; elects Kim Janey as council president

By Lauren Bennett

Four new members of the Boston City Council were sworn in at Faneuil Hall on Monday, joining their nine returning colleagues to create a historic council that is majority female and majority people of color. District Councilors Kenzie Bok, Ricardo Arroyo, Liz Breadon, and At-Large Councilor Julia Mejia—the first-ever Latina on the council—all took the oath

of office for the first time.

Mayor Marty Walsh walked the councilors through the oath at the ceremony, and then delivered a speech. "This has certainly been a momentous election in the City of Boston," Walsh said. "This will be the most diverse council in history." He expressed his faith in the councilors and praised their past successes.

"I'm excited to have you and

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Longtime mail carrier to step down at month's end

By Dan Murphy

A longtime fixture of Beacon Hill won't be around as much after Jan. 31, when Nancy O'Hearn retires from her post as a mail carrier in the neighborhood.

O'Hearn has worked for the U.S. Postal Service for the past

23 years and began her regular route 17 years ago, which includes Louisburg Square and Mt. Vernon, Willow and Acorn streets, as well as various side streets.

"I know all the little in and outs and the historical facts about Beacon Hill you pick up along the

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A self-portrait that adorned Nancy O'Hearn's Christmas card from this year.

BHAC approves several signs, denies energy panels on Lime St.

By Lauren Bennett

The Beacon Hill Architectural Commission met for its monthly meeting on Dec. 19, with a full agenda after cancelling its November meeting. Among the list of items heard were proposals for replacement windows, light fixtures, and signs. It was announced at the beginning of the hearing that there would be a hard cutoff at 8 p.m., but the Commission continued to hear some applications after that.

60 Chestnut Street

Attorney Marc LaCasse proposed three remediation items for approval by the Commission for a project at 60 Chestnut St.: the location for a condenser, a planter, and the height of the deck.

LaCasse said that the proposed condenser would not be visible behind the existing planter box that will remain, and the condensers are not visible from the public way. The new condenser is 27 inches tall, and the current ones are 33 inches tall.

LaCasse also proposed to remove the planter wall and

replace it with a new railing. For the height of the deck, the proposal was to “deconstruct the area from the rear of the house to the edge of the garage and rebuilt it,” LaCasse said. He added that the deck will be lowered to the “exact same height as the previous deck from 2016.” A mockup of the deck was requested, he continued.

Abutter Linda Johnson said that “this has been a long-standing issue,” and that permits were not followed. She said there are concerns about the garage being illegal, and in this case, it’s “hard to trust that this will follow through as it wasn’t in the past.”

The Commission ultimately voted to remand to staff the details regarding the visibility of the HVAC units, and everything else was approved as submitted.

12 Lime St.

The proposal at 12 Lime St. was to install five new energy panels on the outside of the stained glass windows at the front-facade main entry.

The project proponent proposed to install these panels between the security and stained glass panels

“to help preserve them as they’re in rough shape,” he said. He said that the concern lies within the fragility of the panels, and without something to protect them, they will continue to deteriorate and “we may lose them altogether.”

Senior Preservation Planner Nick Armata said that the Commission guidelines do not allow these panels to be installed over the stained glass, and the installation of the panels will create a “microclimate” that would actually further deteriorate the stained glass. “It just wouldn’t be appropriate,” Armata said.

The applicant said that the glass would still be able to breathe with the panels installed, but Armata argued that “it just wouldn’t look right according to the guidelines.” Armata suggested that the panels could be installed on the inside as an alternative.

Martha McNamara, Martha McNamara, Director of the New England Arts and Architecture Program at Wellesley College, said that the guidelines don’t allow these types of panels because they are “necessarily highly reflective and detract from the aesthetic purpose and original intent. Even if you’re going to seal it up,” she told the applicant, “a microclimate will cause the glass to deteriorate at a more rapid rate.” She said it would not happen if storm windows were installed on the inside because it is a more climate-controlled space.

The Commission voted to deny this application without prejudice, which allows the applicant to come back with a different

proposal.

104 Mount Vernon St. (11A West Cedar)

A proposal to restore leaded glass on side lights and transom and restoring and repainting the existing door at 104 Mount Vernon St. has already been completed, as the applicant’s painter thought it was approved under administrative review, the applicant said.

Armata said the painter did contact him about this. “We have evidence of the historic color and wanted to point out that this color was approved by this Commission for another Beacon Hill home we owned and is still the same color,” the applicant said. The applicant provided photos of the door prior to being painted Benjamin Moore Grand Entrance Red, as the photos showed evidence around the lock and on the hinge that the door was once painted this color.

“This is a color which is present in the neighborhood,” the applicant said.

The Commission voted to approve the proposal as presented.

70 Charles St.

At 70 Charles St., the owner of Kodomo Boston, presented a proposal to install a wall sign, blade sign, and window decals for her new location in Beacon Hill.

The sign is an existing sign from her closed store in Chestnut Hill. The maker of the sign has since passed away, but he was known for making signs for Beacon Hill stores, the applicant said. The sign is blue with gold carved wood

lettering

A member of the Beacon Hill Civic Association said that she would like to see the signs match the existing ones on the building, as they are all roughly the same dimensions and a square shape. Other signs on the building are for dressboston, Agostino Salon, and Cynthia Driscoll interiors. The proposed Kodomo sign is rectangular.

Armata disagreed, saying that “different variations in signs gives more character to Charles St.”

The application was approved as submitted, with the provisos that there is no additional window signage and the applicant must take the sign with her if she moves locations.

137 Charles St.

At 137 Charles St., which is to become Luxor Hair Studio, the proponent proposed to install a wall sign, a blade sign, and window decals.

The proponent said the blade sign would be replaced in-kind, and the proposed wall sign is 14 inches by 7 feet. On the windows, he proposed white vinyl lettering, and on the door, a logo, as well as operating hours.

The signs were proposed to be made from metal. “We do prefer wood in the district, but there’s no guideline that says that,” Armata said. The applicant said he would explore a wood sign if he had to.

The Commission voted to approve the sign as presented except for the sign in the window.

Area A-1 reports 6-percent drop in Part One crime in '19 from previous year

By Dan Murphy

As 2019 was drawing to a close, Area A-1 had seen a 6-percent drop in incidents of violent and property crime in 2019 as opposed to the previous year.

According to Boston Police, 2,396 incidents of Part One crime were reported in the district, which includes Beacon Hill, Chinatown, Downtown and the North End, between Jan. 1 and Dec. 29, 2019, compared with 2,547 during the same timeframe in 2018.

The rate of homicides remained steady, with one incident each in 2018 and 2019, respectively, while rapes and attempted rapes saw an approximately 18-percent uptick as the number of rapes and

attempted rapes climbed from 22 to 26 in 2019.

Robberies and attempted robberies were down nearly 18 percent as the number dropped to 155 in 2019 from 188 the previous year.

The rate of domestic aggravated assaults remained constant, with 27 incidents each in 2018 and 2019, respectively.

Non-domestic aggravated assaults, on the other hand, were up nearly 7 percent as the number rose to 280 from 262 in 2018.

Commercial burglaries were down nearly 20 percent as the number dropped to 66 in 2019 from 82 the previous year.

Residential burglaries were also down more than 20 percent as the number fell to 47 from 59

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in 2018.

Other burglaries saw a 25-percent decline, with nine incidents in 2019 as opposed to 12 the previous year.

Larcenies from motor vehicles were down nearly 33 percent as the number fell to 207 from 308 in 2018.

The rate of other larcenies was down around 1 percent, with 1,484 incidents in 2019, compared to 1,504 the previous year.

Auto theft, in contrast, saw a nearly 15-percent uptick as the number climbed to 94 from 82 in 2018.

Commercial burglaries were down nearly 20 percent as the number dropped to 66 in 2019 from 82 the previous year.

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Domolky, George C	37-41 Beaver Pl #BP2	\$1,750,000
Epstein, Lawrence R	10 Bowdoin St #409	\$810,000
Chu, Jonathan	286-288 Cambridge St #5	\$445,000
Raish, David L	142 Chestnut St #10	\$1,667,000
Michale P Boyle RET 2008	19 Revere St #7	\$650,000
Fayon, Theresa M	15 River St #304	\$920,000
Oppenheim, Jacob	44 Chandler St #2	\$1,220,000
Quantum Valley Ltd	1 Charles St S #11E	\$2,200,000
Skinner, Robert A	418 Columbus Ave #3	\$1,212,500
Ramsayer Joint RET	6 Columbus Sq #3	\$900,000
Fisher, Emily	17 Holyoke St #3	\$769,000
West Canton Apartments	232 W Canton St #1	\$1,786,000
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THIS WEEK'S ANSWER


The tile awning in the last clue is on 24-30 Lime Street built circa 1912 in the English Revival Style also known as the Tudor Revival Style. Architectural Styles of America and Europe notes, "The style reaches back to England's Tudor period (1500-1559) as a romanticized revival of the timber-frame buildings popular at that time." The style was most often used from 1910 through the 1920s.

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


Your home is our mission.

Eve Dougherty aceteam@compass.com



EDITORIAL

THE EARTH IS ON FIRE

As this is being written, reports indicate that the worst is yet to come for the people of Australia, whose land literally is burning up all around them.

The apocalyptic images of families being driven from their homes, wearing face masks and eye goggles because of the acrid smoke that is darkening the daytime sky, and then being evacuated by boat from the beaches, are something out of a science fiction film.

But now, in 2020, reality has caught up with science fiction.

The Australian bush fires are the apex of what has been a sad, sad year for our planet. The Australian fires already have destroyed about 15 million acres — an area almost as large as West Virginia, more than triple the area destroyed by the 2018 fires in California, and six times the size of the fires last summer in the Amazon.

The fires not only have rendered large areas of the continent uninhabitable for humans, but they also have killed incredible numbers of wildlife — some reports estimate half a billion creatures have perished — threatening some species with extinction.

The bush fires have killed 24 persons and are causing health issues for every person in their path, especially those with existing lung diseases. The air quality in Canberra, the capital city, on New Year's Day was the worst in the world thanks to the smoke cloud that is as wide as Europe and now envelops much of the Australian continent.

The problems attendant to the bush fires are not confined to Australia. New Zealand, which is more than 1200 miles across the ocean, is enduring toxic air pollution levels. In addition, the carbon that is being released by the burning of the bushland will increase even further the carbon dioxide levels in the atmosphere that are the principal cause of global warming and climate change.

The influence of a changing climate is now evident in each day's global weather pattern, according to a study published last week in *Nature Climate Change*.

The study employed a new technique to analyze daily patterns of temperature and moisture across the globe. It found that the locations of above and below average temperature and moisture have been distinct from natural variations on every single day for almost a decade.

The bottom line is simply this: The world is getting hotter day-by-day and therefore bringing a dramatic change to our climate and environment. Some things, such as the massive fires in Australia, are dramatic and noticeable. Others, such as the gradual melting of the glaciers, are subtle, but their effects on the degradation of the planet are just as devastating.

It should be apparent to every thinking person that we are getting very close to a point of no return in terms of climate change. However, with governments across the globe in the hip pockets of the special interests who are opposed to the drastic measures that are needed to prevent further degradation of the environment, it is difficult to be optimistic about the future of our planet.

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ELECTED OFFICIALS



TAKE THE OATH OF OFFICE

GUEST OP-ED

No eraser for 2019, but redemption in 2020

By Melissa Martin, Ph.D.

Will we be the same human beings in the new year? Will this year be different? Will humanity change? Along with 2020 comes the hope and yearning for a more peaceful human race. How do we do try to heal from the tragedies of 2019, but not forget?

Old Year

"Should auld acquaintance be forgot, And never brought to mind? Should auld acquaintance be forgot, And days o' lang syne!" Why do people belt out this tradition song on December 31 at midnight? "Auld Lang Syne" is a Scottish limerick about past relationships. My take—we are to consider and contemplate on whether we want to remember ruptures of past friendships and to repair or not to repair.

The year of 2019 is gone for-

ever. Those 365 days cannot be undone or changed. No rewind button on mistakes. No magic wand to make the past disappear.

What Would We Erase?

Mass shootings. In Dayton, Ohio, nine victims died and 17 were wounded. Twenty-two victims died at a Walmart in El Paso, Texas, in August. In Virginia, 12 victims died and 4 were wounded. We would erase death, trauma, and tragedy. Family and friends would not fall to their knees in anguish. Americans would not mourn with despair.

FEMA lists Disaster Declarations for USA by state for 2019. We would erase typhons, cyclones, hurricanes, tropical storms, massive floods, volcano eruptions, earthquakes, blizzards, sizzling heat waves, raging wildfires—which, in turn, would erase loss of lives and property damage. Accidents. Freak accidents.

Vehicle accidents. Yes, we would erase accidents if we could.

What Would We Erase in Our Personal Lives?

Sometimes we desperately want to erase a day, a week, a month, or an entire year. Acts done to us without our permission. Choices made that we regret. We cannot suck back in the words said in anger. Or unsay words we should have said. The tongue cannot undo a lie. The lips cannot un-tell a secret.

A spouse may want to erase a divorce and begin the marriage again. "There's silence at the table/ He wants to talk but he's not able/ For all the shame that's locked him deep inside/Oh, but her words are the medicine/When she says they can begin again/And forgiveness will set him free tonight/As heaven touches earth." Lyrics by Jason Gray to his song called "Every Act of Love."

If only we could have a do-over day in 2019 and go back in time to make a change. What would we do differently? Would we erase or overcome? Would we become stronger in the broken places or erase what caused the broken places?

Myles' Musings

By Myles Striar

Anatomy Lesson for Social Media Users Who Assume They Are Enlightened

Only Twits Twitter

Used to be if you shot off your mouth or stepped on other people's toes, you'd risk getting punched in the nose.

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way," said O'Hearn, a 66-year-old Malden resident who hails from Somerville. "I think I could [guide] a pretty good walking tour of the neighborhood."

During her tenure in a neighborhood she likens to a "small town," O'Hearn has watched families grow and gotten to know them – and their pets – on a personal basis.

"It's a neighborhood where people are out and walking around, so you get to know people more than if you were in the suburbs or just driving around," O'Hearn said. "I've seen little kids grow up and families form. You really get to be part of the neighborhood, and after 17 years of bringing the mail, it's like my office out there."

One of O'Hearn's fondest memories on the job is Phillips Street resident Mary Grier bringing her dog Sammy and O'Hearn each a popsicle to share on Gier's front step on a hot, summer day.

"Sometimes, someone will just drive by on a warm day, roll down the window and hand you a bottle of water," O'Hearn said. "These small, everyday gestures really mean a lot."

Besides residents of the neighborhood, O'Hearn has met many world-travelers while working on Beacon Hill.

"You see people from all over the world with all the tourists," O'Hearn said, "so you try to look at the neighborhood through their eyes, which makes it that much

OP-ED (from pg. 4)

Change, Grace and Redemption
"That is what life is about. We do not get redos, but we do get second chances."—Jeffrey Fry

According to a 2019 article in the Columbus Dispatch, Harley Blakeman, a former felon, graduated from Ohio State University with a business degree, and recently started a website that helps companies connect with former criminals seeking employment.

"God answers the mess of life with one word: Grace."—Max Lucado

Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all. That's the 8th step in the 12 Steps of AA. Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it. That's the 10th step.

more special."

After enduring more than her fair share of extreme weather of the job, O'Hearn, who estimates she has walked around 30,000 miles on the job, isn't easily fazed by unfavorable conditions. "You get so used to the elements, and after so many years, it doesn't matter how hot or cold you are," she said.

One luxury O'Hearn plans to fully indulge during her retirement is her interest in painting. (Her favorite subjects include dogs and buildings, she said.)

After stepping away from the pastime for a while, she embraced it again in recent years, and Upstairs Downstairs Antiques at 93 Charles St. now regularly exhibits and sells her work.

O'Hearn has also committed to creating some new illustrations in collaboration with Mark Duffield, a Pinckney Street resident and author of the 2011 children's book "The Last Shepard & Tales of the Tenth Ornament."

And while she will admittedly miss seeing her many friends from the neighborhood as often as she now does, O'Hearn said she wouldn't pine for waking up at 4:45 a.m. each day to go to work.

"I am thankful that I was in such a nice neighborhood, and I really did appreciate everything," O'Hearn said. "It has been a great place to work for all these years, and I thank [the neighborhood's residents] for making it so."

BHCA (from pg. 1)

sidewalks and repave them instead with paving blocks. In every generation since, neighborhood leaders have stepped forth to assure the neighborhood's livability.

To reduce traffic brought by the advent of the automobile in the early '30s, we advocated for the redesign and widening of Charles streets. Our Traffic Committee turned our roadways into one-way streets, and set up parking restrictions and traffic lights to lessen the congestion. Nowadays our Traffic and Parking Committee is looking toward the future and learning how to cope with changes in transportation brought about by an increase in biking, ride sharing and Waze applications.

Over the years we passionately saved buildings like the former Boston University School of Theology from the wrecking ball, fought for low income housing at the Beacon House, Peter Faneuil School and 250 Cambridge St., contributed to Boston's first zoning laws, fended off the tide of urban renewal that demolished the West End, and initiated a process that eventually turned all of Beacon Hill into a historic district so that it would always be an example of early twentieth century life. Most recently we saved the architectural details of Suffolk's former Donahue Building, one of the few mid-century buildings

remaining in our neighborhood.

We've brought neighbors together at clean up days, cooked hot dogs at the BHCA Fall HillFest, dressed up for the annual Winter Gala and had fun together. We still assemble every year to decorate our lamp posts with garlands and ribbons, celebrate autumn at the Neighborhood Block Party, give talks about historic preservation and civic engagement. This year we will be celebrating our 48th Beacon Hill Gala with friends and neighbors.

This year we worked with several developers to add more housing for families on Beacon Hill in repurposed properties and weighed in on applications for zoning relief and architectural changes.

We've always cared about keeping our neighborhood beautiful and safe. We worked to keep our streets clean and passable, our parks green, our trees healthy and our flower boxes brimming.

We'd like to continue our efforts to keep Beacon Hill a place we and our children want to live in and that's why we need your support.

Together, let's honor the past and look to the future. Thank you for your past support and, if you have not already done so, please give to our Annual Appeal.

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

Upcoming BHCA Meetings

Board of Directors, Monday, January 13th, 7pm, 74 Joy Street

Upcoming BHCA Events

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

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

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

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.



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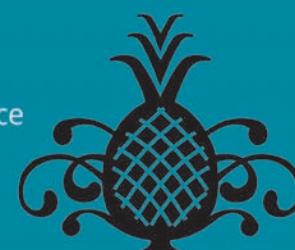
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have new voices as a part of the conversation as we move Boston forward," Wash said. "I want to make sure that Boston is the best city for everyone who wants to live here and be here." He said that right now, there is "zero partnership" in Washington, D.C., and that he believes "Boston can and must show a way forward." Walsh added that Boston will continue to lead with its values, and he is "honored to do this work alongside you," he told the councilors.

District 8 Councilor Kenzie Bok won every precinct in the district and garnered 70 percent of the vote in last November's election. On her inauguration day, she confirmed her excitement and readiness to take on the role of serving her constituents. At the top of Kenzie's list is working on affordable housing, as she has most recently served as Senior Advisor for Policy and Planning at the Boston Housing Authority.

Bok said she's "just ready to get to work. You knock on all these doors and people have so many ideas and things to work on and so I'm ready to get to it."

She joked that her first steps are to get her email up and running and her office in order, but she also has plans for what other issues she wants to tackle first.

The proposed sale of the Hynes Convention Center is a big issue in the Back Bay that will have an effect on the entire city, and Bok said that is high on her list of issues to work on right away.

The feeling of excitement and pride was palpable on Monday morning, especially for the newly elected councilors. "It's such an exciting and historic council to be part of," Bok said. "I think that what's nice; we're going to be collaborating as a whole body on some of the biggest issues that face the city."

After the inauguration ceremony, the councilors headed across the street to City Hall for their first meeting together. District 7 Councilor Kim Janey was elected council president, succeeding Andrea Campbell, who was the first black woman to hold the title.

In her speech, Janey thanked her fellow council members, especially Andrea Campbell for her leadership on racial equity, as well as Mayor Walsh and her family. She also outlined work the council has done this past year, and what she believes needs to be focused on in the coming term.

"I am so proud of the work that we have accomplished together," she told her colleagues. "There is no better way to begin this term than by working with you to create a more inclusive and equitable Boston for all." Janey promised to continue to prioritize racial equity and inclusion as a City Council.

"Representation matters," Janey continued. This council is made up of the first openly gay woman, the first Latina woman, and is more representative of the City of Boston as a whole, she said. "My district has rich history

and amazing cultural assets," she said, but it is also "ground zero for many of the inequalities in our city." There is an "enormous wealth gap" despite economic prosperity in the city, and the housing affordability crisis continues, she added.

She also talked about other issues plaguing the city, such as the climate change crisis which she said "needs urgent action," as well as car congestion that brings the "flow of traffic to a grinding halt." Gun violence is also still too prevalent in many of the city's neighborhoods, she said.

"Working together, we passed the short term rental ordinance, millions of dollars in affordable housing, the wetlands protection ordinance, and a new strengthened Trust Act to protect our immigrant brothers and sisters," Janey said of the council's work this past year.

"We must work collaboratively in our efforts to create a bright future for all of Boston," she said. She also announced the creation of a City Council Committee on Payment in Lieu of Taxes, as this has been a focus of the Council especially this past year. She also proposed free MBTA buses to help with the economic disparities still felt strongly throughout the city. "This is a climate justice and economic justice issue," she said of transportation. "The dangerous decisions coming out of the White House are putting us all at risk and jeopardize our ability to live



City Councilor Kenzie Bok with State Rep. Jay Livingstone, who has supported Bok throughout her campaign.



Kenzie Bok with her parents.

out the American Dream. Who is at the table matters," as it deter-

mines not only what is served, but who gets to eat."

Despite the many issues the city faces, Janey appears ready to take on her new role.

"We must be intentional in creating economic opportunities for local residents, women, and people of color," she said "As the new council president leading the most diverse City Council in history into the new decade, I know the challenges before us require bold action, creative solutions, and strong leadership."

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violence and returning incarcerated people a chance to give back to their communities.

"Now I'm a member of the Laborers Union, earning good pay and the respect of my community," Almonte said. "Mayor Walsh believed in me and I believe in Boston."

Lamarana Bah immigrated to Boston from Sierra Leone 15 years ago, and never thought that he and his wife would be able to own a home to raise their three boys in. Bah said that Mayor Walsh's Neighborhood Homes Initiative, which uses City-owned land for affordable homeownership, helped him with a down payment and a mortgage on a home. He and his wife now own their home in Dorchester.

"Our dream came true and that's why we believe in Boston," Bah said.

Smiler Haynes is 86 years old, and spoke highly of Mayor Walsh's newly rebranded Age Strong Commission. She said she enjoys the senior programs at Grove Hall Community Center, and "I tell all my friends that the Mayor's Age Strong office is a great resource for all kinds of things: free shuttle rides, home repairs, volunteer opportunities, fitness classes—my favorite is tai chi! The City believes in our seniors, and we believe in Boston."

Angel Castillo Pineda immigrated to Boston from Guatemala four years ago. After attending East Boston High School, Pineda said he wants to go to college and joined Mayor Walsh's High School to teacher program. He hopes to return to Boston Public Schools and teach ESL to students like him.

Walsh started his speech by talking about the city's accomplishments. He said in the past six years, over 120,000 new jobs were added to Boston's economy. The crime rate has been cut by nearly 30 percent, arrests are down 33 percent, and almost 5,000 guns have been taken off the streets. "Boston is one of America's safest cities," Walsh said.

Despite the successes, "there's a lot of work still to be done," Walsh said, particularly in the categories of education, transportation, and housing.

On the education front, Walsh talked about investing in "universal pre-kindergarten, longer school days, English language-learning, Special Education, free community college, nurses in every school, mental health counselors, and

housing supports," Walsh said. "We're taking down barriers to learning and closing achievement gaps wherever we find them.

Walsh announced a plan that will provide \$100 million in new revenue for direct classroom funding. He said that this level of investment is unprecedented and he will start with "intense support for underperforming schools."

Transportation is a top issue in the City, as the Mayor said he hears complaints daily about traffic congestion and unreliable public transportation.

Last year, more than 30 miles of roads were resurfaced, 1,000 crosswalks were repainted, sidewalks rebuilt, and safety signage was installed across the city. Bike connections are being improved throughout the city as well.

"Since launching our safety plan, we've cut fatalities on our roads by half," Walsh said. "But one death or injury is too many."

Walsh said that what he hears often from every neighborhood is the need for more enforcement. "This year, I am directing the Boston Police and Transportation Departments to work together and implement a plan to strengthen traffic enforcement in our city. We're going to make our streets work better for everyone."

Additionally, Walsh said that seniors are being protected from MBTA fare increases, late-night bus service for third-shift workers will be provided, and the City is paying for the MBTA to be free for all students in Grades 7-12.

"I'm going to keep advocating and I am calling, once again, for the City of Boston to have a seat on the MBTA board," Walsh said. "It's time to give people a voice. For our economy, our environment, and our quality of life, it's time for 21st-century transportation."

Mayor Walsh also promised unprecedented investment in housing, as it is "the biggest economic challenge our residents face." Walsh said that since he took office, the city has built two thirds of all new homes in the Greater Boston area, and a quarter of the new homes were subsidized last year.

"The data shows our strategy is working," Walsh said. "Rents and home price are stabilizing. But they're still too high for many people."

Walsh announced that \$500 million over five years will be invested to create thousands of homes across the city, "afford-

able to a range of incomes, from the most vulnerable to the middle class."

Starting with \$100 million of city resources will double the city's current investment, Walsh said, and additional revenue will be generated by working with the City Council to sell the Lafayette garage. Additionally, the City will work with the State Legislature to approve the transfer tax that will charge a two percent fee on sales above \$2 million in Boston.

"These investments are transformative," Walsh said. "I invite housing advocates and residents to help us bring them to life."

Affordable homes for seniors will also be built and renovated, and public housing across the city will be preserved, he added.

"And, for the first time in Boston's history, we will issue city-funded rental vouchers, so more low-income families can be stable and secure," Walsh said.

"Altogether, this is one of the most progressive housing policies in America, because we believe in a Boston where housing is more than a commodity, it's our community."

Walsh also praised the city's work on inclusivity and diversity, but pushed for even more diverse Boston.

"Over the past six years, our new hires have been 55 percent women and 51 percent people of color," he said. The Police Department has two Latino officers on the Command Staff for the first time, the new recruits in the Police Academy are 30 percent women and speak 12 different languages, the Fire Department has its first female district chief, first African-American chief of operations, and first Asian-American woman firefighter.

Mayor Walsh said that Boston is a city that fights for equality on all fronts, including social, economic, and environmental justice, supports immigrants, and fights for gender equality, LGBTQ equality, disability rights, veterans' right, and a strong middle class.

Walsh finished his speech with an empowering, hopeful message for the city's future.

"We believe in our young people," Walsh said. We believe in working people. We believe in our elders. We believe in our veterans and first-responders. We believe in immigrants. We believe in second chances. We believe in each other. We believe in Boston."

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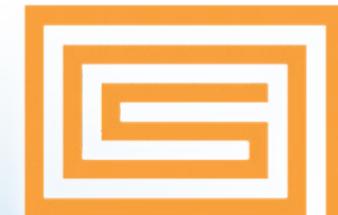
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Become the best guardian

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

Nearly everyone who brings a companion animal into their life intends to take excellent care of that dependent creature. Along the way we all make some mistakes, bad decisions, and false steps. However, each day we also have the opportunity to renew our goal to become the best guardian we can be.

Beyond Food and Shelter

What would you want someone charged with your care to provide for you? Would regular meals and a safe place to stay be enough to make you happy? We bet you'd like good grooming, regular exercise, mental stimulation, good communication, and excellent healthcare.

You'd want your caregiver to make informed decisions about the professionals who serve your needs, the ways they protect you from harm, the foods they feed you, and the medications and treatments they allow others to give you.

Daily Care

Having companion animals is a part-time job on top of whatever else fills your life. Most of us have

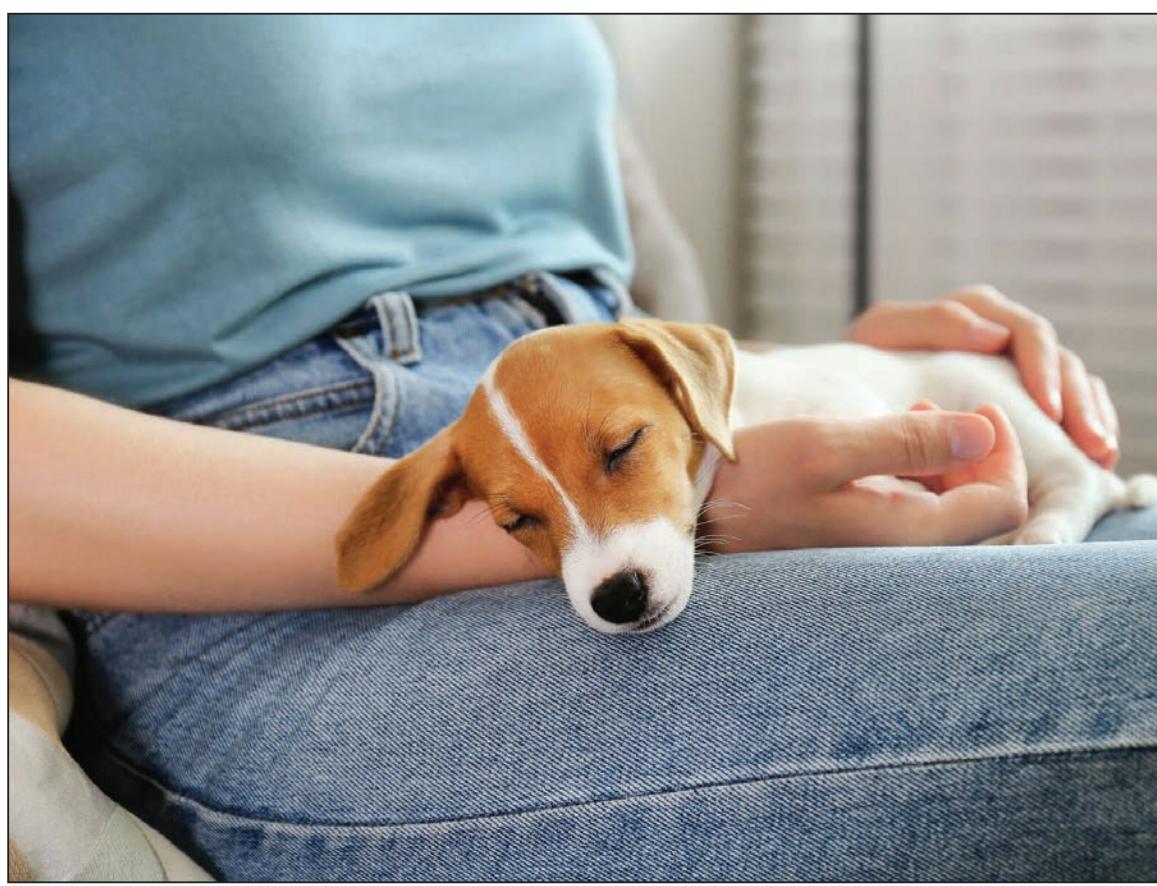
a schedule of daily tasks we do for our pets. We feed, exercise, groom, play with, train, and provide them some at-home healthcare. We choose their walkers, sitters, boarding facilities, friends, veterinarians, and make appointments for all those services.

All of these tasks require that we educate ourselves and keep up with the news on what's happening in the veterinary world. It's important to be alert to any outbreaks of a specific disease in your area or a recall of a food or product you may have in your home.

For example, if you feed a commercial food, you should monitor the Food and Drug Administration's page called "Outbreaks and Advisories." You can also set up a Google Alert that will send you an email if your pet's food hits the news. This system can also be used to follow the latest research and information on medications, medical conditions, or behavioral issues that relate to your animals.

Make Informed Decisions

Gathering information for a big decision regarding medications, treatment plans, testing, and surgery is something most



Whatever mistakes we make caring for our companion animals, each day we can renew our goal to become the best guardians we can be.

of us do. But, we make dozens of smaller decisions every day that can be just as important and per-

haps life-threatening for the creature in your care.

If you use or plan to use a new item, you should know the dangers as well as the advertised benefits. If everyone did an internet search on the dangers of, and which governments are outlawing, items like pinch collars, choke collars, and flexible leashes, there would be far fewer of them in use.

Advocacy for Other Animals

Many of us also feel a responsibility to advocate for and help protect the companion animals we come across in our daily lives. This can take the form of helping someone whose health or temporary circumstances mean less time for their dog or cat.

It can also be reporting animal

abuse whether that takes the form of physical or mental abuse or neglect. Report a dog left in a hot car or outside in the cold. Report a person who lets their dog off leash or their cat roam free in an unprotected and illegal place. We've seen enough close calls to know that can lead to injury or death.

While you may see a new year as a new start, your dog or cat might prefer that you take a moment every day to resolve to do your best for them in return for the love and companionship they give to you.

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On arrival, they were informed two males were causing a problem with customers and stole alcohol from the store. The Suspects

were located, and the liquor was retrieved and returned to the store. The suspects will be summonsed to court.

A short time later, a second call came in from the same location saying that one of the suspects had returned. This time, he was arrested for trespassing and shoplifting.

FRESH AND LOCAL

Kitchen basics... sheet pans

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

Our sheet pans are a hard working bunch. We have the 15" x 21" two-thirds size (the largest we can fit in our oven) down to the 6.5" x 9.5" one-eighth size (perfect for a toaster oven supper for one.)

This addiction began with common 13" x 18" half sheet pans. As we roasted more and more root vegetables, we added a couple of 9.5" x 13" quarter sheets to our inventory so the quickly cooked sweet potatoes could be easily removed from the oven before the longer roasted potatoes.

The more we use these multi-tasking kitchen assistants, the more we appreciate them. We've added silicone mats and fitted wire racks for all sizes. If you roast a spatchcocked chicken on a half sheet pan with a rack, the oven's hot air can circulate to the underside. The same is true of roasted vegetables. Silicone mats make for easy cleanup without using foil or parchment. (We do

however resort to a disposable option when we are making very messy or sticky food.)

Sheet Pan Meals

The Brits call them "Tray Bakes" and Chef Jamie Oliver was an early champion of preparing an entire meal in one oven-safe pan. Most recipes are designed with components like meat and vegetables cut in sizes that will all cook to perfect doneness at the same time. The best versions to make on a sheet pan are those that take on a crusty, sticky, crispy, or roasted finish rather than ones that will be saucy. Sauce needs the higher sides of a baking dish.

Over at Leite's Culinaria, we found a favorite sheet pan recipe for sausage and peppers. Peppers and onions are cut in wide strips and Italian sausage is roasted whole. Everything is tossed with some olive oil, oregano, salt, pepper, and crushed garlic cloves, and spread out on the sheet pan. You roast at 400 degrees for about 20

minutes, turn the sausages, cook for another 15-20 minutes and supper is ready.

Sheet Pan Tips

We use these handy pans for pizza, cookies, crostini, crostata, roasting meat, and drying herbs. We spread items we want to freeze on them before bagging the individually frozen pieces. And if something, like a pie, might drip in the oven you can bet we have a sheet pan under it.

Our prepared ingredients for any recipe are arranged on sheet pans. Dried beans or peas are checked for stones or debris on one.

Cover any stove top burners you're not using with a sheet pan. Not only will it serve as an additional work surface for the cook, but will also keep your cooktop clean.

Professional chefs use sheet pans as a quick way to cover a pan. You'll also see them used to keep one batch of food warm

in an oven while more is being prepared - think French toast or pancakes.

Put a kitchen towel on a large sheet pan, set the rack in place, and you have the perfect spot for drying items you clean as you work in the kitchen.

We store our sheet pans in the oven, pull them out before we turn the oven on, and when clean, return them to the warm oven to dry.

One final tip – before you order any sheet pan size, be sure it will fit the interior dimensions of your ovens. As you may have guessed, this is a mistake we made when we purchased a commercial, full sheet pan. Fortunately, we were able to return it.

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City of Boston kicks off free winter fitness series

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department and the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) have announced the Boston Parks Winter Fitness Series sponsored by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts from January 5 through May 1. The four-month-long series will offer free classes at 11 locations across the city.

Winter offerings include walking group/snowshoeing at Franklin Park, yoga at BCYF Paris Street Community Center in East Boston and Veronica B. Smith Senior Center in Brighton, strength training at BCYF Gallivan Community Center in Mattapan,

Zumba Gold at BCYF Golden Age Senior Center in Charlestown, bootcamp in the ADSL Building at Town Field in Dorchester, barre at BCYF Vine Street Community Center in Roxbury, POUND at Anna Mae Cole Center in Jamaica Plain, chair yoga at Morville House in the Fenway, Zumba at BCYF Curtis Hall in Jamaica Plain, and cardio fitness at the Bubble at Carter Field in Roxbury/South End.

The program is tailored to the interests of residents and participants, including age-friendly classes for kids and older adults as well as those new to fitness classes. By engaging in a citywide

effort to increase opportunities for physical activity, BPHC and the Parks Department aim to further reduce barriers to active living and achieve the goal of ensuring that Bostonians have ample opportunities to be active year-round thanks to the expansion of this program. Outdoor activities are weather permitting.

For more information including dates and times, please visit Boston.gov/winter-fitness. For information on cancellations, check Twitter at @healthyboston and @bostonparksdept or call (617) 534-2355.

Emergency response exercise and evacuation drill Jan. 12

On Sunday, Jan. 12, at approximately 9:00 a.m., there will be an emergency response exercise and evacuation drill involving a Blue Line subway train at Bowdoin Station and yard area. Media and other observers are invited to attend. Members of the media are asked to check in at Bowdoin Station at 9:00 a.m.

While the exercise is scheduled from approximately 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., surrounding neighbors should expect heightened activity in the area starting as early as 6:00 a.m. During this exercise, Blue Line service will terminate/originate at Government Center

Station from 6:00 a.m. to noon on January 12.

This exercise will be conducted jointly with the MBTA Transit Police, the Boston Fire Department, and Boston Emergency Medical Services. The drill is a learning exercise that will include a scenario in which a westbound Blue Line train traveling between Government Center and Bowdoin Stations derails and makes contact with the tunnel wall before coming to a stop with several passengers injured and others evacuating the train. This drill is designed to establish a learning environment for public safety officials to exer-

cise emergency response plans, policies, and procedures as they pertain to a mass casualty event on a Blue Line subway train in a tunnel area. To ensure an effective exercise, subject matter experts and representatives from numerous agencies took part in the planning process and will take part in exercise conduct and evaluation.

Agencies participating in this exercise include MBTA Operations, MBTA Transit Police, the Boston Fire Department, and Boston Emergency Medical Services.

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NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDUP

Nichols House Museum's Neighborhood Open House

The Nichols House Museum at 55 Mt. Vernon St. will hold a Neighborhood Open House at to celebrate Rose Standish Nichols' 148th birthday on Saturday, Jan. 11, from 2 to 4 p.m.

Rose Nichols, author, activist and landscape designer, lived at the house from 1885 until 1960, and she left the house to be a museum for all to enjoy.

Stop in for birthday cake and take a self-guided walk of the museum.

Opera and lieder concert at Church on the Hill

The Church on the Hill at 140 Beacon St. presents a concert performance of opera and lieder on Saturday, Jan. 18, at 3 p.m. (The venue is handicap accessible).

This concert will feature the talents of Lisa Hadley, Jade Espina, Taka Komagata, Max Rydqvist and Sierra Marcy who will perform Samuel Barber's "A Hand Of Bridge" - a work often called a micro-opera, with a total running time of about nine minutes. "A Hand Of Bride" premiered in the U.S. on April 6, 1960, at the Mannes College of Music, and the film adaptation won 24 awards at the 2018-2019 Independent Film Festival.

The other work on this program will be Johannes Brahms' "Liebeslieder Waltzes" ("Love Song Waltzes"). The concert is open to the public, and admission is \$5; there will be a reception with savory and sweet delights immediately following (handicap accessible).

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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 Christine Vitale (violin), Jennifer Lucht (cello) and Heinrich Christensen performing works by Bach and Rheinberger on Jan. 14; Carson Cooman on the C.B. Fisk organ performing works by Ferrari, Sawa and Aberg on Jan. 21; and singer-songwriter/guitarist Brooke Campbell on Jan. 28.

'Con of the Art' film series at West End Branch Library

The Friends of the West End Branch Library presents "The Con of the Art: Documentary Film Series," which focuses on forgeries and the art world at the library located at 151 Cambridge St.

Screenings include "My Kid Could Paint That" (2007, 73 minutes, Rated PG-13) on Wednesday, Jan. 15, at 3 p.m.; "Exit Through the Gift Shop" (2010, 85 minutes, Rated R) on Wednesday, Jan. 22, at 3 p.m.; and "Beltracchi: The Art of Forgery" (2014, 93 minutes, unrated) on Wednesday, Jan. 29, at 3 p.m.

Call 617-523-3957 for more information.

Reading and Playtime' at the West End Branch Library

The West End Branch of the Boston Public Library at 151 Cambridge St. presents "Reading and Playtime" on Saturday, Jan. 11, at 11 a.m.

Remember that time when your child did something amazing and you said, "I have to remember that"? Well... that is what "Alma's Matters" is all about. Come meet Dr. Ido Weinberg, the author of "Alma's Matters". Dr. Ido will read from the book and let guests

peep into behind the scenes of some of the stories. Children and their parents/caregivers will also be able to enjoy playtime and arts and crafts with Alma and her friends. The activity is ideal for families with children ages 2-5 and for anyone who has ever been a toddler themselves.

Call 617-523-3957 for more information.

Second Boston Common Master Plan Open House scheduled

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department and the Friends of the Public Garden invite the public to the second Boston Common Master Plan Open House on Wednesday, Jan. 15, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at the Josiah Quincy School Auditorium, 152 Arlington St.

The entrance for the meeting is located at the corner of Arlington Street and Marginal Road, with an accessible entrance located to the right. Off-street parking is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Public transportation is available via Tufts Medical Center station on the Orange Line.

During this open house, attendees will have the opportunity to hear an overview of the Boston Common Master Plan project and receive an update on the work that has been accomplished to date, hear a summary of the extensive public feedback that has been received, hear a discussion about user needs and infrastructure needs, consider initial concepts for improving the Common and learn about next steps.

Interpretation and translation services for this event are available at no cost by contacting Laura Cawley of the Boston Parks and Recreation Department at Laura.Cawley@boston.gov or by calling 617-961-3013.

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.

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

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

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

MGH seeking volunteers

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.

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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").

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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

CALENDAR

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

TUESDAY, JAN. 11

ACTIVITY, "Reading and Playtime," West End Branch of the Boston Public Library, 151 Cambridge St., 11 a.m., call 617-523-3957 for more information

EVENT, Neighborhood Open House at to celebrate Rose Standish Nichols' 148th birthday, Nichols House Museum, 55 Mt. Vernon St., 2-4 p.m.

TUESDAY, JAN. 14

CONCERT, Christine Vitale (violin), Jennifer Lucht (cello) and Heinrich Christensen performing works by Bach and Rheinberger, King's Chapel, 58 Tremont St., 12:15 p.m., suggested donation: \$5, call 617-227-2155 for more information

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 15

FILM, "My Kid Could Paint That" (2007, 73 minutes, Rated PG-13), West End Branch of the Boston Public

Library, 151 Cambridge St., 3 p.m., call 617-523-3957 for more information

EVENT, Boston Common Master Plan Open House, Josiah Quincy School Auditorium, 152 Arlington St., 5:30-8 p.m., contacting Laura Cawley of the Boston Parks and Recreation Department at Laura.Cawley@boston.gov or by calling 617-961-3013 to receive free interpretation and translation services for this event

151 Cambridge St., 3 p.m., call 617-523-3957 for more information

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

TUESDAY, JAN. 28

CONCERT, singer-songwriter/guitarist Brooke Campbell, King's Chapel, 58 Tremont St., 12:15 p.m., suggested donation: \$5, call 617-227-2155 for more information

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 29

FILM, "Beltracchi: The Art of Forgery" (2014, 93 minutes, unrated), West End Branch of the Boston Public Library, 151 Cambridge St., 3 p.m., call 617-523-3957 for more information

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 22

FILM, "Exit Through the Gift Shop" (2010, 85 minutes, Rated R), West End Branch of the Boston Public Library,

NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDUP

first Tuesday of each month from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

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

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

West End Food Pantry seeking donations

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

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

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

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.

Volunteer at Spaulding Rehab

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

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

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

Be a friend to elderly in need

FriendshipWorks seeks caring people to offer help and support to isolated elders in the Boston area. Volunteers are needed to provide companionship and assist elders with tasks such as reading, organizing, or going for a walk

- lend an hour each week and gain a friend and a new perspective. Volunteers also needed to escort elders to and from medical appointments. No car is needed

Morgan, Brown & Joy elevates Allison B. Cherundolo to partner

Boston labor and employment law firm Morgan, Brown & Joy announces that it has elevated associate Allison Cherundolo of Beacon Hill to partner.

Cherundolo advises employers on virtually every type of employment matter, and defends claims of employment discrimination, retaliation, harassment, wrongful discharge, breach of contract, wage and hour disputes, and other employment-related torts. With a well-rounded practice, she counsels clients on day-to-day business matters as they relate to the employer-employee relationship. She helps businesses run smoothly by proactively addressing employment concerns, preparing handbooks and policies, and guiding employers through legal compliance issues under state and federal law. Cherundolo has been recognized as a "Rising Star" by New England Super Lawyers in the field of labor and employment law.

Jaclyn L. Kugell, Morgan, Brown & Joy's Managing Partner,

and hours are flexible. For more information or to apply online, visit www.fw4elders.org or call 617-482-1510.

said, "Allison is an exceptional attorney with a strong practice and client relationship, and we look forward to her continued success. We welcome her to the firm partnership and look forward to working with her for many years to come."

About Morgan, Brown & Joy, LLP

Morgan, Brown & Joy is among the largest management-side employment law firms in New England, representing a wide range of Fortune 100 corporations, educational and health care institutions and small businesses across all sectors of the economy. The firm's attorneys are known for anticipating and finding solutions to the ever-expanding range of employment-related legal issues in order to avoid the time and cost of litigation. When litigation becomes necessary, the firm aggressively defends its clients and has a proven record of success.

BEACON HILL ARCHITECTURAL COMMISSION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Beacon Hill Architectural Commission will hold a public hearing on Jan. 16, 2020 at 5 p.m. at the Boston City Hall, Piemonte Room, 5th floor. The following will be discussed:

Subject of the hearing will be applications for Certificates of Design Approval on the agenda below, reviews of architectural violations, and such businesses as may come before the commission, in accordance with Chapter 616 of the Acts of 1955 of the Massachusetts General Law as amended. Applications are available for review during business hours at the office of the Environment Department. Applicants or their representatives are required to attend, unless indicated otherwise below. Sign language interpreters are available upon request.

After 5:30 p.m., enter and exit City Hall at the Dock Square entrance on Congress Street (across from Faneuil Hall).

I. VIOLATIONS

APP # 20.704 BH 5 West Cedar Street

Applicant: Anne Stetson
Proposed Work: Ratification

of unapproved "No Trespassing" sign.

II. DESIGN REVIEW

APP # 20.637 BH 45-52 Phillips Street

Applicant: Andrew Constantine
Proposed Work: Replace existing roof deck in kind.

APP # 20.659 BH 45 Mount Vernon Street

Applicant: David Jones
Proposed Work: At rear penthouse, replace all windows and doors in kind.

APP # 20.692 BH 60 Pinckney Street

Applicant: Sean P. Cryts
Proposed Work: At penthouse level, replace three, 18 light doors with wood, 9 over 9, windows.

APP # 20.695 BH 18 Phillips Street

Applicant: John Hecker
Proposed Work: At side façade, replace existing exterior surface mounted lighting with new LED lighting.

APP # 20.702 BH 65 Beacon Street

Applicant: Tracey Urion
Proposed Work: At Beacon Street façade, remove existing signage and replace with updated signage.

nage with new logo. Install vinyl signage on windows.

III. ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW/APPROVAL

In order to expedite the review process, the commission has delegated the approval of certain work items, such as those involving ordinary maintenance and repair, restoration or replacement, or which otherwise have a minimal impact on a building's appearance, to commission staff pending ratification at its monthly public hearing.

Having been identified as meeting these eligibility criteria and all applicable guidelines, the following applications will be approved at this hearing:

Applicants whose projects are listed under this heading NEED NOT APPEAR at the hearing. Following the hearing, you will be issued a Determination Sheet to present at the Inspectional Services Department (1010 Massachusetts Avenue) as proof of project approval when applying for permits. ISD personnel will send an electronic copy of your building-permit application to the commission staff for review. (To avoid potential confusion, the text

of your building-permit application should be consistent with the project description given below.) Commission staff will accordingly authorize the execution of the work, attaching any applicable provisos, reflecting the relevant guidelines and precedents.

please note that following issuance of the determination sheet no further correspondence will be issued for the applications listed below. The electronic building-permit application as annotated by commission staff will constitute your Certificate of Appropriateness; this will be valid for one year from the date of the hearing. The applicant is required to notify the commission of any project changes; failure to do so may affect the status of the approval.

If you have any questions not addressed by the above information, please contact staff at 617.635.3850 or BeaconHillAC@boston.gov.

APP # 20.639 BH 48 Branch Street: At front façade, repoint brick on chimney in kind. Replace damage brick in kind.

APP # 20.699 BH 20 Grove

Street: At front façade all levels, replace 11, non-historic, 2 over 2, wood windows with wood, 2 over 2, replacement windows.

APP # 20.683 BH 34 Myrtle Street: At front façade repair two brownstone window lintels in kind.

APP # 20.654 BH 73 Myrtle Street: At front façade repair existing double doors, replace kick plate, paint to match existing.

APP # 20.693 BH 7 Otis Place: At rear façade, level 2, replace two, non-historic, 2 over 2, wood windows with two, 2 over 2, wood windows.

APP # 20.710 BH 33 Pinckney Street: At front façade, spot repoint brick, wash brick with sure-clean 600.

IV. RATIFICATION OF 12/19/2019 PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

V. STAFF UPDATES

VI. PROJECTED ADJOURNMENT: 7 P.M.

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