



# THE BEACON HILL TIMES

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Back, left to right, are Anthony Moccia, Brayan Rodriguez, Víctor Figueroa, Tito Garcia, John Cucinatti, Barry Proctor, Glendy Sandoval and Carla Sandoval; front, left to right, Sergio Sandoval and Jayden Sandoval.

## Florina tops 'People's Choice' in Boston Pizza Festival

By Dan Murphy

For the second year in a row, Florina Pizzeria and Paninoteca was declared the winner of the "People's Choice" in the third annual Boston Pizza Festival on July 13 and 14 at City Hall Plaza.

"It was such an honor to be voted 'Best Pizza- People's Choice' for two consecutive

years (2018/2019)," wrote Barry Proctor, who co-owns the pizzeria at 16 Derne St. with John Cucinatti. "More exciting was to see all the friendly faces coming by to support us - many neighbors from Beacon Hill and North End, as well as some commuters. Our close friends and family were there, enjoying pizza and cheering us on. It felt like the slogan/# hashtag we

often use 'Food, Family, Friends, Florina.'"

Besides three vendors from Naples, Italy – Bocconcino, Da Peppe e Figli, and Starita a Materdei – the festival featured a selection of Boston pizzerias including Regina Pizzeria, Cafe Quattro, Sal's Pizza, Pasta Beach,

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## BEACON HILL CIVIC ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY CORNER

What we do - Fundraising and Outreach Committees

### Membership Committee

During fiscal year 2019, the Membership became an independent entity rather than a sub-group of the Events Committee. The Membership Committee is comprised of a few dedicated, off-board volunteers along with co-chairs from the Civic Association Board.

As in past years, the drive for new members begins at the

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Janet Tiampo, BHCA Director.



Emily Claire, BHCA Director and Membership Committee Chair and Events Committee Chair.

## Purr-fect get-together

### Back Bay cat celebrates 11 years with a party in the Public Garden

By Lauren Bennett

Symen the Russian Blue just celebrated his 11th birthday with a party in the Public Garden. His owner Nora Babich, a Back Bay resident, has been throwing birthday parties for her cat for five years. What started as a fun idea for a party has turned into a tradition that gives back. After three years of being spoiled with toys as gifts, Babich decided that she would ask for donations to the Animal Rescue League of Boston in lieu of gifts (but, of course, people still bring Symen toys, too).

"At first it was just to get people together," Babich said. As a pilates instructor, she has lots of clients she invites, as well as her circle of friends, and asks them to bring spouses, children, and friends. "About 30 to 40 people show up," she said, including her pharmacist and her next-door neighbor. "It's a pretty broad network of people," she said. And then there are the curious minds

in the park wondering what the commotion is all about. Babich said there are always a few people in the park with their pets who stop by to join the fun.

"It's also a way for me to give back to my clients," she said, as she buys all the food, decorations, and beverages for the party each year. All food and beverages are purchased locally as well, she added.

She doesn't forget about the entertainment, either. Party guests participate in a Symen trivia game, where they fill out a one-page questionnaire and the winner receives a free pilates class.

Babich said that \$300 was raised for the Animal Rescue League this year, which was collected through Facebook. "Some people donate \$5, some donate \$100," she said. "A little goes a long way."

"It's a way to get the neighborhood involved," she said. "It's a

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## Veteran real-estate broker endures changing industry

By Dan Murphy

In the more than three decades years she has worked as a real estate broker in Boston, Ivy A. Turner has seen the industry transform into what she describes as "very much a service-oriented business" where her clients expect the same level of efficiency and instant results they can find online.

"I've always had to deal with clients' demands, but now they expect more and expect it faster," said Turner, who established her Charles Street real estate office The Ivy Team/KW (formerly Ivy Associates, Inc.) in 1995 after spending seven years working for other Boston firms. "Because the Internet is fast, people expect everything quickly. They now want a customized experience with a high level of service that meets their schedules."

Turner noticed the emergence of this trend about four or five



Ivy A. Turner, founder of The Ivy Team/KW.

years ago, around the same time she first observed that more of the home-buying process was being conducted online or remotely.

"All of the paperwork is done online, their home previewing and research process is done online, even the closing is done partially electronically so that their lawyer doesn't even have to go to the

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# EDITORIAL

## YES, DRUGS ARE BAD, BUT ALCOHOL IS STILL THE WORST

We've all become aware of the opioid epidemic that has spread throughout the country in recent years and that has been responsible for about 60,000 premature deaths annually in the United States.

The dangerous and deadly drug fentanyl, which often is laced into heroin, chiefly has been responsible for the rise in opioid overdoses.

However, we should not lose sight of the fact that alcohol abuse still rates as the number one health problem in the country, as it has for decades.

Here are a few statistics:

It is estimated that excessive drinking is responsible for 88,000 deaths per year in the United States, about one in 10 deaths among working-age adults. The cost in 2010 was almost \$250 billion.

And drinking is a serious problem among adolescents. More than nine percent of those 12 to 17 years drink alcohol, and almost five percent engaged in binge drinking in the last month. Drinking in the teen years makes a person five times more likely to become an alcoholic than if they had waited to take their first drink after the age of 21.

For men, risky drinking is more than four drinks on any day or more than 14 drinks in any week, according to the National Institute for Alcohol Abuse. And for women, it's more than three drinks on any day or more than seven drinks in any week. (The institute defines a drink as 12 ounces of beer, 5 ounces of wine, or 1.5 ounces of spirits.)

Among people aged 15 to 49, alcohol use is the single most common risk factor for death and disability. In 2016, alcohol accounted for 6.8 percent of male and 2.2 percent of female deaths.

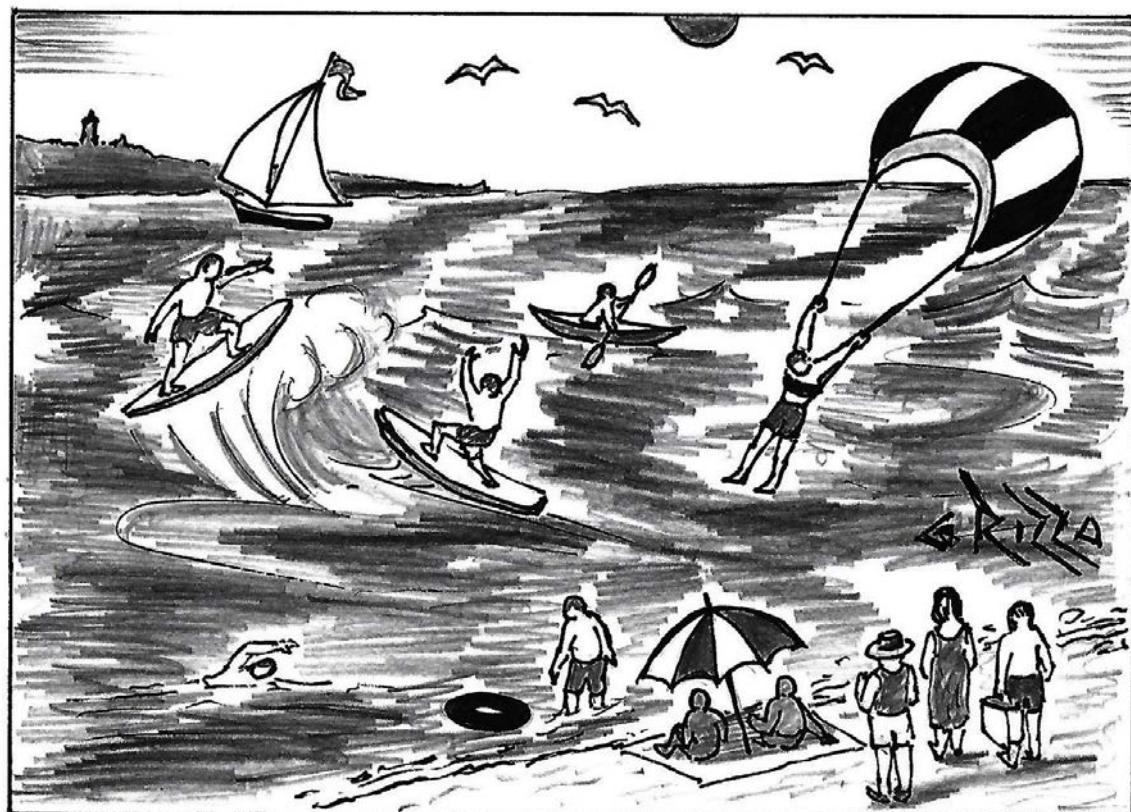
Finally, alcoholic beverages are classified by the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) as a Group 1 carcinogen (carcinogenic to humans) -- the same category as asbestos -- with 3.6 percent of all cancer cases and 3.5 percent of cancer deaths worldwide being attributable to consumption of alcohol.

So here are a few ways to ensure that neither we nor our friends and loved ones become one of those statistics this summer:

1) If you are planning on going out for a night, leave the car at home and have your cell phone programmed to call an Uber. Drunk-driving lawyers say their business is way down thanks to Uber use by millennials -- so be smart and plan ahead while you're still sober and before you leave your house!

2) Friends don't let friends drive drunk -- take their keys and drive them home yourself or get them an Uber.

3) Do not drink and captain a boat -- it IS against the law (just like drinking and driving a car) -- and the risks to your passengers and other boaters on the water are huge if you are captaining under the influence.



SUMMER FUN HAS BEGUN

## Letters to the Editor

### TIME FOR A CHANGE

Dear Beacon Hill Neighbors:

As of June 25, I have resigned from the Beacon Hill Civic Association (BHCA) board after over a decade of volunteer service. In that time period, I am confident that I contributed greatly to the quality of life here in Beacon Hill and would like to touch on a few projects that I helped spearhead and managed:

- BHCA's "90th Anniversary Gift to the City" project installing 57 historically sensitive tree guards along Charles Street while working closely with the city's Public Works Department and fellow committee members Alyson Lindsay and Bob Owens. The funds raised for this campaign (as well as annual grant funds from the Beacon Hill Garden Club) have enabled the project to stretch over six years and has led the way to positive change along Charles Street. I am confident that our "Main Street" has never looked so good and hope that the BHCA will remain committed to the City of Boston Public Improvements Commission agreement with the BHCA for on-going maintenance and enhancement of the tree guards and plantings along Charles Street. Management of this improvement has been time consuming but rewarding.

- Reworking visitor spaces along Mount Vernon Street to eliminate excess transient two-hour visitor parking spaces which often caused undue disruption in the neighbor-

hood. Then BHCA Traffic and Parking Committee chair Steve Young was especially helpful with this change. This change positively affected the quality of life of nearby residents.

- Founding and co-chairing the Joint Charles Street Committee (JCSC) with the Beacon Hill Business Association. With my initial co-chair Susan Symonds, we spearheaded the reworking of parking along Charles Street by eliminating all day commercial loading "dead zones" and implementing a comprehensive redesign of the street with new parking meters and new residential parking spaces. This improvement was aided and supported by then Boston Transportation Commissioner Tom Tinlin.

- Organizing the "Clean Charles Street Campaign" to fundraise and hire private hokey services to clean Charles Street three times a week Monday, Wednesday, Friday afternoons 1pm to 4 pm. Our initial fundraiser in 2017 smashed our initial goal by 300 percent and led to three years of cleaning along our main street. The first fundraiser's success can be attributed to strong support within the community especially from Grogan and Company, Toscanos and Related Beal. The second JCSC fundraising campaign is currently underway in collaboration with JSCC co-chair Ali Ringenburg from the Beacon Hill Business Association. I encourage businesses and residents to donate to this cause by sending a check to the BHCA but

mark on it "Charles Street Cleaning Fund". Currently, Charles Street is cleaned three times a week by a crew from Work, Inc., a non-profit helping folks get back on their feet. A win/win.

- As Tree Committee and Civic Beautification co-chair with Miguel Rosales, assisted residents with tree related questions in addition to providing advice and help with brick tree pits surrounds and historically appropriate tree guards all while closely collaborating with the City of Boston Parks and Recreation Department staff Tree Warden Greg Mosman and Arborist Max Ford-Diamond. I am very grateful to Greg and Max for their strong support and friendship or over five years.

- Innumerable smaller projects to make our neighborhood safer including the "No Turn on Red" signs at Revere and Charles Streets, the installation of pedestrian delineators on Mount Vernon Street at Willow as well as on Beacon Street at Walnut, and the pedestrian signal at the foot of Charles Street at Charles Circle. These traffic calming devices have substantially increased pedestrian safety in the area and help us achieve a cohesive, walkable community.

- Countless volunteer organization and annual community projects to keep Beacon Hill clean and thriving including the Annual Holiday Decorating Contest for businesses on Charles Street.

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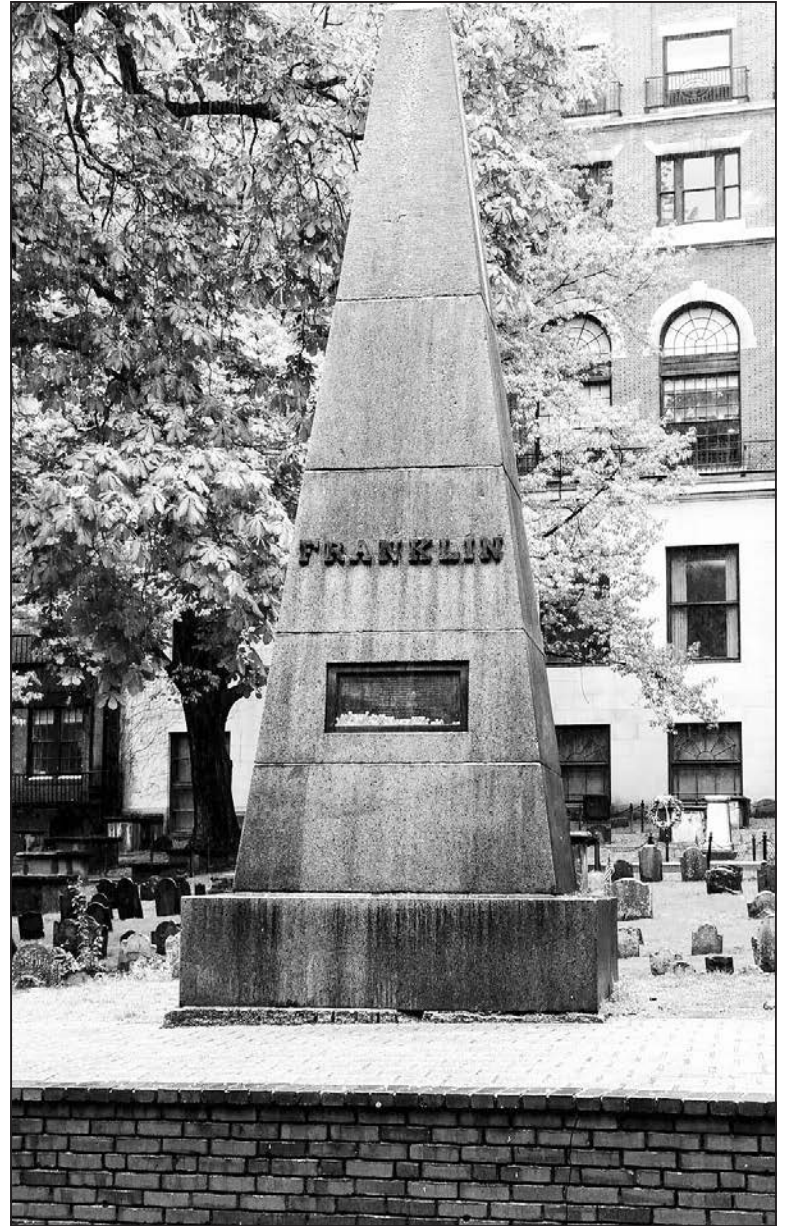
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## ATTENTION TO DETAIL

BY PENNY CHERUBINO

Photos by Marianne Salza

### THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The words in the last clue are inscribed on the Franklin family obelisk in the Granary Burying Ground. It honors Benjamin Franklin's father Josiah Franklin and his mother Abiah. This was a 1827 replacement for the original gravestones and according to Wikipedia was, "Constructed of granite from the Bunker Hill Monument quarry..."

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

### THIS WEEK'S CLUE



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Eve Dougherty [aceteam@compass.com](mailto:aceteam@compass.com)



## LETTER (from pg. 2)

These are just a few that immediately come to mind, but the underlying theme is my love of Beacon Hill. I would like to also give a special shout out to past BHCA presidents Suzanne Besser, Steven Young and John Achatz who supported and embraced all of my initiatives and efforts over my years of service. I would be remiss to not mention my husband, Miguel Rosales, who after moving to Beacon Hill in 2004, has embraced the Beacon Hill neighborhood like no other. He has been my righthand man to all the projects listed above and without his support, none would have been possible.

While the BHCA initially gave me the ability to spearhead many of these projects, I feel that the winds have changed at the organization with its

current leadership and due to the lack of support, a new approach is needed for my community service. I am formulating a new non-profit (The Charitable Trust for Beacon Hill) that will not only advocate for preservation and beautification efforts in the district, but also provide a steady stream of funding for these efforts. This approach will allow for more timely and targeted neighborhood improvements to further enhance Beacon Hill for residents, business owners and visitors alike. Hope you will all join in my future efforts to keep our beloved neighborhood well preserved, beautiful and thriving. See you around the neighborhood.

Sincerely,  
John David Corey

## LOCAL STUDENTS RECEIVE ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

### ON DEAN'S LIST AT UVM

The following local students were Named to the University of Vermont Dean's List.

To be named to the dean's list, students must have a grade-point average of 3.0 or better and rank in the top 20 percent of their class in their respective college or school.

Megan Fahey  
Sara Molho  
About UVM

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humankind forward. Committed to both research and teaching, UVM professors -- world-class researchers, scholars, and artists -- bring their discoveries into the classroom and their students into the field. Located in Burlington, Vermont, one of the nation's most vibrant small cities and top college towns, UVM is a Public Ivy and top 100 national research university educating 10,513 undergraduate students, 1,542 graduate students, 826 certificate and non-degree students, and 459 M.D. students in the Larner College of Medicine.

# BHCA seeking grant applications for Community Fund projects

The Beacon Hill Civic Association announces that the Beacon Hill Community Fund ("Community Fund") will now begin to accept grant applications for the funding of small, community-focused projects and programs for 2019. This Community Fund will be awarding small grants to community-based Beacon Hill, Cambridge Street and adjacent neighborhood non-profit organizations, community development corporations, and other civic groups dedicated to promoting and enhancing quality of life in the community through projects and programs for residents involving the arts and education, youth sports and recreation, day care centers, playgrounds, activities for seniors and

persons with special needs and disabilities, community gardens and spaces, affordable housing, social services, and whatever the Board of Directors of the Beacon Hill Civic Association deems appropriate.

According to Rob Whitney, the President of the Beacon Hill Civic Association, "our Board of Directors voted this past Spring to launch a new community fund grant program that will award small grants each year to deserving applicants to help finance projects and programs to promote and enhance the quality of life in our Beacon Hill and neighboring communities. This is an important program, where the Beacon Hill Civic Association will be partnering with residents and

neighbors on small civic-minded projects throughout our downtown neighborhoods. We look forward to implementing this new program this Summer and Fall."

For an initial period of three years, beginning in 2019, the small grants will be awarded on an annual basis from the Community Fund, and will total no more than \$20,000 per year. The process for applying for a grant from the Community Fund can be found at [www.bhcivic.org/community-fund](http://www.bhcivic.org/community-fund), as well as the grant application rules and timelines. For more information, please contact the Beacon Hill Civic Association at [info@bhcivic.org](mailto:info@bhcivic.org).

### BHCA (from pg. 1)

BHCA offices in early March. The Executive Director, along with the co-chairs of the committee draft and finalize several letters to be sent to Founders, current members and lapsed members. The association staff also makes a postcard that is delivered to several thousand households in the neighborhood and generates email blasts to encourage people to join the association. Events sponsored by the Young Friends and the Events Committee also draw in new members.

Founding Members of the Beacon Hill Civic Association are invited to two exclusive events one in the fall and one in the spring, and the Civic Association welcomes new members with a reception in May. With those benefits in mind, the Membership Committee hopes to entice new members and to reward current members with a strengthened and revitalized merchant loyalty program. The committee also plans to work with local realtors to welcome new neighbors and to inform them about the work done by the BHCA and to encourage them to join the organization. Off-board volunteers are spearheading these two initiatives with the full support and help of the staff and other committee members.

The Membership Committee meets at least quarterly with extra meetings in person or check-ins via email as needed.

Events Committee

The Events Committee supports the Beacon Hill Civic Association's mission by hosting events that encourage dialogue, friendship, civic engagement, and new membership. We host a variety of activities, ranging from historic preservation roundtables to community gatherings and open forums.

The fall is our busiest season, starting with the Fall HillFest in September, then Halloween on the Hill, which is followed by the annual Garlands and Greens Fundraiser. This year, we also hosted a sequel to last year's Evening at 74, with Evening at the Friends House, featuring traditional Turkish music and classical piano improvisations at the Beacon Hill Friends House. We also continued our partnership with the Museum of African American History, with another Historic Preservation Roundtable in the fall and the New Member's Reception in the spring.

Winter is the festive season in Beacon Hill, as the community rallies to decorate and undecorate every lamppost in the neighborhood. Spring events included our annual Founders Circle Reception and the BHCA Annual Meeting. With the arrival of good weather, summer is time for Evening at Otis House, followed by Evening on the Esplanade, an opportunity to attend a Boston Landmarks Orchestra concert organized jointly with Beacon Hill Village.

This year, a new group

called Young Friends has begun hosting monthly gatherings at Harvard Gardens with the aim of fostering friendships and participation among young professionals in the neighborhood. Other ongoing monthly events include our first Monday Meet & Greet series at 75 Chestnut, as well as our First Friday Coffee Hours at 74 Joy Street. The coffee hours provide an opportunity for an ongoing open forum at the BHCA office.

The members of the Events Committee understand that bringing people together is a way to strengthen our community and make it a fantastic place to live. We enjoy the opportunity to celebrate all four seasons in Beacon Hill with our neighbors.

#### Upcoming BHCA Meetings

Events Committee Meeting - Tuesday, July 23, 74 Joy Street at 6pm.

Other upcoming BHCA Events

Young Friends Social - Wednesday, July 31st at Carrie Nation

Beacon Hill Meet & Greet - Monday, August 5th

District 8 City Councilor Candidates Forum - Tuesday, September 10th

BHCA Fall HillFest - Sunday, September 22nd

Visit the Beacon Hill Civic Association website [bhcivic.org](http://bhcivic.org) or call the office (617-227-1922) for further details on any of these events, and for information about joining the BHCA.

## BEACON HILL BEAT

### From Boston Police Area A-1


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#### Larceny

07/09/19 - A victim reported U.S. currency was stolen from her locker at a Stuart Street hostel sometime between 9 a.m. and 8:30 p.m.

#### Larceny

07/12/ - A victim reported a known male suspect stole four pair of pants and U.S. currency from her Myrtle Street home around noon.



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## Friends summer party blooms at the four seasons

The Friends of the Public Garden is preparing to host 200 guests for its annual Summer Party, to be held on Wednesday, July 11 at Four Seasons Hotel Boston. This annual event raises funds to renew, care, and advocate for the Boston Common, Public Garden, and Commonwealth Avenue Mall, the mission of the private nonprofit Friends since its inception 49 years ago.

Thanks to contributions from the community, 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, while also advocating against threats to the parks. Proceeds from the Summer Party events have provided funds to ensure the health and beauty of these important green spaces.

In addition to caring for the trees, landscapes, and sculpture in the parks, 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. Plans to light the sculptures on the Mall

and improve the lighting of the Brewer Fountain are also in place.

"Exciting projects such as these and stewardship of the parks would simply not be possible without the funds contributed by the community at this event, and throughout the year," Said Elizabeth Vizza, Executive Director of the Friends. "We are so grateful for all of our supporters and look forward to this special summer occasion to thank them and celebrate the parks together."

For Summer Party tickets and more information, visit [www.friendsofthepublicgarden.org](http://www.friendsofthepublicgarden.org).

The Friends of the Public Garden is a non-profit citizen's advocacy group formed in 1970 to renew, care and advocate for the Boston Common, Public Garden and Commonwealth Avenue Mall in collaboration with the Mayor and the Parks and Recreation Department of the City of Boston. A model public-private partnership and the first in the region, the Friends has over 3,000 members.

Visit [www.friendsofthepublicgarden.org](http://www.friendsofthepublicgarden.org) to learn more.

### FLORINA (from pg. 1)

Fioritaly, Cucchiello Bakery, Wicked Cheesy, Rina's Pizzeria & Cafe, Parziale's Bakery, La Famiglia Fornaciari, Casa Mia, Le 5 Stagioni, Tammy's Pizza Cones, Bertucci's, The Nutella Pizza Stand, Pompeii Pizza, Pheonix Rising Pizza, The White Bull Tavern, MidiCi Neapolitan Pizza + Bar, Upper Crust Pizzeria and Union Park Pizza. Other Northeast pizzerias on hand for the festival included The Jersey Pizza Boys and Cipolla Rossa. The contestants, who were hand-picked by the festival's co-directors Giancarlo Natale and Raffaele Scalz, all used the same brick ovens provided by Marra Forni.

Florina offered four different slices in the festival – the classic cheese; pepperoni (a/k/a "Roni"); homemade porchetta with calabrese pepper; and last year's "People's Choice" winner

"The White Margherita," with basil, fresh mozzarella, garlic and tomato on a white pizza.

Proctor described the event as "family friendly with great entertainment."

"The event was well organized," Proctor wrote. "It was a perfect platform to showcase your product and let people know where you are, what you do and give them a little glimpse into your livelihood. They had the largest turnout since the Festival debuted...but lines were manageable and products were reasonably priced. It was nice to be part of something that was grown right here in Boston - big shouts to the organizers and other vendors."

Proctor encourages readers to follow Florina Pizzeria and Paninioteca on Instagram at @florinapizza.

## BFD ON THE JOB



Boston Fire is seen responding to the Beacon Hill Hotel & Bistro Tuesday morning. According to an employee at the Charles Street establishment, this came in response to a smoking ceiling fan in a guest room, which was quickly contained.

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## FRENCH CULTURAL CENTER CELEBRATES BASTILLE DAY

Photo by Derek Kouyoumjian

The national holiday of France, Bastille Day, was celebrated at the French Cultural Center on Marlborough Street in Boston last Friday, July 12. Attendees were treated to a block party of vendors offering French food and drink and a stage featuring two musical acts from New Orleans.

New Orleans band Bon Bon Vivant drove up from Louisiana for the show. They are: Ryan

Brown on accordion, Jeremy Kelley on saxophone, Brad Webb on Drums, Abigail Cosio on lead vocals and guitar, Jason Jurzak on sousaphone, and Glori Cosio on vocals and percussion.

It was a reminder of the important role France played in the start of the United States and how the two countries have been tied together.



Volunteer Marianna Sokoutis offers some savory crepes.



Paula and Charlie Neckyfarow of the Back Bay dance to the music of New Orleans musician and composer Shamarr Allen during the annual Bastille Day celebration on Friday, July 12, in the French Cultural Center.



The Executive Director of the French Cultural Center Barbara Bouqueneau sings La Marseillaise, the national anthem of France.



Paul Setzco has attended Bastille Day Celebrations since 1977 and Anne-Laure Lehman Paul has attended since 1977. Anne was born in France, worked at Cultural Center and is a friend to Paul's family.



Dressed in a shirt celebrating Charles Baudelaire, Danika Chartier poses with her husband Frederic.

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Stuart Rose dances with his granddaughter, Kensi Belliveau-Rose, and daughter, Kim Rose, to the New Orleans styled music of Bon Bon Vivant.



Clara Quigley gets into the Francophile spirit.



Cooling off in an air conditioned room in the French Cultural Center, Caroline L. Osterman told of her voluntary work in the church and her career as a licensed bilingual social worker before she retired.



Jamie Ewing catches a ride on her dad, Walker.

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# CALENDAR

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## THURSDAY, JULY 18

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY, police car visit, Myrtle Street Playground, 4-5 p.m.

## TUESDAY, JULY 23

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

## THURSDAY, JULY 25

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY, "Popsicles & Sprinklers," Myrtle Street Playground, 4-5 p.m.

## TUESDAY, JULY 30

CONCERT, Hiro Honshuku and Yka Kido's "Love to Brazil Project" featuring cool jazz/Brazilian fusion, King's Chapel, 58 Tremont St., 12:15 p.m., suggested donation: \$5, call 617-227-2155 for more information

## THURSDAY, AUG. 1

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY, Color Me Funky Face Painters, Myrtle Street Playground, 4-5 p.m.

## TUESDAY, AUG. 6

CONCERT, Hiro Honshuku and Yka Kido's "Love to Brazil Project" featuring cool jazz/Brazilian fusion, King's Chapel, 58 Tremont St., 12:15 p.m., suggested donation: \$5, call 617-227-2155 for more information

## THURSDAY, AUG. 8

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY, Mr. Harry, Puppeteer (formerly on "Sesame Street"), Myrtle Street Playground, 4-5 p.m.

## TUESDAY, AUG. 13

CONCERT, Okestra Marhaba performing Summer Salutations, King's Chapel, 58 Tremont St., 12:15 p.m., suggested donation: \$5, call 617-227-2155 for more information

## THURSDAY, AUG. 15

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY, Enchanted Animals, Myrtle Street Playground, 4-5 p.m.

## TUESDAY, AUG. 20

CONCERT, guitarist Aaron Larget-Caplan performing works by Bach, Marquina, Mussorgsky and Tarrega, King's

Chapel, 58 Tremont St., 12:15 p.m., suggested donation: \$5, call 617-227-2155 for more information

## THURSDAY, AUG. 22

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY, fire truck visit, Myrtle Street Playground, 4-5 p.m.

## TUESDAY, AUG. 27

CONCERT, violinist Dosrisya Yosifova performing works by Bach and Telemann, King's Chapel, 58 Tremont St., 12:15 p.m., suggested donation: \$5, call 617-227-2155 for more information

## THURSDAY, AUG. 29

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY, BJ Hickman, Myrtle Street Playground, 4-5 p.m.

## THURSDAY, SEPT. 5

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY, Rainforest Reptile, Myrtle Street Playground, 4-5 p.m.

## THURSDAY, SEPT. 12

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY, Back to School Pizza Party, Myrtle Street Playground, 4-5 p.m.

## CITY PAWS

# Hot weather and pets

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

As temperatures rise, those of us responsible for the welfare of animals have to adjust a few things in our lives. This goes beyond never leaving them in hot cars. How much we need to change our usual habits depends on the specific animals we have, their age, and general health.

### Be Alert to Heat Distress

Heat affects individual pets and various breeds differently. But there are general signs you should monitor. Dr. Lila Miller, ASPCA Vice President of Veterinary Outreach says, "Symptoms of overheating in pets include excessive panting or difficulty breathing, increased heart and respiratory rate, drooling, mild weakness, stupor or even collapse. They can also include seizures, bloody diarrhea and vomit along with an elevated body temperature of over 104 degrees. Animals with flat faces, like Pugs and Persian cats, are more susceptible to heat stroke since they cannot pant as effectively. These pets, along with the elderly, the overweight, and those with heart or lung diseases, should be kept cool in air-conditioned rooms as much as possible"

### Exercise Early or Late

Some dogs need lots of exercise, even in the heat. If you have one of these athletes on the end of your leash, take those long

walks or runs early in the morning or after dark. Mid-day heat may be too much for even a healthy dog. Canine companions can push themselves into the danger zone because they want to please us. Dogs are stoic animals and may not show distress until it's too late.

### Sizzling Streets

Anyone who has walked barefoot to a car in a beach parking lot can attest to just how hot asphalt can be. Think of this when you're walking your dog. Press your hand on the blacktop for 10 seconds as a way to determine if it will be uncomfortable or dangerous for your dog.

On hot days, let your dog walk on grass or dirt as much as possible to give those paws a break. Also, think about how close a small dog's body is to that source of heat.

At the beach, sand can be hot like pavement, check it with your own bare feet. Walking along the wave line or in shallow water can give your dog a break from the hot sand. And be sure to check paws for burns if your dog is licking or limping this time of year.

### Water On the Go

It's not enough to have water available at home. Bring water to offer along the way on walks. There are bottles and bowls designed for dogs on the go. But slipping a plastic bag over a cupped hand will form a workable



With a bit of creativity you can find many ways to give your dog a drink when you are out and about. (photo: iStockphoto.com)

water bowl for a thirsty pal.

### Rest Stops

A park bench under a shady tree is the perfect place to take a break on your daily walk. After a cool sit and a drink of water, you'll hear a difference in your dog's panting. Our Poppy is a devoted bench lover. She's always

happy to take a break and watch the world go by.

### Finally a Window Warning

The ASPCA has issued a warning about animals, especially cats, falling from windows this time of year. It says, "Keep all unscreened windows or doors in your home closed and make sure adjustable

screens are tightly secured." There are safety grates, designed for children's rooms, that might work to protect your pet.

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# NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDUP

## Summer activities at the Myrtle Street Playground

The Friends of the Myrtle Street Playground and Summer Horizons present summer programming on Thursday from 4 to 5 p.m. at the playground, including a police car visit on July 18; “Popsicles & Sprinklers” on July 25; the Color Me Funky Face Painters on Aug. 1; Mr. Harry, Puppeteer (formerly on “Sesame Street”) on Aug. 8; Enchanted Animals on Aug. 15; a fire truck visit on Aug. 22; BJ Hickman on Aug. 29; Rainforest Reptile on Sept. 5; and a Back to School Pizza Party on Sept. 12.

The Friends group also brings “Bubbles & Chalk” to the playground on Mondays from 4 to 5 p.m. and Fridays from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

If you are interested in volunteering at a summer event, e-mail: myrtlestreetplayground@gmail.com.

## 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 Cheryl Van Ornam performing works by Bach, Couperin and Langlais on the C.B. Fisk organ on July 23; Hiro Honshuku and Yka Kido's “Love to Brazil Project,” featuring cool jazz/Brazilian fusion, on July 30; the Olson/Decari Duo, with Gioia de Cari (soprano) and John Olson (guitar) performing works by Bucchino, Harnick, Jobim and Leisner, on Aug. 6; Okestra Marhaba performing Summer Salutations on Aug. 13; guitarist Aaron Larget-Caplan performing works by Bach, Marquina, Mussorgsky and Tarrega on Aug. 20; and violinist Dosrisya Yosifova performing works by Bach and Telemann on Aug. 27.

## 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.

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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](http://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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## ‘Preschool Story Hour’ at West End Branch Library

The West End Branch of the Boston Public Library, 151 Cambridge St., offers the “Preschool Story Hour” on Tuesdays from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Children, ages 3 to 5, and their caregivers join the children's librarian for weekly stories, songs, rhymes and movement. This is a high-energy story time, and families, daycare and school groups are all welcome to drop in.

## ESL conversation group resumes meeting at West End Branch Library

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

## West End Playgroup meets Tuesday mornings

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

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

## ‘Toddler Time’ at the West End Branch Library

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

At this time, children ages 18 months to 3 years and their care-

givers join the children's librarian for developmentally appropriate stories, rhymes, movement, and songs. Drop-in for families, and groups, should contact the library ahead of time at 617-523-3957.

## Get homework help at the West End Branch Library

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

Get help from a Boston Public Schools teacher. No appointment necessary; simply drop in with your homework.

Call 617-523-3957 for more information.

## Compassionate Friends group reaches out to bereaved parents, families

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

TCF is a national self-help, mutual-assistance organization offering friendship, understanding and hope to bereaved parents and their families. Call 617-539-6424 or e-mail [tcfofboston@gmail.com](mailto:tcfofboston@gmail.com) for more information.

## West End Food Pantry seeking donations

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

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

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

## Volunteers needed for hot meal program

The North End/West End Neighborhood Service Center (NE/WE NSC), located at 1

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

Contact Maria Stella Gulla, director, at 617-523-8125, ext. 201, via e-mail at [mariastella.gulla@bostonabcd.org](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## 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 are 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,

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## NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDUP

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](mailto:Nanyamka.Hales@cancer.org), or visit [cancer.org](http://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](http://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](http://www.cancer.org).

### Join the Downtown Boston Rotary Club

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

For more information, visit [www.dbrotary.org](http://www.dbrotary.org) or call 617-535-1950.

### Campaign event for District 8 City Council candidate Montez Haywood

A campaign event for District 8 City Council candidate Montez Haywood takes place at the Beantown Pub at 100 Tremont St. on Wednesday, July 24, from 5 to 8 p.m.

### 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](http://www.spauldingnetwork.org) for more information.

## Licensing Board chair opposes proposed legislation that would further restrict beer gardens

By Dan Murphy

Kathleen Judge, chair of the city's Licensing Board, has come out in opposition against a proposed bill that would put further restrictions on Boston's beer gardens.

In a July 15 letter to Sen. Paul Feeney and Rep. Tackey Chan, co-chairs of the Joint Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, Judge voiced her objection to Senate Bill 158, An Act Relative to One Day Alcoholic Beverage Licenses, which is co-sponsored by Sens. Nick Collins of South Boston and Ed Kennedy of Lowell that would prohibit any individual or entity from

getting any more than 14 one-day licenses in a year while the current yearly limit caps it at 30 licenses per applicant.

Judge described the application process to obtain a Special License for special events including beer gardens as "straightforward" and "easy to understand."

"These Special Licenses are available to individuals as well as non-profits,

educational institutions, corporations, churches, and schools, to host events including

fundraisers, corporate events, dinners, graduations, birthdays, weddings, and myriad other special events," Judge wrote.

"Once the applicant has received the approval of the district police captain, the application is submitted to the Licensing Board for the City of Boston ("Board") for review and consideration. These Special Licenses are approved on a regular basis at the Board's weekly voting hearings. They are subject to the Board's Rules and Regulations as well as routine

inspections by the Board's Licensed Premise Unit and may be modified or revoked at any time at the Board's discretion."

Judge added that of the 1,964 Special Licenses issued in 2018, only seven locations were beer gardens.

### TURNER (from pg. 1)

Registry of Deeds," Turner said. "Weather doesn't affect the process the way it used to because there are few things that need to be done in person. In fact, it's easy for a client to go on a trip after they view the property and complete the whole process remotely."

And unlike in years past when a real estate broker commonly showed clients an array of properties, likely making multiple visits to their top choices, Turner said, "Today, with photos, videos, floor plans and Google, they typically just visit their top-choice properties once or twice."

Turner said the Internet has also inundated her clients with so many different options that they've come to expect the same range of choices from their real estate brokers.

"[My clients] are used to making a lot of selections like, 'what color do you want an item in?' and 'how quickly do you want it shipped?'" Turner said, "and this carries over to everything they do."

As her clients have grown more comfortable with conducting the process remotely, Turner said they're increasingly buying "move-in-ready homes," which are already renovated, painted and cleaned. "There are fewer contractor visits and decisions to make," she added.

Still, certain tasks still need to

done on site, which fall on the broker and their team, such as meeting inspectors at the property, letting contractors and movers in for estimates, letting the appraiser in and providing access to the Fire Department to inspect the smoke detectors Or an out-of-town client might ask their broker to visit a property to verify that it matches the photos, as well as their personal expectations.

Another recent trend Turner said she has observed is that clients today are "fiercely protective of their weekends and vacation time."

Said Turner: "Typically people used to do research by spending their weekends driving around, exploring neighborhoods, figuring out what is nearby. Then, they would drive their commute to check the time and often would repeat this process during the week to see what the traffic would be like then. Now that same research can be done on Waze, Google Maps or any navigation app that tells travel times and traffic conditions."

Turner said she and other real estate brokers have had to adapt to this by scheduling open houses on Monday evenings or other appointments on Thursday evenings or early Friday morning to work around the would-be buyers' vacation plans. Clients will also

provide what Turner describes as a "slew of dates" for her to schedule a visit to the property for a family member or a designer.

"For every appointment the client doesn't come to, we are there," Turner said.

But as real estate brokers must now work harder than ever to accommodate the schedules of their clients, Turner said what is commonly known as the spring real estate market now begins around Jan. 2 of each year.

"People think of spring market as being when the flowers come out, but it generally starts in January... and keeps chugging through the end of August," she said.

And while winter weather alone was often enough of a deterrent to discourage clients from the home-buying process in years past, Turner said they also often had made arrangements to take winter trips and felt it was "unrealistic" to shop for a new home at a time when they had already planned a vacation.

"Back then, [clients] really had to be present and show up in person," Turner said, "but it's just not like that anymore."

To reach The Ivy Team/KW, visit [www.ivyboston.com](http://www.ivyboston.com), call 617-723-6000 or email [info@ivyboston.com](mailto:info@ivyboston.com).

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## PARTY (from pg. 1)

lot of meet and greets because of that party.” People are encouraged to bring their animals as well, and while mostly dogs come, she said a few cats have come in past years. “Symen is so well-behaved; he sits in his little stroller,” she said. “He gets along with people—he’s like a dog.”

Symen moved to Boston from California with Babich on the Fourth of July eight years ago, and Babich said she’s really become involved in the Back Bay neighborhood since then. The party is just another way for her to get together with friends old and new and celebrate summer and animals.

“What’s so cool about the party is the the people who show up are all nice people,” Babich said. “It’s a happy, nice party, which I enjoy.”



Symen the cat celebrated 11 years in style with decorations, pizza, and cupcakes in the Public Garden.



Nora Babich and Symen share cupcakes with party guests.

## HELP KEEP STREET TREES HEALTHY



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