



# THE BEACON HILL TIMES

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

## BEACON HILL HOLIDAY STROLL

Photos by Marianne Salza

The Beacon Hill Business Association hosted the Beacon Hill Annual Holiday Stroll and tree lighting on December 6, lighting up the tree at the Firehouse in the evening as hundreds looked on. During the Holiday Stroll, Debra and Michael Blute (right) were spotted shopping at Blackstone's of Beacon Hill. See Pages 8 and 9 for more photos.



### BEACON HILL CIVIC ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY CORNER

#### Have you tried BOS:311?

The City of Boston has an important and useful resource for all Boston residents. 311 is an easy to remember telephone number that will connect you with the City's Constituent Service Center. The center is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and 365 days a year.

311 provides access to all non-emergency City services. You can call 311 from any telephone, or you can call directly to 617-635-4500. You can also connect with 311 by downloading the mobile app, or by submitting a request or concern online at <https://www.cityofboston.gov/311/>. The mobile app allows you to easily send a photo of the problem you are reporting. You can even Tweet @BOS311.

There are hundreds of topics that can be addressed by the 311 center, and these can be found on the 311 website. Some of the issues you can report to 311 include potholes, sidewalk problems, streets or sidewalks that need to be cleaned, how to get rid of a big item like furniture or appliances, broken street signs, broken traffic signals and broken gas lamps. As an example, one of our Holiday Decorators found a gas lamp on Charles Street with a broken glass pane. A 311 report was sent with a picture of the location last Saturday. The service will confirm your submittal and they will send you an email when the problem has been resolved. The service

reported back today that the lamp had been fixed with all panes of glass replaced. Another report was filed about trash on Charles Street and the issue was resolved that same morning.

We recommend that our neighbors use this service whenever they have a question or concern to which the City can respond.

#### Giving Back to our Community - December 10 through January 31

This holiday season, the BHCA is collecting items for two local organizations important to the Beacon Hill community.

For Boston Healthcare for the Homeless, we are collecting new and gently-used coats, boots and backpacks. Of special need this season are children's coats, boots and backpacks. We are also collecting new gloves, hats, socks, underwear and balaclavas (hooded facemasks). Donation checks made payable to "Boston Healthcare for the Homeless" are also welcome. Boston Healthcare for the Homeless was founded over 30 years ago and provides outreach and health and dental services to the city's homeless population. Its founder, Dr. Jim O'Connell, will be speaking about Health Care in the Streets: Lessons from Three Decades of Caring for Beacon Hill's Rough Sleepers on

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## Rowell looks back on childhood memories of the Prescott House

By Dan Murphy

A connection made through social media has brought to light a trove of childhood memories of time spent in and around the William Prescott House – the five-story brownstone overlooking the Boston Common that is not only a living museum, but has also served as the Boston headquarters of the National Society of the Colonial Dames for nearly 75 years.

Paula Feurtado Rowell, a 69-year-old resident of Pinegrove, Penn., whose grandparents served as the building's caretakers and managers circa the late 1950s and early 1960s, connected via Facebook with Becky Putnam, Prescott House communications volunteer, and Rowell recently shared some of her childhood memories of the Prescott House with Putnam and, now, readers of the Beacon Hill Times.

Rowell wrote that she was “raised in a small suburb of Boston, on the other side of the tracks” with her older sister, Ruth, and older brother, David. When

Rowell was 6, her father died, but she and her siblings found respite with their grandparents at the Prescott House during their otherwise often-dreary childhoods.

“My grandparents lived in a small apartment in the back of the house that overlooked a pretty little terrace with a tiny table and two tiny chairs made of wrought iron, here I could roam around and play pretend,” Rowell wrote. “I had free reign of the house and would run up and down the red carpeted stairway from one floor to the next until I was at the top where I stared out the window and [the Common] was right across the street from where I was. It was magical!”

The Prescott House also boasts one of the largest costume collections in U.S., with garments dating back to the 18th century, and Rowell recalls her sister Ruth trying on a pair of gloves once owned by Martha Washington, as well as Dolly Madison's pearls.

Other fond childhood memories of the Prescott House include

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## Beacon Hill Chocolates awarded first place in Storefront Decorating Competition

By Dan Murphy

As part of the Beacon Hill Business Association's “Beacon Hill Holiday Stroll,” the Joint Charles Street Committee's annual Charles Street Storefront Decorating Competition was held on Thursday, Dec. 6, with Beacon Hill Chocolates taking home first prize in the contest.

“We wanted to do something elegant and were determined to place, but really wanted to win,” said Paula Noia-Barth, owner of the shop at 91 Charles St., adding that the business was awarded third place in the contest several years ago.

Noia-Barth credits Cassie Gurnon, the wife of Jack Gurnon, the owner of Charles Street Supply at 54 Charles St., for her “brainstorm” for the decorating scheme. “She really did it all,” Noia-Barth said.

Boston Arts & Antiques Co.

took home second prize for a storefront design that Ali Ringenburg, a contest judge and co-chair of the Joint Charles Street Committee, lauded for its simplicity and traditional decorative elements.

“It feels really great and is nice to be recognized,” said Brian Maglione, who, along with Lou Desautels, co-owns the antique store at 119 Charles St. upon learning they had been awarded the accolade.

Tibet Emporium at 103 Charles St. was the third-place winner, even though the business owner, Kelsang Sangpo, conceded that she wasn't aware of the contest beforehand.

“We're very pleased and happy,” Sangpo said of the unexpected recognition.

Rugg Road Paper Company received honorable mention, which came as an unexpected honor

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# EDITORIAL

## REMEMBER THOSE LESS FORTUNATE

With Christmas just two weeks away, most of us will be rushing about -- either to the stores and malls or on-line --- as we do our last-minute holiday shopping in hopes of finding that "perfect" gift for our family members and loved ones.

Although the vast majority of Americans have much to be thankful for because of a strong economy and a record-low unemployment rate, there are many of our fellow citizens who have not shared in the general prosperity.

Statistics tell us that millions of Americans of all ages, including those in our own communities, have been left out of the new economy, often through no fault of their own. Too many Americans, including children, either live in shelters or temporary housing arrangements because the strong economy ironically has left them out in the cold -- literally -- thanks to high rents and soaring real estate values.

For these millions of Americans, the reality is that the holiday season brings little joy.

We would note that psychologists tell us that the Biblical directive that giving to others is the best gift that we can give to ourselves is indeed true.

So we hope that our readers will take the time and make the even the smallest effort to do something for those who are less fortunate. Whether it be donations to local food banks and toy programs, or even as simple as dropping a few dollars in the bucket of the Salvation Army Santas, there is something each and every one of us can do to make the holidays brighter for others.

## Myles' Musings

By Myles Striar

### George H. W. Bush Passes On

We did not always see things his way  
Rated him as less than great,

But when it came time for him to call it a day  
We realized that by his demeanor he would  
rate

Among those who best could demonstrate  
The civil qualities we yearn for in a President  
We look around feeling, it is true,  
That there are so few, it becomes evident,  
Capable of leading as did H.W.

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## GUEST OP-ED

### How we're working to replace the North Washington Street Bridge

By Mayor Martin J. Walsh

The North Washington Street Bridge, also known as the Charlestown Bridge, has been an important connector between the North End and Charlestown for more than a century. I'm proud that now, it's getting the upgrade it deserves. We recently began construction to replace the bridge with a new one that meets the needs of today's residents and commuters. The new North Washington Street Bridge will encourage green transportation. It will be a beautiful new landmark where the Charles River meets the Inner Harbor, complimenting the iconic design of the nearby Zakim Bridge. It will be what we call a complete street: one that works well for pedestrians, cyclists, bus passengers, and drivers alike.

The new bridge will have two vehicle lanes going in each direction, a dedicated inbound bus lane, separate cycle tracks in each direction, sidewalks on both sides with scenic views, and lush landscaping. We believe this is a necessary project, and it's also a great opportunity to make this bridge safer and more accessible for everyone who uses it.

It's important to us that we

minimize disruptions and ensure that the construction happens as efficiently as possible. While the new bridge is being built, there will be a temporary bridge next to the existing one. It will be in place for about two years. It will have two inbound lanes, one outbound lane, and one sidewalk. It will maintain access for all modes of travel during the heaviest periods of work.

Community engagement and stakeholder input is very important to the success of this project. Our state partners at MassDOT are managing the project and have already hosted three community meetings in the North End, the West End, and Charlestown. They have been helping us keep people informed and will continue to do so throughout the entire process. Their updates are posted regularly at [mass.gov/north-washington-street-bridge-replacement](http://mass.gov/north-washington-street-bridge-replacement)

Here's what's happening right now: MassDOT is preparing the site for construction and relocating utilities. On weekdays, inbound traffic is reduced to one lane approaching Keany Square from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and outbound traffic is reduced to one lane at Keany Square from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Beginning Monday,

December 17, the Lovejoy Wharf stairs leading to North Washington Street near the Converse building and the adjacent section of the Harborwalk passing under the North Washington Street Bridge will be closed to all pedestrians. The eastern sidewalk over the bridge remains open and available for all pedestrians and cyclists, with crossings at both Keany and City Squares.

Traffic patterns will change from time to time throughout the project. Drivers should give themselves extra travel time, expect lower speeds, and take extra care when driving. I ask that everyone pay attention to all signage and police details and move carefully through the work zones. The maximum allowable noise level will vary by time of day, with the lowest levels allowed overnight. Additional requirements and provisions are in place to control dust, hazardous materials, water quality, rodents, and other potential impacts of construction.

While we know that several of our neighborhoods have been heavily impacted by the ongoing construction of roadways and bridges, it's important to keep in

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## LETTER to the Editor

### THE TIME FOR ALL CLIMATE ACTION IS NOW

Dear Editor,

I am a 19-year old college student, and like many of my peers, I recognize that climate change will be the defining challenge of my lifetime. As a leader of the youth coalition Our Climate, I can speak first-hand to the dedication and tenacity of my generation's climate advocates. My fellow youth and I know that if we don't put a price on carbon now to help limit the devastating impacts of climate change, we will pay for the consequences of inaction sooner than we ever thought.

Recent reports from the UN and from within the US paint a frightening picture of our future if we let climate change continue unchecked. The recently released National Climate Assessment makes it clear that we will be

feeling some of the most serious impacts within the coming decades, even right here in the Northeastern US. According to the report, average temperatures in the Northeast are expected to be more than 3.6 °F higher than during the preindustrial era, which is the largest temperature increase in the contiguous United States. Sea levels have also risen three to four times faster between North Carolina and Massachusetts than the global average.

The time is now for Massachusetts to bypass the climate inaction at the federal level, and be a national climate legislation leader. In the upcoming legislative session, state representative Jennifer Benson, along with many co-sponsors, will reintroduce a House carbon pricing bill that would hold distributors of fossil fuels responsible for their associated carbon emissions. This comprehensive and effective tool

will quickly disincentivize our fossil fuel use, mitigate the effects of climate change, and promote clean energy. The revenue collected would largely be rebated to taxpayers, re-distributed communities that need them. That way, those who use less fossil fuels will break even or even make money from the legislation, since their rebates will equal or exceed the increased expense for heating fuel and gasoline.

The National Climate Assessment makes it clear that we cannot wait to address climate change if we want to avoid its most catastrophic impacts. We need all hands on deck. Legislators, be ready to cosign Representative Benson's bill. Statehouse leadership, bring this to the floor. We young people will be there in January to remind you.

Cecelia Bolon,  
Our Climate  
New England Fellow

## Real Estate Transfers

BUYER 1	SELLER 1	ADDRESS	PRICE
<b>BACK BAY</b>			
Shakedown Street T	Barber, Jeffrey S	381 Beacon St	\$6,175,000
Montano, Anthony	Smoliek, Elizabeth C	78 Berkeley St #5	\$725,000
Juliano, Philip L	Kevin M McIntyre	160 Commonwealth Ave #801	\$1,500,000
<b>BEACON HILL</b>			
Narioian, Jeffrey R	Wu, James J	45 Garden St #1	\$520,000
Chan, Raymond	Wiseman, Lynne B	43 Irving St #2	\$645,000
85 Myrtle Street LLC	Marc-Elan RT	85 Myrtle St	\$6,350,000
Sullivan, Caitlin	Sammarco, Jonathan R	51 Revere St #2	\$825,000
Rangwani, Sunil	Jira, Chonnikarn	8 Whittier Pl #17A	\$525,000
<b>SOUTH END</b>			
21 Cortes St LLC 21	Highgate Holdings LLC	21 Cortes St	\$4,800,000
Menegatti, Christian	Mcdonald, Kathleen	14 Follen St #1	\$1,260,000
Cuker, Rita	Giunta, Wendy	1 Huntington Ave #802	\$2,100,000
Lian, Chunmei	Daniel Asher Gift T 2	110 Stuart St #231	\$580,000
Lopkin, Jonathan	Green, Michael J	34 Plympton St #3	\$1,265,000
Dimple-Weerasiri, Rachel	Bothwell, James H	462 Beacon St #2	\$509,000
An, Yuehan	Schonberg, Jonathan	390 Commonwealth Ave #609	\$1,250,000
Keller, Eliza	Platt, Andrew P	35 Fay St #611	\$713,000
Lian, Chunmei	Daniel Asher Gift T 2	110 Stuart St #231	\$580,000
RBTV RT	Himes, Hillard	171 W Brookline St	\$3,675,000
Gunther, Atsu S	Csendes, Christopher	1140 Washington St #3D	\$1,915,000
<b>WATERFRONT/DOWNTOWN</b>			
Lyhl 168 Investments LLC	IP Investments&Props LLC	121-123 Beach St #101	\$1,080,000
Hidden Sky LLC	Osoul Hldg DE 2 Inc	1 Franklin St #3703	\$5,000,000
Kirslis, Erika L	Katzman, David S	147-149 Richmond St #	\$590,000
Fludder, Steven M	Brown, Stephen C	20 Rowes Wharf #701	\$1,365,000

## ATTENTION TO DETAIL

BY PENNY CHERUBINO

### THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



Reader Sandy Connor sent me on a hunt for the squirrel in the last clue. What's more I was stumped and had to request the answer. This plaque is located in the Thoreau Path complex. The text below the squirrel reads, "In Memory of Peter Tulis."

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

### THIS WEEK'S CLUE



Eve Dougherty | 617.838.5884 | [eve@compass.com](mailto:eve@compass.com)

**Navigating you home.**

COMPASS

## STOREFRONT *(from pg. 1)*

for Geraldine O'Hagen, who has owned the store at 105 Charles St. since August.

"I'm speechless...I had no clue [the competition] was even going on," O'Hagen said.

Miguel Rosales, co-chair of the

Joint Charles Street Committee, served as the jury judge of the contest, just as he has every year since its inception.

"The Charles Street Holiday Window Decorating contest is an annual tradition that rewards

and highlights businesses who have enhanced and beautify our main shopping street," Rosales wrote. "We congratulate all four 2018 winners and wish everybody happy holidays."

# KING'S CHAPEL

## CHRISTMAS FOR ALL AGES



The first church in Boston to celebrate Christmas continues its tradition, welcoming all visitors, neighbors and friends, for this special season.

## CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Christmas Eve Family Service 5PM  
*We welcome all to a special nativity service.  
Any child can participate without rehearsal.*

Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols 10:30PM  
*Traditional service with full choir and candlelight*

Christmas Day Holy Communion 10AM



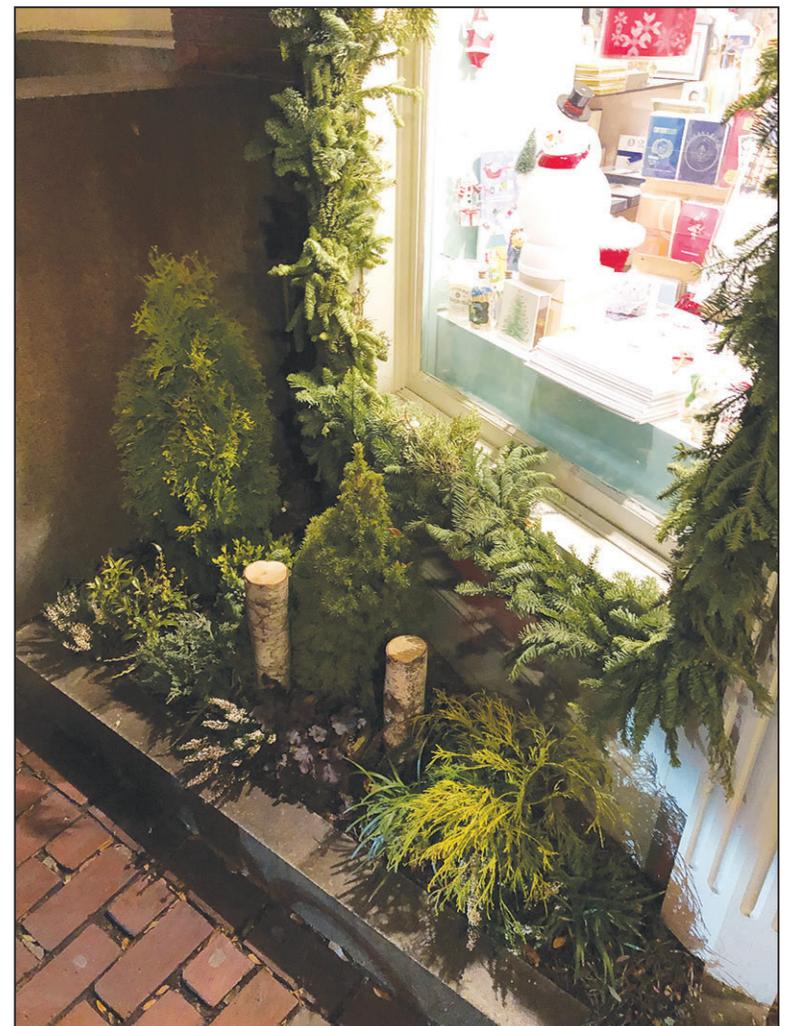
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[www.kings-chapel.org](http://www.kings-chapel.org)



Left to right are Ali Ringenburg, contest judge and co-chair of the Joint Charles Street Committee; Kelsang Sangpo, owner of Tibet Emporium; Paul Elias, Beacon Hill Business Association board member; Patricia Tully, executive director of the Beacon Hill Civic Association; Miguel Rosales, the contest's jury chair and John Corey, co-chair of the Joint Charles Street Committee.



Third-prize winner in Charles Street Storefront Decorating Competition: Tibet Emporium at 103 Charles St.



First-prize winner in Charles Street Storefront Decorating Competition: Beacon Hill Chocolates at 91 Charles St.

## Bicycle lane vertical flex posts will be removed for winter starting Dec. 16

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) has announced that in order to promote safe multi-modal travel and ensure optimal snow clearing operations during the winter months, crews will be removing the vertical flex posts which separate the bicycle lanes and vehicular travel lanes on the Longfellow Bridge beginning the evening of Sunday, December 16. MassDOT plans to re-install the flex posts in spring 2019 after the conclusion of the snow and ice season.

After receiving stakeholder input and reviewing snow removal options, MassDOT made the decision to remove the vertical flex posts for the winter so that crews and snow plows will have access to the full width of the bridge during and after storm events. This will ensure that the vehicular travel lanes, bicycle lanes, gutter line, and drainage structures are all cleared at the same time.

These flex posts will be removed during overnight hours starting Sunday, December 16, and this work is expected to be completed in approximately four nights. Work will take place each evening between 9 p.m., and 5 a.m.

Snow removal on the Longfellow Bridge is being carried out through a partnership between MassDOT and the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR). During winter weather events, DCR crews will plow and clear the bridge as operations and conditions necessitate, and snow will be removed from approximately one half of the width of the sidewalks. After the storm has concluded, MassDOT and DCR crews will then close the bridge to traffic or implement lane closures in order to remove snow and ice from the vehicular

lane, bicycle lane and sidewalk using front end loaders and other equipment.

Both MassDOT and DCR recognize the importance of this roadway as a primary commuting route for drivers, bicyclists, and pedestrians. As such, both agencies work together to ensure conditions are as accessible as possible during a storm event. Additionally, the Draft Statewide Pedestrian Plan, and the upcoming Draft Statewide Bicycle Plan both address the need to ensure winter maintenance of bicycle and pedestrian facilities to allow access by multimodal travelers.

Motorists are reminded that the speed limit along the Longfellow Bridge is 25 miles per hour. During winter storms, travelers should reduce speeds, drive the conditions and devote their full attention to what is ahead on the road.

For more information regarding snow clearing operations, as well contact information for submitting feedback on snow clearing efforts, members of the public can visit: <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/dcr-winter-storm>. For more information on traffic conditions travelers are encouraged to:

- Dial 511 and select a route to hear real-time conditions.

- Visit [www.mass511.com](http://www.mass511.com), a website which provides real-time traffic and incident advisory information, and allows users to subscribe to text and email alerts for traffic conditions.

- Follow MassDOT on Twitter @MassDOT to receive regular updates on road and traffic conditions.

- Download MassDOT's GoTime mobile app and view real-time traffic conditions before setting out on the road.

## BOSTON CHILDREN'S SCHOOL CELEBRATES THANKSGIVING



Students from the Boston Children's School appear in costume in at its annual school play about the first Thanksgiving in the U.S. "Some are Native Americans and others are Pilgrims or Englishmen who have arrived in the colonies," wrote Dr. Robert Langer, who has served as executive director, alongside his wife, Judy, since the school's inception in 1965. "All of the children are part of the annual school play about the first Thanksgiving in America. In addition to the play, the children prepare, with help from their teachers, pies, cakes and muffins for their families to enjoy at the annual BCS Thanksgiving Feast. We have had this tradition for 20 years. It is a terrific experience for everyone."

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mind that in the long run these are all valuable improvements that will benefit our community for years to come. We certainly understand that the disruptions can be frustrating, and that is why we're doing our best to minimize impacts in the short-term, while working on long-term solutions for these bridges and roads.

We encourage residents to contact their neighborhood liaisons with questions or con-

cerns. Maria Lanza is the liaison for the North End and the West End and can be reached at [Maria.Lanza@boston.gov](mailto:Maria.Lanza@boston.gov). Quinlan Locke is the liaison for Charlestown and can be reached at [Quinlan.Locke@boston.gov](mailto:Quinlan.Locke@boston.gov). For any other concerns, residents can call 311, the City's 24-hour constituent hotline.

*Martin J. Walsh is the mayor of Boston.*



## Public Meeting

# 45 Temple Street Notice of Project Change

**Tuesday, December 18**  
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

**5 Blossom Street**  
Wyndham Boston Beacon Hill  
Boston, MA 02114

### Project Description:

Public Meeting to discuss the Notice of Project Change for the redevelopment project of the former Archer and Donahue buildings at 33 - 61 (45) Temple Street.

mail to: **Aisling Kerr**  
Boston Planning & Development Agency  
One City Hall Square, 9th Floor  
Boston, MA 02201  
phone: 617.918.4212  
email: [Aisling.Kerr@Boston.gov](mailto:Aisling.Kerr@Boston.gov)

**Close of Comment Period:**  
12/27/2018

BostonPlans.org | @BostonPlans  
Teresa Polhemus, Executive Director/Secretary

### BEACON HILL HOLIDAY STROLL 2018

Photos by Marianne Salza

Charles Street was bustling with neighbors shopping for holiday gifts during the Beacon Hill Civic Association's Beacon Hill Holiday Stroll on December 6. Children riding scooters paused to listen to the music of the Beacon Hill Band and Back Bay Ringers, who performed Christmas carols at each block. Others dropped mini marshmallows in hot chocolate

and explored the novelties at toy stores. The smells of chocolate and pine filled bakeries, antique shops, and clothing boutiques as visitors sipped on champagne and ate cookies. The evening concluded with a horse-drawn carriage passing by a Christmas tree lit white before the Charles Street Meeting House.



Mary, Max, and Hank Shertenlieb



The Delia Family.



Will and Josie Carter playing with a rubber duck at The Red Wagon.



The Beacon Hill Band, Johnny Blue Horn, Hiro Tokushige, and Steve Curtis, performing 'Frosty the Snowman.'

Cyan Magenta Yellow Black

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### BEACON HILL HOLIDAY STROLL 2018



The Hamilton and Ricks Families.



The Back Bay Ringers performing 'We Wish You a Merry Christmas.'



Ashley Arbuckle, Mikah Farbo, and Lizzie Barcay.



The Back Bay Ringers performing 'We Wish You a Merry Christmas.'



Jamesii Delande, manager, Siobhan Keenan, and Jennifer DeFlorio, of December Thieves.



Marilyn and Rick Schrenker admiring dining antiques with Lori Hedtler, owner of Devonia, during the Holiday Stroll.



Rachel, Celia, and Nathalie Swanson.



Amy Bailey, owner of Townhouse Beauty Bar, putting lipstick on Annabelle Pratt, with her sister, Lily.

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# YOUNG FRIENDS RING IN HOLIDAY SEASON WITH WINTER SOCIAL AT UNION CLUB

Photos by Christine Hurley of Hurley Event Photography

On Friday night, 100 park supporters celebrated the holiday season at the Winter Social at the beautiful, historic Union Club hosted by the Young Friends of the Public Garden.

Proceeds support the year-round work of the Friends of the Public Garden to care for Boston Common, the Public Garden and Commonwealth Avenue Mall. The group was warmly welcomed by Young Friends co-chairs Anne

Mostue and Rich Hornblower, and Board Chair Leslie Adam invited all to an upcoming special event, "A Community Conversation: The Power of Public Monuments and Why They Matter," on Jan. 9, 2019. The event is the kick-off event of the year-long project by the Partnership to Renew the Shaw 54th Regiment Memorial.

Learn more at [Friendsofthepublicgarden.org](http://Friendsofthepublicgarden.org).



Ashley Casavant and Chad Fletcher.



Ashley Scott and Katie Kages.



Courtney Barry, Ashton Therrien and Mark Kiefer.



Mark Valle and Kelly M. Pratt.



Miguel Rosales, Leslie Adam, John David Corey.



Arjun Gupta and Cara O'Connor.



Kyle Murphy, Lou Spelios, Lars Vaule, Anne Mostue, John Hauser, Meg McClafferty and Eve Hauser.



John Hauser and Eve Hauser.

### LEGAL NOTICE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

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Boston, MA 02114  
(617)788-8300

NOTICE OF  
PETITION FOR  
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Docket No.  
SU18CO486CA  
In the matter of:  
Harry Glen  
Mellinger  
To all persons interested in petition  
described:  
A Petition to Change Name of

Adult has been filed by Harry Glen Mellinger of Boston, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: Rose P. Holsinger  
Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Suffolk Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 12/20/2018. This is NOT

a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.  
WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: November 30, 2018  
Felix D. Arroyo,  
Register of Probate

12/13/18  
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## FOPG offers unique holiday gift idea

The Friends of the Public Garden has the perfect holiday gift for the history buff on your gift list.

The Friends group has pens made from the wood of Boston Common elm trees. Not just any elm trees, but the trees across from the State House near the Shaw/54th Memorial. These trees are the oldest elms on the Common and are believed to have been planted in the 1780s by John Hancock, whose home used to be where the State House is today. Those elm trees are not only the oldest on the Common, but the oldest in

the Western hemisphere.

You can give a piece of history this holiday season. The pens are \$42.50 each and are available at the Friends office at 69 Beacon St. up until Dec. 21. You may also call the Friends office at 617-723-8144 and buy a pen with a credit card and pay for it to be shipped to you.

Proceeds from the pen sales will support the work of the Friends to renew, care and advocate for the Boston Common, Public Garden and Commonwealth Avenue Mall.



## BHCA (from pg. 1)

Thursday evening, January 17th from 7-8:30pm at the BHCA.

For the West End Library Food Pantry, we are collecting nonperishable food items (popular items include cereal, tea and peanut butter) with a special request for holiday meal food items. Grocery store gift cards are also greatly appreciated. A collaboration with Action for Boston Community Development (ABCD), the West End Library Food Pantry serves Beacon Hill and West End low-income residents and elderly.

We'll be collecting items from December 10th through January 31st. Items can be dropped off during the weekdays at the BHCA, 74 Joy Street. Items for the food pantry can also be dropped off year-round at

the West End Library at 151 Cambridge Street.

Thank you in advance for your contributions!

Join us!

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Upcoming BHCA Meetings  
Monday, December 17:  
Architecture Committee  
Meeting. 5pm. 74 Joy Street.

Other upcoming BHCA Events

Health Care in the Streets:  
Lessons from Three Decades  
of Caring for Boston's Rough  
Sleepers with Dr. Jim O'Connell  
- Thursday, January 17th,  
7-8:30pm, 74 Joy Street

47th Annual Beacon Hill  
Gala - Saturday, February 9th  
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Visit the Beacon Hill Civic  
Association website [www.bhcivic.org](http://www.bhcivic.org) or call the office (617-227-1922) for more information on any of these events.

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## PRESCOTT (from pg. 1)

Rowell going room to room with her grandfather to wind up the grandfather clocks at 8 p.m. each night and watching her grandmother make preparations for lunch with the Dames.

Rowell also warmly recalls Mrs. Jane (Covey) Webster, the wife of Edwin P. Webster, co-founder of the Stoughton-based engineering firm Stone and Webster. Mrs. Webster served as a devoted Dame, Dame president and chair of the Prescott House Committee, among other key positions with the Colonial Dames of America, before her death in 1969 at age 99, and she was instrumental in the Dames acquiring the Prescott House at 55 Beacon St. in 1944 for their Boston headquarters, according to Putnam.

Rowell remembers visiting Mrs. Webster at her 50-room mansion on the corner of Dartmouth Street and Commonwealth Avenue and once watching as she and the other Dames sat at a long table in the Prescott House sewing American flags.

"Mrs. Webster was so wealthy, but she treated our grandparents and us just like every one else," Rowell told this reporter.

Around the holidays, Rowell would walk with her grandfather and Queenie, his Boston terrier, on the Common, which she described as "magical place...with tree after tree laden with bright shining lights." Live reindeer were kept in a fenced-in area at this time of year, much to the delight of children visiting the park.

"For the first time in my young life, I was standing next to live reindeer, not just one but many," Rowell wrote. "Queenie would bark and Grampa would scoop her up to quiet her down while I was standing there, speechless."

While Rowell left the Boston area long ago, she and her sister still try to return to the city at least twice each year just to stand in front of the Prescott House's "big green door."

"It makes us smile and remind us of those times with our grandparents and of happier times," Rowell wrote. "I will forever be thankful that I'm one lucky lady who can tell these stories of a time gone by."



Photo courtesy of the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America  
The "big green door" of the William Hickling Prescott House at 55 Beacon St.

## FRESH ANS LOCAL

## Chasing food memories

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

The end of the year can be a time for food nostalgia, an opportunity for thinking about the very personal foods that bring you back to another time and place. It may be a family holiday recipe or something made by someone you love. It might be a regional food that you wish you could taste again or that meal you once adored at a now closed restaurant. (Perhaps, Hammersley's garlic lemon chicken for so many of us in this area.)

## Special for Us

Penny has been chasing a food memory of a rice dessert her Uncle Al prepared for her whenever she, as a child, stayed with him and her aunt. She may have found it in recent research on his native

Filipino food. She'll be test cooking Bibingka Malagkit, a dessert traditionally eaten in the cooler season in the Philippines. This may show up on one of our menus before the season is over.

Ed's special food memory is of his grandmother's meatballs. Fortunately, while helping a friend find a recipe similar to her own mother's meatballs, Penny tried out the "Classic Italian American Tomato Sauce II" recipe in the 1990s edition of Joy of Cooking. The Italian American from Queens and the one from New Jersey agreed that this was the meatball they remembered. It has become the favorite meatball recipe at our home.

## Regional and Ethnic Goodies

Perhaps you are a transplant longing for San Francisco sour-

dough bread or New York pizza. People who leave this area often miss lobster rolls, clam chowder, or moon pies. As you can see, not all nostalgic food is homemade.

While you may serve latkes for your Hanukkah celebration, you may still long for a lost family version or prefer them with sour cream rather than applesauce because of a personal tradition.

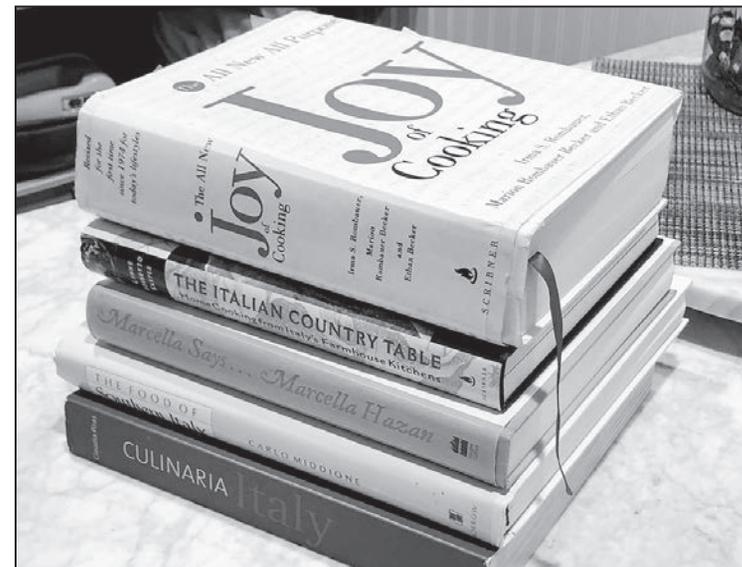
Many of our friends say they must have a green bean casserole on the holiday table. British pals miss good mince pies and a Christmas pudding. Many an Italian family still cook the Feast of the Seven Fishes on Christmas Eve.

When you mention stuffing a turkey, everyone has some must-have in the recipe: oysters, sausage, cornbread, or chestnuts. Most often they are seeking their taste of holidays past.

## Keep Food Nostalgia Going

British Chef Alyn Williams, in a talk about food nostalgia, noted, "The thing about food is that it speaks to all five senses, especially the powerful memory triggers of smell and taste. There's that whole thing with Proust and his 'petite Madeleine'..." He added, "So here's the science bit: food is so fundamental to our survival that we seem primed to form strong memories about it. This means we tend to eat with our minds as much as our stomachs."

The complete topic of Chef William's talk gives all lovers of food and tradition something to think about. It was, "Nostalgia - How important are nostalgic food memories in our innovative process and what happens to a generation where food nostalgia will be missing through lack of



With endless online resources and shelves of cookbooks, it was a Joy of Cooking recipe that made the meatballs remembered by two Italian Americans.

home cooking?"

When discussing this topic with our friend Carol, she mentioned a cake her family had always made. She has not had it since she was diagnosed with Celiac disease. This year, thanks to our conversation, she will try to create a gluten-free version. And, she will make the original recipe her mother made each year

and present it to family members who have never tasted it. She hopes at least one of her guests asks for their Grandmother's recipe.

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# NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDUP

## '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 both be celebrating their 25th appearance in the holiday show. "A Christmas Carol" 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 through Dec. 23 (Evening shows Dec. 14, 15, 16, 20, 21 and 22 at 7:30 p.m.; Matinees Dec. 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.nsmat.org](http://www.nsmat.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.

## 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.

## 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 perform-

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

Programming includes 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 "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.

## 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](http://www.nichols-housemuseum.org).

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Fusilli & Broccoli	\$35.00	\$70.00
Fusilli, Eggplant, Garlic & Oil	\$35.00	\$70.00
Chicken & Ziti Saldate	\$45.00	\$90.00
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Sausage Cacciatore w/Ziti	\$50.00	\$95.00
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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 morn-

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

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### 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.

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### '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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### '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.

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