

# THE BEACON HILL TIMES

T H E R E A R E N O T I M E S L I K E T H E S E T I M E S

## HAVANA NIGHTS



Photo by Derek Kouyoumjian

Mario Signore spins a chip at the roulette table and is feeling lucky during the Hill House's Havana Nights fundraiser on Friday night, Oct. 19, at the new City Winery in Haymarket. The night featured charity gaming and tons of fun in a wonderful Caribbean setting – and a little bit of luck as well. See Pages 6 and 7 for more photos.

## BEACON HILL CIVIC ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY CORNER

October and November are busy months for the BHCA as we get ready for the holidays. Mark your calendars and join us in these special community activities!

Halloween on the Hill, Wednesday, October 31, 4:30-8 p.m.

We have secured Street Closing permits from the City for Halloween on the Hill, an annual tradition that so many neighbors and families look forward to. Come visit us at the BHCA tent on Mt. Vernon Street for treats and surprises.

Evening at Friends House, Thursday, November 8,  
6:30- 9 p.m.

Join us for an evening of culture, music and conversation at Beacon Hill Friends House as we present “East of the Sun, West of the Moon”, with performances by Turkish artist and violinist Ceren Türkmeno lu and classical piano interpretations by Christos

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Lindy Roethlisberger, host Tom Kershaw, Lisa and Spencer Macalaster at the 2017 Garlands and Greens.

## Architectural Commission approves same sign for two Charles St. locations

By Dan Murphy

The Beacon Hill Architectural Commission faced an unusual quandary at City Hall during its Oct. 18 hearing when an applicant proposed installing two identical signs at storefronts only two doors apart at 122 and 126 Charles St., respectively.

Amanda Pratt of Salon intends to add two wood-blade signs made from Spanish cedar and measuring 30-by-30 inches in front of both locations of what she described as a “contemporary design gallery featuring avant-garde furniture” and highlighting the work of today’s female designers. The commission approved the application by a vote of 4-1-0, with the

caveat that both signs be hung at the same height.

In another matter continued from its Sept. 20 hearing, the commission approved by a vote of 4-1-0 an application from the homeowner of 79 West Cedar St. to install a 3-by-2-foot American flag on the second story of the building, with the proviso that the applicant outline specific details of the proposal.

Sean P. Cryts, speaking on the applicant’s behalf, said the applicant and his wife became U.S. citizens about four months ago, and they want to commemorate this milestone with the flag installation.

Meanwhile, the commission was unable to resolve a violation

continued from the Sept. 20 hearing for 60 Chestnut St.

The applicant, John Holland of the Boston commercial and residential development firm Holland Companies, said work on the single-family home includes the installation of a railing on the rooftop deck on the rear garage and two HVAC condensers on the garage roof, as well as proposed, temporary mesh-screening in front of the equipment.

Holland said the city had previously issued a certificate of appropriateness for the deck, although he couldn’t provide the commission with this documentation.

Kenneth Taylor, commission

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## City Council holds hearing regarding dockless mobility and electric scooters

By Lauren Bennett

Dockless scooters are a big question mark in Boston, but the City Council is trying straighten that punctuation into an exclamation point.

The City Council Committee on Planning, Development, and Transportation, chaired by Councilor Michelle Wu, held a hearing on Oct. 15 regarding dockless mobility and electric scooters in the City of Boston, indicating that they could envision a pilot program in spring 2019.

As these new technologies become more rapidly available, the City said it is always looking for ways to have a greener footprint and help people get around more quickly, efficiently, and safely.

Three different panels presented information at the hearing, including administration representatives, people in the dockless mobility industry, and advocates.

“I’m excited to explore all angles of this rapidly evolving field with you,” Councilor Matt O’Malley said. “The field is so new that it’s popularized a new term: micromobility, which refers to a category of small vehicles for shorter, more flexible trips around

the city.”

South End resident Michael Messina said that he would like to see electric scooters in Boston. He said that they would make his commute to Back Bay “a lot easier,” and praised Councilor Wu on her words about the most recent UN Climate Report, saying that cities have to take the lead in fighting climate change.

“To me, this is the easiest step we can take to fight climate change,” Messina said. “If we can’t do this, I’ll be pretty disheartened.”

O’Malley mentioned BlueBikes (formerly Hubway), the City’s public bike-share system, and said that Boston has never been able to keep up with the demand for the bikes. From the first subway at Park Street to one of the first bike-share programs in the country, O’Malley said that Boston has always tried to keep up with the latest innovations in transportation.

Councilor Ed Flynn said that while he is not opposed to the idea of dockless mobility and electric scooters, questions of public safety are at the forefront of his mind. He wanted to make sure things like speed limits, helmets, and minimum age requirements are things

that are addressed as this process moves forward.

“This seems like a great idea,” said Councilor Josh Zakim. He said his main concerns were around accessibility and where these vehicles are going to be left, which were major topics of conversation throughout the hearing.

As someone who does not own a car, Councilor Kim Janey said, “I’m someone who believes deeply in making sure that we have equitable transit opportunities.”

Chief of Streets Chris Osgood said that he echoed the sentiments put forth by the City Councilors, and said that by the end of this year, they hope to onboard a transportation planner who will guide innovation and decide how the City can move people in ways that are safer and better for the environment, as well as decide how these new modes of transportation like dockless scooters will work in conjunction with the existing MBTA and BlueBikes systems that are already in place.

### NEW MODES OF TRANSPORT

As Councilor O’Malley men-

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# EDITORIAL

## ARE YOU READY FOR HALLOWEEN?

Next week, the Hill will become a magical place as thousands of children dressed in all types of costumes will descend on the streets in search of candy and treats.

Likewise, residents will not only decorate their houses in scary Halloween themes with spiders and ghosts and a few witches thrown in just for luck, but also have neighbors and friends over to celebrate the night.

And all the while, thousands of pieces of candy will be given out to the children.

With no rain being forecast and temperatures predicted to be in the 50's, next Wednesday night promises to be perfect both for those giving the candy and those receiving it.

Boston Police have closed off several streets for about six hours to allow children to roam the soon-to-be-haunted neighborhood in safety.

Sitting on the steps of our home, and giving out the candy, one can not help but get into the spirit and fun of Halloween and remember Halloweens of long ago when one would dress up and anxiously wait to get their candy.

Halloween is the night that is still most like those days of our youth where many of the modern gadgets just are not needed. The best costumes are always the ones with the scariest mask.

As one sits on steps wondering do I sample the candy and then should I really eat this candy with all the calories, these lines will certainly come to mind:

*Backward turn backward*

*O' time in thy flight*

*And make me a boy just for tonight*

*Have a happy and safe Halloween.*



GUEST OP-ED

## Nurse staffing ratios would harm Cambridge Health Alliance

By Joshua Posner

As the Chair of the Board of Trustees at Cambridge Health Alliance (CHA), a health system that serves more than 140,000 patients in Cambridge, Somerville, Everett, Malden and Revere, I am writing to express concerns about Question 1, the government-mandated nurse staffing ratio proposal on the November ballot. If approved, this mandate would negatively impact access to care and services at CHA hospitals and primary care centers in Everett and the surrounding communities.

Question 1 would threaten access to emergency services, increase wait times and force patients to seek care elsewhere. The law would prevent us from being able to effectively manage a surge in patients in our emergency departments, leaving patients waiting in our reception areas.

The mandate endangers CHA's unique role in behavioral health care for patients at a time when

it is needed most in light of the opioid crisis. It would limit access to inpatient behavioral health care, cause delays and barriers to care for other vital behavioral health services and put a vulnerable population at risk. Ratios are not consistent with behavioral health clinical standards of care and overlook the wide range of clinicians and staff members on our care teams, including social workers and counselors.

Health care staffing is dynamic, and our nurses make decisions at our patients' bedside based on a wide range of factors including individual patient needs and care team skills. If there is a crisis or emergency, nurses need the flexibility to jump in and help without fear of breaking the law. This proposal would override their clinical judgment and expertise.

Ratios would also threaten CHA's financial stability. An October 3rd report from the Massachusetts Health Policy Commission, an independent state agency, estimated that the man-

date would cost Mass. hospitals up to \$949 million to implement. In particular, the Commission flagged the potential impacts on community hospitals, especially those, like CHA, that serve higher percentages of publicly insured patients. The report validates our concerns that the high costs of ratio would damage our mission to serve all patients.

In a time when access to care is more important than ever, we fear this proposal would harm CHA's ability to provide that access and jeopardize critical services delivered to our communities.

*Joshua Posner is Chair of the Board of Trustees of Cambridge Health Alliance (CHA), a Harvard-affiliated community health system that serves more than 140,000 patients in Cambridge, Somerville, Everett and Boston's metro-north region. The CHA Board of Trustees is comprised of volunteer community members from Cambridge Health Alliance's primary service area.*

## SHOWING SUPPORT



Members of the Boston Ward 5 Democratic Committee in Copley Square standing out in support of their candidates and reminding passersby that Election Day is Tuesday, November 6. Pictured from left to right are: Pat Amend, Hilary Gabrieli, Pat McDonough, Molly Hitt, Jordan Whitney, Adam Whitney, Rob Whitney, and Kathy Judge.

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## Real Estate Transfers

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Plavner, Josh	Mondano, Frank	3 Arlington St #OFF	\$2,700,000
166MB BFT	Aliad Penthouse LLC	166 Marlborough St #3	\$3,525,000
Zacharakis, Vassilis	Kim, Changsoo	201 Newbury St #309	\$940,000
Delman, Joshua	How Come Ltd	492 Beacon St #63	\$870,000
Ji, Liu	Marshall, Lucia M	14 Hereford St #3	\$825,000
1 Sugimoto, Yuji	Stone, Peter H	334 Marlborough St	\$4,700,000
Hackley, Stephen L	Kursh, Steven R	341-343 Marlborough St #5	\$3,412,750
Witkin, Sharon	Sulyanto, Rosalyn	365 Marlborough St #2	\$1,110,000
<b>BEACON HILL</b>			
Alexandra A Jackson LLC	Mehnert, Christian	31 Pinckney St #4A	\$470,000
<b>SOUTH END/KENMORE/BAY VILLAGE</b>			
Renaissance Investments	Miller, David A	2 Cazenove St	\$1,750,000
William M&J A Steul T	Panas, Alexanders	1 Charles St S #3G	\$1,300,000
Kanwal, Amrit	Lentz, Thomas W	301-319 Columbus Ave #205	\$960,000
Morrison, Marisa	Weller, Lesley E	188 W Canton St #1	\$1,322,000
Kanwal, Amrit	Lentz, Thomas W	301-319 Columbus Ave #205	\$960,000
Hirn, Julian	Kurtz, Paul F	533 Columbus Ave #533	\$560,000
Cam-Phung, Michael	511 Massachusetts LLC	511 Massachusetts Ave #3	\$949,000
Schwimer, Lindsay F	511 Massachusetts LLC	511 Massachusetts Ave #4	\$1,007,000
Boston Medical Center	Boston Redevelopment	801 Massachusetts Ave	\$12,000,000
Zacharakis, Vassilis	Kim, Changsoo	201 Newbury St #309	\$940,000
Inquilinos Boricuas EN	Emmanuel Gospel Center	2 San Juan St	\$4,000,000
Dunn, Hannah	Envision Properties LLC	70 School St #2	\$485,000
Conahan, Sara A	Joseph, Louis S	269 Shawmut Ave #4	\$1,055,000
Inquilinos Boricuas EN	Emmanuel Gospel Center	383-387A Shawmut Ave	\$4,000,000
Chin, Nicholas G	Shaw, Amos A	12 Stoneholm St #323	\$532,000
TRM 2 LLC	Iena Ink Block LLC	40 Traveler St #412	\$820,000
Khan, Akhtar	Bravman, Stephen	591 Tremont St #1	\$650,000
Wang, Zhaoxia	JJTT LLC	99 Tremont St #116	\$615,000
Morrison, Marisa	Weller, Lesley E	188 W Canton St #1	\$1,322,000
<b>WATERFRONT/DOWNTOWN</b>			
Trojan, Brian	Lucas, Deborah	45-63 Atlantic Ave #5E	\$625,000
Chang, David J	Binbo Investment	1 Franklin St #1910	\$1,210,000
Lucas, Deborah	Beasley, Ann	126-128 Fulton St #10	\$895,000
Zifteh, Freda L	Notek USA LLC	108 Lincoln St #5B	\$790,000

## ATTENTION TO DETAIL

BY PENNY CHERUBINO

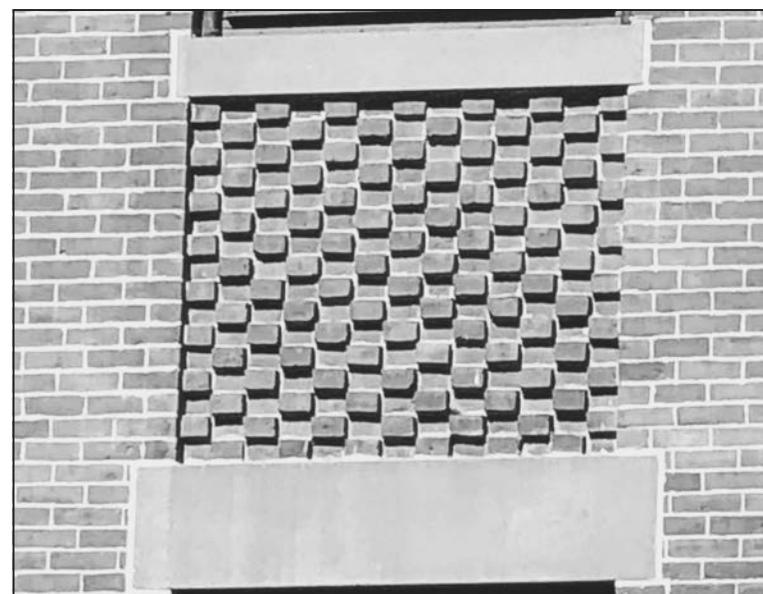
### THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The window in the last clue is on 11 Joy Street built in 1805. This residence was a single family home until about 1918 when it became a single family home with lodgers. During World War II, repairs after a fire were delayed because of "... difficulty in getting stock and material in order to get the work completed," according to a letter from the owner's attorney. Today it contains four condominiums.

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

### THIS WEEK'S CLUE



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**Navigating you home.**

COMPASS

## Personal trainer wants clients to feel at home

By Dan Murphy

When he opened a state-of-the-art gym adjacent to his Back Bay apartment in June, personal trainer Ryan Ankner set out to offer his clientele not only a customized exercise regimen in a comfortable and private atmosphere, but also one that best fits their schedules.

"The workouts are client-specific because not everyone has the same abilities and not everyone has the same goals...but the most important part is setting goals that are measurable and sustainable for them," said Ankner, owner of Ankfit at 226 Beacon St. "I also offer convenience. I have a personal parking space that clients can use, and my schedule is very flexible because I live here."

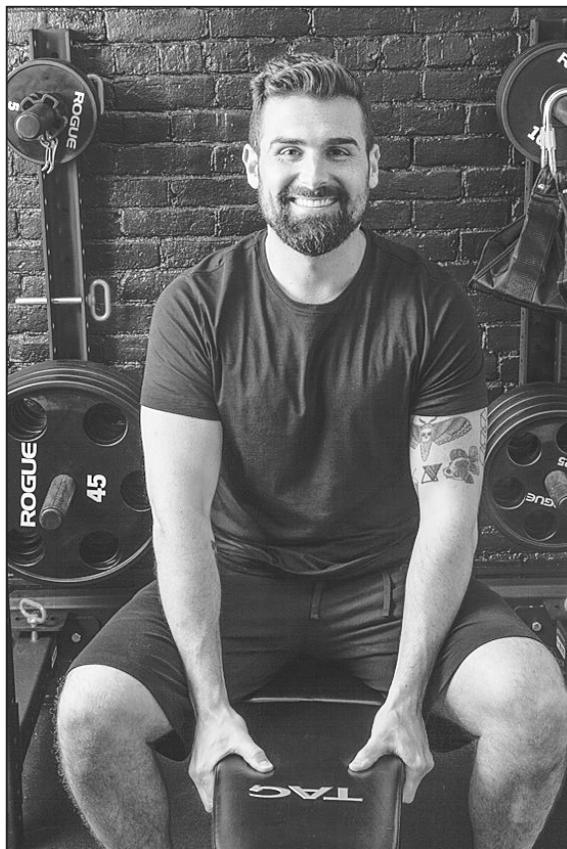
A 35-year-old Norwell native, Ankner earned an undergraduate degree in communications from Curry College in Milton and later received a certification in fitness from the American Academy of Personal Training Boston. He is also certified in gyrotonic, limited range of motion, integrated strengthening and crosscore, but his specialty is "body transformation," which is how Ankner describes his personal physical metamorphosis from graduating college with what he describes as a "heavyset" body type to losing nearly 100 pounds and eventually gaining back another 50 pounds in muscle.

"A lot of trainers were born with a six-pack, but that's not me," Ankner said. "That's why I can relate to my clients, and that's why I know what it takes to get people to achieve their goals."

Drawing on his extensive experience working in the fitness industry, Anker handpicked a varied array of the highest-quality hardware to occupy his approximately 500 square-foot gym, including an assault bike, free weights, a squat rack, a bench, a TRX, a universal machine, boxes, stability balls, a punching bag, kettle bells and assorted mobility equipment.

"I've worked at enough other gyms to know what I like and what I don't like... and mine has new equipment that's spotless and works perfectly," Ankner said.

Besides designing an individualized exercise program for each client, Anker also caters to personal music tastes and set the room temperature and lighting in accordance with the client's preferences during workout sessions.



Ryan Ankner, personal trainer and owner of Ankfit, at his Beacon Street gym.

"With how expensive personal training is I never understood why it's cookie-cutter because everyone has different needs," Ankner said. "One thing about personal training is that it is 'personal' and can be customized."

And while he is admittedly a fitness fanatic, Ankner realizes exercise can be off-putting for others.

"I'm trying to make working out as palatable as possible as I can for people," Ankner said. "I never say no to anything if I can make it work."

Ankfit offers competitive rates, a complementary fitness evaluation and the first fitness session for free. To learn more, call or text Ryan Ankner at 617-797-3076 or contact him via email at ryan@ankfit.com.

## SCOOTERS (from pg. 1)

tioned, BlueBikes have been immensely popular. Osgood said that there were up to 1.5 million rides with the service in 2018, and by 2019, they expect to have 3,000 bikes at 300 stations across Boston, Brookline, Cambridge, and Somerville.

"We are putting together a regional framework that would allow for the piloting of e-scooters on our streets as early as spring 2019," Osgood said.

Gina Fiandaca, commissioner of the Boston Transportation Department (BTD), said that they have been in conversation with surrounding municipalities about what the best approach is to have a conversation at the state level. They would like to create overall guidelines that these municipalities have agreed upon.

It is illegal for motorized scooters to be ridden on the sidewalks in Massachusetts, and they currently must follow other state rules as well, including having brake lights, turn signals, helmet usage, and abiding by specific operating hours.

### DISABLED COMMUNITY FEELS LEFT BEHIND

Kristen McCosh, from the Mayor's Office of Persons With Disabilities, said that part of her role is to make sure the path of travel on the sidewalks remain unobstructed.

"Sidewalks are the most common mode of travel for people with disabilities," McCosh said. She said she was concerned about accessibility of the scooters themselves, as well as their speed, and where they might be left in the way of someone who is blind or low vision.

"People with disabilities are not in a position to move them or even go around them," she said.

Osgood said that they are working through the best places for the scooters to be stored at the end of a trip.

Councilor Lydia Edwards asked McCosh what her thoughts were on an advisory committee with people from the disability community to have conversations with private companies who would be providing the scooters, as well as in what ways could the City be better than it was with Uber and Airbnb in terms of including people from the disability community.

McCosh said that some sort of advisory committee would be her "biggest recommendation" so regulations could be discussed and accessibility ensured.

Olivia Richard, a member of MassADAPT, provided public testimony from the perspective of someone in the disability community.

"No one is a fan of this technology in my community," Richard

said. "It's another piece of technology that we are getting left behind on."

She said she saw the Lime scooters while visiting Denver.

"Rider behavior is different than what you think you can ordinance and legislate," she said. She said that people were "riding anywhere and everywhere" with very little helmet usage. Richard also expressed concern for how quiet the scooters are. She said that someone who was blind or low vision would not even know they are there, which could be dangerous.

### INDUSTRY EXECS

The second panel involved representatives from Bird, Lyft, and Lime to discuss how each respective company looks at the deckles mobility industry, and what it could offer Boston.

Scott Mullen, director of expansion for Lime in the Northeast, said that micromobility does not have the same infrastructure that something like BlueBikes does, so it can immediately serve communities in a transportation desert.

Hannah Smith, government relations manager for Bird, said that vehicles would be removed when they are underutilized, and that the fewer cars on the road, the better. She said that research has proven that there is safety in numbers when it comes to these new forms of transportation; the more bikes and scooters on the road, the safer it will be for everyone.

In the third panel, Stacy Thompson, executive director of the Livable Streets Organization, and Brendan Kearney from WalkBoston, made suggestions about the implementation of the new scooters.

Thompson told the City Council that she hopes they will meet their excitement about the prospect with "increased funding for the infrastructure that will be required to support this."

She also said that regulating the speed of the scooters is just a small portion of the conversation that needs to be had about regulating the speed of all vehicles. Redesigning streets and curbside management were things that Kearney said needed to be thought about.

O'Malley said this was one of the most substantive hearings they have had about this topic, and added that "as a City, we need to do a tremendously better effort going forward as it relates to the safety of pedestrians and cyclists."

He called this a "complex issue," but one that needs to be discussed.

He said he feels strongly about implementing a pilot program in the spring of next year.

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chair, countered, "You built a new roof-deck that was 12 inches higher than was approved. You added condensers, added the structure, set the railing back and put in planters without approval."

Taylor said the commission would reschedule another hearing when the applicant could produce more documentation, including the "certificate of approval for the project that didn't get built."

Taylor also advised Holland that the matter needed to be resolved in a timely manner "or there would be other issues to deal with."



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## CITY PAWS

### Seasonal symptoms

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

Have you noticed any reactions to the change of season in your dog or cat? Shorter days, falling leaves, and cooler weather may bring on shedding, allergy symptoms, or possibly a case of Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD.)

#### Shedding

We may think of spring as a time when a dog will shed its coat. However, some breeds grow a slightly different hair in summer and shed that to let the winter coat come in.

The dry air inside and out can also cause a dull coat and dry, flaky skin. Brushing helps keep coats healthy. We watch many neighbors save cleanup by giving their dogs a good brushing outside.

#### Allergies

For those with allergic dogs, fall can be a time of doggie sneezes, coughs, and itches. Topical treatment of hotspots and paws with dermatitis may be needed. Doses of medications to sooth

the allergic reaction or treat the infections that can be secondary to skin breakouts may become a daily chore.

If your dog breaks out every fall, visit your vet now and have everything you need on hand to deal with allergy issues. Then watch for the first signs of an allergic reaction. We have found that rinsing the paws, checking the skin, and wiping down the dog's coat everytime we come in from a walk has helped.

#### SAD Dog Symptoms

Some animal experts are examining the possibility that dogs and cats can suffer from Seasonal Affective Disorder. This syndrome that causes depression, loss of appetite, and lethargy in some humans may cause the same issues in pets.

Paula Fitzsimmons in an article for PetMD.com writes, "According to Steve Dale, a certified animal behavior consultant, 'The definitive answer is . . . maybe. Nobody knows for sure.' Dale says we share much of the same brain chemistry with dogs, including the hormones mela-

tonin and serotonin. When daylight decreases, the brain produces more melatonin and less serotonin. Both of these changes can have an adverse effect on mood. So it's conceivable that pets can get SAD, but there could also be other explanations."

You can help if you feel your dog or cat has the blues. First, make sure they are not just responding to your own reaction to shorter days and less light. Pets pick up on our moods. Perhaps trying to be a bit more upbeat and playful for the sake of your critters will help you as well.

Get outside and spend time in the light with your dog. This will be good for both of you. If you can, add a few more walks to your day. If you can't do it yourself, use a dog walker to give your dog more daylight and social interaction.

Our Poppy's favorite nesting spot is on a big, wide window sill. Access to more light each day can help with mood. It also encourages engagement and movement as she gets up to follow something she's watching outside. If window time is not possible, you can add



We're fortunate that our Poppy does not have seasonal allergies because there is nothing she loves more than a good romp in fallen leaves.

full spectrum light for yourself and your furry friends.

In the months ahead, you, your dogs, and cats will spend more time indoors with less light and in drier conditions. All of these factors can impact mood and health. So get out as often as you can, play

and move more at home, and add humidity and light to your inside space.

*Do you have a question or topic for City Paws. Send an email to Penny@BostonZest.com with your request.*

### BHCA (from pg. 1)

Vayenas. Tickets are available online at [www.bhcivic.org/upcoming-events](http://www.bhcivic.org/upcoming-events). \$40 BHCA members, \$50 non-members.

**Garlands & Greens,**  
Wednesday, November 14,  
6-9 p.m.

It's that time of year again as we get ready to decorate the 1,100 gas lamps all over Beacon Hill for the holidays. Garlands & Greens, a favorite neighborhood tradition, will take place on Wednesday, November 14th, at the Hampshire House. Now in its twenty-third year, Tom Kershaw will once again be our gracious host for this annual event to raise funds for the garlands and bows to adorn the lampposts. Complimentary drinks (2 per ticket), delicious hors d'oeuvres, holiday music, and fabulous prizes from our local businesses are sure to make this a special night. Get your tickets in advance at [www.bhcivic.org/upcoming-events](http://www.bhcivic.org/upcoming-events)

for this sell-out event and be a part of holiday decorating. \$35 BHCA members, \$40 non-members.

#### Come join us!

If you haven't yet become a member of the BHCA, we invite you to join. Your input in quality of life issues on the Hill is important to us, and we rely on you our neighbors to bring your comments and concerns to our attention. By joining our membership, you add to the collective voice of the neighborhood and support our work in historic preservation, community development and civic engagement. Please call our office at 617-227-1922 or email the BHCA Executive Director at [patricia.tully@bhcivic.org](mailto:patricia.tully@bhcivic.org) with any questions, comments or concerns, or to become a member.

**Upcoming BHCA Meetings**  
No meetings.

#### Other upcoming BHCA Events

First Friday Coffee Hour – November 2 at Panificio  
Beacon Hill Meet & Greet –

November 5 at 75 Chestnut

Decorating Days – December 1 and 2

47th Annual Beacon Hill Gala – February 9 at the Omni Parker House

Visit the Beacon Hill Civic Association website [www.bhcivic.org](http://www.bhcivic.org) or call the office (617-227-1922) for more information on any of these events.

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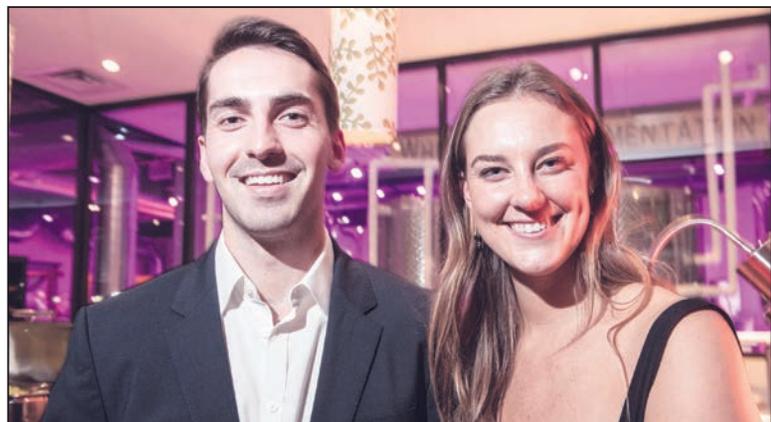
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### HILL HOUSE'S HAVANA NIGHTS CASINO FUNDRAISER

Photos by Derek Kouyoumjian

On Oct. 19, the City Winery became a Havana nightspot with food, drinks, music and casino action, and despite not witnessing any of the Castros busting up the party, supporters of the Hill House found themselves transformed into the Caribbean atmosphere.

All the proceeds from the event and gaming went to Hill House, a resource for Boston youth providing guidance and activity while fostering a sense of community for the city.



Connor Murphy and Nellie Ingram.



Trey Eppes channels Frank Sinatra for assist with this hand.



Lena McLoughlin, with Jeff and Alyson Lindsey.



Peter Garran and Juan Tyler with Alex Stangle and Kate Lubin at the blackjack table.



Fiona Benenson gives her hubby, James, some "Lady-Luck" for his craps toss.

#### **P** Government Center Garage

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Nicole Tara and Molly Bechtel, who at eight months pregnant was enjoying as much nightlife as possible before babysitters become mandatory.



Havana Nights co-chairs Christine Simon, Kristin Connell, and Casey Scanlon.



Matt Bechtel, Rebecca Skye Dietrich, and Matt Tara hang loose at the poker table.



Hill House Executive Director Lauren Hoops-Schmiege (center) with Co-Presidents Tracy Friedman and Jesse Baker.

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Monday, October 22 – Friday, November 2

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#### WEEK 1:

**MON. OCT. 22, 9A.M. – 5P.M.**  
Boston City Hall (Downtown)

**TUES. OCT. 23, 12 – 8P.M.**

Boston City Hall (Downtown  
9a.m. – 8p.m.)

Holy Name Parish Hall (Roxbury)

Dot House Health (Dorchester)

Tobin Community Center  
(Mission Hill)

**WED. OCT. 24, 9A.M. – 5P.M.**

Boston City Hall (Downtown)

**THUR. OCT. 25, 12 – 8P.M.**

Boston City Hall (Downtown  
9a.m. – 8p.m.)

All Saints' Church (Dorchester)

Honan-Allston Library (Allston)

Margarita Muniz Academy (Formerly  
Louis Agassiz Elementary School)  
(Jamaica Plain)

**FRI. OCT. 26, 9A.M. – 5P.M.**

Boston City Hall (Downtown)

#### WEEK 2:

**MON. OCT. 29, 9A.M. – 5P.M.**  
Boston City Hall (Downtown)

**TUES. OCT. 30, 12 – 8P.M.**

Boston City Hall (Downtown  
9a.m. – 8p.m.)

Harvard-Kent School (Charlestown)

Benjamin Franklin Institute of  
Technology (South End)

Wang YMCA of Chinatown  
(Chinatown)

**WED. OCT. 31, 9A.M. – 5P.M.**

Boston City Hall (Downtown)

**THUR. NOV. 1, 12 – 8P.M.**

Boston City Hall (Downtown  
9a.m. – 8p.m.)

The Salvation Army Ray & Joan Kroc  
Community Ctr. (Dorchester)

ABCD Thelma D. Burns Building  
(Roxbury)

The Blue Hills Collaborative  
(Hyde Park)

**FRI. NOV. 2, 9A.M. – 5P.M.**

Boston City Hall (Downtown)

#### WEEKEND VOTING:

**SAT. & SUN. OCT. 27 & 28, 10A.M. - 6P.M.**

Paris St. Community Center  
(East Boston)

James F. Condon Elementary School  
(South Boston)

Saint John Paul II Catholic Academy  
Neponset Campus (formerly known  
as St. Ann's School) (Dorchester)

Perkins Community Center /  
Joseph Lee School (Dorchester)

Mildred Ave. Community Center.  
(Mattapan)

Roche Community Center  
(West Roxbury)

Bruce C. Bolling Municipal Building  
(Roxbury)

Copley Square Library (Back Bay)

Jackson Mann School (Allston)

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# MassGeneral Hospital for Children's Storybook Ball raises more than \$2.1 million for pediatric care and research

On Saturday, Oct. 13, MassGeneral Hospital for Children (MGHfC) raised more than \$2.1 million in its 19th year of supporting pediatric health via its premier annual event, Storybook Ball.

Jennifer and Mark Dolins and Sonja Kelly and Steve Tordone co-chaired the event, which showcased the work of the Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at MGHfC. In the theme "101 Dalmatians," Rafanelli Events transformed Back Bay's Castle into the iconic streets of London and brought to life a story of community through black-and-white visuals inspired by the beloved puppies.

Co-Chairs Sonja Kelly and Jennifer Dolins kicked off the speaking program, which also featured Peter L. Slavin, MD, President, Massachusetts General Hospital, Ronald E. Kleinman, MD, Physician-in-Chief, MGHfC, Timothy E. Willens, MD, Chief, Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, and Allan M. Goldstein, MD, Surgeon-in-Chief, MGHfC.

On-hand to share their story was the Rehm family, whose son

Jett, age 11, has been receiving treatment and guidance at the MGHfC Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry since he was diagnosed at 4 with bipolar disorder.

The evening with about 500 black-tie guests included dinner, a live auction, dancing with DJ Chris Roxx and games, where winners took home prizes from luxury brands like Blank Label, Bloomingdale's, Boston Symphony Orchestra, Mereville, North River Outfitter, Oliver Thomas, PUMA, Rue La La, Shreve, Crump & Low and Tuscan Kitchen.

Since 2000, the Storybook Ball has raised \$29 million for research initiatives and patient care programs at MGHfC. Proceeds from Storybook Ball over the past decade have allowed MGHfC to provide extraordinary care to the youngest patients and their families; to recruit and support the best physicians, surgeons and researchers; and to speed the development of new technologies and cutting-edge research that can transform clinical approaches locally and globally.



Dr. Christine Olsen and Robert Small.



Andrea and Justin Rosen.



Guests enjoying the live auction.



Dr. Haleh Azar and Ali Shajii.



Jennifer and Mark Dolins, with Christopher and Aliya Page.

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# CALENDAR

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## THURSDAY, OCT. 25

ANNUAL MEETING, Friends of the West End Branch of the Boston Public Library, West End Branch of the Boston Public Library, 151 Cambridge St., 6-7:30 p.m., R.S.V.P. to [HYPERLINK "mailto:friendswestendlibrary@gmail.com"](mailto:friendswestendlibrary@gmail.com) friendswestendlibrary@gmail.com

LECTURE on sacred spaces with architect Todd Lee, King's Chapel Parish House, 64 Beacon St. 6 p.m., admission: free, R.S.V.P. to [HYPERLINK "https://green.sparkwiresolutions.com:2096/cpsess6460799506/3rd-party/squirrelmail/src/compose.php?send\\_to=gretchen%40kings-chapel.org"](https://green.sparkwiresolutions.com:2096/cpsess6460799506/3rd-party/squirrelmail/src/compose.php?send_to=gretchen%40kings-chapel.org) gretchen@kings-chapel.org, call 617-227-2155 for more information

## THURSDAY, OCT. 25- FRIDAY, OCT. 26

EVENT, "Nichols After Dark Dearly Departed: Death and Mourning in 19th-Century," Nichols House Museum, 55 Mt. Vernon St., 6-7:30 p.m., tickets: \$25 general admission; \$20 for Nichols House Museum members, call 617-227-6993 or e-mail [HYPERLINK "https://beaconhilltimes.com:2096/cpsess1088578502/3rdparty/squirrelmail/src/compose.php?send\\_to=info@nichols-housemuseum.org"](https://beaconhilltimes.com:2096/cpsess1088578502/3rdparty/squirrelmail/src/compose.php?send_to=info@nichols-housemuseum.org) info@nicholshousemuseum.org for more information

## SUNDAY, OCT. 28

EVENT, Friends of the Phillips Street Play Area's eighth annual Harvest Fest and Halloween Costume Party, Phillips Street Play Area, I Phillips Street between Anderson and Gardener streets, noon-1:30 p.m., contact [HYPERLINK "mailto:friendspspa@hotmail.com"](mailto:friendspspa@hotmail.com) friendspspa@hotmail.com for more information

## TUESDAY, OCT. 30

RECITAL, Jordan Prescott on the C.B. Fisk organ performing works by Pinkham, Rorem, Selby and Sowerby, King's Chapel, 58 Tremont St., 12:15 p.m., suggested donation; \$5, call 617-227-2155

## WEDNESDAY, OCT. 31

FILM, "Bellissima" (1951, 108 minutes, not rated), West End Branch of the Boston Public Library, 151 Cambridge St., 3 p.m., call 617-523-3957 for more information

## TUESDAY, NOV. 6

RECITAL, Alan Weiss (flute) and Ann Rosandich (oboe), with Heinrich Christensen (organ), performing works by Bach, Telemann and Vivaldi, King's Chapel, 58 Tremont St., 12:15 p.m., suggested donation; \$5, call 617-227-2155

## WEDNESDAY, NOV. 7

FILM, "Roma" (1971, 120 minutes, Rated R), West End Branch of the Boston Public Library, 151 Cambridge St., 3 p.m., call 617-523-3957 for more information

## THURSDAY, NOV. 8

TALK AND BOOK-SIGNING, "Make Civility Great Again," West End Branch of the Boston Public Library, 151 Cambridge St., 6:15 p.m., call 617-523-3957 for more information

## TUESDAY, NOV. 13

RECITAL, "The 21st Century Cello," with cellist Ben Swartz performing works by Adams, Radulescu and Sollima, King's Chapel, 58 Tremont St., 12:15 p.m., suggested donation; \$5, call 617-227-2155

## WEDNESDAY, NOV. 14

FILM, "Jailhouse Rock" (1956, 96 minutes, not rated), West End Branch of the Boston Public Library, 151 Cambridge St., 3 p.m., call 617-523-3957 for more information

## TUESDAY, NOV. 20

RECITAL, Patrick Hawkins on the C.B. Fisk organ performing works by Bach, Lübeck and more, King's Chapel, 58 Tremont St., 12:15 p.m., suggested donation; \$5, call 617-227-2155

## WEDNESDAY, NOV. 21

FILM, "La Bamba" (1987, 108 minutes, Rated PG-13), West End Branch of the Boston Public Library, 151 Cambridge St., 3 p.m., call 617-523-3957 for more information

## TUESDAY, NOV. 27

RECITAL, "Songs of Wild Imaginings," with Rob Flax (violin-voice-guitar), King's Chapel, 58 Tremont St., 12:15 p.m., suggested donation; \$5, call 617-227-2155

## WEDNESDAY, NOV. 28

FILM, "The Blues Brothers" (1980, 133 minutes, Rated R), West End Branch of the Boston Public Library, 151 Cambridge St., 3 p.m., call 617-523-3957 for more information

## THURSDAY, NOV. 29

CONCERT, "Messiah" sing-along with special-guest conductor Danica A. Buckley, Church on the Hill, 140 Bowdoin St., 7:30 p.m., tickets: \$18.18 each, phone: 617-523-4575 or visit [HYPERLINK "http://churchoonthehill-boston.org/"](http://churchoonthehill-boston.org/) \t "\_blank" <http://churchoonthehillboston.org> for more information

## WEDNESDAY, DEC. 5

FILM, "The Buddy Holly Story" (1978, 114 minutes, Rated PG), West End Branch of the Boston Public Library, 151 Cambridge St., 3 p.m., call 617-523-3957 for more information

## THURSDAY, DEC. 6

EVENT, annual holiday party, West End Branch of the Boston Public Library, 151 Cambridge St., 6:30 p.m., Call 617-523-3957 for more information

## WEDNESDAY, DEC. 12

FILM, "Almost Famous" (2000, 123 minutes, Rated R), West End Branch of the Boston Public Library, 151 Cambridge St., 3 p.m., call 617-523-3957 for more information

## WEDNESDAY, DEC. 19

FILM, "School of Rock" (2003, 109 minutes, Rated PG-13), West End Branch of the Boston Public Library, 151 Cambridge St., 3 p.m., call 617-523-3957 for more information

## WEDNESDAY, DEC. 16

FILM, "The Commitments" (1991, 117 minutes, Rated R), West End Branch of the Boston Public Library, 151 Cambridge St., 3 p.m., call 617-523-3957 for more information

## Harvard Travelers Club seeking new members to join group dinners

From trekking in the Kalahari to exploring the ghostly ruins of Sable Island, every month the members of the Harvard Travelers Club are transported to another part of the world—from the comfort of the Harvard Club on Commonwealth Avenue.

In November, they are inviting other interested travelers to join them for dinner, conversation, and a talk by Peter Gutman, a photographer, author, fine artist, television personality and adventurer who has traveled on assignment to more than 230 countries.

The Harvard Travelers' Club traces its roots to Harvard's eminent geographer, Professor William Morris Davis, who, in

association with four others, invited local men to meet in an effort to promote and discuss 'intelligent travel and exploration.' In the fall of 1902, 30 men responded to the call.

Since the initial days of the club, the membership has grown in number and diversity (for example, women are now included in the ranks!). Today, members continue to commit themselves to intelligent travel and continue to be curious about other locales and other ways of life. Certainly unchanged is members' enjoyment in learning of one another's travels.

In 1913, the club began to meet at the Harvard Club on

Commonwealth Avenue—a tradition that continues to this day. The club currently meets eight times a year for cocktails, dinner and a lecture. This season kicked off with a lecture by Rich Wilson, who presented pictures and videos of his single-handed, round-the-world Vendée sailboat race. Past lecturers have included polar explorers Peary and Shackleton, mountaineers Mallory, Smythe, and Washburn, the great Central Asian explorer Sir Francis Younghusband, astronaut Story Musgrave, and President Theodore Roosevelt.

Recent highlights include fascinating presentations by Christopher Golden, who spoke

about surprising connections between humans and the environment; Patricia Glyn, who described trekking with the Khomani San people in the Kalahari; and Harvard Review editor Christina Thompson, who highlighted the time she spent with the Maori people of New Zealand.

"Our members join together to share stories of distant places, rugged climbs, boating expeditions, and foreign cultures and traditions. This companionship drives the club forward," says club President Peter Creighton. "I love learning about members' adventures."

To that end the club is welcoming potential new members and

interested parties to attend their Nov. 13 dinner. Membership in the Harvard Travellers Club is open to anyone with a background in independent, adventurous travel. Nominees elected to membership are expected to contribute to the club's aims and activities through their past, present and future travels and by regularly attending the monthly events.

Interested parties should visit <http://www.harvardtravellersclub.org> for more information, and contact [darcy@harvardtravellersclub.org](mailto:darcy@harvardtravellersclub.org) to attend a dinner and lecture.

# NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDUP

## Friends of the West End Branch annual meeting

The Friends of the West End Branch of the Boston Public Library will hold its annual meeting at the West End Branch of the Boston Public Library, located at 151 Cambridge St., on Thursday, Oct. 25, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. (Doors open at 5:30 p.m.)

The guest speaker will be Joseph Bagley, city archeologist. The event is open to the public, and light refreshments will be served, but seating is limited. R.S.V.P. to friendswestendlibrary@gmail.com.

## The West End Community Center Annual Halloween Event

Join us This Sunday, October 28, at 3:30 p.m.

at 1 Congress Street, (under the Government Center Garage) for our Annual Halloween Event.

Bring the kids in costume. Eric Benton Magic.

Starts at 3:30pm. Light refreshments and a treat for the kids. This is a FREE Event!! All are welcome.

## Canine Promenade returns to the Esplanade Oct. 27

The Esplanade Association's eighth annual Canine Promenade returns to the park's Fiedler Field on Saturday, Oct. 27, beginning at noon.

The one-half mile, two-hour Halloween costume parade around the Esplanade to benefit the park and highlight it as a resource for dog owners will be led this year by radio personality Kennedy Elsey of Mix 104's "Karson & Kennedy." Besides the parade, the Promenade will feature games, demos and giveaways, as well as goodie bags for all attendees, courtesy of Pawsh Dog Boutique.

While spectators are welcome to attend the Promenade free of charge, all dogs must be registered to be eligible to receive prizes, as well as goodie bags. The fee is \$20, plus a \$2.85 service fee, for each dog. For more information, visit <http://esplanadeassociation.org>.

## Talk on sacred spaces at King's Chapel Parish House

Architect Todd Lee will kick off a new Thursday Night Gatherings series at King's Chapel Parish House at 64 Beacon St. on Thursday, Oct. 25, at 6 p.m.

Join Lee for a slide presentation and discussion on the subject of places of worship and sanctuary. He will present photographs from his travels in more than 40 countries, drawing upon his 60 years of architectural practice and designs for more than a dozen spiritual locations. He will share more than a hundred images of religious spaces and places, asking the question, "What is it about this particular culture and time that was needed to develop this form?"

The event is free and open to the public. R.S.V.P. to [gretchen@kings-chapel.org](mailto:gretchen@kings-chapel.org). Call 617-227-2155 for more information.

## Celebrate Halloween with the Nichols House Museum

The Nichols House Museum, located at 55 Mt. Vernon St., will host "Nichols After Dark Dearly Departed: Death and Mourning in 19th-Century" on Thursday and Friday, Oct. 25 and 26, from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

At this time, guests will tour the museum's mourning-clad period rooms and learn how death was very much a part of life in the 19th century, as well as the grieving practices that took place in the home. Objects of mourning, including clothing, jewelry and accessories, will be on view from the Nichols House Museum's own collection, as well as objects on loan from the William Hickling Prescott House and a local private collection. Black clothing is admired but not required, and a reception with seasonal beer and treats will follow.

Tickets are \$25 general admission and \$20 for Nichols House Museum members. Call 617-227-6993 or e-mail [info@nicholshousemuseum.org](mailto:info@nicholshousemuseum.org) for more information.

## WalkBoston's 'Step On It' scavenger hunt coming Oct. 27

Join WalkBoston for the "Step on It" sidewalk scavenger hunt through downtown Boston on Saturday, Oct. 27, starting at 1 p.m.

Participants (teams of one to six people) will receive clues challenging them to find specific items embedded or engraved in the Downtown Boston sidewalks and pathways. Bonus questions provide opportunities for groups to earn additional points. Answer the questions/riddles and

travel as a team to each spot. Take a team picture showing the answer. No vehicles or ride-shares are needed; all locations are within walking distance.

Document it on Twitter or Instagram using the official event hashtag #StepOnItBoston. Make sure to include teammates in the photos. Once all the riddles and locations are found, meet at Scholars Bistro (25 School St.) for the post-hunt celebration and prizes for top finishers, with free entry for paid participants. Prizes are generously donated by local businesses and valued over \$1,000. One-hundred percent of all proceeds will support WalkBoston, a non-profit organization dedicated to making Massachusetts more walkable. For more information, visit <https://walkboston.org/StepOnIt>.

## Harvest Fest and Costume Party return to Phillips Street Play Area

Friends of the Phillips Street Play Area presents its eighth annual Harvest Fest and Halloween Costume Party at the Phillips Street Play Area, located on Phillips Street between Anderson and Gardener streets, on Sunday, Oct. 28, from noon to 1:30 p.m.

The event will feature entertainment, games crafts, face-painting and a paper-airplane contest, as well as prizes for kids in costume and a bake sale to support the Friends group. Free refreshments will be provided courtesy of Peet's Coffee and Whole Foods. Contact [friendspspa@hotmail.com](mailto:friendspspa@hotmail.com) for more information.

## Hidden Gallery happenings

The Hidden Gallery at 25 Myrtle St. will hold a reception on Saturday, Oct. 27, from noon to 5 p.m., as well as a Holiday Art Show on Saturdays and Sundays, Dec. 8 and 9 and Dec. 16 and 16, from noon to 5 p.m.

Also, gallery hours are Wednesday through Saturday from noon to 5 p.m.

Call 617-419-0527 for more information.

## King's Chapel's Tuesday Recitals

King's Chapel, 58 Tremont St., presents its Tuesday Recitals. Admission is by suggested donation of \$5 per person; the donations are given to the performing musicians. Programs begin

at 12:15 p.m. and last approximately 35 minutes; for more information, call 617-227-2155.

Programming includes Jordan Prescott on the C.B. Fisk organ performing works by Pinkham, Rorem, Selby and Sowerby on Oct. 30; Alan Weiss (flute) and Ann Rosandich (oboe), with Heinrich Christensen (organ), performing works by Bach, Telemann and Vivaldi on Nov. 6; "The 21st Century Cello," with cellist Ben Swartz performing works by Adams, Radulescu and Sollima on Nov. 13; Patrick Hawkins on the C.B. Fisk organ performing works by Bach, Lübeck and more on Nov. 20; and "Songs of Wild Imaginings," with Rob Flax (violin-voice-guitar), on Nov. 27.

## 'Italian Heritage Film Series' at West End Branch Library

The West End Branch of the Boston Public Library, located at 151 Cambridge St., presents the "Italian Heritage Film Series," concluding with a screening of "Bellissima" (1951, 108 minutes, not rated) on Wednesday, Oct. 31, at 3 p.m.

Call 617-523-3957 for more information.

## 'Make Civility Great Again' at the West End Branch Library

The West End Branch of the Boston Public Library, located at 151 Cambridge St., hosts "Make Civility Great Again" – a talk and book-signing – on Thursday, Nov. 8, at 6:15 p.m. At this time, authors Kim Kerrigan and Steven Wells will discuss their book "Making Civility Great Again: Improving Face to Face Communication in the Age of Chaos." They will talk about the basics of civil conversation and give you suggestions to help minimize negative discussions, especially when faced with controversial topics. By engaging with these tips, you will help restore peace, honor and civility in your life and the life of all Americans.

Call 617-523-3957 for more information.

## 'Rock the Holidays Film Series' at West End Branch Library

The West End Branch of the Boston Public Library, located at 151 Cambridge St., presents "Rock the Holidays Film Series," including screenings of "Jailhouse Rock" (1956, 96 min-

utes, not rated) on Wednesday, Nov. 14, at 3 p.m.; "La Bamba" (1987, 108 minutes, Rated PG-13) on Wednesday, Nov. 21, at 3 p.m.; "The Blues Brothers" (1980, 133 minutes, Rated R) on Wednesday, Nov. 28, at 3 p.m.; "The Buddy Holly Story" (1978, 114 minutes, Rated PG) on Wednesday, Dec. 5, at 3 p.m.; "Almost Famous" (2000, 123 minutes, Rated R) on Wednesday, Dec. 12, at 3 p.m.; "School of Rock" (2003, 109 minutes, Rated PG-13) on Wednesday, Dec. 19, at 3 p.m.; and "The Commitments" (1991, 117 minutes, Rated R) on Wednesday, Dec. 26, at 3 p.m.; Call 617-523-3957 for more information.

## 'Messiah' sing-along at Church on the Hill

In 1818 the "Messiah" had its first full performance in Boston. Also, in that year, the Boston Society of the New Jerusalem/Church on the Hill was founded. Join Church on the Hill, 140 Bowdoin St., to celebrate these two momentous events on Thursday, Nov. 29, at 7:30 p.m.

The special-guest conductor will be Danica A. Buckley, leading the vocal soloists and orchestral musicians in a sing-along performance of Handel's magnificent music, including "Part I" and the "Hallelujah Chorus." Join in the singing or be part of the audience.

The ticket price is \$18.18 (the entire box-office proceeds and donations will go to support underprivileged young musicians). Bring your copy of the musical score or purchase a score at the door. This venue is handicap accessible.

For more information, phone 617-523-4575 or visit <http://churchonthehillboston.org>.

## West End Branch Library annual holiday party

The West End Branch of the Boston Public Library, located at 151 Cambridge St., presents its annual holiday party on Thursday, Dec. 6, at 6:30 p.m.

The event will feature live music by vocalist Will McMillan, accompanied by Joe Reid on keyboards, performing classic songs by Judy Garland, as well as winter classics such as "Jingle Bells," "Sleigh Ride," "Winter Wonderland," "Rudolph The Red-Nosed Reindeer," "The Christmas Song" and "Silent

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Night." Refreshments will be served. Call 617-523-3957 for more information.

### 'Italian Heritage Film Series' at West End Branch Library

The West End Branch of the Boston Public Library, located at 151 Cambridge St., presents the "Italian Heritage Film Series," including screenings of "Roma" (1971, 120 minutes, Rated R) on Wednesday, Nov. 7, at 3 p.m.

Call 617-523-3957 for more information.

### Nichols House Museum seeking volunteer tour guides

The Nichols House Museum welcomes volunteers to join the museum as tour guides.

Guides provide vital support to the museum by leading high-quality tours to diverse audiences and communities. Hours are flexible, and orientation and training throughout the month of March are required. Guides receive complimentary admission to the museum and all museum programming events. There are also regular opportunities for complimentary, behind-the-scenes visits to other local museums and cultural organizations. Applicants should be interested in history, architecture, and decorative arts, and enjoy interacting with visitors of all ages. Tour Guides typically commit to half or full-day shifts.

To apply, complete the application form available on the museum's homepage, [www.nicholshousemuseum.org](http://www.nicholshousemuseum.org).

### BSNJ Community Children's Chorus

The Boston Society of The New Jerusalem (BSNJ) Community Children's Chorus is a comprehensive musical training program for children in the third through seventh grades.

Your child will be participating in a program that promotes: the love of music, expressive singing, teamwork-cooperative learning, building new friendships, self-assessment and the fun of being in an outstanding program.

The group meets at 140

Bowdoin St. on Saturday mornings. Tuition is free for any child with a Greater Boston-area address. All levels of singing ability are welcome. To register, contact Carlton Doctor at 617-523-4575 or visit [www.churchonthehillboston.org](http://www.churchonthehillboston.org) (click on "music.")

BSNJ/The Church On The Hill sponsors this initiative, but we are not promoting any religious ideology.

### Learn new game at West End Branch Library

The West End Branch of the Boston Public Library at 151 Cambridge St. offers Chinese-style Mahjong on the second and fourth Fridays of the month from 2 to 4 p.m.

Mahjong is a tile-based game that originated in China during the Qing dynasty that is commonly played by four players. While similar to the Western card game rummy, it uses 144 tiles instead of cards. Instructors are Likam Lie and Nancy Martin.

Call 617-523-3957 for more information.

### 'Coloring for Adults' at the West End Branch Library

The West End Branch of the Boston Public Library, located at 151 Cambridge St., presents "Color Your World: Coloring for Adults" on Fridays from 2 to 4 p.m.

At this time, the library will supply coloring pages, colored pencils, markers and crayons, or bring your own supplies if you prefer. Feel free to drop in between these hours.

Call 617-523-3957 for more information.

### Spanish/English Language Exchange

The West End Branch of the Boston Public Library, located at 151 Cambridge St., presents the Spanish/English Language Exchange/Intercambio de Idiomas en Inglés y Español on Mondays from 3 to 5 p.m.

At this time, English speakers can practice Spanish and Spanish speakers can practice English in this fun, informal conversation class.

Call 617-523-3957 for more information.

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The rehearsals take place at 140 Bowdoin St. on Tuesday afternoons. Tuition is free for any child with a Boston address. All levels of singing ability are welcome. To sign up, please contact Mr. Doctor at 617-523-4575 or visit [www.churchonthehillboston.org](http://www.churchonthehillboston.org) (click on "music").

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### 'Preschool Story Hour' at West End Branch Library

The West End Branch of the Boston Public Library, 151 Cambridge St., offers the "Preschool Story Hour" on Tuesdays from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Children, ages 3 to 5, and their caregivers join the children's librarian for weekly stories, songs, rhymes and movement. This is a high-energy story time, and families, daycare and school groups are all welcome to drop in.

### ESL conversation group resumes meeting at West End Branch Library

The West End Branch of the Boston Public Library, located at 151 Cambridge St., welcomes the English as a Second Language (ESL) conversation group every Tuesday from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Come and practice your English language skills with other newcomers and a facilitator.

### West End Playgroup meets Tuesday mornings

The West End Community Center, located at 1 Congress

St., welcomes the West End Playgroup on Tuesdays from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. through the fall and winter.

This is a free drop-in time to let kids play and adults chat with one another. Small toy donations are welcome.

### 'Toddler Time' at the West End Branch Library

The West End Branch of the Boston Public Library, 151 Cambridge St., presents "Toddler Time" on Wednesdays from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

At this time, children ages 18 months to 3 years and their caregivers join the children's librarian for developmentally appropriate stories, rhymes, movement, and songs. Drop-in for families, and groups, should contact the library ahead of time at 617-523-3957.

### Get homework help at the West End Branch Library

The West End Branch of the Boston Public Library, located at 151 Cambridge St., offers homework help every Thursday from 4 to 6 p.m.

Get help from a Boston Public Schools teacher. No appointment

necessary; simply drop in with your homework.

Call 617-523-3957 for more information.

### Compassionate Friends group reaches out to bereaved parents and families

The Boston Chapter of The Compassionate Friends (TCF) meets at Trinity Church on the first Tuesday of each month from 6 to 7:30 p.m. TCF is a national self-help, mutual-assistance organization offering friendship, understanding and hope to bereaved parents and their families. Call 617-539-6424 or e-mail [tcfboston@gmail.com](mailto:tcfboston@gmail.com) for more information.

### MGH seeking volunteers

Massachusetts General Hospital Volunteer Department is seeking volunteers for its very busy office. Candidates must have excellent interpersonal skills in dealing with a broad international community of volunteers, as well as the ability to handle multiple tasks. Various shifts are available.

Contact Kim Northrup at 617-724-1826 for more information.

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#### Larceny from a Building

10/09/18 – At about 3:17 p.m., officers responded to a larceny in progress at a Charles Street market. The male suspect allegedly stole the female victim's wrist purse from the store backroom before fleeing on foot. The store has a surveillance video of the incident, which staff will review.

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# THE ANNUAL MAYOR WALSH FALL PUMPKIN FLOAT AT THE FROG POND

Photos by Katy Rogers

The annual Mayor Martin Walsh Fall Pumpkin Float on the Frog Pond took place on Friday evening, Oct. 19, in Boston Common. Hundreds of attendees visited with carved jack-o-lanterns ready to float in the water. Volunteers assisted children in lighting their pumpkins and letting them float in the center of the pond. Families enjoyed an array of spooky activities, from tasty treats to live music.



Honoka Ebi showed off her fairy wings during the Pumpkin Float festivities.



Ryota Nagashima adjusted his fire helmet at the Frog Pond as he watched the pumpkins.



Little Sofia Aparicio lifted her pirate patch to greet Mayor Martin Walsh at the Pumpkin Float.



Rishan Gupte dropped a light in his pumpkin with the assistance of volunteer Tyler Gilcrest



Mia and PJ DiMaggio, with coordinated their costumes as Little Red Riding Hood and the Big Bad Wolf, watched in excitement as the pumpkins were put out to float.



Alina Jones worked on some arts and crafts by lamplight during Friday evening's annual Pumpkin Float on the Frog Pond.



Pumpkins on the Pond floating away.

Cyan Magenta Yellow Black



Lara Peters showed off her jack-o-lantern before sending it off to float in the Frog Pond during Mayor Walsh's annual Pumpkin Float



Ashley DeGiacomo volunteered to push pumpkins in the Frog Pond.