

KEEPING AN EYE ON BEACON HILL



Photo by Jared Fry

This owl has been spotted in Beacon Hill area. It seems to like Brimmer Street the most.

BEACON HILL CIVIC ASSOCIATION
COMMUNITY CORNER

A Turkish Delight!

The Beacon Hill Civic Association, in conjunction with Beacon Hill Friends House, presented “East of the Sun, West of the Moon” last Thursday evening. Ceren Turkmenolgu played violin and instruments native to Turkey, recited Turkish poetry and sang songs of her homeland, delighting a packed audience in the House’s

grand Meeting Room.

Accomplished pianist Christos Vayenas performed in the second part of the evening at the grand piano in the House’s Music Room. An autodidact, Mr. Vayenas intuitively creates music that echoes the Romantic and Symbolist lan-

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Turkish artist Ceren Turkmenoglu captivated the crowd at Evening at Friends House last Thursday. Photo courtesy Shohreh Varmeh.

Ban on thin plastic bags begins Dec. 14

By Lauren Bennett

Boston residents will have to say good-bye to flimsy plastic bags starting in just a few weeks. Last December, Mayor Martin Walsh signed an ordinance to ban single-use plastic bags in the city, which goes into effect on December 14.

Thin plastic bags used to hold produce, newspapers, and dry cleaning will be exempt from the ban, said ISD Commissioner William Christopher, Jr. Stores will have the option of offering thicker

bags that contain at least 40 percent recyclable content, whether it be paper or other materials. The bags must be stamped to say that though, Christopher added.

In an effort to encourage people to utilize cloth or polypropylene reusable bags instead, stores are required to charge a minimum of 5 cents per bag, but are allowed to charge even more if they choose. Stores are allowed to keep the fee.

Christopher said that if a store is able to prove they have a hard-

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Beacon Hill voters support Gov. Baker in midterms

By Dan Murphy

Unlike voters citywide who narrowly favored Democrat Jay Gonzales, Beacon Hill showed its support for Gov. Charlie Baker in the Nov. 6 midterm election.

According to the city’s unofficial results, 64 percent of voters in Ward 3, Precinct 6 and Ward 5, Precinct 3-5 and 11 opted for GOP Baker and Karyn Polito in their bid for second term as governor and lieutenant governor while 35 percent of Beacon Hill voters chose Gonzales and his running mate Quentin Palfrey (3,930 to 2,363 votes). In contrast, nearly 51 percent of voters citywide backed Gonzales and Palfrey (110,187 Votes) while Baker and Polito trailed with 49 percent of the ballot (107,108 votes).

Voter turnout on Beacon Hill was nearly 63 percent, compared to almost 54 percent citywide.

In the race for U.S. senator, 73 percent of Beacon Hill voters

supported incumbent Democrat Elizabeth Warren (4,630 votes) in her bid for her second term while 23 and 4 percent of the neighborhood voters cast their ballots for Republican Geoff Diehl (1,400 votes) and Independent Shiva Ayyadurai (244 votes), respectively. Citywide, 80 percent of voters supported Warren (176,305 votes) while Diehl trailed with 17 percent (36,977 votes) and Ayyadurai with 2 percent (5,427 votes).

Around 80 percent of Beacon Hill voters supported Secretary of State Bill Galvin (3,438 votes), helping the Democrat secure his bid for a sixth term, while Republican Anthony Amore (645 votes) garnered 15 percent of the neighborhood ballot and Green-Rainbow candidate Juan Sanchez (242 votes) received 4 percent. Citywide, 83 percent of voters supported Galvin (176,033 votes) while Amore and Sanchez trailed

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Thanksgiving DEADLINES

The Beacon Hill Times Deadline is Friday, November 16th.

We will publish Wednesday, Nov. 21

The office will be closed on Thanksgiving Day
November 22nd and Friday, November 23rd

Thank You



EDITORIAL

THE MORE WOMEN, THE BETTER

Say what you will about the state of politics in our country these days, one thing that is undeniable is that Americans have become more engaged in the political process than at any time in our recent history.

The recent election of scores of women, of diverse backgrounds, to public office has signified that men no longer will be running the show.

This is a good thing, not only for women, but also for men -- and by extension, for our entire nation and the world -- because when those who control our democratic institutions reflect the make-up of those whom they are serving, the end result will be policies that benefit all Americans, in all our diversity, rather than just the few.

It took the current political environment to wake us up from our complacency.

We look forward to our new Congress and trust that the talented and energetic women who will be serving as our senators and representatives will bring a positive attitude and some meaningful changes to the status quo.

REMEMBER THOSE IN NEED THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

For the vast majority of Americans, the holiday season, which is now upon us is a joyous time when the abundance that life offers is most apparent in a wealthy nation such as ours.

But the sad reality for many of our fellow citizens is that the holiday season brings little, if any, joy. Those who are homeless or who are barely scraping by are in no position to take part in the traditional merriment that makes the holiday season so special and memorable for the rest of us.

So we ask that during this holiday season, those of us who are among the fortunate make a special effort, no matter how small, to do something that will brighten the holidays for those for whom the holiday season brings no joy.

Giving to others is the ultimate gift that we can give to ourselves. Psychologists tell us that being kind and generous to others makes the giver feel good in a way that exceeds any form of self-gratification.

We urge all of our readers to do something, no matter how small -- as simple as a donation to Toys for Tots, the Salvation Army bellringers, local food pantries, to name a few -- to help those who truly are in need this holiday season.



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ship (for example, they already have a year's worth of traditional bags), the store can apply for a waiver. He said ISD looks at every case individually, but if the waiver is granted, it will be for one year only and then the store would be required to comply with the regulations of the ordinance.

Plastic bags will not disappear from Boston overnight, however.

The process will be done in phases, Christopher said, starting with stores that are 20,000 sq. ft. or more on December 14.

On April 1 of next year, it will apply to stores that are 10,000 sq. ft. or more, and by July 1, all stores in the city will be included. At that point, the only thing that is exempt is fairs, bazaars, and charitable and religious organizations, he said.

"We give everyone a time to acclimate and it makes it reasonable for everyone," Christopher said.

The fines for non-compliance with the ordinance are, on first instance, a warning, followed by a \$50 fine for the second offense, and a \$100 fine for the third offense.

Each consecutive offense thereafter in a single calendar year, said Christopher, would also be \$100.

Christopher added that the City is trying to promote reusable bags so they are handing out as many as they can to people in neighborhoods across the city. He said there is a focus on people who are elderly and low-income to make sure they have bags they can use.

"We are working very hard to give them out at civic meetings," he said.

He said he also thinks it's a good idea for business establishments to come up with a way to offer these bags to their customers.

"We got no pushback from

anybody on this," he said. "We're going to every community group in the city."

He said he believes this ordinance is a better step towards being more environmentally friendly, and the overall response has been good so far.

"We are going to be starting an ad campaign in the next week or so," Christopher said, "and we really like the idea of face-to-face discussion [at the community meetings]."

Aside from handing out bags in the community, he and a team have also been explaining the ordinance at different community meetings across the city so people are prepared for this process to start on Dec. 14.

Christopher said the push for reusable bags is very strong—"if everybody does that, we're in great shape."

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| Gold, Cohen | Cohen, Carol F | 234 Beacon St #2A | \$989,000 |
| Chen, Yu | Galizio, Stephen | 235 Beacon St #10 | \$490,000 |
| Appleton 131 LLC | Mcgrath, Edward J | 76-80 Dartmouth St | \$2,200,000 |
| Mercan, Ramazan | Aubuchon, David | 137 Marlborough St #1 | \$825,000 |
| Curley, Timothy J | Hill Constance H Est | 259 Marlborough St #4 | \$530,000 |

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| Wheeler Road RT | Pomerleau, Patricia | 85 E India Row #27C | \$1,500,000 |
| Francisco J Marquez FT | 40 Fleet Ventures LLC | 40-42 Fleet St #3 | \$790,000 |
| Xia, Lu | Gibbons Geoffrey N Est | 449-463 Washington St #7B | \$730,000 |

ATTENTION TO DETAIL

By PENNY CHERUBINO

THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The windows in the last clue are on 81 Joy Street once known as 8 Belknap Street.

The Heritage Guild has placed two plaques on this building noting it as the one time residence of two black abolitionist writers: David Walker (1785-1830) and Maria W. Stewart (1803-1879).

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

Black

THIS WEEK'S CLUE



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COMPASS

Copley Square tree lighting set for Nov. 26

Mayor Martin J. Walsh, the Boston Parks and Recreation Department, and The Friends of Copley Square welcome the holidays with the annual Copley Square Tree Lighting on Monday, Nov. 26, from 5 to 6 p.m.

The free event will feature appearances by Mayor Walsh, NECN's Jenny Johnson, Santa Claus and Rudolph along with musical performances by vocalist Mark "Sing" Robertson, the Boston Children's Chorus, the Boston Pops Brass Quintet, and Berklee College of Music's own Natalie Daniela Castro Diaz.

Light refreshments will be pro-

vided by Drake's Cakes, KIND Snacks, HP Hood LLC, and the dairy farm families of New England and Must Be The Milk. The Fairmont Copley Plaza will host a family reception immediately following for all in attendance. The reception will include cookie decorating, photos with Santa and treats from the Fairmont Copley Plaza.

For additional information, call the Boston Parks and Recreation Department at 617-635-4505. To learn more about The Friends of Copley Square, visit www.friendsofcopleysquare.org.

Gym proposed above Harvard Gardens

By Dan Murphy

REPS Fitness Studio intends to open its third gym above Harvard Gardens at 316 Cambridge St.

Renvil Doman, owner and manager of REFS, which also has locations at 125 Charles St. on Beacon Hill and 781 Centre St. in Jamaica Plain, as well as Beacon Hill Yoga at 57 Phillips St., intends to open the new facility on the second floor of the building at the corner of Cambridge and Grove streets.

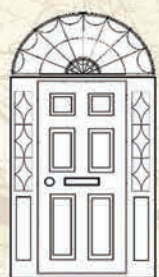
"We just want to keep it simple," Doman said, adding that

the space would be split to two parts to accommodate both indoor cycling and personal fitness simultaneously.

Doman, who received a vote on non-opposition on his application from the Beacon Hill Civic Association Zoning and Licensing Committee last week, is seeking a variance from the city because the Zoning Code that applies to Beacon Hill prohibits any fitness-related use as a "gym/fitness center."

Doman said he has yet to schedule a hearing date with the city's Zoning Board of Appeals to review his application.

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guages of the past and is driven by a spirit akin to the pianist-composers of the 19th century; many of whom principally created and performed their own music. His improvisations with Ms. Turkmenoglu reflected his gift of artistic intuition. The magnificent evening was enjoyed by all!

For more pictures of the event and information about the artists, please visit www.bhcivic.org.

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

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with 11 and 6 percent and 23,088 and 12,717 votes, respectively.

In the race for attorney general, 82 percent of Beacon Hill voters helped Democrat Maura Healey (5,132 votes) earn a second-term victory over GOP challenger Jay McMahon, who garnered 18 percent of the neighborhood ballot with 1,129 votes. Citywide, 86 percent of voters chose Healey (185,636 votes), compared with McMahon, who lagged behind with 14 percent of the ballot (29,021 votes).

Democratic candidate Rachael Rollins garnered 80 percent of ballots cast on Beacon Hill (4,587 votes) while Independent Michael Maloney, trailed with 20 percent and 1,137 votes. Citywide, 81 percent of voters supported Rollins (165,171 votes), compared to Maloney, who received 18 percent of the ballot and 36,944 votes.

On ballot Question 1 - a proposed law that would limit the number of patients who could be assigned to each registered nurse in Massachusetts hospitals and other healthcare facilities - 78 percent of Beacon Hill voters opposed it while 22 percent were in favor (1,492 to 845 votes). Citywide, 64 percent of voters (136,461 ballots cast) opposed the proposed legislation while 36 percent supported it (76,252 votes).

Around 77 percent of Beacon



Photo courtesy of Shohreh Varmeh

Christos Vayenas recites poetry during his piano performance at Evening at Friends House.

with any questions, comments or concerns, or to become a member.

Upcoming BHCA Meetings

Tuesday, November 20: Green Committee Meeting. 6pm. 74 Joy Street.

Other upcoming BHCA Events

Garlands & Greens -

Wednesday, November 14 at Hampshire House (84 Beacon)

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 or call the office (617-227-1922) for more information on any of these events.

Hill voters (4,857 ballots cast) supported Question 2, which, according to the Boston.com, "would create a citizen commission to push a constitutional amendment to overturn the Citizens United v. FEC Supreme Court decision on campaign finance," while 23 percent opposed it (1,339 votes). Citywide, 78 percent of voters were in favor of the proposed legislation (161,821 ballots cast) while 22 percent opposed it (46,325 votes).

Ballot Question 3, which adds gender identity to the list of prohibited grounds for discrimination in places of public accommodation, resort or amusement, was supported by 86 percent of Beacon Hill voters (5,442 ballots cast) while 14 percent opposed it (890 votes). Citywide, nearly 77 percent of voters supported the proposed legislation (167,322 ballots cast) and 23 percent opposed it (51,034 votes).

Upon learning the election results, State Sen. Will Brownsberger, who ran unopposed in the midterms, wrote, "[I'm] really pleased with the 'Yes' vote on Question 3. It means a lot to have such a strong majority standup for civil rights."

State Rep. Jay Livingston, who also ran unopposed in the general election, said, "I am honored to be reelected and look forward to continuing to represent the

8th Suffolk District in the State House...and it wasn't surprising that Elizabeth Warren and Maura Healey, who are both doing such a fantastic job, were so dominant with voters on Beacon Hill."

Livingstone said he was pleased that Beacon Hill voters overwhelmingly chose to uphold civil rights by voting "yes" on Question 3. Regarding Question 2, he said he "look[s] forward to the commission's work to recommend ways to remove dark money from politics."

Rob Whitney, former chair and current member of Boston Ward 5 Democratic Committee, was on hand again at the Ward 5, Precinct 4 polls at the West End branch library and said despite the rain, he hadn't seen such a turnout since Barack Obama defeated John McCain to be elected the 44th President of the U.S. on Nov. 4, 2008.

"National issues are trickling down to the local, ward and precinct levels...and people wanted to vote and have their voices heard," Whitney said. "The polls going into the election didn't suggest there would be any really close races, and I don't think any particular ballot measure was the driver, but all these element came together for a perfect election storm."



Boston's Christmas tree arrives Nov. 20

The annual gift of an evergreen Christmas tree from Nova Scotia will arrive by police escort at Boston Common at approximately 11 a.m. on Tuesday, November 20. This year commemorates 101 years of friendship between Nova Scotia and the people of Boston after our city provided emergency assistance when Halifax, Nova Scotia's capital, was devastated by a wartime explosion in 1917.

Boston's official 2018 Christmas tree is a 46-foot white spruce tree donated by Ross McKellar and Teresa Simpson from Oxford, marking the first time Nova Scotia's annual Christmas tree gift to Boston has come from Cumberland County. The tree will be celebrated at a public cutting ceremony at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 15, and later the tree will stop in Truro and Halifax, Nova Scotia. There will be a final public farewell at Halifax City Hall on November 17 before the tree begins its journey by truck to Boston. In addition, Nova Scotia is donating smaller

trees to Rosie's Place and the Pine Street Inn.

"Our Christmas tree lighting is more than a holiday event, it is a celebration of the lasting bond of friendship between our city and Nova Scotia," said Mayor Martin J. Walsh. "Thanks to Ross and Teresa for providing this gift that will be the centerpiece of our holiday lighting display on Boston Common, taking a place of honor as Boston's official Christmas tree to be enjoyed by residents and visitors alike."

On November 20, the official 2018 Christmas tree will be escorted by the Boston Police Department beginning around 10 a.m. from Billerica via Route 3 South to Route 128 North to Interstate 93 South to Sullivan Square to Rutherford Avenue over the Charlestown bridge and will weave through downtown Boston on North Washington, New Chardon, Cambridge, Tremont, Boylston, and Charles Streets to enter Boston Common at the corner of Beacon and Charles Streets

at approximately 11 a.m.

Boston Parks Commissioner Chris Cook, an official Nova Scotian town crier, Santa Claus, and local schoolchildren will greet the tree at its final destination near the Boston Visitors Center at 139 Tremont Street. The tree will be lit at approximately 7:55 p.m. on Thursday, November 29, as the City of Boston's Official Tree Lighting is celebrated on Boston Common from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The 77th annual Tree Lighting on Boston Common is sponsored by the Boston Parks and Recreation Department, title sponsor The Province of Nova Scotia, Jumbotron sponsor JetBlue, and presenting sponsors Exelon, the Coca-Cola Company, and Bank of America with additional support provided by WCVB-TV Channel 5, Magic 106.7 FM, and the Boston Globe. For further information, please call the Boston Parks and Recreation Department at (617) 635-4505 or visit us on Facebook.



GETTING IN THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT

Photos by Renee Picard Walsh

In preparation for the Beacon Hill Stroll on Dec. 6, two 7-year-olds, Connor Keyes and Hutch Walsh, thought they would revamp the color of the tree stand that holds the Christmas tree. This year, the tree stand will look a bit more polished based on the efforts of these young lads, and with special thanks to Charles Street Supply for donating the Green Monster paint.

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Instructors in Training: Alfonzo Morel, John Recroft, Adam Larzelere, and Leyla Abarca Gresh.

Community Boating Inc. (CBI) has been offering sailing and water sports to children and adults in the Greater Boston area for more than 70 years, and on Nov. 7, members celebrated the 28th Annual Raise the Sails Gala. The fundraiser at the Liberty Hotel featured live and silent auctions to benefit the Junior and Universal Access Programs.

Sanofi Genzyme was presented The Helmsman Award in recognition of its generous support for more than a decade, having served 2,500 sailors with disabilities in partnership with the Department of Conservation and Recreation.

"The mission of Community Boating is 'Sailing for All,'" said John Bates, president, Board of Directors. "It's a simple statement and a powerful message of access to the joys of sailing and water activities, regardless of age, financial means, or ability."



Mark Landis and Karyn Bruchick, with Jennifer and Tim Parmenter.



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The Peanuts gang comes to the Shubert Theatre

Special to the Times

Just in time for the holiday season, the Peanuts gang will be coming to the Boch Center Shubert Theatre from November 29 – December 2, 2018 for A Charlie Brown Christmas Live On Stage. Tickets are on sale and can be purchased at the Boch Center Box Office, online at www.bochcenter.org, or by phone: 866.348.9738.

A Charlie Brown Christmas Live On Stage is a fresh take on the timeless classic that gives the audience a completely new way of experiencing the storyline as portrayed by real actors who maintain the integrity and spirit of each Peanuts character.

This Emmy and Peabody award-winning story by Charles M. Schulz has been a longstanding tradition, warming the hearts of millions of fans since it first aired on television over 50 years ago. Now, the live on stage adaptation

of the classic animated television special brings all your favorite characters to life - all set to the unforgettable sounds of the Vince Guaraldi musical score.

A Charlie Brown Christmas Live On Stage encompasses each of your favorite scenes from the original animated television show. It even expands the storyline into greater detail with more fun, more music, more finding the true Christmas spirit. This Peanuts Experience also includes an intermission and, after the final bow, the show crescendos into a celebration of song as the audience is invited to join the Peanuts gang in singing Christmas favorites.

So, join Charlie Brown, Snoopy, Lucy, Linus and the rest of the Peanuts gang in their journey to uncover the true meaning of Christmas.

Ticket Information:

Tickets start at \$38 and can be purchased at the Boch Center Box

Office, online at www.bochcenter.org, or by phone: 866.348.9738

About the Boch Center:

The Boch Center is one of the nation's leading nonprofit performing arts institutions and a guardian of the historic Wang and Shubert Theatres. As New England's largest cultural venue, the Boch Center is home to theater, classical and popular music, dance, comedy, opera, Broadway musicals, family entertainment, and more.

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FRIENDS OF THE MASS GENERAL CANCER CENTER HOSTS ANNUAL FALL BENEFIT

On Friday, Nov. 2, The Friends of the Mass General Cancer Center hosted its annual fall benefit, Couture for Cancer Care, and brought Mass General Cancer Center caregivers and their patients together to showcase runway looks and celebrate survivorship and hope.

The Friends of the Mass General Cancer Center are volunteers who raise funds to bridge exceptional medical and supportive cancer care through innovative programs that promote whole-person healing.

Susan Barry and Sylvia Fernández-del Castillo co-chaired the evening of 400 guests at the Boston Park Plaza Hotel, which raised close to \$300,000 to fund a wide range of supportive care services, all of which are provided to cancer patients and families at no cost.

The highlight of the evening was the fashion show, where Mass General Cancer Center caregivers accompanied their patients—the models—down the runway. Local TV and radio personality Billy Costa emceed with David P.

Ryan, MD, Clinical Director, Mass General Cancer Center and Chief, Division of Hematology/Oncology. Partners Details and Goods, Cole Haan, Vineyard Vines and Mr. Sid provided the looks, while DJ Deja delivered the music, reflecting the cancer stories of each patient model.

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CALENDAR

THE DEADLINE FOR LISTING EVENTS IS THE TUESDAY BEFORE PUBLICATION. CALL 617-523-9490 OR FAX 617-523-8668 OR EMAIL EDITOR@BEACONHILLTIMES.COM

THURSDAY, NOV. 15

EVENT, “Deciding about Driving as We Grow Older,” AARP offices, One Beacon St., 23rd floor, 1:30-3:30 p.m., registration required for access to building, call BHV at 617.723.9713 to register and for more information

SATURDAY, NOV. 17 - SUNDAY, NOV. 18

EVENT, 16th annual Beacon Hill Holiday Fine Art and Craft, Hill House (the old Firehouse), 127 Mt. Vernon St., 10 a.m.-5 p.m., admission: free, visit [HYPERLINK "http://fineartists.boston/beacon-hill-holiday-show"](http://fineartists.boston/beacon-hill-holiday-show) fineartists.boston for complete information on participating artists and directions to the site

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://churchonthehill-](http://churchonthehill-)

boston.org/ \t "_blank" <http://churchonthehillboston.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

EVENT, Beacon Hill Business Association’s Beacon Hill Holiday Stroll, 6-9 p.m.

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

Red Cross issues immediate call for blood and platelet donations

The American Red Cross is facing a severe blood shortage and urgently needs blood and platelet donors to give now to avoid delays in lifesaving medical care for patients. Volunteer blood drive hosts are also critically needed to prevent the shortage from worsening this winter.

During September and October, the Red Cross collected over 21,000 fewer blood and platelet donations than what hospitals needed. Blood donors of all blood types, especially type O, and platelet donors are urged to make an appointment to donate at RedCrossBlood.org or by calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Fewer blood drives in September and October coupled with hurricanes Michael and Florence, which caused thousands of blood and platelet donations to go uncollected, were key contributing factors to the current blood shortage.

“This time of year, as many give thanks for family, friends and good health, it’s important to remember that patients across the country cannot survive without your generosity,” said Cliff Numark, senior vice president, Red Cross Biomedical Services. “From traumas to ongoing cancer treatments, the need for blood doesn’t stop for the holidays. People can give back – and help those in need – by making a lifesaving blood or platelet donation now and hosting a blood drive in the weeks to come.”

An additional 4,300 blood drives nationally – and approximately 175 blood drives in Massachusetts – are needed in December, January and February to help stop the shortage from

continuing throughout winter. Donations often decline during the winter holidays when many groups postpone blood drives while regular donors are busy with holiday activities and travel. Severe winter weather may also cause blood drive cancellations contributing to fewer donations than needed.

To encourage donations around the Thanksgiving holiday, those who come to donate blood or platelets with the Red Cross Nov. 21-24 will receive a long-sleeved Red Cross T-shirt, while supplies last.

HOW TO HELP

Eligible donors can find a blood or platelet donation opportunity and schedule an appointment to donate by using the free Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Donation appointments and completion of a RapidPass, are encouraged to help speed up the donation process. RapidPass lets donors complete the pre-donation reading and answer the health history questionnaire online, on the day of their donation, from the convenience of a mobile device or computer, or through the Blood Donor App.

Those interested in hosting a blood drive can learn more and sign up to sponsor a drive this winter, by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/HostADrive.

Who blood donations help

Kylee Durham, 11, had a rare type of vascular tumor in her right jaw bone. When the tumor ruptured in August, the hemorrhage caused Kylee to lose so much blood that she needed two units of blood before an emergency

embolization surgery to stop the bleeding. She required additional transfusions during surgery and received a total of eight units of blood, or about the total blood volume of an average adult, over a 12-hour period.

The surgery was successful, and Kylee had a partial resection of her jaw a couple of days after the embolization to remove the tumor. Now a few months post-surgery, Kylee is back at home, enjoying middle school and spending time doing the things she loves. Her mother, Brittany Durham, is grateful for the donors who helped save Kylee’s life.

“If it weren’t for blood donors, my daughter would not be alive. She nearly lost all of her blood. Blood donors saved her life,” said Durham. “My dad has been a blood donor for years, and my whole family now are blood donors in honor of Kylee. I encourage people on a daily basis to go out and donate blood.”

Upcoming blood donation opportunities through Dec. 15 in Boston are at the following locations:

11/16/2018: 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., Boston University Medical School, Medical School Building, 715 Albany St.

11/16/2018: 8:45 a.m. - 3:45 p.m., Boston Blood Donation Center, 274 Tremont Street

11/17/2018: 8:15 a.m. - 3:15 p.m., Boston Blood Donation Center, 274 Tremont Street

11/18/2018: 8:15 a.m. - 3:15 p.m., Boston Blood Donation Center, 274 Tremont Street

11/19/2018: 12:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m., Boston Blood Donation Center, 274 Tremont Street

11/20/2018: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Suffolk Law School, 120 Tremont Street

11/20/2018: 12:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m., Boston Blood Donation Center, 274 Tremont Street

11/21/2018: 12:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m., Boston Blood Donation Center, 274 Tremont Street

11/22/2018: 8:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m., Boston Blood Donation Center, 274 Tremont Street

11/23/2018: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Beth Israel - East Campus, 330 Brookline Avenue

11/23/2018: 8:45 a.m. - 3:45 p.m., Boston Blood Donation Center, 274 Tremont Street

11/24/2018: 8:15 a.m. - 3:15 p.m., Boston Blood Donation Center, 274 Tremont Street

11/25/2018: 8:15 a.m. - 3:15 p.m., Boston Blood Donation Center, 274 Tremont Street

11/26/2018: 12:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m., Boston Blood Donation Center, 274 Tremont Street

11/26/2018: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Back Bay Events Center, 200 Berkeley St.

11/27/2018: 12:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m., Boston Blood Donation Center, 274 Tremont Street

11/28/2018: 12:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m., Boston Blood Donation Center, 274 Tremont Street

11/29/2018: 12:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m., Boston Blood Donation Center, 274 Tremont Street

11/29/2018: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Two Seaport Lane, Two Seaport Lane

11/29/2018: 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Transportation Building, 10 Park Plaza

11/30/2018: 8:45 a.m. - 3:45 p.m., Boston Blood Donation Center, 274 Tremont Street

12/1/2018: 8:15 a.m. - 3:15 p.m., Boston Blood Donation Center, 274 Tremont Street

12/2/2018: 8:15 a.m. - 3:15 p.m., Boston Blood Donation Center, 274 Tremont Street

12/3/2018: 12:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m., Boston Blood Donation Center, 274 Tremont Street

12/4/2018: 12:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m., Boston Blood Donation Center, 274 Tremont Street

12/5/2018: 12:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m., Boston Blood Donation Center, 274 Tremont Street

12/6/2018: 12:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m., Boston Blood Donation Center, 274 Tremont Street

12/7/2018: 8:45 a.m. - 3:45 p.m., Boston Blood Donation Center, 274 Tremont Street

12/8/2018: 8:15 a.m. - 3:15 p.m., Boston Blood Donation Center, 274 Tremont Street

12/9/2018: 8:15 a.m. - 3:15 p.m., Boston Blood Donation Center, 274 Tremont Street

12/10/2018: 12:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m., Boston Blood Donation Center, 274 Tremont Street

12/11/2018: 12:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m., Boston Blood Donation Center, 274 Tremont Street

12/12/2018: 12:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m., Boston Blood Donation Center, 274 Tremont Street

12/13/2018: 12:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m., Boston Blood Donation Center, 274 Tremont Street

12/14/2018: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Boston City Hall Plaza, Boston City Hall

12/14/2018: 8:45 a.m. - 3:45 p.m., Boston Blood Donation Center, 274 Tremont Street

12/15/2018: 8:15 a.m. - 3:15 p.m., Boston Blood Donation Center, 274 Tremont Street

NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDUP

'Deciding About Driving as We Grow Older'

Are you worried about your driving abilities or are you getting hassled by others about handing over your car keys?

Beacon Hill Village invites the public to a presentation about how you can develop objective information, based on expert assessments of many drivers, that will help you decide whether your driving is just fine, no longer safe, or somewhere in between. Experts from AARP and Beth Israel's renowned DriveWise program will detail driving assessment techniques, take your questions, and suggest how to use their services. Beacon Hill Village staff will discuss other transportation options when driving is no longer an option. This program, which is part of Beacon Hill Village's Living Well/Ending Well series, will be at the AARP offices, One Beacon St., 23rd floor, on Thursday, Nov. 15, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Registration is required to ensure access to the building. Call BHV at 617-723-9713 to register.

Beacon Hill Holiday Fine Art and Craft Sale returns Nov. 17 and 18

The 16th annual Beacon Hill Holiday Fine Art and Craft Sale returns on Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 17 and 18, with local visual artists and fine artisans selling a variety of hand-crafted holiday gift items at Hill House (the old Firehouse), 127 Mt. Vernon St., from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The event provides a unique holiday shopping experience, offering one-of-a-kind jewelry, ceramics, photography, hand-

made baby items and table linens, holiday cards, paintings, and more. It features award-winning local artists, including potters, jewelers, painters, photographers, and fiber artisans who create original, handcrafted work. Admission is free, and Hill House is handicap- and stroller-accessible.

There are a limited number of metered parking spaces along Charles and Cambridge streets. The closest public parking garage is the Boston Common Garage. For complete information on participating artists and directions to the site, visit fineartists.boston.

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 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.

'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 "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 churchonthehillboston.org.

Peanuts gang coming to Boch Center Shubert Theatre

Just in time for the holiday season, the Peanuts gang will be coming to the Boch Center Shubert Theatre from Nov. 29 through Dec. 2 for "A Charlie Brown Christmas Live On Stage." Tickets are on sale and can be purchased at the Boch Center Box Office, online at www.bochcenter.org, or by phone: 866-348-9738.

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 Night." Refreshments will be served.

Call 617-523-3957 for more information.

Beacon Hill Holiday Stroll returns Dec. 6

The Beacon Hill Business Association presents the Beacon Hill Holiday Stroll on Thursday, Dec. 6, from 6 to 9 p.m.

The annual holiday celebration includes Pictures with Santa at Hill House from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., and the tree-lighting at Charles and Mt. Vernon streets at 7 p.m.; performances by the Back Bay Ringers, a brass quartet and the King's Chapel carolers; and complimentary horse-drawn carriage rides.

Hidden Gallery Holiday Art Show

The Hidden Gallery at 25 Myrtle St. will hold its Holiday Art Show on Saturdays and Sundays, Dec. 8 and 9, and Dec. 15 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.

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.

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.

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 (click on "music.")

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

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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Vandalism

10/29/18 - A male suspect was arrested at around 1:02 a.m. at Charles and Boylston streets on the Boston Common. The suspect allegedly climbed a city light-pole and began punching the plastic lens cover, causing it to break. The suspect was transported to Area A-1 headquarters and booked for

vandalism to city property.

Vandalism

10/31/18 - The victim reported vandalism to her 2004 VW Golf, which was parked on Phillips Street between 5 p.m. on Oct. 30 and 8 a.m. the next day, including a broken front windshield and minor scratches to the vehicle.

NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDUP

'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.

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 Grades 3 to 7.

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 a well organized program.

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 (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, 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 for more information.

West End Food Pantry seeking donations

The West End Food Pantry needs help to continue serving its more than 120 clients per month. They welcome donations to replenish the supply of food that they give out to hungry residents in the neighborhood.

The pantry is located in the West End Branch of the Boston Public Library and is staffed by volunteers from ABCD's North End/West End Neighborhood Service Center. Non-perishable (canned and boxed) items are being sought, including rice, pasta, canned tuna, canned chicken, chili, beans, vegetables, cereal, soups, cup of noodles, etc.

Donations can be left at the library, 151 Cambridge St., on Monday through Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday from noon to 8 p.m. and Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Volunteers needed for hot meal program

The North End/West End Neighborhood Service Center (NE/WE NSC), located at 1 Michelangelo St., serves a hot, fresh, home-cooked lunch to seniors in the neighborhood Mondays and Fridays, and is looking for two volunteers to help with shopping, food preparation, cooking, serving and clean-up. The non-profit providing services and programs to low-income residents of the North End, West End and Beacon Hill is looking for volunteers who can assist with the whole meal from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on a Monday and/or Friday, but can make arrangements to fit your schedule.

Contact Maria Stella Gulla, director, at 617-523-8125, ext. 201, via e-mail at maria.stella.gulla@bostonabcd.org for more information.

Introduction to laptops, eReaders and iPads at the West End Branch Library

The West End Branch of the Boston Public Library, 151

Cambridge St., offers an introduction to laptops, eReaders and iPads by appointment only. Get the most out of your eReader or Laptop. Receive tips and guidance during these one-on-one sessions. Call Branch Librarian, Helen Bender at 617-523-3957 or e-mail hbender@bpl.org to set up an appointment.

Yoga for seniors at the West End Branch Library

The West End Branch of the Boston Public Library, 151 Cambridge St., presents yoga for seniors every Tuesday from 2:45 to 3:30 p.m. Classes are led by Tatiana Nekrasova, a certified yoga instructor.

Volunteer at Spaulding Rehab

Stay active, meet new people and be connected with your community by volunteering at Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital. Staff members will match your skills and interests to a volunteer opportunity. The hospital is currently recruiting volunteers, ages 18 and up, for two- to three-hour-a-week shifts for a minimum of six to 12 months commitment. Visit www.spauldingnetwork.org for more information.

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AN EMERALD EVENING FOR EMERALD NECKLACE CONSERVANCY

On November 8, the Emerald Necklace Conservancy honored former Board member and long-time volunteer and supporter Janet Atkins with the Olmsted Award of Excellence. The event was held at the Museum of Fine Arts' Koch Gallery, which neighbors on the Emerald Necklace, with over 180 members of Conservancy leadership, civic leaders, the honoree's friends and family, and representatives from Boston Parks and Recreation Department and Brookline Parks and Open Space Division joining in celebrating Atkins' many accomplishments for the Emerald Necklace, the Conservancy, and Boston's greenspace. From the restoration of the Kelleher Rose Garden fountain and statuary in the Back Bay Fens, leading the Conservancy in the creation and implementation of its first-ever integrated Emerald Necklace tree management plan, to founding the Heritage Tree Program to provide support for mature trees in the Emerald Necklace, Atkins has encouraged strategic growth and long-term vision for the Conservancy across a range of areas in her many years of volunteer involvement.

Janet delivered inspiring remarks to the group in her Olmsted Award of Excellence acceptance speech: "I want to see these 1100 acres gain their rightful place as the truly world-class park that Frederick Law Olmsted envisioned. The

Emerald Necklace we strive for will be a 21st century vision of the 19th century park, but if it holds Olmsted's promise of providing those 'feelings of enhanced freedom' to the users, and the sustainability principles he forwarded, we can ensure a park and a green future for Boston of which we can all be proud. I am counting on all of you, each of you, to do your part."



Gerry Wright and Leo Swift.

Named for America's first landscape architect and designer of the Emerald Necklace Frederick Law Olmsted, the Olmsted Award of Excellence biennially honors an individual or organization who demonstrates an unwavering determination to carry out Olmsted's vision and commitment to urban parks. The award was presented to park supporter and advocate, Sarah Freeman, in 2013, former



Lianne and Alexander Leventhal.



Director of External Relations and Development of Emerald Necklace Conservancy Veronika Trufanova and board members Lee Moreau and Marjorie Greville.

Governor Michael Dukakis in 2014, and Emerald Necklace Conservancy Board President Ben Taylor in 2016. Proceeds from An Emerald Evening support the work of the Emerald Necklace



President of MFA Matthew Teitelbaum at An Emerald Evening for Emerald Necklace Conservancy.

Conservancy, which focuses on capital improvements, advocacy, and public programs in Boston's historic Emerald Necklace parks.



Olmsted Award of Excellence honoree Janet Atkins and Emerald Necklace Conservancy Board Chair Ben Taylor.



Tarleton Watkins II, Alan Leventhal, Olmsted Award of Excellence honoree Janet Atkins, Sherry Leventhal.



Chief, Environment, Energy, and Open Space and Commissioner of Parks and Recreation Christopher Cook, President of Emerald Necklace Conservancy Karen Mauney-Brodek, Olmsted Award of Excellence honoree Janet Atkins, Parks and Open Space Director of Brookline Erin Gallentine, Emerald Necklace Conservancy Board Chair Ben Taylor.



Board members Ellie Chu Cornish and Julie Hume Gordon with Tedd and Ella Saunders at An Emerald Evening for Emerald Necklace Conservancy.



THANKSGIVING DAY TRASH COLLECTION

There is no collection on Thursday, November 22, 2018.

For neighborhoods with two collections a week on Mondays and Thursdays, Thursday is **canceled**. There is no delay in Charlestown.

In all other sections of the City including South Boston, collection will be delayed one day.

For more info visit: **boston.gov**