



THE BEACON HILL TIMES

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PLAY BALL

Photos by Derek Kouyoumjian

Hill House Little League player Oliver Chisholm (right) eyes a hit during practice, while Cohen Byun and Henry Diver (above) practice throwing and catching at the Boston Common baseball fields. The Hill House Little League teams gathered on the Common to kick off their seasons on Wednesday, April 24, during a rare break in the weather. Kids enjoyed a wonderful afternoon of ball practice and games. See Pages 8 and 9 for more photos.

Antonio's turns 25

By Dan Murphy

Antonio's Cucina Italiano celebrates 25 years at 288 Cambridge St. today, Thursday, May 2.

Steven Colarusso, owner of the popular Italian eatery, said upon first seeing the space a quarter century ago, he and his business partner at the time immediately thought it would be a great location for a restaurant, especially given its proximity to Massachusetts General Hospital.

Antonio's has since cultivated a loyal clientele, drawing diners from not only the hospital and Beacon Hill neighborhood, but also from the State House and City Hall, among other nearby locations, while Colarusso marvels at the notion that many of his customers have patronized the restaurant since its beginning.

"I just wanted to thank the people from the area for coming in and giving us their business throughout the past 25 years...



Antonio's Cucina Italiano at 288 Cambridge St.

and for their continuing support," Colarusso said while also expressing his gratitude to his staff and brother-in-law Peter Limone.

Looking forward, Colarusso said he expects his son Michael, now a sophomore at Lynnfield High School, will go to culinary school and eventually assume the reins of the business, ensuring that Antonio's remains a fixture in the neighborhood for years to come.



The BUZZ:

A monthly column on living well

FROM THE BEACON HILL GARDEN CLUB

Planting window boxes



Spring is here. Our windows are open, the streets have been swept and we are gearing up for the Hidden Gardens of Beacon Hill Tour on May 16. To prepare for all the visitors to our neighborhood, we encourage you to install window boxes. A beautiful window box will reward you—and your neighbors—with several months of pleasure.

The first step involves the box itself. We recommend wooden boxes. They look better than plastic ones. Luckily, Charles Street Supply will make boxes that fit your windows. They will drill holes for drainage in the bottom and paint them the color of your window frames. They may be able to provide a plastic liner that will extend the life of the box. They can install it for you.

Meanwhile, take a walk around the Hill or go online to check out the flowers, herbs and greenery that work well together. What do you like? What colors are complimentary? What plants bring interest?

Once you have an idea of color or plants, think about the length and depth of your container. What plant height will be successful?

If your boxes are in a sunny location for six hours a day, you'll have a greater choice of flowering plants. A purely floral window box can be created with 6-inch pots of the same plants or the same color.

Don't skimp on the number of plants—you'll want the box full. You can choose all geraniums or petunias, two common annuals that are inexpensive and reliable. You can plant a tall grass in the center and install shorter plants on either side. Or you can intersperse sweet potato vine or ivy among flowering plants. If you mix plants, vary the

BEACON HILL CIVIC ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY CORNER

Beacon Hill Nonprofit Neighbors Gather to Honor Laura Connors

Leaders of local nonprofit organizations gathered at the BHCA last week to honor Laura Connors who will be retiring after seven years as Beacon Hill Village's Executive Director. Laura was praised for the work she has done to improve the lives of BHV members in Boston aged 50-plus who choose to age in their homes, by providing opportunities for them in social, cultural and wellness programs, and giving them access to household and home care services. Gina Paglucia Morrison, who will succeed Laura as Executive Director, was welcomed by all.



Beacon Hill Nonprofit Neighbors from L-R - Lisa Macalaster, Beacon Hill Women's Forum; Michael Nichols, Esplanade Association; Gina Paglucia Morrison, Beacon Hill Village; Linda Marshall, Nichols House Museum; Senaida Bautista, Beacon Hill Women's Forum; Laura Connors, Outgoing BHV Executive Director; Stacey Sheehan, Beacon Hill Business Association; Patricia Tully, BHCA; Nils Klinkenburg, Beacon Hill Friends House; Joy Fallon, King's Chapel; Michael Maler, Historic New England; and Judy Tedeschi, Beacon Hill Seminars.

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EDITORIAL

SUPPORT SEN. MARKEY'S EFFORT TO BAN ROBOCALLS

Robocalls are the new plague of the digital and cell phone era.

According to some estimates, Americans received 48 billion robocalls last year, up from 30 billion in 2017. It used to be that only a person's land line would be subject to telemarketers, but these days our wireless phones also are being deluged on a daily basis with these annoying phone calls from robocall centers that typically operate from overseas.

The latest nuance in the robocalling game is spoofing, whereby a robocall essentially hijacks a local phone number, tricking the receiver of the phone call into thinking that the call is coming from someone in one's hometown.

No one is immune from the scourge of pre-recorded robocalls trying to scam us out of our money. And the calls seem to never stop coming. The deluge of these robocalls have become the number one complaint of Americans who have a phone line -- which is to say, just about all of us.

Robocalls have become an epidemic that must be stopped and to that end, U.S. Sen. Ed Markey has introduced a bill, known as the TRACED Act, that will give authorities and the telecom companies the ability to find, catch, and prosecute scammers.

The TRACED Act gives the FCC the authority to levy civil penalties against scammers, extends the window from one to three years to take action against intentional violators, and requires telephone providers to adopt call authentication technologies to verify that incoming calls are legitimate.

This bill already has overwhelming bipartisan support -- one of the few things that Republicans and Democrats can agree upon these days -- and recently passed a Senate committee by a 26-0 margin.

Each of us can show our solidarity behind ending the scourge of robocalls by calling Sen. Markey's office to become a citizen co-sponsor of the TRACED Act.

Let our elected officials know that the sooner Congress takes action, the better.

WILL APRIL SHOWERS BRING MAY FLOWERS?

As Bob Dylan noted, 'you don't need a weatherman to tell you which way the wind is blowing'. Similarly, we have not needed a weatherman to tell us that this has been a particularly rainy April.

However, we learned this week just how rainy it has been with the news that this April has set the record for the most days with rain. The previous record had been 19 days, set in 1912. However, as this is being written, we are poised to attain a new mark of 21 days with rain.

We hasten to point out that this has not been the wettest April. Although total rainfall is more than three inches above normal for the month, it still is well below a record-setting total.

Yes, the mild temperatures have been nice -- this April reportedly is in the top 10 for warmest-ever -- but with all of that the wind and rain, especially coming off the ocean, we have not been able to enjoy the warmth as much as we would have liked.

Hopefully, the old song about April showers bringing May flowers will be predictive of the month ahead. So we thought it would be appropriate to publish a verse from that old song, which has been around since the 1920s:

*Though April showers may come your way
They bring the flowers that bloom in May
So if it's raining have no regrets
Because it isn't raining rain you know, it's raining violets
And where you see clouds upon the hills
You soon will see crowds of daffodils
So keep on looking for a blue bird
And list'ning for his song
Whenever April showers come along*



CELEBRATE MAY DAY ALL MONTH LONG
MOWING THE GRASS A CONSTANT SONG

GUEST OP-ED

Fighting the opioid epidemic with care and data

By Alexander Acosta

A little more than a year ago, I had the opportunity to visit Maryhaven treatment facility in Columbus, Ohio, to hear from those recovering from the effects of addiction. The visit was an impactful one. I met with individuals who talked about the terrible impact addiction had on their families. I heard from employers looking to offer a second chance to those in need. I heard from both about the importance of job skills and having a job in recovery.

With National [prescription] Take Back Day this week, the Department of Labor released new information on what we have learned about the opioid crisis and how we are improving our effectiveness in overcoming its challenges.

In 2017, President Donald Trump's administration declared the opioid epidemic a national public health emergency and directed all executive agencies to use every appropriate emergency authority to minimize the devastation. Since 2017, the U.S. Department of Labor's Office

of Workers' Compensation Programs' (OWCP) has dedicated significant resources to stem the abuse, misuse, and proliferation of opioids to protect 2.7 million federal workers from harmful opioid prescription practices.

The use of opioids to treat injured federal workers continued, virtually unchecked, until 2017. The capability to monitor dose level and duration by the department was not even available until operational changes were instituted that year. Since we started this effort, a series of successes can be attributed to the implementation of a four-point

strategic plan: (1) effective controls, (2) tailored treatment, (3) impactful communications with employees and providers, and (4) aggressive fraud detection.

The strategic plan's core is a process where the department continuously gathers information and analyzes data. The results yielded great progress:

- 51 percent decline in new opioid prescriptions that last more than 30 days;
- 59 percent decline in claimants prescribed a morphine equivalent dose (MED) of 500

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Real Estate Transfers

BUYER 1 BACK BAY	SELLER 1	ADDRESS	PRICE
Rosamond Xiachun Lu LT	Kale, Jayant	280 Beacon St #41	\$1,750,000
Zhandossov, Marat	Courage, Martin W	75 Clarendon St #402	\$695,000
Black, Josiah M	Linderman, Robert P	50 Commonwealth Ave #901	\$1,535,000
BMA Beacon Properties LLC	80 Commonwealth Dev LLC	80 Commonwealth Ave #1	\$2,548,900
Generations Investment	Weisman, Jamie R	11 Dartmouth St #1	\$950,000
BEACON HILL			
Zhang, Cong	Kuliopulos, Maria	49 Grove St #3	\$720,000
Gilman, Matthew	Shopis, Janet R	9 Hawthorne Pl #14H	\$549,000
Duncan, Lyn M	Wuest, Samuel A	140 Mount Vernon St #3	\$1,388,680
Duncan, Lyn M	Wuest, Samuel A	140 Mount Vernon St #3A	\$1,388,680
Chandler Northeast Hldgs	Huntington, Nancy A	152 Mount Vernon St	\$5,054,500
SOUTH END/DOWNTOWN/WATERFRONT			
Taylor, Roger D	KCW 285 Colubus Ave LLC	285 Columbus Ave #707	\$1,500,000
Popkins, Casey F	S-25 Lawrence Street	25 Lawrence St #1	\$935,000
Brannan, Andrew M	Malloy, John P	228 W Canton St #1	\$3,000,000
Rainsford-Rouner, Stephen	Bernstein, Paul	910 Beacon St #7	\$980,100
New England Conservatory	Staver, Maya	10 Claremont Park	\$4,050,000
Friedler, Michele	Zaheer, Sahar	20 E Springfield St #5	\$765,000
Popkins, Casey F	S-25 Lawrence Street RT	25 Lawrence St #1	\$935,000
Stein, Joshua	Chow, Daniel Y	137 Peterborough St #34	\$550,000
Fisher, Charles O	121 Portland LLC	121-127 Portland St #903	\$855,000
Lakin, Thomas C	21 Rutland Square LLC	21 Rutland Sq #2	\$3,770,000
Mordan, William	Ceps LLC	41 Rutland Sq #2	\$2,700,000
Jolly Fox LLC	Mulzer, Rebecca G	58 Temple St #3	\$939,000
Widman, Heather N	Kabadi, Mitesh M	32 Traveler St #513	\$910,000
Gaucher, Paul	Siena Ink Block LLC	40 Traveler St #603	\$1,318,000
Brannan, Andrew M	Malloy, John P	228 W Canton St #1	\$3,000,000
Meyer, Jeffrey	Kilson, Peter D	80 W Concord St #4	\$355,000
Cox, Kevin M	Rodnianski, Igor	209 W Springfield St #4	\$1,285,000
WATERFRONT/DOWNTOWN			
Crugnale, Joseph	Muther Boston RT	28-32 Atlantic Ave #320	\$780,000
BCEC LLC	Fair Winds RDRK LLC	2 Avery St #PH2A	\$8,250,000
Maturi, Daniel E	Abrano, Frank M	357 Commercial St #409	\$1,275,000
Codreanu, Sorin C	Volpe RT	386 Commercial St #3E	\$675,000
OH FT	Brennan, Kayla D	59 Fleet St #3	\$805,000
Penrose, Fatima E	Hamid Mohaghegh RET	1 Franklin St #2508	\$2,385,000
Garlock, Elliott G	Romanishina, Maria	449-463 Washington St #4A	\$1,110,000

ATTENTION TO DETAIL

BY PENNY CHERUBINO

THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The windows in the last clue are on 160 Boylston St. in the Piano Row Historic District. This building was home to both the Vose & Sons and Baldwin Piano Companies. Today it's the current location of Bartevian's Jewelry and Antiques which has been in business since 1910.

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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ACE

BHCA (from pg. 1)

Councilor Lydia Edwards visits BHCA Streets & Sidewalks Meeting

Councilor Lydia Edwards of District 1 was the invited guest at last week's BHCA Streets & Sidewalks Committee meeting. The Councilor has proposed a nonprofit structure to help deal with the North End's trash problems. The Streets & Sidewalks Committee wanted to hear of her proposal to see how it could be adapted to Beacon Hill. While the North End has high tourist foot traffic as well as overflow from events at nearby TD Garden, the trash problem on Beacon Hill is generated mainly by residents who neglect to pick up after their dogs or who leave trash, improperly contained or off the normal pick-up schedule, on the sidewalks. Edwards' proposal is modelled after the Downtown Crossing

Business Improvement District or BID, where public services can be augmented with additional daily cleaning and maintenance services paid for by taxes generated from local property owners. The Councilor's proposal would involve an existing nonprofit that would raise money from North End businesses and residents interested in this program. The money raised would fund additional street cleaners or hokeys, as well as other special initiatives.

Upcoming BHCA Meetings

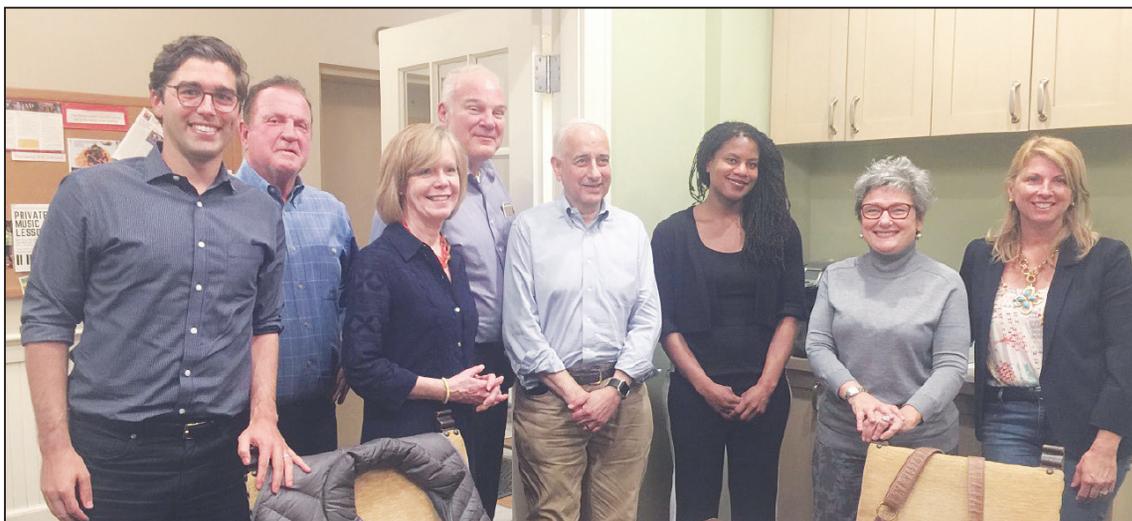
Monday, May 6:

Tree & Civic Beautification Committee Meeting. 6:30pm. 74 Joy Street.

Other upcoming BHCA Events

New Members Reception – Thursday, May 2nd

First Friday Coffee Hour – Friday, May 3rd



Pictured (L-R) Drew Chrostek, Larry Remo, Kathy Judge, Al Van Ranst, Rajan Nanda, Councilor Lydia Edwards, Patricia Tully, and Renee Walsh.

Beacon Hill Meet & Greet – Monday, May 6th

Charles Street Planting and Cleaning Day – Tuesday, May 7th

BHCA Annual Meeting – Monday, May 20th

Visit the Beacon Hill Civic Association website bhca.org or call the office (617-227-

1922) for further details on any of these events, and for information about joining the BHCA.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, FELIX D. ARROYO



Photo by Mike Mejia

Ernesto Arroyo, Julian Arroyo, Ricardo Arroyo, Felix D. Arroyo, Ana Arroyo, and Felix G. Arroyo celebrate Suffolk County Probate Court Clerk Felix D. Arroyo's 71st birthday last Thursday, April 25, at a party in Boston. Numerous supporters and family members came out to celebrate the birthday fundraiser.



CHARLES STREET
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May 7th, 2019 from 9 am to 12 pm
Annual Planting and Cleaning Day on Charles Street

Meet at Tatte - 70 Charles St.

Please bring trowels and garden gloves.

We will have brooms, disposable gloves and trash bags.

Children are welcome.





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BUZZ (from pg. 1)

shapes of the leaves and the blossoms. If you are new at this, follow the old rule of planting odd numbers of plants, which usually work better than even numbers.

If your boxes are in shade, you'll rely on coleus, herbs, ivy, small boxwoods and begonias or impatiens. Ask the florist or look up online suggestions for shade plants.

Planting a window box with culinary herbs - chives, basil, cilantro, rosemary and parsley - is rewarding for both cooks and children. Fresh herbs help children learn new tastes. Pansies and nasturtiums, which work better in the sun, are edimentals—they can be both flowers and food.

Once you've chosen plants, you're ready to dig them in. Fill a light planting mix to the top of your container as the soil will settle. Dig holes, insert the plants and pat them down. Step away on the street to see how they look.

Water them after you plant, and continue to water them whenever they feel dry. This could be twice a week or more often if days are hot. Feed them with fish emulsion or fertilizer. Trim or deadhead the blossoms to keep your box full and fresh.

Have fun and know that everyone who sees your window box will be rewarded with a great view.

OP-ED (from pg. 2)

or more;

- 31 percent decline in claimants prescribed a MED of 90 or more;

- 30 percent decline in overall opioid use; and

- 24 percent drop in new opioid prescriptions

A recent study highlights the unique challenges facing a legacy population of injured federal workers who have been prescribed opioids over an extended period of time. Specifically, the study showed that nearly 1 in 4 injured workers in this group had been prescribed a high dose of 90+ morphine equivalent dose. This is important because the higher the opioid dose, the higher the risk for misuse and overdose death. Higher doses, greater than 100 MED, have more than two times the risk relative to lower doses. Additional risk factors, including the use of extended-release opioids and the associated use of certain interacting medications, were also identified.

The legacy challenges needed to be confronted. All federal injured workers with a prescription of 90+ MED underwent extensive individual case reviews. Treating physicians were contacted and, as needed, nurses were assigned. Our goal was to work with the medical provider and injured worker to provide opioid treatment where needed, reduce the opioid risk level, and assist in securing the Tapering an addictive drug takes time and there are a host of interacting factors to consider, yet as the statistics prove, the intense focus produced a real difference. This effort is not the federal government deciding what is best for patients. Rather, the federal government is act-

ing as a responsible employer by caring about its workforce and ensuring that employees are getting the treatment and support needed for what can be a challenging recovery.

We are committed to (1) engaging individual employees and (2) analyzing the effects on the employee population as a whole. To win this battle, we must embrace a strategy that pursues accurate information, continuously evaluates that information, and invests the time necessary to find the right, healthy solutions for individuals struggling with opioids.

Alexander Acosta is the 27th U.S. Secretary of Labor.

West End Museum to honor legacy of social justice advocate and urban renewal opponent Jane Jacobs

Author, urbanist, and activist, Jane Jacobs (1916-2006) caused quite a stir in the field of city planning with her 1961 book, "The Death and Life of Great American Cities." In it, Jacobs asserts that the urban renewal projects of the 1950s destroyed the vibrancy of the very cities and neighborhoods they intended to revitalize. Many former residents, not to mention other experts, wholeheartedly agree with that assessment of the project that demolished Boston's West End. That's why The West

End Museum is hosting Jane's Walk at the West End Museum from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 4. All are welcome to this free event.

Jane's Walk at The West End Museum invites visitors to see Jane Jacobs' lecture at Boston College in which she discussed what happened to the West End under urban renewal and the injustices suffered by the neighborhood's residents. The video will run on a loop throughout the day, and docents will guide visitors to areas of the Museum's exhibits,

"The Last Tenement" and "The Housing Act of 1949," that relate to Jacobs' ideas and principles.

A champion of the voices of everyday people, Jacobs became both a respected dissident and an idolized folk hero. A year after her death, friends and colleagues launched Jane's Walk to honor her memory and legacy through citizen-led urban walking tours. In the 12 years since, Jane's Walk has grown into a worldwide celebration.

Cervenak inducted into the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi

Gregory Cervenak of Boston, was recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society. Cervenak is pursuing a degree in Business Administration at University of Michigan.

Cervenak is among approximately 30,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

Phi Kappa Phi was founded in 1897 under the leadership of undergraduate student Marcus L. Urann who had a desire to create a different kind of honor society: one that recognized excellence in all academic disciplines. Today, the Society has chapters on more than 300 campuses in the United States and the Philippines. Its mission is "To recognize and promote academic excellence in all fields of higher education and to engage the community of scholars in service to others."

More About Phi Kappa Phi
Since its founding, more than 1.5 million members have been

initiated into Phi Kappa Phi. Some of the organization's notable members include former President Jimmy Carter, NASA astronaut Wendy Lawrence, novelist John Grisham and YouTube co-founder Chad Hurley. Each year, Phi Kappa Phi awards nearly \$1 million to outstanding students and members through graduate and dissertation fellowships, undergraduate study abroad grants, funding for post-baccalaureate development, and grants for local, national and international literacy initiatives. For more information about Phi Kappa Phi, visit www.phikappaphi.org.

West End Civic Association WECA/MGH Public Meeting

Please Join Us On Thursday, May 9, 2019
7 p.m. - doors open at 6:45 p.m.

165 Cambridge Street, 2nd floor, Room 210/215

The Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH) has proposed a major addition to its facilities along Cambridge and Blossom Streets.

The buildings will include a pair of 12-story towers with 450 hospital rooms as well as inpatient and outpatient services; underground parking; and a service facility building.

WECA will hold a public meeting on Thursday, May 9 so the West End and adjacent Beacon Hill neighbors can hear representatives of MGH present the project. They will be available to answer questions and take comments from attendees.

And you will have an opportunity to ask your questions about the project.

How will the addition of 300 parking spaces - and the amount of increased traffic - affect Cambridge Street and the other already traffic-clogged streets? Why not add a traffic light now at Blossom Street and Charles? How can we save architecturally significant and historical buildings - Ruth Sleeper Hall and West End House - from demolition? What mitigations will be offered?

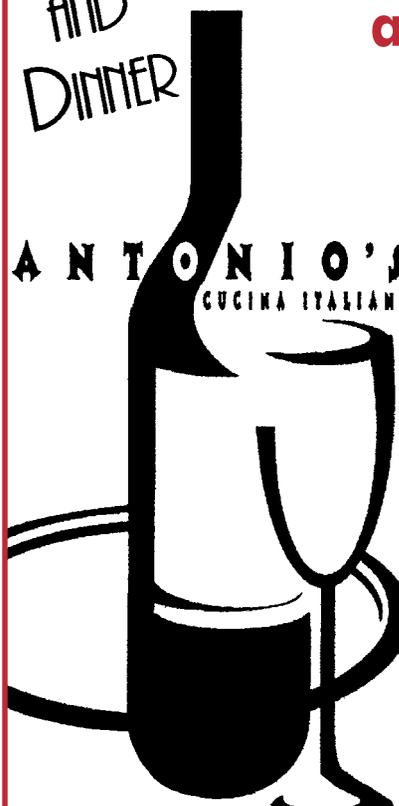
Will we join forces and finally bring back a school to our neighborhoods?

This will be one of the most important public meetings this year for all the West End and Beacon Hill residents. Please plan to attend - and bring your friends and neighbors.

Spread the word - all are welcome. Refreshments served.

Are you interested in making a difference in your neighborhood? Become a member of the West End Civic Association and join neighbors keeping the West End a special place to live. Take part in one of our many on-going projects - or help start a new one. As a WECA member, you help ensure that our residents' needs are brought to our government's attention. We can keep our West End neighborhoods, from Charles River Park to North Station, special. Stand with us to help protect the future of our West End neighborhoods.

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FRIENDS OF THE PUBLIC GARDEN'S GREEN AND WHITE BALL

Photo by Pierce Harman

Just under 300 guests came out for the Friends of the Public Garden's signature springtime black-tie gala, the Green and White Ball, at the Four Seasons on Friday, April 26,, raising \$580,000 to provide care for the Boston Common, Public Garden, and Commonwealth Avenue Mall.

Friends Executive Director Elizabeth Vizza, Honorary Chair Peter A. Brooke, whose late wife Anne Brooke played an integral role in the organization and this event for many years, and co-Chairs Ashley Harmon, Amanda Pratt, Jessica Schmitz, and Lisa Taffe (all from Beacon

Hill) welcomed guests for the elegant seated dinner of vichyssoise and halibut and dancing with the band Night Shift. Event partner Marc Hall dazzled guests with his floral inspiration for this year - the rose - with towering rose sculptures atop the tables.

The Friends invests over \$1.5 million a year to meet the urgent needs of the parks, from annual care and maintenance to major park improvement projects. Over the past two decades, the Green and White Ball has raised over \$7 million to renew, care, and advocate for the Common, Garden, and Mall. Proceeds from the events

have provided critical funds to ensure the health and beauty of these important green spaces.

A slated 2019 project involves working with the City of Boston on a new master plan for the Common to bring this park to a higher level of excellence. Another is to remove the Shaw 54th Memorial from its site for a full restoration, in partnership with the City, the National Park Service, and the Museum of African American History. Plans to light the sculptures on the Mall and improve the lighting of the Brewer Fountain are also in place.

Visit www.friendsofthepublicgarden.org to learn more.



Beth Johnson, James Houghton, and Alexandra Hastings.



Namrita Kapur and Tom DeWinter.



Amanda Pratt and Lisa Taffe.



Carla and John Morey.



Joan Creasey, Elizabeth Vizza, Michael Creasey, and Marita Rivero.



Paisley Boney, and Alli and Bill Achtmeyer.



Leslie Adam.



Peter and Elizabeth Georgantas, Jackie and George McCabe.



Sarah Donovan.



Jeff Barber and Sol Kumin.



Lisa Taffe, Jessica Schmitz, Ashley Harmon, and Amanda Pratt.

Black

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GREEN AND WHITE BALL



Jamie and Ashley Harmon, Jessica and Daniel Schmitz.



Brent Shay.



Elizabeth Vizza, Chris Cook, and Kate Enroth.

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New Trees coming to Beacon Hill

Street Address	current pit size	expand pit to:	Species to be planted	Notes:
41 Anderson St	2x5	none	ACER RUBRUM OCT. GLORY	Plant @ T
55 Anderson St	3x5	none	PRUNUS SUB AUTUMNALIS	Plant @ T
33 Beacon St	3x5	none	QUERCUS PHELLOS	Plant @ T
42 Beacon St	3x5	none	LIRIODENDRON 'EMERALD CITY'	Plant @ T
67 Beacon St	3x5	none	PRUNUS ROSACEAE 'OKAME'	on side. Plant @ T. re-set fence
138 Cambridge St	3x5	none	TAXODIUM DISTICHUM	On Temple St. Plant @ T
167-171 Cambridge St	4x5	none	ULMUS CARPINIFOLIA 'ACCOLADE'	Plant @ T
175 Cambridge St	4x5	none	ULMUS CARPINIFOLIA 'ACCOLADE'	Plant @ T
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20 Charles St	3x5	none	QUERCUS PHELLOS	Plant @ T. re-set fence
47 Charles St	3x5	none	LIRIODENDRON 'EMERALD CITY'	Plant @ T
63 Charles St	3x5	none	GINKGO BILOBA	Plant @ T. re-set fence
70 Charles St	3x5	none	GLEDITSIA TRI. INERMIS SKYLINE	Plant @ T. re-set fence
30 Chestnut St	2x5	none	PRUNUS ROSACEAE 'OKAME'	Plant @ T
61 Chestnut St	3x5	none	TILIA CORDATA 'GREEN SPIRE'	Plant @ T. re-set fence
9 Hancock St	3x5	none	PRUNUS SUB AUTUMNALIS	Plant @ T. re-set fence
33 Hancock St	3x5	none	MALUS 'GOLDEN RAINDROPS'	Plant @ T. re-set fence
24 Mount Vernon St	3x5	none	ULMUS WILSONIANA 'PROSPECTOR'	Plant @ T
80 Mount Vernon St	2x2	2x7	QUERCUS PHELLOS	Expand Tree Pit. Plant @ T
87 Myrtle St	2.5x5	none	ACER RUBRUM OCT. GLORY	Grind stump. Plant @ T. Re-set fence
109 Myrtle St	3x5	none	CARPINUS BETULUS 'FASTIGIATE'	Remove Fence. Plant @ T
119 Myrtle St	3x5	none	ACER RUBRUM OCT. GLORY	Plant @ T. re-set fence
124 Myrtle St	3x5	none	ACER RUBRUM OCT. GLORY	Plant @ T
30 Phillips St	3x5	none	LIRIODENDRON 'EMERALD CITY'	Plant @ T
62 Phillips St	3x5	none	TILIA CORDATA 'GREEN SPIRE'	Plant @ T. re-set fence
46 Pinckney St	none	3x5	QUERCUS ACUTISSIMA	cut pit. Plant @ T
52 Pinckney St	none	3x5	MALUS 'GOLDEN RAINDROPS'	cut pit. Plant @ T
76 Pinckney St	2x5	none	GINKGO BILOBA	Plant @ T.
90 Pinckney St	2x5	none	PRUNUS ROSACEAE 'OKAME'	Plant @ T. re-set fence
8 Revere St	2x5	none	CARPINUS BETULUS 'FASTIGIATE'	Plant @ T. re-set fence
40 Revere St	2x2	2.5x6	TILIA CORDATA 'GREEN SPIRE'	Expand Tree Pit. Plant @ T
22 River St	2x5	none	PRUNUS SUB AUTUMNALIS	Plant @ T. re-set fence
50 River St	2x5	none	PRUNUS SUB AUTUMNALIS	On side. Plant @ T
25 S Russell St	3x5	none	GLEDITSIA TRI. INERMIS SKYLINE	Plant @ T
29 S Russell St	3x5	none	QUERCUS ACUTISSIMA	Plant @ T
48 S Russell St	3x5	none	PRUNUS SUB AUTUMNALIS	Plant @ T
58 Temple St	3x5	none	GLEDITSIA TRI. INERMIS SKYLINE	Plant @ T
27 Temple St	3x5	none	ACER TRUNCATUM 'NORWEGIAN SUNSET'	Plant @ T
23 Temple St	3x5	none	QUERCUS BICOLOR	Plant @ T
15 Temple St	3x5	none	PRUNUS ROSACEAE 'OKAME'	Plant @ T
9 Temple St	3x5	none	GINKGO BILOBA	Plant @ T
81 W Cedar St	3x5	none	GINKGO BILOBA	On side. Plant @ T
82 W Cedar St	3x5	none	QUERCUS ACUTISSIMA	On side. Plant @ T

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IDMAN-RAIT RECEIVES BACHELOR'S DEGREE FROM UMASS AMHERST

Cecilia Idman-Rait earned a degree in February, 2019 from UMass Amherst.

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HILL HOUSE LITTLE LEAGUE OPENING DAY

Photos by Derek Kouyoumjian

The Hill House is a Beacon Hill-based resource for youth throughout the city. Among its many offerings is its Little League program for AAA kids ages 7-10 or majors kids ages 10-12.

The April weather worked well Wednesday, April 24, for the league's opening day on the Boston Common field.



Katie Henderson swings at a pitch while Hill House Athletics Director Marshall Caldera looks on.



Matthew Sorgini connects with a pitch.



Max Christ makes a catch to celebrate.

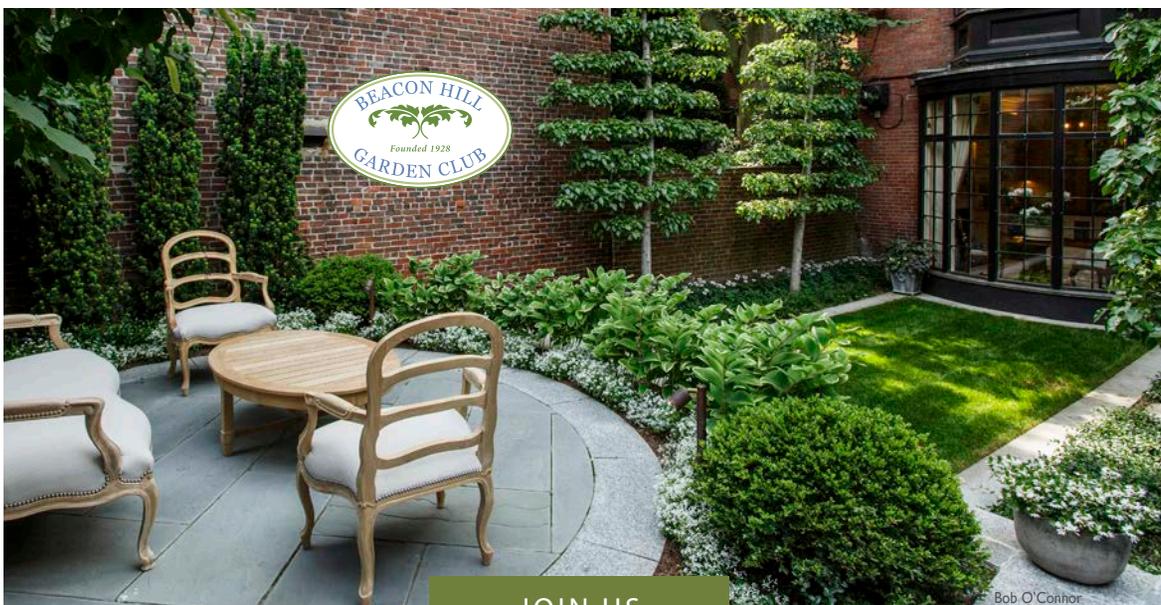


John Sorgini coaching his AAA team (kids aged 7-10) the RailRiders.



Hill House Little League AAA team (kids age 7-10) the Devil Rays are ready to take on their opponents.

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Finley Long of the Hill House Orioles team pitches to his brother Calvin (off frame) who is on the opposing Blue Jays team.

HILL HOUSE LITTLE LEAGUE OPENING DAY



Baseball buddies Verveine Oringer and Grayson Taffe are ready for the 2019 Little League season.



Hill House Little League Coach Tim LeBlanc goes over the game strategy with his Orioles team.

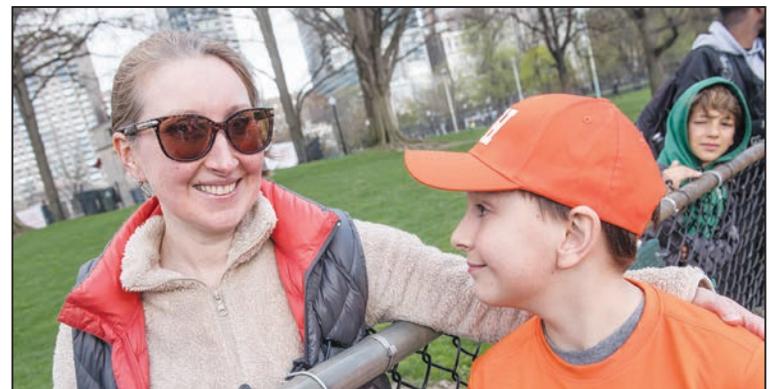
Above, Robbie Baker listens to his coach Tim LeBlanc (off frame) go over the game strategy.



Right, Coach Chris Lee of the Paw Sox AAA team (kids age 7-10) assists Noah Avram in braving and catching the ball.



Calvin Long of the Hill House AAA Blue Jays team catches a throw from his brother Finley (off frame) on the opposing Orioles team.



Olga Dvinin has a quick moment with her favorite baseball player, her son Martin, before the opening game.

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FRESH & LOCAL

Seasonal farmers market opening dates

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

A number of factors are beginning to put a strain on our system of farmers markets. People love the idea of having a market in their neighborhood. For years we've watched the numbers of farmers markets grow. Now we are beginning to see some markets shrink and fail.

Today we have many more ways to tap into the local food system. You may be buying most of your fresh and local produce via a farm's Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program. This might be faster and more convenient for you since some CSAs deliver or have a pick-up day and spot that work into your life better than going to a market.

In March NPR's food report "The Salt" ran an article titled, "Why Are So Many Farmers Markets Failing? Because The Market Is Saturated." They mentioned that, "The Copley Square Farmers Market in Boston reported a 50 percent drop in attendance

in 2017."

Already overworked, farmers are beginning to reduce the number of markets they attend. Some combine efforts with another farm and only one has a market presence. A farm stand on their own property may bring in as much income as traveling to a far away city. Others sell wholesale to specialty stores and supermarkets who are happy to have local produce to offer their customers. When a vendor drops out of a market, customers attracted by that vendor may go elsewhere.

Boston Public Market News

Bucking the trend this season, the Boston Public Market (BPM) headquartered at 100 Hanover Street, will have outdoor markets in three locations. In addition to their popular Dewey Square market (near South Station) they will have a market on City Hall Plaza and in the Seaport.

What Is There to Buy at Early

Markets?

You can expect a selection of storage, greenhouse, and hoop house produce at early farmers markets: mushrooms, potatoes, scallions, spinach, lettuce, and greens. In June we can hope to see strawberries, asparagus, beets, bok choy, cabbage, cauliflower, cucumbers, peas, and radishes.

Naturally we'll also be offered meat, poultry, seafood, maple syrup, honey, dairy, cheese, and eggs which are not seasonal in the same way as plant-based goods.

Here are opening dates for the 2019 area seasonal markets:

Boston Public Market Open daily, year-round

South End/SoWa Open Market: May 5th (Sundays)

Copley Square: May 10th (Tuesdays & Fridays)

Egleston Jamaica Plain: May 11th (Saturdays)

Central Square, Cambridge: May 13th (Mondays)

Boston Public Market at Dewey Square: May 14th (Tuesdays and Thursdays)

Cambridge Center (Kendall



Early in the market season, we enjoy dishes like "Asparagus Two Ways." Here it is roasted and starring in a simple salad of shaved asparagus, fennel, and capers.

MBTA): May 15th (Wednesdays)

Davis Square, Somerville: May 15th (Wednesdays)

Jamaica Plain (677 Centre Street): May 18th (Saturdays)

Union Square, Somerville: May 18th (Saturdays)

Boston Public Market at City Hall Plaza, May 21 (Tuesdays)

Roslindale/Adams Park: June 1st (Saturdays)

Boston Public Market at the Seaport (85 Northern Ave.) June 5th (Wednesdays)

Brookline/Coolidge Corner:

June 6th (Thursdays)

Harvard University Farmers Market, Cambridge: June 11th (Tuesdays)

Charlestown: Thompson Square at Main & Austin Street, June-October (Wednesdays)

East Boston/Central Square: July 3rd (Wednesdays)

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Back Bay Logan Express moves to new location with new customer perks

Beginning May 1, the Logan Express (LEX) is moving pick-up and drop-off sites in Copley Square to just outside the MBTA's Back Bay station. This partnership with the MBTA will provide a smoother transition for customers who use the Orange Line and Commuter Rail. This is part of the Massachusetts Port Authority's (Massport) plan to encourage more passengers to use High Occupancy Vehicles (HOVs) to Boston Logan International Airport.

As of May 1, passengers who take the Back Bay LEX will get ahead of the security line when they arrive at Logan. The fee will also drop from \$7.50 to \$3 for a ride to the airport, and free from Logan to Back Bay.

"Our goal is to double HOV ridership by providing value-added choices for customers," said Massport Acting CEO John Pranckevicius. "We want our customers to realize that dollar-for-dollar Logan Express is the best mode of transportation to get to Logan from Boston's Back Bay. It is the most cost-effective, environmentally-friendly, and efficient mode of transportation for passengers and workers at the airport."

Logan Express is the sev-

enth largest transit system in Massachusetts with four suburban locations in Braintree, Framingham, Woburn, and Peabody. Since 2009, LEX ridership has increased by 67 percent, from 1.1 million riders to 1.8 million. The goal is to increase annual ridership to 4 million.

The Back Bay LEX buses are scheduled every 20 minutes daily. The starting point for the bus route will remain at the Hynes Convention Center on Boylston Street with a stop at the Back Bay T Station on Dartmouth Street. Currently, Logan-bound passengers are picked up outside the Copley T Station and passengers from the airport are dropped off on St. James Avenue. Service from the Hynes runs from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. Trips from Logan start at 6am and ends at 10pm every day.

Martyn Roetter, chairman of the Neighborhood Association of the Back Bay board of directors, welcomed the news.

"For some people, it might mean longer walk to the [new pickup and drop-off location] and a shorter walk for others," Roetter said. "It's an effort to do something to make public transportation alternatives more attractive...and I'm interested to see how ridership will change as a

result of this."

Also starting in May, Massport is increasing its Braintree LEX service with trips to Logan scheduled every 20 minutes. Additional parking at both Braintree and Framingham locations are also in the works. Braintree and Framingham are the most popular routes with over 740,000 and nearly 580,000 riders annually.

By next year, LEX service will also be available for commuters at North Station with connections to the MBTA's Green and Orange lines, and the Commuter Rail. The fare will be \$3 going to Logan and free from the airport. Other LEX locations are also being considered.

The Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport) owns and operates Boston Logan International Airport, public terminals in the Port of Boston, Hanscom Field, and Worcester Regional Airport. Massport is a financially self-sustaining public authority whose premier transportation facilities generate more than \$18 billion annually, and enhance and enable economic growth and vitality in New England.

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Huntington Theatre to honor Brimmer Street husband-and-wife

By Dan Murphy

Brimmer Street residents David Epstein and Betsy Banks Epstein will be honored with the Wimberly Award for their enduring support of the Huntington Theatre Company at its annual Spotlight Spectacular benefit gala on Monday, May 6, at Cyclorama at the Boston Center for the Arts at 539 Tremont St. Cocktails will be served beginning at 6 p.m., followed by dinner, a performance and live auction at 7:30 p.m.

"I'm very appreciative of [being chosen to receive the award], and I guess it's a reflection of the commitment my wife and I feel towards the theatre, and a testament that the theatre is an important contributor to the cultural environment of the city," David said. "We hope the gala is an opportunity to expose the Huntington to a broader segment of the Boston population, and that attendees will fall in love with its work."

A co-founder of Boston-based real estate development firm The Abbey Group and a co-investor in the Boston Celtics, David is involved in many local philanthropic endeavors, including his current tenure as chairman of the Huntington's board of trustees.

His involvement with the Huntington dates back nearly 20

years when a friend invited him David learn about the organization, and he said he was instantly impressed with "what [he] saw on- and offstage."

In particular, David said he "liked what they were doing with the Education Program and community outreach to bring more people to the theatre through their subsidized-ticket program."

When the Boston University sold the Huntington building to QMG Huntington LLC in 2017, leaving the theatre's future uncertain, it was David who helped negotiate an arrangement with the developer by which it sold the venue to the Huntington for \$1 while allowing the theater to enter into 99-year lease for \$1 per year to operate the adjacent 14,000-square-foot lobby, which the Huntington now calls "Boston's Living Room."

"Because of my familiarity with the real estate process, I was able to create a strategy where the Huntington could secure ownership of the theatre in exchange for the developer enhancing their project through community benefits," he said.

The Huntington is also undertaking a complete historical renovation of the theatre, which was built in 1925 and was the first non-profit theatre in the U.S.

Besides supporting the



Courtesy of Huntington Theatre

Brimmer Street residents David Epstein and Betsy Banks Epstein, who will both receive the Huntington Theatre's Wimberly Award at its Spotlight Spectacular benefit gala.

Huntington, David has served on the board of directors of various neighborhood and civic organizations citywide, including the Back Bay Architectural Commission, the Back Bay Neighborhood Association and the Trustees of Copley Square. He is currently both a board member and Executive Committee member of the Downtown Boston Business Improvement District and also serves on the board of directors of the Stratton Mountain School and the Boston Celtics Shamrock Foundation.

Author of feature stories published in The Boston Globe and Cambridge Chronicle; several anthologies; and the recent book "Still Becoming: Conversations with People in Their Sixties," which she co-wrote with her sister-in-law Elinor Svenson, Betsy came to the Huntington several years after David and now serves as co-chair of its Education Committee.

"My background is in education, and I have three grown, married children and eight grandchildren, so the outreach we do in the Greater Boston area is important to me," Betsy said.

The Huntington's Education Department serves more than

30,000 students, teachers, and community organizations each year via student matinees, state-wide Poetry Out Loud, and the August Wilson Monologue Competition, according to the theatre's website, with collaborators that include Boston Public Schools, Codman Academy Charter Public School, YMCA, National Endowment for the Arts and the Mass Cultural Council, among other community organizations.

"We run a Student Matinee Series that is not fueled by economics, so any available school or school system can apply for seats," Best said. "Another thing we do is provide educational materials for each school, so the kids can come to the theatre prepared to watch the production...and see for themselves the magic of live theatre, as well as the energy that goes on between performers and the audience."

Like her husband, Betsy said she is honored that an organization she has as much respect for as the Huntington has chosen to recognize her and David with the Wimberly Award.

"I feel very honored to be recognized by the Huntington Theatre," Betsy said. "They have a great staff and great group of volunteers

to work with. I love theatre, and the Huntington does so much for the Greater Boston community, which is very meaningful for me."

"The Epsteins' dedication to the Huntington has been extraordinary," Managing Director Michael Maso told the website Broadway World. "We are tremendously grateful for David's visionary leadership of the Huntington Board of Trustees during this moment of monumental transformation for the company, and for Betsy's passion for and support of the Huntington's education programs. While David is working to create a new Huntington, Betsy is serving young people and building future audiences. And through their generous leadership gift to our comprehensive campaign, both Betsy and David are ensuring that our work will continue for generations."

This year, the Huntington's Spotlight Spectacular event, which raises money to support its programs, including its award-winning youth, education and community programs, will also honor Norma Jean Calderwood Artistic Director Peter DuBois with the Wimberly Award.

Visit <https://www.huntingtontheatre.org/support/gala/> for ticket prices and more information.

BH RESIDENT MELISSA STEFFY JOINS HERB CHAMBERS AT BOSTON MARATHON FINISH LINE PARTIES



Herb Chambers proudly hosted hundreds of guests at his annual Boston Marathon Finish Line Parties. New England's largest auto dealer hosted two events at the finish line with all proceeds from both parties benefiting the Jimmy Fund and Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. This year, the events combined to raise \$80,000 – a new record total amount for this fundraiser. Each year during the Boston Marathon, the Herb Chambers Companies hosts celebrations at Abe & Louie's and Atlantic Fish Company to benefit these wonderful organizations and their worthwhile mission. Among the attendees was Beacon Hill Resident Melissa Steffy, General Manager at BMW of Boston. She was joined by many other BMW of Boston team members.

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Local trainer opens new fitness studio

By Astrid Lium

In 2011, when Renvil Doman opened his first fitness studio in Beacon Hill, he sensed that it was the start of something big. The

local entrepreneur and personal trainer aimed to expand his business and motivate clients to stay in shape while having fun.

Eight years later, the owner of REPS Fitness Studio and Beacon

Hill Yoga, continues to realize his original vision for a community workout hub and fitness empire. On May 4, Doman will open the newest branch, located at 319 Cambridge St. The other locations



courtesy photo

A look inside the new studio at 319 Cambridge St.

are 57 Phillips St. in Beacon Hill and 781 Centre St. in Jamaica Plain.

“Being a part of this community is important to me, and I love helping people through fitness,” he says, pumping his fists and flashing a megawatt smile. “At REPS we are all about getting people from different walks of life to improve their health and well-being.”

The 2,600-square-foot space, located above Harvard Gardens restaurant, is considerably larger than the other three locations but bears a striking resemblance to them. It boasts the recognizable REPS logo and orange, gray and white color scheme. Visitors will also find the same workout gear—including stationary bikes, kettlebells and medicine balls—and similar upbeat music playlists during workouts.

This boutique studio has additional amenities to match its updated style. Designed with more of a night-club vibe in mind, it includes several speakers, subwoofers, strobe lights and a fog machine. For the more competi-

tive bikers and those who choose to opt in, Doman has lined the front wall with leaderboards to help track progress, distance and speed. He has also maximized the extra space and installed lockers for patron use.

“I want people to feel like they can come here and spend a good hour getting the best workout,” says Doman. “And I want them to enjoy themselves while pushing their limits.”

REPS offers pre-package sale options for classes and personal training. Drop-in rates are also available for last-minute exercisers attending fitness classes.

The grand-opening party will be held at the studio Saturday, May 4, 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.; and Sunday, May 5, 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. The celebration is open to the public and will include refreshments and free REPCYCLE and KORECYCLE classes. The classes are available to everyone, but spots are limited and online registration is required.

For more information, visit www.reps57.com.

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Getting to the Point with Daniel Mulhall, Ireland's Ambassador to the United States
Tuesday, May 7 • 8:15 a.m.

A conversation with Ireland's Ambassador to the United States who will discuss the Brexit deal, opportunities for ongoing cultural exchanges, and the strength of Boston's Irish-American community.

MAY

7

Getting to the Point: The Path to Affordable Housing in Massachusetts
Tuesday, May 7 • 6:30 p.m.

Adrian Walker, columnist at *The Boston Globe*, moderates a discussion on how government leaders and other stakeholders are working to address the need for affordable housing in the Commonwealth.

MAY

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Getting to the Point with the authors of "The Hill to Die On"
Tuesday, May 14 • 6:30 p.m.

Jake Sherman and Anna Palmer will join C-SPAN's Steve Scully to discuss their inside account of President Trump's first two years in the White House as viewed from Capitol Hill.

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NEIGHBORHOOD GETS NEW TREES



John Corey, who co-chairs the Beacon Hill Civic Association Tree and Civic Beautification Committee with Miguel Rosales, submitted these photos of new trees that arrived in the neighborhood last week to help improve and enhance its urban canopy.



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NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDUP

Return of the Swans May 10

Boston Parks Commissioner Chris Cook welcomes Boston's most popular waterfowl back during the 31st Annual Return of the Swans event on Friday, May 10. The celebration in the Public Garden begins with entertainment at 10:15 a.m.

After wintering at the Franklin Park Zoo, Romeo and Juliet will reside during the summer months in the Public Garden. The swans will be returned to the lagoon following a parade that begins at the Beacon and Charles Street corner of the park near the "Make Way for Ducklings" statue. Carts beautifully decorated by Boston's Winston Flowers will help usher the swans to the release site.

Led by a brass band, the parade will continue to the George Washington Statue at the Commonwealth Avenue/Arlington Street entrance, over the pedestrian bridge, and end on the Boylston Street side of the lagoon for the official Return of the Swans ceremony.

The accompanying entertainment program, sponsored in part by the Friends of the Public Garden, begins at 10:15 a.m. The celebration will include a brass band, face painters, a reading of "Make Way for Ducklings" led by the Boston Park Rangers, and children's activities presented by the Four Seasons Hotel Boston. In-kind sponsors HP Hood LLC and the Four Seasons Hotel Boston will provide refreshments.

Forum to be held for Distric 8 City Council hopefuls

The Boston Ward 4 and Ward 5 Democratic Committees will co-sponsor a Forum and Panel Discussion for candidates seeking the District 8 city council seat on Tuesday, May 21, at 6:30 to

9:30 p.m. on the third floor of Berklee College of Music at 160 Massachusetts Ave. Doors will open at 6 p.m.

Margaret McKenna, president emerita of Lesley University will serve as moderator for the event, which is free and open to the public.

Boston Bubble Festival coming to Boston Common May 11

The air will be filled with fun as Mayor Martin J. Walsh and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department bring the Boston Bubble Festival back to Boston Common on Saturday, May 11, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Building on the popularity of "Bubble Guy" Jim Dichter's presentations at previous Parks Department children's events, the Boston Bubble Festival will offer free outdoor activities in and around the historic Parkman Bandstand at 167 Tremont Street.

The celebration will include giant floating bubble demonstrations from various bubble performers, a DJ, live entertainment, giveaways, and more.

The Boston Bubble Festival is presented by the Boston Parks and Recreation Department with sponsors Uncle Bubble, HP Hood LLC, "A Dog's Journey" in theaters May 17th, "Spirit Riding Free" and "She-Ra and the Princesses Of Power" now streaming on Netflix, and partners Country 102.5, Ameriprise Financial, KIND Snacks, Polar Beverages, Power Crunch nutrition bars and "Bubble Guy" Jim Dichter.

This event is weather permitting. For more information, please call the Boston Parks and Recreation Department at (617) 635-4505, visit www.boston.gov/parks or go to www.facebook.com/bostonparksdepartment.

Tour Boston's first cultural center for free during historic library's annual open house May 4

The Boston Athenæum will host its fifth annual Open House on Saturday, May 4, opening all floors of the library at 10½ Beacon St. for exploration and photography. Visitors of all ages are invited to engage with docents and staff members throughout the building and learn about the Athenæum's history, its remarkable special collections, and its landmark home.

Areas usually restricted to members—including the dazzling fifth-floor reading room, normally a silent space for reading and contemplation—will be open for self-guided tours, while fun activities will run throughout the day starting on the first floor. Don't miss the aquarium, book nooks, and kid-sized easy chairs in the Children's Library.

The Open House runs from 9 a.m. to last entry at 3 p.m. Your visit may take 90 minutes, so plan accordingly. Visit www.bostonathenaeum.org/openhouse for information on directions and parking, accessibility, bag and coat check and visiting with children.

A Kaleidoscope of Musical Gems

Come to the Church On The Hill at 140 Bowdoin St. for a concert of music written by composers from Antonio Vivaldi to Undine Moore on Sunday, May 5, at 3 p.m.

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, and the concert site is handicap accessible.

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

Cellist Ifetayo Ali to make Boston debut at Gardner Museum

Rising-star cellist Ifetayo Ali performs an exciting, colorful program for her Boston debut as part of the Weekend Concert Series on Sunday, May 5 at 1:30 p.m. at the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in Calderwood Hall, located at 25 Evans Way.

Her full program includes: Johannes Brahms, Sonata No. 1 for Violoncello and Piano in E Minor, Op. 38 (1865); Ludwig van Beethoven, Seven Variations on "Bei Männern, welche Liebe fühlen" (from The Magic Flute), WoO 46 (1801); Alberto Ginastera, Pampeana No. 2 for Cello and Piano, Op. 21 (1950); and

J.S. Bach (arr. Silioti/Casals), Adagio from Toccata in C Major, BWV 564 (c. 1715/1925).

Tickets for the floor level and first balcony cost \$36 for adults, \$33 for seniors, \$24 for members, and \$15 for students and children 7-17, while tickets for the second and third balconies cost \$31 for adults, \$28 for seniors, \$19 for members and \$15 for students and children 7-17. Children under 7 will not be admitted to the performance.

For information and tickets, call 617-566-1401 or visit www.gardnermuseum.org.

Charles Street Planting and Cleaning Day coming May 7

The Beacon Hill Civic Association, the Beacon Hill Business Association and the

Beacon Hill Garden Club are partnering to sponsor the annual Planting and Cleaning Day on Charles Street on Tuesday, May 7, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Meet at Tatte Bakery & Café at 70 Charles St., where brooms, disposable gloves and trash bags will be provided. Volunteers are encouraged to bring trowels and garden gloves, and children are welcome.

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 Richard Spicer on the C.B. Fisk organ performing works by Bach, Buxtehude and Ritter on May 7; Karl Henning Ensemble performing music for flutes, horn and percussion by Marshall and Henning on May 14; flutist Alison LaRosa Montez and organist Heinrich Christensen performing Pietro Locatelli's "Sonata I" and Daniel Pinkham's "Miracles" on May 21; and Justin Breuggeman on C.B. Fisk organ performing works by Bach, Bruhns and Schumann on May 28.

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.

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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

SATURDAY, MAY 4

OPEN HOUSE, Boston Athenæum, 10½ Beacon St., 10 a.m.-3 p.m., visit www.bostonathenaeum.org/open-house for information

SUNDAY, MAY 5

CONCERT of music written by composers from Antonio Vivaldi to Undine Moore, Church On The Hill, 140 Bowdoin St., 3 p.m., phone 617-523-4575 or visit <http://churchonthehillboston.org> for more information

CONCERT, cellist Ifetayo Ali, Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, 25 Evans Way, Calderwood Hall, 3 p.m., call 617-566-1401 or visit www.gardnermuseum.org for information and tickets

TUESDAY, MAY 7

ACTIVITY, annual Planting and Cleaning Day, Charles Street, 9 a.m.-noon

CONCERT, Richard Spicer on the C.B. Fisk organ performing works by Bach, Buxtehude and Ritter, King's Chapel, 58 Tremont St., 12:15 p.m., suggested donation: \$5, call 617-227-2155 for more information

TUESDAY, MAY 14

CONCERT, Karl Henning Ensemble performing music for flutes, horn and percussion by Marshall and Henning, King's Chapel, 58 Tremont St., 12:15 p.m., suggested donation: \$5, call 617-227-2155 for more information

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

CONCERT, flutist Alison LaRosa Montez and organist Heinrich Christensen performing Pietro Locatelli's "Sonata I" and Daniel Pinkham's "Miracles," King's Chapel, 58 Tremont St., 12:15 p.m., suggested donation: \$5, call 617-227-2155 for more information

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

TUESDAY, MAY 28

CONCERT, Justin Breuggeman on C.B. Fisk organ performing works by Bach, Bruhns and Schumann, King's Chapel, 58 Tremont St., 12:15 p.m., suggested donation: \$5, call 617-227-2155 for more information

Zakim joins Fenway seniors for pizza and conversation

By Lauren Bennett

City Councilor Josh Zakim was at the Peterborough Senior Center in Fenway on May 1 to discuss the issues he's been working on, as well as address questions from the seniors in attendance.

Everyone munched on pizza donated from Domino's while Zakim talked about what's going on at City Hall. Mayor Walsh recently released his proposed budget for fiscal year 2020, which is now going through the process of City Council hearings before it is voted on.

Other things Zakim has been focused on include affordable housing, specifically working to make it harder for people to get evicted from their homes. "The biggest issue is people not knowing their rights," he said, adding that it's "all about trying to provide more resources" to people in the community. He said there is not enough housing being built for lower income people, as most of the affordable housing is being built for middle income people, he said. He said that Boston is building more affordable housing percentage-wise when compared with other cities of a similar size, "but it's still not enough. I think the [Community Preservation Act] money will make a big difference," Zakim said.

Zakim said that transportation continues to come up as an issue, calling it one of the "timeless issues" in the city. "It's a growing city," he said. "People want to be here." He said that the City Council is working to



City Councilor Josh Zakim talked affordable housing, transportation, and development with seniors and staff at the Peterborough Senior Center on Tuesday afternoon.

make sure that people who have been here are able to stay here, with improvements in housing, schools, and transportation.

"We don't have control of the T because it's a state agency," Zakim said, but the City Council is trying to work with them. Zakim said he believes that public transportation "is never going to be able to pay for itself," but it needs to be cheap, safe, and reliable in order to work. "I think it's something that the state needs to invest in," he said. Dedicated bus lanes are among the latest infrastructure improvements that the city is working on with the MBTA. Zakim suggested that people keep calling Governor Baker to speak out against T fare hikes.

A question was raised about the Long Island shelter situation, to which Zakim replied that

the City Council has appropriated around \$100 million to rebuild the neglected bridge to Long Island, where homeless and recovery services were located. The City of Quincy, where the bridge started, has been fighting the rebuilding of the bridge, despite the fact that the services on Long Island helped many Quincy residents, Zakim said. "I think they're being very mean-spirited and short-sighted about it," he said, though he added that he's "heard rumbles" that Quincy is changing its mind. "The money is ready to go," he said. "It's a priority for the mayor."

Elizabeth Bertolozzi, President of the Fenway Garden Society, mentioned an issue that had been at the forefront of the organization for a number of years—the phragmites that grow along the

back part of the gardens. The reeds posed a significant safety and security concern, Bertolozzi said, but the issue received a lot of support from elected officials and advocacy groups in the city, especially Senator Will Brownsberger. They were able to bring a pilot program for mowing and reseeding of the area. Bertolozzi said she saw bobcats and teams over in the area this week. "Our expectation is that it will be a much more secure area," she said. She added that she has "noticed a lot more tourists" along the service road in the back, signifying that people are feeling safer.

Someone else asked Zakim what he thinks of the proposed privately owned dormitory on Boylston St. He said that he's "not a fan" of the proposal, as it's against the zoning for the area. He said he believes the developer "needs to reassess" what the neighborhood is and how it operates. He said he also has a lot of concerns about the use in that area.

"The biggest concern is the zoning issue," Bertolozzi said. "There have been other projects that have come to the neighborhood and followed the rules, so

it is possible."

Lastly, the residents wanted to know about the Boston Arts Academy (BAA) construction status, as well as Zakim's thoughts about community involvement with the proposed Fenway Theater. He said that the new Boston Arts Academy building is "moving forward well; they're on schedule. It's a huge investment into the neighborhood." He said that the students will "finally" get the rehearsal and classroom space that they need and deserve.

He said that he doesn't think partnerships and working with the community when it comes to the Fenway Theater project "is going to be a big challenge" with the BAA across the street, as that's an opportunity to get those students involved with things like lighting and sound design at the theater to give them real world experience.

Lastly, Zakim reminded everyone that he will not be seeking another term, but "as I enter my final year as your City Councilor, it's really been a privilege to represent you all," he said. "And I certainly look forward to continuing this work through the end of the term."

Myles' Musings

By Myles Striar

Reminiscent of Our Recent Past

Do we really get to start again?
Oh, how I wish I could know
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