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Barnaby's Toy & Art opens on Charles Street

By Dan Murphy

A recent addition to Charles Street's retail landscape, Barnaby's Toy & Art offers a hand-on, interactive experience for kids through a wide range of art offerings, along with a selection of handpicked toys and children's books, including a series of titles authored by the shop's proprietor.

The store opened about three weeks ago at 15R Charles St. in the space formerly occupied by Rainbows Pottery Studio in response to the success of the business's first location, which owner Wendy Rouillard opened on Nantucket in May of 2021. (At around 450 square feet, the Charles Street location is less than half the size of the 1,100 square-foot Nantucket store.)

Barnaby's joins two other Charles Street businesses, J. McLaughlin and Follain (now Credo Beauty), which both got their start on Nantucket before opening their respective second outposts on Beacon Hill, and Rouillard attributes the decision to expand her business from Nantucket to Beacon Hill to the Boston neighborhood's tight-knit sensibility.

Rouillard, who has lived on Nantucket for 30 years and also writes a column for Nantucket Magazine called Kid 'N Around, noted that Beacon Hill and Nantucket both have a "very similar feel" defined by a strong sense of community.

She said her decision to open the first location of Barnaby's more than two and a half years ago on Nantucket came partially

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Pictured, left to right, are Charlotte Willauer, store manager and head teacher, and Wendy Rouillard, owner, of Barnaby's Toy & Art on Charles Street.



PHOTO COURTESY OF WENDY ROUILLARD

The "beach shack" bookcases filled with art supplies at Barnaby's Toy & Art on Charles Street.

Councilor Durkan cruises to easy reelection victory

By Dan Murphy

District 8 City Councilor Sharon Durkan cruised to an easy reelection victory in the city's Tuesday, Nov. 7, municipal election.

"Thank you, District 8. Tonight, we won every precinct of the district again! I'm honored to continue to serve the West End, Beacon Hill, Fenway-Kenmore, Back Bay and Mission Hill for another two years. The work continues!" Councilor Durkan posted on X (formerly Twitter).

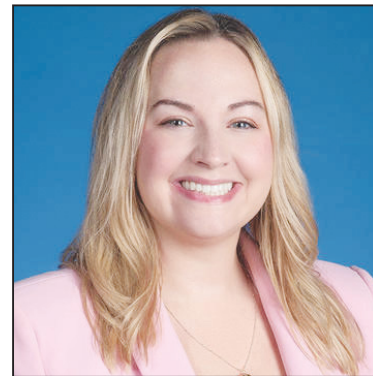
According to the city's unofficial election results, Councilor Durkan garnered more than 70 percent of the ballot (3,686 votes out of a total of 5,591 ballots cast) while her opponent Montez Haywood trailed with just under 29 percent of the ballot (1,512 votes).

Haywood, an assistant district attorney with the Suffolk County District Attorney's office since 2006, lost to Durkan in the July 25 Special Election to succeed Kenzie Bok as District 8 City Councilor after Bok stepped down from the seat to assume the reins of the Boston Housing Authority. He also previously ran an unsuccessful campaign for the seat in the fall of 2019, losing to Bok when she was elected to her first term in office.

An additional 35 votes, or .67 percent of the ballot, were cast for write-in candidates for District 8 City Councilor.

Henry Santana, who previously worked in the office of former District 8 Councilor Bok and also served as the city's first Director of Civic Organizing under Mayor Michelle Wu, was the only newcomer elected to one of the four at-Large City Council seats.

Santana placed fourth in the



COURTESY OF CITY OF BOSTON
District 8 City Councilor Sharon Durkan.



COURTESY PHOTO
Henry Santana, who was elected to one of the four at-Large City Council seats in the city's Nov. 7 municipal election.

eight-way race, garnering more than 15 percent of the ballot, or 32,902 votes out of a total of 76,397 ballots cast.

"Boston, tonight our city delivered a clear and resounding vote for progress. I'm honored to serve as your next City Councilor At-Large, and I'm ready to fight on behalf of every neighborhood and every resident of this city. Let's get

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Tribute to Susan Paul brings joy and unity to Beacon Hill

Special to Times

On Sunday, Oct. 15, music filled both the African Meeting House and the hearts of those in attendance at "Let the Children Sing," a joint collaboration between the Museum of African American History, the Beacon Hill Civic Association, and Crescendo Productions.

Museum president Dr. Noelle Trent and education director Christian Walkes, along with preservationist Dorothy Clark, offered poignant remarks about both the significance of the historic site and program honoree Susan Paul, a 19th-century educator whose "juvenile choirs" help spread the abolitionist message across Massachusetts.

"Let the Children Sing" was more than a concert," said Walkes. "It was not only an ode to the great abolitionist and educator Susan Paul, but more importantly, an opportunity for 21st-century voices to resuscitate the spirit of her work in a space where history was and continues to be made."

The Harambee Singers and the



MARIANNE SALZA PHOTO

Shown above and to the right, attendees of the event.

Eastern Mass Children's Choir, both under the direction of Linda Brown-San Martin, moved the audience with hymns and spirituals, while youth enrichment group City Strings United's cello choir performed works composed by the group's director, Bithyah Israel, that were based on songs from an 1845 abolitionist hymnal, a book that would almost certainly been

known to Paul. Educator and performer Regie Gibson moved the audience with poetic works of spoken word, and collaborated with City Strings on the world premiere of a original piece in which Gibson read anti-slavery hymns backed by a choir of cellos.

For the finale, the house was brought to its feet when the entire ensemble of performers led the



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audience in a spirited version of "This Little Light of Mine." Thanks to the support of sponsors Suffolk University, F.H. Perry Builders, The Whaley-Ring Team of Coldwell Banker, Blackstones of Beacon Hill, and Florina Pizza and Paninoteca, this exuberant and exuberant afternoon at one of Beacon Hill's most iconic and important historical sites. Beacon

Hill Civic Association's Executive Director Patricia Tully summed it up well by noting, "This concert was an amazing example of what can be done in community, to celebrate community, and to share community. To hear these talented young people fill the sanctuary with their sounds was uplifting and joyful!"

Susan Paul, no doubt, would have agreed.

NEWS BRIEFS

PARKS DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES ANNUAL HOLIDAY LIGHTINGS

Mark your calendars and prepare to join the Boston Parks and Recreation Department to celebrate the holiday season with their 2023 schedule of lighting celebrations in City of Boston parks. Please note that due to ongoing construction there will be no Copley Square tree lighting this year.

Lighting of the Trellis at Christopher Columbus Park
Monday, November 20
5-6 p.m.

110 Atlantic Avenue, Boston

Located on Boston's historic waterfront and stewarded with help from the Friends of Christopher Columbus Park, the site will be transformed into a beautiful holiday display when the park's 260 feet of trellis are illuminated

with 50,000 blue lights along with 14 decorated trees near Tia's, the Marriott Long Wharf Hotel, and throughout the park.

The Nova Scotia Tree for Boston Arrives

Tuesday, November 21
11 a.m.

Boston Common

Boston's official 2023 tree arrives on Boston Common by flatbed truck from Nova Scotia. This year's tree is a 40-year-old, 45-foot-tall white spruce donated by Bette Gourley of Stewiacke, N.S., and her family. The public is welcome to cheer the tree's arrival with candy canes and an appearance by Santa.

Boston Common Tree Lighting

Thursday, November 30
6-8 p.m.

Boston Common

Boston's official 2023 Christmas tree from Nova Scotia will be lit at the close of a two-hour celebration beginning at 6 p.m. and broadcast live on WCVB Channel 5 starting at 7 p.m. This is the

52nd year that a tree has been donated by Nova Scotia and commemorates 106 years of friendship with the people of Boston. The tree will be lit at approximately 7:55 p.m.

Lighting of the Trees on the Commonwealth Avenue Mall and Charlesgate Park

Thursday, November 30
8:15 p.m.

Arlington Street and Commonwealth Avenue, Back Bay

The Boston Common Tree Lighting will be followed immediately by the lighting of Commonwealth Avenue Mall, courtesy of the Friends of the Public Garden. The Emerald Necklace Conservancy and Charlesgate Alliance are building on this annual tradition and bringing their signature emerald green lighting to the Charlesgate Park block of the Mall for the third consecutive year. For the first time this year, the lights on the Commonwealth Avenue Mall will extend to Kenmore Square.

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to work," Santana posted on X after declaring victory in the election.

Other top candidates in the at-large race included three incumbents who earned the top three slots and secured their respective reelection bids - Ruthzee Loui-

jeune, who garnered more than just 20 percent of the ballot, or 43,127 votes cast; Erin Murphy, who received just under 20 percent of the ballot, or 42,476 votes cast; and Julia Mejia, who garnered more than 18 percent of the ballot, or 38,529 votes cast.

BEACON HILL BEAT

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Assault/Threats

11/03/23 - Police responded to DeLuca's Market on Charles Street for a report of a person with a knife.

When officers arrived on scene, they spoke with a store clerk, who said a known individual entered the store and threatened him with a knife. Besides brandishing the knife, the suspect also made threatening remarks towards the victim.

The suspect was so well known at the market that his photo was already hanging on the wall due to his previous history of causing problems at the business. A surveillance of the incident was furnished to police, and area detectives will further investigate the matter.

Breaking and Entering to a Motor Vehicle

11/06/23 - Police responded to Mt. Vernon Street for a motor vehicle break.

The victim informed officers that she believed she had locked her vehicle, but when she returned to it in the morning, the glove box had been ransacked and a bag of shoes and clothes had been taken from the back seat.

Area detectives were expected to further investigate the matter.

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Final design unveiled for Gronk Playground on the Esplanade

By Dan Murphy

The final design for Gronk Playground – a new public amenity planned for the Esplanade and made possible via a financial gift from former New England Patriots tight end Rob Gronkowski – was unveiled during a virtual meeting sponsored by the Department of Conservation and Recreation on Thursday, Nov. 2.

In May of 2021, Gronkowski and his Gronk Nation Youth Foundation made a \$1.2 million donation to DCR and the nonprofit Esplanade Association to fund a complete renovation of Charlesbank Playground, which is located on the Charles River adjacent to the Alford Memorial Spray Deck on the Esplanade.

In addition to Gronkowski and his charitable organization, along with DCR and the Esplanade Association, the project team also includes landscape architect and prime consultant, Shadley Associates; arborist, Bartlett Tree Experts; and civil engineer, Nitsch Engineering.

For the project, the gate that separates the spraydeck from the existing playground will be removed as the playground is extended into the existing lawn area, said Skyler Chick of Shadley Associates, while the river walkways will remain in much the same configuration as they are today.

The existing lawn between the playground and the spraydeck will be reconstructed to include a new walkway, said Chick, while existing asphalt walkways would be replaced using poured-in rubber. ADA-accessible picnic tables that sit atop rubber pads will also be installed, he said, as would additional Shurcliff benches along the edges of the site.

A “critical goal of the project,” meanwhile, is to protect and preserve the site’s existing trees, said Chick, so construction work would be minimal on the “critical root zone,” with limited demolition and no heavy equipment permitted in those areas. Five new shade trees will also be planted on site as part of the project, he added.

Playground elements will be



The future site of Gronk Playground on the Esplanade.

D. MURPHY PHOTO

clustered together, with equipment for ages 2-5 located on the site’s southern portion, and equipment for ages 5-12 located in another section of the 100-percent ADA-accessible playground, said Chick, although children would be able to move freely between the two sections due to the new playground’s open layout.

The largest structure for ages 2-5 will be a custom feature that resembles a “football being spiked,” and which Gronkowski himself likened to a “rocket ship” said Sandra Libby, DCR playground planner. Due to its large size, this piece of equipment would be assembled at the factory and then transported via truck to the playground, where it will be set in place using a crane, she said.

The Gronk High-5 Low-5 element would feature a life-size likeness of 6-foot, 6-inch Gronkowski, said Libby, with one hand extended upwards to a height of 8 feet and the other reaching down to allow park-goers to “slap hands” with the former football star.

The playground will also feature three Duck Boat models, with a naming contest for the largest one now ongoing on Gronkowski’s social media accounts. (Visit Gronkowski’s Instagram account at @gronk to learn more about the Duck Boat naming contest.)

Also, a “Bridge Climber” ele-

ment for ages 2-5 would be modeled after the Leonard P. Zakim Bunker Hill Memorial Bridge to help give the playground “a Boston context,” said Libby.

Moreover, a merry-go-round located near the main entrance would be flush with the ground to allow for wheelchair access, said Libby, while a 40-yard dash feature would also align with “the fitness theme through all the differ-

ent elements.”

Other proposed playground elements include a “Spring Rider”; various swings (i.e. group swings, toddler swings, and individual swings); a group seesaw; an “Overhead Spinner”; a rope climb; and large panels adorned with inspirational quotes from 14 famous athletes, including Gronkowski and his erstwhile teammate, former Patriots quarterback Tom Brady.

The playground equipment would likely be ordered in December, followed by a 12-month lead time to manufacture it. The equipment would then be installed as soon as weather permits, said Libby, before the new playground can open.

DCR is accepting public comments on this project through Nov. 16 online at www.mass.gov/dcr/public-comment.

MAYOR WU VISITS BEACON HILL BOOKS



COURTESY PHOTO

Mayor Michelle Wu and her team made a special visit to Beacon Hill Books on Nov. 1 to see what all the excitement is about. She toured the bookstore and cafe and visited with Melissa Fetter, owner, about the challenges facing Charles Street retailers, such as the recent vandalism, street and sidewalk maintenance, and pest control. Everyone was impressed with her sincere interest in engaging with local businesses and improving our city.



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EDITORIAL

"THANK YOU" TO OUR VETERANS

This Saturday, November 11, will mark the 104th observance of Veterans Day in the United States, a day marked by solemnity and reverence to honor those who have served in our nation's military. Veteran's Day initially was known as Armistice Day when it was enacted in 1919 in observance of the first anniversary of the end of World War I, which occurred on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918.

World War I was marked by trench warfare in which neither the German-allied nations (Germany, Austria-Hungary, and the Ottoman Empire) nor the alliance among England, France, Russia, and the United States, accomplished anything. Historians to this day cannot even pinpoint a rational reason for why it began. The trench lines did not meaningfully shift for the entire four-year period of the war. In the meantime, the European continent was ravaged, with 10 million soldiers and another 10 million civilians losing their lives.

More significantly, the "war to end all wars" only set the stage for an even bloodier world-wide conflagration 20 years later with WWII. Indeed, the roots of today's conflict in the Middle East can be traced to the shift in control of the Middle East after WWI from the Ottoman Empire (Turkey) to England, which eventually led to the so-called British Mandate for Palestine after the end of WWII.

In the aftermath of the Korean War in 1954, Armistice Day officially became known as Veterans Day to include veterans of all of our wars. There are many ways that each of us can honor our veterans, including attending parades and ceremonies in our communities, visiting veterans memorials and cemeteries, volunteering with veterans organizations, donating to veterans causes, flying the U.S. flag, thanking a veteran for their service, or simply taking a moment to reflect on the great sacrifice made by so many who have put their lives on the line to ensure that all of us can enjoy the freedoms that we hold as Americans today.

If nothing else, Veterans Day should remind us that freedom isn't free and that maintaining our freedom since our nation's founding has required the personal sacrifice of millions of our fellow Americans.

THE UKRAINIANS AND ISRAELIS ARE FIGHTING FOR FREE PEOPLE EVERYWHERE

There are two "hot wars" in the world right now, in Europe and the Middle East, in which two democratic nations, Ukraine and Israel, are standing up against two of the great forces of fascism in the world today: Russia under Vladimir Putin and Hamas terrorist fighters under the direction of Iran.

Both Putin and Hamas launched unprovoked attacks on civilian populations that were marked by their cruelty, inhumanity, and outright sadism. Russia seeks to eliminate Ukraine as a sovereign nation and Hamas wants to wipe Israel off the map. The efforts by the Ukrainians and the Israelis to fight these monsters of sheer evil have served as a wake-up call to free people everywhere -- and that includes Americans -- to recognize the simple but profound truth that we cannot take our freedom for granted.

Right now, Israel and Ukraine are bearing the burden for the free world of standing up to these fascist regimes. Although it goes without saying that America should support their efforts with as much military and financial aid as possible, we must realize that it is wishful thinking to imagine that we can remain above the fray. History has taught us that it is inevitable that when the enemies of democracy threaten free people, the United States will be drawn into the battle -- and Americans should be ready for that eventuality.

If we in the United States don't support the forces of freedom and democracy, who will?

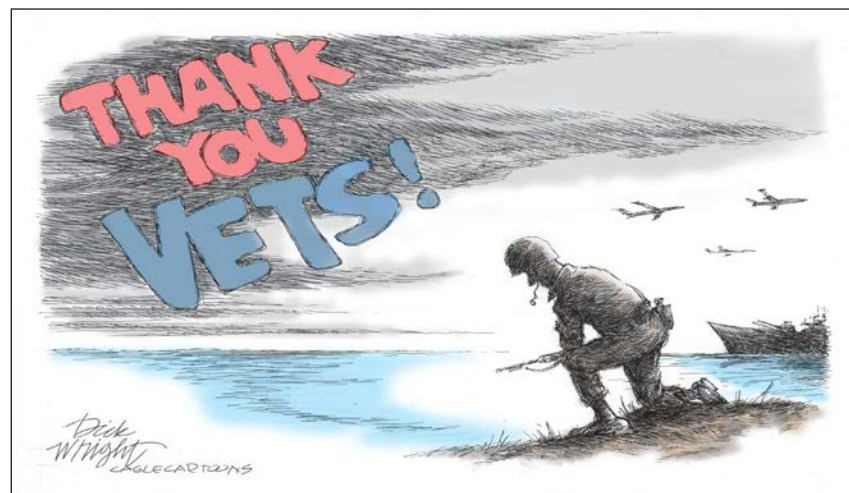
HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY, GOV. DUKAKIS

We wish to extend our best wishes for a "Happy Birthday" to former Massachusetts Governor Michael Dukakis, who turned 90 last week.

Mike Dukakis served as governor of our state from 1975-79 and then again for two terms from 1983-91. He was the Democratic nominee for President in 1988, losing to Republican George H.W. Bush in a contentious election that was marked by immense distortions of Dukakis's record, including the infamous Willie Horton ad that invoked racial stereotypes and played to the worst instincts of white voters.

For those too young to know about Mike Dukakis, we will mention three things about a man whose honesty, integrity, competence, and dedication to serving the people of our state stand as the benchmark for all office-holders: First, Gov. Dukakis turned around our state's economic fortunes with the "Massachusetts Miracle" in which the high-tech and biotech industries set Massachusetts on a path to prosperity that carries through to this day. Second, he reinvigorated our state's aging inner cities, including Boston, Chelsea, Revere, Everett, and Lynn, and invested in public transportation, which Dukakis himself rode from his home in Brookline to Beacon Hill. Third, he established Massachusetts as a national leader in education, criminal justice reform, drug policy, and countless other areas.

Similar to former President Jimmy Carter, Mike Dukakis has led a low-profile, yet prolific post-government career in which he has continued with his lifetime of dedication to public service. We know we join with all of our fellow citizens in wishing Gov. Dukakis a "Happy Birthday," and many more to come.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

NEVER-ENDING BATTLE

To the Editor,

As I looked at the pictures on page 5 of the November 2 issue of members of the Civic Association and others doing the fall clean-up on Charles Street my gratitude quickly changed to frustration. They should not have been doing a clean-up that ought to be done on a nearly daily basis by the merchants. While some of the merchants clean up their bricks, treepit, and curb others do not, and this is inexcusable.

Charles Street, a major tourist attraction, should be pristine; instead it is all too often a mess. Every merchant should have e.g. a long-handled broom and dustpan and start the day by cleaning up litter and leaves.

We are at that time of year when the Business Association gets all excited about decorating their shops and lampposts. Their excitement about what is attractive while looking up for two months overlooks the twelve months that the street is mostly unattractive when looking down.

I was appalled last year when I walked along Charles Street for the Christmas Stroll and realized that no effort had been made to clean-up the street prior to the event (and I am sure that if they are entertaining at home the merchants tidy-up their living and

dining rooms). It was worse the next morning with empty cups, etc. all along the street and many of the Special Event-No Parking Signs had not been removed.

This is utterly irresponsible, and the city should make it clear to the merchants (as it does for others holding special events) that they are expected to clean up the street. Also, as there is no parking, arrangements should be made for a streetsweeper to go up and down Charles Street several times before and after the stroll.

If the business association fails in its responsibilities, then it should not be allowed to have the stroll.

Charles Street would also look better if the litter bins were replaced with those on City Hall Plaza that have a solid top and a small horizontal opening. All too often the current bins get filled with household trash.

Also, there needs to be No Parking/ Streetsweeping signs on Mt. Vernon and Chestnut Streets between River and Charles. These are suggestions that I have repeatedly made over the past year, yet nothing has been done.

Keeping Beacon Hill looking nice requires all of us to pick up litter and sweep our sidewalks and curbs.

Unfortunately it is a never-ending battle.

Paul Greenfield

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'HORISING AROUND' IN SUPPORT OF BINA FARM CENTER

RUSS MEZIKOFSKY PHOTOS

Special to the Times

The BINA Farm Center's 'Horsing Around' gala, held on Saturday, Nov. 4, at the Mandarin Oriental hotel, supported BINA's mission of bringing people together of all abilities through inclusive therapeutic, clinical and recreational equine programs in Lexington.

Coryn and Babak Bina, founders, and Janice Gilman, executive director, said this gala's focus was to celebrate the relaunch of their Music Therapy program. The evenings emcees, brothers Kamran and Aidin Bina, presented Emiley and Keith Lockhart with the BINA Achievement Award for their continued support of BINA since 2009, as well as their support of the Holiday Pops Sensory-Friendly concerts, which have been enjoyed by many BINA families.

Bebe Wood, who is starring in Tina Fey's upcoming film, "Mean Girls Musical," which is in theaters Jan. 12, performed a song from her EP, '21st Century Hippie,' and also played one song with Amir El Boukfaoui, who grew up participating in BINA's Therapeutic Riding program.

Another event highlight was a special announcement made by Dr. Gene Beresin about a new collaboration between BINA and the Clay Center for Young Healthy Minds at Mass General Hospital, of which he is the executive director. This collaboration will allow BINA to further expand their Equine Facilitated Psychotherapy program with unbelievable resources.

Dr. Beresin discussed how they will bring the expert MGH faculty and Harvard Medical School to provide focused education on the latest in diagnosis, treatment, and advocacy for patients with psychi-

atric illness in the areas of attention deficit/ hyperactivity disorder, autism spectrum disorder, substance use disorders, mood disorders, and anxiety and depression.

Event attendees also included Co-Chairs Tonya and Ben Mezrich, Lianne and Alex Leventhal, Christy Cashman, Harris and Paul Krupp. Additional attendees were Mandarin Oriental GM Markus Linder, Azita Bina, Tiffani Faison, Deep Voice Jojo of Kiss 108, Jonathan Soroff, Jadianne Thompson, Grace and Josh Zakim, Laura Baldini, Jennifer Kinsman, Alam Shah, Abby Bielagus, and Pat and Francesca Purcell.

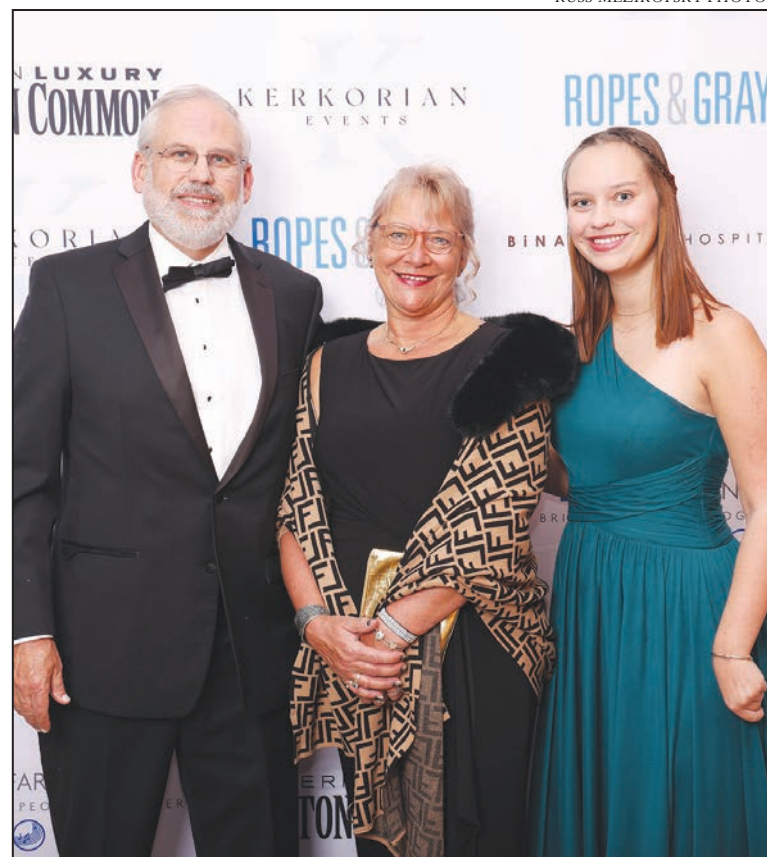
Ropes & Gray was a sponsor of the event, which was designed by K. Kerkorian Events.



Sam Mazzarelli and Amy Finsilver of XV Beacon.



Coryn Bina; Angel, the Therapy Pony; and Jadianne Thompson, Channel 7 newscaster and a neighborhood resident.



Chris, Lynn, and Daria Pedersen.



Pictured, left to right, are Keith and Emiley Lockhart; Bebe Wood; and Coryn and Babak Bina.



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BEACON HILL RESIDENT CONTRIBUTES TO SUCCESS OF VNA CARE'S ANNUAL HEROES IN HEALTH CARE GALA

VNA Care, the first organized visiting nurse association in the United States, raised nearly \$260,000 for patient care services during the annual Heroes in Health Care Gala at the Mandarin Oriental, Boston. Beacon Hill resident Renee Picard Walsh, Gala Committee Chair contributed to the success of the gala.

Heroes in Health Care is VNA Care's signature fundraising event and has raised millions in essential funding for home health and hospice care in Massachusetts. This year's gala was supported by more than 40 sponsors and underwriters, including businesses and philanthropists. Presenting Sponsors included Corridor and Mutual of America. Trustee Sponsors included Drs. Joshua and Amy Boger and the Boger Family Foundation and Homecare Homebase.

"The philanthropic support we receive from our generous donors is critical in helping VNA Care continue to meet the growing needs of

our patients. Due to the generosity of so many individuals, the Heroes in Health Gala has raised over \$4.2 million since its inception. We are incredibly honored by the community's unwavering support for VNA Care," said Laura Wise, manager of fund development.

During the event, Latoya Edwards of NBC Boston and NECN, the event emcee, presented the Heroes Awards to Alexandra Drane, co-founder and CEO, ARCHANGELS, for leveraging a data-driven engagement platform to reframe how caregivers are seen, honored, and supported, and Lauren A. Smith, MD, MPH, chief health equity and strategy officer, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Foundation, for driving strategic efforts focused on addressing systemic racism and other structural inequities and their impact on vulnerable populations.

The Gala featured musical performances by contemporary violist Jeremy Green, the Boston

Arts Academy's The Spirituals, and Angelena & the Unit. The evening also featured David Brown as Heroes in Health Care fund the mission ambassador. Beacon Hill resident Renee Picard Walsh served as committee chair of the Heroes in Health Care Gala, volunteering her time to ensure the success of this important fundraiser.

VNA Care has a 137-year history of providing health care in patients' homes and the community. The nonprofit provides a comprehensive range of home health, palliative, and hospice care in more than 200 Eastern and Central Massachusetts communities. VNA Care is able to provide its numerous nursing and patient care services through the support of individual and corporate supporters. To learn about sponsoring the 2024 Gala, please contact Laura Wise, manager of fund development, at 617-886-6460 or Laura_Wise@vnacare.org.



PHOTO BY MOLLY HAMILL PHOTOGRAPHY

Shown (left to right) are Dr. Catherine Frasco (left), MSPT, DPT, COS-C, vice president of home health operations for VNA Care and member of the Heroes in Health Care Gala Committee; Beacon Hill resident Renee Picard Walsh, Gala Committee Chair; and Linda Hope Springer, Gala Chair, at the Heroes in Health Care Gala to benefit VNA Care.

DPH officials urge residents to get vaccinated ahead of the holiday season

As the weather gets colder and with holiday gatherings just around the corner, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) urges residents to get vaccinated.

"With Thanksgiving just two weeks away, now is a great time for those preparing to celebrate with friends and loved ones to get vaccinated for flu, COVID-19, and RSV, if eligible. Getting vaccinated now will maximize protection against these respiratory viruses," said Public Health Commissioner

Robert Goldstein, MD, PhD. "We want Massachusetts residents to have a safe, healthy, and fun holiday season and part of that is getting vaccinated to protect yourself and those around you."

Everyone 6 months and older should get a seasonal flu vaccine and an updated COVID-19 vaccine, both of which can take up to two weeks to take full effect to protect against infection, serious illness and hospitalization, and reduce the chances of suffering the effects of Long COVID. The updated COVID-19 vaccine is effective against current variants and widely available for little or no cost to Massachusetts residents. Vaccine location information is available at

mass.gov/CovidVaccine. Residents who cannot get to a vaccination location can schedule an appointment for in-home COVID and flu vaccination by going to mass.gov/VaccinesAtHome or calling 833-983-0485.

DPH is working with hospitals and providers to encourage vaccination of staff and patients. Through its Vaccine Equity Initiative, DPH is working closely with communities of color and other populations and communities hardest-hit by COVID-19 to improve access to vaccination. Through partnerships with community organizations, DPH will hold COVID-19 and flu clinics in many community locations

and at upcoming cultural events. A listing of these community clinics that are accepting appointments and, in some locations, walk-ins, is updated weekly and can be found at mass.gov/MobileVax.

In addition to flu and COVID-19 vaccination, many people are eligible for respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) vaccination this year, including pregnant people, newborns, and many people 60 and older. COVID-19, flu, and RSV are the three viruses that are most likely to cause severe disease resulting in hospitalization and sometimes death.

While the holidays are a time for gathering, public health officials advise that if you are feeling

unwell, you should stay home, get tested, and, if you test positive for flu or COVID-19, get treatment to prevent the spread of illness.

"Adding vaccinations to your holiday season to-do list is one of the best gifts you can give yourself and people you'll gather with, especially older adults, people who are immunocompromised, and pregnant people, who are at higher risk for severe complications," said State Epidemiologist Dr. Catherine Brown. "While it's never too late to get your COVID or flu shots, getting vaccinated sooner rather than later will provide increased protection ahead of holiday celebrations, the start of winter, and peak respiratory disease season."

City opens applications for Boston School Committee

Mayor Michelle Wu opened the application to fill two upcoming vacancies on the Boston School Committee, for a term starting January 4, 2024 and ending on January 1, 2028. The Boston School Committee Nominating Panel, composed of Boston Public Schools (BPS) families, educators, school leaders and representatives of the business and higher education communities, will receive and evaluate the applications and share recommendations with the Mayor. The Boston School Committee is the governing body of the

BPS.

Applications to fill the upcoming vacancies are due Friday, November 17, 2023 at 11:59 p.m. Interviews for selected candidates will be held on the week of November 27, 2023 in the late afternoon or early evening. Candidates must be Boston residents and should expect a significant time commitment to connect with school departments and leaders and prepare for and attend biweekly and impromptu meetings that run into late hours in the evening.

The School Committee is responsible for:

- Defining the vision, mission, and goals of the Boston Public Schools;
- Establishing and monitoring the annual operating budget;
- Hiring, managing, and evaluating the Superintendent; and
- Setting and reviewing district policies and practices to support student achievement.

The School Committee meets approximately twice per month during the school year to adopt, review and modify policies and

practices that support teaching, learning and improved student achievement. With the exception of executive sessions, Committee meetings are open to the public, feature public comment periods and are broadcast on Boston City TV.

Please direct all questions and submit completed applications to scnominatingpanel@boston.gov or to City Hall, Mayor's Office 5th floor Boston, MA. You can learn more about the Boston School Committee online.

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BHNS HOLDS ANNUAL PUMPKIN DECORATING PARTY

COURTESY PHOTOS

The Beacon Hill Nursery School held its annual Pumpkin Decorating Party on Sunday, Oct. 29, turning 74 Joy St. into a festive pumpkin patch.

delighted in being together as a community. BHNS was also especially thrilled to welcome members of its incoming January toddler class and extended thanks to all who attended.

School officials said they are already looking forward to next year.

BHNS families (current students and lots of alumni siblings!) picked pumpkins to decorate, enjoyed special snacks, and



In the photos are shown children decorating pumpkins at the Beacon Hill Nursery pumpkin decorating party.



BOSTON'S VETERANS DAY PARADE

The November 4 Boston Veterans Day Parade began at the Boston Public Library located on Boylston Street and marched to the corner of Park and Tremont Streets, and ended at 1 City Hall Plaza. This was a new and exciting parade designed to honor the service and sacrifice of veterans and their families, as well as a thank you to all who continue to serve.



The Boston Fire Department's Color Guard.




All the branches of the military were represented.



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Boston thanks our veterans for their service and their selflessness.

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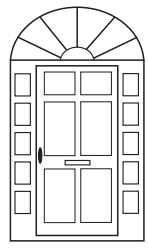


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MASS GENERAL FOR CHILDREN HOLDS STORYBOOK BALL

PHOTOS BY MATT WEST

Special to the Times

Mass General for Children's Storybook Ball brought nearly 500 people together at the Omni Hotel Boston at the Seaport to celebrate the hospital's outstanding work in the field of Adolescent Health, showcasing the expertise of MGfC primary care physicians, specialists and other caregivers that provide exceptional care day-in and day-out for adolescent and young adult patients.

Rachel and Bill Motley and Laura Will and David Nicholson co-chaired the 24th annual gala, which raised over \$1.9 million for important research initiatives and vital patient care programs at MGfC.

Rafanelli Events provided a stunning backdrop inspired by the beloved children's book series, Frog and Toad. The Omni was transformed into a whimsical forest with large-scale storybook drawings and oversized trees, while tablescapes of river rocks, mushrooms and fiddleheads created a sense of adventure reminiscent of a walk through the woods.

Joanne Wolfe, MD, MPH, MGfC Physician-in-Chief; Allan M. Goldstein, MD, MGfC Surgeon-in-Chief; and William Curry, MD, Chief Medical Officer, Massachusetts General Hospital, led guests through a poignant speaking program and shared the inspiring story of adolescent patient Maegan's treatment for an eating disorder.

One of the highlights of the live auction, emceed by The Sports Hub's Rich Shertenlieb, was a one-of-a-kind experience at the 150th anniversary of the Kentucky Derby courtesy of West Point Thoroughbreds. The package included a VIP backstretch tour and partial ownership in a thoroughbred racing horse, plus custom derby attire by designer Sue Sartor.

Guests enjoyed a special performance by Andrew Marshall, finalist of NBC's "The Voice" Season 20 and a Boxford native who underwent treatment for leukemia at MGfC for almost four years. Carnival booth games like Corn Hole and "Operation" and a lively dance floor led by Mario the DJ rounded out the spectacular night.



T.J. and Hadley Douglas.



Kim Whalen, RN, Krista Gallagher, RN, and Demi Isenstadt, RN.



MGH Chief Medical Officer William T. Curry, MD.



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MGfC Physician-in-Chief Joanne Wolfe, MD.



CoChairs Bill and Rachel Motley, Physician-in-Chief Joanne Wolfe, MD, CoChairs Laura Will and David Nicholson, and Surgeon-in-Chief Allan M. Goldstein, MD.



Rachel Goldstein, Bryan Rafanelli and MGfC Surgeon-in-Chief Allan M. Goldstein, MD.



Martha and Ronald E. Kleinman, MD.

BARNABY'S (from pg. 1)

in response to the closure in 2019 of The Toy Boat, the island's long-standing toy store.

Rouillard then spent an entire year refining her business plan for Barnaby's.

"The store really developed from a need for kids on Nantucket to have a place to create all different kinds of art," Rouillard said of Barnaby's while adding that the business is representative of her skillset and wide range of interests, including her art background.

Rouillard wrote and illustrated the first in her series of stories that follow the adventures of Barnaby Bear around Nantucket in 1994 as her senior thesis while attending the New School's Parsons School of Design in New York City. Since then, her Barnaby series has expanded to include more than 25 titles, which are available for sale at both Barnaby's locations (as well as at other retailers and bookstores and via Amazon).

While Rouillard now splits her time between her Nantucket and Beacon Hill stores, the Charles Street location is also staffed by store manager and head teacher Charlotte Willauer, a Wellesley native and BU grad who worked at the Nantucket store over the summer, as well as teaching assistant Lexi Holly.

Barnaby's on Beacon Hill currently offers around 45 different art-based classes for children ages 2 to 12, with new classes being offered each week. The classes run about two or three times each weekday, including 9:30 a.m. classes for preschoolers and after-school programming at 4:30 p.m. Two or three classes are offered on Saturdays and Sundays, respectively, as well.

The business also offers personalized birthday parties either in store, or at children's homes or any other outside venue. For these events, Rouillard speaks to parents beforehand to get an idea of the child's interests and then creates a custom art experience for them. And these events are already proving popular at the Beacon Hill

store, which hosted two birthday parties just last week, said Rouillard.

Kids can even drop by the store without a reservation on a rainy weekend day or a school holiday to create their own individualized art projects.

Customers can pick and buy items a la carte from one of six bookcases designed to look like Nantucket "beach shacks." Each one has its own separate theme, including beading and jewelry; make and decorate your own handbag, fanny-pack, or ornamental pouch; art supplies (i.e. paints and markers); a variety of Boston-themed, different-shaped "wood slices," each measuring around 12 by 12 inches, to be painted and decorated; miniature fairy houses, which can be painted and outfitted with to-scale furniture replicas; and the "Lab Shack," where kids can customize their own "Slime" using various additives, or make their own Play-Doh.

Barnaby's also offers a curated selection of toys personally selected by Rouillard, including building and art kits, as well toys for babies and toddlers. "Every toy has a function or it's interactive. [The toys] are all really hand-picked to engage and entertain," she said.

The Charles Street store also feature a "Kids Loft," replete with candy and other confections, along with small toys and other gift items for children.

"My store is very community oriented, and my goal is to offer a great place in the community for kids with a warm and fun environment where they can feel comfortable exploring and creating," said Rouillard, who added that she's planning a holiday party at the Charles Street store to introduce the business to the neighborhood.

Barnaby's Toy & Art at 15R Charles St. is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and on Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, visit www.barnabysboston.com or call 508-680-1553.

CHARLES STREET POST OFFICE APPARENTLY NOT CLOSING PERMANENTLY



D. MURPHY PHOTOS

The U.S. post office at 136 Charles St.

Despite rumors to the contrary, the U.S. Post Office at 136 Charles St. apparently won't be closing permanently, according to an unidentified staff member.

Like other area post offices, the Charles Street post office has kept irregular hours lately while being staffed by floating United States Postal Service employees due to companywide staffing shortages.

The hearsay surrounding the closure of the Post Office apparently stems from an awkwardly worded sign (seen here), which has been posted outside the Post Office at times when the facility was unstaffed.

The USPS couldn't be immediately reached for comment.

BEACON HILL ARCHITECTURAL COMMISSION

The Beacon Hill Architectural Commission will hold its monthly public hearing on Thursday, November 16, 2023, at 5 p.m.

Attention: This hearing will only be held virtually and NOT in person. You can participate in this hearing by going to our online meeting or calling 1-929-205-6099 and entering meeting id # 986 0446 2042. You can also submit written comments or questions to BeaconHillAC@boston.gov.

The public can offer testimony. Discussion Topics Design Review APP # 24.0306 BH 45 Beacon Street

Proposed Work: Replace wooden flag pole with a metal option. APP # 24.0387 BH 13-15 Pinckney Street

Proposed Work: Remove elevator head house skylight, replace with a flat rubber roof. APP # 23.0808 BH 103 Myrtle Street

Proposed Work: Modify existing roof deck APP # 24.0438 BH 20 David G. Mugar Way

Proposed Work: New door hardware APP # 24.0429 BH 46 Beacon Street

Proposed Work: At front facade; New intercom, new door hardware (lockset, kickplate), new light fixture, remove flag poles. At front and side facade parapet; repair, clean, repoint and reset balustrade system, replace wood balusters with new precast concrete balusters to match existing. Remove emergency beacon, install new sprinkler bell and sign flush bronze siamese fire department connection. At the (non-historic) door under the solarium infill with precast concrete faux stone infill, At the front facade basement level replace block infill with new black louvers. At roof; Remove elevator headhouse and center chimney (chimneys at the edge of roof to remain), new stair head house, remove roof structures and skylights (refer to plans), new acoustic fencing, clad small headhouse in copper, new doors and windows at headhouse, new roof deck. At rear facade; new garage entry and new lintel, new service

door (existing opening), rebuild green bay-like addition with a new profile, additional window openings and clad in standing seam copper, remove fire escape abutting 8 Spruce court, new decks (right side, top level and second from top level) and corresponding windows, door, and new parapet wall. Remove fire escapes, infill boarded window with brick, and infill one existing window. At the rear near 8 Spruce, install new brick veneer where veneer was removed. At side facade; Install three new windows in the blank wall bump out, add three new windows on facade at levels four, five and six, remove fire escapes, two new (visible) decks, remove stucco clad wall and metal windows, replace with brick parapet extension with new copper cap to match. Restore, repair, replace glass, copper clad steel skylight system, replace rotted fixed and double hung window systems (frame and sash) to match existing. Lower windows on side oriel, enlarge window on level three.

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NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDUP

WECA MEETING SET FOR NOV. 9 AT AMY LOWELL APARTMENTS

The West End Civic Association (WECA) will hold its next meeting in person on Thursday, Nov. 9, at 6 p.m. in the Community Room at Amy Lowell Apartments at 65 Martha Road.

Planned guests are from Mass General Brigham, who will give updates about the West End Neighborhood Center at 75 Blossom Court, about the MGB construction project, as well as about MGB Security.

Masks are encouraged.

COFFEE HOURS FOR CITY'S BEACON HILL-BACK BAY NEIGHBORHOOD LIAISON

Maggie Van Scoy, the city's neighborhood liaison for Beacon Hill and Back Bay, will hold Coffee Hours on Friday, Nov. 10, from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Newsfeed Café at the Copley Branch of the Boston Public Library at 700 Boylston St.; and on Friday, Dec. 29, from 10 to 11 a.m. at the West End Branch Library.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE BOSTON ATHENAEUM

The Boston Athenaeum at 10½ Beacon St. presents a Special Collections and talk called "A Celebration of Veterans: My Grandfather's War with N.E.H. Chief Technical Services Librarian Will Evans," followed by a reception, on Friday, Nov. 10, at noon.

In 1917, Alfred Everett Evans enlisted in the United States Army, answering President Wilson's call

to make the world safe for democracy. His act of patriotism precipitated a perilous journey from his small hometown in Western Massachusetts to the battlefields of Northern France and the grim realities of trench warfare. In honor of Veterans Day, please join Will Evans, the Athenaeum's N.E.H. Chief Technical Service Librarian, as he discusses his grandfather's war-time journal and the broader issues it raises relative to the Great War. After the discussion, Athenaeum staff members will present a variety of special collection materials related to war, veterans, and lives impacted by conflict.

Tickets are free for all, but registration is required. Visit <https://events.bostonathenaeum.org/en/4W52KhR7/a-celebration-of-veterans-5a2K8a77k4L/> overview to register and for more information.

Additionally, the Athenaeum offers a children's event, "Information Gathering for Young Spies," on Saturday, Nov. 11, at 2 p.m.

Where can we find information? How do we know if we can trust it? Young spies can learn to find and evaluate information sources: a short overview will be followed by hands-on spy-themed activities at the Athenaeum. This event is recommended for children ages 6 to 12.

Registration is encouraged but not required. Tickets are free for Athenaeum members and \$10 for guests. Visit <https://events.bostonathenaeum.org/en/4W52KhR7/information-gathering-for-young-spies-5a2K8a7744ij/overview> to register and for more information.

Also, the Athenaeum presents an exhibition lecture called "Archiving Legacies: Julia Van Haafte in conversation with Lauren Graves," followed by a lecture, on Wednesday, Nov. 15, at 6 p.m.

The Athenaeum welcomes Julia

Van Haafte, the author of "Berence Abbott: A Life in Photography," a 2018 finalist for biography by both Pen America and Lambda Literary. In conversation with curator Lauren Graves, Van Haafte will discuss Abbott's life and work, and how Irene Shwachman's archive helped her piece together Abbott's fascinating life.

Tickets are free for Athenaeum members and \$10 for guests. Visit <https://community.bostonathenaeum.org/s/events?event=a2K8a0000077jCl> to register and for more information.

Moreover, the Athenaeum presents an author talk, "Becoming the Ex-Wife: The Unconventional Life and Forgotten Writings of Ursula Parrott" with Dr. Marsha Gordon, on Wednesday, Nov. 29, at 6 p.m. The event will feature a book signing and reception to follow.

Credited with popularizing the label "ex-wife" in 1929, Parrott wrote provocatively about a host of challenges facing modern women. Her best sellers, Hollywood film deals, marriages and divorces, and run-ins with the law made her a household name. "Becoming the Ex-Wife" establishes Parrott as a philosopher of modernity, as Marsha Gordon tells a story about the life of a woman on the front lines of a culture war that is still raging today.

In-person tickets are free for Athenaeum members and \$10 for guests; virtual tickets are free for members and \$5 for guests.

Visit <https://events.bostonathenaeum.org/en/4W52KhR7/becoming-the-ex-wife-with-dr-marsha-gordon-in-person-5a2K8a77oh0/overview> to register for the in-person and for more information, or visit <https://community.bostonathenaeum.org/s/events?event=a2K8a0000077ohK> for virtual tickets.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE VILNA SHUL

The Vilna Shul at 18 Phillips St. will offer "How Do We Give Thanks? Art Workshop in Felt and Feeling" on Tuesday, Nov. 14, from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

Explore felting techniques and expand your knowledge of what is possible to make with just wool and warm, soapy water. Harness your imagination and create a work of art that reflects gratitude, a value central to the Jewish tradition. Admission is \$10 per person; register online at www.vilnashul.org.

The Vilna will also offer "Exploring Sephardi Culture" on Wednesdays, Nov. 29, and Dec. 6, 13 and 20, and Jan. 10, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Explore the history of Sephardic Jews through music, film, and literature. Experiment with the ancient Jewish language of Ladino, spoken by Jews in Spain and throughout the Ottoman Empire beginning in the 15th century. No background experience is required.

Additionally, The Vilna will offer "American Jewish Women in Television" on Wednesdays, Nov. 29, and Dec. 13 and 20, and Jan. 10 and 17, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

During this course, which costs \$120 per participant, attendees will analyze the ways in which contemporary American television is establishing a new take on Jewish female identity that challenges the stereotypes of Jewish femininity proliferated on television since its inception. Register online at www.vilnashul.org.

The Vilna will also offer "A Meeting of The Arts: Live Guitar and Contemporary Dance for 20s/30s" on Thursday, Nov. 30, from 6 to 8 p.m.

Enjoy an evening of music, dance, and art celebrating the mys-

terious Catalan Mahzor, a 14th century Jewish illuminated manuscript from Spain. This program is offered in partnership with Boston Festival of New Jewish Music and features guitarist Ira Klein, dancer Rachel Linsky, and instrumentalist Beth Bahia Cohen. Admission is \$18 per person; register online at www.vilnashul.org.

Additionally, The Vilna will offer its sixth annual Hanukkah A Cappella Concert on Sunday, Dec. 3, from 3 to 4:30 p.m.

This special community event features a wide range of exceptional university groups from across the city and is truly a multigenerational concert experience. All are welcome. Admission is \$10 per person or \$25 per family; register at www.vilnashul.org.

Moreover, The Vilna will offer Happy Hour on the Hill on Tuesday, Dec. 5, from 6 to 8 p.m. Admission is \$18 per person; register at www.vilnashul.org.

In addition, The Vilna will offer its Hanukkah Celebration for Families with Young Children on Sunday, Dec. 10, from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Admission is \$25 per family; register at www.vilnashul.org.

For more information on The Vilna Shul, visit www.vilnashul.org or call 617-523-2324.

KING'S CHAPEL TO SPONSOR 'ADVENT CRAFTS' ON DEC. 3

King's Chapel invites neighbors to participate in its annual "Advent Crafts," where participants decorate cookies, make wreaths, and create ornaments, on Sunday, Dec. 3, from 10 a.m. to noon at 64 Beacon St.. This will be a great opportunity for all-age craft fun. Email questions to assistant.minister@kings-chapel.org.

FREE LESSONS IN AMERICAN MAHJONG OFFERED AT WEST END BRANCH LIBRARY

The Friends of the West End Library will be offering lessons in American Mahjong to new and experienced players at no cost.

The group meets on Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m., on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month in the Community Room of the West End Branch Library, 151 Cambridge St.

To sign up or for more information, email Audrey Tedeman (artedeman@gmail.com) or Julia Forbes (jmaforbes@gmail.com).

Successful 'Wings for Autism' event held at Logan Airport

The "Wings for Autism" program was held at Logan Airport on November 4, and designed for families with children on the autism spectrum to help ease the stress of flying. Attendees had access to Boston Logan's Sensory/Calming Room for the first time ever during this event.

Launched in 2011, the program was developed by Massport in partnership with Charles River Center, JetBlue Airways, TSA, Massachusetts State Police and the Logan airline community to offer a dress rehearsal of an authentic travel experience for neurodiver-

sity children and their families. Massport has hosted more than 9,000 children and family members at the prior events, including three at Worcester Regional Airport. The program is now followed and modeled at nearly 70 airports. JetBlue and Delta are providing aircraft for this event.

Attendees will also be able to tour our new Sensory/Calming Room in Terminal E. Boston Logan is one of the few major airports in the U.S. to provide this type of experience to passengers of all ages. The space has various interactive stations that focus on

balance, light therapy and cognitive/memory improvement, including a room that replicates an airplane cabin to help passengers acclimate themselves with the often-stressful experience of flying.

Families are able to navigate the travel process by practicing the different steps from airline check in, to security clearance, waiting at the gate, and finally boarding the plane. Not only is this a benefit to the families who participate, but it also provides a valuable training opportunity for airport, airline and TSA personnel to learn how to accommodate children with

special needs.

The Charles River Center is a private, nonprofit human service agency in Needham, Massachusetts that has been providing programs and services for children and adults with developmental and other disabilities since 1956. Founded by a group of parents with children with special needs, the mission of Charles River Center is to empower and support people with developmental disabilities and their families by offering high-quality, individualized opportunities that foster independence and community inclusion.

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Attention to Detail

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THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The hand in the last clue is on Bela Leon Pratt's statue of Edward Everett Hale in the Public Garden. The Smithsonian noted, "The statue was unveiled in 1913 by Hale's grandson, Edward E. Hale."

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

THIS WEEK'S CLUE



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INTERNATIONAL REALTY

Rev. Holland is King's Chapel new assistant minister

The Reverend Sam Holland has joined King's Chapel's staff as the assistant minister. Sam, who uses the pronouns they and them, said they felt ready for such a position after having served as the pastor or leader at churches in Plymouth, NH, and Hingham, MA.

"I knew that periodically King's Chapel looked for an assistant minister," said Sam. "This time when I saw the job posting, I realized I'm well qualified."

Rev. Holland, 36, knew of King's Chapel because of its long history and also because they had met the senior minister, Joy Fallon, at a preaching seminar a few years ago. "I admired her leadership and

sense of humor," they said.

Rev. Holland admired King's Chapel's current project that will honor its long-ago Black members and those enslaved by its white members. Both a permanent and a living memorial are planned. They also admired members' long-time habit of preparing sandwiches and offering other services to the homeless residents of the Boston Common.

Sam grew up in North Carolina where their father was a United Methodist minister and their mother was an administrator. "I loved being a minister's child," they said. "In the south, a minister's family is part of southern cul-

ture. I loved being at church and leading in church."

Rev. Holland earned a bachelor's degree in art history at the University of North Carolina in Asheville where they played NCAA division one soccer. They spent a year in Americorps before coming to Boston University for a master of divinity degree, graduating in 2015. "I chose BU partially because I was a cultural refugee," they said. "Massachusetts had paved the way for people to be more welcoming to the LGBTQ community."

Rev. Holland, whose duties include outreach to families, worship leadership and growing the

children and youth ministries, believes that faith communities have much to offer to people of all ages who are seeking connections. "Churches offer something to people that other organizations don't, even when those people do not have a deep sense of belief," they said.

Rev. Holland plays on a soccer team most Thursday nights and incorporates previous coaching skills into their ministry. At some point they hope to complete a through-hike of the Appalachian Trail, and with wife, Libby Coley, a social worker, to start a family.



Rev. Sam Holland is King's Chapel's new assistant minister.

CANDY FROM KING'S CHAPEL



King's Chapel's assistant minister, the Rev. Sam Holland, and church member Sarah Graber, attired in crazy costumes, passed out candy to revelers on Charles Street on Halloween night.

BHAC (from pg. 9)

Administrative Review

APP # 24.0429 BH 46 Beacon Street: All Facades; Re-point all facades in kind (dimension, color, tooling, bond) using type O mortar mix, rebuild select sections of brick reusing historic brick and bond, clean all facades using type 1 cleaning. Replace all 1 over 1, vinyl window frames with new wood, double hung, 1 over 1 windows with an interior spacer bar that matches the color of the frame and half screens (refer to pans for window locations). All mechanical equipment (HVAC, etc.) is to be installed so as not to be visible from any areas within the purview of the BHAC Commission. Replace all gutters with copper gutters. Front Facade. At front and side facade; install new Harvey Industries Tru-Channel storm windows. On historic windows at first level front, patch, repair, and repaint, spalled brownstone cornice systems as required with colored patch ("mimic system"). At front and side facades level two; restore inswing french windows, transom, frames, repair or replace brick mold and

sills as needed using historic profile material, and color, at front and side facade; restore, repair, repaint cast iron French balcony systems. At front and side facades; restore, repair, repaint cast iron French balcony systems. At front and side facade; level one, restore double hung 1 over 1 sash, frame. Repair or replace brick mold, sills as required in historic profile, color, and material. Restore, repair, repaint the iron fence system. At main entry; restore, repair, repaint door frame, arched transom and decorative iron grates. At main entry; restore, repair, entry trim, cornice, columns. At the basement level front facade; replace rotted windows with new windows to match existing in color, material (1 over 1, wood, double hung with spacer bars matching the color of the sash. Side facade Restore stained glass window at side of bay, Restore, repair copper cornice and cladding on the solarium. At the rear roof; install a new copper gutter (right side, top level). Replace copper cladding in the bay window in kind. Rear facade, Remove storm

windows over large stained glass windows, restore leaded windows and replace storms. Remove chain link/barbed wire fence. Corbelled brick and copper cornice to remain, repair in kind as required.

APP # 24.0386 BH 86 Charles Street: At bay window, repair wood rot and repaint. All work will match the original color and profile/dimensions.

APP # 24.0416 BH 41-43 Joy Street: Repair wood and Repaint trim around the windows in kind Trim profiles to match historic. Color is Rundlet Peach.

APP # 24.0290 BH 2 Phillips Street: In kind fire escape repairs

APP # 24.0353 BH 5 Louisburg Square: Replace masonry sills and lintels in kind, same size, shape, pigment and material.

APP # 24.0426 BH 20 Louisburg Square: Install EV outlet in sidewalk.

APP # 24.0303 BH 87 Myrtle Street: Repair downspout leading underground in kind.

APP # 24.0384 BH 76 Pinckney Street: Cut and repaint two existing chimneys that are shared between 76 and 78 Pinckney Street, matching historic tooling, and mortar mix. Inspect and repair flashings as needed. Wash and apply sealant after curing period, install 3 inch copper drip edge along rake on brick wall on the Louisburg Square side of the home.

APP # 24.0370 BH 78 Pinckney Street: Cut and repaint two existing chimneys that are shared between 76 and 78 Pinckney Street, matching historic tooling, and mortar mix. Inspect and repair flashings as needed. Wash and apply sealant after curing period, install 3 inch copper drip edge along rake on brick wall on the Louisburg Square side of the home.

APP # 24.0293 BH 58 West Cedar Street: Repaint bay window, window frames, entryway, shutters in kind. Repoint Revere Street facade.

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