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## CHESTNUTS, FRIENDS OVER FIFTY OPENS UP AGAIN FOR FALL



COURTESY OF MARTHA MCALLISTER

Right to left are Chestnuts Friends Over Fifty board of directors members: Sally Harr, Wendy Oleksiak, Lisa Purcell, Martha McAllister, Monica Noether, Pat Carucci, and Beth Sanders. (Justine Laughharn was not present.)

The Chestnuts, Friends Over Fifty women's nonprofit friendship group opened up again in September, and is well on its way, with about 12 different member-run activities happening each month. Its board members recently gath-

ered for a dinner celebration and for planning the Chestnut New Year 2023-2024. Even with its large and active membership group, there are still openings for women over 50 seeking fellowship, fun, and neighborhood philanthropy.

Membership enrollment occurs in the fall from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15 (currently) and again in the winter months from Jan. 15 to Feb. 15. The membership application can be found online at chestnut-friends.squarespace.com.

## Boston area offers wide range of school offerings for kids of all ages

By Times staff

A new academic year is just getting underway, but it's already time for parents and guardians to start thinking about options for next year, and with the Boston area's wide range of top-notch independent, private, and parochial schools, kids of all ages can find one that well suits them while still staying local.

For small children just starting off on their educational journeys, the Beacon Hill Nursery School at 74 Joy St. has been a vital part of the downtown community since 1955.

With a commitment to

high-quality education since its inception, the mission of BHNS is to create a nurturing community that instills a lifelong love of learning, and its exceptional educators value play as purposeful and cherish children's innate curiosity.

The warm and welcoming environment of BHNS includes two on-site playscapes, a dedicated library, seven classrooms, and an indoor gym. Its curriculum has a strong emphasis on play; hands-on engagement; open-ended exploration; and social-emotional development. Enriched by weekly yoga and music classes, the program

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## APPRECIATION

### Remembering Stephen Score

Special to the Times

Stephen Score, 79, died on Saturday, Sept. 9, of sarcoma bone cancer. He was a husband, a father, and a mensch. He was an icon in the art and antiques trades, revered for his integrity and unflinching "eye." Whether acting at the Tavern Club or bidding at Sotheby's, he was passionate and daring. He gave his all. He loved music and concerts at the Harvard Musical Association.

He was a mentor to so many. A true humanist, he cared deeply about everyone. He always took the time to uncover the soul in us all, often demanding a hug. All this he did with characteristic wit and style. He was last seen feeding the birds on Mount Vernon Street. They followed him joyfully home.

A memorial service for Stephen will take place on Saturday, Oct. 21, at 2 p.m. at King's Chapel



(58 Tremont St., Boston). A more extensive obituary will be published in Antiques and The Arts Weekly ([www.antiquesandthearts.com/stephen-score-79-folk-art-dealer/](http://www.antiquesandthearts.com/stephen-score-79-folk-art-dealer/)).

Donations in memory of Stephen Score can be made to Ecclesia Ministries/common cathedral, <https://commoncathedral.org/about>, earmarked for common art.

## BEACON HILL CIVIC ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY CORNER

The BHCA Fall HillFest is this Sunday, September 24th, 12-4pm, on the flat of Mt. Vernon Street. Parking will not be allowed between 9am and 5pm for the safety of our attendees.

Thank you to our generous sponsors: Harpoon, Archer Roose, Charles Street Supply, The Common Canine, Cobblestones, City of Boston, Beacon Hill Jazz, and Phase III. This is a rain or shine event – come by for hotdogs, live music, and fun and

games for the whole family!

### Applications Open for the 2023 Beacon Hill Community Fund

In 2019, the Beacon Hill Civic Association decided that a special purpose fund – the Beacon Hill Community Fund – should be created within the BHCA for the purpose of making annual grants to community-based Beacon Hill, Cambridge Street and adjacent neighborhood non-profit organizations, community development corporations, and other civic

groups dedicated to promoting and enhancing quality of life in the community.

Now in its fifth year, the Community Fund is currently accepting applications at [bhcivic.org/community-fund](http://bhcivic.org/community-fund). The application deadline is November 1, 2023. Testimonials of past Community Fund awardees are also available on our website. For any questions, please contact Patricia Tully at the BHCA at 617-227-1922.

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# EDITORIAL

## GET YOUR COVID-19 BOOSTER SHOTS

While we would all love to leave COVID-19 in the rearview mirror, the stark reality is that the virus is still circulating among us, with the elderly and persons with compromised immune systems the most vulnerable to becoming seriously ill and dying from the virus.

Even otherwise healthy individuals, especially if they are overweight, run the risk of becoming seriously ill from the disease in the short-term and potentially suffering the lingering and debilitating effects of long-COVID, which has been well-documented, though it remains poorly understood.

Fortunately however, the CDC has approved the updated COVID booster vaccine that has been proven to be an effective and safe preventative measure against both catching the disease in the first place and, if infected, mitigating its most harmful effects.

The reasons we need an updated booster are three-fold: First, the effectiveness of the vaccine diminishes over time. Thus, the shots we received last year are significantly less protective today than they were 12 months ago. Second, the virus has mutated in the past year and the updated vaccines will provide protection against this ever-changing virus. Third, as we enter the fall and winter months, families will be gathering, with many having traveled in airplanes and returning from school, which are breeding grounds for the virus, and therefore looming as potential threats for parents and grandparents. We would note that from January to July of this year, 88 percent of deaths from COVID-19 were among people who were 65 years or older.

We urge all of our readers, regardless of age, to get the latest COVID-19 booster as soon as possible, both for our own health and that of our friends, co-workers, and family members.

## MITT COULD HAVE BEEN A GREAT PRESIDENT

The announcement this week by Utah Senator Mitt Romney that he will not seek re-election in 2024 leaves a void not only in the Republican party, but on our national political scene.

When Mitt Romney was our governor, he showed that a person of integrity and dedication to office can get things done for the benefit of all citizens. His willingness to work with the Democrats to pass the landmark health care bill that guarantees health insurance for all Massachusetts residents served as a model for the historic Obamacare legislation a few years later at the national level.

In addition, Romney did not play politics (in contrast to governors both before and after)

with his government and judicial appointments. Mitt Romney was a straight shooter who held to the simple belief that excellence in government is attainable.

Unfortunately, Romney sold his proverbial soul to the devil when he entered national politics, changing his previously-held views on a woman's right to choose and even disavowing his own creation, dubbed Romneycare, despite its success in Massachusetts, in order to cater to the archconservatives of the modern Republican party.

However, after his unsuccessful run for president in 2012 in which he was defeated by Barack Obama, Mitt Romney became the de facto leader of the opposition to the ultra-Republicans whose modus operandi can only be described as anarchy.

"A very large portion of my party," said Romney, "really doesn't believe in the Constitution."

Even though we disagree with Mitt Romney on just about every issue, we nonetheless believe that he is one of the few politicians who would have made a great President. His departure from the U.S. Senate will leave a void that few, if any, will dare to fill.



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**BHCA** (from pg. 1)**Upcoming BHCA Meetings, Events**

Meet & Greet – Monday, October 2nd, 6-8pm, 75 Chestnut

Zoning & Licensing Committee – Wednesday, October 4th, 6:00pm via Zoom

Founders Reception - Thursday, October 5th, 6-8pm; Harvard Musical Association (for Founders Circle members only)

First Friday Coffee Hour – Friday, October 6th, 8:30-9:30am, 74 Joy Street

Board of Directors – Monday, October 9th, 7pm, via Zoom

Let the Children Sing: A Tribute to Susan Paul (in collaboration with the Museum of African American History) - Sunday, October 15th, 3-5pm; MAAH. Tickets available online at [bhcivic.org](http://bhcivic.org).

Young Friends - The Shindig – Friday, November 10th, 7-10pm, UMass Club. Tickets available online at [bhcivic.org](http://bhcivic.org).

Garlands & Greens - Wednesday, November 15th, 6pm, Hamp-

shire House. Tickets coming soon.

Holiday Decorating – Saturday/Sunday, December 2nd and 3rd

Contact the BHCA at [info@bhcivic.org](mailto:info@bhcivic.org) for details on any of these activities or to sign up as a volunteer.

Active Transportation public meetings on Charles Street

Meet the City's Active Transportation Team in-person on Charles Street on the following days with dates added through October:

- Monthly on Wednesday evenings at the Charles Street Meeting House:

- 10/11 from 4:30-6pm due to earlier sunset

- Monthly on Tuesday mornings at the intersection of Charles and Cambridge Streets:

In the case of inclement weather, including a heat emergency, these hours will be cancelled. To learn more, visit [boston.gov/connect-downtown](http://boston.gov/connect-downtown).

**APPRECIATION****A. Alan Friedberg, former Chairman and CEO of Loews Theaters, 91**

Special to the Times

A. Alan Friedberg, born Abraham Jaffe Friedberg, died at his home on Beacon Hill earlier this month, after a brief illness. He was 91.

A native New Yorker, Mr. Friedberg attended the Ramaz School from which he graduated in 1945 as class valedictorian. He then attended Columbia Grammar and Preparatory School, graduating in 1949 and earning the title of salutatorian. Mr. Friedberg matriculated at Columbia College in 1949 and graduated in three years, receiving his BA degree in 1952 and earning the honors of summa cum laude as well as Phi Beta Kappa. He enrolled at Harvard Law School in 1952 but left to serve in the U.S. Army during the Korean War.

Upon his honorable discharge in 1956, Mr. Friedberg had a wife and infant daughter to support. He worked as assistant theater manager for Sack Theaters in Boston and enjoyed a steady rise through the ranks eventually becoming General Manager. When Sack Theaters, by then known as USA Cinemas, was sold to Loews Theaters, Mr. Friedberg was tapped to serve



as Chairman and CEO. He also served as President of the National Association of Theatre Owners (NATO) from 1978 - 1980 and as Chairman from 1980 - 1982 during which time he led the effort against blind bidding - the practice by distributors of selling films to exhibitors without allowing them to actually see them first. Mr. Friedberg retired in 1992.

During his retirement, he served on several boards including Columbia College, the Boston Symphony Orchestra, the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, and the Harvard School of Public Health.

He also served as Chairman of the Board of the National Center for Jewish Film at Brandeis University. Having founded the annual Boston Film Festival as well as art film festivals in other cities, Mr. Friedberg was made an Officier de L'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres de la Republique Francaise. His contributions to Boston's cultural scene serve as his enduring legacy.

Mr. Friedberg was the proud and adoring father to Caren Friedberg Hammerman (Hillel Hammerman), David Friedberg (Megan Tainer), Lawrence Friedberg (Phyllis Tankel), his children with his first wife Natalie Cohen (Miller) who predeceased him. He was a devoted husband to his second wife, Dorothea (Niki) Friedberg who also predeceased him, and loving stepfather to Jennifer Contas Monaco (Mark Monaco) and Alysia Contas Macaulay (Angus Macaulay). In addition to his children and stepchildren, Mr. Friedberg was grandfather to twelve, great-grandfather to four and step-grandfather to four. Funeral services will be private. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Alzheimer's Association ([www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org)) or the Anti-Defamation League ([www.adl.org](http://www.adl.org)).

**INVITATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

Suffolk University will undergo a comprehensive evaluation visit on October 29, 2023, by a team representing the New England Commission of Higher Education (formerly the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, NEASC).

In anticipation of this visit, the public is invited to submit comments addressing substantive matters related to the quality of the institution. The Commission cannot settle disputes between individuals and institutions, where those involve faculty, students, administrators, or members of other groups. Comments will not be treated as confidential and must include the name, address, and telephone number of the person providing the comments. Public Comments must be received by November 1, 2023. The Commission cannot guarantee that comments received after that date will be considered.

Comments can be sent via email to [info@neche.org](mailto:info@neche.org) or to:

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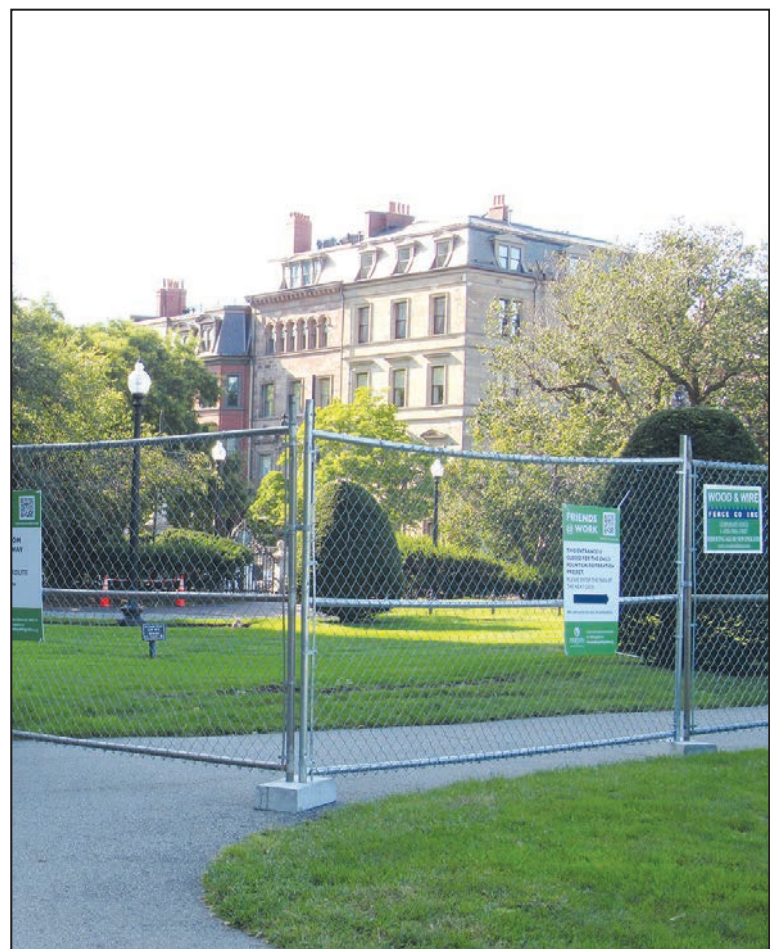
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Work is now underway on the Friends of the Public Garden's Child Fountain Restoration Project in the Public Garden.

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# Child Fountain Restoration Project now underway in Public Garden

By Dan Murphy

Conceived as one of three transformational projects initiated during the Friends of the Public Garden's 50th anniversary year in 2020, the Child Fountain Restoration Project – and accompanying landscape enhancements at the park's Arlington Street entrance – is now underway, with the goal of making the Public Garden more accessible and welcoming to visitors.

The area around “Boy and Bird” by Bashka Paeff and “Small Child” by Mary E. Moore will be excavated and regraded when ground breaks on the project this month. New water circulation systems will also be installed to allow the fountains to flow once again in a conservation-focused manner, according to the Friends, while the leveled plaza and shallower basin around each fountain will bring visitors closer to these works of art.

Moreover, a redesign of the granite surrounds will enhance the fountains' presence in the park, and new benches will entice passersby to sit and enjoy the space. New lighting will also be added to highlight the sculptures and to add to the safety of the Public Garden.

“We're always thinking about how to make our three parks more accessible and inviting for all, while balancing park use with park care,” said Liz Vizza, presi-

dent of the Friends of the Public Garden, which works in partnership with the city to maintain and enhance the Public Garden, as well as the Boston Common and the Commonwealth Avenue Mall. “The special partnership between the Friends and the City of Boston allows us to undertake capital projects like this that preserve our historic parks, enhance their landscapes, and welcome all to enjoy them - and this project does just that. This work is made

possible by the generous support of our community and we appreciate everyone's understanding as we work to transform this iconic entrance into our beloved Public Garden.”

Readers can keep up with the ongoing restoration project on the Friends' social media channels using #FriendsAtWork, or by following the group's Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter pages.

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## SCHOOLS (from pg. 1)

also nurtures and engages children in an environment that cultivates creativity and joy in learning.

The Junior Kindergarten program is designed to maintain the hallmarks of the play-based program for young children while offering increased structure, exposure to academic readiness skills, leadership opportunities and preparation for the transition to next schools.

BHNS will hold Open Houses on Oct. 16 and Nov. 8 at 6:45-8 p.m.; guest must pre-register on the school's website.

All applications are due next Feb. 1, except sibling and legacy applications, which are due Nov. 15.

To learn more about BHNS, visit [www.bhns.net](http://www.bhns.net) or call 617-227-0822.

The Boston Children's School has been an integral part of the Boston community for nearly 60 years.

Established in 1965, the Boston Children's School has been providing quality, early childhood education in Pre-School, Kindergarten and Grades 1, 2, and 3 to children from the Greater Boston area and around the world.

Located at Charles River Park, near Massachusetts General Hospital, TD Garden, the Shriners Hospital, and the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Hospital, the Boston Children's School is easy to access. And nestled away from the noise and traffic of the city streets, the Boston Children's School is an oasis of tranquility within the City of Boston.

The facility is fully air-conditioned, heated and brightly lit, allowing for a comfortable learning environment in each classroom. The close student to teacher ratio allows classroom teachers to

know each child and their individual learning style.

Since the school's inception, its age-appropriate curriculum has provided children with the knowledge and skills of learning that remain with them for a lifetime. The Boston Children's School also has its own private playground, which allows children secure access to the outdoors throughout the school year. A special Summer-Fun-Program is also available for children in July.

Applications for the academic year are presently being accepted. Registration is available to children between the ages of 2.6 and 7 years old. Information about the flexible time schedules, applications for admission, and tuition are listed on the BCS website at [BostonChildrensSchool.Org](http://BostonChildrensSchool.Org), or contact the Boston Children's School at 617-367-6239 or 617-BCS-KIDS and ask for Judy Langer, program director.

Charlestown Nursery School, a non-profit nursery school located at 124 Main St. in Charlestown, offers innovative programming for ages 20 months to 5 years old, inspired by the principles of Reggio Emilia, Montessori, and other best practices. Recognized by educators and research institutions from around the globe, CNS has been featured in books, documentaries, and articles.

Each classroom is a "learning lab," with multiple master teachers, learning specialists, fellows, and interns. The emergent curriculum offers a myriad of experiences, including sensory, gross and fine motor early literacy, math skills, dramatic play and music, and visual art through project-based learning. Instruction is personalized through a journey book portfolio-assessment and daily docu-

mentation.

Application is available Oct. 1. Early-admissions applications are accepted and reviewed continually from Nov. 15 on a first-come, first-served basis, with acceptance letters typically sent to parents or guardians within 15 days. Visit tours and open houses to see the learning in action.

To learn more about Charlestown Nursery School, visit [charlestownnurseryschool.org](http://charlestownnurseryschool.org) or call 617-242-5159.

The Spruce Street Nursery School was founded in 1996 on Spruce Street on Beacon Hill and moved to 5 Avery Place in the fall of 2002.

Its enrollment is 49 children on any given day, with 12 teachers, along with three administrators. Besides its morning program, the school also offers Afternoon Enrichment, including activities, such as soccer, swim, dance and cooking. The school also has its own private playground.

"At Spruce, we believe that children proceed along a predictable path at a somewhat unpredictable rate, and it's our job to meet them where they are and help them along their own unique journey," said Christie Guevin, the school's director.

Spruce Street Nursery School will hold an Open House on Saturday, Oct. 21, with faculty, staff, and current parents on hand to discuss the curriculum, and to answer questions from guests. Tuition is due in two installments – the first before July 15 and the second before Dec. 15 – and tuition assistance is available to all qualified applicants.

Visit [sprucestreet.org](http://sprucestreet.org), call 617-482-5252, or email [admissions@sprucestreet.org](mailto:admissions@sprucestreet.org) for more information.

The Advent School is a progressive elementary school in the heart of Boston.

Since 1961, The Advent School's progressive, Reggio Emilia-inspired teaching philosophy instills confidence and curiosity in its students. The school enrolls 173 students from pre-kindergarten through sixth grade from 43 neighborhoods across Boston.

Advent students enjoy a learning environment that balances academic rigor and social-emotional needs. They gain confidence using their knowledge in real-world applications, from using labels on fruit to plot trade routes to designing a more inclusive Massachu-

setts state flag.

"Advent students are independent investigators who think critically, ask questions, and advocate for themselves and others," said Director of External Affairs Abby Hayhurst. "At Advent, we believe that engaging children as active participants in their learning is an act of social justice."

Students know and care for their Boston community and spend time outside campus engaging with neighbors, business owners, and politicians. Advent graduates attend various next schools, including the Boston Exam Schools, regional public schools, and other independent schools across the Greater Boston area. Call 617-742-0520, ext. 15, or visit [adventschool.org](http://adventschool.org) for more information.

Nestled in the heart of Boston's historic North End, St. John School has educated children since 1895.

Welcoming PreK-Grade 8 students, the school provides a Catholic education committed to educating children in an atmosphere that fosters a spirit of community, faith, and academic excellence.

Students enjoy a rigorous academic curriculum enriched by integrated STEM programming, Italian language instruction, and the school's own in-house hydroponic garden, Tower Garden Program. This program teaches students about mindfulness, nutrition, food production, and community service, as well as traditional academic subjects. St. John's partners with the Franciscan Food Center at St. Anthony's Shrine to donate the produce from the garden to the hungry.

St. John School is also proud of its partnership with the Lynch Foundation Early Childhood Initiative, an extraordinary project founded by Carolyn and Peter Lynch, for the school's 3- and 4-year-olds. The project supports an environment that nurtures the social and emotional well-being of students in order for robust learning to take place before the start of kindergarten.

Join St. John on Welcome Wednesdays between 9 and 10 a.m. to see all that the school has to offer, or contact Lesley McCormick via email at [lmccormick@sjsne.org](mailto:lmccormick@sjsne.org) or by calling 617-227-3143 to schedule a tour.

Boston College High School in Dorchester is a Jesuit, Catholic, college preparatory school serving

boys in Grades 7-12, which was founded in 1863.

Prospective students in all grades are required to take entrance exams (i.e. ISSE for seventh- and eighth-graders; and HSPT, SSAT, etc. for high school freshman, sophomores, and juniors).

Applications are due Jan. 16, 2024. The school is holding an Open House on Sunday, Nov. 5, from 10 a.m. to noon for seventh and eighth graders; and from 2 to 4 p.m. for Grades 9-11.

Visit [bchigh.edu](http://bchigh.edu) to register, or call 617-474-5010 for more information.

Malden Catholic, located at 99 Crystal St. in Malden, was founded in 1932 by the Xaverian Brothers.

Over the past four years, Malden Catholic has experienced unprecedented growth. The high school reimaged its future by joining the fundamental strength and core values of Boys Catholic (1932) with its sister school, Girls Catholic (1908) to create a co-divisional school with single-gender academics during the day and integrated social and extracurricular opportunities after school, which has become the one of the best and fastest growing high schools in New England.

The school's board of trustees designates \$3.5 million in financial-aid assistance to qualifying students, with 65 percent of students receiving some form of tuition assistance last year.

Malden Catholic will hold an Open House for prospective students on Wednesday, Oct. 18, at 5 and 7 p.m.

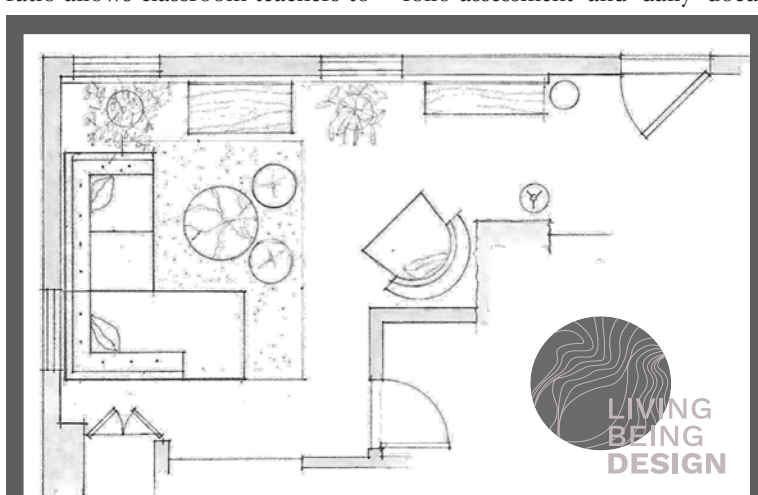
Visit [maldencatholic.org](http://maldencatholic.org) or call 781-322-3098 for more information.

Walnut Hill School for the Arts, an independent boarding school and day school for the arts in Natick, is intended for student artists in Grade 9 through 12, with a post-graduate year also available.

The school offers world-class training in dance; music; theater; visual art; and writing, film-and-media arts, complemented by an innovative college-prep academic curriculum.

The school is holding a Fall Admission Open House for prospective students all day on Saturday, Oct. 28.

For more information, visit [walnuthillart.org](http://walnuthillart.org) or call 508-653-4312.



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# Opening a window to the past by researching your historic home

By Diana Coldren

If your walls could talk! What a story they would tell! Do you ever wonder who designed, built and lovingly maintained your historic home? Imagine all the celebrations, history, and traditions your historic home has witnessed over the centuries!

Researching the architect, builder, and past residents will open a window to the past that is rich with interesting and valuable information. There are many easily accessible resources online, including the Massachusetts Historical Commission website. Simply access the site at [mhc-macris.net](https://mhc-macris.net), and type in your address and you can view an inventory form which describes the architectural style, historical narrative and past resident's biographical information.

If your home does not have an inventory form, you may research the historic details from multiple sources including deeds, city directories, maps, historic photographs and newspapers.

Recently I researched the history of 53 Chestnut St. in Beacon Hill and uncovered the rich tapestry of events and residents that were connected to that home. The home at 53 Chestnut was constructed in 1828 by Housewrights Hiram and Benjamin Bosworth on land that was originally owned by Boston's

first English settler, William Blaxton. It is a prime example of the quality Federal Style homes built on Beacon Hill in the early 19th century. The gracious Palladian window is a unique architectural element that reflects the intricately carved fanlight above the entry.

Sculptor Florence "Flori" Freeman lived at 53 Chestnut with her parents and siblings in the 1850s. Flori was friends with Anne Whitney and trained by Richard Greenough. She created several pieces that exist nearby

Today, including a marble bust of Archangel Sandalphon. It was gifted to Longfellow, and is on exhibit

today in the Longfellow House Museum in Cambridge.

Freeman also created a beautifully detailed, marble chimney piece depicting children and a yule log that won honorable mention at the Philadelphia Centennial Fair in 1876. The mantle is still in place today in a residence on Mt. Vernon Street.

Additional residents included a Harvard law professor and a well-known playwright and manager of The Boston Globe Theatre. Each resident has lovingly maintained the key historical defining characteristics that are difficult to replicate. Available for sale for the first time in over 30 years, 53 Chestnut beckons you to add your chapter to its story.

Please see the sources below and enjoy the treasure hunt that will reveal the genealogy of your home: Massachusetts Historical Commission <https://mhc-macris.net/>.

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*The historic home at 53 Chestnut St.*

## TLCC to operate tenant space on Lovejoy Wharf

Special to the Times

The Boston Planning & Development Agency (BPDA) have announced the selection of Toussaint Louverture Cultural Center (TLCC) to operate the program space located at 131 Beverly Street on Lovejoy Wharf. The BPDA sought respondents that were qualified to operate civic/cultural space, which is designed as a visitor's center-style facility. The TLCC responded to the Request for Letters of Interest (RFI) that was originally released by the BPDA last winter, with their proposal to use the space for Haitian-based programs, partners, and communities.

"We can't wait for TLCC to breathe new life into this space and be a new focal point for the area," said Chief of Planning Arthur Jemison. "I want to thank our partners in the Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture for their collaboration on finding the right tenant for this space, and I look forward to seeing the end result."

This organization will serve first and foremost as a visitor's center in the West End neighborhood. They will also offer author talks, adult and youth-focused classes on Haitian art and painting, gallery and display exhibits, a cultural library focused on Haitian print and digital materials, books, resources, and music, as well as a café, and additional events such as dance classes, language classes, and youth programming. The establishment of a central cultural hub will allow the Haitian culture and people of Boston to flourish. Programs and events will celebrate Haitian culture and have an educational component that invites multi-generational and cultural communities to learn and celebrate Haitian culture.

"We are proud to establish a cultural center in the West End that will not only showcase our heritage and our achievements, but also create a visually striking and vibrant space to foster a sense of community and cultural diversity

that is representative of Boston's rich history," said Marvin Dee Mathelier, chair of the Toussaint Louverture Cultural Center Task Force.

Representatives from the Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture (MOAC) partnered with the BPDA in the issuance of the RFI, the evaluation of the proposals received, and the public meeting and comment process. MOAC remains active in the considerations for future spaces like these that are made available through Chapter 91 Facilities of Public Accommodation. MOAC is coordinating with the BPDA and a consultant on the Waterfront Civic/Cultural Space Planning Study which will examine the delivery conditions of spaces like this as well as the public tenanting process to ensure that all potential users have equal access to these opportunities.

"We are so pleased that TLCC will be celebrating the rich and vibrant culture of the Haitian diaspora in this new space," said

Kara Elliott-Ortega, Chief of Arts & Culture. "Approaching cultural space tenanting with intention allows us to create opportunities for local creative and cultural communities to gather, create, and thrive in Boston."

"I am thrilled that, after years of dedicated organizing and advocacy, the Toussaint Louverture Cultural Center (TLCC) has finally found a home in the thriving West End, at Lovejoy Wharf," said City Councilor Ruthzee Louijeane. "This is a fantastic opportunity not only to support Boston's Haitian community but to ensure that the West End continues to embrace the rich diversity we see across the city. I am excited about the potential for collaboration between Lovejoy and the TLCC and look forward to continuing to support this project in the years ahead."

"MassDEP's Chapter 91 law promotes public access to coastlines and waterfronts so all can enjoy these public spaces," said Commissioner Bonnie Heiple of

the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection. "We are delighted to partner with the City of Boston and the Toussaint Louverture Cultural Center to help further activate the Commonwealth Tidelands at the Lovejoy Wharf with the addition of a cultural, civic and educational center that will attract residents and visitors alike."

"Related Beal is thrilled to welcome the Toussaint Louverture Cultural Center of Massachusetts to Lovejoy Wharf. We are grateful to the Boston Planning & Development Agency and Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture for working with us to provide a new home that will honor Haitian heritage," said Aisha Miller, vice president of community & corporate engagement at Related Beal. "The opening of this civic and cultural space will mark a key milestone in Lovejoy Wharf's revitalization, and we look forward to supporting this community hub along Boston's historic waterfront."

# Local businesses "Hop to It" and support Mass General for Children's Storybook Ball

Beacon Hill Books & Cafe is just one of the many local businesses lending its support to Mass General for Children's Storybook Ball this fall. For every donation received during the appeal at the Storybook Ball, the curated bookstore on Charles Street will donate a copy of this year's featured story, Frog and Toad, to MGfC patients.

This is all to celebrate the 24th year of MGfC's Storybook Ball, to be held on Saturday, October 14, at a new venue, the Omni Boston Hotel at the Seaport. The event is poised to raise nearly \$1.5 million for important research initiatives and vital patient care services at MGfC. This year's ball spotlights the incredible work of MGfC caregivers and researchers in the field

of Adolescent Health.

"Adolescence represents a time of enormous transition in a young person's physical, social, emotional and intellectual development," said Scott Hadland, MD, MPH, chief of Adolescent and Young Adult Medicine at MGfC. "The Adolescent and Young Adult Medicine team prioritizes meeting patients where they are, whether that means offering routine primary care or collaborative care for patients struggling with mental or behavioral health concerns. We are committed to supporting the healthy development of adolescents and young adults while promoting healthy habits and preventing disease."

Rachel and Bill Motley of Dover

and Laura Will and David Nicholson of Concord are co-chairing. Together with the deeply dedicated Storybook Ball committee, the co-chairs will welcome over 500 guests at the Omni Boston Hotel for cocktails, dinner, games and dancing.

Winners of the event's signature carnival booth games will take home items donated by other generous local brands such as Artemis Design, Co., Blank Label, Bloomingdale's, Chappy-Wrap, FITISH Activewear, Franklin Sports, Kendra Scott, PUMA, Rockets of Awesome and Rue La La.

Inspired by the timeless tale of friendship, Frog and Toad, longtime partner Rafanelli Events will

transform the Omni Boston Hotel into a whimsical forest with large-scale storybook drawings and oversized trees. Tablesapes of river rocks, mushrooms and fiddleheads will provide guests with a sense of adventure as though traveling through the woods.

Joanne Wolfe, MD, MPH, will host her first Storybook Ball as Physician-in-Chief of MGfC. A professor of pediatrics at Harvard Medical School, Dr. Wolfe joined MGfC earlier this year, succeeding Ronald E. Kleinman, MD, who served at the helm of MGfC for more than a decade. Wolfe was previously at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, where she was vice president for faculty development, and Boston Children's

Hospital, where she launched a palliative care service, the Pediatric Advanced Care Team, and served as an attending physician for the past 25 years.

"I'm very much looking forward to bringing everyone together in October for this special evening that spotlights the extraordinary work of MGfC and further allows us to continue our exceptional and innovative care," said Wolfe.

Mass General for Children's Storybook Ball takes place at 6 p.m. on Sat., Oct. 14, 2023, at the Omni Boston Hotel at the Seaport. Visit [www.storybookball.org](http://www.storybookball.org) for tickets and more information.

## Settling in with pets

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

When you move with pets, you have the added task of finding new VIPs for your furry friends - those who walk dogs, care for your pets when you travel, groom your critters, and provide routine and emergency veterinary care. In

addition, you need to obtain the local licenses your municipality requires and update your contact on the microchips and tags identifying your animals.

### Recommendations

To find excellent dog services, try a two-pronged approach. First, gather recommendations from

your new neighbors and those you meet while walking around your new neighborhood. If they're a pet guardian, ask what they like and dislike about the professionals they use. It's good to ask which dog walkers, groomers, pet sitters, and veterinarians they've used in the past and why they may have stopped using them.

In some cases, a person with dogs might be a dog walker. Don't hesitate to ask for their company's contact information, even if you're not impressed with their dog-walking style. This will help you avoid services that are not up to your standards.

### Dog Walker and Sitter Considerations

We recommend asking some specific questions to find a reliable dog walker. Inquire about their availability throughout the year and if they have coverage when ill or on vacation. Do they have specific training in animal care and pet first aid? Do they carry professional insurance?

Is the dog walker willing to meet you and your dog before scheduling appointments? This allows you to determine if the person is a good fit for your furry friend. Inquire about the number of dogs they usually handle. You might even request to accompany them on a walk to observe their handling of your dog within a pack.

If you have specific needs or requirements, make those clear from the beginning. A close friend hired a dog walker for her dog with the condition that the dog should never be tied up outside. She told us that if we ever saw her dog tied up, we were to take him home and notify her immediately. One day, Penny found him in



When you move with pets, you have the added task of finding new service providers for your furry friend. (Photo by Erda Estremera)

a group of dogs outside a building and did as requested. That was the last time that person walked that dog.

### Veterinarians and Groomers

While dog walkers come to your home, you must take your dog to the Vet and groomer. Location and transportation can be deciding factors. We recently changed veterinarians to one we could get to without a car.

In addition to a great location, we had already had a good experience with this Veterinary group in an emergency during the pandemic and were impressed. They offered certified fear-free care, which was important for our anxious little dog. They fit our specific needs. Your decision should be based on how well a practice fits your wants and needs.

### Don't Wait for Holiday Pet Care!

Now is the time to reserve the holiday season transportation, lodging, and pet care you'll need for your pets and guests who might be coming for a holiday visit. Fortunately, the Greater Boston Area has many pet-friendly hotels. Finding a place for your sister and her dog to stay (if your building does not allow pets) should be easy.

Finding someone to groom, pet sit, or dog walk during the holidays is more complex. If you have a regular service, ask about boarding, sitting, or if you will have a visiting dog to walk over the holidays. As much as they'd like to accommodate regular customers, there's a limit to how many animals a pet sitter can accept.

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## A 'WILDFLOWER' COMES TO BEACON HILL BOOKS



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Beacon Hill Books at 71 Charles St. welcomed activist and fashion pioneer Aurora James, founder of Brother Vellies, in conversation with MFA Boston Curator of Fashion Arts thea tyson, on Thursday, Sept. 14. Their talk was followed by an audience Q&A and book signing for James' recently published memoir, "Wildflower."

## BHCA Zoning and Licensing Commission - 7 Chestnut Street conversation to be continued

Staff Report

On Thursday, September 7, the Beacon Hill Civic Association (BHCA) Zoning and Licensing Commission held its monthly hearing to consider the proposed deck in the rear yard of 7 Chestnut Street, a single-family dwelling currently undergoing extensive renovation. Only one variance was at issue, Rear Yard Insufficient according to Article 20, Section 4, as the owners are proposing construction of a small rear deck on the roof of an existing lower-level addition with stairs to the back yard. The homeowners explained that this construction is meant to provide access down to the yard and up to the kitchen, which is in the back of the house, allowing the parents to track their young children more readily from the back kitchen, as the only existing stairs are internal and towards the front of the house.

Participants' opinions generally fell into three groups. Multiple neighbors spoke out in favor of the construction, stating their interest in encouraging families

to live on the Hill, recognizing the challenges and opportunities of bringing up children in this open space constrained neighborhood. Two immediate abutters objected to the deck project, citing lack of privacy and loss of natural light. One abutter noted that three of his five windows open onto their patio, and that the new deck would overlook their currently private yard. In what was a very constructive discussion, a number of participants shared their modification ideas, including reducing the size of the deck, re-siting the stairs, and moving the railing in from the edge of the deck, creating a visual barrier that could be filled with plantings or an attractive canvas installation, among other suggestions. Committee members were in favor of negotiation, particularly as the owners and opposing abutters did concede that some movement might be possible. As such, the Committee chose to defer a decision until next month, encouraging modifications to be proposed quickly in order for the opposing parties to come to a constructive conclusion.



## BEACON HILL VILLAGE'S ADVENTURES IN MAINE

Beacon Hill Village took a recent trip by train to Brunswick, ME and then onto Camden, ME by van. They stopped at an atmospheric working harbor to McLoon's Lobster Shack. After a little trouble with a dead van battery, they continued to a wine tasting at Cellardoor Winery, having tasted quite a few samples of wine before proceeding to their hotel, well satiated and happy.

The next day, was a trip to the Owl's Head Lighthouse, the early morning fog began to burn off so that they could see the distant islands. Their journey continued to Rockland to the Farnsworth Museum, to view the Andrew Wyeth paintings of the Olson family and their farmstead. The busy day ended with a serene sail on a Windjammer Schooner, Olad, in Camden Harbor, the captains bemoaning the calm waters and very little breeze, we were quite happy not to encounter rough seas. On the last day, as they left Camden and headed for Brunswick, they took a final look at Camden Harbor from Mt. Brattie.

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# Upstairs Downstairs Home featured in new TV series

Special to Times

Laura Cousineau, owner of Upstairs Downstairs Home at 69 Charles Street was recently selected, interviewed and filmed for a new television program, "American Dream: Selling Boston."

Laura was interviewed by local host Irene Kerzner from Concierge Home Sales. Laura has been a longstanding and respected member of the Beacon Hill community. She was chosen for her expertise in antiques and for her signature style and her artistic curation of the store's unique product line. Laura's creative blending of an ever-evolving assortment of antique and vintage furniture, unique home goods, local art and contemporary treasures of every variety both large and small is well known. There is always something for everybody and in every price range. Stay tuned for more updates on the exact air date.

American Dream TV is a new concept featuring power players of real estate as the voice for their market. It is presented in a commercial-free, 30-minute format. Available in 70 cities across the United States, in 2023 American



COURTESY OF UPSTAIRS DOWNSTAIRS HOME  
Irene Kerzner, Concierge Home Sales for The Kerzner Group (CHS), is seen with Upstairs Downstairs Home owner Laura Cousineau.

Dream TV launched its "Selling Boston" series. Each show highlights a cast of elite realtors in each market chosen for their expertise in real estate, reputation, and recognition from their peers and consumers. The show is a nationally syndicated program that airs on national networks of CNBC, Bloomberg

TV, the Travel Channel and other cable outlets. Streaming

on Amazon Fire, Apple TV, and Roku, with significant viewership on social media.

The American Dream TV and production team have been nominated for an EMMY, and become nationally recognized as a real show sharing the real stories of our neighborhoods like Boston's Laura Cousineau owner of Upstairs Downstairs Home. The show features, as hosts, the best real estate experts like Boston's Irene Kerzner of Concierge Home Sales (CHS) chosen, like in all markets, for their expertise in real estate, reputation, and recognition from their peers and consumers. The show can be watched on a variety of channels, and is generating millions of views on social media, proudly claiming "positive media," niched around real estate, lifestyles, and culture.

Follow the show at facebook.com/theamericandreamtv.

Boston American Dream host Irene Kerzner has over 45 years of combined Real Estate experience and over \$850 million in sales, Concierge Home Sales by The Kerzner Group (CHS) provides a hands-on full-service "whole-istic" approach to preparing a home for

market. Catering to the Brookline, Newton, Metro West, and Boston communities, CHS oversees and optimizes every step of the real estate process — whether you're selling or buying. Founded by Irene Kerzner back in 2012, Irene has established herself and her team as Top Real Estate Producers in the Boston area.

"When it came time to highlight a local business, Upstairs Downstairs Home was top of mind in the Beacon Hill community. Laura and her years of experience make Upstairs Downstairs Home a standout on "Antique Row" and her exquisite collections on two bright and sunny floors makes for an amazing and surprising exploration of unique treasures for one and all," said Irene Kerzner.

Upstairs Downstairs Antiques has been a Beacon Hill standout business for decades. It first opened its doors in 1992, and is now nestled at 69 Charles St. in the heart of Boston's historic Beacon Hill district. As you step inside, you'll discover a delightful surprise in every room, every nook and cranny. Their unique collection of furniture spans three remarkable centuries, showcasing an eclectic

blend of styles that includes Federal, Americana, Asian, Country Cottage, Shabby Chic, Art Deco, and Mid-Century Modern. Much pride is taken in curating a truly unique and ever-evolving assortment of antique furniture and home goods, seamlessly blending the charm of these with the freshness of vintage and contemporary finds.

In addition to one of a kind furniture, they proudly feature works by talented local artists, such as Robert Douglas Hunter, John Young, Andrea Guay, Marti Foley, Marcia Corey, Nancy O'Hearn, Kevin Doyle, Anne Kilguss, William Cloutman, Kate Hunter, and more. Their colorful creations add a vibrant and artistic dimension to our ever-evolving collection. The entire store is a charming journey through time and style where what is old is new again with a fresh constantly changing inventory full of timeless treasures.

"I am very honored to have been one of the first Boston establishments selected by American Dream TV as an outstanding

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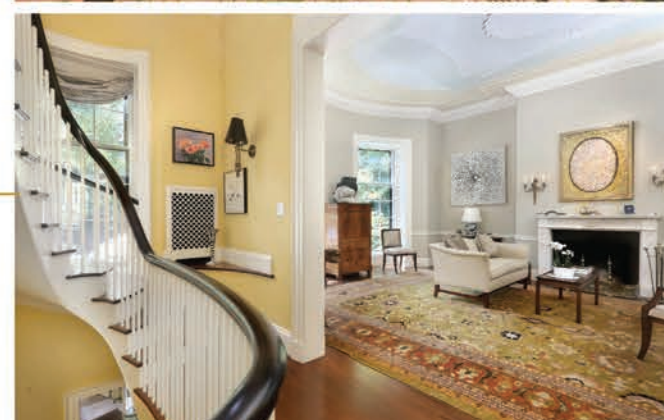
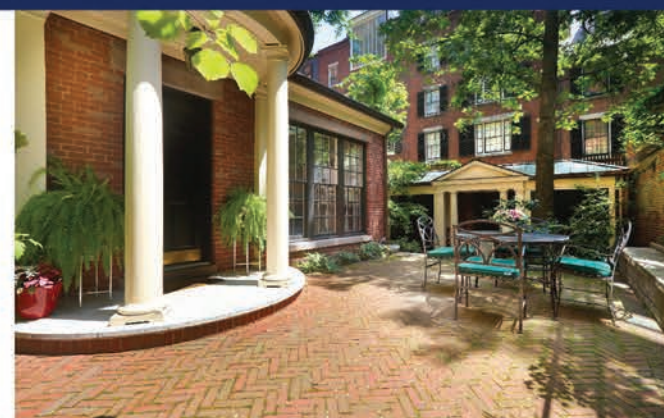
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# Durkan puts first order on floor during maiden speech before City Council

By Times staff

During her maiden speech before the City Council at its Sept. 13 meeting at City Hall, District 8 Councilor Sharon Durkan put her first order on the floor for a hear-

ing to review the mental health and wellness resources available to city employees during the pandemic and beyond.

“My own family’s experience with mental health and substance abuse drives me to do this important work to push for accessible, affordable stigma free mental health care, because I know behind every statistic is a person, a family and a community,” said Councilor Durkan.

Her hearing order states that, “The loss of life and mandated social distancing within the first year of the COVID-19 pandemic increased global rates of depression and anxiety by 25 percent

according to the World Health Organization,” and that the “impacts of this collective experience and ensuing mental health crisis directly impacts City of Boston employees.”

Councilor Durkan said of the pandemic: “It dramatically altered how we move in society, experience community and interact with others. From the beginning of the pandemic till now, the City’s Employee Assistance Program has had to more than double its budget from over \$200,000 in 2021, to over \$650,000 in this year’s budget. We need to invest in our workers’ well-being, and make sure we keep moving in the right

direction.”

The City of Boston’s Human Resource Department’s Employee Assistance Program addresses the well-being of its workforce by promoting, establishing, and increasing quality of life, good health, and personal experiences for City employees.

“We have the moral obligation to make sure our public employees have the best resources possible, and have their mental health care needs addressed without fear or stigma. [...] From our 911 dispatchers, who respond to over half million calls per year, to parking enforcement and building inspectors, who can be put in tough and stressful situations as part of the job, we know so much of our workforce have jobs and tasks that are psychologically intense by their very nature we have to treat. [...] We ask people to do extremely



Councilor Sharon Durkan.

challenging things, so we need to be there for them,” said Councilor Durkan.

The hearing order was assigned to the Committee on Boston’s COVID-19 Recovery.

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# ARCK Boston working with BPS to integrate art education programs

Story by Marianne Salza

Art Resource Collaborative for Kids (ARCK) Boston has been partnering with Boston Public Schools (BPS) to integrate art education programs into academics for 12 years. Beacon Hill resident, Sara Demeter, founded the non-profit organization to encourage diversity through art; and the framework that she developed has been amplifying the voices of students.

“It is a unique program,” said Demeter, mother of three. “This is my purpose. This is my passion.”

Demeter was shocked by the limited art classes offered when her first child entered kindergarten at a Boston Public School over a decade ago. It reminded Demeter of her harsh childhood in the Jordan, where education did not include art.

“Public education is lacking globally. There is no equality, and there is no equity,” Demeter observed. “If we can appreciate



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Sara Demeter.

and understand history through art and culture, we will be at peace together, and be able to communicate with each other.”

Creating art was Demeter’s escape and means of healing while growing up in the Middle East. She believes in the importance of students’ social/emotional well-being, and is an advocate for marginalized youth. Many of the

students that ARCK works with are migrant, English language learners, who have experienced trauma.

“It’s an outlet for children to express themselves. It’s a safe place for children,” affirmed Demeter. “You see a lot of students fall through the cracks if their communities and schools are not supportive.”

ARCK hires and trains art instructors to work alongside classroom teachers in incorporating the ARCK foundation into science, literacy, and mathematic lessons.

“We want to build the next generation to be adaptable, collaborative, responsible, and kind,” explained Demeter. “If every educator adopts the tools to ignite creativity, cultivate joy, and co-design project-based learning with their students, every student will be engaged in learning.”

ARCK teachers visit kindergarten through eighth grade classrooms once a week for the entire

academic year. Art Resource Collaborative for Kids currently works with six Boston Public Schools, and Demeter hopes to offer the program to high schools soon.

“Teachers have observed how it transformed their lives,” Demeter revealed. “By the end of the year, their social/emotional awareness has increased, and they are more responsible in the classroom. Children are making academic connections.”

Art Resource Collaborative for Kids offered remote learning during the pandemic, when Demeter noticed that many students were lonely.

“There is so much work that we have to do,” Demeter insisted. “There is a lasting impact.”

Demeter’s goal is to continue training more educators, and encouraging them to join the ARCK team. Art Resource Collaborative for Kids has partnered with Lesley University in creating a course: Integrated Teaching

Through the Arts. Students can earn a graduate credit from Lesley, and will receive a professional certificate.

“We want to empower educators. We have to reform our public education system. We have an imagination crisis,” Demeter declared. “Art teaches us to not have the fear of making mistakes. If we can build holistic schools and communities, we can make huge changes.”

Demeter studied at the Massachusetts College of Art and Design, and the School of the Museum of Fine Arts. The abstract, acrylic painter incorporates Arabic calligraphy into her art.

Demeter is also a member of The Beacon Hill Circle for Charity, a female-run non-profit organization that raises funds for charitable organizations serving women and children by providing private house tours.

Visit [www.ARCKBoston.org](http://www.ARCKBoston.org) to make a donation in support of the art initiative.

## Healey appoints new members, reappoints Chair of Department of Higher Education

Governor Maura T. Healey appointed Harneen Chernow, Danielle Allen and Dr. Christina Royal to serve on the Board of the Massachusetts Department of Higher Education. Governor Healey also reappointed Beacon Hill resident Chris Gabrieli as Chair of the Board. These new appointments will help advance the Board’s mission of ensuring students can access high quality, affordable, and diverse post-secondary learning experiences at the state’s public and private higher education colleges and universities.

“Equity is at the center of our administration. I’m proud to be appointing members of the Board of Higher Education who share this commitment and will work to expand access to affordable, high quality higher education for every student,” said Governor Healey. “Massachusetts has long been a leader in higher education, and I’m confident that under the leadership of Chair Gabrieli and the other board members, we will continue to lengthen our lead and deliver results for the people of Massachusetts.”

“Chair Gabrieli has served the Board of Higher Education with distinction, and we are confident that with the addition of Harneen Chernow, Danielle Allen and Dr.

Christina Royal, the Board will continue their excellent work on behalf of the people of Massachusetts,” said Lieutenant Governor Driscoll. “Every single one of our learners should have the opportunity to excel here in Massachusetts and as we expand other pathways to success, we must strengthen this path to higher education as well.”

“I am thrilled that so many members of the Board of Higher Education will share our administration’s commitment to uplifting students historically underserved and underrepresented in our institutions of higher learning,” said Secretary of Education Dr. Patrick Tutwiler. “I am glad to continue working with Chair Gabrieli and I’m looking forward to the fresh perspectives brought by new members Harneen Chernow, Danielle Allen, and Dr. Christina Royal.”

The Massachusetts Department of Higher Education aims to improve the quality of higher education throughout the state and ensure that Massachusetts residents have the opportunity to benefit from a higher education that enriches their lives and advances their contributions to the civic life and economic development of the state. The high standard held for the state’s institutions of higher education allows for a concerted focus on equity, accountability,

empowerment, and much more. The 13-member Board is responsible for defining and maintaining the mission of the Department of Education.

“For the last eight years, I have had the privilege of serving on the board and am grateful to continue because our work is not finished,” said Chairman Gabrieli. “I am delighted to work with our terrific cohort of fellow Board members, our Secretary and Commissioner and our higher ed leaders and stakeholders who also all believe in making sure our colleges and universities have the tools and innovations they need to serve our students, educate our workforce and build more equitable communities. I look forward to working with my new colleagues and am excited to see what we will accomplish together.”

Chris Gabrieli was first appointed to the Board of Higher Education in March 2015. He has been the co-founder of several non-profit education innovation and reform initiatives and a lecturer at Harvard’s Graduate School of Education. He is also the Chairman of the Springfield Empowerment Zone Partnership, a groundbreaking partnership between the state, district and teacher’s union aimed at accelerating innovation and success for

students.

Harneen Chernow is a Director of the 1199SEIU Training and Employment Funds (TEF), a multi-state healthcare workforce intermediary providing education and training opportunities to over 300,000 members in Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey, Maryland, Washington DC and Florida. Of central importance in her work is TEF’s partnership with the public postsecondary education system, where members complete their degrees and obtain necessary credentials. Chernow’s focus and experience is in expanding career advancement and educational opportunities to workers who have been systemically excluded from succeeding in postsecondary education, helping them access family-sustaining jobs and careers.

Danielle Allen is James Bryant Conant University Professor at Harvard University, where she is a professor of political philosophy, ethics, and public policy. She is a seasoned nonprofit leader, advocate for democracy, and was a leading national voice on the pandemic response. She’s also a distinguished author and a mom. A past chair of the Mellon Foundation and Pulitzer Prize Boards, and former Dean of Humanities at the University of Chicago, Allen

continues to serve as a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and American Philosophical Society.

Dr. Christina Royal is the president of Infinite Unlearning, LLC, and recently wrapped up her tenure as the fourth president of Holyoke Community College (HCC), and the first woman, multi-racial, and queer leader to lead the institution from 2017 to 2023. She has served in progressively responsible roles in both higher education, with experience with community college and private four-year institutions, as well as in corporate environments. In her presidency at HCC, she led the creation of the college’s first strategic plan, which prioritized equity by removing barriers for historically marginalized learners, including BIPOC, LGBTQ+, first generation, adult learners, and students living in poverty. Dr. Royal also established the President’s Student Emergency Fund, collaboratively transformed the institution’s shared governance model, launched El Centro to support Latinx students as a Hispanic Serving Institution, expanded mental health services, and secured the largest philanthropic gift to a community college in Massachusetts, among other notable accomplishments.

# OBITUARIES

## Christine McCleary Zuromskis

Her energy, intelligence and zest for life was only matched by her kind, creative and gracious manner

Christine McCleary Zuromskis passed away unexpectedly at her home in Boston on August 31.

Born Christine Susan McCleary on October 2, 1949 in Erie, Pennsylvania to Charles McCleary and Esther Fletcher, Christine was pre-deceased by her husband of 47 years, J. Michael Zuromskis.

Christine's energy, intelligence and zest for life was only matched by her kind, creative and gracious manner. At the age of 10, her mother went into early labor and she had to deliver her sister on the living room floor. At 16, she graduated McDowell High School and earned a full academic scholarship to college; always open to a challenge, Christine moved to Boston and pursued a career in real estate. It was here that she met her husband, Michael with whom she built an incredible life filled with adventure, travel, art, reading, gourmet cooking and beautiful homes. Christine divided her time between Boston, Maine, Nevis, Turks and Caicos and London.

After she and Michael married in 1973, they built a successful real estate investment company and pursued many entrepreneurial ventures. Christine loved spending time near the ocean in Maine, always busy with her needlepoint, painting and art projects and treasured her time in London where she was active with the American Trust for the British Library. Walking her London neighborhood, greeting her neighbors, joining her needlepoint friends and exploring the museums and theater, Christine felt alive and at home. Traveling back and forth between London and New York on one of the Cunard Queens was a big delight



for both, always on the upper deck.

Christine was always reading. She graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Humanities from Harvard University. Although separated by miles from her family in Erie, Pa., Christine was always a loving, caring daughter and big sister, always staying involved. Visits from Aunt Chris were always full of her gentle wisdom, happiness with life plus lots of laughter while sharing stories of her adventures with her nieces and nephews along with stories about their parents growing up in Erie. She will be missed by all of us.

Christine is survived by her brothers Rex McCleary, (Darlene) and Matthew Trageser (Joanne) and her sister, Gay (Trageser), Kent (Bob) and her brother-in-law, Dr. Peter Zuromskis and nieces and nephews: Katie and Tamara Zuromskis, Michael, Ryan and Christina Kent, Katherine (Trageser) St. Pierre, Karlene and Dylan McCleary.

Services will be held in Maine and are private.

No Flowers please, Condolences may be sent to: 422 E Francis Ave. Ambler PA 19002.

# CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The Construction Look-Ahead for the North Washington ST. Bridge through September 30 is as follows:

### Scheduled Work

- Installation of concrete bridge barriers and sidewalks
- Off-bridge utility work and cutover to permanent bridge
- Off-bridge approach barrier and curb work

### Work Hours

- Most work will be done during weekday daytime hours (6:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.)

### Contraflow Pilot

- The MassDOT-implemented contraflow pilot will continue to be in effect during evening peak traffic (3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.), Monday through Friday.
- Police details, lane markings, temporary barriers, traffic cones, signage, and other tools will be used to control traffic during set up and operation of the contraflow.

### 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, signage, 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.

The contractor is coordinating with the TD Garden and local police to provide awareness and

manage traffic impacts during events. For your awareness, the following TD Garden events are scheduled during this look-ahead period:

- BREAK'N THE ICE: Sept. 23 at 12 p.m.
- BRUINS PRESEASON: Sept. 24 at 5 p.m. and Sept. 29 at 7 p.m.
- CONCERTS: Sept. 25 at 8:30 p.m., Sept. 27 at 7:30 p.m., and 9/30 at 8 p.m.

How can I find more information?

Stay up-to-date and informed by following the @MassDOT twitter account and Mass 511 for real-time updates, visiting the project website, or emailing us with any questions.

You can also sign up to receive project updates via email by clicking this link.

Project website: [Mass.gov/north-washington-street-bridge-replacement](http://Mass.gov/north-washington-street-bridge-replacement).

Project email: [NorthWashingtonStreet@dot.state.ma.us](mailto:NorthWashingtonStreet@dot.state.ma.us).

## UPSTAIRS (from pg. 10)

member of the Beacon Hill Business Community and to be recognized for the 30 plus years for my signature style in home decor and for my expertise in all things antique, vintage and contemporary. I am thrilled to know that people have come to rely upon my advice on how to beautify their

homes. It is an absolute honor to be recognized for my years of service to my community by Dream TV, but it must be said that any honor afforded me must be shared with my excellent staff and the thousands of customers near and far that have placed their trust and loyalty in us over these many

years," said Laura Cousineau

P.S.: Upstairs Downstairs invites you to mark your calendars and to join us for our Annual Fall Artist Event on Thursday, Oct. 5, from 6 to 8 p.m.

For more information, email [lauraupstairsdownstairs@gmail.com](mailto:lauraupstairsdownstairs@gmail.com) or call 617-367-1950.

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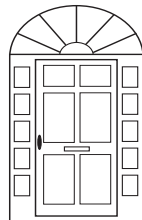
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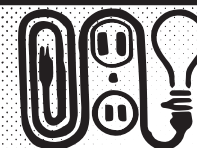
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BUYER 1 BACK BAY	SELLER 1	ADDRESS	PRICE
Rose, Thomas M	Arslan, Zaina	227 Beacon St #2	\$2,225,900
Taran, Oleksandra	Big Time Properties LLC	247 Beacon St #3	\$472,500
Shi, Chunlin	Sweig, Jonathan	41 Commonwealth Ave #3	\$800,000
Chawla, Arjun	Chawla, Prianka	131 Marlborough St #3	\$910,000
<b>BEACON HILL</b>			
Frattoni, Abigail H	Johnson, Joseph	21 Beacon St #6D	\$419,900
Liu, Ruiqin	Teodosijevic-Ryan, Jasmi	21 Beacon St #6T	\$630,000
46 Sailor LLC	Holy Spirit Assn For The	46 Beacon St	\$20,500,000
Doyno, David	Russo, Amy E	70 Brimmer St #314	\$525,000
46 Chestnut Street LLC	S & L A Bianchi-Cronin T	46 Chestnut St	\$8,900,000
Osko LLC	Salant, Michael	26 Hancock St #2	\$635,000
Stillwell, Horace	Linnoila, Jenny	36-C Joy St #F2	\$407,500
Grinberg, Asya	Irwin, Constance L	26 Mount Vernon St #4F	\$725,500
Bowden, Robert T	Pandb LLC	78 Phillips St #6	\$650,000
Sumeray Ft	Jdmd Owner LLC	45 Temple St #606	\$3,175,000
Pookottil, Gina	Tanpoco, Steven	6 Whittier Pl #3F	\$390,000
<b>BAY VILLAGE/SOUTH END/KENMORE</b>			
Kenneth P Holmes T	Stein Timothy D Est	74 Appleton St #5	\$1,500,000
11 Sst Boston LLC	Catalfano, Anthony	220 Boylston St #9011	\$4,000,000
Figueiredo, Magda F	Gary A Hernandez RET	1 Charles St S #PH101	\$930,000
285 Columbus Rt	Dauids, Ronald M	285 Columbus Ave #509	\$1,600,000
Lin, Jia Y	Levin, Adriane	306 Columbus Ave #5	\$1,030,000
Driscoll, Jonathan P	Apeiron Properties LLC	7 Columbus Sq #3	\$2,325,000
Goertzen, Bonnie	Fpg Lagrange Owner One L	55 Lagrange St #8F	\$599,000
Farmhouse Rb LLC	Ts Pied-A-Terre Hldg LLC	430 Stuart St #1617	\$765,000
Chan, Fanny K	Ts Residences Hld LLC	430 Stuart St #21B	\$280,700
Farmhouse Rb LLC	Ts Residences Hld LLC	430 Stuart St #24B	\$1,400,694
Farmhouse Rb LLC	Ts Residences Hld LLC	430 Stuart St #24D	\$1,037,000
Miller, Leonard	Ts Residences Hld LLC	430 Stuart St #33G	\$5,330,000
Wexler, Jocelyn	232 West Newton St LLC	230-232 W Newton St #F	\$1,001,000
Raut, Shishir	549-2 Columbus Avenue Rt	549 Columbus Ave #1	\$575,000
Camberos, Michelle G	549-2 Columbus Avenue Rt	549 Columbus Ave #2	\$550,000
Burke, Jason M	Ckg Columbus LLC	566 Columbus Ave #208	\$326,000
Zhu, Limei	Ckg Columbus LLC	566 Columbus Ave #509	\$1,600,000
Separate Property RET	Ckg Columbus LLC	566 Columbus Ave #612	\$925,000
Karamlou, Aman	Altobelli, Frank	366 Commonwealth Ave #2J	\$410,000
Kerner, James P	De La Cruz, Patricia B	19 Father Francis Gilday St #101	\$1,060,000
Cuddihy, Patrick M	Consalvo, Nicholas	35 Fay St #504	\$930,000
Phelan, Scott	Elcock, Tucker J	7 Hanson St #1	\$1,615,000
V Hemenway Developer LLC	Jp Hemenway Street LLC	43 Hemenway St	\$3,350,000
Sheikh, Arshid A	Koschnick, Clay	347 Marlborough St #1	\$680,000
Han, Dong H	Brit Properties 2 LLC	31 Massachusetts Ave #2-2	\$795,000
Jiang & Miao Ft	Braun, Francois L	360 Newbury St #508	\$1,267,500
Pollydoodle Prop LLC	Hodjat, Hossein K	448 Park Dr #3	\$850,000
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# Attention to Detail

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## THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The door knocker in the last clue is on 23 Lime Street, designed by Richard Arnold Fisher and constructed in 1911-1912. Fisher's use of granite, limestone, and brick on the front façade makes this building stand out from the others he created on the street.

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

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upcoming-events

The Advent School is a progressive, Reggio Emilia-inspired elementary school for children aged four through Sixth Grade. In a diverse academic community founded on the principles of social justice and dedicated to respect and inclusion, Advent students learn to be critical thinkers, confident scholars, and compassionate citizens of the world.

Grades: Age 4 (pre-Kindergar-

ten) - Sixth Grade  
Tuition: \$36,050  
Hours: 8:10 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Application deadline: January  
Financial aid: Need-based aid is available.

**Beacon Hill Nursery School**  
74 Joy Street  
Boston, MA 02114  
617-227-0822  
www.bhns.net

Beacon Hill Nursery School was founded in 1955 and has been a vital part of the downtown community since its inception with a consistent commitment to high quality early childhood education. Our primary mission is to create a nurturing community that instills a

lifelong love of learning in its students. We cherish children's innate curiosity through purposeful play guided by exceptional early childhood educators.

Our school is warm and welcoming, with two onsite play-scapes, a library/community space, eight classrooms and an indoor gym. All of our programs have a strong emphasis on play, hands-on engagement, open-ended exploration and social/emotional development. Enriched by weekly yoga and music classes, our program nurtures and engages children in an environment that cultivates creativity and joy in learning. Our Junior Kindergarten program is designed to maintain the hallmarks of our play-based programs for young children while offering increased structure, exposure to academic readiness skills, leadership opportunities and preparation for the

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Preschool (2.9-4 years) - 5 mornings (8:30am-12pm)  
Junior Kindergarten (4-5 years) - M-Th (8:45am-2:30pm), F (8:45am-12pm)  
Extended Day: Early Drop-off 8:15-8:30am  
Extended Day until 3:30 or 5:45pm  
Deadlines: Sibling & Legacy Applications - November 15  
All other Applications - January 15  
Meet us: HillFest (at Charles & Mt. Vernon) - September 24, 12-3pm  
Open Houses - October 16 and November 8, 6:45-8pm  
Pre-register for our Open Houses online at [www.bhns.net/meet-bhns](http://www.bhns.net/meet-bhns)  
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Learn more at an Open House: Saturday, October 21, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Grades: Pre-K through grade 8  
Register at [www.belmontday.org](http://www.belmontday.org)

**Boston Children's School**  
8 Whittier Place  
Boston, MA 02114  
617-367-6239

[BostonChildrensSchool.org](http://BostonChildrensSchool.org)

Established in 1965, the Boston Children's School has been bringing the joy of learning to children between the ages of 2.9 and 7 years of age for over 58 years. Located in the historic West End section of Boston, at Charles River Park, the Boston Children's School attracts students from the greater Boston area and children from around the world.

The BCS curriculum is designed to be age appropriate. Children learn and play in small groups, in individual, intimate classroom settings, allowing the classroom teachers to know each child and their individual learning style. In addition to daily classroom activities, the Boston Children's School offers sign language and music as part of its curriculum. All children have daily access to the private on-site playground. The Boston Children's School also offers a "Summer-Fun-Program" to children between the ages of 3 and 8 years old starting in July.

Detailed information about the Boston Children's School, its academic year and summer programs, are available on the BCS website at

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www.BostonChildrensSchool.Org. Please feel free to call BCS Director Judy Langer, at 617-367-6239 with any questions that you may have about the school.

Academic Year - September through June. Ages - 2.9 through 7 years old

Hours - 8:45 a.m. through 5 p.m., half day programs are available.

Early arrival at 8:15 a.m. and late stay until 5:30 p.m. also available.

Application Deadline: January 19.

**Charlestown Nursery School**  
124 Main Street  
Charlestown, MA  
617-242-5169

charlestownnurseryschool.com  
admissions@charlestownnurseryschool.org

Charlestown Nursery School (CNS) is an innovative program for children 20 months-5 years old that draws on the best research from Reggio Emilia, Montessori and other thoughtful approaches. Our curriculum is built around a series of explorations that grow out of the children's own interests and integrates individualized development - combining the power of the children's boundless curiosity with an expertly guided investigative approach that immerses the children in the process and joys of real discovery, with the goal of nurturing self-motivated, life-long learners. CNS has been recognized by educators from around the world and has been highlighted in many studies of high-quality early childhood. CNS is known for the teacher researchers and experts.

The city's resources - including parks, museums, libraries, and historic attractions - are considered part of the school's "campus," and our frequent visits foster the child's feeling of being at home in the wider world. In the last years, we have taken even more of our learning outside. See more on Instagram.

Ages: 20 months - 5 years.

Tuition variable by program.

Early admission begins Nov.15 and is first come, first serve. Applications on the website

**Park Street School - Preschool**  
One Park Street  
Boston, MA 02108  
617-523-7577

Parkstreetschool.org

Consider the best education for children Toddler - Grade 6 in bright and sunny facilities in Beacon Hill! While our location is ideal, it's our remarkable students, faculty and families working together, forming close relationships that creates a vibrant and nurturing community where children thrive.

Grounded in Core Knowledge philosophy, children build strong foundations of knowledge in the early years - an approach foundational to developing critical thinking skills necessary for lifelong learning. Learning here is active! Creativity, imagination, and social development are fostered through lessons, learning centers and play. Whether collecting leaves, discovering animals' habitats in Ponds and Meadows, or bicycling in gym, children are "out of the chair" - making connections in and out of the classroom and between subjects. The learning is authentic and sets us apart. As a Christian school, we're committed to guiding students in the formation of character and an understanding of God's love for them. Connecting the mind and the heart - classroom learning and character education - is what makes Park Street School special.

Ages: 2-5 years Tuition:

\$12,075-\$25,135; \$2,100-\$8,750 additional for afternoon programs  
Financial Assistance: Available for Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 6, with limited availability for Preschool. Hours:8:00 a.m.- noon for morning programs, Creative Afternoons noon-3:00 p.m. for ages 2.9 and up. Two, three, four and five-day programs available.

Application deadline: Jan. 3 for priority for fall programs.

**Saint John School**  
9 Moon Street Boston,  
MA 02113  
617-227-3143  
www.sjsne.com

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Students enjoy a rigorous academic curriculum enriched by integrated STEM programming, Italian language instruction, our own in-house hydroponic garden and much more. We are proud of our partnership with the Lynch Early Childhood Project, an extraordinary project founded by Carolyn and Peter Lynch, for our 3 and 4 year olds.

St. John School offers student drop off starting at 7:30 a.m., after

school care until 6 p.m., and an extensive summer adventure camp. (School hours are 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.) Boston residents may be eligible for free bus transportation.

Please join us on Welcome Wednesdays between 9 and 10 a.m. to see all that St. John's has to offer or kindly reach out to Lesley McCormick at lmccormick@sjsne.org or call 617-227-3143 to schedule a tour.

**Spruce Street Nursery School**  
5 Avery Place  
Boston, MA 02111  
(617) 482-5252  
sprucest.org

Spruce Street Nursery School offers a joyous early learning experience for children from 2 through 5 years of age. In four open class-

rooms designed to stimulate creativity and enhance development, dedicated teachers lovingly provide both individual and group instruction and support. Lessons are planned thematically, with ample opportunities for exploration and guided instruction. Physical development is enhanced through daily trips to our on-site playground. Parent involvement is an integral element of the Spruce Street experience, and the communication between teachers, parents, and children ensures a strong community.

Ages: 2 - 5 years

Tuition: \$13,300 - \$27,500

Hours: Day Program 8:30am-1pm  
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Early Arrival: 7:30 - 8:30 am, separate fees apply

Enrichment & Extended Day: 1-3:30 pm., separate fees apply

Late Day: 3:30-5:30 pm  
Application deadline for the 2024-25 school year is January 16th

Financial aid: Need-based Admissions

Open House: October 21st, 9 am – 12 pm children are welcome!

## ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE

### The Advent School 15 Brimmer St.

Boston, MA 02108

617-742-0520 x 15

[adventschool.org/  
upcoming-events](http://adventschool.org/upcoming-events)

The Advent School is a progressive, Reggio Emilia-inspired elementary school for children aged four through Sixth Grade. In a diverse academic community founded on the principles of social justice and dedicated to respect and inclusion, Advent students learn to be critical thinkers, confident

scholars, and compassionate citizens of the world.

Grades: Age 4 (pre-Kindergarten) - Sixth Grade

Tuition: \$36,050

Hours: 8:10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Application deadline: January

Financial aid: Need-based aid is available.

### Belmont Day School 55 Day School Lane Belmont, MA 02478

671-932-3889

[Belmontday.org](http://Belmontday.org)

Belmont Day School is a community of inspiring, bold, and remarkable learners and leaders. Curricula emphasizes hands-on, interdisciplinary work that grounds the academic experience in the real world, and faculty expertly offer each individual the appropriate level of challenge and support. Students build a strong sense of themselves and embody the school's core values of excellence, honesty, caring, joy, responsibility and respect. Graduates go on to high schools of their choosing, where they are embraced as confident self-advocates and leaders.

Learn more at an Open House: Saturday, October 21, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Grades: Pre-K through grade 8

Register at [www.belmontday.org](http://www.belmontday.org).

### Boston Children's School 8 Whittier Place Boston, MA 02114 617-367-6239

[BostonChildrensSchool.org](http://BostonChildrensSchool.org)

Established in 1965, the Boston Children's School has been bringing the joy of learning to children between the ages of 2.9 and 7 years of age for over 58 years. Located in the historic West End section of Boston, at Charles River Park, the Boston Children's School attracts students from the greater Boston area and children from around the world.

The BCS curriculum is designed to be age appropriate. Children learn and play in small groups, in individual, intimate classroom settings, allowing the classroom teachers to know each child and their individual learning style. In addition to daily classroom activities, the Boston Children's School offers sign language and music as part of its curriculum. All children have daily access to the private on-site playground. The Boston Children's School also offers a "Summer-Fun-Program" to children between the ages of 3 and 8 years old starting in July.

Detailed information about the Boston Children's School, its academic year and summer programs, are available on the BCS website at [www.BostonChildrensSchool.Org](http://www.BostonChildrensSchool.Org). Please feel free to call BCS Direc-

tor Judy Langer, at 617-367-6239 with any questions that you may have about the school.

Academic Year - September through June. Ages - 2.9 through 7 years old

Hours - 8:45 a.m. through 5 p.m., half day programs are available.

Early arrival at 8:15 a.m. and late stay until 5:30 p.m. also available.

Application Deadline: January 19.

### Park Street School - Elementary

67 Brimmer Street

Boston, MA 02108

617-523-7577

[parkstreetschool.org](http://parkstreetschool.org)

Consider the best education for children Toddler - Grade 6 in bright and sunny facilities in Beacon Hill! While our location is ideal, it's our remarkable students, faculty and families working together, forming close relationships that creates a vibrant community where children thrive.

Grounded in Core Knowledge philosophy, children build strong foundations of knowledge in the early years - an approach foundational to developing critical thinking skills necessary for lifelong learning. Learning here is active! Whether it's collecting field research in tidal pools, celebrating medieval festivals or bringing Shakespeare to life on stage, children are "out of the chair" - mak-

ing connections in and out of the classroom and between subjects. The learning is authentic and sets us apart. As a Christian school, we're committed to guiding students in the formation of character and an understanding of God's love for them. Connecting the mind and the heart - classroom learning and character education - is what makes Park Street School special.

Grades: Kindergarten-Grade 6  
Tuition: \$33,915 - \$36,725; \$1,500-\$6,000 additional for afternoon programs. Financial Assistance: Available for Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 6, with limited availability for Preschool.

### St. John School

9 Moon Street Boston,

MA 02113

617-227-3143

[www.sjsne.com](http://www.sjsne.com)

Nestled in the heart of Boston's historic North End, St. John School has educated children since 1895. Welcoming PreK-Grade 8 students, we provide a Catholic education committed to educating children in an atmosphere that fosters a spirit of community, faith, and academic excellence. Our dedicated teachers and small class sizes ensure that each student's unique progress is celebrated.

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## Spruce Street Nursery School

5 Avery Place

Boston, MA 02111

(617) 482-5252

[www.sprucestreet.org](http://www.sprucestreet.org)

for more information or to register to attend, scan below (drop-ins welcome too!)



### ADMISSIONS OPEN HOUSE

**Saturday, October 21st, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm**

Tour the school with current parents, meet classroom teachers, school administrators and play in our playground. Children are welcome!

The application deadline is January 16, 2024 -

Financial assistance is available



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Contact Lesley McCormick, [lmccormick@sjsne.com](mailto:lmccormick@sjsne.com) to schedule a tour

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in-house hydroponic garden and much more. We are proud of our partnership with the Lynch Early Childhood Project, an extraordinary project founded by Carolyn and Peter Lynch, for our 3 and 4 year olds.

St. John School offers student drop off starting at 7:30 a.m., after school care until 6 p.m., and an extensive summer adventure camp. (School hours are 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.) Boston residents may be eligible for free bus transportation.

Please join us on Welcome Wednesdays between 9 and 10 a.m. to see all that St. John's has to offer or kindly reach out to Lesley McCormick at [lmccormick@sjnsne.org](mailto:lmccormick@sjnsne.org) or call 617-227-3143 to schedule a tour.

young men grades 7-12 in the Jesuit, Catholic tradition and why BC High might be the perfect fit for your family.

**Malden Catholic High School**  
 99 Crystal St,  
 Malden, MA 02148  
[maldencatholic.org](http://maldencatholic.org)

Since 1932, Malden Catholic has shaped emerging leaders in our community, claiming a Nobel Laureate, a Senator, two ambassadors and countless community and business heads among its alumni. Annually, graduates attend some of the nation's most renown universities including Harvard, Princeton, Dartmouth, University of Chicago, Georgetown, Cornell, Brown, Tufts University, Carnegie Mellon, Duke, Notre Dame, Northeastern University, Boston College and College of the Holy Cross, just to name a few. Foundational to student success is Malden Catholic's codivisional model which offers the best of both worlds, single-gender academics during the day and integrated social and extracurricular opportunities after school. Malden Catholic is known in the community for its rigorous academics, SFX Scholars Program and award-winning STEM program. Malden Catholic curricula is designed to improve individual growth mindset, leadership principles and success outcomes along with integrating the Xaverian val-

ues of trust, humility, compassion, simplicity and zeal. Visit our website to sign up for an Open House or email [admissions@maldencatholic.org](mailto:admissions@maldencatholic.org).

**The Newman School**  
 247 Marlborough St,  
 Boston, MA 02116  
 671-247-4530  
[newmanboston.org](http://newmanboston.org)

At Newman, we live our motto, "Heart Speaks to Heart." Relationships are the foundation of students' intellectual exploration and personal growth. Our International Baccalaureate curriculum cultivates students' abilities to think critically, ask questions, learn across disciplines, and develop research skills to thrive in college and become global contributors. Founded in 1945, located in the heart of Boston's Back Bay neighborhood, we serve students from grades 7-12 (and postgraduate) from Boston, 55 towns, and 40 countries. We offer the only comprehensive boarding program in the city. Our students participate in activities that embrace the "city as our campus." Students develop a global and community mindedness that enriches their ability to make an impact in the world. The warm and caring environment and small class sizes make Newman a place where students are seen and valued. Register for a "coffee talk" in your neighborhood to learn more about Newman at [\[boston.org/coffeetalks\]\(http://boston.org/coffeetalks\).](http://newman-</a></p>
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Virtual Open Houses  
 All Grades: October 11 @ 6pm  
 Middle School: October 18 @ 6pm  
 Upper School: October 25 @ 6pm.

**Walnut Hill School for the Arts**  
 12 Highland St,  
 Natick, MA 01760  
[walnuthillarts.org](http://walnuthillarts.org)

Founded in 1893, Walnut Hill School for the Arts is located in Natick, Massachusetts, within the Boston metropolitan area. As one of the premier boarding and day schools in the United States, the School provides an immersive and

intensive learning environment for talented arts students in Grades 9-12 and in post-graduate studies. With areas of focus in Music, Dance, Theater, Visual Art, and Writing, Film & Media Arts, combined with a comprehensive academic curriculum, students from around the world are able to hone their crafts and engage in transformative experiences with professional artists and instructors from Boston Ballet, the New England Conservatory of Music, and other major arts institutions. Walnut Hill alumni include many internationally recognized actors of stage and screen, Pulitzer Prize-winning writers, and musicians and dancers at a number of the world's top performing arts organizations and ensembles. Visit [walnuthillarts.org](http://walnuthillarts.org) for more information.

## HIGH SCHOOLS

**Boston College High School**  
 150 Morrissey Boulevard  
 Boston, MA 02125  
 617.474.5057  
[enrollment@bchigh.edu](mailto:enrollment@bchigh.edu)

Climate change. AI. Racial and economic inequality. Today's most pressing issues will shape the lives of countless future generations. But so too will young people have the chance to shape solutions to these problems and steer the course of history.

At Boston College High School, our young men are taught to make a difference from their very first day. BC High is a place where leadership, innovation, faith, interculturality, and justice aren't just extraneous parts of the experience - they are thoughtfully woven into the curriculum and everyday life through our Centers for Human Excellence.

Our alumni have changed the world as military and spiritual leaders, politicians and scientists, educators and captains of industry. And while we empower today's students to strive for that same success, we are committed to providing our boys with the care and support that helps them grow into loving men determined to make the world a better place. Our innovative House System sets an unparalleled standard of care that enables students to experience all the resources of a large private school, while being nurtured and mentored in a deeply personal way.

We know our young men inside and out - and we hope you'll get to know us too. Join us and register for Open House on November 5 at [bchigh.edu](http://bchigh.edu) to learn more about our 160-year history of educating



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## OPEN HOUSES

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November 15  
 9:00-11:00 AM

December 5  
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## THE BOSTON CHILDREN'S SCHOOL



Each Spring, through the courtesy of the Tufts Dental School, dentists and dental students meet with the children of The Boston Children's School, a private, coeducational school, to talk about the proper care of teeth. Information about eating good food for healthy teeth, the proper hygiene for keeping teeth and gums healthy are some of the topics discussed. The interactive discussions involve the use of puppets to demonstrate the proper way to brush your teeth. All children received a toothbrush and tooth paste compliments of the visiting dental professionals. This annual event is part of the Health and Wellness curriculum at The Boston Children's School.

## BEACON HILL NURSERY SCHOOL



Students enjoying their time at the Beacon Hill Nursery School.

## WALNUT HILL SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS

The Walnut Hill School for the Arts provides an immersive and intensive learning environment for talented arts students in Grades 9-12



## ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL



Welcome Back- St. John's students (above and below) enjoyed popsicles to celebrate the first day of the new school year. Principal Cassidy, faculty, students, and parents are happy to be back! ST John School is a pre-K to 8 school in The North End of Boston, To schedule a tour kindly email Lesley McCormick at [lmccormick@sjcne.org](mailto:lmccormick@sjcne.org) or call 617-227-3143.



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Teachers and students working together at Charlestown Nursery School.



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