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Local spider expert weighs in on Joro sighting

By Michael Coughlin Jr.

Jessica Garb, an Associate Professor at the University of Massachusetts Lowell whose laboratory specializes in spiders, gave the low-down on the unfamiliar creature that appeared in the neighborhood recently: the Joro Spider.

While Garb said she does not study this species specifically, she provided information for folks looking to learn more about it. According to Garb, the Joro Spider is native to Eastern Asia and was first introduced to the southern part of the United States around



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The Joro Spider is native to Eastern Asia and was first introduced to the southern part of the United States around 2013.

2013. "They're actually quite abundant, is my understanding, in cer-

tain areas of Georgia, and maybe, South Carolina," she said.

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25 Years of Storybook Ball Impact

Special to Times

Storybook Ball, Mass General for Children's (MGfC) signature fundraising event, will celebrate its 25th year of hosting one of the most spectacular nights in Boston on Saturday, November 2, 2024, at the Omni Boston Hotel at the Seaport. Throughout the event's quarter-century history,

donor generosity has helped raise more than \$38 million to provide extraordinary care and innovative research to children, adolescents and teens in Boston and around the globe.

This year's milestone anniversary promises to be memorable, as the incredible work being done to care for MGfC's most medically complex children is spotlighted.

Co-Chairs Sarah and Walter Donovan and Laura Will and David Nicholson will welcome 500 supporters to enjoy dinner, carnival booth games and dancing amidst Rafanelli Events' creative inspiration of the classic children's book, Corduroy.

This is the second-year co-chair-

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Torit students to appear in documentary series

Special to Times

Torit Montessori School students were filmed for a documentary series to be broadcast in U.S. and Asia featuring scientist Ben Novak of Revive & Restore, an organization that provides funds to researcher partners worldwide to develop new tools for species restoration.

The third- through sixth-grade students listened to a lecture about DNA, gene editing, conservation, and how those different strands have been brought togeth-

er through Novak's work with Revive & Restore. Its mission is to enhance biodiversity and restore ecosystems through the genetic rescue of endangered and extinct species.

Revive & Restore is the leading wildlife conservation organization promoting the incorporation of biotechnologies into standard conservation practice.

Novak shared his passion and struggles to bring back the Passenger Pigeon with the Torit students,

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PHOTO COURTESY OF TORIT MONTESSORI SCHOOL

Scientist Ben Novak displays rare Passenger Pigeon feather specimens.

BEACON HILL CIVIC ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY CORNER

BHCA Coffee Hour

Tomorrow, October 4th, Hannah Mermis, Zero Waste Outreach and Communications Coordinator for the Boston Public Works Department will join us to discuss composting, recycling, and other ways to reduce waste on Beacon Hill. Please join us at 8:30am at 74 Joy Street for coffee and conversation on this topic.

Dr. Jim O'Connell to speak at the BHCA

The Beacon Hill Civic Association is pleased to announce that Dr. Jim O'Connell, President of the Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program and Assistant Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School will join us for a discussion on Tuesday, October 29th, at 6pm at 74 Joy Street.



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 Dr. Jim O'Connell.

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BEACON HILL BOOKS & CAFÉ OWNER MELISSA FETTER GUEST SPEAKER AT BHWF

Story & Photos by Marianne Salza

Melissa Fetter, Owner of Beacon Hill Books & Café, reinvented the delight of shopping at a book store when she opened at 71 Charles Street in the fall of 2022. She began the extensive endeavor after settling in Boston with her husband in 2019, at 60-years-old, with no background in marketing, retail, or book-selling. Now tenacious Fetter is approaching the second anniversary of her business, having sold over 200,000 books.

“There is always another chapter,” encouraged Fetter, advocating that there is no age limit on perusing an opportunity. “Our life experience makes us better qualified. If I attempted this book store 30 years ago, it would not be what it is today.”

Fetter described her journey from navigating the renovations of the 19th century townhouse,

starting in the fall of 2020, to opening the Beacon Hill Books & Café under the restrictions of the pandemic during her September 10 Beacon Hill Women’s Forum (BHWF) presentation at the Hampshire House.

“What I’ve learned through the process is persevere. Keep moving forward. The solution will present itself,” affirmed Fetter about not being intimidated. “The project seemed to have a life of its own; and I was just trying to keep up with it. Solutions came, but I had to be patient.”

Originally, the building had been a home with a clothing maker’s workshop in the late 1800s. When Fetter began transforming the space, it included several apartments and an existing restaurant. Now, Beacon Hill Books & Café has been contemporized with an elevator and light and airy colors

while still providing a residential ambiance.

“The project was a fine balance of modernizing while maintaining the integrity and beauty of the building,” explained Fetter, who felt that the obstacles of acquiring permits, and adhering to health department and fire codes while renovating was advantageous because it offered her time to creatively brainstorm.

Beacon Hill Books & Café features a book store on floors 2-5: the store’s entryway from the sidewalk and non-fiction books on the second floor, fiction on the third floor, and the children’s collection – with a special entrance for small visitors, and a model train that travels along the ceiling throughout the rooms – on the fourth floor.

A bricked tunnel leads to a courtyard and restaurant situated on the ground level. The intimate café hosts 1200 customers a week, serving breakfast, lunch, afternoon snacks, and wine and craft beer in the evening. On Sunday afternoons, formal English tea is served.

“What I really love about our café is its size and our ability to pay attention to detail,” said Fetter. “We make sure everybody has a unique experience while shopping and dining.”

Having served as Vice President of JP Morgan, Fetter transferred her professional skills to Beacon Hill Books & Café, constantly considering innovative ways to keep the store and its events fresh and welcoming for guests of all ages.

“Our success is entirely dependent on our incredible team,”

acknowledged Fetter. “When we opened, the inventory turned three times in the first couple of months, which is unheard of.”

Fetter and her team had underestimated the power of social media. Beacon Hill Books & Café quickly became popular, with customers photographing and recording videos of the store, and posting them on TikTok and Instagram.

“There was a TikTok video that had over one million views in October of our first year,” recalled Fetter. “That tsunami is still working in our favor because our numbers continue to rise steadily. We’re now over 82,000 followers. It’s all been organic.”

Visitors are charmed by the scone-adorned, arched bookshelves, fresh flowers decorating tables, cozy fireplaces, and friendly staff.

“About a year ago, we overheard a customer say to her friend, ‘It feels like a big, warm hug,’” Fetter remembered. “That is part of what we are trying to engender: the feeling of joyfulness and that we care about everyone. That’s fundamental.”

Visit Beacon Hill Books & Café, located at 71 Charles Street. Bookstore hours are Tuesday – Saturday 9am-9pm, and Sunday and Monday 11am-5pm. The café is open Tuesday – Saturday, with breakfast served from 9-11am, lunch 11am-4pm, and supper from 5-9pm. Afternoon tea can be enjoyed Sundays 11am-5pm. Visit www.BHBooks.com to view online offerings and learn about upcoming special events and private dinner party rental options.



Melissa Fetter, owner, Beacon Hill Books & Café, presenting at the September 10 Beacon Hill Women’s Forum.



Molly McKeon, manager, and her mother, Heidi McKeon, owner of Houndstooth Consignors.



New members, Jackie Crafts and Jess Baccari.



Rachel Von Neida, Special Events Director, Janine Jay, Treasurer, Perla Fernández Saint-Amand, Vice President, Meghan Smith, Social Media Director, and Lisa Macalaster, Founder, holding Beacon Hill Books & Café tote bags.



Norah Lawrence, Programs Co-Director, Irene MacDonald, President of Beacon Hill Books & Café, Melissa Fetter, Owner of Beacon Hill Books & Café, and Co-Presidents, Tricia Stone and Richelle Gewertz.



Listeners enjoying a presentation by Melissa Fetter at the Hampshire House on September 10.

BEACON HILL BOOKS & CAFÉ OWNER MELISSA FETTER GUEST SPEAKER AT BHWF

PHOTOS BY MARIANNE SALZA



New members, Shannon Cullinane and Rebecca Peinert.



Neighborhood Narrative speaker, Molly McKeon, manager of Houndstooth Consignors.



New member, Deb Edmunds, Deb Schwartz, and Coleen Casey.



Wendy Morton Hudson, Melissa Fetter, owner of Beacon Hill Books & Café, and Lisa Macalaster, Founder.



Co-President Richelle Gewertz addressing the first Beacon Hill Women's Forum of the 2024-2025 season at the Hampshire House on September 10.



Co-President Richelle Gewertz speaking with Melissa Fetter at the conclusion of her September 10 presentation.



New member, Kelly Quinn, Courtney Jones, Secretary, Libby Koger, new member, Meghan Smith, Social Media Director, and Rachel Von Neida, Special Events Director.

EDITORIAL

BICYCLING IS NOT SAFE IN GREATER BOSTON

The tragic death of a 62 year-old bicyclist last week on Memorial Drive has highlighted the lack of safety on our roadways for even experienced cyclists. We ourselves know first-hand how dangerous Metro Boston's roads can be. We train for triathlons and are fully aware that we are taking our life into our own hands whenever we take off for a ride. Even in places where there are bike lanes on the roads, those bike lanes always just end precipitously -- eventually forcing cyclists to navigate unsafe roads alongside high-speed automobile traffic.

And even when we are in a bike lane, we still have to deal with motorists who pull out halfway into the bike lane in order to see oncoming traffic, or who are distracted thanks to cell phones, or who are under the influence (either by alcohol or marijuana), or who are just bad drivers, not to mention the prospect of being "doored" by an inattentive driver exiting their parked car adjacent to the bike lane.

Although we applaud the trend toward encouraging bicycling both for exercise and in order to reduce our dependence on cars for environmental reasons (we used to commute to work on our bike on nice days and rode our bike routinely when we were in college in Cambridge), the reality is that bicycling never is going to be widely-adopted by commuters thanks to rain, snow, ice, and summer heat-and-humidity. It's a good way to get exercise, but it has its limitations for our increasingly-aging populations and for those who are not mobile.

Biking has its place in communities with designated bike paths, such as those on Cape Cod and the islands, where we enjoyed many bike rides with our children when they -- and we -- were younger.

But the reality of the push to get people on bicycles, as laudable as it may be, is that it only will lead to more tragedies on our unsafe roads. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reported that 1,105 bicyclists were killed in motor-vehicle traffic crashes in 2022, a 13% increase from 976 in 2021. In addition, the Consumer Product Safety Commission reports there were 405,411 emergency department-treated injuries associated with bicycles in 2022.

In New York City, last year was the deadliest year for cyclists since 1999, according to that city's Department of Transportation. Of the 30 cyclists who died in 2023 on NYC streets, 23 died riding e-bikes, which is more than double the previous record for e-bike fatalities. Serious injuries among cyclists in NYC went up last year as well, with a total of 395 cyclists who were severely injured, including 79 who were riding e-bikes, an increase of about 50 from the previous year.

The U.S. never is going to be Europe, where bicycling was a way of life before the automobile and the roadways in major cities were designed with bicycling in mind. We certainly would like to see safer roads for bicyclists in and around the Greater Boston area, especially if we can add dedicated bike paths. But until we have figured it out (and have the money to pay for it), we fear that more tragedies are inevitable.

DEJA VU ALL OVER AGAIN FOR LONG-TIME SOX, PATS FANS

The Red Sox once again are on the outside looking in. The Sox have failed to make the playoffs for the third year in a row and the fifth time in six years. The Sox had appeared destined for a playoff spot at the midseason All-Star break, only to falter miserably in the second half of the season, a pattern of the past three years.

As for the pathetic Patriots, it's hard to imagine them winning more than one or two games for the remainder of the year, which means they will finish up even worse than last year's four-win team, leaving them out of the playoffs for the fourth season in the past five. Even worse to contemplate is that the future for the Pats appears dim. As long as Allen, Mahomes, and Jackson are still in their prime, the Pats at best will be a .500 ballclub for the next decade.

Although both the Sox and the Pats enjoyed incredible success in the first two decades of this century, the downward trajectory for both teams is not all that surprising. The Sox and the Pats may be rated among the most valuable sports franchises in the world -- the Patriots recently were ranked the fourth most-valuable NFL team -- but the ownerships of both teams take their incredibly loyal fan base for granted and appear disinterested in constructing a championship-caliber team.

The Pats' demise must be particularly galling for owner Bob Kraft, who often speaks of being a Patriot fan from the founding of the franchise in 1960 and then enduring the decades when the Patriots were among the worst teams in the NFL.

Although younger Boston sports fans came of age during a 20-year period of excellence, the woeful performances of the Sox and the Pats these days bring back sad memories for older fans of the early 1960s for the Red Sox ("When April's high expectations turned to September's tears", in the words of Ken Coleman on the Impossible Dream record) and the latter half of that decade when the Pats were the worst team in the NFL.

Ironically, when the Pats and the Sox were awful in that era, it was the Celtics who brought us success with their incredible run of NBA titles led by Bill Russell -- and once again the Celts seem to be our only hope for joy once again, just as they were six decades ago.

With the tough summer for Sox fans behind us and the fall football season fast-forwarding (so it ends quickly) for the Patriots, hopefully the Celts will bring us some salvation this coming winter and spring.

NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDUP

UPSTAIRS DOWNSTAIRS HOME'S ANNUAL ARTIST EVENT RETURNS OCT. 3

Upstairs Downstairs Home will hold its annual Artist Event on Thursday, Oct. 3, from 6 to 8 p.m., at 69 Charles St.

REP. LIVINGSTONE TO HOLD OFFICE HOURS

Rep. Jay Livingstone will hold his West End office hours on Thursday, Oct. 3, Flour Café at 209 Cambridge St., as well as his virtual Office Hours via Zoom on Wednesday, Oct. 9, at 10 a.m., and on Tuesday, Oct. 24, at 5:30 p.m.

To receive the link for Rep. Livingstone's virtual office hours, or to set an alternate time to meet with him, email Cassidy.Trabilcy@mahouse.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT WEST END MUSEUM

The West End Museum, located at 150 Staniford St. Suite 7 (on Lomasney Way), presents 'Faces & Places: LGBTQ+ History in Boston's West End' on Thursday, Oct. 3, from 7 to 8 p.m.

This virtual "walking" tour will take visitors through the history of the LGBTQ+ community in the West End, primarily around the North Slope neighborhood. From the late 19th century onward, this neighborhood was a hub for LGBTQ+ people in Boston, even when much of their history and activities flew under the radar. This area featured speakeasies, raids, Boston marriages, early publication of queer literature, famous gay bars, and AIDS epidemic protests. This tour will focus on the faces and places of the queer community in the West End and how they shifted over time.

Visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/faces-places-lgbtq-history-in-bostons-west-end-with-wem-tickets> for tickets or more information.

Next up: the museum will offer 'Ghosts in the Museum & Pumpkin Paint and Sip' on Thursday, Oct. 17,

from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Come to WEM's Halloween paint and sip program! First, learn about the Museum's haunted history as the approximate site of the nineteenth-century Leverett Street Jail. After this, guests will be provided with a pumpkin and art supplies and may purchase a drink. Spooky West End images will be projected throughout the Museum space, and guests are encouraged to draw inspiration from WEM's ghostly history. This event is open to ages 21+ only.

Visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ghosts-in-the-museum-pumpkin-paint-and-sip-tickets> for more information and tickets.

The museum will then hold 'Murders & Mysteries: The West End's Haunted History' on Wednesday, Oct. 23, from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

A Halloween walking tour of the West End neighborhood begins at The West End Museum, located approximately where the infamous Leverett Street Jail once stood. The jail held public hangings, visible from the street and surrounding apartments, and housed many notorious inmates, including John Webster (convicted and hanged for the 1849 murder of George Parkman) and Don Pedro Gilbert (the last pirate executed in Boston). From here, we will wind through the neighborhood and its many eerie tales, from morgues and murders, to gravediggers and ghosts.

Visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/murders-mysteries-the-west-ends-haunted-history-tickets> for tickets and more information.

The museum will also offer a screening of 'Godzilla, King of the Monsters!' (1956) on Sunday, Oct. 27, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The program will begin with a short talk on Executive Producer Joseph E. Levine's connection to the West End neighborhood.

Visit www.eventbrite.com/e/godzilla-film-screening-tickets-1028361666427 for tickets and more information.

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who ranged in age from 8 to 12 years old.

They heard a dramatic story, since the pigeon was once one of the most abundant creatures in the world and died out a little over a century ago because of human carelessness. Novak shared what it means to bring back an animal that is extinct, why that is important, and how it could be accomplished.

Students listened to Novak describe his work, and they asked questions about reviving long-lost species, the science of de-extinction, and the risks and benefits of this kind of scientific pursuit.

Having grown up with films like 'Jurassic Park,' the students speculated about challenges like extracting viable DNA, the complexity of gene editing, and the pros and cons of the project.

David Liebmann, head of school, noted, "Torit students often take advantage of experiential learning opportunities, and with the school's easy access to world-class academic and private sector research facilities, they

impress working scientists with their curiosity, knowledge, and maturity."

Torit was approached by the producer of the series, Kaila Lee, who had heard about the school's innovative program and was intrigued by the kinds of students it attracted. The film crew was visiting Harvard after their stop at Torit before flying to the West Coast and Stanford University.

"We'll use footage with Torit students to begin the documentary and frame the critical questions," the producer, Lee shared.

Torit Montessori School is an infant through sixth-grade independent school on Beacon Hill. Its mission is to educate bright and capable students in the spirit of Dr. Maria Montessori's groundbreaking methods, allowing students to explore materials, ideas, and applications at their own pace, with guidance, direction, and encouragement from teachers.

To learn more about Torit, visit www.toritschool.org.

Charles Street Goes Pink for the Ellie Fund

Over twenty Charles Street Businesses are preparing to turn the business neighborhood storefronts pink this October. From October 10 to 12, participating businesses will join forces for a three-day fundraising and awareness extravaganza filled with enticing promotions, exciting giveaways, and unique experiences.

Ellie Fund is the beneficiary of this initiative. The non-profit provides free services and support to Massachusetts residents undergoing breast cancer treatments, so they can focus on healing and being with their families. Through these efforts, Beacon Hill businesses aim to raise awareness and generate crucial funds for this vital organization.

"We're thrilled to have the opportunity to support such a worthy cause," says Jennifer Hill, owner of Blackstone. "As a Beacon Hill business, we believe in giving back to our community and making a positive impact. We encourage everyone to come out, enjoy the festivities, and make a difference."

Throughout the three days, locals and visitors can expect a shopping bonanza with special offers and discounts offered by participating businesses and there's something for everyone.

The event(s) give our independent shops have a chance to collectively shine.

"We invite everyone to join us in turning Charles Street pink and

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BEACON HILL SEMINARS FALL SEMESTER KICKOFF

Photos & Story by Marianne Salza

Beacon Hill Seminars (BHS) held its Fall Semester Kickoff on September 10 at a social club in the Back Bay. For over two decades, BHS has offered in-person classes, and began providing virtual lessons during the pandemic. Now half of the 20 courses – in topics such as poetry, theology, music, history, and science – will be available online.

“That’s very convenient for certain people. The other half likes to get together, socialize, and be face-to-face with a group leader,” said Carroll Perry, President. “There are a lot of people who want to learn. I found this particular group of people interesting and super-charged intellectually. It’s a great deal of fun.”

The retired economic teacher also mentioned that no instructor is allowed to teach the same course twice.

“Every time you teach a course, you have to read, learn, and organize your perspective more so that people have something new and refreshing to look at,” added Perry.



Sally Cheffy, Judith Rosenmeier, Maria Luisa Mansfield, and Lynn Smiledge.



Berta Crumrine, Heidi Baracsi, and Brad Commer.



Mel Barkan, Joe Hern, group leader and board member, and Chris Hern.



Maria Luisa Mansfield and Clare Rabinow.

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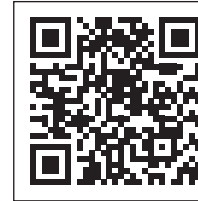

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A SHORT STORY ABOUT GROWING UP WITH AN UNFAIR ADVANTAGE.

POLIO.

As one of the last American children to contract polio, Jeffrey Galpin grew up in a world of iron lungs and body casts, alone with his imagination. His story would be dramatic enough if it was just about his battle with this dreaded disease.

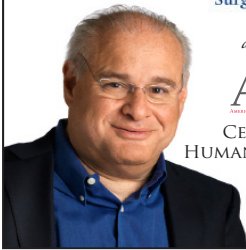
But Jeffrey Galpin did more than survive polio. He went on to a list of achievements in medical research—including being the principal investigator in applying the first gene therapy for HIV/AIDS.

Dr. Galpin actually credits his own incurable condition for giving him the focus that made him so passionate in his research. His story leaves us with two of the most contagious messages we know. Don't give up, and remember to give back. If Dr. Galpin's story inspires just one more person to make a difference, then its telling here has been well worth while.



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PETS WILL FLOCK TO OLD NORTH CHURCH FOR THE ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Calling all Boston area pet owners! On Sunday, Oct. 6 at noon, Old North Church at 193 Salem Street, Boston will hold its annual Blessing of the Animals. The North End celebration draws people of diverse faiths and backgrounds and is an opportunity to find joy and honor our faithful furry companions. The event will take place in the Bigelow Courtyard and St. Francis Garden behind Old North Church, off of Unity St near Paul Revere Mall.

This year's event, in partnership with RUFF, the North End Dog

Group, will include a ceremony led by The Rev. Dr. Matthew Cadwell, Old North's Vicar. All animals, photographs of pets that do not travel, as well as children's stuffed animals are welcome. Each animal will receive a special blessing. Pets must be on leash or in appropriate carriers.

The Blessing of Animals is held in honor of St. Francis, who lived in Italy from 1181 to 1226 and is revered for his love of nature. Born into wealth and privilege, he preferred a life of poverty and simplicity. He founded the Francis-

can religious order embracing the same values. Canonized as a saint in 1228, St. Francis is honored across Christian denominations and beyond.

The St. Francis Chapel, built in 1918, is adjacent to the Old North Church and shares Old North's status as a national landmark. It was built as an Italian Mission, ministering to the needs of the thousands of Protestant Italian immigrants living in the neighborhood around the Old North Church. In the 1950s, the chapel became the home of the Old North Gift Shop. Many of the chapel's architectural features remain, including angels, sentinel stone lions, crosses, and a statue of St. Francis in the garden behind the building.

Formally known as Christ Church in the City of Boston, "Old North" is home to an active Episcopal congregation. The Old North community is committed to Gospel principles of justice and service, striving to make a positive impact in our neighborhood, city, and the world. Christ Church is dedicated to learning from our history in order to be a more faithful, inclusive, and loving community, nourished and sustained by scripture, sacraments, music, fellowship, and outreach beyond their walls.

For interview opportunities, reach out to The Rev. Dr. Matthew Cadwell at revmatthew@oldnorth.com or 781-258-6134.

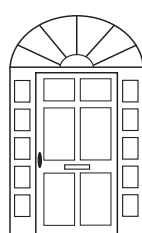


A scene from last year's Blessing of the Animals.

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Reiki Sound Bath at the West End Library:

- Join Energy Practitioner Suncear Sretchen for a 60-minute live Reiki Sound Bath designed to create a sense of ease, restoration, and clarity for your whole body

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- Takes place on three consecutive Mondays - October 21, October 28, and November 4 - from 2 to 4 PM at the West End Library

To register, please contact Wesley Fiorentino at wfiorentino@bpl.org as seats are often limited. Or call 617-523-3957

MALDEN CATHOLIC OPEN HOUSE DATES FOR GRADES 7-12

Experience Malden Catholic will hold an Open House for students and families in the coming weeks.

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Downtown neighborhood Jewish hub kicks off with high holiday services and celebrations at The Boston Synagogue

The Boston Synagogue has become a vibrant Jewish hub in downtown for spiritual as well as educational, musical, and cultural experiences. It welcomes people wherever they might be on their Jewish journey – whether NexGen (under 40), single, couples, families, interfaith and LGBTQ.

Need a place to go for the Jewish high holidays? Rosh Hashanah starts Wednesday evening October 2, with services on Thursday and Friday. The holiest day of the Jewish year, Yom Kippur, starts Friday night October 11 with services all day October 12. The services are led by Rabbi Navah Levine, along with a professor of Modern Jewish History at JTS in New York, who is one of the leading experts about the Jews in the Ukraine. Reservations are required, and details are on the website www.bostonsynagogue.org/

The synagogue schedule includes a wide array of pro-



A look inside events going on The Boston Synagogue at 55 Martha Road in Charles River Park in the West End.



COURTESY PHOTOS

grams, all tied to Jewish heritage in some way. “One size doesn’t fit all,” noted Susan S. Weingarten, Synagogue Chair. “Community is more than just holiday services.”

Through BackRoom Boston at The Boston Synagogue there are monthly music programs produced by The Boston Festival of New Jewish Music. West End Lyric programs tend towards Broadway and opera! ‘Not Your Bubby’s Book Club’ meets live every month for an engaging, interactive discussion, often featuring virtual authors. Two adult education classes are just starting, are available on zoom, and registration is still open. There are programs for children and families, such as a weekly Hebrew school, monthly Music for Tots, and Family Fun activities. There are continuous NexGen (under

40s) events, monthly Friday Shabbat dinners, whiskey tastings, and so much more!

“We’re about our downtown neighborhood, with people coming together in various ways, and finding their place in a warm and welcoming space,” Weingarten commented. “We’re here to celebrate together, and also to support each other through the exhilarating and sadder moments of the life cycle.” Our community covers the West End, Beacon Hill, North End, Waterfront, Seaport, Back Bay, Charlestown, East Cambridge, Somerville, East Boston, and elsewhere.

For more information go to

www.bostonsynagogue.org.

The Boston Synagogue is the downtown Jewish hub for spiritual, cultural, educational, community and socializing experiences. The spiritual aspect is pluralistic, where women and men participate in the services. It’s warm, welcoming, and unpretentious. The Rabbi is associated with Hebrew College in Newton. Check it out: www.bostonsynagogue.org

It is conveniently located at 55 Martha Road in Charles River Park in the West End, and near the Red and Green Line T, as well as North Station and the TD Garden. Parking available.

ROUNDUP (from pg. 4)

WLP'S ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER RETURNS OCT. 18 TO THE FAIRMONT COPLEY PLAZA

Women’s Lunch Place’s annual fall gala, its Spaghetti Dinner, will take place on Friday, Oct. 18, at 6 p.m. at the Fairmont Copley Plaza Hotel.

WLP will celebrate its donors and partners who have invested in building a healthy community for women experiencing homelessness, hunger, and poverty.

This year’s event will include a dynamic musical performance by local artist Miranda Rae, as well as speeches from Kate Walsh, Secretary of Health and Human Services, Chef/Owner Douglass Williams of MIDA Restaurants, and the Honorable Linda Dorcea-Forry, former State Senator.

To reserve a seat, sponsor the event, or learn more, visit womenslunchplace.org/sd.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR HENRY LEE SET FOR NOV. 1 AT KING'S CHAPEL

A memorial service for Henry Lee has been set for Friday, Nov. 1, at 11 a.m. at King’s Chapel at 58 Tremont St. Lee, who helped establish the Friends of the Public Garden, died on Aug. 12 at age 99.

LINE DANCE CLASSES AT THE WEST END BRANCH LIBRARY

The City of Boston’s Age Strong Commission has once again partnered with Boston Rhythm Riders to bring line dance classes to the West End Branch of the Boston Public Library on Cambridge Street. Classes for adults 60 and over will be held every Saturday from Sept. 21 to Nov. 9 from 10 to 11 a.m.

Contact Wesley Fiorentino at wfiorentino@bpl.org to register, or call 617-523-3957 for more information.

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).

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The Construction Look-Ahead through October 12 for the North Washington Street Bridge is as follows:

Travel Advisory

Saturday, September 28 – Starting at 9 p.m., traffic on the bridge will be reduced to one lane in each direction for the installation of the last tub girders at the south abutment. Traffic is anticipated to be restored by 1 p.m. on Sunday, September 29.

Scheduled Work

- Tub girder steel installation
 - Architectural trellis welding, painting, and electrical install
 - City Square median construction
 - Steel touch-up painting
 - Marine fender installation
- Work Hours**
- Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
 - Saturday from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Travel Tips

For everyone using the east sidewalk of the new 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:

- EVENTS: October 3, at 7 p.m., October 4, at 7:30 p.m., October 5, at 7 p.m., October 6, at 7 p.m., October 7, at 7:30 p.m., and October 11, at 7 p.m.

How can I find more information?

Stay up-to-date and informed by following @MassDOT on X, formerly known as Twitter, 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

Project email: NorthWashingtonStreet@dot.state.ma.us

Beacon Hill Times Drop-Off Locations

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- Jobi Liquors 170 Cambridge St.
- 7-Eleven 122 Cambridge St.
- West End Library 151 Cambridge St.
- Charles St. Liquors 143 Charles St.
- U.S. Post Office 136 Charles St.
- Gary Drug 53 Charles St.
- Bank of America 39 Charles St.
- Charles St. Supply 54 Charles St.
- Cobblestones 30 Charles St.
- DeLuca's 11 Charles St.
- Cheers 84 Beacon St.
- Beacon Hill Market 61 Anderson
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- Beacon Capitol Market 30 Myrtle St.
- City Convenience 23 Beacon St.
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- 9 Hawthorne Place 19 Myrtle St.
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STORYBOOK (from pg. 1)

ing for Laura and David, and the clinical focus on complex care is close to their hearts. When their son Alden was four months old, MGfC physicians uncovered he had a severe form of polymicrogyria, a brain malformation where many small brain folds have developed abnormally throughout the cortex, the outermost layer of the brain. The diagnosis explained Alden's seizures and meant he would face severe developmental delays and feeding difficulties.

After Alden's diagnosis, the family worked hand-in-hand with the MGfC palliative and coordinated care teams, bringing together his primary physician, surgical and medical specialists, child life specialists, physical, occupational and speech therapists and many others. MGfC specialists eased Alden's distressing symptoms, optimized his quality of life and fostered an open communication between all members of the team. Alden, now four years old, is non-verbal and uses a wheelchair, and his smile can light up a room. He has routine visits at MGfC, participates in regular physical therapy and goes to school.

"We are incredibly grateful to Mass General for Children for

helping Alden achieve the quality of life he has today," said Co-Chair Laura Will. "Being part of this amazing event is our chance to pay it forward and share our story and MGfC's story with others."

At the Ball, guests will enjoy 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. A live auction, emceed by 100.7 WZLX's Rich Shertenlieb, will include an Irish castle getaway.

Joanne Wolfe, MD, MPH, Physician-in-Chief of MGfC, will provide remarks along with Allan M. Goldstein, MD, Surgeon-in-Chief of MGfC, and David F. M. Brown, President, Academic Medical Centers, Mass General Brigham.

"When a family learns that their child is facing a chronic or life-threatening medical diagnosis, it can turn their world upside down," said Dr. Wolfe, who is chair of pediatrics at Mass General for Children and Brigham and Women's Hospital. "Mass General for Children is here to help children and their families through these incredibly complex and difficult diagnoses. With a

blended approach to care, we treat underlying conditions while simultaneously enhancing comfort and well-being, so that the child emerges with the best possible quality of life despite navigating uncertain futures."

Winners of the event's signature carnival booth games will take home items donated by generous sponsors Agent Nateur, Bloomingdale's, ChappyWrap, Feast & Fettle, Franklin Sports, Kendra Scott, LVC Retail Shops, PUMA, Rockets of Awesome, Rue La La and Trincherro Family Estates.

"This year's festivities are inspired by Corduroy, a lonely teddy bear who finds acceptance from a little girl who loves him for just who he is," said Co-Chair Sarah Donovan. "This moving tale mirrors MGfC's mission to stand shoulder to shoulder with patients and families dealing with difficult diagnoses. We are grateful for all the support and are looking forward to sharing this very special milestone evening with you."

Mass General for Children's Storybook Ball takes place at 6 p.m. on Sat., Nov. 2, 2024, at the Omni Boston Hotel at the Seaport. Visit www.storybookball.org for tickets and more information.

LEGAL NOTICES

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To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Kurt T Reynolds of Provincetown, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that:

Kurt T Reynolds of Provincetown, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy

of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 10/30/2024.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty days (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.

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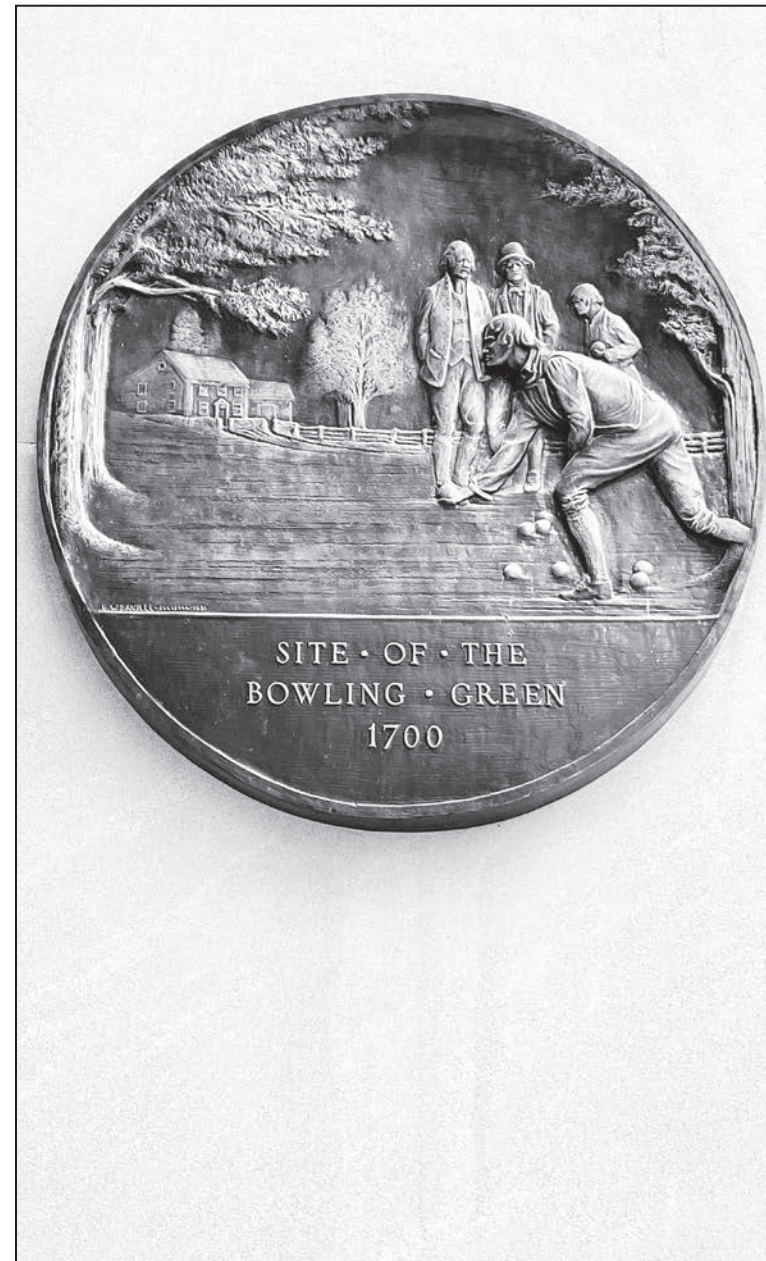
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Dooley, Lawrence	121-1 Beacon Street Nt	121 Beacon St #1	\$962,000
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18 Comm Avenue LLC	18 Commonwealth Avenue R	18 Commonwealth Ave	\$7,850,000
Boss, John	Lucca, Lauren	180 Commonwealth Ave #23	\$1,450,000
Kanter, Adam	32 Fairfield St LLC	32 Fairfield St #1	\$745,000
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Sinha, Vikram P	Beacon Bay LLC	483 Beacon St #14	\$504,900
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Villa 2 Investments LLC	Dunne, Michael	342 Marlborough St #1	\$2,550,000
Wheeler, Harrison B	Carmen E Grainger Nt	381 Marlborough St #2	\$1,030,000
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Beacon Street Vent LLC	Ludwig, Ora D	21 Beacon St #2F	\$307,000
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Raia, Stephanie	Naba 509 T	301-319 Columbus Ave #403	\$2,850,000
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Kanoria, Swati	234 Causeway St Unit 908	234 Causeway St #908	\$1,000,000
1005 Quinn LLC	Quinn South End LLC	370 Harrison Ave #1005	\$649,000
Sinha, Pranay	Gold, Matthew	14 Medfield St #1	\$1,275,000
Braun, Esther	Kutz Province Street Rt	45 Province St #708	\$1,000,000
Srinivasan, Sejal	Div Shawmut LLC	100 Shawmut Ave #H	\$3,100,000
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THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The figures in the last clue are on the Bowling Green plaque on the side of 6 Bowdoin Square. This was the site of a Bowling Green in 1700. Wikipedia defines this feature as "A bowling green is a finely laid, close-mown and rolled stretch of turf for playing the game of bowls."

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BHCA (from pg. 1)

Dr. O’Connell is well known and admired for his important and empathetic work with Boston’s homeless population.

We will be collecting new men’s and women’s athletic tube socks that Dr. O’Connell and his team distribute on their daily van trips throughout the city. Please bring them with you, or you can drop them off before October 29th at the BHCA.

Please RSVP for this discussion at info@bhcvic.org.

Upcoming Meetings

Architecture Committee - Monday, October 14th, 5:30pm via Zoom

Board of Directors - Tuesday, October 15th, 7pm, 74 Joy Street

Upcoming Events

First Friday Coffee Hour - Fri-

day, October 4th, 8:30am, 74 Joy Street

Beacon Hill Meet & Greet - Monday, October 7th, 6pm, 75 Chestnut

Elevated Elegance: The Young Friends Party in The Sky - Friday, October 18, 7pm at the UMass Club. Tickets on sale at bhcvic.org.

Evening with Dr. Jim O’Connell - Tuesday, October 29th, 6pm, 74 Joy Street

Garlands & Greens - November 13th, Hampshire House
Holiday Decorating - December 4th (Charles Street) and December 6th & 7th (rest of the hill)

Holiday Concert - Wednesday, December 11th, Harvard Musical Association

For further information on any of these events, please contact the BHCA office at 617-227-1922.

SPIDER (from pg. 1)

Moreover, she described some characteristics of the spider, saying they “make very large webs, and they’re quite conspicuous.” “They are pretty large-sized spiders as spiders go,” she added.

Specifically, according to https://jorowatch.org/ — a website that Garb told the Beacon Hill Times takes reports of sightings — just the body of a female adult Joro can be up to 1.25 inches long.

Moreover, media outlets have previously used headlines indicating that this spider can fly; however, Garb pumped the brakes on that assessment.

She noted this idea of flying is tied to the phenomenon called ballooning, in which spiders in their infancy release silk and are carried in the air by the wind. Further, Garb indicated this occurs with many spiders and that they are often at their smallest size when it happens.

Naturally, one would wonder if the Joro is a cause for concern, especially for folks who might encounter it. However, Garb eased those concerns.

While Garb noted that almost all spiders, including the Joro, are venomous — meaning they make venom — she did not think there was any documentation of this

species’ venom being harmful to people.

“So there’s a lot of species for which even though they’re making venom — because it’s not necessarily targeted toward human nervous systems, it’s not toxic to us,” she said.

“Then their behavior might be such that they’re just so shy that they’re not inclined to be biting people.”

Although this spider is seemingly not dangerous to people, Garb did express some concerns relating to the critter.

First, she noted some concern if the spiders became numerous in the state and displaced local species, especially those that have adapted to the area and cannot survive elsewhere. She also thought it could be concerning if the spiders found their way to more natural habitats. Still, she stopped short of forecasting how it might impact those habitats and generally suggested it could lead to homogenization.

Additionally, Garb mentioned that she was concerned about false reports of seeing the Joro Spider. For example, she said that she received an image through another news outlet from a resident of Cape Cod and another image

directly from a resident of Western Massachusetts, both of whom thought they spotted the Joro, but they were actually a native species that looked similar.

“We do have at least one native species here, which is kind of similar enough looking that for people who are not really thinking a lot about different kinds of spiders and how to distinguish them, could be easily mistaken,” said Garb.

“When they sent me the picture, I’m like, oh no, this is the native spider, and so I’m just worried people will start killing this thing, which I don’t think they should.”

For those interested in learning more about the spider or reporting a sighting, visit the aforementioned link to the Joro Watch website. For those who remain concerned about the Joro Spider’s appearance in the neighborhood, at least one city official sympathizes with you.

“I feel for my fellow residents of Beacon Hill as I am not a fan of spiders. Especially the flying variety! Happy to lead the Boston Arachnid Mitigation Plan,” wrote City Councilor Sharon Durkan in an email commenting on the sighting.

BRIEFS (from pg. 8)

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