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BHCA HILLFEST

The Beacon Hill Civic Association's (BHCA) HillFest, on Mount Vernon Street on September 18, featured information tables on local non-profit organizations, live musical, and arts and crafts for little ones. Pictured above are, Zoe Buyuk, Sabine Nezhad, Maeve Burke, Annalee Nezhad, and Ginger. Right, visitors perusing the Beacon Hill Seminars book table. See pages 6 and 7 for more photos.



Hill House set to bring back Fall FUNdraiser and Hill-O-Ween Party

By Dan Murphy

Following a three-year absence due to the pandemic, Hill House is bringing two popular annual events back to the neighborhood next month – the Fall FUNdraiser, as well as the Hill-O-Ween Party.

In the tradition of past offerings like Opa!, Havana Nights, and Oktoberfest, Hill House will hold its annual Fall FUNdraiser on Friday, Oct. 21, from 7 to 10 p.m. at Alibi in the Liberty Hotel at 215 Charles St.

This year's event theme is "Breaking Free," which "marries" the history of the Liberty Hotel, once the site of the Charles Street Jail, with a Wild West sensibility to "sort of capitalize on an outlaw-bandit kind of thing," said Katy Keches, director of development and marketing for Hill

House.

"It's been three long years, so it's really wonderful to bring this event back," added Keches. "I've also only been here since May, so I'm really excited to see it."

(Hill House's last fall fundraiser took place on Oct. 4, 2019, at Committee in the Seaport.)

This year's event will include Blackjack and Roulette, as well as prizes and country music. Guests can expect an adults-only night out with an open bar offering specialty cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, with all event proceeds going to support your "backyard in the city." Guests are also encouraged to dress festively, and to get in the mood for the event by donning cowboy boots and hats, along with other Western wear, said Keches.

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'Maggie' Van Scoy settling into new role as neighborhood liaison

By Dan Murphy

Perhaps the biggest surprise for Margret "Maggie" Van Scoy, since assuming the role of the city's neighborhood liaison for Back Bay, Beacon Hill, Fenway-Kenmore, and Mission Hill, she said, has been realizing "just how much we can do on the city level."

Case in point: Van Scoy, who started in this position on July 18, "with a little bit of training and onboarding beforehand," said she took an "impromptu walk-through" of the Beacon Hill neighborhood soon after arriving on the job, which reaped near-immediate results.

"I took photos for the 3-1-1 app," she said, "and a week or two later, I saw gas-lamps were being fixed, and people started having meetings about the sidewalks."

Born and raised in San Luis Obispo, Calif., Van Scoy graduated from Tufts University in 2021, with a bachelor's degree in International Relations, as well as a



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Margaret "Maggie" Van Scoy, the city's neighborhood liaison for Back Bay, Beacon Hill, Fenway-Kenmore, and Mission Hill.

minor in Economics.

As an undergrad student, she interned with then-City Councilor Michelle Wu from early 2019 through the summer of that year. She worked on various initiatives in this role to address equity issues in the city, including Boston's

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Wu appoints new members to the ZBA

Special to the Patriot-Bridge

Mayor Michelle Wu announced a slate of appointments to the Zoning Board of Appeal (ZBA). The appointees live across the City and represent the diversity of Boston, including members who are multi-

lingual, renters in income-restricted housing, homeowners, building trades members, first generation immigrants, and multigenerational Bostonians. Their collective training and experience includes city and transportation planning, community development, afford-

able housing creation, sustainable development and architectural design, and construction.

As the City's zoning code has failed to keep up with Boston's growth, the majority of development proposals in Boston require (ZBA Pg. 9)

Freedom Rally holds event at Boston Common

By Dan Murphy

The 33rd Boston Freedom Rally returned on Saturday, Sept. 17, to the Boston Common, and despite high attendance, this year's event apparently had little impact on the park, or on the surrounding residential communities.

"As far as attendance goes, we're still trying to figure out the specifics, but we heard there were up to 100,000 people there," said

Averyl Andrade, president of the board of directors for the event's sponsor, MassCann (Massachusetts Cannabis Reform Coalition), an all-volunteer nonprofit working for the moderation of the state's marijuana laws, as well as the state affiliate of NORML (National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws).

For this year's daylong event (formerly known as "Hempfest"), which featured 160 vendors,

MassCann contracted Beantown Greentown – a local cleaning company whose employees are also MassCann volunteers – to handle the cleanup efforts, according to Andrade. Their cleaning crew, who numbered about 10 workers, spent all of Friday, Sept. 16, on the Common setting up for the event.

"They made sure all the dumpsters were in the right locations,"

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EDITORIAL

HURRICANE FIONA WAS A WARNING

We're all aware by now that climate change is dramatically impacting our weather, particularly by increasing the intensity of major weather events such as hurricanes.

In our little corner of the world, significant weather events have been few and far between over most of the past century -- the 1938 Hurricane (hurricanes did not receive names then), the Blizzard of '78, and the 1991 No-Name storm.

However, to the extent that the lack of a major catastrophic weather event in 31 years has lulled us into complacency, the devastation wrought by Hurricane Fiona this past week in the Canadian Maritimes -- the most-powerful storm ever to strike that area -- should snap us back to reality.

This week, the impending havoc that potentially awaits the residents of the Tampa Bay area (which incredibly has not had a direct hit by a major hurricane in more than 100 years) should make us aware that it's only a matter of time before our turn comes due.

The consequences of the damage we have caused to the environment in the name of progress are far-reaching and complex -- and will only get worse unless we take drastic measures to reverse direction.

ALCOHOL IGNITION INTERLOCKS WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA

The National Highway Transportation Board (NTSB) recently made the recommendation that automobile manufacturers should be required to install ignition interlock devices (IID) into all new motor vehicles to prevent those who drink alcohol from operating a motor vehicle.

According to the official description of an IID, it is a small, hand-held breathalyzer, about the size of a TV remote, for car ignitions that's installed to prevent users from being able to start their vehicle after drinking alcohol. Sometimes they're referred to as car breathalyzers.

The devices already are in widespread use by courts who order them for persons who have been convicted of operating under the influence as a condition for being allowed to drive while on probation.

The NTSB made the recommendation because despite improvements in recent years in auto safety, advances in medical technology, and stricter drunk-driving laws, fatalities caused by drunk drivers have been increasing across the U.S. Drunk driving accidents have risen to more than 11,000 deaths annually, of whom 1000 are children.

In addition, a whopping 290,000 Americans are injured by drunk drivers each year. The mass media tends to focus on deaths when reporting on auto accidents (or mass shootings), but ignores the often traumatic and life-changing injuries to bodies and brains suffered by victims of drunk drivers.

Those statistics cover only drivers who exceed the legal blood alcohol limit of .08. But the reality is that many accidents occur when people drink and drive, even if they are under the legal limit.

An IID would be a relatively inexpensive device -- somewhere in the neighborhood of about \$500 (or less) if installed at the factory. When multiplied by the 15 million new vehicles sold each year in the U.S., the total cost to consumers would be about \$7.5 billion.

However, that is a small fraction compared to the estimated \$44 billion annually that drunk driving accidents directly cost the U.S. economy, including costs for medical and emergency services, lost wages and productivity, higher auto insurance rates, and damage to property.

In addition, when one considers the indirect costs of drunk driving accidents -- such as when someone suffers a brain injury or a physical injury that affects them for the rest of their lives -- the estimated cost of drunk-driving accidents exceeds \$200 billion annually.

Polls and surveys routinely show that the biggest fear of Americans on our roadways is a drunk driver. No one has the right to drink and drive -- even one drink impairs motor skills and judgment.

Until self-driving automobiles become the norm, ignition interlock devices are an inexpensive way to reduce the carnage on our roadways caused by drunk drivers.

GUEST OP-ED

Make today a good day

Dr. Glenn Mollette

Life is one day at a time. You don't have tomorrow. You hope for tomorrow but it's not guaranteed. We plan for tomorrow. We save for tomorrow and look forward to tomorrow.

Today is what we have. If today is the last day of your life, how is it going? If you knew for sure, how would you want to spend your last precious 24 hours? You wouldn't be planning next year's vacation. No, you would want to get in all that you could possibly do. Only you know for sure how you would want to spend your day and everyone is different. Maybe you would spend your day with loved ones or maybe you would want to be strolling in the mountains or by the oceanside. Maybe you would want to spend your day eating ice cream, hamburgers and pizza. If it's your last day then why not?

I like ice cream, hamburgers and pizza but my doctor doesn't recommend them as a daily diet

because of the hopes of tomorrow. There are ways that we can shorten our days and too much of what we enjoy is not always very good for us.

Since life is one day at a time, we can't go back and repeat yesterday. All the good you did is in the past. All the mistakes you made are in the past. You can spend the rest of your life wishing you could repeat high school, college or an old relationship. Actually, you are better off if you don't sit around and think about it all the time. It's good to remember the good memories of family, friends, life's successes and joys but they are in the past. This often makes us sad because we know we can't relive some of those great moments of life. It's best to give thanks for them and move forward.

Today is a good day to make some more memories -- good ones. Living your life today regardless of what you are doing is the life you have. Make the best of it by enjoying your life. Do what you

enjoy. Be good to yourself. Don't beat up on yourself. Don't live your life fighting with others. Do your work. Find joy in your work or move on to a work that you do enjoy. Find ways to reduce stress and to be happy.

Keep in mind that you can't make everyone else happy and don't take on everyone else's problems. You probably have enough of your own.

Be patient. All good things take time if they are worthwhile.

Finally, just in case you do live a bunch more years, live today in such a way, that you can look back to today and remember it as a good day.

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LETTERS to the Editor

MISUNDERSTANDING HOMELESSNESS

To the Editor,

I was unpleasantly surprised by the choice to publish the "Homeless Problem" letter in the Sept. 15 edition -- especially as it was printed right next to an editorial rightly acknowledging that the War On Drugs has been an abject failure. I agree with the letter writer that the prevalence of homelessness in Beacon Hill, often touted as the richest neighborhood in Boston, is a huge problem. However, both myself and the abundance of evidence disagree with every other point and conclusion the letter writer has drawn.

First, the letter writer mentions repeatedly that they have seen tents and one single grill, as if shelter from the elements and cooked food are luxuries rather than life-sustaining necessities. Further, the letter writer seems to imply that if someone can afford the one-time cost of a tent or grill, they could just as easily afford housing in a city where the median rent is over \$3,000. I assume the letter writer is unaware that so-called "hostile architecture," or strategies that make it harder for unhoused peo-

ple to survive, actually make the experience of living in a city worse for everyone. The absence of easily available public bathrooms, benches with uncomfortable bars and low walls covered in spikes that make them impossible to rest against are common examples of hostile architecture that have negatively affected all of us, regardless of housing status.

Second, the author seems to fundamentally misunderstand

addiction as a moral failure rather than a medical emergency. In reality, alcohol, nicotine and opiates are the three most addictive substances available to humanity. Opiate withdrawal is one of the most difficult and painful experiences a person could undergo, and withdrawal from alcohol without sufficient medical support (which unhoused people are unlikely to

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Rep. Livingstone spearheading clean-water effort to replace state's lead pipes

By Dan Murphy

As lead pipes continue to be the cause of tainted water throughout Boston and the rest of the Commonwealth, Rep. Jay Livingstone is helping to spearhead the effort to tackle this pernicious problem.

Rep. Livingstone filed legislation over the summer to address the issue, and to create a grant program for municipalities in need of assistance to distribute funds to their residents. This compelled both the House and the Senate to take action on the issue. In July, the Massachusetts House and Senate sent to Gov. Charlie Baker “H.5065, An Act Financing the General Governmental Infrastructure of the Common-

wealth,” which, according to Rep. Livingstone, included a \$20 million funding authorization and language to create a new lead service-line replacement program within the treasurer’s Clean Water Trust that would distribute funds to municipalities for residents in areas of need.

In “Clean water should be a fundamental human right” - his Sept. 22 op ed piece for *Commonwealth Magazine* - Rep. Livingstone wrote: “This language originated in an amendment I filed that was adopted by the House when we took up the bill in May 2022 and the conference committee, led by Rep. Danielle Gregorie and Sen. Will Brownsberger, included the language in the final confer-

ence report. It was signed into law by Governor Baker in August and will create the first state-funded replacement program. I appreciate Speaker Mariano and Senate President Spilka and the rest of the legislature recognizing this serious issue and embracing this solution.”

Massachusetts reportedly has 220,000 lead-pipe service lines connecting homes and buildings to water mains, and according to the Boston Water and Sewer Commission’s Lead Service Map (found online at <https://www.bwsc.org/environment-education/maproom/lead-service-map>), more than 30 of the 3,900 addresses using lead-service pipes citywide can be found on Beacon Hill, while upwards

of 20 of them can be found in the Back Bay.

(Lead services indicated on this map were reported based on visual inspections performed at the water meter during installation of new water meters under the Commission’s Automatic Meter Reading program, according to BWSC.)

The Environmental Protection Agency has set the maximum contaminant level goal for lead in drinking water at zero, since toxic metals can be harmful to humans even at low levels. But despite this ambitious goal, a 2016 American Water Works Association survey estimated that Massachusetts had more lead service lines than all but 10 states.

“The only permanent and 100 [percent] effective solution to address this issue is the replacement of lead services lines, which costs, on average, between \$3,000 and \$5,000 per line,” wrote Rep.

Livingstone. “This steep price makes it difficult for many homeowners to afford a replacement, although the state has begun taking concrete measures to mitigate this harm. Luckily, there are more resources than ever to help people make this change.”

Boston is among the municipalities in the Commonwealth that offers interest-free loans to those who want to replace their lead service-lines.

Moreover, the state’s Department of Environmental Protection announced the Massachusetts State Revolving Fund 2023 Intended Use Plan on July 1.

“This revolving fund offers affordable loan options to cities and towns to improve water supply infrastructure and drinking water safety, while addressing issues such as watershed management priorities, stormwater management, and green infrastructure,” wrote Rep. Livingstone.

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This year’s Fall FUNdraiser also has a “devoted committee of Hill House families bringing this event to the next level,” which comprises nine couples, added Keches.

Hill House and the committee are putting together “exciting and exclusive” prize packages for the event, including a birthday extravaganza at Hill House; a collection of “rare and unique” bourbons, whiskeys, and tequilas; a self-care spa package from LexRX on Charles Street; golf outings; and “exclusive Western wear,” said Keches.

The Fall FUNdraiser is Hill House’s largest fundraiser of the

year, with an ambitious goal of raising \$130,000 - 10 percent of the local community center’s annual operating budget, she added.

Tickets for the Fall FUNdraiser are \$300 each, with sponsorship opportunities starting at \$1,000. (In appreciation of their generosity, sponsors will be invited to a “special sponsors night” on Thursday, Oct. 13, at Helen’s Leather Shop on Charles Street, according to Keches.)

Meanwhile, Hill House is also bringing back its annual Hill-O-Ween Party for local families and children on Monday, Oct. 31, from 2:30 to 4 p.m. at the Mt. Vernon

Street Firehouse. This event will feature crafts, games, snacks, and a halloween-themed tableau perfect for a family picture, along with prizes for best costume, best family costume, and most crafty costume, respectively.

Games will include a fortune teller, pumpkin chucking, and a Hole-o-ween in one gold game where participants put the ball into a pumpkin, while “paint a pumpkin” will be among the craft offerings, added Keches.

The Hill-O-Ween Party is free and open to the community.

Visit hillhouseboston.org for more information on both events.

BHV Board of Directors welcomes Luis Fernando Requena

The Beacon Hill Village (BHV) Board is delighted to welcome Luis Fernando Requena to serve on its Board of Directors.

A native of Bolivia, Fernando and his wife Margaret Preston have been South End residents since 1979. He left his home country at 24 with a BS in Civil Engineering, and went to the University of Cincinnati to a Master in Environmental Engineering. Fernando moved to Boston in 1968, and accepted a position with Boston-based environmental consultant Camp Dresser and McKee (now CDM Smith) improving water systems throughout the world. His overseas assignments began, first in Central and South America, and later Brazil, Israel, Puerto Rico, and Vietnam. These assignments were interspersed with time on East Concord Street where they still live today.

“Fernando brings to the BHV Board a wealth of skills and experience,” said Allan Hodges, current BHV Board President, adding, “not to mention his sense of adventure—and readiness to participate in all the activities we have to offer.”

Over the years Fernando has held leadership roles as President of the Worcester Square Neighborhood Association and Trustee of University Hospital, (which later merged with Boston City Hospital to form the Boston Medical Center). He also served as Vice President of the South End Historical Society and Board member of the Boston Preservation Alliance.



Luis Fernando Requena.

He values the long-time friendships he’s established in Boston and looks forward to forging new friendships with BHV members over the years to come. Fernando says he is honored to be appointed to BHV’s Board of Directors, saying, “I look forward to helping guide the organization’s strategic aims to return to in-person events, grow our membership ranks, and further establish the BHV footprint beyond Beacon Hill. I’m delighted to help guide this important work.”

About Beacon Hill Village: Founded in 2002, Beacon Hill Village is a Member-led non-profit which – through strategic partnerships, programming, and services – builds community while providing the information and resources which enable older adults to optimize choices for successful, healthy aging.

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Green New Deal — a plan to mitigate the threat of climate change in the city - and the #unfairhikes direct action, a citywide movement comprising 300 volunteers and 50 elected officials, all rallying for affordable public transit and calling for action regarding safety concerns on the T.

Van Scoy credits this internship experience for helping to prepare her for her current role with the city.

“Something really exciting for me is in college, I studied international relations and learned what the federal government can do,” she said. “When I started as an intern for [then] Councilor Wu, I got the perspective that at the city level, we can do so much and really make impactful changes. Seeing the progress on that level was really inspiring. So when I have this opportunity to connect residents with city services, and to get to know the neighborhoods and know the issues in these neighborhoods, I can think of creative solu-

tions to the problems that impact those residents.”

After graduating from Tufts, Van Scoy joined the staff of AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC), where she co-led a team of 10 young adults providing disaster relief services across the southern region of the United States. She was stationed in Mississippi and spent stints that each lasted about two months working in North Carolina; San Juan, Puerto Rico; Louisiana; and West Virginia, respectively.

“AmeriCorps was hands-on, and I was looking to do something different from an academic setting,” she said. “It gave me the opportunity to see parts of the country I’d never seen before, to engage with these communities, and to learn how to identify what’s important to them and how to play a role in supporting those neighborhoods.”

Now, in her current role with the city, Van Scoy is already having a similar impact on the neighbor-

hoods she serves.

“Maggie’s dedication and commitment to the community is incredibly inspiring,” said Director of Neighborhood Services Enrique Pepen. “Since Day One, she has prioritized meeting with community leaders and businesses, and familiarizing herself with her various neighborhoods. She is devoted to her role and responds to all inquiries with the same level of urgency and passion. We are lucky to have Maggie as a member of our team and I encourage residents to reach out to her with any questions or concerns.”

As for Van Scoy, she is pleased to be seeing the results of her work.

“I’ve been on the job about two months, and it’s really nice to see that response, and to see the progress starting to happen,” she said.

Margaret “Maggie” Van Scoy encourages constituents to reach out to her with their comments and concerns via email at margaret.vanscoy@boston.gov.

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be able to access) can be deadly. The single biggest risk factor for developing an opiate addiction is lawfully receiving a prescription for opiate medication from a doctor. Pharmaceutical companies were well aware of the addiction potential of these medications yet chose to suppress this data and spent millions of dollars encouraging doctors to over-prescribe opiates under the falsehood that they had no associated risks. It is also well-established that imprisonment is one of the least effective interventions for addiction.

The letter writer again implies that one can afford rent if they can afford alcohol (in reality often purchased in the form of cheap airplane bottles to stave off life-threatening withdrawal symptoms), cigarettes ("\$14 a pack" per the letter writer though most often purchased as single loose cigarettes), or heroin (knowingly or unknowingly, much more likely lab-manufactured fentanyl, which is both more potent and cheaper than poppy-derived heroin and the driving force behind the cur-

rent overdose crisis). It is true that addiction can be wildly expensive, but it is not commensurate with the egregious cost of rent in Boston at this time. Establishing sobriety from the grasp of addiction is one of the hardest things a person could do even when they have all of the resources in the world at their disposal. I wonder if the letter writer would similarly call for the imprisonment of our community members who are struggling with addiction from the privacy of their own homes, or if they are more displeased that their "picture-perfect" journeys along esplanade have been marred by the inconvenient reminder of the existence of human suffering.

The letter closed with an ominous insinuation that unhoused people are likely to rape and murder those of us with the fortune of being housed unless they are rounded up and expelled from our community. Beyond the Orwellian thoughtcrime vibes implicit in this message, this is factually inaccurate. Our unhoused neighbors are significantly more likely to be the

victims of violent crime than those of us with reliable access to shelter. In reality, the most dangerous place for a woman is inside of her own home. The vast majority of rapes and murders are perpetrated by intimate partners, and police officers have some of the highest rates of perpetrating domestic violence.

The published letter relied exclusively on fearmongering, stigma and factual inaccuracies to demonize our unhoused neighbors. Many of our more fortunate neighbors are unaware that we live close to the New England Center for Homeless Veterans and that many unhoused members of our community are disabled Veterans who have been failed by the country they sought to protect. Overall, the letter writer seems to misunderstand homelessness as a choice that morally compromised individuals make rather than an issue in which our society has systemically failed to protect some of its most vulnerable members. I am honestly unsurprised that one of our more privileged neighbors holds

such views, but I was shocked and disappointed that the Times staff made the choice to publish it.

-A Concerned Reader

GROWING ENCAMPMENT ISSUES

To the Editor,

I write as the Chair of the Beacon Hill Civic Association's Parks and Public Spaces Committee. Over the past several months, our committee has noted a dramatic increase in number of homeless individuals and encampments on the Esplanade. (Similar encampments have been noted in other Boston neighborhoods.) In particular, individuals have been camping under the Appleton Footbridge ramps and stairs, the encampments have spread to literal tents:

BHCA has brought these encampments to the attention of the City and the DCR. This has resulted in a temporary displacement, but every time the encampments have returned and they are now expanding. Because of the unique nature of the Esplanade,

a state park completely within the City of Boston, it has been a challenge for any government entity to own this problem.

The issue of homelessness is complex, but solving it is possible. The BHCA calls on city and state government, neighborhood associations, businesses, and residents all of us — to care enough and invest more effort and resources in action on the Esplanade, and implementation of proven strategies that will end these encampments and help these homeless individuals. This effort starts with a continuation on the Esplanade of what has been shown to work in other parts of our City — a removal of encampments and provision of housing and services for these individuals. It is not humane or beneficial to have individuals camping outside as fall arrives and winter approaches.

Colin Zick

Chair, BHCA Parks and Public Spaces Committee

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said Andrade, who works full time as a chemical-free produce farmer in Westport, Mass. "They also played a major role in last year's event so they understood where priority areas might come up, and to make sure we were prepared for those."

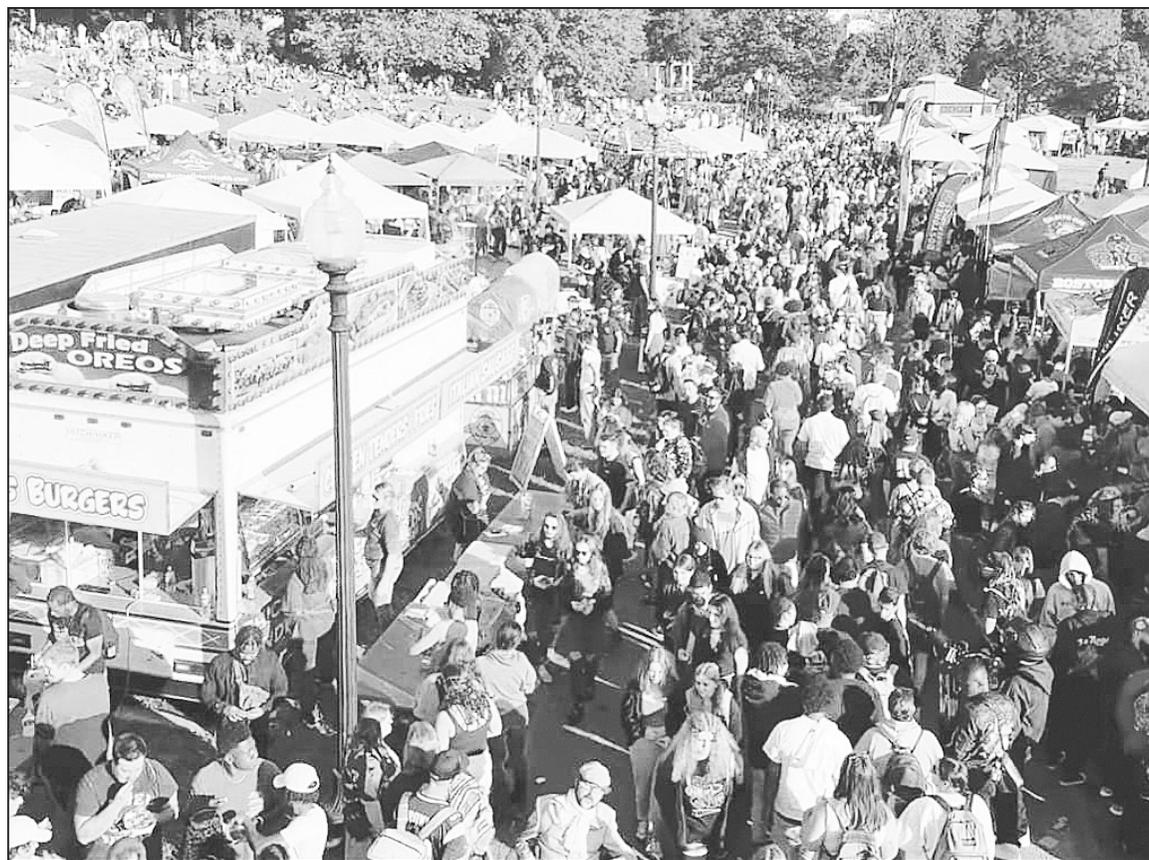
The cleaning crew was also on hand prior to the event, which ran from noon to 7 p.m. on Sept. 17, to ensure that trash barrels were properly placed. For the entire duration of the event, workers also made sure that the barrels were emptied on a continuing basis.

"They had a crew with grabbers," added Andrade. "As soon as the Common cleared out [after the event], they came in and literally swept the park from one side to the other, making sure they got every piece of trash."

The crew wrapped up cleaning the park at about 3 a.m. Sunday, according to Andrade.

MassCann had a meeting with the Friends of the Public Garden over the summer in preparation for the event, said Andrade, and the two groups are scheduled to meet again to discuss post-event feedback at the Friends group's "earliest convenience."

Representatives for the Friends, as well as for the Beacon Hill Civic Association and for the Neighborhood Association of the Back Bay, all said they had received no complaints regarding this year's event.



COURTESY OF MASSCANN

The 33rd Boston Freedom Rally returned on Sept. 17 to the Boston Common.

"What we'd really like to convey is the larger impact the event has on the neighboring communities, and that while people were coming to the Common to celebrate, they were using public transportation, they were supporting local businesses, they're supporting the [parking] meter sys-

tem, and they're staying in hotels, so in general, the increased economic impact we have is positive," said Andrade, who added that MassCann also hasn't received any negative feedback from this year's event.

Traditionally the second largest annual gathering for marijuana

law reform in the U.S., after the Seattle Hempfest, the Boston Freedom Rally has taken its toll on the Common and on the surrounding residential communities in the past, however.

Over the weekend of Sept. 14 to 16, 2018, an estimated crowd of between 15,000 and 20,000

was on hand for the 29th annual Boston Freedom Rally — an event that, according to city officials at the time, caused an unprecedented amount of damage to the Common, with reports of attendees driving their cars onto the park, camping out there overnight, and leaving behind mountains of trash in their wake, including discarded syringes allegedly found among the debris.

Chris Cook, the Boston Parks Commissioner at the time, said during a City Council hearing in November of 2018 at City Hall, no other event in the city's park system generates as much trash as the Boston Freedom Rally. And that year's three-day event set the city back \$10,000 in overtime to clean up the Common afterwards, with that cost rising as high as \$20,000 in previous years, added Cook at that time.

Likewise, the Boston Parks and Recreation Department has legally challenged Boston Freedom Rally at least six times to no avail, going back to the 1990s, and doesn't endorse the event, which it views as a direct affront to the smoking ban enacted in city parks, including on the Common.

But despite these past controversies, the 34th Boston Freedom Rally is expected to return to the Common next year on its traditional date — the third Saturday in September, said Andrade.

Wu announces next SPARK Boston Council

Special to the Patriot-Bridge

Mayor Michelle Wu announced the newly-selected 2022-2023 SPARK Boston Council. The diverse, 40-member group will spend the next 12 months working to connect young adults to leaders in City government, City services, and one another. The SPARK Boston Council will advise Mayor Wu on City policies and programs affecting 20- to 35-year-olds.

“The future of Boston depends on having a well-informed and connected community of leaders in every generation,” said Mayor Michelle Wu. “This year’s SPARK Boston Council spans many cultures, languages, and corners of our city—all united by a passion for civic engagement. I look forward to collaborating with the new members as we work to make Boston a city for everyone.”

The 2022-2023 SPARK Boston Council members live in neighborhoods throughout Boston and come from a wide variety of cultural and professional backgrounds. One fifth of the Council are native Bostonians, while others grew up as far away as Syria, Venezuela, and Jamaica. The new members come from a wide range of work industries, including public service, higher education, and scientific research. Sixteen members are multilingual.

“This is a pivotal moment for SPARK Boston, as Boston’s first millennial Mayor appoints her first council,” said SPARK Boston Director Audrey Seraphin. “I am delighted to work with these bright young minds to bring Boston’s largest age group together again, both virtually and in-person, after a difficult two and half years for our community.”

For the first time, new SPARK Council members will be supported by eight returning SPARK captains, who will provide mentorship and organizational assistance critical to the program’s continued growth and success.

“I am excited to enter this next year on SPARK as one of the new captains,” said returning council member Dianna Bronchuk of Roslindale. “I’ve learned about and engaged with so many new opportunities in Boston through SPARK, and I am looking forward to bringing those to the new council members in this role.”

“It’s such an honor to continue working to better our City, especially now as a captain,” said Anthony Nguyen, a lifelong resident of Dorchester. “I’m excited to help lead the new council to reach our potential as a talented,

diverse family dedicated to civic engagement.”

SPARK Boston, housed in the Mayor’s Community Engagement Cabinet, is responsible for advising Mayor Wu on issues affecting millennial and Gen Z populations and working with City departments and community stakeholders to create innovative solutions. The Council meets monthly with City Hall leaders and creates free programming for their peers including voter resources, events highlighting the City’s on-going initiatives, and professional and social networking opportunities across Boston’s many neighborhoods.

“I’m so grateful to be offered the opportunity to serve on the 2022-2023 SPARK Boston Council,” said Kennedy Avery, new member from Beacon Hill. “Enthusiastic and innovative young people have long been committed to improving the City, and I can’t wait to work with my peers to connect the innovation and energy of young people in the City to the levers of power within City Hall.”

This year, the SPARK Boston program received 110 applications for the 2022-2023 Council, showing continued robust interest for involvement and engagement. Projects for the 2021-2022 SPARK Boston Council included the creation of the Allston-Brighton Renters’ Garden Contest, the on-going Pint with a Planner series, the Haitian Migrant Household

Goods Drive with IFSI, the 2021 Living & Learning Debt Survey, Rat City Arts Fest, and countless voter registration pop-ups and neighborhood social events.

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Members poised to inspire civic leadership among Boston’s young adults

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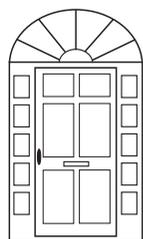
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BEACON HILL CIVIC ASSOCIATION HILLFEST

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featured information tables on local non-profit organizations, live musical entertainment by The Rubin Brothers, and arts and crafts for little ones.

The Beacon Hill Civic Association's (BHCA) HillFest, on Mount Vernon Street on September 18,



The Christian Family.



Lily Brunner, 7-years-old, with her face painted as a pink cheetah.



Anastasia Contos, Iris and Aella Efstathiou, Lynne and Evelyn Plavner.



Beacon Hill Garden Club Vice President Sandra Gilpatrick, and Georgia Pearson, Gardens of Beacon Hill Tour Co-Chair.



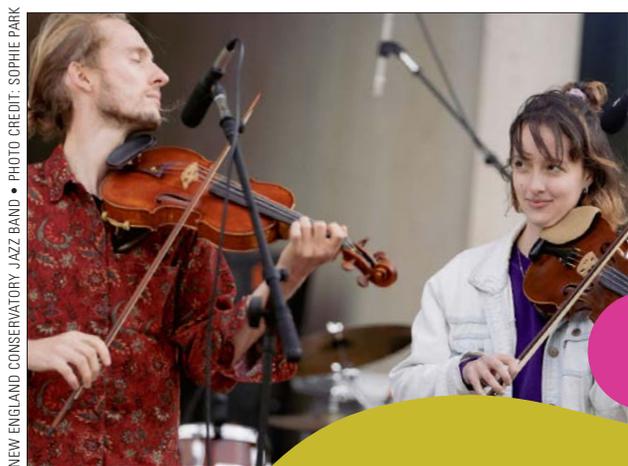
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Leslie Adam guest speaker at Beacon Hill Women's Forum



Jayne Damesek, Eva Lichtenberger, and Cindy Sullivan.

Story & Photos by Marianne Salza

Leslie Adam, Friends of the Public Garden chair, is dedicated to the conservation of urban green spaces, advocating for the preservation of the Boston Common, Public Garden, and Commonwealth Avenue Mall. The mother of two not only loves the restorative tranquility of the parks, but also the people who gather there.

"The parks -- especially during Covid -- were places of suste-

nance," Adam explained during her Beacon Hill Women's Forum presentation, "Hey Park Lady - Why I Love These Three Parks and This Special Community." "What makes Beacon Hill special are the places here, and people's willingness to get involved and listen. I continue to be impressed by the energy of the people."

During the September 13 gathering at the Hampshire House, Adam recalled how her passion began when she was growing up

in Roslindale, with her home close to the back gate of the Arnold Arboretum: the first park she ever treasured. In her youth, Adam was well-acquainted with the Franklin Park Zoo, and would visit green spaces for quiet respite.

Adam was raised in a Protestant/Catholic Irish family; and her paternal grandparents made an enormous impression on her. They were keen gardeners with rose

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Meredith Bernstein, Nick Santaniello, and Wendy Oleksiak, Co-President.



Leslie Adam, Guest speaker.



Co-Program Directors, Cindy Sullivan and Malenie Bertani, with guest speaker, Leslie Adam.



Co-President Wendy Oleksiak, Neighborhood Narrative speaker, Jennifer Gallagher, Owner of Cobblestones, and Cindy Sullivan, Co-Program Director.



Shaili Gupta, Co-President.



Perla Fernandez, Meredith Bernstein, Rachel Von Nieda, Richelle Gewertz, and Janine Jay.



Becky Davis, Barbara Oroszko, Deb Brating, Gracey Wilson, and Cecil Guedon.



Ladies gathering at the Hampshire House for cocktails during the September 13 Beacon Hill Women's Forum.

MBTA launches online applications for TAP and blind-access customers

The MBTA announced that eligible riders can now apply online for a new, renewal, or replacement TAP CharlieCard or Blind Access CharlieCard. People with disabilities (including low vision) and Medicare cardholders are eligible for reduced MBTA fares with a TAP CharlieCard and people who are legally blind are eligible for free MBTA fares with a Blind Access CharlieCard.

With the launch of these two online applications, the MBTA now accepts online applications for the following free/reduced fare programs: Blind Access, TAP, Senior, and Youth Pass. Riders will still be able to apply in-person at the CharlieCard Store for Senior, Blind Access, and TAP as they do now (and can make online reservations to visit the

CharlieCard Store), and can also visit the MBTA Mobility Center for online application support. Riders seeking to apply for a TAP CharlieCard by mail or at the CharlieCard Store can download the updated application at the MBTA's Transportation Access Pass webpage online.

"I am pleased to announce the launch of the online application portal to allow all of our reduced fare riders online access, which provides reduced fare riders with broader access and more convenience," said MBTA General Manager Steve Poftak. "We have made significant investments in equipment, staff resources, and technology solutions to improve the experience of our riders with a specific focus on riders with disability- and age-based needs.

Through our Fare Transformation journey, we continue to improve the experience of riders as we work towards modernization by investing in state of good repair and capital improvements that transform the system into a modern digital payment system."

"Greater accessibility to MBTA resources supports independence and self-determination of individuals who are blind," said Massachusetts Commission for the Blind Commissioner David D'Arcangelo. "We are pleased to collaborate with the MBTA on streamlining the process of obtaining and updating our Blind Access Cards. This is a game-changer for our consumers who no longer have to travel to an office in order to receive the cards, offering them a more equitable and efficient solu-

tion to travel in Massachusetts."

The online applications for the MBTA's free/reduced fare programs offer riders a convenient method to apply for and receive a new free/reduced fare CharlieCard without having to visit the CharlieCard Store. Riders can apply to these respective programs remotely and easily online from a computer or mobile device in English, Chinese, Spanish, and Portuguese. Each application allows applicants to securely enter their personal information and upload the required documents, such as a photo ID and eligibility documentation. All online applications are accessible to screen readers and were tested by free/reduced fare riders to ensure usability. Riders who submit their email address as part of their application

will receive application status notifications, including details on how to use their card if approved.

In addition to the online applications, the MBTA recently removed rider photos, names, and expiration dates from Senior CharlieCards for people 65 and older to simplify the card fulfillment process for these riders. Riders who apply for a new or replacement Senior CharlieCard will now receive the new Reduced Fare CharlieCards for Seniors, which are valid for eight years. Riders with current Senior CharlieCards can utilize them until they expire.

To learn more about the MBTA's free/reduced fare programs and how to apply online, visit mbta.com/fares/reduced.

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bushes and a vegetable patch.

"They were wonderful people who taught me a lot about family, duty, hard work, and integrity," noted Adam. "I think of them every day."

After graduating from college, Adam worked at a Boston law firm, serving as a director of recruitment before taking a position in England, where she met her avid-rower husband, Allister, during a picnic in a park.

"I went to London, and it was the most amazing journey," she exclaimed. "My life was anchored by beautiful parks. London was transformational for me. I spent a tremendous amount of time in Saint James Park, when I would leave the office for reprieve."

Adam and her husband returned to Boston, where they have since lived on Beacon Hill and raised a family for almost 25 years.

"Allister and I became captivated by the community that is Beacon Hill. It was a city experience, but it felt like a village to him," Adam emphasized. "This community has continued to give to us our whole lives."

A window box and tree pit were Adam's first garden; so she is especially fond of the floral adornments throughout Beacon Hill, and is amused by the surprising additions that some residents place inside, such as the Storm Trooper figurines on Pickney Street.

"I love that you can walk through the community and get inspired and laugh," said Adam, who also recounted the challenges while battling breast cancer, the loss of her mother, and the support of her friends in the community.

Following her recovery, Adam became the chair of the Friends of the Public Garden, a position that seemed like destiny.

"I would go to the Swan Boats every season with my mother and grandmother. The morning that I got married, my mother gave me a gorgeous, antique handkerchief with the Swan Boats to remind me that, although I was marrying an Englishman, I was always a Bostonian, and this was our special place," noted Adam emotionally, as she held the small, white handkerchief.

Adam expressed her admiration for the kind, innovative women whom she has met in Beacon Hill while appointed as a board member of the Beacon Hill Civic Association, Beacon Hill Garden Club, Beacon Hill Nursery School, and the Nichols House Museum.

"In Beacon Hill – and through the various organizations that I have had the honor of getting to know – I continue to be impressed by the women in this community," Adam said. "They are women who are warm, welcoming, and willing to share their personal stories."

ZBA (from pg. 1)

zoning relief and must be reviewed and approved by the ZBA. These new ZBA members will work closely with Chief of Planning Arthur Jemison to help advance the Mayor's goal of rebuilding trust with communities through planning-led development while advancing equity, affordability, and resilience across all functions of the City's development review process.

"This outstanding slate of community members will play a key role in Boston's growth as we work to build more housing and address the regional affordability crisis, support equitable and resilient neighborhoods, and shift to planning-led development," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "These appointees represent the diversity, talent, and expertise of our communities that will connect Boston's growth to addressing our greatest challenges."

"I want to thank the prior members for their service to the city. These ZBA appointees have a variety of experiences in development and community advocacy work in Boston's neighborhoods, and they represent the diversity of our City," said Chief of Planning

Arthur Jemison. "The BPDA is focused on furthering planning and development work that addresses Boston's greatest challenges: resiliency, affordability, and equity. I am looking forward to a collaborative working relationship with the ZBA. Together, we can aim to reduce reliance on variances as the BPDA prioritizes planning-lead development."

The ZBA totals 14 members – seven primary members and seven alternates with a range of experience as required by state law – who serve three-year terms. Alternates serve if primary members are unable to attend a ZBA hearing. All members currently serving on the ZBA were appointed by previous administrations. In addition to 10 new members, Mayor Wu is reappointing Jeanne Pinado, Sherry Dong, and Hansy Better Barraza. Kerry Walsh Logue, a representative of the Building Trades Employers Association from South Boston, is an active member whose term expires in November. The nominees will now need to be confirmed by the Boston City Council. Zoning Board of Appeal Appointees At-Large

Giovanni Valencia, West Roxbury (primary seat)

Alaa Mukahaal, Mission Hill (alternate seat)

Neighborhood Organization Seats

Norm Stenbridge, Roxbury (primary seat)

Shavel'le Olivier, Mattapan (alternate seat)

Sherry Dong, Dorchester (primary seat)

David Aiken, East Boston (alternate seat)

Greater Boston Real Estate Board

Jeanne Pinado, Jamaica Plain (primary seat)

Katie Whewell, West End (alternate seat)

Boston Society of Architecture

Hansy Better Barraza, Roslindale (primary seat)

Thea Massouh, Brighton (alternate seat)

Building Trades Employers Association

Raheem Shepard, Hyde Park (primary seat)

Building Trades Council

Alan Langham, Dorchester (primary seat)

Dave Collins, Roslindale (alternate seat)

SPARK (from pg. 5)

The 2022-2023 Council includes:

- 1 Sydney Neugebauer, Allston
- 2 Anthony O'Neil, Allston
- 3 Bianca Beltran, Back Bay
- 4 Kennedy Avery, Beacon Hill
- 5 Janine Jay, Beacon Hill
- 6 Olivia S. Harris, Brighton

- 7 Cristen Mathews, Brighton
- 8 Steven Murnane, Jr., Brighton
- 9 Christopher Rockwell, Charlestown
- 10 Liza Perry, Charlestown
- 11 Abby Jamiel, Dorchester
- 12 Brenna Galvin, Dorchester
- 13 Alexa Monfort, Dorchester

- 14 Yakeisha L. Gray Sinclair, Dorchester
- 15 Tania Jaime Lopez, Dorchester
- 16 Taufiq Dhanani, Dorchester

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FRESH AND LOCAL**Beat food inflation**

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

The Department of Agriculture has reported the Consumer Price Index for food-for-home from June 2022 to July 2022 was 13.1 percent higher than the same period in 2021. This is no surprise to those who do grocery shopping and meal planning. However, there are many steps you can take to control what you're spending on food.

Reducing food waste is the most significant opportunity to beat food inflation. Forbes Magazine reported, "...the average U.S. household wasted 31.9% of its food. The total annual cost of the wasted food was estimated to be \$240 billion or \$1,866 per household."

Meal Planning

Winging it is not a great way to spend your food budget. Making decisions about what you want to eat when you're hungry, tired, or hangry can result in a decision to go out to dinner, or order a pizza.

Our meal planning starts by looking at the week ahead. There are days when cooking will fit into the schedule and days when that's not an option. That means Penny has to make food ahead for days when she's busy. When our planning isn't perfect, but there is a lot of food on hand, we have an "everyone is on their own for meals" day. Not only does this give the cook a day off, but it also uses leftovers.

Shopping Lists

We have a shared shopping list that we add to throughout the day. Penny checks it and decides how she will deal with each item. Some products are a better value when ordered online and delivered. The remainder is used to decide what store she'll visit next.

Once you're at the store, use your list. Think about some items sitting in your pantry or food you've had to throw away. Were these impulse buys? Shopping with a list keeps you focused on what you need. Feel free to swap items

if, for example, the broccoli looks better than the cauliflower or is on sale, but try not to buy more than you need.

Use What You Have

Shop your supplies as you check your grocery list. Perhaps you already have something you can substitute for an item you were about to buy. Using what you already have will reduce what you'll spend at the store, and make space in your pantry to buy more of the items you use the most when they are on sale or at a warehouse store. Finally, it will ensure you use what you have before a "Best if used by" date tempts you to throw out the product.

Use more of most parts of the food you purchase. Use those greens when fresh root vegetables like beets, turnips, or even carrots come with the greens attached. Look for recipes for braised or sautéed greens. One chef has served us carrot tops as an herby garnish on a dish that included baby carrots.



When buying protein, consider buying a whole chicken or fish. Then use the bones and scraps to make a stock. (Photo by Tim Bish)

When buying protein, consider buying a whole chicken or fish. Then use the bones and scraps to make a stock. Penny makes small batches of stock with every rotisserie chicken she buys and freezes it for future use.

This is just the tip of the list of ways you can beat food inflation. Many articles about this topic are being published in the press, and

many share excellent ideas. What's more, the food shortage solutions we've learned since the beginning of the pandemic have sharpened our food preparation skills. With a little planning, you can beat food inflation.

Do you have a question or topic for Fresh & Local? Send an email to Penny@BostonZest.com with your suggestion.

NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDUP**FALL FAMILY ART TOUR COMING OCT. 9 TO THE NICHOLS HOUSE MUSEUM**

The Nichols House Museum presents "Pumpkins & Paintings: A Fall Family Art Tour" on Sunday, Oct. 9, from 10 to 11 a.m. at 55 Mt. Vernon St.

Explore different types of artwork with your eyes and imaginations, then use imagery from the house to inspire your own pumpkin decorating. This program is recommended for ages 6 and up, and will last 45 minutes total.

Admission is \$7 to \$15; register

at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/pumpkins-paintings-a-fall-family-art-tour-tickets-404850878877>.

CITY COUNCILOR BOK'S OFFICE HOURS

City Councilor Kenzie Bok will hold in-person office hours on Wednesday, Oct. 5, from 4 to 6 p.m. at Cobblestones at 30 Charles St. on Beacon Hill, as well as on Thursday, Oct. 6, from 4 to 6 p.m. at Flour Bakery at 209



City Councilor Kenzie Bok.

Cambridge St. in the West End.

Sign up for Councilor Bok's office hours at <https://calendly.com/councilor-kenziebok/office-hours-bok>.

UPCOMING HISTORIC NEW ENGLAND PROGRAMS

Historical New England will present a virtual program on deciphering the epitaphs of old New England gravestones on Wednesday, Oct. 5, at 5:30 p.m..

The program will feature John G.S. Hanson, author of "Reading the Gravestones of Old New England," exploring the poetic messages found in the epitaphs etched in New England gravestones and how they reflected the religious context of those times.

Tickets for this event are free, but donations are encouraged. Visit <https://my.historicnewengland.org/13846/gravestones> to register, or call 617-994-6678 for more information.

Also, Historic New England will hold an in-person fashion show, "Fashion on the Terrace: Zainab Sumu" on Saturday, Oct. 8, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the terrace of the Otis House at 141 Cambridge St.

This program is free and open to the public, and will also feature Sumu's creations available for sale. Call 617-994-5959 for more information.

BOSTON TRAFFIC ADVISORY FOR SUNDAY

The Jimmy Fund Walk happening in the City of Boston this weekend will bring some parking restrictions and street closures. People attending these events are encouraged to walk, bike, or take public transit. Information on Bluebikes, the regional bike share service, may be found on the Bluebikes website and information on the MBTA may be found online. For a faster return trip, the MBTA advises riders to purchase a round-trip rather than a one-way ticket.

Walking is also a great way to move around.

Annual Jimmy Fund Walk – Sunday, October 2, 2022

"Tow Zone No Stopping Boston Police Special Event Sunday" signs on the following streets:

- Boylston Street, Both sides, from Dartmouth Street to Clarendon Street

- Blagden Street, Both sides, from Dartmouth Street to Exeter Street

- Brookline Avenue, Northwest side (even side), from Deaconess Road heading towards Francis Street including the loading zone and the first four metered spaces

- Clarendon Street, Both sides, from Boylston Street to Saint James Avenue

- Trinity Place, Both sides, from Stuart Street to Saint James Avenue

- Saint James Avenue, Both sides, from Berkeley Street to Dartmouth Street

- Cleveland Circle, Chestnut Hill Avenue Cassidy Playground Parking Area – all of the metered areas.

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Attention to Detail

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THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The balcony in the last clue is on 57 Chestnut Street. Since 1892, this has been the home of the Harvard Musical Association, a private charitable organization founded in 1837 for the purposes of advancing musical culture and literacy, both at the College and in the city of Boston. Today's answer is part of a photo from the Boston Public Library Collection taken in the 1890s.

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



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CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR RESIGNATION OF A GUARDIAN OF AN INCAPACITATED PERSON AND/OR CONSERVATOR
Docket No. SU18P0928PM
In the Interests Of: Richard Torpey
Of: Boston, MA
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Regina T. Bragdon of Northampton, MA in the above captioned matter requesting that the court:
Accept the Resignation of the Conservator.
The petition asks the court to make a determination that the Guardian and/or Conservator should be allowed to resign; or should be removed for good cause; or that the Guardianship and/or Conservatorship is no longer

necessary and therefore should be terminated. The original petition is on file with the court.
You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 10/05/2022. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.
WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: September 07, 2022
Felix D. Arroyo,
Register of Probate

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Date: September 07, 2022
Felix D. Arroyo,
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Upstairs Downstairs welcomes Mark Duffield for book-signing

Beacon Hill's Mark Duffield was on hand for a book-signing for his third book, "As I Recall: Wings of Remembrance," on Saturday, Sept. 24, at Upstairs Downstairs Home.



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Pictured, left to right, are Bob Cousineau, Nancy O'Hearn, Laura Cousineau, Sharon Duffield, and Jennifer Hill and Mark Duffield.

"As I Recall: Wings of Remembrance" recounts the true events of 2006 when Mark and Jennifer Hill assumed ownership of the longstanding Charles Street shop then called Blackstone's of Beacon Hill, and how Mark wished his late father were there then to lend him counsel during this time. The book features illustrations by former Beacon Hill mail carrier, Nancy O'Hearn, as well as cover art by Mark's twin sister, Sharon Duffield.



CITY HALL ON THE GO TRUCK COMES TO CHARLES STREET

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The City Hall on the Go Truck made a stop on Wednesday, Sept. 21, in front of the Charles Street Meeting House. Immediately beforehand, the Truck was in Copley Square. The Truck provides a number of services to residents, such as applying for resident parking permits or dog licenses; requesting birth, death, or marriage certificates; paying or appealing parking tickets; registering to vote; and filing claims with the city or business certificates, etc. Visit www.boston.gov/city-hall-go-truck for more information on the City Hall on the Go Truck. Pictured, left to right, are Joseph Okafaor, community outreach coordinator for the city's Office of Civic Engineering; Patricia Tully, executive director of the Beacon Hill Civic Association; and Maggie Van Scoy, Mayor Michelle Wu's Neighborhood Services liaison for Back Bay, Beacon Hill, Mission Hill, and Fenway-Kenmore.

King Tut tomb discovery mural in SoWa Art and Design District

The City of Boston and Beyond King Tut have announced the Immersive Experience that is Boston's newest public work of art: a large-scale mural titled "Tutankhamun's Journey into the Afterlife". The mural is located on the South End's Leon Electric building, at the corner of Harrison Avenue and Perry Street. The mural honors the legacy of Tutankhamun (King

Tut), while marking the centennial anniversary of King Tut's tomb discovery. Located at the heart of Boston's historic SoWa (South of Washington) Art and Design District, this new neighborhood landmark was made possible through partnership with Beyond King Tut: The Immersive Experience.

This mural commemorates King Tut, the nine year old "Boy

Pharaoh" who ascended to the throne 3,300 years ago. The mural was designed by 17-year-old Bobby Zabin, who was particularly inspired by King Tut's emergence as a young leader.

The mural can be found a block away from SoWa's Power Station, where Beyond King Tut: The Immersive Experience is open through Sunday, October 2.

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