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The Sheffield Chamber Players, with violist Alex Vavilov (far right).

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Upcoming concert will benefit Ukrainian musicians

By Dan Murphy

An upcoming concert at Beacon Hill Friends House will benefit Ukrainian musicians – a cause that hits particularly close to home for one of the performers who helped conceive and organize the event.

Violist, Alex Vavilov, who is from Kyiv (and still has family there), and the Sheffield Chamber Players, the group he co-founded in 2014, will perform at the benefit concert on Monday, May 30, at 7 p.m. at Beacon Hill Friends House, located at 8 Chestnut St.,

which takes place both in-person and virtually.

The concert will feature music by Golijov, Mozart, and Shostakovich, as well as an arrangement of Ukrainian songs by Alexei Talanov, a friend of Vavilov's who still lives in Kyiv.

Vavilov grew up in Kyiv but relocated to Boston in 2001 to attend Boston Conservatory and the New England Conservatory. Today, he still has friends in orchestras, as well as his brother, his parents, and his immediate family, all living in Kyiv.

"It's been an incredibly shocking experience for all of us," Vavilov said of seeing Ukraine ravaged by war. "My personal reaction was to try to help in any way I can. One such way is to organize financial support for Ukrainian musicians."

Nearly all the proceeds from the concert will go to benefit the Relief Fund for Ukrainian Musicians, which Vavilov initiated in collaboration with the King Baudouin Foundation United States (KBFUS) and the Lisa Batiashvili

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Storybook Ball announces newborn medicine focus at kick-off

Special to the Times

Mass General for Children (MGfC) will kick-off its 23rd season of Storybook Ball on June 1st at the Boston Harbor Hotel surrounded by longtime supporters of the event.

Storybook Ball is MGfC's signature fundraiser, at which donor generosity has helped raise more than \$34 million since 1999, helping to provide expert care to its youngest patients and their families. Fiona and James Benenson III and Rachel and Bill Motley return as this year's co-chairs.

At the reception, Ronald E. Kleinman, MD, Physician-in-Chief, MGfC, and Allan M. Goldstein, MD, Surgeon-in-Chief, MGfC, announce Storybook Ball's fundraising focus: Newborn Medicine.

Annually, nearly 4,000 babies are born at Mass General, where most receive care in the postpartum Newborn Family Unit. Approximately 700 of these newborns require more specialized care and are admitted to the Patty Ribakoff Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) or the Special Care Nursery. And nearly 200 critical-

ly ill newborns are transported to MGfC from a vast community hospital network. In total, Mass General for Children touches just over 12,000 births, in a growing network spanning from Martha's Vineyard to Bangor, Maine.

Paul Lerou, MD, chief of the Division of Newborn Medicine, and his team work closely with obstetrical colleagues at Mass General to provide individualized care for new mothers and their families before, during, and after childbirth. For patients needing

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2022 BEACON AWARD WINNERS

Gary Drug receives Beacon Award

By Dan Murphy

During the Beacon Hill Civic Association's 100th annual meeting, which returned after three years as an in-person event on Monday, May 16, at the Union Club, Gary Drug Co. received one of this year's two 25th annual Beacon Awards in recognition of the longstanding Charles Street pharmacy's "significant and sustained contribution to the Beacon Hill community."

The self-described "neighborhood legend since 1934," located at 59 Charles St., was purchased in 1972 by Herman Greenfield, who was awarded the Beacon Award in 2002 in recognition of Gary Drug's dedicated service to the neighborhood. (He also bought the building where the pharmacy is located in 1978.) In the '90s, Herman transferred ownership of the business to

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Beacon Award goes to Hill House

By Dan Murphy

One of the winners of this year's Beacon Awards, Hill House has been consistently making a "sustained and significant contribution" to the neighborhood since its inception in 1966.

The longstanding nonprofit community-center and self-described "your backyard in the city" was incorporated in the spring of that year at 74 Joy St. It remained at that location until 2001, when with a boost from a donation made by then-Mayor Thomas Menino and the city, and after "countless campaign efforts and three years of renovations, the Mt. Vernon Street firehouse opened its doors as Hill House's new and improved central building," according to Hill House's website.

Today, the organization offers a

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SISTERS GRADUATE FROM COLUMBIA



Eliza Spear Nelson and Rebecca Manning graduated from Columbia University the weekend of May 15. Eliza completed her Executive MBA in the Spring of 2020, while working at Saks Fifth Avenue as a Merchandise Planner. Due to the pandemic, the ceremony was pushed back to this spring. Eliza is currently a Manager of Merchandise Planning at Bergdorf Goodman. Rebecca Manning earned her Columbia MBA with special academic distinction and is the winner of the Nathan Gantcher Prize for Social Enterprise. Rebecca will soon join Technoserve as a Senior Associate on the Strategic Initiatives Team. Eliza and Rebecca grew up on Beacon Hill and are the daughters of Frank and Alecia Manning.

EDITORIAL

NO END IN SIGHT FOR OUR RECURRING NATIONAL NIGHTMARE

The horrific and tragic mass shooting that occurred in Buffalo, New York, on a quiet Saturday afternoon in a supermarket in a predominantly Black community once again has highlighted how the intersection of racial hatred fomented by the internet and the easy availability of assault weapons of mass destruction are causing carnage in communities all across America.

The reality is this: There is no place in the United States that is free from the spectre of gun violence.

The small community of Winthrop is coming up on the one-year anniversary of the shooting death of two Black residents by a young white man armed with a high-capacity handgun on an early-summer Saturday afternoon on a peaceful residential street.

And, similar to the shooter in Buffalo, the white gunman in Winthrop espoused white supremacist views with Nazi emblems among his personal belongings and, it is believed, was en route to a nearby synagogue, though fortunately he was stopped by a Winthrop police sergeant who shot him dead just a few blocks away.

As usual, the aftermath of the tragedy in Buffalo brought calls for regulation of the internet to stop the spread of hate movements and for the regulation of the sale of the military-grade weaponry that makes such incidents possible.

But as usual, it's all just a lot of talk. Meaningful gun control by Congress never will happen because of the stranglehold upon the Republican party (and some Democrats) by the gun lobby, despite overwhelming public support for such measures.

And the internet only grows more toxic day-by-day and lurks as a haven for white supremacists to spread their hateful messages on the Dark Web.

America is trapped in a recurring nightmare of a reality of our own creation that, no matter how many times we replay it, we are unable to change.

IF WOMEN WERE WORLD LEADERS, THERE WOULD BE NO MORE WARS

It's well-known that men constitute most of the sociopaths among us. A sociopath by definition lacks empathy, a person who has no conscience.

Although childhood trauma and abuse can alter a person's brain, sociopaths for the most part are born, not made. High-tech imaging has shown that the part of the human brain that triggers an empathetic response in most people is non-functioning (or functions minimally) in sociopaths.

It is estimated that only one percent of humanity are sociopaths, but of those, 75-90% are men. And while there are women who are sociopaths, they tend not to be violent. Sociopathic women share the same traits -- pathological lying, for example -- as male sociopaths, but their goal generally manifests itself in financial gain.

The young Russian/German woman who conned New York society (depicted in the Netflix series, *Inventing Anna*) and Elizabeth Holmes, who fleeced investors in her blood analysis company of hundreds of millions of dollars, are examples of female sociopaths.

Sociopathic men also are con artists. Some psychologists have estimated that 10 percent of the men who work on Wall St. are sociopaths such as Bernie Madoff.

But sociopathic men almost exclusively are the serial killers in our society -- Ted Bundy and others like him -- whose crimes horrify us.

Sociopathic men also are the dictators who have wrought carnage on our planet. Hitler, Stalin, Kim Jong-un, and Vladimir Putin readily come to mind.

And when you combine a sociopathic personality with male testosterone, the end result is what we see happening every day in Ukraine.

World events of the past two years have brought to the forefront the strong women who are the heads of their countries -- Jacinda Ardern of New Zealand, Kaja Kallas of Estonia, Sanna Marin of Finland -- and Angela Merkel was the top leader in Europe for 16 years until she recently stepped down.

We are not suggesting that women are better than men, or vice versa.

But in our opinion, it seems reasonable to believe that if all of our world leaders were women, there would be no more wars.

GUEST OP-ED

Buffalo, Laguna Woods, Houston – the world gets crazier every day

Dr. Glenn Mollette

A good person did not enter a grocery store in Buffalo, New York killing ten people and wounding multiple others. A good person did not enter a church in Laguna Woods, California wounding many and killing one person. A good person did not enter a Houston, Texas flea market killing two and wounding at least three more. These are evil people. The police officer who heroically fought back in the Buffalo grocery store with a gun was a good person. He was trying to protect the other good people who were in the grocery store.

If America rounded up all the guns and used them for only police officers and the military, there would still be evil people. Evil plots, make irrational decisions and go to depraved levels to carry out their heinous acts. What an evil person does is beyond the comprehension of everyday moral people. A mentally depraved person thinks in a sphere of unreality. They have thoughts no one else would ever think. Pathetically they put their thoughts into action. The Buffalo shooter drove hundreds of miles. He bought tactical gear and wore protective armor that enabled him to withstand the security guard's bullets and kill the security guard.

Generally, people used to live their lives concerned about what

God or a higher power thought about them. They were interested in pleasing God, their parents, the school teacher, coach or clergy leader. Today, insanity is bowing down to the god of social media. The deranged Buffalo shooter wore a camera so that his social media followers could see what he was doing. People often video themselves sky diving, jumping off cliffs, singing or whatever to show their followers what they are doing. The Buffalo shooter took it to another level and will most likely be mimicked by others. It's interesting that social media has the power to ban a former President but it can't control or prevent an insane live video feed of someone wanting to show others that he is killing people.

Evil people will find a way to carry out their evil schemes. They will find a way to get guns or use cars, planes, trucks, fire or whatever to hurt others. The people killing people in churches and grocery stores are not deer hunters. They aren't wild turkey or rabbit hunters. They aren't the average citizens who just want a gun for their bedside table for protection. The people perpetrating these crimes are deranged.

Our society must find a way to unarm those who are displaying outward signs of craziness or have any records of unlawful activity. Once again, it's difficult to keep guns out of the hands of bad peo-

ple because evil works very hard. However, we must continue to try.

Grocery stores, churches and most businesses will eventually have locked doors. You will need a card to unlock the door much like hotels use today. You will need your name and information registered with the business or house of worship before you'll be able to enter. Armed guards like airport security guards will check your identification when you come to the door. This still doesn't protect the families playing in a city park or those gathering in an open-air sidewalk café. To some extent we will always be vulnerable, everywhere.

The world has felt crazier every day for the last two years. This past weekend proved again that it's not getting better.

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more specialized care, the team partners with pediatric medical and surgical specialists, nurses, nutritionists, respiratory therapists, dietitians, developmental specialists, and social workers to help babies heal, grow, and thrive.

“Providing state-of-the-art care to newborns in the diverse communities we serve across New England requires the expertise of clinicians in both medical and surgical specialties,” said Lerou. “Our incredible team delivers compassionate care to meet the

needs of the entire family and help babies heal, grow, and thrive.”

Storybook Ball is poised to return in person at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston on Saturday, October 1, 2022, in the theme of Chicka Chicka Boom Boom, the bestselling American children’s book written by Bill Martin, Jr. and John Archambault, where little letters of the alphabet get help from their elders while incurring various injuries attempting to climb a coconut tree.

“After two years celebrating

virtually, we are incredibly excited to gather together again, with safety as our top priority,” said Motley. “As we highlight the incredible work that MGfC physicians and researchers are doing in the field of Newborn Medicine, this year’s ball promises to be an impactful one for many.”

Visit storybookballboston.org to learn more about the June 1st reception and October 1st signature event.



Co-Chairs Rachel and Bill Motley.



Co-Chairs James and Fiona Benenson.

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Foundation (LBF) in Germany to support humanitarian assistance for Ukrainian musicians and their families. Vavilov and Christina English, administrative coordinator of Sheffield Chamber Players, are the project coordinator and assistant project coordinator of the Relief Fund, respectively.

To donate to the Relief Fund, which has set a fundraising goal of \$50,000, visit <https://kbfus.networkforgood.com/projects/54386-l-kbfus-funds-lisa-batiashvili-foundation-e-v-de>.

The fund prioritizes musicians from the hardest hit areas of the war, like Mariupol, Kharkiv, Chernihiv, and Severodonetsk.

“Everyone I know, once the war started in Ukraine, wanted to find a way to contribute and in some way to mobilize and help fight back, and this is the way we can do this,” said Vavilov. “We can help rebuild and help support the culture of Ukraine through a disastrous time in that country. I just want people to understand this is an incredible way to directly affect some people who have suffered the most.”

Nils Klinkenberg, executive director of Beacon Hill Friends House, said their organization immediately jumped on board once they heard about Vavilov’s plan to stage a concert to benefit

Ukrainian musicians.

“We host a lot of events to support social causes and love welcoming outside groups in our two-story Meeting Room here on Chestnut Street,” Klinkenberg wrote in an email. “Quakers have a long tradition of responding to the humanitarian needs of those affected by war and violence, and as a Quaker organization, we work to carry on that tradition.”

Added Klinkenberg, “It’s easy to feel powerless in the face of violence so far away, but this benefit event is one specific step we can take to support those suffering from the war in Ukraine.”

As for how Vavilov initially connected with Klinkenberg, the credit there goes to Michael Maler, a Temple Street resident, as well as Historic New England’s Metro-Boston Regional Site Administrator.

“I’ve worked with Nils and Alex and the Sheffield Chamber Players and saw a need through Alex and a willingness through Nils,” said Maler. “As a Beacon Hill resident, I felt it was also a way for community to give back, but Alex and Nils deserve all the credit.”

Register at <https://lu.ma/relief-fund-ukrainian-musicians> to attend the concert in person (advance tickets are required to attend in person, and proof of vaccination and masks will be required), or register at <https://lu.ma/ukraine-musicians-benefit-livestream> for the virtual concert.

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BHCA 100th annual event returns to Union Club as in-person event

The Beacon Hill Civic Association held its 100th annual meeting on Monday, May 16, at the Union Club, which returned as an in-person event after a three-year absence due to the pandemic.

Rob Whitney, the outgoing chair who is stepping down from the Civic Association board following an 18-year tenure, offered opening remarks, while Meghan Awe, the outgoing board president who will now assume the role of chair, joined the meeting virtually

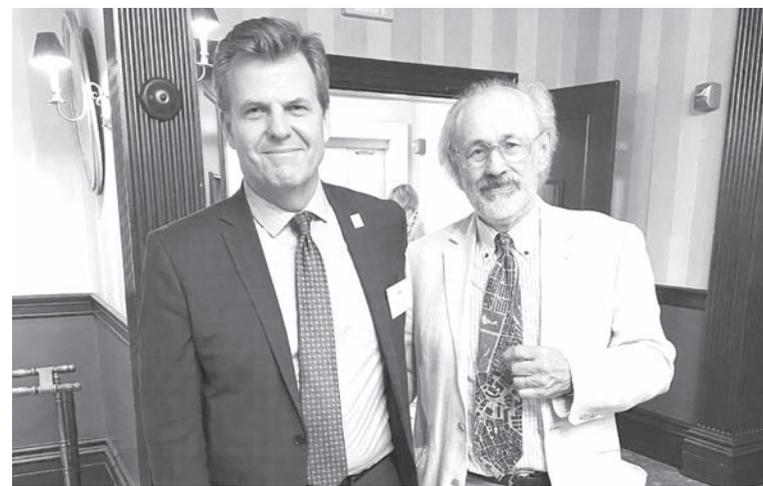
to recount the Year in Review.

Joshua Leffler, the outgoing clerk who was named board president, put forth the Civic Association's slate of officers and directors for the upcoming year, which included new board members Holland Ward and Doug Ziewacz.

Edward Fleck, who stepped down as a director, received a small token of appreciation from the Civic Association (as did Whitney) presented by Patricia Tully, executive director.

Alex Krieger, a professor at the Harvard Graduate School of Design and author of the recently published "City on a Hill: Urban Idealism in America from the Puritans to the Present," served as the keynote speaker.

Krieger's keynote address, called "Beacon Hill, Boston and the Idealism Behind the Phrase 'City on a Hill,'" explored how the geography of Beacon Hill and Boston has changed over time to adapt to the city's changing needs.



MARCY WHITNEY PHOTO

Rob Whitney, outgoing Beacon Hill Civic Association board chair, and Alex Krieger, keynote speaker at the group's 100th annual meeting, which took place May 16 at the Union Club.

AARP Mass. submits signed petitions from residents to Sen. Warren to lower prescription drug prices

AARP Massachusetts State Director Mike Festa, Volunteer State President Sandra Harris and AARP members are joining Senator Elizabeth Warren in urging Congress to lower prescription drug prices. 92,835 Massachusetts

residents have signed onto an AARP petition calling on Congress to act now. AARP has advocated for fair drug prices for years and supports legislation that passed the House in November, which would allow Medicare to negotiate drug

prices, put a cap on out-of-pocket costs that older adults pay for their prescription drugs and impose penalties on drug companies that raise prices faster than the rate of inflation.

"Working families shouldn't

have to decide between paying for life-saving medications or putting food on the table, while Big Pharma rakes in giant profits. That's just wrong, and it's long past time for Congress to take action," said Senator Elizabeth Warren. "We need to pass legislation that lets Medicare negotiate for lower drug prices and cuts costs for beneficiaries now. I'm grateful for the continued advocacy of AARP Massachusetts, and I'll keep fighting to get this done."

"Americans are fed up with paying much more than people in other countries pay for the same drugs. More than 4 million people across the country, including almost 100,000 here in the Commonwealth, are joining AARP to demand lower prices for prescription drugs," says Festa. "There will never be a better time to lower drug prices than the historic opportunity in front of Congress. Now it's time to get it done! " Every January, I pay over two thousand dollars to fill one prescription. I have a chronic illness, Multiple Sclerosis. There is no cure, but there are a number of very expensive drugs available

that can mitigate the symptoms. It is a disgrace that drug prices here in the United States are the highest in the world. I would like to see our elected officials stop their infighting and focus their energies on finding out why this is, and what can be done about it. " SUSAN, MASSACHUSETTS Lowering prescription drug prices has widespread support among voters, regardless of their party affiliation. An AARP survey of voters found that strong majorities of voters want Congress to act on the issue, with 70% saying it is very important. The survey also found that 87% of voters support allowing Medicare to negotiate prescription drug prices. AARP urges Senator Warren to continue the fight to protect seniors: Sandra Harris, AARP Massachusetts State President says "Massachusetts residents are sick and tired of paying three times what people in other countries pay for the same drugs. Our members have a message to our Senators: Don't Let Pharma Win. Lower Drug Prices Now!" More information about AARP's Fair Drug Prices campaign can be found at aarp.org/rx.

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his son, Dan Greenfield, who ran the business until last September when it was purchased by Seth Freedman, a pharmacist at Gary Drug for the previous 11 years.

On making the move from store employee to business owner, Freedman said, “So far, so good. It’s been a life-changing event. It seemed like a good decision, and I do enjoy working there, but I have to do a lot more work.”

Before he was notified that Gary Drug would be receiving a Beacon Award, Freedman admits he wasn’t even aware of the accolade’s existence.

Moreover, Freedman said he felt as though maybe he shouldn’t even be receiving the award, since it was for all of 2021, when he only ran the business for the last four months while Dan Greenfield was its proprietor for the first eight months of the year.

Freedman said he wants to maintain Gary Drug as a “family-oriented business,” having taken it over from a father and son.

“Herman still owns the building, and we’re trying to keep the friendly environment, and to continue serving the community,” he said. “Hopefully, we’ll be able to increase the [store’s] capacity and services over time, and we’re glad and proud to be an independent pharmacy that takes care of the neighborhood.”

Dan Greenfield, meanwhile, has since stepped into Freedman’s

old shoes and now works at Gary Drug as a pharmacist.

“Seth was such a great employee, always treating the place like he owned it, and I’m still treating it like I own it, so nothing much has changed for me, although a lot has changed for Seth since he has a lot more responsibilities,” said Dan Greenfield.

Besides Freedman and Dan Greenfield, other longtime employees, like Gail Bray (who received the Beacon Award on behalf of Gary Drug at the annual meeting) and Tom Savage, aren’t going anywhere either.

Bray is a 30-plus year employee of the business, while Savage grew up in an apartment above the store. (He has been with the store since he was “pre-natal,” jokes Dan Greenfield). Savage’s late mother, Eileen Fitzpatrick, also worked at Gary Drug for many years.

“It’s always been our mission to serve the neighborhood, and I think in terms of getting out, the main thing was that we’d continue to serve the neighborhood,” said Dan Greenfield. “With Seth [as the new owner], it was an easy choice. I knew that nothing would change, and that [the business] would go on a little longer. It’s in great hands. Seth is going to be a great steward, and that made [selling the business], that much easier for us.”

Meanwhile, Russ Gaudreau, chair of the Beacon Award Nominating

Committee, said the decision to grant two awards this time as opposed to only one in years past was partially due to the fact that they skipped last year due to the pandemic.

But perhaps more importantly, when the Nominating Committee looked back at past recipients, they quickly realized that only individuals had received the award, even though the charter specifies that organizations, groups, businesses, and institutions are also eligible to receive it.

With this in mind, the Nominating Committee began focusing on deserving organizations and institutions, said Gaudreau, and Gary Drug was the “first one to jump to mind.”

Asked to describe the pharmacy’s role in the neighborhood, Gaudreau quotes a description of the business submitted to the Nominating Committee by Freedman, who wrote: “The little train that is Gary Drug opened its doors in 1934 and has been chugging along ever since.”

Likewise, the business has also maintained what Gaudreau describes as a “great continuity of employees.”

Gary Drug also offers a consistent level of “personal individualized service” not found in big chain drug store, said Gaudreau.

Gaudreau, along with his wife, travels regularly, and they both get all their prescriptions filled at Gary



D. MURPHY PHOTO

Gary Drug’s iconic sign on Charles Street.

Drug, where they can just call over and get a pharmacist who knows them personally and will take their order and put it out for them in the mail the very next day.

“We’re not unique in that regard – it’s just what they do,” Gaudreau said of Gary Drug’s unwavering high standard of customer service.

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high level of athletic, creative, and intellectual programming to 2,000 newborns through age 12 each year while serving 1,500 families from Beacon Hill, the Back Bay, the West End, and other downtown neighborhoods.

Besides early childhood classes and its best-known and most-popular programs, the organization otherwise engages the community through monthly senior dinners; volunteer community outreach, which gives back to other downtown neighborhood nonprofits; and seasonal events, like its annual Holiday Tree and Wreath Sale.

Among the organization’s most popular offerings is Hill House Soccer, which now includes more than 100 players each year and has become one of Boston’s largest organized fall soccer programs.

On the philanthropic side, Hill House Hill has also organized canned food and clothing drives, and its members have volunteered at area soup kitchens, said Lauren Hoops-Schmieg, executive director of the organization, who was



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The Firehouse at 127 Mt. Vernon St. - Hill House’s central headquarters since 2001.

on hand at the Civic Association’s May 16 annual meeting to receive the Beacon Award.

“It’s not just about youth programming, which is super important to the neighborhood, but we also work hard to connect people

in other ways to everyone who lives in Boston,” she said. “For example, on Valentine’s Day, we had kids create cards for seniors associated with Beacon Hill Vil-

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BEACON HILL WOMEN'S FORUM SPRING SOIRÉE

Photos by Marianne Salza

On May 10, ladies wearing stylish wide brimmed hats and elegant fascinators gathered on the fifth floor rotunda of the Liberty Hotel for the final Beacon Hill Women's Forum (BHWF) event of the season, the Spring Soirée. Friends enjoyed cocktails, discussed summer vacation plans, and enjoyed the live classic rock music of The Remedies.

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Grace Wilson and Sadaf Sobrabi.



Mimi Sun enjoying cocktails in the Liberty Hotel rotunda.



Linda Whittle and Mimi Sun



Jessie Staley, Perla Saint Amand, and Michelle Burian.



Nick Santaniello, Beth Sanders, Amy Tsurumi, Co-President, and Kelsey Wheeler.



Beacon Hill Women's Forum founder, Lisa Macalaster, performing classic rock music with her band, The Remedies.

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Steve and Wendy Oleksiak, Co-President.



Guests enjoying cocktails on the fifth floor rotunda of the Liberty Hotel during the BHWF soiree on May 10.



Chelsea O'Brien, Hayley Berg, Katherine Kennedy, Eva Lichtenberger, and Courtney Colonese.



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Community reception to honor West End Museum's new President

The West End community is welcome to attend a special reception honoring the election of Lois Ascher as the new president of The West End Museum. The event will be at the historic Otis House, 141 Cambridge St., on Wednesday, May 25, from 6 to 8 p.m.

The Otis House – a mansion designed by Charles Bulfinch – will be open for viewing, and the reception will be held on the Cambridge Street balcony and Lynde Street courtyard.

Ascher, the first female professor at Wentworth Institute of Technology, has been involved with The WEM for a decade, ever since she brought one of her classes to visit the museum. Titled “Boston Voyages,” this Urban Culture Studies class explored Boston’s history and its built environments.

Ascher has served on The WEM’s board of directors for eight years. In that time, she has presented West End-related talks including a series on the importance of urban public spaces called “Democracy’s Front Porch,” “Res-



COURTESY OF THE WEST END MUSEUM

Lois Ascher, the incoming president of the West End Museum's board of directors.

urrecting a Vanished Neighborhood: Interpreting Urban Renewal at Boston’s West End Museum,” and “In the New West End: From Ashes and Dust A Neighborhood Rises.” Ascher has published arti-

cles including “Preserving Community: Boston’s West End” and “Enacting Democracy—Public Space: Theater of Discourse.”

A \$10 donation at the door will be welcomed. Masks are optional.

OWL'S NEST BEER GARDEN OPENS FOR NEW SEASON



D. MURPHY PHOTO

The Owl's Nest has returned for a fifth year on the Esplanade, kicking off the new season on Wednesday, May 11. The beer garden, which Everett's Night Shift Brewery operates in partnership with the Esplanade Association, will again offer a selection of craft beer, wine, and non-alcoholic beverages in a self-contained area at Storrow Memorial Embankment Park (Fiedler Field). This season's hours of operation are Wednesdays 4-10 p.m.; Thursdays 4-10 p.m.; Fridays 2-10 p.m.; Saturdays noon-8 p.m.; and Sundays noon-8 p.m. The Dartmouth Street Footbridge is the closest access point to this central part of the Esplanade, and guests should plan to arrive at the Owl's Nest by foot, bike, or other people-powered transit as no vehicle access is permitted on the park. This year, the Owl's Nest is open for walk-ins only, with no reservations necessary. While leashed dogs are always welcome on the Esplanade, dogs are not allowed at Owl's Nest due to a city mandate Food trucks will be on site, and guests are allowed to bring outside food as well.

NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDUP

Esplanade Community Day returns Saturday, May 21

Don't miss the Esplanade Association's annual Community Day on Saturday, May 21. Come to the park for a day of program-packed events, including the Esplanade 5K from 9 a.m. to noon (learn more and register at <https://runsignup.com/Race/MA/Boston/Esplanade>); the free GroundBeat concert curated by BAMS Fest from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at DCR Hatch Shell (register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/groundbeat-music-concert-featuring-bams-fest-2022-tickets-329088742287>); and

the Movement Music Session – a family-friendly music and movement session designed for children and their caregivers presented in partnership with the Boston Music Project – from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Esplanade Playspace (visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/esplanade-community-day-music-movement-session-2022-tickets-338483070977> to register).

The event will also feature food trucks, vendors, and more. Visit [esplanade.org](https://www.esplanade.org) for more information.

PIC approves all public-realm changes related to MGH expansion

By Dan Murphy

The city's Public Improvement Commission unanimously approved several applications for proposed public-realm changes related to Mass General Hospital's planned expansion, including the discontinuance of North Anderson Street as a public street, at its May 12 hearing, which took place virtually.

The proposed project will comprise two connected towers – 14 and 13 stories, respectively – sitting atop a podium facing Cambridge Street on the hospital's main campus. Completion of the first tower is slated for late 2026, while construction of the second tower should be finished in 2030, said Nick Haney of MGH Planning and Construction during the April 28 PIC meeting, when the applications were first presented to the commission.

Howard Mosier, director of land engineering for VHB, a Boston-based civil engineering company, said at that time that the continuance of North Anderson Street as a public street would allow for the creation of the new pedestrian-oriented North Anderson Street Arcade, which will connect Cambridge and Parkman streets while providing a new main pedestrian entrance to the main campus on Cambridge Street.

Other approved public-realm alterations include the creation of a proposed two-story overhead connection, which would link the heart of the new building to Parkman Street and portions North Grove Street, as well as the creation of a tunnel connection on Parkman Street to move trash, goods, and services, but not people, among other changes, according to Mosier.

HILL HOUSE (from pg. 5)

lage, and we had a giving-tree drive for Project Hope at Christmas time.”

Last year, Hill House also partnered with Whole Foods and Beacon House to deliver and distribute 100 bunches of tulips to senior residents, she added.

Hoops-Schmieg ultimately credits “strong community support” for Hill House’s enduring success.

“People have told us that they choose to live on Beacon Hill because they’ve heard of Hill House and how it’s able to connect neighbors,” she said, “and that it’s such a community-oriented neighborhood.”

Russ Gaudreau, chair of the Nominating Committee for this year's Beacon Awards, said Hill House was originally a “Beacon Hill Civic Association effort,” which quickly distinguished itself as an “independent community organization.”

Regarding Hill House’s qualifications as a Beacon Award recipient, Gaudreau said, “55 years is definitely sustained.”

As for “significance,” Gaudreau points to how many families Hill House serves each year, along with “the impact that they make on a daily basis for Beacon Hill families and individuals, children, adults, and seniors.”

Real Estate Transfers

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THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



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THIS WEEK'S CLUE



BEACON HILL ARCHITECTURAL COMMISSION

The Commission will hold its next public hearing virtually on Tuesday, May 24, at 4 p.m.

Please note: This hearing will be held virtually and not in person. To participate, please go to our Zoom Meeting link or call 301-715-8592 and enter meeting ID 868 5568 4302 #. You can also email comments through email at blc@boston.gov.

Public testimony begins at 4:00pm

Discussion Topics

1. Design Review - 4:00pm
22.1078.0229 - Charles River Esplanade, Boston, MA: The Esplanade Association, in partnership with DCR and Volunteers Incorporating Black Excellence, Inc., proposes an electrical box mural installation project at four locations to help prevent new graffiti on the Esplanade and provide opportunities for four local artists.

22.1091.0005- Boston Public Garden, Boston MA: At sidewalk along Charles Street replace existing street light pole with DAS Node.

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22.1195.0275 - Ayer Mansion, 395 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston MA: Renovate existing rooming house for conversion to a sin-

gle family home. Proposed work includes: demolition of non-historic interior partitions; at the Vestibules remove non-historic plaster and restore historic finishes; at the Marble Hall remove non-historic passage door to 397 Commonwealth Avenue, restore finishes and re-paint painted surfaces; at the Drawing Room (Parlor) replace non-original wall coverings and restore historic finishes; at the Stair to Hall, Hall and Staircase restore historic finishes; at Mrs. Ayer's Chambers remove west wall and non-original chandelier; and at the Breakfast Room remove non-original west wall and reactivate existing altered fireplace.

22.1087.0269 - 16 Howe Street, Dorchester, MA: Renovate existing house and construct an addition.

2. Administrative Review/ Approval 22.1193.0173 Allston Depot, 15 Franklin Street (a/k/s 353 Cambridge Street) Allston, MA: At south façade remove non-historic vestibule enclosure at east entrance and erect new enclosure at west entrance.

22.1136.0216 Arlington Street Church, 351 Boylston Street, Boston MA: Repoint and repair masonry; reconstruct south stair and install new handrails; restore portico watertable; restore east railing; restore selected wood windows and install storm windows

on selected windows; restore east and west wood cornice; restore front east entry door; replace south gutter and downspout in-kind; replace bird netting.

22.1190.0061 Parker House Hotel, 60-74 Tremont Street, Boston, MA: At south elevation repoint and repair masonry, replace missing sealants and replace deteriorated steel lintels.

22.1121.0216 Our Lady of Presentation School, 640 Washington Street, Brighton, MA: Repoint and repair masonry.

3. Business Hearing - 6:00pm
1. Discussion and Vote on Design Review Applications.

2. Demolition Delay Hearing: 25 Bentley Street Brighton, MA Application # 22.507D2885 Applicant: Mikhail Deychman Review of proposed demolition of the existing house and garage at 25 Bentley Street, Brighton, MA.

3. BLC vote on survey rating upgrade - Keith House 1911 Centre Street, West Roxbury, MA

4. Preliminary hearing for petition #286.22 Keith House 1911 Centre Street, West Roxbury, MA

5. Annual Meeting - Election of Chair and Co-Chair

6. Review and ratification of public hearing minutes from 5/10/2022.

7. Staff Updates
Projected Adjournment: 7:30 p.m.

Beacon Hill, surrounding area's weekly COVID positive test-rate over 13 percent

By John Lynds

Beacon Hill and the surrounding area's weekly COVID positive test rate increased to over 13 percent with over 1 out of every 10 residents testing positive for the virus last week. Boston health officials have been battling against the recent surge in cases due to a new, more contagious variant.

Last week, 1,275 Beacon Hill, Back Bay, North End, Downtown and West End residents were tested for the virus last week and 13.5 percent were positive--this was an 18 percent increase from the 11.4 percent that tested positive as reported by the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) on May 9.

One hundred seventy two additional residents contracted the virus between May 9 and May 16 and there are now 10,547 confirmed cases in the neighborhoods since the start of the pandemic.

Boston's citywide weekly positive test rate increased last week and is now over 10 percent.

According to the BPHC 18,119 residents were tested citywide last week and 10.8 percent were COVID positive--this was a 2.1 percent increase from the 8.8 percent that reportedly tested positive for the week ending on May 9.

The statistics released by the BPHC as part of its weekly COVID-19 report breaks down the number of cases and infection rates in each neighborhood. It also breaks down the number of cases by age, gender and race.

Citywide positive cases of coronavirus increased 1.7 percent last week and went from 181,346 to 184,415 confirmed cases since the start of the pandemic.

There were three additional deaths in Boston from the virus in the past week and the total number of COVID deaths is now at 1,462.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

North Washington Street Bridge construction look-ahead to May 28

This is a brief overview of construction operations and impacts for the North Washington Street Bridge Replacement Project. MassDOT will provide additional notices as needed for high-impact work and changes to traffic configurations beyond those described below.

Scheduled Work

- North abutment (Charlestown side near Chelsea Street) - barrier slab repair, rebar installation, and excavation
- Drainage installation
- Utility work on Charles River Avenue
- Forming and pouring concrete

elements at City Square

- Pothole repair Work Hours
- Most work will be done during the daytime (6:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.)

Travel Tips

For everyone using the temporary bridge, please help share the space: walk to the right, walk bikes, and be mindful of people coming from both directions, if walking in a large group.

Drivers should take care to pay attention to all signage and move carefully through the work zone. Police details, lane markings, temporary barriers, traffic cones, sig-

nage, and other tools will be used to control traffic and create safe work zones.

The Tudor Wharf Walkway (under the bridge next to the water in Paul Revere Park) will be intermittently closed for safety during construction operations, with access provided via the Water Street underpass. The Boston Harborwalk under the bridge and eastern/harborside bridge sidewalk remain closed until rebuilt.

For your awareness, the following events are scheduled during this look-ahead period:

- Celtics: 5/15 TBA
- Events: 5/18 at 7:30 p.m.

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ELEANOR SCORE SHINES IN UPSTAIRS DOWNSTAIRS ARTIST RECEPTION

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On Thursday evening, May 12, Upstairs Downstairs at 69 Charles St. presented their second-of-the-season artist reception.

Local and very popular artist Eleanor Score was the star of the evening. Eleanor has always been known for her brilliant city and seaside paintings with amazing eye-catching combinations of calming colors. Her dazzling work was magnificently displayed on a wall surrounding two large urns filled with pink flowers complementing the colors of her artwork.

A wonderful assortment of family, friends and customers came to admire and purchase her work. Score's artwork will be on full display through May 31.

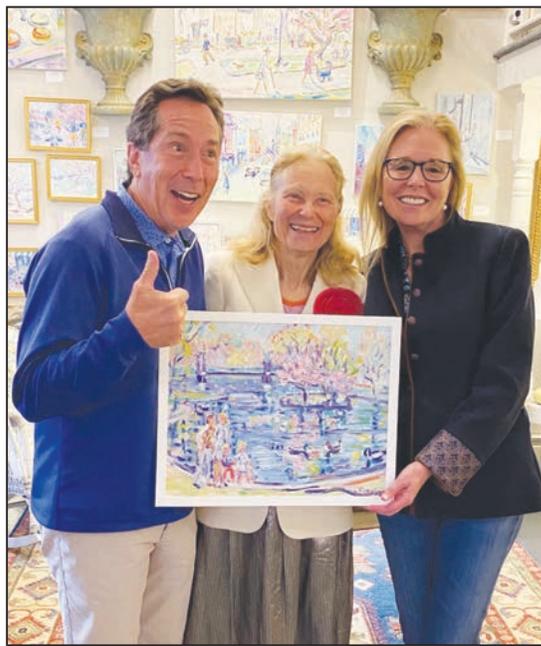
"The evening was a wonderful success. We were honored to have Eleanor as our guest artist. And, I might add, she has been my art teacher and mentor for quite a while. We are pleased, like me, that so many people admire her and her work," says owner Laura Cousineau.



Pictured, left to right, are Laura Cousineau, Eleanor Score, Stephen Score, Paul Donnelly, and Jennifer Kronstain.



Patrons admiring a magnificent display of Eleanor Score's artwork.



Spencer Macalaster, Eleanor Score, and Lisa Macalaster.



Nancy Pope and Eleanor Score.

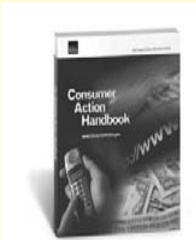


Henry Lee and Eleanor Score.



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a.m. on 06/20/2022. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: May 04, 2022 Felix D. Arroyo Register of Probate

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A TREE GROWS ON TEMPLE STREET

COURTESY OF MICHAEL MALER



Temple Street resident Michael Maler submitted these photos from the annual Tree Planting Day on Temple Street on Saturday, May 16. "Residents of Temple Street voluntarily donate to a Temple Street Association (generously coordinated by resident Kathy Sims)," Maler wrote. "We order the flowers and soil, and then plant the pots and tree pits every spring. Lots of fun for all, and a good time to visit with neighbors, and meet new ones!"

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