



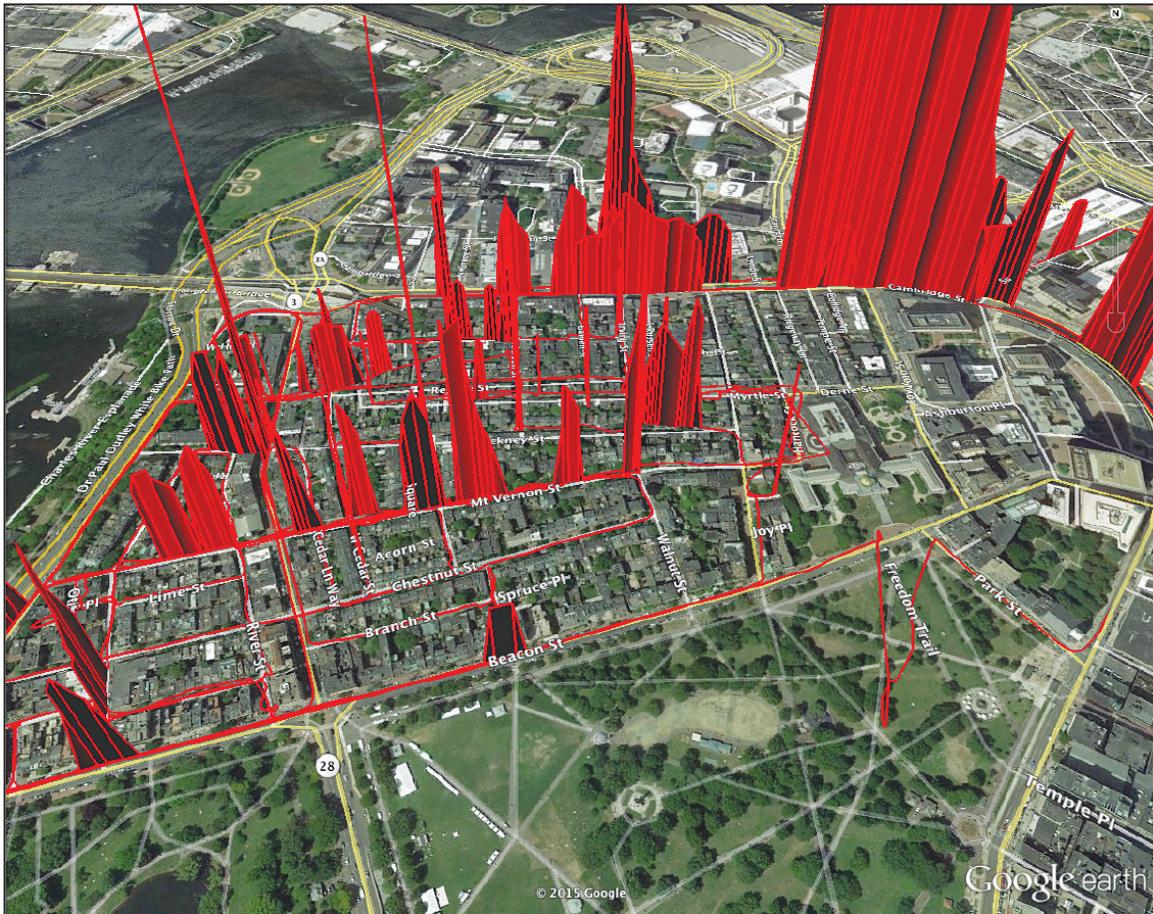
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FROM THE BEACON HILL GARDEN CLUB



Gas leaks survey of Beacon Hill during Fall 2015 by Gas Safety USA. Only the streets in red were surveyed. The leaks on other streets are not shown.

Gas leak dangers for Beacon Hill trees

By Ania Camargo and Claire Corcoran, volunteers for Mothers Out Front

Trees are one of Beacon Hill's treasures. But they lead a tough life—not enough water, hit by cars and trucks, poisoned with road salt during the icy winters, and, increasingly, killed by gas leaks. Last August, at least three trees on Temple Street were dying from methane gas in the

root zone and were removed. In 2015, out of 37 dead trees in Beacon Hill, 30% died from gas leaks.

National Grid knows about gas leaks under our streets killing trees, but they are not required to fix them. There are more than 3,000 gas leaks in the Greater Boston Area. Under current law, utility companies must fix only gas leaks that are considered

explosive or that could soon be explosive. Trees don't matter.

The infrastructure that brings gas to Boston's homes and businesses dates back to the 19th century. In the days when the downtown neighborhoods were constructed, pipes laid to deliver methane gas to street lamps (which were later adapted for

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BEACON HILL CIVIC ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY CORNER

BHCA Membership Season is here!

April is the start of Membership Season at the BHCA and we invite you to join us or renew your membership now.

Your BHCA membership allows us to continue our efforts to preserve and protect our unique and historic neighborhood, and to answer your calls and emails to help resolve neighborhood issues. Your voice adds strength to our numbers and credibility to our purpose as advocates for Beacon Hill residents in zoning and licensing matters and any other constitu-

ent concerns at the City level. Most importantly, you join a vibrant community of neighbors and businesses committed to helping each other for the benefit of all; neighbors who value each other's company and friendship.

You will be receiving membership reminders in the mail shortly. Join or renew today at www.bhcivic.org, or call us at 617-227-1922. We thank you for your vital support.

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Council passes amended ordinance for regulating shared mobility services

By Lauren Bennett

Electric scooters are becoming a reality in the City of Boston—the City Council last week voted to pass an amended draft of an ordinance that would allow the city to regulate businesses renting out small vehicles, such as electric scooters, on city streets and sidewalks.

City Councilor Michael Flaherty said that the Committee on Government Operations held a public hearing on Feb. 26, and a working session on March 15. At the working session, the committee discussed suggested changes to the ordinance, including reporting requirements of the advisory committee findings, a youth appointee, a dynamic cap, and an annual analysis of licenses, privacy, and public reporting requirements regarding utilization, Flaherty said.

“The committee also discussed BTD staff capacity to effectively implement this program, the

creation of a pilot program and data on trips and imposing fines on users who violate terms of the ordinance,” Flaherty said, as well as “the collection of scooters and the responsibility of the companies as well as the insurance and all liabilities.”

Flaherty said that one of the more important topics of discussion was concerns about safety and equity, as well as the industry's impact on ADA accessibility, as there was testimony from the disability community at the hearing. He said that the ordinance is “intentionally broad” because the industry is constantly evolving and an advisory committee will help create the regulatory authority that is currently not fully spelled out in the ordinance.

Flaherty also provided a summary of the amendments made, including that a city councilor and a representative from the disabilities commission serve on the advisory

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Beacon Hill Village's Creative Kitchens Tour set for April 6

Beacon Hill Village (BHV) is proud to announce that the Creative Kitchens Tour 2019 will take place on Saturday, April 6. The Tour invites the community to “take a peek” into some of the most interesting and unique kitchens in a variety of 19th century homes on Beacon Hill. This fundraising event for the Village has become a popular early spring tradition.

Once again, this year's Tour is made possible through the generosity of many neighbors and businesses, including presenting sponsor Cheers for the Children/Kershaw Foundation. Other business sponsors include Beacon Hill Hotel & Bistro, William Blair, Coldwell Banker/The Hammond Group, Hingham Institution for Savings, Merrill, Payne/Bouchier Fine Builders, Pomery & Co., Inc., Welch & Forbes LLC, and The Whitney Hotel.

Now in its sixth year, the Tour will showcase kitchens steeped in rich history and lovingly updated for today's living – from spaces built to allow all family members

to be in the kitchen at the same time to perfect entertainment centers. Each home reflects the unique style and vitality of the owners.

The Creative Kitchens Tour, which is chaired this year by BHV member Janie Wallace and meticulously planned and enthusiastically staged by more than 80 neighborhood volunteers, continues to grow and attract hundreds of people from Boston and beyond.

The Tour will be held rain or shine from 1 to 4 p.m. on April 6. A limited number of tickets are available for a pre-tour Luncheon to be held at the Hampshire House from 11:45 a.m.-1:15 p.m. Architect Frank McGuire will be the featured speaker and share stories on the “History, Histrionics and Hysteria” of renovations on Beacon Hill. Tickets for the Luncheon, which include a Tour ticket, are \$135 and advance registration is required. Tour-only tickets are \$50 in advance, and also will be available on the day of the

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EDITORIAL

BRING ON THE SPRING

Yes, we know that the calendar told us that spring officially began with the vernal equinox on March 20. And yes, the crocuses have been in full bloom, bringing a welcome burst of color to the otherwise-dreary New England landscape at this time of year.

But those of us who call Eastern Massachusetts home know all-too-well that the actual spring season does not get underway until well into April and May, thanks primarily to the sea-breezes that wash over us with air that has been cooled by ocean temperatures that are only in the high 40s.

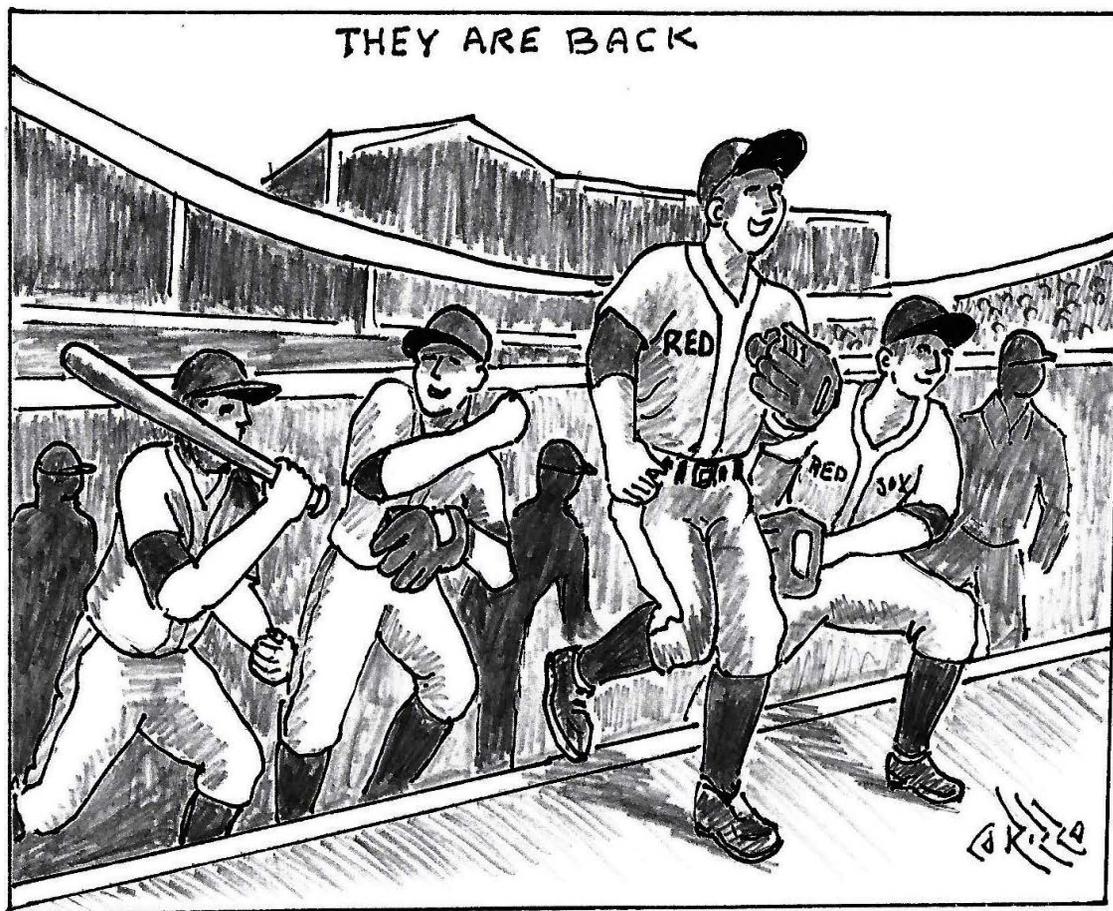
Still, with the winter of 2019 in the rear-view mirror, we can't complain too much about the weather.

The past winter season was easy on our backs because of the lack of snow that needed to be shoveled. Power outages were almost non-existent compared to the past few years. And coastal flooding, the bane of residents in our low-lying areas, thankfully did not occur, despite the potential that existed with the extraordinarily high tides in January, February, and March because of those super moons.

Still, we know that spring can bring its share of nasty and troublesome weather events. The bombogenesis (the term refers to a weather system that essentially explodes when the barometric pressure drops 24 millibars within 24 hours) that occurred with the coastal storm that came up the Atlantic Seaboard this week thankfully stayed out to sea.

But this near-miss served as a reminder that we may not be so lucky the next time around.

Still, with mild temperatures in the forecast for the first half of April, we can't complain -- and, like hope, our thoughts of warmer weather spring eternal.



BOSTON RED SOX, APRIL 9TH FENWAY PARK

GUEST OP-ED

Celebrating One Boston Day

By Mayor Martin J. Walsh

Every year on the third Monday in April, tens of thousands of athletes gather in Hopkinton, and begin the 26.2-mile journey to Boylston Street in Boston. All along the Marathon route, spectators cheer on their friends, family members, and complete strangers. It brings our city together like nothing else. That's why the Boston Marathon is much more than a road race. It's a celebration of everything Boston stands for -- our grit and heart; our resilience and hope.

In recent years, the Marathon has come to stand for something even bigger. April 15, 2013 left our city reeling -- it was one of our city's darkest days. But it also showed us the generosity and compassion of everyday people. We came together as one community, as one Boston, and we showed the world what it meant to be Boston Strong. We showed that we would never let the darkness win. And we vowed to take back the finish line.

Over the last six years, we have turned the Marathon into a movement. April 15, will always be One Boston Day. It's a Citywide day of service, reflection, and healing. It

serves as a way to celebrate the resilience, kindness, and strength demonstrated by the people of Boston and around the world in response to the tragedy. We honor those we lost, and those whose lives changed forever, with acts of kindness, big and small. It's a day when Boston shines brightest. And it's a tradition that we will continue for years to come.

This year, for the first time since 2013, One Boston Day and the Marathon fall on the same day. It will still be a citywide day of service. I call on everyone to do something good for your community on Monday or the weekend leading up to it. Go to OneBostonDay.Org and tell us what you will do.

This year, we are also finalizing our work on permanent markers on Boylston Street to honor the lives that were lost near the finish line on April 15, 2013. Artist Pablo Eduardo is working closely with families to honor their loved ones in a meaningful way. These markers will reflect our City's spirit after the tragedy: bent, but not broken.

This remembrance consists of stone markers on two separate sites. Bronze and glass pillars will rise and twist into each other, representing the lives lost. The mark-

ers will forever serve as a symbol of hope, representing our city's resolve. We look forward to their completion this coming summer.

Until then, please join us in preparing for the fifth annual One Boston Day on April 15, 2019. I encourage you to visit OneBostonDay.Org, to see the acts of kindness planned by individuals and organizations throughout the city and around the world. Last year, we counted more than 43,000 individual acts of kindness. Bostonians shared their projects on social media, and the hashtag #OneBostonDay was trending nationwide. This year, as we get closer, we'll be highlighting the projects people are planning. Whether it's volunteering at a food bank, or helping your neighbor with a household project, there are countless ways to honor this special day. I hope that the stories of others' actions inspire you to get involved this year, and for many years to come.

For 123 years, the Boston Marathon has represented the strength of the human spirit. Now, along with One Boston Day and our permanent marker, we will continue to show the world what it means to be Boston Strong.

Martin J. Walsh is the Mayor of Boston.

Myles' Musings

By Myles Striar

Vive La Difference

One difference between being old
And what it was like to be young
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ATTENTION TO DETAIL

BY PENNY CHERUBINO

THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The window box in the last clue is on 124 Myrtle Street built circa 1855 and credited to architect John B. Perkins. This time of year, we all look forward to seeing new growth in the neighborhood's window boxes. The Beacon Hill Historic District guidelines do address this façade accessory. The rule reads, "Window boxes shall not be permanently affixed to the building."

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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Fairy house building event returns to Franklin Park

Special to the times

Having made it through another winter, it will soon be the time of year when we see the magical creatures that reappear in New England's fields and woods in the spring. In order to welcome the local elf and fairy population, the Boston Parks and Recreation Department will host their sixth annual Fairy House Building family event on Thursday, April 18, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at Schoolmaster Hill in Franklin Park.

Local children and families are invited to help by building tiny homes for them. Spring is the best time to build fairy houses, experts say, providing the magical creatures with shelter for the coming summer months and the flitting season that begins in late May.

This free family event will include outdoor nature play, storytelling, entertainment with Rosalita's Puppets, plant education from the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, and face

painting. Children are encouraged to wear their favorite fairy and elf costumes to encourage their tiny guests to alight in Franklin Park. Natural materials will be provided, and youngsters are encouraged to explore their surroundings to find natural elements such as sticks, stones, and leaves to adorn their fairy houses. There will also be a fairy puppet show at 11:30 a.m.

Located in Franklin Park's historic 220-acre forest among oak and pine trees overlooking the William Devine Golf Course, Schoolmaster Hill provides the perfect location for fairy and elf habitat that recognizes their connection to the earth by utilizing building materials from the woods around them.

Schoolmaster Hill is located on Circuit Drive between the William Devine Golf Course Clubhouse and Shattuck Hospital. For more information, please call the Boston Parks and Recreation Department at (617) 961-3047, or visit online at www.boston.gov/parks or www.facebook.com/bostonparksdepartment.



Local children, dressed with fairy wings, strolled through Franklin Park during last year's Fairy House Building event.

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Beacon Hill Business Assoc. holds annual meeting at Hampshire House

By Dan Murphy

The Beacon Hill Business Association held its annual meeting on Thursday, March 28, at Hampshire House.

At that time, Lucy Grogan and Ali Ringenburg, outgoing co-presidents, outlined the organization's recent highlights, including the imminent launch of its new website that will highlight each of the 75 members with descriptions and images of their businesses and feature a map and a history of the BHBA written by Tom Kershaw, an original member of the group and the event host.

"We want to keep it simple at first...but the idea is for to grow and eventually have a calendar and an events page," Grogan said.

The BHBA also published the annual edition of its popular business map, which it disseminated to the top 40 hotels and condo buildings citywide.

"They're being distributed elsewhere throughout the city to get people to our neighborhood, and



Stacy Sheehan, the Beacon Hill Business Association's outgoing clerk and incoming co-president.

it's been effective," Grogan said.

In addition, the Business Association sent a letter to all property owners on Charles Street via certified mail informing them of a new city zoning amendment sponsored by City Councilor Josh Zakim that mandates ground-floor on the street should be reserved for retail use.

"We want to keep retail shops on Charles Street," Ringenburg said.

The organization's newslet-

ter, which Grogan launched two years, has continued to be an effective means of communication with members and the greater BHBA business community.

Also, the annual Concierge Stroll has grown to include 40 concierges, who are given a personal walking tour of Charles Street by BHBA representatives to better familiarize them with neighborhood businesses.

Other popular BHBA-sponsored events last year included the annual Sidewalk Sale, which featured a record 23 businesses using the sidewalk to display and sell their wares; semi-annual mixers that allow members to socialize and network; and the annual Holiday Stroll, which remains one of the neighborhood's most popular seasonal events, drawing thousands to the neighborhood to enjoy musical performances, horse-and-buggy rides and the tree-lighting at Mt. Vernon and Charles streets.

Meanwhile, the Joint Charles Street Committee – a partnership



Lucy Grogan and Ali Ringenburg, the Beacon Hill Business Association's outgoing co-presidents.

between the Business Association and the Beacon Hill Civic Association – continues to fund a private cleaning service that tends to the street three times a week from the spring until September.

Stacy Sheehan, outgoing clerk and incoming co-president, introduced the board of directors for 2019-2020 whose executive com-

mittee also includes Steve Losordo, co-president; Markus Ripperger, vice president and Michelle Vilms, treasurer. A clerk for the new term has yet to be named.

Directors include Lana Baraket, Paul Elias, Jack Gurnon, Julianne Kiley, Brian Maglione, Linda Marshall and Ringenburg.

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tour for \$60 at the Hampshire House, 84 Beacon St., and Hingham Savings at 80 Charles Street beginning at 12:30. A complimentary post-tour reception for ticket holders will be held at the Hampshire House from 3-5 p.m.

All proceeds will benefit

Beacon Hill Village, a non-profit membership organization that has been changing the experience of growing older for downtown Boston residents age 50+ since 2002 through cultural, social and wellness programs, access to expert information, resources

and support, and opportunities for community engagement. To purchase tickets in advance, or for more information on BHV, visit www.beaconhillvillage.org or call 617.723.9713.

GAS LEAK (from pg. 1)

homes and businesses) were 12-foot lengths of cast iron. Pipes were connected and "sealed" by stuffing the joints with burlap bags painted with creosote. Over the years, freeze/thaw cycles, groundwater movement, and rusting have opened many of these junctions, leaking the gas into the surrounding soil. When methane displaces the oxygen the roots need, the trees suffocate. In some locations it has been possible to measure the methane emanating from the exposed stumps of removed trees.

All gas leaks should be repaired as quickly as possible. Gas can explode, as it did in Merrimack Valley last fall. Gas leaks also contribute to climate change since methane is 80 times more powerful as a greenhouse gas than other fossil fuels when it is released into the atmosphere without being combusted. Leaked methane is bad for respiratory health, contributes to ground level ozone which further exacerbates asth-

ma, and contains unknown toxins as residue from the fracking process that produces 80 percent of our gas supply. Gas leaks also are wasteful, and we're paying for them. They are included in the calculation of our utility rates—\$90 million a year in the Boston area alone!

The Gas Leaks Allies coalition, including Mothers Out Front, is working with state legislators on a bill called FUTURE that mandates that utility companies promptly fix leaks that are killing trees. The bill provides important public

safety measures, and creates more transparency for the state Department of Public Utilities, which regulates gas companies. It also creates incentives and pathways for gas companies to transition to providers of renewable energy. With enough political support, these solutions could help guide us toward a sustainable future—one that stops harming our trees, as well as our climate. For more information, visit the Mothers Out Front website, http://www.mothersoutfront.org/gas_leaks_fact_sheet.

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WECA makes annual donation

The West End Civic Association (WECA) selected The West End Museum as its 2019 donation recipient. This terrific neighborhood Museum enhances the West End and is dedicated to the collection, preservation and interpretation of the history and culture of the West End of Boston. This hidden gem is in West End Place, with its entrance on Lomasney Street.

"The Last Tenement" permanent exhibition, originally set up in 1992 at the Old State House by the Bostonian Society through a grant by the National Endowment for the Humanities, was relocated to the Museum in 2006. It is housed in its own ded-

icated 1,100 square foot space. The exhibit documents the history of the West End during the <<https://thewestendmuseum.org/wordpress/history-of-the-west-end/immigrant-era/>> immigrant era from 1850 to 1958. Visitors view the neighborhood's topographical history, architecture, and nineteenth-century blossoming as a desirable residential area. They see how the West End evolved into a densely populated urban district of working-class immigrants forming a small community - including over 20 ethnic backgrounds - of middle-class professionals and students.

The West End is recognized nationally to generations of stu-

dents of urban planning and sociology as a textbook example of negative results from the 1950s federal <<https://thewestendmuseum.org/wordpress/history-of-the-west-end/urban-renewal/>> urban renewal program. The lesson learned from the razing of Boston's West End have instructed city planners and spurred neighborhood activists to cope more successfully with urban problems.

Museum hours are Tuesday - Friday from noon to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free. thewestendmuseum.org.

COUNCIL (from pg. 1)

sory committee, and a quarterly report will be submitted to the mayor and Council "on actions and recommendations undertaken by the advisory committee." Flaherty added that many of the amendments suggested by the committee will be addressed through licensing and contracting with the businesses that will provide the vehicles.

"This is really exciting and this is an incredibly important first step," said Councilor Matt O'Malley, who has been a champion of micromobility services throughout this process. He said that the council would like to learn

from the triumphs and tribulations of other municipalities across the country that have already implemented these types of vehicles. "So we're going to do it right, we're going to do it the Boston way," he said.

O'Malley said he supports micromobility because it helps people get where they need to go, it takes cars off the road, it helps lower greenhouse gas emissions, and "if done right...it can actually generate revenue for the city," he said. "So I can't wait to get to work and I can't wait to see all of us on scooters in the not-too-distant future."

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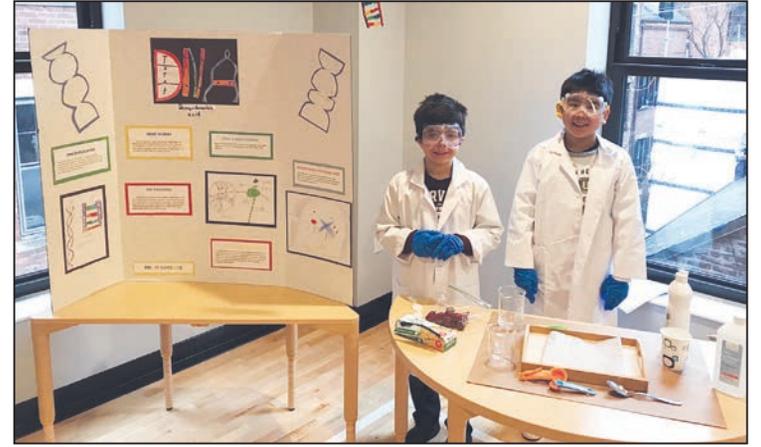
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FROM DNA TO SOUND WAVES, THE SCIENCE FAIR AT TORIT IMPRESSES

Torit Montessori School's gym was buzzing with activity during the annual Science Fair, as Elementary students confidently demonstrated their research into interesting topics and presented their findings to peers, parents and staff.

"Preparing for the Science Fair calls on a variety of students' academic skills, including researching, planning, meeting deadlines, working with others, writing skills and public speaking," said Kristen Mansharamani, executive head of school. "The Fair is part of the rigorous academic curriculum students engage in throughout the year, and a great opportunity to demonstrate what they know."

Working in teams, Lower Elementary students explored the fundamentals of magnetism, light, and sound, while Upper Elementary students branched out into DNA, the respiratory and digestive systems, brain functions, and the comparison of fossils to living animals. More than one parent walked away saying they'd learned something new.



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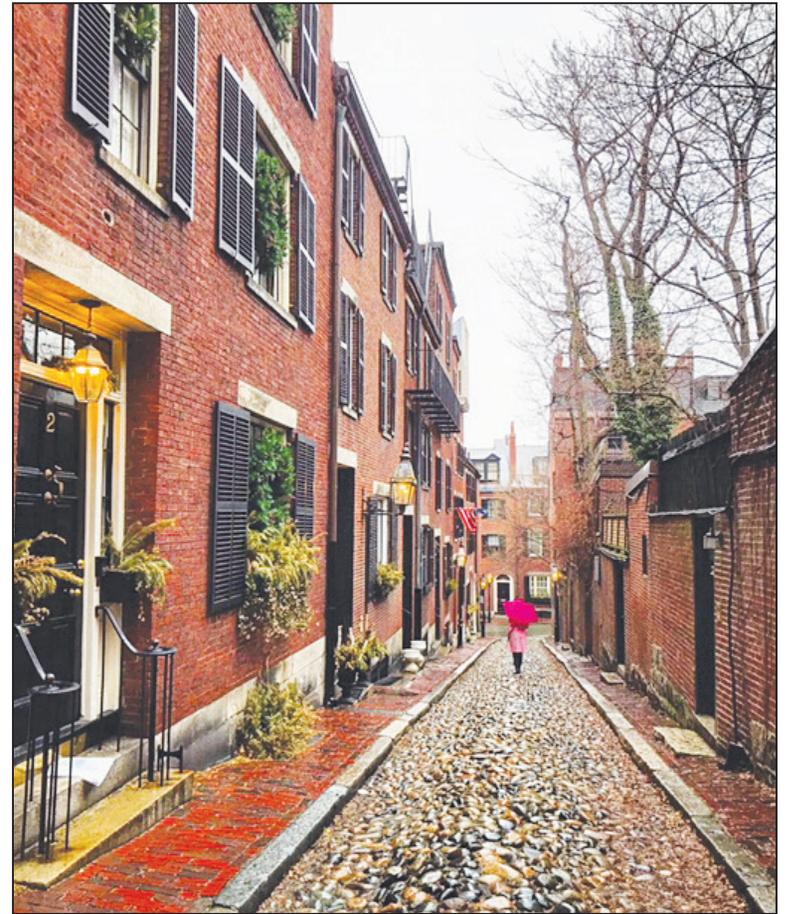
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Come rain or shine! Connections group of the Beacon Hill Women's Forum held their second Iphone Photography group at the Infinity Portrait Design Studio at 59 Beacon Street. They learned about the "Magic Wand" in editing by Jessica Speece, winner in the IG'ers Boston Gallery 18. Architect Richelle Gewertz showed us how she uses the Photoshop App to straighten the lines of buildings. The final session of the season will be held on May 2, at the Infinity Portrait Design Studio. We will celebrate by sharing our work and learn of printing options. All members are welcome to come. Organizers are Pat Arroyo, Jessica Speece, and Richelle Gewertz. Susan Symonds, owner of Infinity Portrait Design Studio, has graciously offered her studio to host this group.



Photo by Kathy Judge, Beacon Hill resident

Pictured are Richelle Gewertz (far right), Susan Symonds (front center), Doris Hearty (far left front). Back from left Jessica Speece, Perrin Grayson, Pat Arroyo, Gail Gupta, and Kelli Brannan.



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City reconstructs sidewalk ramps and makes safety improvements at Mount Vernon and Walnut streets

By Dan Murphy

The city is reconstructing sidewalk pedestrian ramps and making traffic safety improvements at the intersection at Walnut Street to improve mobility and slow traffic traveling on Mount Vernon and Chestnut streets, according to Boston Transportation Department officials.

Rob Whitney, president of the Beacon Hill Civic Association

board of directors, said the work is the result of an agreement between the city and the nonprofit.

“The city is raising the intersection [at Mt. Vernon and Walnut streets] to cause traffic to slow down, and to make it more accessible to people with mobility disabilities,” Whitney said. “We’ve met with the city on the initial ramps they’re putting in, as well as the design issues.”

Whitney said the traffic problem in the area has been further

exasperated in recent years due with the increasing popularity of ride-share services like Uber and Lyft, as well as the GPS navigation app Wazes. “We’re very concerned about excessive speeds of cars on Beacon Hill,” he added.

Meanwhile, Whitney said, “We look forward to continuing discussions with city in regard to work they’re planning on doing in the neighborhood over the next several years.”



Construction on the corner of Chestnut and Walnut streets.

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Mayor Walsh, Boston residents honored as Boston Harbor Heroes at Save the Harbor's Gala

On Thursday, March 28, 500 corporate and civic leaders, elected officials, community partners, and Save the Harbor/Save the Bay supporters gathered at the Seaport Hotel for Destination Boston Harbor, Save the Harbor's annual fundraising gala.

This event celebrated a year of on-the-water programming that connects millions of the region's residents and visitors to Boston Harbor, the Harbor Islands, the region's public beaches, and waterfront communities, and reflected on the investments and improvements in access to clean water for all.

Each year, Save the Harbor recognizes men and women as Boston Harbor Heroes for their commitment to Save the Harbor's mission, the community, and the Harbor. Save the Harbor's Board Chair and National Grid's Vice President of Government Affairs for Massachusetts, Joseph Newman, along with Save the Harbor's new President, Tani Marinovich, thanked the guests and introduced this year's heroes which included Boston Mayor Martin J. Walsh for his commitment to connecting Boston's youth and families to our harbor, our islands and our beaches.

In addition, Boston residents Allen Huang and Veera Mahadomrongkul of the Ohana New England Dragon Boat Team, were honored for their outstanding on the water programs that

truly activate the Fort Point Channel, and engage our kids and our communities. The event also honored Hyde Park resident John Sullivan, Chief Engineer of the Boston Water & Sewer Commission, for his sustained efforts to improve water quality on beaches in South Boston, East Boston and Dorchester at the Boston Water and Sewer Commission and for his service on the MWRA Advisory Board, and South Boston Resident Kathy Lafferty, Executive Director, South Boston Neighborhood House, for her commitment to sharing Boston Harbor with kids and families and her lifetime of service to the South Boston community.

Finally the event recognized three of Save the Harbor's Youth Environmental Education Program staff, Charlestown residents Sam Bowman and Maeve Fittz and South End resident Kharliyah Ortiz, for the important role they play in making Save the Harbor/Save the Bay the Boston Harbor Connection for the region's youth and families.

The additional 2019 Harbor Heroes are:

- Tom Crohan, John Hancock Financial Services
- Shelagh Mahoney, Eastern Salt Company, Inc.
- David Spillane, AICP, RIBA, President Principal, Goody Clancy

This year's event was particularly special as it included several

tributes to the contributions and hard work of Patty Foley, who has retired after 20 years as President of Save the Harbor/Save the Bay. Mayor Walsh began by reflecting on his work with Foley during his time serving in Massachusetts Legislature as the Representative from Dorchester. He credited her with educating him about the challenges faced by the neighborhood beaches and being a tireless advocate for the investing resources for their improvement. Mayor Walsh also reflected on the threat posed by climate change and the need to work collaboratively with organizations such as Save the Harbor to ensure resiliency for future generations.

A video tribute included remarks from Paul Grogan of the Boston Foundation, Charlayne Murrell-Smith of the Boston Children's Foundation, Bill Delahunt of The Delahunt Group, Ronda McCloud of JetBlue, Harold Sparrow of the Greater Hartford YMCA, Robert Travaglini of Travaglini, Eisenberg, and Kiley, Joe Newman, Tani Marinovich, and Bruce Berman of Save the Harbor and Foley's husband.

Finally, former Massachusetts Senate President Robert Travaglini and former State Senator Jack Hart reflected on their work with Foley through the Metropolitan Beaches Commission which was first created in 2006 to report on the challenges and needs of the region's state-owned beaches.



Pictured (left to right): Joe Newman, Maeve Fittz, Sam Bowman, John Sullivan, Tani Marinovich, David Spillane, Shelagh Mahoney, Kathy Lafferty, Patricia Foley, Tom Crohan, Veera Mahadomrongkul, Allen Huang, and Bruce Berman.

Travaglini, Hart, and Susan Tracy of The Strategy Group and Save the Harbor's Board of Directors then asked attendees to consider a gift to the Patty Foley Legacy Fund.

Marinovich thanked everyone for their support, for making 2019 the most successful Destination Boston Harbor ever with more than \$750,000 raised for continued advocacy for, and programming on, Boston Harbor, the harbor islands and the regions beaches.

Save the Harbor would like to thank all of our sponsors, silent auction donors, and supporters including presenting sponsor

Wells Fargo for the support of the important work we do to restore and preserve Boston Harbor for future generations.

You can find a complete list of the 2019 Destination Boston Harbor Donors and Sponsors here: <http://blog.savetheharbor.org/2019/04/our-funders-and-supporters.html>.

For more information about Save the Harbor/Save the Bay and the work they do, please visit their website at www.savetheharbor.org, their blog "Sea, Sand & Sky" at blog.savetheharbor.org, or follow savetheharbor on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

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CALENDAR

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 5

EVENT, Clair-obscure fashion show, French Cultural Center, 53 Marlborough St. 7-9 p.m., tickets: \$65 general admission; \$45 each for French Cultural Center members, visit <https://frenchculturalcenter.org/events/clair-obscure-fashion-show-with-december-thieves/> to purchase tickets or for more information

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

EVENT, pop-up and designer meet-and-greet event with Nuit Atelier, December Thieves, 51 Charles St., noon- 6 p.m., R.S.V.P. to info@decemberthieves.com

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

CONCERT, Xavier Foley, Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, 25 Evans Way, Calderwood Hall, 1:30 p.m., visit www.gardnermuseum.org or at the door to purchase tickets and for more information

TUESDAY, APRIL 9

CONCERT, "Café Barcelona," with guitarist Peter Griggs performing works by Jobim, flamenco music and more, Church on the Hill, 140 Bowdoin St., 3 p.m., admission:

free, call 617-523- 4575 or visit <http://churchonthehill-boston.org> for more information and tickets

TUESDAY, APRIL 16

ACTIVITY, Hill House's Senior Dinner, 74 Joy St., contact madamczyk@hillhouseboston.org or 617-227-5838 ext. 22 to learn more about the requirements for this monthly event

CONCERT, Emily Bieber-Harris (soprano) and Heinrich Christensen (organ) performing works by Bach, Brahms and more, Church on the Hill, 140 Bowdoin St., 3 p.m., admission: free, call 617-523- 4575 or visit <http://churchonthehillboston.org> for more information and tickets

SATURDAY, APRIL 23

CONCERT, Circa Harmonie Boston performing the "Mozart Serenade," Church on the Hill, 140 Bowdoin St., 3 p.m., admission: free, call 617-523- 4575 or visit <http://churchonthehillboston.org> for more information and tickets

SATURDAY, APRIL 30

CONCERT, Some Assembly Required featuring spiritual works by Stravinsky, Still and more, Church on the Hill,

140 Bowdoin St., 3 p.m., admission: free, call 617-523-4575 or visit <http://churchonthehillboston.org> for more information and tickets

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

FUNDRAISER, Beacon Hill Garden Club's fourth annual Soiree, 6-8 p.m., tickets: \$150 each through May 9; \$175 afterwards, visit beaconhillgardenclub.org for more information

THURSDAY, MAY 16

FUNDRAISER, Hidden Gardens of Beacon Hill Annual Tour, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., tickets: \$50 each through May 9; \$60 afterwards, visit beaconhillgardenclub.org for more information

TUESDAY, MAY 21

ACTIVITY, Hill House's Senior Dinner, 74 Joy St., contact madamczyk@hillhouseboston.org or 617-227-5838 ext. 22 to learn more about the requirements for this monthly event

BHCA (from pg. 1)

The 23rd Annual Beacon Award

Every year at its Annual Meeting, the Beacon Hill Civic Association gives out a special community award that honors those people and groups deserving of particular recognition for their significant and sustained contributions to the Beacon Hill community. This year's presentation of the Beacon Award will take place at the 97th Annual Meeting on May 20th.

We invite the community to nominate individuals or groups they feel are deserving of the 23rd Annual Beacon Award. The final selection will be made by a committee representing a variety of organizations in the community. You can access the 2019 Beacon Award nomination form on our website at bhcivic.org/beacon-award, or by calling the BHCA office at 617-227-1922. Nominations must be submitted to patricia.tully@bhcivic.org (or by mail to the BHCA at 74 Joy Street, Boston, MA 02114) by April 8, 2019 to be considered.



Councilor Annissa Essaibi-George with BHCA members Rachel Thurlow, Miguel Rosales, John Corey, Nina Castellion, Lucy Grogan, and Emily Claire enjoying one of our many street clean-ups.

Upcoming BHCA Meetings

Thursday, April 4: Traffic & Parking Committee Meeting; 6pm at 74 Joy Street

Monday, April 8: Board of Directors Meeting; 7pm at 74 Joy Street.

Other upcoming BHCA Events

20th First Friday Coffee Hour –

Friday, April 5th

Founders Circle Reception –

Tuesday, April 30th

New Members Reception –

May 2nd

BHCA Annual Meeting – May

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

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Salt Solutions

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

Not well seasoned, over-seasoned, bland, perfectly seasoned, or salty are some of the words you might hear a chef use when critiquing a dish from his or her kitchen. When chefs talk about seasoning, they mean salinity or salt.

New Sodium Recommendations

In March the National Academy of Sciences released new guidelines for the “adequate intake” of sodium consumed by adults. They have reduced the daily intake guideline number from 2400 mg to 1500 mg. The report explained, “There is sufficient evidence to characterize the relationship between sodium intake and risk of chronic disease. Therefore, the committee established a Chronic Disease Risk Reduction Intake (CDRR) for sodium using evidence of the beneficial effect of reducing sodium intake on cardiovascular disease risk, hypertension risk, systolic blood pressure, and diastolic blood pressure.”

Some Salt Is Saltier

Since the publication of “Salt, Fat, Acid, Heat” by Samin Nosrat, we’ve been studying and experimenting with those four elements of cooking and learning new

approaches. For example, after years of using Morton’s kosher salt, we’ve switched to Samin’s favorite Diamond Crystal. She is not alone in her preference.

In testing for Serious Eats, J. Kenji López-Alt found that a tablespoon of Morton’s weighs “1/2 ounce; 14g” while the same measure of Diamond Crystal weighs, “1/3 ounce; 9g.” Table salt weighed twice that at “2/3 ounce; 18g.” Both on Serious Eats and in his own books, all recipes are tested with Diamond Crystal.

Salt Sources

The mineral version of salt is not the only source of sodium added to your food. Before you sprinkle more salt from on high, think about other ingredients in your recipe that will layer sodium into food. (By the way, sprinkling from on high is not a cheffy affectation, it is a way to produce an evenly distributed layer of seasoning.)

Ethnic cooks use a variety of salinity sources. Many of these do double duty by adding other flavor profiles, often umami and acid – think of Asian fish sauce, miso, soy sauce, anchovies, capers, olives, pickles, and cheeses like Parmesan or feta. Most condiments such as mustard, ketchup, hot sauce, and



The three salts we use the most are French grey sea salt, a kosher salt, and Maldon flaked sea salt.

relishes are salted. Cured meats, including sausage and ham, smoked or dried fish, and canned products like tomatoes or stocks, are potential sources of salt.

We don’t salt our homemade stocks because we might be reducing them for some uses. However, if we make them using bones left over from a rotisserie chicken, we know that stock is highly seasoned and mark it as such.

You’ll see those who teach cooking adding salt in layers throughout the preparation of a dish and you may think, that is

too much salt. You may hesitate when someone suggests you salt water for pasta or vegetables until it tastes like the ocean. Remember that while the pasta or green beans may take up some of that salt, most of it will go down the drain. On the other hand, if you are making a sauce using the pasta water, you’ll have to take the salt in that water into consideration.

Taste Test

To learn more about how salts differ in intensity and texture,

Kenji suggest you do a tasting with a variety of salts on slices of tomato to understand the flavor profile for table salt, kosher salt, sea salt, etc. You may find yourself ready to use less plain salt and to try a few more artisan salts once you experience the taste and texture differences.

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

CRANE & LION ON CHARLES STREET CLOSES

Crane & Lion closed Sunday at the retail location it shared with Core De Vie day spa at 40 Charles St.

“Crane & Lion launched in 2014, and the Beacon Hill store opened its doors in April 2015,” wrote John Udelson, the company’s founder. “Moving forward, Crane & Lion will focus on a direct to consumer business model via online sales through our website. As a travel-inspired, wellness brand, we will also grow our wholesale business with resorts and studios. We can now be found in Four Seasons Hotels and Resorts across the United States.

According to the company, “Boston-based active and lifestyle clothing brand Crane & Lion features a New England aesthetic that is both classic and effortless. The brand highlights a studio to street sensibility that combines hand-selected fabrics chosen for optimal movement and comfort with flattering chic cuts and sophisticated color palettes. Named after two poses in yoga, one designed to push your inner strength (the crane) and the other designed to promote relaxation and recovery (the lion), we set out to inspire daily movement. Built to support a healthy active lifestyle, Crane & Lion blends seamlessly into any sophisticated wardrobe.”



Scampo launches “Short on Time” Lunch Prix Fixe

Scampo Chefs Lydia Shire and Simone Restrepo have put an Italian spin on traditional lunch favorites with the new Scampo “Short on Time” Lunch Prix Fixe Menu that launched last week. The menu is \$25 and includes three courses:

Choice of starters

Baby iceberg salad avocado, sundried tomato and pancetta vinaigrette

Prosciutto and mozzarella w/ shaved green asparagus salad.. cassis dressing

Choice of main

Pea and mint ravioli w/ butter-nut squash butter sauce.. crispy radish salad

Veal scaloppini w/ gorgonzola dolce risotto.. arugula & brown



Scampo's Veal scaloppini.

butter, walnuts and sage

Choice of dessert

Lydia Shire’s tiramisu

Scampo fruit sorbet

The lunch is available Mondays through Friday from 11:30 a.m. –

2:30 p.m. at Scampo in Liberty Hotel, 215 Charles Street. For more information and reservations, please call (617) 536-2100 or visit www.scampoboston.com

Friends of the Public Garden seeks new members

Staff Report

April is Membership Month for the Friends of the Public Garden, the nonprofit organization that has worked in partnership with the City for 49 years to protect and enhance three historic parks in the heart of the city – the Boston Common, the Public Garden, and the Commonwealth Avenue Mall.

“Our members make our work in the parks possible, every day” said Liz Vizza, executive director of the Friends. “We welcome everyone to join us in protecting and caring for these beloved parks.”

Young Friend member Meg McClafferty, who lives on Beacon Hill, has fond childhood memories of the Common and Public Garden. Although she moved around a lot growing up, she could always look forward to at least one day in Boston every summer.

“The Ducklings are where annual photos show my and my sister’s growth,” she recalled, “and I can’t get on a Swan Boat without thinking of my Nana.”

Because of those memories, McClafferty was one of the first to sign up as a Monthly Sustaining Member of the Friends.

“A large gift amount can be daunting, and it’s not always feasible as a Young Friend,” she said. “But for the price of one breakfast sandwich a month, I know I’m helping the Friends preserve and protect the parks, so that I can pass those traditions on to my future kids and grandkids.”

Bill Nigreen and his wife, Kathleen McDermott, have lived in Bay Village for 25 years. He walks to the Public Garden nearly every day, arriving to a glorious view of the lagoon.

“I can do a round trip, cross the bridge, and be back home in less than half an hour,” he said.

During his walks, he is delight-

ed to see people from Boston and all around the world enjoying the park in so many different ways.

As a member of the Friends, Nigreen is happy to support the continuous improvement of the park he considers his own. He also enjoys the topical aspects of Friends events and getting together with other greenspace advocates. For many years he has found ways to help out China Altman and the Rose Brigade: “What a magnificent display they nurture and such a great example of civic activism.”

This year, Nigreen plans to volunteer for the Boylston Street Border Brigade.

“There’s been so much improvement on my side of the park,” he said.

Anyone who joins the Friends during the Membership Month of April will receive a welcome gift package, with a book on the Public Garden and a Friends cell phone wallet, notepad, and pen.

Memberships start at only \$25. Those interested can join online at www.friendsofthepublicgarden.org/donate or call 617-723-8144 for a membership form.



Bill Nigreen and his wife, Kathleen McDermott, of Bay Village, are happy to support the Friends of the Public Garden – and they hope others will join them in that this month.

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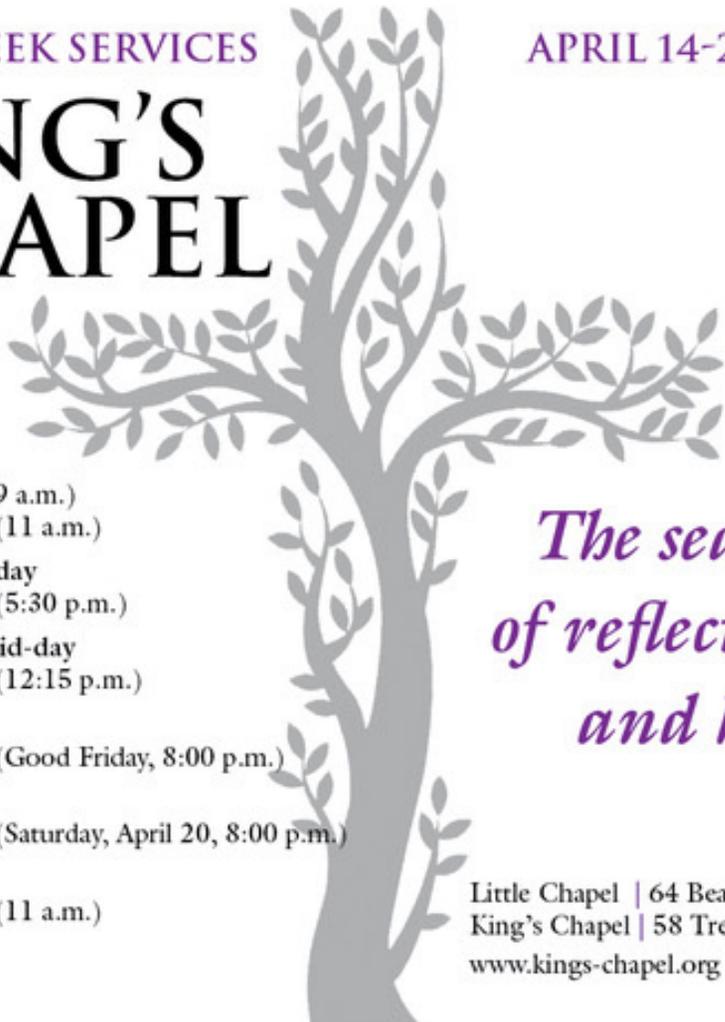
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NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDUP

December Thieves happenings

December Thieves is partnering with the French Cultural Center for the Clair-obscur fashion show on Friday, April 5, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the French Cultural Center at 53 Marlborough St.

The clair-obscur-themed fashion show, which contrasts light and dark, will feature seven emerging designers from across the globe, including Rundholz Apparel and Trippen Footwear from Germany, Lurdes Bergada from Spain, Nostra Santissima from Italy, Studio B3 from Poland, Nuit Atelier from Canada and Christian Restrepo from Boston; live music; and more than 30 exclusive looks.

The fashion show is comprised of two fashion collection showings with a 10-minute intermission in between. The evening with a wine and hors d'oeuvre reception where guests can mingle and meet the designers. Complimentary light hors d'oeuvres crafted by Chef Cyrille Couet courtesy of Colette Bistro, and an open wine bar will be provided.

The event is curated by Lana Barakat of Beacon Hill's December Thieves boutique, and Boston-designer Christian Restrepo and Toronto, Canada's Nuit Atelier will present their own creations during the show.

Tickets cost \$65 general admission and \$45 each for French Cultural Center members, and can be purchased at <https://frenchculturalcenter.org/events/clair-obscur-fashion-show-with-december-thieves/>.

Also, December Thieves will be hosting an in-store, pop-up and designer meet-and-greet event featuring the launch of the spring collection from Nuit Atelier on Saturday, April 6, from noon to 6 p.m. at 51 Charles St. A cham-

pagne and charcuterie reception will also take place from 2 to 4 p.m.

R.S.V.P. to info@decemberthieves.com.

Award-winning bassist and composer Xavier Foley to make Boston debut

Award-winning bassist and composer Xavier Foley will be performing a program of both new and old in his Boston debut as part of the Weekend Concert Series on Sunday, April 7, at 1:30 p.m. in Calderwood Hall at the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum at 25 Evans Way.

His program includes Serge Koussevitzky's "Chanson Triste" (1906), Leonard Bernstein's "For Serge Koussevitzky" (1934) and new work by Foley himself.

Tickets, which are required and include Museum admission, may be purchased in advance at www.gardnermuseum.org or at the door.

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 Café Barcelona," with guitarist Peter Griggs performing works by Jobim, flamenco music and more, on April 9; Emily Bieber-Harris (soprano) and Heinrich Christensen (organ) performing works by Bach, Brahms and more on April 16; Circa Harmonie Boston performing the "Mozart Serenade" on April 23; and Some Assembly Required, featuring spiritual works by Stravinsky, Still and more, on April 30.

Hill House's Senior Dinners

Hill House serves a hot meal to the seniors of the community on the third Tuesday of each month, including April 16 and May 21, at 74 Joy St.

No sign up is required for the seniors, and they are more than welcome to come by for a meal and socialization. Volunteers are always welcome at Senior Dinners, and little ones can help, too.

Contact madamczyk@hillhouse-boston.org or 617-227-5838 ext. 22 to learn more about the requirements for this monthly event.

Hidden Gardens tour returns May 16

The Beacon Hill Garden Club presents its Hidden Gardens of Beacon Hill Annual Tour takes place on Thursday, May 16, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., rain or shine. Tickets cost \$50 each through May 9 and \$60 each thereafter.

Also, the fourth annual Soiree to benefit the Garden Club's civic projects takes place on Wednesday, March 15, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the King's Chapel Parish House at 55 Branch St. The event will feature cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and a jazz combo, and guests will be able to preview three gardens featured on the tour. Tickets cost \$150 each until May 9 and \$175 each afterwards.

Visit beaconhillgardenclub.org for more information on both events.

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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The Boston Society of The New Jerusalem (BSNJ) Community Children's Chorus is a comprehensive musical training program for children in Grades 3 to 7.

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

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NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDUP

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

West End Playgroup meets Tuesday mornings

The West End Community Center, located at 1 Congress St., welcomes the West End Playgroup on Tuesdays from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. through the fall and winter.

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

'Toddler Time' at the West End Branch Library

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

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

Get homework help at the West End Branch Library

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

Get help from a Boston Public Schools teacher. No appointment necessary; simply drop in with your homework. Call 617-523-3957 for more information.

Compassionate Friends group reaches out to bereaved parents, families

The Boston Chapter of The Compassionate Friends (TCF) meets at Trinity Church on the first Tuesday of each month from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

TCF is a national self-help, mutual-assistance organization offering friendship, understanding and hope to bereaved parents and their families. Call

617-539-6424 or e-mail tcfboston@gmail.com for more information.

West End Food Pantry seeking donations

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

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

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

Volunteers needed for hot meal program

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

Contact Maria Stella Gulla, director, at 617-523-8125, ext. 201, via e-mail at 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 appointment only.

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

Yoga for seniors at the West End Branch Library

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

Volunteer at Spaulding Rehab

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

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.

Volunteers needed for American Cancer Society cosmetic sessions

The American Cancer Society is currently seeking volunteers for the "Look Good...Feel Better" sessions held at Tufts Medical Center, 800 Washington St. "Look Good . . . Feel Better" is a free program that teaches cancer patients hands-on cosmetic techniques to help them

cope with appearance-related side effects from chemotherapy and/or radiation treatments. Cosmetologists certified and trained by the American Cancer Society conduct the sessions, which are non-medical and do not promote any product line. Volunteers are needed to assist the cosmetologist conducting the session and are responsible for set-up, cleanup, and any other needs of the program. Programs are held from noon to 2 p.m., one Monday every other month. For more information or to volunteer, contact Nanyamka Hales at 781-314-2611 or via e-mail at Nanyamka.Hales@cancer.org, or visit cancer.org.

Be a friend to elderly in need

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

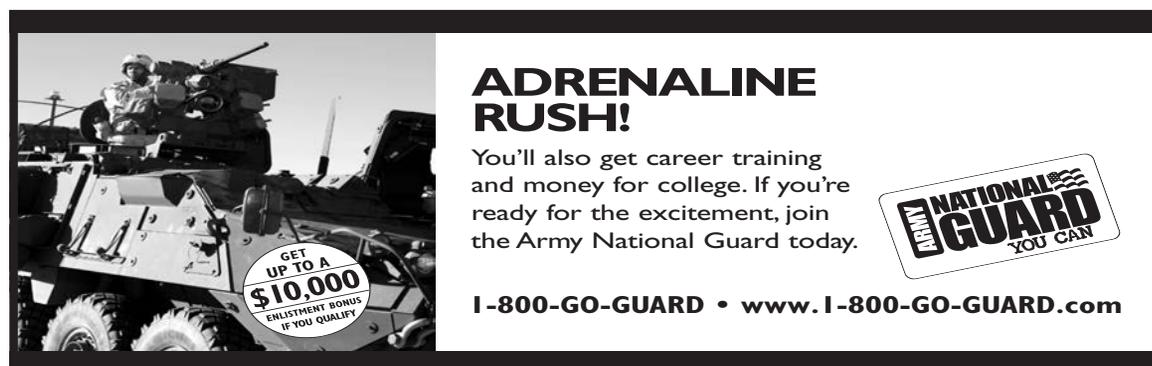
The Downtown Boston Rotary Club, the first new Rotary Club in Boston in 100 years, holds meetings at the UMass Club in the Financial District on the first and third Tuesdays of each month from 6 to 7:15 p.m.

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

A Kaleidoscope of Musical Gems

On Sunday, May 5, 2019 come to the Church On The Hill for a concert of music written by composers from Antonio Vivaldi to Undine Moore. The concert will begin at 3:00 PM. Some of the music to be performed will be: Ce Moys De May, Il desio di Vendetta a di Morte (from Lucio Silla), Schon eilet froh der Akkermann (from Seasons), Spring (from The Four Seasons), Alma Brasileira, En Une Seule Fleur, Love Let The Wind Cry...How I Adore Thee and many more.

This concert is free and open to the public but you must have a ticket. A reception immediately following (the concert site is handicap accessible). Come to 140 Bowdoin Street, Beacon Hill (across the street from the State House). For more information phone: 617-523-4575 or visit <http://churchonthehillboston.org>.



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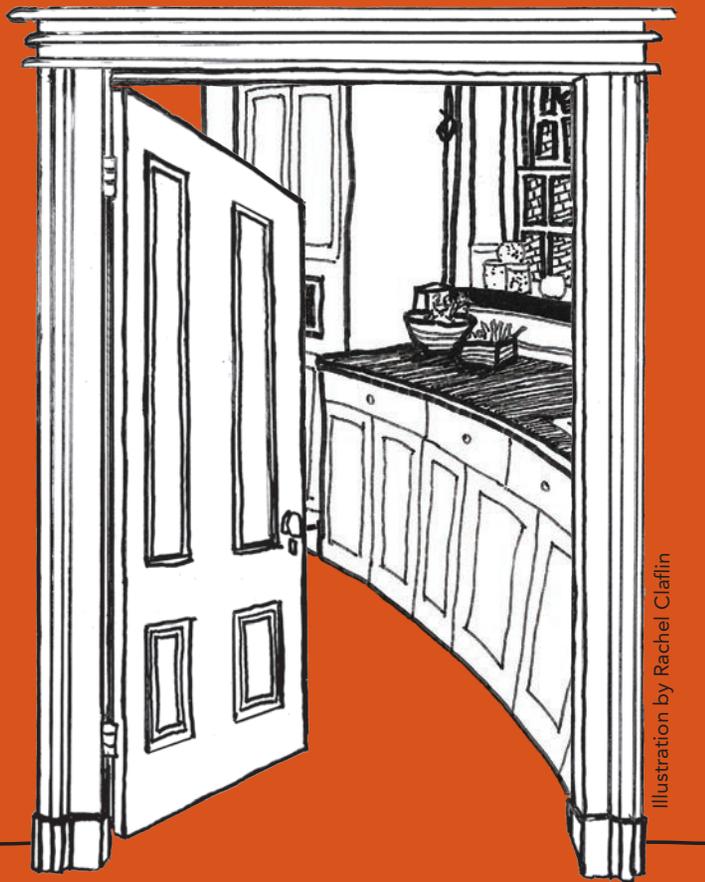


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