



THE BEACON HILL TIMES

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VNA CARE'S HEROES IN HEALTH CARE RAISES \$250,000



VNA Care recently honored industry leaders while raising more than \$250,000 at the 13th annual Heroes in Health Care Gala at the Mandarin Oriental, Boston. The Gala is VNA Care's signature fundraising event and has raised millions in essential funding for home health care. Rami Karjian of Medically Home, a Patron Sponsor of the Gala; Kimberly Nelson, Chief Legal Officer at Atrius Health; Dr. Joe Kimura, Chief Medical Officer of Atrius Health; and Dr. Amanda Beacom. See more photos on Pages 6 and 7.

BEACON HILL CIVIC ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY CORNER

Garlands & Greens

Beacon Hill Holiday Decorating 2018-2019 got off to a great start last week at our Garlands & Greens cocktail party fundraiser at the Hampshire House. Many thanks to all who attended.

The Beacon Hill Civic Association would also like to acknowledge our local businesses for their support and donations to the Garlands & Greens fundraiser: Mr. Tom Kershaw and Hampshire House, XV Beacon, Beacon Hill Hotel & Bistro, The Liberty Hotel, Bin 26 Enoteca, Beacon Hill

Chocolates, Rouvalis Flowers & Gardens, Linens on the Hill, Tip Tap Room, Benefit Cosmetics, LexRx, Bacardi, NRO Sports, Savenors, and DeLuca's Market. Your generous donations will help to beautify Beacon Hill once again for the holidays. Many thanks as well to our members and neighbors who have responded to our pole sponsorship mailing. Your support is critical! If you have not responded, please send your sponsorship today.

Holiday Decorating

Come with friends and neighbors to the Otis House, 141 Cambridge St. on Saturday, Dec. 1, from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., to help assemble the garlands needed to decorate the 1,100 gas lamps on Beacon Hill. At 2 p.m., gather at our new meeting place between Tatte and Peet's to help decorate Charles Street. On Sunday, Dec. 2, volunteers can meet there as well to help decorate the rest of the hill. Kids are welcome! Come anytime and stay as long as you can, and

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2017 Holiday Decorators at the Otis House. L-R Kjerstan Fonzi, Regan O'Malley, Meredith Braunstein, Annabel Kupke, and Amy Tsurumi.

'Holiday Stroll' returns Dec. 6

By Dan Murphy

One of the neighborhood's most anticipated annual events, the "Beacon Hill Holiday Stroll" returns Thursday, Dec. 6.

"The Beacon Hill Business Association is excited to present the Beacon Hill Holiday Stroll again for the 16th year, with many returning crowd-pleasers, including the Back Bay Ringers, the Brass Quartet, the Apollo Club, Kings Chapel carolers and everyone's favorite - the complimentary horse-drawn carriage rides by Bridal Carriage Co., Inc.," said Lucy Grogan, who serves as co-president of the organization alongside Ali Ringenburg.

Both sides on the five blocks of Charles Street between Cambridge and Beacon streets

will be closed to vehicles from 6 to 9 p.m., clearing the way for holiday shoppers to visit neighborhood restaurants, shops and businesses while enjoying free snacks and refreshments. Santa Claus will in attendance for the 7 p.m. tree-lighting at Mt. Vernon and Charles streets, at which time the winners of the annual Charles Street Storefront Decorating Competition will be announced and presented with certificates.

"The Joint Charles Street Committee is looking forward to conducting the contest and award first, second and third places to deserving business who have creatively enhance and beautify Charles Street during the 2018 holiday season," said

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Trustees President and CEO Barbara Erickson with Amos Hostetter at 127th Annual Meeting

Hostnetter receives Charles Elliot Conservationist of the Year Award

The Trustees of Reservations (The Trustees) recently honored Amos B. Hostetter, Jr. with its prestigious Charles Eliot Conservationist of the Year Award at the nonprofit's 127th Annual Meeting held in the State Room in Boston.

Hostetter has been a friend and supporter of The Trustees

for many years, serving as a Corporate Trustee since 1991, and as a longtime member of the Nantucket Property Committee. He is a passionate advocate for conservation, the environment, arts, and education in Boston

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EDITORIAL

CLIMATE CHANGE IS HAPPENING NOW

The report released last Friday by 13 U.S. government agencies concurring in an assessment that the effects of climate change will result in a 10 percent decline in the U.S. gross national product and the loss of \$1 trillion in real estate by the year 2100 is sobering -- if not depressing -- and should be a wake-up call to our elected officials to take action immediately to lead the world in reversing the effects of man-made contributions to climate change.

The U.S. report comes on the heels of a similar study released by the United Nations two months previously that essentially stated that we are reaching a point of no return with climate change -- that even if the goals set by the Paris accords (from which the U.S. withdrew) are met, they probably are not sufficient to halt the deterioration in our environment and the negative effects of climate change.

In addition, there were two big stories in the New York Times this weekend about climate issues.

The first story detailed the ever-increasing use of coal in third world countries such as Vietnam, India, and Pakistan to generate electricity. Coal production is a dying industry in the U.S. and other Western nations, but its low price and availability in third world countries, including China, has made it the fuel of choice in the undeveloped world.

Even those who refuse to accept the science of climate change will admit that coal plants contribute greatly to air and water pollution -- and the multitude of new plants in Asia will have effects on our country even from half a world away.

The second story pointed out that the palm oil industry is destroying the rain-forests in Indonesia -- with the result that 35 times more carbon is being released into the world's atmosphere than from all other sources combined.

We don't pretend to be experts on anything, but, to paraphrase Bob Dylan, we don't need a scientist to tell us which way our climate is heading.

The evidence of the past 12 years of unprecedented climate events: Superstorms Katrina, Sandy, Harvey, Maria, and Michael; the past few years of destructive wild fires in California; the loss of sea ice in the Arctic; and the destruction of coral reefs because of warming ocean temperatures -- is right in front of us and brought into our living rooms almost on a daily basis.

Hopefully, the ubiquity of these catastrophic climate events is not numbing us into a sense of unreality such that we fail to see the big picture.

A report prepared by scientists hired by the oil industry in the 1960s predicted that carbon dioxide emissions would cause global warming with catastrophic effects -- and a study commissioned a decade later by none other than Exxon confirmed those findings.

In our view, climate change is happening faster than even the worst-case scenarios of the past and present have predicted -- and with the window to take action rapidly closing, we are not optimistic about the fate of our planet.



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and beyond through his work as co-founder and trustee of the Barr Foundation, which also seeks solutions to protect Boston's waterfront from the increasing threats of our changing climate. Through his work with the Barr Foundation, he has also been a supporter of The Trustees' One Waterfront Initiative designed to seek and create climate resilient, accessible open spaces and parks along Boston's vulnerable waterfront.

"We were honored to celebrate Amos Hostetter for his incredible legacy of leadership and advocacy around conservation and climate action in Boston and beyond," says Trustees President and CEO Barbara Erickson. "His long-term vision to create a vibrant, livable, and environmentally healthy city and resilient waterfront is awe-inspiring. We are grateful for his tireless dedication, contributions, and commitment."

Hostetter is also the current chairman and CEO of Pilot House Associates, LLC. He co-founded Continental Cablevision in 1963 where he served as its chairman and CEO from 1980 to 1996. During his tenure there, he grew the company to become the third largest company in the cable television business. Renamed Media One in 1996 when acquired by US West, it was subsequently sold to AT&T, then to Comcast. During his cable years, Hostetter served on the National Cable Television Association board and as its chairman from 1973 to 1974. He was a founding direc-

tor and chairman of C-SPAN and of Cable in the Classroom, and a founder of Cable Labs. He has been inducted into the Broadcasting Hall of Fame, the Cable Television Hall of Fame, and the Cable TV Pioneers in recognition of his leadership and contributions to the field.

Hostetter has given tirelessly of his time and expertise, serving on multiple boards throughout his career and lifetime, including the boards of the Children's Television Workshop (Sesame Street) to which he was appointed by President Ford and the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. He has also served on the boards of Colonial Williamsburg Society, Nantucket Conservation Foundation, New England Medical Center, Museum of Fine Arts Boston, Perkins School for the Blind, North Bennet Street School, and Belmont Hill School.

He is currently chair emeritus of the boards of Amherst College and WGBH and currently co-chairs, with Boston Mayor Walsh, the Green Ribbon Commission, a council of leaders convened by former Boston Mayor Menino to advise on and help advance the City's Climate Action Plan. He is also a member of the American Academy of Arts & Sciences.

He holds a bachelor's degree from Amherst College and an M.B.A. from Harvard Business School, which recognized him with an Alumni Achievement Award in 1994.

Each year, The Trustees rec-

ognizes an individual or organization that has made a significant impact to conservation in Massachusetts with the prestigious Charles Eliot Award. Charles Eliot, a landscape architect and protégé of Frederick Law Olmsted, founded The Trustees in response to the effects of growing populations and industrialization on Boston residents. At the time, Boston was losing its open space as the nation's fourth largest manufacturing center with plants and factories springing up everywhere and consuming farmland, countryside, riverfronts, and even historic sites. As Boston's population swelled and living conditions were deplorable, Eliot had the radical idea to set aside land for country parks that would provide fresh air, scenic beauty, and opportunities for quiet repose -- antidotes to the ills of urban life. In a letter dated March 5, 1890 to the editor of Garden and Forest--Eliot outlined a "scheme" to save some of the "finest bits of natural scenery near Boston," for the "delight [of] many future generations." His letter became the catalyst for a movement that convinced the Massachusetts State Legislature to establish, just one year later (Chapter 352 of the Acts of 1891), a unique statewide organization "for the purposes of acquiring, holding, maintaining and opening to the public ... beautiful and historic places ... within the Commonwealth." Thus, The Trustees of (Public) Reservations was created.

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BUYER 1 BACK BAY

Bai, Xiao
Barkley Deveopment LLC
Gauthier, Naomi
Oneil, Patricia
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Tumas, Alison W

SELLER 1

Wilson, Paul C
398 Unit 1A Beacon St RT
66 Clarendon Street 4 T
Fish-Crane, Melissa
Glocker, Rudolph K
24 Marlborough St LLC

ADDRESS

127 Beacon St #51
398 Beacon St #1A
66 Clarendon St #4
48 Commonwealth Ave #1C
2 Marlborough St #5
24 Marlborough St #3

PRICE

\$875,000
\$3,000,000
\$1,260,000
\$1,080,000
\$1,565,000
\$2,040,000

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55 Chesnut St T
Tuwaijri, Feda A
Sehizadeh, Mina

Amy J Corcoran 2005 RET
Oneil, Angelique
Richards, Alec

55 Chestnut St
145 Pinckney St #332
110 Riverway #3

\$6,900,000
\$615,000
\$650,000

SOUTH END/KENMORE/BAY VILLAGE

Bohling RT 2018
MVC 119 Berkeley LLC
Cetingoz-Memis, Yasemin
Weatherly, Jimin V
Scarafoni, Dean
Guan, Yuzhou
Sun, Wei
Hong Liu NT
Weissman, Samuel
Lucht, David
Hanson, Elyse N
Midha, Monica
Bluestone, Barry
Kameswaram, Niranjan
Scarafoni, Dean
Wei, Guo W
Westland Partners LLC
Kang, Jiayi
Currie, Mark
Champney Place LLC
Casinelli, Peter
Osullivan, Daniel
Herman, Matthew S
Tobin, Sheila L
Dubuque, Elise

Forest, Gilbert
119 Berkeley LLC
Churilla, Allison A
Townhouse Studios LLC
Foster, Lauren
Anderson, Colby
Adams, Wayne L
Leighton, Harry J
Pavel, Michael
Nelson, Ryan
Kilroy, James J
Berry, Richard
Murphy St Botolph LLC
Lagoyda, Robert
Foster, Lauren
Gunay, B Gokhan
Asbell, Heather
Point Condo LLC
Point Condo LLC
1-4 Champney Place LLC
Goldstein, Marc D
Donnelly, Stephen
Simpson, Luke E
Wadsworth Village LLC
Falla, Jacqueline A

100 Appleton St #1
119 Berkeley St
29 Fayette St #1-2
15 Garrison St #2
231 W Newton St #4
473 Beacon St #1R
188 Brookline Ave #24H
4 Charlesgate E #402
1-3 Claremont Park #4
7 Concord Sq #1
99 E Brookline St #1
2 Rollins St #D603
142 Saint Botolph St #1
30 Union Park St #304
231 W Newton St #4
43 Westland Ave #503
43 Westland Ave #505
188 Brookline Ave #27G
188 Brookline Ave #PH28D
1 Champney Pl
1-3 Claremont Park #6
410 Columbus Ave #1
50 Dwight St #2
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3 Hanson St #1

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WATERFRONT/DOWNTOWN

Acheampong, Daniel
Kieffer, William H
Scerbo, Richard A
Shared RT
Macmurray, Kevin P
MT Unit 1703 NT
Yuan, Feng
Grant, James G
Memorial Properties LLC
Balson, Melora M
Kirby, Robert L
85 East India 26G NT
4 Palms Of Indian Creek
W&M Construction LLC

Locke, Deborah E
Ghassan S Salameh RET
Keches, George N
Chen, Jinya
Demayov, Christopher B
Hsu, Han-Fei
Mullings, Arrol
757 Washington Street
Filmore, Lauren
Falzone, Michael
Ciccone, Mark M
Katsman, Alexander
Chutichetpong, Sethanan
Hudson Street RT

717 Atlantic Ave #6D
1 Avery St #22A
1 Avery St #27A
3 Avery St #906
37 Fleet St #4
1 Franklin St #1703
1 Nassau St #1508
757 Washington St #2
464 Commonwealth Ave #38
300 Commercial St #603
357 Commercial St #809
85 E India Row #26G
1 Franklin St #2304
5-9 Hudson St #B

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ATTENTION TO DETAIL

BY PENNY CHERUBINO

THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The structure shown in a 1914 photo as a clue last week was on the Boston Common. It was a National Weather Service Weather Kiosk. In 1933 the NWS sold the structure to meteorologist Maurice Gilbert for \$1. He convinced the parks department to allow him to keep it in place if he took on the task of updating the information provided.

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

THIS WEEK'S CLUE



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Navigating you home.

COMPASS

Santa goes to the dogs for holiday pet photos on Sunday

By Dan Murphy

What better is there to get into the holiday spirit than to have your dog photographed with Santa Claus?

In partnership with the Friends of the Public Garden and the Unit Realty Group of Boston, Infinity Portrait Design will be offering "Happy Howlidays," pet photos with Santa on Sunday, Dec. 2, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at its 59 Beacon St. studio. There is a suggested donation of \$20, with proceeds benefiting Common Canine – the off-leash dog program on the Boston Common that falls under the auspices of the Friends group. All participants will receive a complimentary photos session and holiday photo, with additional photo packages available for purchase, said Annie Landry of Infinity Portrait Design.

Susan Symonds, owner of Infinity Portrait Design, said the Common Canine's mission hits

particularly close to home, since her two dogs – Teagan, 14-year-old Golden retriever, and Talula, a rescue puppy – are constant fixtures in the studio and around the neighborhood.

"Walking my dogs on the Common is a great stress reducer...so it's great to give back to the Friends because we use the park [for that purpose] every day," Symonds said. "It's also a great opportunity to create community with our fur babies."

Paul Odelson, a member of the Common Canine group and an agent with Unit Realty who helped enlist Infinity Portrait Design for "Howlidays," echoes the sentiment.

"We need to raise money for the off-leash dog program not only because it's important to have a place to bring your dogs, but also because the Common is a common place for every one to enjoy," Odelson said, "and so we all need to take care of it."

The Friends previously offered pet photo shoots with Santa,

but abandoned the idea several years ago after losing both the photographer and the space for the shoots. But with Infinity

Portrait Design now on board, Odelson said, "Hopefully, we'll be back in action for a long time to come."

Visit www.InfinityPortraitDesign.com/blog to reserve your space.

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Miguel Rosales, who chairs the jury for the contest each year.

Santa will also be on hand to pose with children for complimentary photos, again courtesy of Susan Symonds, owner of Infinity Portrait Design, before the tree-lighting from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Firehouse (Hill House), 127 Mt. Vernon St. Symonds uses instant Polaroid film for the sessions, allowing children to walk away with a keepsake from the event.

"For me, I feel like kids and Santa are Christmas magic," said Symonds, adding that between 150 and 200 children and their families typically turn out for the photos shoots. "It also really allows us an opportunity to give back to the neighborhood for all the support they've given us over the years...and this is a super fun way to do that."

The Back Bay Ringers will return to the Stroll, bringing two quartets of hand-bell performers for the first time this year.

"We're bringing two groups because they've met with such a positive response in years past," said Dona Matson, the group's executive director. "Each quartet will play Christmas carols as they move down street and end up meeting at the tree in time for the lighting."

The Apollo Club of Boston, which dates back to 1871 and is the second-oldest continuously



Photo by Susan Symonds, owner of Infinity Portrait Design.

A beautiful night for a buggy ride on Charles Street at the "Beacon Hill Holiday Stroll."

active men's singing group in the U.S., will also be making a return visit to the Stroll.

"We will usually be able to field 10-12 singers, assembling at the CVS on Charles Circle and then working our way through the crowds and in and out of businesses along Charles Street to watch the lighting of the tree and join in the festivities," wrote Larry Sloss, Apollo president.

Meanwhile, Bridal Carriage Co., Inc., will again transport guests back to the days of yore with its complimentary horse-and-buggy rides, just as it has

every year since 2002.

"The greatest part of this event that we enjoy each year is...giving families a taste of what it was like in the old days of horse transportation," wrote Sally Cotton, owner of the Hanover-based company. "We represent a time that has been forgotten by many people - a time when our only means of transportation to travel to far away places, with our families, was by a horse-drawn carriage... a more tender time of Boston's history, a time where people would spend more time preparing for the holidays."

BEACON HILL BEAT

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Larceny from Motor Vehicle

11/04/18 – The victim reported she parked her 2017 Honda Civic on West Cedar Street at around 3 p.m. on Nov. 3, but when she returned at about 11:30 a.m. the next day, the passenger's side window was smashed, and a laptop and bag and personal papers were removed from the vehicle.

Vandalism to Motor Vehicle

11/07/18 - A Mt. Vernon St. resident reported she parked her 2019 Mercedes Cl in her garage at approximately 8 p.m. on Nov. 6, but upon returning to the vehicle at around 10 a.m. the next day, she found it broken into and vandalized. The vehicle driver's side rear passenger window was broken and dents to the doors were visible. No property was reported missing at this time.



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Santa leads the caroling on Charles Street.

Photo by Susan Symonds, owner of Infinity Portrait Design.

Council holds hearings regarding new trust fund, funding for infrastructure

By Lauren Bennett

The City Council Committee on Ways and Means held a series of hearings on Monday afternoon, including one regarding the Make Boston Shine Trust Fund and one regarding the appropriation of funds for transportation infrastructure in the city.

According to the docket, the Make Boston Shine Trust Fund “will further promote the public health, safety, convenience and welfare by encouraging civic engagement, unity, and a sense of neighborhood pride and ownership by supporting residents and

community group in service projects to beautify.”

Drew Smith, head of treasury for the City of Boston, said that they’re “not breaking new ground here” as far as the structure of the trust. He said the trust looks similar to trusts that are already established in the city.

Jerome Smith, Mayor Walsh’s chief of civic engagement, said that the creation of this trust would allow for the continuation of the work of the Love Your Block program, which provides mini-grants and neighborhood cleanups to encourage residents to take care of their neighborhoods.

Jerome said that with this trust, they are looking to set up community tool sheds where residents can call his office and get access to the tools. This would cut the cost on tools for the neighborhoods so they can use money for other things such as seeds or plants. Any resident can apply for funds for beautification projects; Jerome said that everything is on the City of Boston website. There are also paper applications available.

“We don’t have requirements as to what the projects have to be,” Jerome said. He added that it is important for the city to look at what projects can cost so they can get the most bang for their buck. He also said he would like more city-councilor involvement in this process so the word can be spread to every neighborhood.

Jerome also said that they are working on getting groups who use these spaces (such as kids who play soccer on a field) to participate in community service projects to beautify the spaces so they have

a sense of pride and ownership in the spaces they use.

City Councilor Ed Flynn said that people across the city think “very highly” of the Love Your Block program, and said that it is “great for the city to build this type of confidence in their neighborhoods.”

“You’re bringing people together and that’s what this city is all about,” he said.

Funds for Impact of Transportation Network Services on Transportation Infrastructure

A second hearing was held regarding the appropriation of \$6.5 million from the City’s Capital Grant Fund to address the impact transportation network services (such as Uber and Lyft) one municipal roads, bridges, and other transportation infrastructure.

City Budget Director Justin Sterritt said that the \$6.5 million appropriation represents both the Fiscal Year 2018 payment and an estimated FY19 payment from the

state’s 10 cent ride assessment for rides originating in Boston.

Since 2017, state law regulates the ride share industry and assessed a 20 cent fee per ride, with the state keeping 10 cents, and the other 10 going back to the originating municipality.

“Funding for this assessment was collected and deposited into the city as a special revenue and needs to be appropriated in order to spend on critical transportation projects throughout the city,” Sterritt said.

According to the state law, the money must be used to address impacts of these services on city assets and infrastructure, he added. The city will begin using these funds in FY19, and will be incorporated into a larger public works and transportation department capital discussion that is forthcoming, if passed by the City Council.

“There is a sunset on this funding, so we really targeted the

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dress for the weather. Join the Facebook group (Beacon Hill Holiday Decorating) for up-to-the-minute information on all the activities.

EDUCATION TOWN HALL, DECEMBER 10TH

Councilor Annissa Essaibi-George is hosting a series of Town Halls across the City of Boston, where she will be speaking on the work being done specifically around Education. Most importantly, this is an opportunity to hear feedback, concerns and questions directly from the community. The meeting for Beacon Hill, Back Bay, Bay Village, Downtown, Fenway, and the North End will take place on Dec. 10 at 5:30-7 p.m. at the BHCA at 74 Joy St.

As the chair of the Council’s Committee on Education, a mother of four boys, and a former high school teacher, Essaibi-George wants to create a safe space for community sharing, building, and engagement. Although the focus is on Education, there will be a portion at the end of the event to bring up any issues related to the community. The public is encouraged to submit testimony (emailed to Jessica Rodriguez at jessica.rodriguez@boston.gov).

These Town Halls are open to the public, but please R.S.V.P. (<http://bit.ly/AEGTownHalls2018>) or call the BHCA at 617-227-1922 so that we can accommodate as many people as possible.

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 strengthen our numbers and add credibility to our purpose as advocates for Beacon Hill. Please call our office at 617-227-1922 or email the BHCA Executive Director at patricia.tully@bhccivic.org with any questions, comments or concerns, or to become a member.

UPCOMING BHCA MEETINGS

Tuesday, Dec. 4: Streets & Sidewalks Committee at 6:30 p.m., 74 Joy St.

Wednesday, Dec. 5: Cambridge Street Committee at 6 p.m., 74 Joy St.

Wednesday, Dec. 5: Zoning & Licensing Committee at 7p.m., 74 Joy St.

OTHER UPCOMING BHCA EVENTS

First Monday Meet & Greet – Monday, Dec. 3, 6-8 p.m., 75 Chestnut Street

First Friday Coffee Hour – Friday, Dec. 7, 8-9 a.m., Panificio, 144 Charles Street

Education Town Hall with Boston City Councilor At-Large, Annissa Essaibi-George – Monday, Dec. 10, 5:30-7 p.m., 74 Joy St.

Health Care in the Streets: Lessons from Three Decades of Caring for Boston’s Rough Sleepers with Dr. Jim O’Connell – Thursday, Jan. 17, 7-8:30 p.m., 74 Joy St.

47th Annual Beacon Hill Gala – Saturday, Feb. 9, at the Omni Parker House

Visit the Beacon Hill Civic Association website www.bhccivic.org or call the office (617-227-1922) for more information on any of these events.

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Photos by Roger Farrington

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The Gala is VNA Care's signature fundraising event and has

raised millions in essential funding for home health care provided by the 132-year-old VNA of Boston and end-of-life care provided by VNA Hospice & Palliative Care. The Honorary Gala Chairs and Presenting Sponsor of the event were Amy and Joshua Boger.

During the Gala, VNA Care

presented Heroes in Health Care awards to Agios (accepted by Dr. David Schenkein, CEO); Thomas A. Croswell, President and CEO of Tufts Health Plan; and Dr. Joan Y. Reede, Dean for Diversity and Community Partnership of Harvard Medical School.

John R. Greed, president and CEO of Mutual of America, served as Fund the Mission chair. Gala co-chairs were Loriann Meagher and Linda Hope-Springer. Gala Committee co-chairs were Debra Angeloni and Renee Picard Walsh.



Thomas A. Croswell, President and CEO of Tufts Health Plan and Heroes honoree, and Jim Roosevelt. Mr. Roosevelt is a past Heroes in Health Care honoree.



Emily Rooney and Colleen and Jeff Hickey of Byram Healthcare, a Benefactor Sponsor of the Gala



Rebecca Conn, Jenny Raposo and Sarah Hedges of Medline Industries, a Benefactor Sponsor of the Gala.



Gala Co-Chairs Lori Meagher and Linda Hope-Springer, Gala Committee Co-Chair Debra Angeloni, Dr. Mallika Marshall, Gala Committee Co-Chair Renee Picard Walsh, Co-Founder of ClinLogica.

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Gala Committee members Susan Servais, Judy Walsh, Jessica Piper, and Kerry O'Connor.

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AROUND THE CITY

FRANK COSTANTINO

Winthrop's own acclaimed artist, Frank Costantino, will exhibit some of his works in a group show, now through Jan. 2, 2019, at the McCormick Gallery of Boston Architectural College, 320 Newbury St., Boston. On Dec 3, 2:30-3:30 pm., he will discuss his drawing and watercolors at Beehive, 951 Boylston St., Boston.

NORTH SHORE
PHILHARMONIC
ORCHESTRA

Robert A Marra conducts the orchestra for this free holiday concert, Dec. 2, 4 p.m., at St. Anthony's Church, Revere, and a holiday pops concert Dec. 9, 4 p.m., at St. Richard's Church, Danvers. 781-214-0624. Bring a canned food donation.

MUSIC OF RAN BLAKE

New England Conservatory presents composer-pianist-longtime faculty member, Ran Blake, performing with the conservatory orchestra, Vanguard: The Music of Ran Blake, Thursday, Dec. 6, 7:30 p.m., at Jordan Hall, 30 Gainsborough St., Boston. Free. 617-585-1122, necmusic.edu/events/nec-jazz-orchestra-presents-vanguard-music-ran-blake.

THE NUTCRACKER

The Greater Salem Ballet Company performs the classic, beloved holiday ballet, Dec. 1, at 12 and 4 p.m., at Lynn Auditorium, 3 City Hall Square, Lynn. Tickets start at \$22.

THE NUTCRACKER

Boston Ballet's production of Mikko Nissenin's spectacular, extravagant classic production of the timeless ballet is performed Nov. 29-Dec. 30, Wednesdays-Saturdays, 7:30 p.m.; Sundays, 1:30,6 p.m., and more matinees, at Boston Opera House, 539 Washington St., Boston. Tickets start at \$37. Related events also. bostonballet.org, 617-695-6955.

A CHARLIE BROWN
CHRISTMAS

Making its Boston debut at the Boch Center Shubert Theatre, Tremont Street, Boston, is "A Charlie Brown Christmas Live on Stage, Nov. 29-Dec.2.

IT'S A WONDERFUL
LIFE

Greater Boston Stage Company presents the Christmas classic, Nov. 29-Dec. 23, 395 Main St., Stoneham. \$45-\$55; seniors, \$40-\$50, students with valid ID, \$20. Nov. 29, 7:30 p.m., Thrifty Thursday, \$15 at the door. 781-279-2200, greaterbostonstage.org.

RUDOLPH THE
RED-NOSED REINDEER,
MUSICAL

Lowell Management Group presents the beloved TV classic production of the children's story musical, on stage, Lowell Memorial Auditorium, Merrimack St., Lowell. Sunday, Dec. 2, at 3 p.m., \$29-\$79. 978-937-8688.

1776

New Repertory Theatre presents Sherman Edwards' exciting musical, with book by Peter Stone, Nov. 30-Dec.23, featuring a large, Boston, star-studded cast, Mosesian Center for the Arts, MainStage Theater, 321 Arsenal St., Watertown. Times vary. \$25-\$72. student, senior, group discounts, 617-923-8487.

A RENAISSANCE
CHRISTMAS

Cantata Singers perform the music of Victoria, Lassus and Schultz, in their Renaissance Christmas for Chamber Chorus, Dec. 7, at 8 p.m. and Dec. 9, 3 p.m., at First Lutheran Church, Boston.

SHEMEKIA COPELAND

The award-winning blues, R&B, and Americana vocalist will perform songs from her latest release, America's Child, as part of The Cabot's gala fundraiser honoring Bessie Smith, Empress of the Blues, Tuesday, Dec. 4, 8 p.m., 286 Cabot St., Beverly. VIP tickets, \$1,000; Friends of the Cabot, \$600; orchestra and front balcony seats, \$84.50; balcony seats, \$59.50-\$72.50. TheCabot.org, info@thecabot.org, 978-927-3100.

CELEBRITY SERIES
EVENTS

Castle of Our Skins performs works of African-American composers for the Dorchester Stringfest with the Conservatory Lab Charter School at the Kroc Center, Dorchester, Dec. 1, 3 p.m.; Voci Angelica performs world music with City-Wide String Orchestra and City Strings United, for the Roxbury Stringfest, Dec. 2, 3:30 p.m., at Hibernian Hall, Roxbury. On Dec. 2, at 2 p.m., Rob Kapilow and pianist Orion Weiss perform Beethoven's Piano Sonata No. 23 in F minor, "Appassionata," Dec. 2, 3 p.m. in New England Conservatory's Jordan Hall, 30 Gainsborough St., Boston (tickets Start at \$35. 617-482-6661).

ARMY-NAVY FOOTBALL
LUNCHEON

The Ahern Family Charitable Foundation is hosting the luncheon Dec. 8, at Scoreboard Sports bar and Grill, Woburn. The event raises funds to sup-

port Massachusetts children of fallen and deployed troops during the holiday season, through the Operation Santa-Mass. Program. The event includes celebrity guests, watching the game, buffet lunch, raffles, silent and live auctions. ahernfoundation.org.

ANNE-MARIE
MCDERMOTT

Boston Conservatory at Berklee's Piano Masters Series features globally renowned Ms. McDermott performing Tuesday, Dec. 4, 8 p.m., Seully Hall, 8 Riverway, Boston. \$10-\$15, discounts available. Bostonconservatory.berklee.edu/events, 617-912-9222.

BREATH AND
IMAGINATION

Award-winning actor Maurice Emmanuel Parent directs Lyric Stage Company of Boston's production of Dan Beaty's musical, the story of globally acclaimed African-American classical vocalist, Nov. 30-Dec. 23: Wednesdays, Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.; Fridays, 8 p.m.; Saturdays, 3,8 p.m.; Sundays, 3 p.m., 140 Clarendon St., Boston. Tickets start at \$25, senior, student rush, group discount rates. 617-585-5678, box-office@lyricstage.com.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL

It's that time again- for Bill Hanney's North Shore Music Theatre spectacular production of Dickens' ghost story, "A Christmas Carol," with all the trimmings, Dec. 7-23, starring longtime, beloved actor David Coffee and Marblehead's own Cheryl McMahon, 62 Dunham Road, Beverly. \$64-\$79, children 18-under, \$35. Dec. 7-9, 14-16, 20-22, 7:30 p.m.; matinees, Dec. 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 2 p.m. nsmt.org, 978-232-7200.

MISS BENNET:
CHRISTMAS AT
PEMBERLEY

Merrimack Repertory Theatre presents Lauren Gunderson and Margot Melcon's period family-friendly holiday drama, Nov. 28-Dec. 23, at the Nancy L. Donahue Theatre at Liberty Hall, 50 E. Merrimack St., Lowell. 978-654-4678, mrt.org.

CHANUKAH MITZVAH
MEETUP

Big Joe the Storyteller and Chanukah fun await families, Tuesday, Dec. 4, 3-5 p.m. at Watertown Library, 123 Main St., Watertown. Bring a book donation to benefit More Than Words, a nonprofit that empowers youngsters in the foster care system or are homeless. Free. Geared to children 2-6 years old. bostonjcc.org/metronorthsvp.

TWELFTH NIGHT AND
SHIPWRECKED

Moonbox Productions presents, in repertory, Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night," and Donald Margulies' "Shipwrecked! An Entertainment," through Dec. 29, Boston Center for the Arts, Plaza Theater, 539 Tremont St., South End, Boston: Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.; Fridays, Saturdays, 8 p.m.; Saturday, Sunday matinees, 3 p.m. \$50/\$45, under 25 years old, \$25; student rush half-hour pre-performance, \$20. bostontheatrescene.com/season/twelfth-night, bostontheatrescene.com/season/shipwrecked-an-entertainment.

BESSIE!

The Cabot presents a fund-raising concert to renovate the theater and celebrate its 100th birthday. Bessie! Empress of the Blues, honors Bessie Smith, Dec. 4, 8 p.m., and features performance icons, director Paula Cole, Terri Lyne Carrington, Shemekia Copeland, Dan Flemons, and more, 286 Cabot St., Beverly, 978-927-3100, thecabot.org.

SHEILA JORDAN

The globally acclaimed vocalist returns to The Mad Monkfish, Nov. 30, to celebrate her 90th birthday, along with the Yoko Miwa Trio, at 7 and 10. \$20. Jordan will also teach a master class Dec. 1, 1-4 p.m., \$10-\$25. eventbrite.com/e/sheila-jordans-90th-birthday-celebration-tickets-49614279646?all+efbeventix., master class, event.com/e/ne-master-sheila-jordans-aster-class-tickets-51642321574?all+ebdssbdestsearch.

THE TRIAL OF
EBENEZER SCROOGE

Attleboro Community Theatre presents Mark Brown's seasonal play Nov. 30-Dec. 16: Nov. 30, Dec. 1, 2, 7-9, 14-16, 8 p.m.; Sunday matinees, 2 p.m., 71 North Main t., Attleboro. \$18 online, \$20 at the door. Square up.com/market/attickets, 508-226-8100, senior, student discounts, \$15.

COEUR DE PIRATE,
more

Award-winning Canadian singer-songwriter-pianist Beatrice Martin performs Nov. 28, 8 p.m., at Paradise Rock Club, standing room only for patrons 18+ years old, 967 Comm. Ave., Boston. Advance tickets, \$25, day of show, \$30. A Boston premiere work by the Boston Dance Theater appears, Nov. 30, Dec. 1, 8 p.m., Institute of Contemporary Art, 25 Harbor Shore Drive, Boston, \$36 reserved seats, \$32 World Music CRASHarts members. Dec. 2, Draco Rosa ramps up the music,

8 p.m., 18+ years old, standing room only at Royale, 279 Tremont St., Boston. \$40/\$48. World Music CRASHarts, worldmusic.org. 617-876-4275.

POISON OF CHOICE

Salem State University presents the world premiere of professor William Cunningham, who directs the play, Nov. 29-Dec. 9, in the university's Sophia Gordon Center for the Arts, 356 Lafayette St., Salem: Nov. 29, 30, Dec. 1, 6-8, 7:30 p.m.; Dec. 2, 9, 2 p.m.; \$20; seniors, students 18+, \$15; under 18, free. salemstatetickets.com, 978-542-6365.

NEW ENGLAND
CONSERVATORY

Jazz ensemble concerts are Nov. 26-29, 7,8,9 p.m., in the Eben Jordan Ensemble Room; followed by more concerts Dec 3-5, 7,8,9 p.m. Faculty member-renowned pianist composer Ran Blake performs with the jazz orchestra Dec. 6, 7:30 p.m., in Jordan Hall, 30 Gainsborough St., boston.necmusic.edu, 617-585-1122.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL

Trinity Repertory Theater's holiday classic returns to the theater through Dec. 30, 201 Washington St., Providence, RI.

OBERON

Appearing this week at Club Oberon, 2 Arrow St., Cambridge are: Something Strange: A Music and Burlesque Tribute to the Nightmare Before Christmas, Nov. 29, 30, 8 pm., Dec. 1, 1 p.m., tickets from \$15. cluboberon.com, 617-547-8300.

THE ENCHANTED
VILLAGE

Jordan's Furniture welcomes shoppers and visitors to feel the holiday magic at its Enchanted Village: Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m.- 8 p.m.; Friday, 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; Black Friday, Saturday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sunday, 11a.m.-5 p.m.; Sundays Dec. 9, 16, 23, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. ; Christmas Eve, New Year's Eve, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; New Year's Day, 12-5 p.m. In Reading store. Also visit Enchanted Ice, MOM Polar Express Ride, and LITE, the laser imagination theater experience.

FIREHOUSE EVENTS

This week, Firehouse Center for the Arts features Joppa Dance, presenting "The Blizzard of Oz," Nov. 30-Dec. 2, Market Square, Newburyport. firehouse.org.

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. 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 <http://churchonthehillboston.org> for more information

TUESDAY, DEC. 4

RECITAL, Hiroaki Honshuku and Yuka Kido's "Love to Brasil Project" Annual A-No-Ne Christmas, King's Chapel, 58 Tremont St., 12:15 p.m., suggested donation; \$5, call 617-227-2155

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.

SUNDAY, DEC. 9

EVENT, Beacon Hill Holiday House Tour, noon-4 p.m., tickets: \$125 each, link for tickets on the event page at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/beacon-hill-holiday-house-tour-tickets-51308282454>

TUESDAY, DEC. 11

RECITAL, Pioneer Singers of Lynnfield performing holiday favorites, King's Chapel, 58 Tremont St., 12:15 p.m., suggested donation; \$5, call 617-227-2155

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

TUESDAY, DEC. 18

RECITAL, Joei Perry (soprano), Jennifer Webb (alto), Andy Troska (tenor), Dan Perry (bass) and Heinrich Christensen (organ) performing Handel's "The Half-Hour Messiah," King's Chapel, 58 Tremont St., 12:15 p.m., suggested donation; \$5, call 617-227-2155

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

FRESH AND LOCAL Caring for Fresh Food

by Penny & Ed Cherubino

This is a time of year when the topics of taking care of leftovers and food safety gain some attention. For some households this is the only time they prepare large meals and have a lot of leftovers.

Caring for fresh food is not as easy as tossing processed food in a cupboard or freezer. However, it simply requires a set of skills you can learn. Developing your own plan for mastering fresh food purchasing, storage, and care will not only improve your diet and health, but will also save money by reducing food waste.

By now you have heard from many experts that you should thaw proteins with care under refrigeration. The FDA says, "Hot foods should be kept at an internal temperature of 140 °F or warmer." And, "Cold foods should be kept at 40 °F or colder." Finally, "Remember the 2-Hour Rule: Discard any

perishables left out at room temperature for more than 2 hours, unless you're keeping it hot or cold."

Buy, Prep, Store & Use

It all starts with buying the freshest food, in the best possible condition, from reputable sources. When you arrive home, take time to prepare the food for storage in the appropriate spot in your kitchen.

We transfer many produce items from their plastic bags or clamshells to clean refrigerator containers lined with a paper towel. As you make the transfer, look for and remove any leaves or fruit that show damage. One crushed berry or soggy leaf can speed the deterioration of the rest.

Learn how to store your favorite fresh foods. Do an online search for the fresh food you use all the time and find tips for keeping it in top condition. You might learn that tomatoes should never be refrigerated.

Apples, pears, and stone fruit can stay in the fruit bowl, but if you have more than you'll eat in a few days, you may want to have some wait in the chillbox.

In almost all cases, you should not wash your fruit until you are ready to use it. Lettuce and greens can be washed ahead if you make sure to dry them thoroughly and store them in an appropriate container.

Refrigerator Skills

We recently replaced our refrigerator. This meant running down our fresh food supply before the delivery and making plans for keeping things fresh for

a few hours while our new appliance reached safe temperatures. We added a digital thermometer with separate sensors for the refrigerator and freezer. By moving the sensors to different spots in the appliance, we learned the temperature difference on each shelf.

This was an opportunity to rethink how we organize our refrigerator and freezer and how we use the space. We made some changes that reflect how we eat today versus how we ate years ago when we first developed our refrigerator use habits.

Our door shelves are now filled with healthy snacks and

beverages. The condiments and sauces that once occupied this handy space are on turnstiles in the back of the top shelf with our containers of fruit and berries and lettuce in front of them. Highly perishable food like meat or cooked foods are kept on the coldest bottom shelf.

When was the last time you reorganized your refrigerator? Maybe making more room for holiday meals could serve as an incentive to rethink your current fresh food storage system.

Do you have a question or topic for Fresh & Local? Send an email to Penny@BostonZest.com with your suggestion.



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Adding thermometers to your refrigerator will enable you to check its efficiency and show you where to store foods for optimum food safety.

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NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDUP

‘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>.

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.

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 Hiroaki Honshuku and Yuka Kido’s “Love to Brasil Project” Annual A-No-Ne Christmas on Dec. 4; Pioneer Singers of Lynnfield performing holiday favorites on Dec. 11; and Joei Perry (soprano), Jennifer Webb (alto), Andy Troska (tenor), Dan Perry (bass) and Heinrich Christensen (organ) performing Handel’s “The Half-Hour Messiah” on Dec. 18.

‘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 “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.

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.

‘A Christmas Carol’ comes to North Shore Music Theatre

Bill Hanney’s North Shore Music Theatre (NSMT) will once again present the area’s most beloved production of “A Christmas Carol” sponsored by MarketStreet

Lynnfield. This award-winning, original musical adaptation was created solely for North Shore Music Theatre and cannot be seen anywhere else. Two cast members, David Coffee (Ebenezer Scrooge) and Cheryl McMahon (Mrs. Dilber), will be both celebrating their 25th appearance in the holiday show. “A Christmas Carol” will play 14 performances from Friday, Dec. 7 through Sunday, Dec. 23.

Throughout the run, NSMT will be collecting toys in the lobby for Tiny Tim’s Toy Drive. NSMT will be accepting unopened, unwrapped toys for boys and girls ages 2 to 12. All toys will be donated to Toys for Tots.

Tickets are priced from \$64 to \$79 – all tickets for children 18 and under are \$35. Performances are Dec. 7-23 (Evening shows Dec. 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, 16, 20, 21 and 22 at 7:30 p.m.; Matinees Dec. 8, 9, 15, 16, and 22 at 2 p.m.) Tickets can be purchased by calling the North Shore Music Theatre box office at 978-232-7200, via the website at www.nsmmt.org or in person at 62 Dunham Road (Route 128, exit 19), Beverly, MA.

Also, OUT at the North Shore, an evening for the Gay and Lesbian Community with a post-show reception (sponsored in part by Ryan & Wood Inc. Distilleries) on Dec. 14 after the 7:30 p.m. performance.

Hill Holiday House Tour returns Dec. 9

The Beacon Hill Holiday House Tour returns on Sunday, Dec. 9, from noon to 4 p.m.

For more than 20 years, the Nichols House Museum has organized and hosted the tour, which offers the public a rare opportunity to experience a select group of remarkable private residences.

This year, the Nichols House Museum is partnering with the Colonial Society of Massachusetts, the William Hickling Prescott House and six private homeowners to showcase outstanding examples of historic preservation, as well as creative modern interpretation and adaptation in a broad range of architectural and interior design styles.

During the event, the Nichols House Museum also invites you to explore “Craftswomen: The Woodworkings of Rose and Margaret Nichols in Arts & Crafts New England,” a special pop-up exhibition honoring a new museum acquisition. By purchasing a

ticket, you will be contributing financial support for the Nichols House Museum’s ongoing preservation and programming needs. A reception also takes place at the William Hickling Prescott House from 3 to 5 p.m.

General admission tickets are \$125 each; link for tickets on the event page at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/beacon-hill-holiday-house-tour-tickets-51308282454>.

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.

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.nichols-housemuseum.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.

‘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.

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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").

The Church on the Hill sponsors this initiative but we are not promoting any religious ideology.

'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 tcfofboston@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 mariastella.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 appoint-

ment 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.

After-work tai chi group at the West End Branch Library

The West End Branch of the Boston Public Library, 151 Cambridge St., welcomes after-work tai chi group every Thursday from 5 to 6 p.m. Come and try this low impact energy exercise with yang-style tai chi instructor Arthur Soo-Hoo.

Be a friend to elderly in need of help

FriendshipWorks seeks caring people to offer help and support to isolated elders in the Boston area. Volunteers are needed to provide companionship and assist elders with tasks such as reading, organizing, or going for a walk - lend an hour each week and gain a friend and a new perspective. Volunteers

also needed to escort elders to and from medical appointments. No car is needed and hours are flexible. For more information or to apply online, visit www.fw4elders.org or call 617-482-1510.

Local residents needed to drive cancer patients to and from treatment

The American Cancer Society is in great need of Road to Recovery volunteers to drive local cancer patients to and from their chemotherapy and/or radiation treatments. An integral part of treating cancer successfully is making sure cancer patients receive their treatments, but many find making transportation arrangements is a challenge. The American Cancer Society provided more than 19,000 rides to cancer patients in New England last year, but needs new volunteer drivers to keep up with the demand for transportation.

Make a difference in the fight against cancer by becoming a volunteer driver for the American Cancer Society's Road to Recovery. Drivers use their own vehicle to drive patients to and from their treatments. The schedule for volunteers is flexible, and treatment appointments take place weekdays, primarily during business hours. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a volunteer driver for Road to Recovery, contact your American Cancer Society at 800-227-2345 or visit www.cancer.org.

Join the Downtown Boston Rotary Club

The Downtown Boston Rotary Club, the first new Rotary Club in Boston in 100 years, holds meetings at the UMass Club in the Financial District on the first and third Tuesdays of each month from 6 to 7:15 p.m.

For more information, visit www.dbrotary.org or call 617-535-1950.

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Mass General Cancer Center debuts CenterStage with musical guest Boyz II Men

On Monday, Dec. 3, the Massachusetts General Hospital Cancer Center will debut its new signature event, CenterStage, at the Museum of Fine Arts (MFA). Co-chaired by Jack Connors, Jr., Philip Schiller and Sam Slater, CenterStage is poised to build upon the success of the Cancer Center's former event, the one hundred, and continue its tradition of celebrating progress in the fight against cancer and honoring those who help make it possible, while raising funds for the work that remains.

On the evening of Dec. 3, around 400 guests will enjoy cocktails in the William I. Koch Gallery of the MFA before moving into the Ruth and Carl J. Shapiro Family Courtyard for a seated dinner and speaking program. A performance by special musical guest, Boyz II Men, will be the highlight of the night. The beloved R&B group will treat guests to an intimate concert of their greatest hits.

The evening will focus on storytelling, bringing to the forefront the most promising advances in cancer research and the most poignant moments in patient care at the Mass General Cancer Center. Design partner Rafanelli Events will set the stage for conversation with warm emerald velvets, modern clean lines and elements of reflection throughout the rooms. Guests will have the opportunity to participate in an interactive game of chance, where they will can win an array of exciting prizes.



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patients," said co-chair Jack Connors, Jr.

The Massachusetts General Hospital Cancer Center is among the leading cancer care providers in the United States and an integral part of one of the world's most distinguished academic medical centers. Known for providing customized, innovative treatments and compassionate care to both adults and children, the Cancer Center comprises more than 37 treatment programs within 29 fully integrated, multidisciplinary disease centers and a vast array of support and educational services. The Cancer Center's commitment to eradicating cancer is fueled by scientific investigation conducted as part of one of the largest hospital-based research programs in the nation.

CenterStage will take place on Monday, Dec. 3, 6 p.m. at the Museum of Fine Arts at 465 Huntington Ave., Boston. For more information, visit giving.massgeneral.org/cancer/center-stage.

"Each and every day there are extraordinary achievements made at the Mass General Cancer Center. CenterStage will allow us to carve a little time out of our day to recognize and celebrate these moments, as well as honor the amazing people who make it possible," said co-chair Sam Slater, co-founder, Burn Later Productions and managing partner, Tremont Asset Management. "We are grateful to our sponsors who have exceeded our

expectations in their generosity to help realize the mission of the Cancer Center – to advance

knowledge and rapidly translate discovery into exceptional, personalized cancer care for

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resources towards either one time uses to capital—particularly go Boston 2030 projects," he said. "We want to make sure that we're mindful that we don't use this funding in perpetuity because in five years it will go away."

Chief of Streets Chris Osgood said that in 2017, 64 million rides from ride-share services originated in Massachusetts. About 34.9 million of those rides originated within the City of Boston, which means that the City of Boston received \$3.4 million in 2017

from the assessment.

Osgood said the money will be spent in several ways. "Our plan is to invest into those things that our residents told us were high priorities," he said. \$2 million will be invested in sidewalk repair, and \$1.6 million for bike infrastructure improvement to expand the bike program and improve biking in the city. They are also looking to spend a million dollars on improving such things as roadway markings and crosswalks.

A small portion of the funding

would also be used for grant funded positions, including a traffic signal engineer, some civil engineers who could help projects move faster, and planning positions that would help focus on some of the major corridors in the city," Osgood said.

"It's crazy the amount of vehicles that are on the streets," said City Councilor Frank Baker. "We have major infrastructure improvements that we need to do.

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