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VNA Care honored The Kraft Group and Charles R. Bridges, MD, ScD, executive vice president and chief scientific officer of Corvista Health, during the annual Heroes in Health Care Gala. From left: Renee Picard Walsh, Gala Committee Chair and Beacon Hill resident; Jim Nolan, COO of The Kraft Group; Dr. Bridges; Colette Nolan; and Linda Hope-Springer, Gala Board Chair.

Beacon Hill residents contribute to success of Heroes in Health Care Gala

VNA Care, the first organized visiting nurse association in the United States, raised nearly \$250,000 for patient care services during the annual Heroes in Health Care Gala at the Mandarin Oriental, Boston.

Heroes in Health Care is VNA Care's signature event and has raised millions in essential funding for home health and hospice care in Massachusetts. Presenting sponsors of this year's Gala were Corridor, The Kraft Group, and Mutual of America, and Trustee Sponsors were Joshua and Amy Boger, two long-time supporters of VNA Care, and Homecare Homebase.

"We could not be more thankful to our generous donors, who make it possible for our visiting nurses and other clinicians to be heroes in the community every day," said Laura Wise, manager of fund development. "Our mission is propelled forward each year by people coming together to support life-changing care that has immeasurable value for patients and their families."

During the event, Heroes

awards were presented to The Kraft Group for bringing the Patriots' plane to China and back with a million N95s for health care professionals and Charles R. Bridges, MD, ScD, executive vice president and chief scientific officer of Corvista Health and an innovator in the field of cardiac disease. The evening also featured musical performances by Boston Children's Chorus, Shanell "Sugar," and contemporary viola player Jeremy Green. Boston's first-ever Youth Poet Laureate Alondra Bobadilla read a new work that paid tribute to the life-changing care provided by VNA Care's visiting nurses.

Joshua Boger, PhD, founder of Vertex Pharmaceuticals, and Amy Boger, MD, ceramic artist, served as Honorary Chairs. Renee Picard Walsh of Beacon Hill served as Gala Committee Chair. Honorary Gala Committee members were Beacon Hill resident Edward J. Benz Jr, MD, President & CEO Emeritus, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute; Kevin B. Churchwell, MD, President & CEO, Boston Children's Hospital; Joyce Cum-

mings, Co-founder, Cummings Foundation; Catherine D'Amato, President & CEO, The Greater Boston Food Bank; Laurie H. Glimcher, MD, President & CEO, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute; John R. Greed, Chairman, President & CEO, Mutual of America; Robert S.D. Higgins, MD, President, Brigham and Women's Hospital; Deval Patrick, Managing Director, Bain Capital; Diane Patrick, Senior Counsel, Ropes & Gray; M. Lee Pelton, PhD, President & CEO, The Boston Foundation; Steven Strongwater, MD, President & CEO, Atrius Health; and Kate Walsh, President & CEO, Boston Medical Center.

VNA Care has a 136-year history of providing health care in patients' homes and the community. The nonprofit provides a comprehensive range of home health, palliative, and hospice care in more than 200 Eastern and Central Massachusetts communities. To learn about sponsoring the 2023 Gala, please contact Laura Wise at 617-886-6460 or Laura_Wise@vnacare.org.

Local Beacon Hill authors connect

Special to Times

Three local authors convened to discuss their works, and to support each other by sharing helpful information and the challenges that all new writers face. Writing a book is hard, finding a publisher is harder, finding a bookstore to carry your book is harder still, and finding an individual who would love your story enough to purchase it is left to self-promotion, networking door to door and the fates.

Each of the authors brought their books to be signed and then gifted to each other.

Allison Carroll, owner of Rainbows Pottery Studio at 15R Charles St. has combined with her daughter, Maggie, to write, illustrate and self-publish a debut story called "Without You-There Would Be No Me..."

Allison grew up in southern New Hampshire and now resides in Boston. She is a gifted artist and public speaker and a bun-

dle of energy and spirit dedicated to bringing out the best in others artistically and personally.

Rainbows Pottery Studio began in 2016 in an effort to provide the community, all ages, with a place to explore art by creating and painting your own pottery.

Allison is the mother of four children that she loves dearly. She is also the daughter and granddaughter of an extraordinary and loving mother and grandmother. This became the basis of her story, to honor those who came before.

When she became a mother herself is when she truly realized none of her own children would've have been possible without her own mother and her mother's mother which the book title so nicely states, "Without You-There Would Be No Me." With this thought in mind, Allison felt it necessary to pay homage and express gratitude to mothers and grandmothers.

Allison and her daughter, Mag-

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BEACON HILL CIVIC ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY CORNER

Happy Halloween!

Once again, the BHCA has arranged for the following streets to be closed from 4:00-8:00 PM on Halloween, Monday, Oct. 31:

- Branch Street (from Revere Street to Hancock Street)
- Chestnut Street (from

- Charles Street to Walnut Street)
- Mount Vernon Street (from Charles Street to Joy Street)
- Pinckney Street (from Charles Street to Joy Street)
- West Cedar Street (from

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BHCA approves application for Old West Church toolshed

By Dan Murphy

The Beacon Hill Architectural Commission unanimously approved an application from Old West Church to erect a garden toolshed at 131 Cambridge St. during the commission's monthly public hearing, which was held virtually on Thursday, Oct. 20.

Michael Moehring, a church trustee, previously told the commission that the proposed shed would be used to store shovels, long-handle cultivators, and a wheelbarrow, among other tools, for the church's Food Forest.

The shed would measure 7-feet wide by a height of no greater than 6 feet, 9 inches - down slightly from the 7-foot height of a mockup now in place on the church grounds. The reduced

height comes per an agreement with Historic New England, which has an easement on the church property, said Moehring.

Also in accordance with the wishes of Historic New England, the shed will be constructed of solid wood instead of the previously proposed engineered wood product, added Moehring.

(The commission had unanimously denied without prejudice an application to construct the storage shed at its June 16 hearing before reviewing the details of a revised proposal for the shed at the Sept. 16 hearing, when Old South Church was given the green light to file their application for this month's hearing.)

The shed will be painted Quincy Gray and outfitted with archi-

tectural shingles as opposed to the previously proposed slate shingles, added Moehring.

The commission's determination on this application came with the proviso that construction would be consistent with the stipulations for the project laid out by Historic New England.

In another matter, the commission voted 4-1 to approve as submitted an application for 7 Louisburg Square to change the muntin width to 7/8 inches from a width of 3/4 inches, which had been approved unanimously by the commission at the July 21 hearing as part of an application to replace all front windows on levels G through 5 with wood windows.

Alexander Sassaroli of New York-based Steven Harris Architects said the reason for the wider proposed muntin width is that the applicant has selected a new window fabricator for the project who can't produce a 3/4 -inch muntin.

"We did a lot of due diligence on this, trying to do our best by the district with these details," said Sassaroli, who added that the applicant "spoke with half a dozen window fabricators with experience building historic windows in Boston and they all said 'no.'"

At the suggestion of staff (Nick Armata), a subcommittee comprising Chair Mark Kiefer and Commissioners Alice Richmond and Ed Fleck was formed, which will be charged with reviewing window samples for the project, both with and without low-e glazing.

The commission unanimously approved as submitted an application for 68 Pinckney St. to paint the front door using Benjamin Moore Louisburg Green HC-113, as well as unanimously approving an application for 44 Chestnut St. to replace a roofdeck in kind.

Likewise, the commission unanimously approved as submitted an application for 1 Strong Place to replace the deteriorated wooden window-sills, to replace the cement window well with a granite well, and to paint the front door black.

The applicant didn't file an application to redress an unapproved ring doorbell at 1 Strong Place, however, said Chair Kiefer.

Regarding a violation for the installation of an unapproved door intercom system at 87 Beacon St., the applicant, Alleen Benson, agreed to Chair Kiefer's suggestion to fabricate a brass cover, which would effectively render the system "invisible" when it's not in use. Kiefer instructed Benson to file an application for the cover,

including its specifics (i.e. what it would look like, etc.) and added that if the application were appropriate, the matter could likely be approved by the commission at the next monthly hearing on Nov. 17.

The commission unanimously approved an application for 28-30 Mount Vernon St., which proposed work to the front entrance, including changing the paint color from brown to a shade of historic white for the columns and the door framing; refreshing the black paint on the front doors; and replacing the current modern overhead lights with vintage 18-inch hanging lanterns similar to those found on other homes in the neighborhood.

The applicant withdrew part of the application that proposed stripping the painted brick next to the side lights to match 32-34 Mount Vernon St.

The commission unanimously approved the application as submitted except for the proposed addition of fascia boards to match 32-34 Mount Vernon St., unless the applicant can provide documentation that these are an original or longstanding feature of the building.

Also, the commission unanimously approved as submitted an application for 67 West Cedar St., with proposed work including the installation of a new intercom, door hardware, brass kick plates, and a new light fixture, and to repair and repaint existing wood panels at basement level window openings, as well as to repaint masonry and refinish the front doors. (Commissioner Ed Fleck recused himself for this application.)

In another matter, the commission reviewed and discussed its policy regarding a city-wide proposal to install plaques denoting properties that have received funding from the city's Community Preservation Act (CPA). The CPA is financed in part by a 1-percent property tax-based surcharge on residential and business property tax bills to fund qualifying projects related to affordable housing, historic preservation, open space, and public recreation.

Armata said the plaques would measure approximately 9 or 10 inches by 6 inches, with the hardware installed through mortar joints in brick facades.

The plaques would be limited to large institutional buildings, like the Old West Church façade and the Charles Street Meeting House, added Armata, who recommended remanding these applications to him, since "we'd be getting them very infrequently."

Moreover, Armata said the plaques "would never go to a private residence, but for a public resource" instead.

"It's designed to show residents of Boston where their CPA money is going," added Armata.

Chair Kiefer said the commission has "a standing plaque policy in response to proliferation of plaques, which is pretty specific and provides a pretty high standard."

Subsequently, Kiefer asked that the commission review every application for each proposed CPA plaque on a case-by-case basis to review their specific circumstances.

"We really need to retain it among the commission like we would with any other plaque," said Kiefer.

Two applications that appeared on the agenda were denied without prejudice by the commission due to the respective applicant's failure to appear at the hearing: one for 94 Beacon St., #1, with proposed work including the installation of a new stone garage-door header at the rear façade, as well as the installation of a new light fixture above the garage door; and another application for 20 Mount Vernon St., which proposed the installation of a new copper chimney-cap.

An application for 72 West Cedar St. to replace all the historic, front façade, two-over-two, wood windows with wood, two-over-two, double-hung replacement windows, was withdrawn by the applicant.

In addition to Chair Kiefer, Commissioners Annette Given, Alice Richmond, Arian Allen, and Ed Fleck were also on hand for the hearing.

The Boston Society of the New Jerusalem at the Church on the Hill Presents:

THE FUTURE OF LIFE AND FAITH

Join Church on the Hill and veteran Boston journalist Christopher Lydon for a series of conversations on the future of life and faith – in Massachusetts and beyond.

Host:

Christopher Lydon hosts the WBUR program Open Source, and has for decades been a presence on Boston public radio and television. He has been a reporter for The New York Times, the host of The Ten O'Clock News on WGBH TV, and is the co-founder and host of The Connection on WBUR.



Thursday, October 13 • 7 p.m.

For more than 30 years, the **Boston TenPoint Coalition** has been working with youth and families to end patterns of violence. Members of its founding leadership join us to reflect on its legacy.

Thursday, October 27 • 7 p.m.

Rabbi Elaine Zecher leads the largest congregation in New England as the senior rabbi at Temple Israel of Boston. She joins us to discuss the impact and experience of the Boston-area Jewish community.



Monday, November 21 • 7:30 p.m.

Bill McKibben is an author and activist widely recognized as one of America's foremost environmentalists. He joins us to discuss the future of life and faith in a world increasingly impacted by climate change.



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gie, sat down every night for weeks and wrote and illustrated this wonderful tale of love to all who bring life to others. Their book can be purchased at Rainbows Pottery Studio. They are already working on a new book that will concentrate on fathers and grandfathers.

Katherine Picarde, a Greater Boston native and an elementary school teacher has written two books. Her first, "The Little Ouch," and her more recent, "Twin Time," are wonderful stories that capture and identify youthful experiences young and old can share equally.

"The Little Ouch," published by Orange Hat Publishing, is a picture book intended for children ages 4-8, which speaks to kids who struggle with anxiety and discomfort when it comes to getting shots.

In this quirky tale, Penelope's dramatic, anxious antics are what young readers have found both relatable and entertaining, especially with flu shot season and Covid vaccines upon us! This story is based on the author's childhood fear of getting shots. She sees firsthand just how common this fear is with her first graders, which ultimately motivated her to create a sweet story to help children overcome this specific fear.

"Twin Time," also published by Orange Hat Publishing Company, is a picture book intended for children ages 4-8. In this fun, sibling-based tale, when the twins exchange that sly, telepathic smirk, it means only one thing: Twin Time.

Under the watchful eyes of their older siblings, Katherine and Christopher are cooking up belly-laughing pranks against Nick and Lauren! With a trip to the candy store on the line and strict orders from their parents to behave, the twins must learn to use their double brain power for good instead of goof.

Katherine Picarde grew up in Medford, alongside her twin

brother, Christopher; siblings, Lauren and Nicholas; and two wonderful parents. Kat's childhood antics with Christopher developed into the fun-loving memories that are portrayed in Twin Time, her second book. She enjoys creating stories with narratives that are not often seen, as she did with her first popular book, "The Little Ouch."

As an elementary school teacher, Kat experiences firsthand how common families with multiples are in today's world. She hopes that twins, triplets, and their families can relate to the exceptional bond and playful dynamic woven into her picture book.

During the Pandemic, Katherine donated hundreds of copies to the very brave pediatric patients and child-life specialists at all major Boston Hospitals, as well as to Sloan Kettering Cancer Institute in New York.

Every day, she receives the most heartwarming stories of how "The Little Ouch" has supported children all over the world—reading it before their medical appointments, chemotherapy session, or just before their flu shot.

"The Little Ouch" was at one point ranked #4 on Amazon for Children's Health Books, has received a five-star Reader's Favorite Seal, and was awarded the Story Monsters Approved Award under the category of Fiction Picture Books.

"We read this book for a week before we go to any doctor's appointment, and I swear it helps ease my son's mind while also encouraging him to be as brave as he can be!" Don't hesitate, buy it!" said one reader.

Both "The Little Ouch" and "Twin Time" can be purchased through www.thelittleouch.com, where you will find a list of bookstores that carry it on their shelves, as well as links to Amazon, Barnes & Noble and Walmart!

Mark Duffield is a long time Beacon Hill resident and has

recently published his third book, "As I Recall: Wings of Remembrance." There are not many memoir stories written that actually take place on Beacon Hill and in places residents and visitors alike will fondly recognize.

From Caroline, a former Beacon Hill resident: "'As I Recall: Wings of Remembrance' is such a lovely book! A simple story about a little bird becomes a meditation on an outstanding dad and the ties that nurture us. This wonderful book invites us to slow down and appreciate the world around us. Can't wait to read it to my grandkids, with them snuggled up beside me. Beautiful pictures too. This sweet book will put a smile on your face."

Mark's other books included "The Last Shepard and Tales of the Tenth Ornament: A Wee Yarn of Wonder at Christmastime" and "As I Recall: Fireflies in the Night."

Many thousands of books were sold and many thousands of dollars raised for charity to benefit pediatric cancer research and care at MassGeneral Hospital for Children Cancer Center. Mark's book can be found at Amazon.com, Barnes and Noble.com, Blackstones of Beacon Hill, Buteo Books.com., an independent family owned bookstore in Arrington, Va., carrying the largest selections of birding books in the world and now at Sherman's Maine Coast Bookstore, the largest and oldest chain of bookstores in Maine, where he has been invited for a book signing.

Soon Mark will be interviewed on Jordan Rich's radio podcast and is on a short list to be part of a winter 2023 book lecture at L.L. Bean in Freeport, Maine, where previously he had given a lecture on his youthful experiences traveling 3,000 miles on the Amazon River.



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Pictured, left to right: Mark Duffield, Katherine Picarde, Allison Carroll, and Maggie Carroll.

Crush Boutique welcomes local authors for book-signing event

By Dan Murphy

Crush Boutique is inviting the public to stop in for a glass of wine and meet three authors from the neighborhood on Thursday, Oct. 27, from 4 to 6 p.m. at 138 Charles St.

Karen Winn, Julie Carrick Dalton, and Jennifer Blecher will be on hand for the event, where their books will also be available for purchase, supplied by the new Beacon Hill Books & Café. All three authors will be signing copies of their respective books at the event.

In anticipation of the event, Blecher wrote in an email: "I am excited that we will be showcasing books for readers of all ages. With the holidays right around the corner, shoppers are bound to find the perfect gift."

Likewise, Winn wrote, "As local authors, we are thrilled to partner with Crush Boutique and

Beacon Hill Books & Café. We love our neighborhood and relish the chance to support and highlight our small businesses, as well as our books!"

Crush previously welcomed two other authors, Gray Malin and Elin Hlidebrand, at separate book-signing events, which were both "met with great enthusiasm," said Laura Ayers, who owns the Charles Street boutique together with her childhood friend, Rebecca Hall.

Ayers said Crush is excited to host Winn, Dalton, and Blecher for the event, as well as to partner with Beacon Hill Books & Café, which she described as a "wonderful addition to our already fabulous neighborhood."

Added Ayers: "At Crush, it is always our mission to support women in the creative fields, and we feel fortunate for the opportunity to introduce these three talented women to our customers."

MBTA expands Pay-Per-Use Limited Fare Program to local employers

The MBTA announced partnerships with Kendall Square Association (KSA) members Google and Sanofi, the City of Boston, and retailers in Assembly Row to provide employees of those organizations with local bus and subway passes through the Pay-Per-Use limited fare program. During this program, a select number of employees from Google, Sanofi, the City of Boston, and retailers at

Assembly Row will have unlimited access to subway and local bus services with their trips fully funded by their employers or for Assembly Row retail employees funded by Assembly Connect for the duration of the Pay-Per-Use limited fare program initiative.

Since 2016, the MBTA has partnered with MIT to operationalize a post-paid institutional fare program that charges the institution

based on usage of their employees' transit passes. The MBTA is excited to extend the fare program to Google, Sanofi, the City of Boston, and retailers at Assembly Row this fall. The Pay-Per-Use limited fare program initiative is expected to run for 24 months, whereupon the MBTA will evaluate expanding it further as we transition to the new

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EDITORIAL

THOSE 30 HOUSE DEMOCRATS: DID YOU SEND YOUR LETTER TO PUTIN TOO?

Earlier this week, a group of 30 House Democrats sent a letter to President Joe Biden urging him to seek a diplomatic solution with Russia to end the war in Ukraine.

"In conclusion, we urge you to make vigorous diplomatic efforts in support of a negotiated settlement and ceasefire, engage in direct talks with Russia, explore prospects for a new European security arrangement acceptable to all parties that will allow for a sovereign and independent Ukraine, and, in coordination with our Ukrainian partners, seek a rapid end to the conflict and reiterate this goal as America's chief priority."

Really? What planet are they living on?

There has been NO hint from Russian President Vladimir Putin that he is even remotely willing to negotiate an end to the war in Ukraine. To the contrary, he repeatedly has reaffirmed his commitment to "de-Nazify Ukraine," which is code for eliminating it from the map as a sovereign nation.

He continues to engage in nothing less than the genocide of the Ukrainian people, whether by directly murdering and raping innocent civilians and deporting women and children to Russia, or indirectly through the bombing of civilian housing, hospitals, and infrastructure.

Other world leaders have tried to talk to Putin, most notably presidents Macron of France and Erdogan of Turkey, but all to no avail. If Putin were willing to negotiate an end to the war, why would he be sending an additional 300,000 troops into Ukraine?

The letter from these 30 members of Congress has been applauded by one group in our country who call themselves CODEPINK, whose position on the war in Ukraine is as follows, "As a leading peace and anti-war organization, CODEPINK also asks that all members of Congress, regardless of political party, vote against future weapons and military dollars for Ukraine."

Essentially, organizations such as these are willing to give carte blanche to Putin to commit further atrocities in Ukraine. Theirs is precisely the sort of thinking that allowed Hitler to engage in his genocide that ultimately resulted in the Holocaust.

Just as it takes two to tango, so too, it takes two to negotiate at the peace table.

Until Putin gives some indication of being willing to end the war that he started, any hint of a lack of solidarity by our members of Congress with the Ukrainian people will serve only to prolong the war and encourage Putin to expand his aggression even more dangerously.

If these 30 Democrats are serious about ending the war in Ukraine (as opposed to just scoring points with random groups like CODEPINK), we assume that they also sent their letter to Putin.

We'll be eager to hear what he says to them.

ENJOY A HAPPY — AND SAFE — HALLOWEEN

With the Halloween holiday on Monday, and with many celebrating it over the weekend, we urge all of our readers to take part in the holiday festivities in a safe manner.

Motorists should be extra cautious — by which we mean drive VERY slowly — for the safety of children who will be trick-or-treating in our streets.

Adults also need to be extra careful when "celebrating." Halloween has become a huge excuse for an adult party night (not that there's anything wrong with that), but unfortunately, far too many will have too much to drink and then will drive.

We urge all party hosts to ensure that their guests are not inebriated. Parents have to be extra vigilant to make sure that their high school children and friends are not drinking or behaving in a rowdy manner.

We wish all of our readers a happy — and safe — Halloween.

GUEST OP-ED

Real trick or treat could be November 8

Dr. Glenn Mollette

Halloween is coming but the real trick or treat may be November 8, the mid-term election. November 8 may feel more like Halloween this year than the traditional October date.

Who knows what will happen. Georgia, Nevada and Pennsylvania all have Senate races that could tilt the balance of Congressional power depending on who is elected. All three races are going down to the wire. In probably each state it will most likely be the next day before a winner is determined — if not longer.

The 2022 midterm election is shaping up to be one for the history books.

According to a new analysis from pollster Echelon Insights, an estimated 125.6 million Americans are expected to turn out in November's midterm contests. Such a figure would shatter the record set in 2018's midterms, which saw 53.4% of the eligible voting-age population cast their ballots, according to the Census Bureau.

Already voters are starting to come out in full force: As of Tuesday, Oct. 18, at least 2.8

million people already cast their ballots in the midterms, according to the United States Elections Project. That includes the more than 131,000 Georgia voters who cast their ballots early on the first day of early voting on Monday, Oct. 17, handily beating the previous first-day record for a midterm of 72,000, per state election official Gabriel Sterling. (Spectrum News NY)

Issues are driving Americans to the polls. Pewresearch.org found the following to be priority concerns of registered Americans. The numbers with each issue represent a percent of primary concern of those surveyed

Economy. 79, Healthcare 68, Supreme court appointments 64, The coronavirus outbreak 62, Violent crime 59, Foreign policy 57, Gun policy 55, Race and ethnic inequality 52, Immigration 52, Economic inequality 49, Climate change 42, Abortion 40. Of course, you could conduct a poll in your community and the level of interest on any of these issues would probably be in a slightly different order. In almost every scenario the economy and inflation are paramount with voters.

Inflation has knocked on every American's door and has not been

satisfied by a treat. Inflation at the rate of 8.2 percent, has been one hungry monster that has devoured American paychecks and pushed seniors back into the workforce. Available part time jobs are now being sought by seniors who need the money.

A recent poll shows a dead heat between Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto (D-Nev.) and Republican candidate Adam Laxalt in the Nevada Senate race. In In Pennsylvania, it's Lt. Governor John Fetterman and R. Mehmet Oz who are now very close. In Georgia the Senate race has Raphael Warnock leading Herschel Walker but the Governor race between Governor Brian Kemp and Stacey Abrams remains close according to a Quinnipiac University Georgia poll.

Save some of your leftover Halloween candy for November 8. Have a bowl of popcorn for a real evening of trick or treat.

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Museum celebrates 225 years of “Old Ironsides” with a party

On Saturday, October 22, the USS Constitution Museum marked the 225th birthday of Constitution and the Museum’s own 50th birthday by inviting the public to join the celebration through a Birthday Block Party in the Charlestown Navy Yard.

The free event was a community affair, with family-friendly activities and entertainment hosted by the military branches, veteran organizations, and the Museum’s own hands-on educators. A portion of the Navy Yard was transformed into a USS Constitution-themed nine-hole miniature golf course, where everyone could test their putting and Constitution-trivia knowledge. People of all ages got into the game, including a friendly challenge between USS Constitution Commander BJ Farrell, the Ship’s Executive Officer, and the volunteer 1812 Marine Corps. Kids took part in fun activities, too, including the chance to shoot “Alka-Seltzer cannons” as they recreated the historic War of 1812 battle with the HMS Guerriere. The crowd enjoyed the sounds of the U.S. Navy Band’s

President’s Duo and were treated to two cakes, baked as a gift to the public by the crew of Constitution and expertly cut with swords by Museum President Anne Grimes Rand and CDR Farrell.

The public celebration was the culmination of multi-day events honoring the 225th Birthday of “Old Ironsides.” It also commenced the Museum’s fiftieth year serving alongside her, sharing and engaging people of all ages and backgrounds in the storied legacy of the Ship. Rand elaborated, “When we started the Museum fifty years ago, we sought to inspire people with the stories of ‘Old Ironsides.’ We have opened our doors to welcome all who want to learn, reaching nearly 10 million people in five decades. Moving forward, we want to invite people to engage in new ways that will foster curiosity, learning, and civic leadership.” The Museum will continue to honor Constitution and this mission all year through new initiatives designed to engage people directly to actively take part in honoring service and making history.



Photo credit: USS Constitution Museum

USS Constitution Museum President and CEO Anne Grimes Rand (left) and USS Constitution Commander BJ Farrell demonstrate their sword-wielding skills while cutting cakes celebrating the 225th birthday of the Ship and the 50th birthday of the Museum.

The USS Constitution Museum serves as the memory and educational voice of USS Constitution by offering award-winning exhibits where all ages can have fun while learning and exploring history together. The Museum’s mission is to engage visitors in the story

of Constitution to spark excitement about maritime heritage, naval service, and the American experience. The Museum is open seven days a week with a pay-what-you-wish admission policy, and the Virtual Museum is open 24/7. The USS Constitution

Museum is a 2022 winner in USA Today’s 10Best Readers’ Choice in the “Best History Museum” category and Boston Parents Paper’s Family Favorites in the “Historic Sites & Tours” and “Museums & Attractions” categories. For more information, visit usscm.org.



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NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDUP

RETURN OF HILL HOUSE'S ANNUAL HILL-O-WEEN PARTY

Hill House is bringing back its annual Hill-O-Ween Party for local families and children on Monday, Oct. 31, from 2:30 p.m. at the Mt. Vernon Street Firehouse. This event will feature crafts, games, snacks, and a Halloween-themed tableau perfect for a family picture, along with prizes for best costume, best family costume, and most crafty costume, respectively.

Games will include a fortune teller, pumpkin chucking, and a Hole-o-ween in one gold game where participants put the ball into a pumpkin, while "paint a pumpkin" will be among the craft offerings.

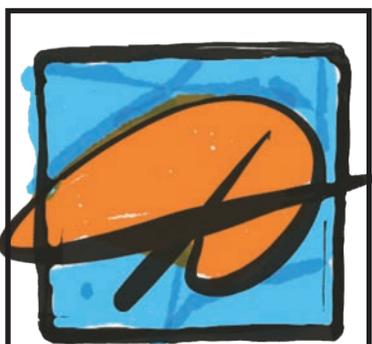
The Hill-O-Ween Party is free and open to the community.

Visit hillhouseboston.org for more information on both events.

HALLOWEEN AT THE MYRTLE STREET PLAYGROUND

Working in tandem with Hill House's Halloween celebration at the Mt. Vernon Street Firehouse, the Friends of the Myrtle Street Playground is offering Little Groove on Monday, Oct. 31, at 11 a.m. at the playground, as well as the Mickey and Minnie Dance Party at 4 p.m. at the playground.

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REP. LIVINGSTONE'S UPCOMING OFFICE HOURS

Rep. Jay Livingstone will hold office hours on Wednesday, Oct 26, from 4:30-5:30 p.m. at the West End Branch Library at 151 Cambridge St.; on Wednesday, Nov. 2, from 10-11 a.m. at Cobblestone a Beacon Hill Eatery at 30 Charles St.; and on Wednesday, Nov. 16, from 9-10 a.m. at Newsfeed Cafe inside the Copley Branch of the Boston Public Library at 700 Boylston St.

"I am looking forward to being in the community with you to update you on the work I've been doing throughout the district and in the State House, and to hear your feedback, ideas, and suggestions on both local neighborhood issues and statewide policy priorities," wrote Rep. Livingstone.

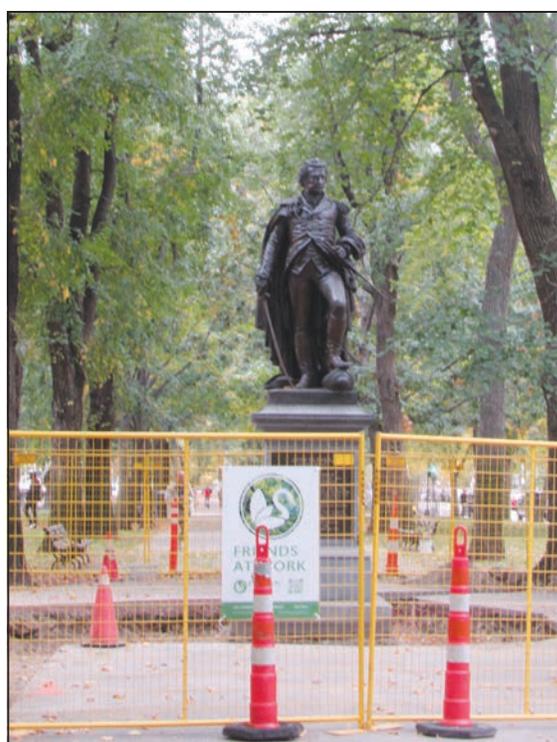
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BOOK-SIGNING EVENT WITH HILDERBRAND COMING NOV. 16 TO BLACKSTONES

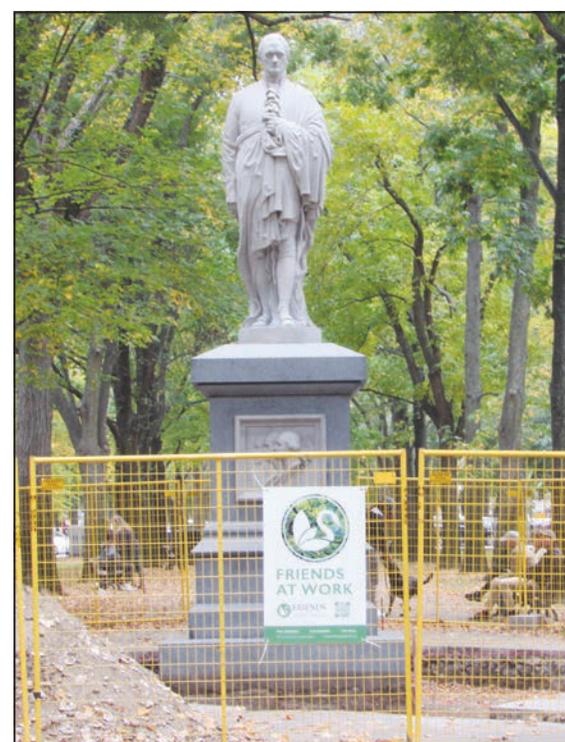
Blackstones welcomes Elin Hilderbrand for a book-signing event for her latest book, "Endless Summer," on Wednesday, Nov. 16, from 6 to 8 p.m. at 40 Charles St.

Due to Hilderbrand's popularity, Blackstones is asking guests to pre-register for their time slots online at blackstonesboston.com, or by coming into the store, to ensure that all interested parties have the opportunity to meet her, purchase a book, and be featured in her social media photos. (All guests must wear "navy.")

Copies of "Endless Summer" can also be ordered from the Blackstones website, with an option for curbside pickup.



The statue of John Glover located between Berkeley and Clarendon streets on the Commonwealth Avenue Mall.



The statue of Alexander Hamilton located between Berkeley and Clarendon streets on the Commonwealth Avenue Mall.

FOPG to illuminate two more statues on Comm. Ave. Mall

The statues of Alexander Hamilton and John Glover, located between Arlington and Berkeley streets, and between Berkeley and Clarendon streets, respectively, will be the next statues on the Commonwealth Avenue Mall to be illuminated through the efforts of the Friends of the Public Garden.

"These projects involve permanent lighting, as well as restored walkways, landscaping, and stonework around the statues," Susan Abell, Director of Communications and Outreach for the Friends group, wrote in email. "The lighting will dramatically enhance these sculptures and create a more-inviting and safe park after dark."

Both the statue of Samuel Eliot Morison, located on the Mall between Exeter and Fairfield streets, and the statue of Patrick Andrew Collins, located on the Mall between Clarendon and Dartmouth streets, have already been illuminated via this \$1.9 million initiative by the Friends group.

BHCA (from pg. 1)

Revere Street to Chestnut Street

- Myrtle Street (from Revere Street to Hancock Street)
- South Russell Street (from Cambridge Street to Myrtle Street)

Closing these streets will mean that cars cannot be moved during that time. We wish everyone a safe and happy Halloween!

Garlands & Greens

Join the BHCA and your neighbors at our annual celebration to

welcome the holidays and to raise the funds to decorate the 1,100 gas lamps on Beacon Hill. Once again, our generous host will be Tom Kershaw at the Hampshire House.

As always, there will be local musical talent, great appetizers, drinks, and comradery. Tickets are \$40 for BHCA members and \$50 for non-members. For more information, visit bhcvic.org or call the BHCA office.

From the BHCA Tree Committee - Trees & Ivy

While ivy may look pretty in a tree pit, it is not healthy for a living tree. If the ivy is growing on the tree bark, it may take nutrients from the tree. To prevent this, clip the ivy at the base of the tree. It will eventually dry and fall off. DO NOT pull the ivy off the tree! If you have questions, call the BHCA office or write to us at info@bhcvic.org.

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HILL HOUSE'S FALL FUNDRAISER RETURNS TO LIBERTY HOTEL

After a three-year absence due to the pandemic, Hill House brought back its annual Fall FUNdraiser on Friday, Oct. 21, to Alibi in the Liberty Hotel.

This year's event theme was "Breaking Free," which combined the history of the Liberty Hotel, once the site of the Charles Street Jail, with a Wild West motif. The

event included Blackjack and Roulette, as well as prizes and country music, with all event proceeds going to support your "backyard in the city."



In the top photo Members of the Paskerian and Dietrich-Coffin families try their luck at the roulette table. In the bottom photos Guests gathering in the Alibi outdoor space.



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Chelsea O'Brien and other guests enjoying the event.

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- Margarita Muniz Academy**
20 Child Street, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130
- Dewitt Center**
122 Dewitt Drive, Roxbury, MA 02120
- Boston Public Library - Central Branch (Johnson Building)**
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- Jackson Mann School**
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- Richard J. Murphy K-8 School Cafeteria**
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- Friday, October 28 | 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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- Thursday, November 3 | 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.
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FOPG HOLDS CAMPAIGN CELEBRATION AND MEMBERS RECEPTION AT UMASS CLUB

The Friends of the Public Garden held a special Campaign Celebration & Members Reception on Oct. 12 at the UMass Club.



Guests enjoying the event.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF THE FRIENDS OF THE PUBLIC GARDEN
Liz Vizza, President, Friends of the Public Garden; Erica Mattison, FOPG Member; and Anne Swanson, Friends Board Member .



Liz Vizza, Friends President; Ryan Woods, Commissioner, Boston Parks and Recreation Department; and Leslie Adam, Friends Board Chair.



Enjoying the view at the UMass Club



Ryan Woods, Commissioner, Boston Parks and Recreation Department gives his remarks.



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Wu announces new environmental standards for Boston

Staff Report

Mayor Michelle Wu announced a new policy to require that certain City projects include environmental benefits and stormwater mitigation through the use of green infrastructure. The policy establishes five new standard designs and the necessary accompanying maintenance resources to expand the implementation of small-scale green infrastructure installations in Boston. In dense urban areas where space in public sidewalks and roadways (referred to as the right-of-way) is limited, small-scale green infrastructure (GI) can be effective in reducing stormwater flooding, promoting groundwater recharge, and filtering pollutants from runoff. Additionally, green infrastructure has numerous co-benefits, including increasing urban tree canopy, mitigating urban heat island effect, and enhancing ecological diversity.

“Today we are announcing Boston’s first ever green infrastructure policy and in doing so setting a new standard for safer, more sustainable roadway infrastructure throughout the city,” said Mayor Michelle Wu. “Together these elements will improve community safety, foster community engagement, and boost our climate resilience.”

This new policy will apply to curb extensions, also known as neckdowns, bulb-outs, or bum-

pouts. Curb extensions improve safety at crosswalks by reducing the distance to cross from one side of the street to the other and preventing vehicles from parking too close to crosswalks, making pedestrians more visible to drivers. Curb extensions can also be used to ensure that crosswalks are accessible for people with limited mobility or in wheelchairs. Due to Boston’s compact nature, curb extension projects often result in the creation of small spaces not suited for other uses. Historically, these spaces have been paved with impervious materials.

“These new design standards will allow the City to continue enhancing our streets as public spaces for everyone,” said Chief of Streets Jascha Franklin-Hodge. “These curb extensions help keep our neighborhood safe by slowing cars and making street crossing easier for pedestrians and now they can also benefit our quality of life by providing more green space in our City.”

“Integrating green infrastructure into the City’s projects as a standard will help us reduce stormwater flooding, create new green space and provide more shade in all of our neighborhoods,” said Kate England, Director of Green Infrastructure. “We are also excited to introduce a volunteer program that will foster stewardship by creating opportunities for neighbors to come together and

take care of these new features.”

“Innovative green infrastructure policies offer an additional pathway to adapt to the impacts of climate change, such as stormwater flooding and sea level rise, while making our communities more resilient,” said Reverend Mariama White-Hammond, Chief of Environment, Energy and Open Space. “I am excited to support these new design measures that will bring us closer to our collective goal of being a Green New Deal city.”

The purpose of this policy is to aid the City in implementing preferred GI alternatives to current design practices and ensure adequate maintenance so that GI can be integrated as standard practice into large-scale capital projects in the future. The five design alternatives are as follows:

1 Right-of-way (ROW) Bioretention: Curb extensions may incorporate green infrastructure in the form of Rain Gardens, Bioswales, etc.

2 Infiltration Tree Pit/Tree Trench: Curb extensions may incorporate green infrastructure in the form of Infiltration Tree Pits or Infiltration Tree Trenches.

3 Porous Paving: Curb extensions may incorporate Porous Asphalt, Permeable Pavers, Porous Paver Installations, and Porous Concrete Slabs.

4 Subsurface Infiltration Area: Curb extensions may incorpo-

rate Stone Subsurface Infiltration Areas (with or without perforated pipe).

5 One-time Seeding: The area within the curb extension may be seeded once with a groundcover, low-grow fescue or wildflower mix.

Additionally, to help support the longevity of green infrastructure, two GI-specific maintenance contracts will be available for maintenance on new and existing public GI installations. The first is a contract for maintenance on porous paving installations. The second is a contract for landscape maintenance on “green” infrastructure features. These two contracts will provide much needed regular maintenance, including regenerative air vacuum sweeping for porous paving, as well as vegetation maintenance, replacement, and pruning for GI features in the right-of-way. They will also provide the flexibility required to perform maintenance as needed or requested by residents through the City’s 311 system.

The policy will also establish a volunteer program to assist in

the maintenance of select GI sites. Prospective volunteers will be able to sign up through an online portal to “adopt” a GI feature. This program will allow volunteers to aid in litter removal and/or seasonal cleanups for GI features where they live, work, and play.

This infrastructure will complement the City’s network of nearly 36,000 catch basins connected to roughly 600 miles of pipes beneath our streets, which is maintained by the Boston Water & Sewer Commission.

Today’s announcement builds on the Wu administration’s commitment to creating resilient communities while adapting to the impacts of climate change. Green infrastructure is a key component of the recently released Urban Forest Plan, which includes strategies to bolster the City of Boston’s tree canopy while enhancing the livability and public health of Boston’s neighborhoods. Curb extensions will be a common tool in implementing the Mayor’s vision for safer streets, announced in September.

MBTA (from pg. 3)

fare collection system.

“We’ve been so excited to partner with the MBTA and expand on the proven success of the Access MIT model to provide this service to two more of our KSA members—Sanofi and Google,” said Beth O’Neill Maloney, Executive Director of the Kendall Square Association. “Our members are innovating around their commuter culture, parking assets, and carbon footprint as a part of their commitment to sustainability.”

“Mayor Wu is deeply committed to advancing reliable, affordable, and sustainable transportation across the City of Boston,” said City of Boston Chief People Officer Alex Lawrence. “This work includes making multimodal options accessible to our workforce. Through this pilot program, we will gain valuable insight about MBTA usage that will help us make transit related decisions in the future. We are so excited to partner with the MBTA in early

2023.”

“By subsidizing transit passes for retail employees we’re helping retailers attract and retain essential workers for whom the costs of parking and transportation are often prohibitive,” said David Webster, Federal Realty Investment Trust, President Assembly Connect.

“The benefits and policies that employers offer their employees play a key role in what mobility choices their employees make,” said MBTA General Manager Steve Poftak. “We are thrilled to partner with the City of Boston, Google, Sanofi, and Assembly Connect to support their employees’ use of transit. By studying this limited expansion of the program that Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) helped pioneer, we aim to guide further development of flexible fare programs for employers as we transition to the new fare collection system.”

Many employers in the greater

Boston area provide their employees with transit benefits through the MBTA’s Perq for Work program, offering pre-taxed (sometimes fully or partially) funded transit passes to employees. This Limited Pay-Per-Use fare program works with employers and TMAs such as Assembly Connect that want to fully subsidize their employees’ transit trips to incentivize employee use of transit when commuting to work. Participating employees at Google, Sanofi, the City of Boston, and retailers at Assembly Row will have unlimited access to MBTA Subway and Local Bus services with their trips fully funded by their employers or by Assembly Connect for the duration of the Pay-Per-Use limited fare program initiative.

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Livingstone discusses ballot question at BHV members event

By Dan Murphy

Rep. Jay Livingstone was on hand Wednesday, Oct. 12, for a members event sponsored by Beacon Hill Village (BHV) to discuss the four ballot questions that will be posed to Massachusetts voters in the Nov. 8 general election.

Ballot Question #1 proposes an amendment to the Massachusetts constitution that would impose an additional 4-percent state income tax on any portion of annual taxable income in excess of \$1 million (i.e. if a citizen filed a W-2 with a declared income of \$1.1 million, they'd only pay the 4-percent surcharge on the \$100,000, which is in excess of \$1 million). Revenues derived from this tax would supplement public education, public colleges and universities,

and would also be used for the repair and maintenance of roads, bridges, and public transportation infrastructure. The proposed amendment would apply to tax years beginning on or after Jan. 1, 2023.

Rep. Jay Livingstone said citizens had filed a petition to get this question on the ballot, and it has since advanced at two legislative sessions, since it was expected to appear on the ballot four years ago. This proposed change to the Massachusetts constitution would "trump" any state statute, he added, which is why it went through the two legislative sessions.

The tax would also apply to capital gains, but it wouldn't affect corporate taxes, as would be the case with an S Corporation, said



Rep. Jay Livingstone.

Rep. Livingstone. An LLC (Limited Liability Corporation) or an LLP (Limited Liability Partnership) could be potentially impacted by the proposed change, however, he said.

In Massachusetts, around 24,000 of the state's nearly 7 million residents have incomes of over \$1 million, said Rep. Livingstone, while 70 percent of those have incomes over \$5 million, and 90 percent have incomes over \$2 million.

The expected windfall for the state from the tax ranges from \$1.2 billion to \$3 billion each year, said Rep. Livingstone, while all of the revenue would be earmarked for either transportation or education purposes.

"As a legislator, I can tell you those two categories are always in need of more funding," he said, adding that the revenue estimates range due to the fluctuation of the economy on a year-to-year basis.

One common concern with the proposed tax is how it would impact one-time income gains, like if a citizen sells their home or business, but Rep Livingstone said this issue would be addressed in the "statutory scheme" and added that "statutes could determine what gets taxed at all."

Ballot Question #4, which, Rep. Livingstone said, doesn't appear in the voter's guide, since it was added late, would keep in place a state law enacted about six months ago and set to go into effect next year that allows Massachusetts residents who can't provide a

Green Card or other proof of U.S. citizenship to obtain a driver's license.

Rep. Livingstone said about 20 other states and the District of Columbia have enacted similar laws, which have typically resulted in a decline in hit-and-run accidents because if someone can't get a license, then they subsequently can't get insurance. "You're more likely to stick around [after a hit-and-run accident], if you have insurance," he added.

Ballot Question #2, according to the state's election website, "would regulate dental insurance rates, including by requiring companies to spend at least 83 percent of premiums on member dental expenses and quality improvements instead of administrative expenses, and by making other changes to dental insurance regulations."

This question was put on the ballot by dentists, and is opposed by insurers, according to Rep. Livingstone, who added that the research he has seen indicates that its fate "wouldn't actually make a big impact one way or another with consumers, but it will help give independent dentistry leverage against some of the larger insurance companies."

Insurance companies argue that if the ballot question passes, it could raise premiums overall, said Rep. Livingstone, while dentists contend that it would mean that more money would be allocated for dental services and also ensure that premiums don't go up.

Ballot Question #3, accord-

ing to the state's election website, "would increase the statewide limits on the combined number of licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption (including licenses for "all alcoholic beverages" and for "wines and malt beverages") that any one retailer could own or control: from nine to 12 licenses in 2023; to 15 licenses in 2027; and to 18 licenses in 2031."

The proposed law would also, beginning in 2023, set a maximum number of "all alcoholic beverages" licenses that any one retailer could own or control at seven unless a retailer currently holds more than seven such licenses.

The maximum number of licenses that any retailer could hold per the proposed law "doesn't affect the local rules" and "doesn't change any limits within the municipalities," however, said Rep. Livingstone, who added that a grocery store in Boston that doesn't currently sell beer, wine, and liquor, would still need to go through the same regulatory approval process as today to obtain a license if the ballot question passes. Rep. Livingstone said Cumberland Farms tries to get a question like this on the ballot "every time," and that "small independent liquor stores in Massachusetts are the ones pushing this question."

The discussion with Rep. Livingstone was sponsored and arranged by Another Cup - one of the "affinity groups" within Beacon Hill Village.

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As Halloween creeps closer, NFPA urges public to keep fire safety in mind

Halloween is a boo-tiful time of year, full of spooky celebrations and activities, but it also presents some real and scary fire safety hazards. As the holiday nears, the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®) is encouraging everyone to take simple precautions that can help ensure the holiday remains festively fun.

“As more people plan to celebrate the holiday this year, whether it be trick-or-treating or costume parties, we want everyone to know where potential fire risks exist so they can take the steps needed to minimize them,” said Lorraine Carli, vice president of Outreach and Advocacy at NFPA.

According to NFPA, an annual average of 770 home structure fires began with decorations between 2014 and 2019, resulting in one civilian fire death, 26 civilian fire injuries and \$13 million in direct property damage. More than two of every five (44 percent) of these fires occurred because the decorations were too close to a

heat source, such as a candle or hot equipment.

NFPA offers these tips and guidelines for enjoying a fire-safe Halloween:

Decorations: Many common decorations like cornstalks, crepe paper, and dried flowers are very flammable. Keep these and similar decorations far away from any open flames or heat sources, like candles, heaters, and light bulbs.

Candles: Using candles as decoration can be risky if not done correctly. Keep them in a well-attended area out of the path of potential trick-or-treaters. Remind children of the dangers of open flames, and make sure they are always supervised when candles are lit. Extinguish candles before leaving an area.

Jack-o-lanterns: Glow sticks or electric candles are the safest choice when it comes to lighting up your jack-o-lantern, but if you choose to use a real candle, do so with extreme caution. Light a candle inside a jack-o-lantern using

long fireplace matches or a utility lighter and keep it away from other decorations.

Costumes: Avoid fabric that billows or trails behind you, as these can easily ignite. If you are making your own costume, avoid loosely woven fabrics like linen and cotton, which can be very flammable.

Visibility: Give children flashlights or glowsticks for lighting, these can even be incorporated into the costume. If your child has a mask, ensure the eye holes are large enough for them to see clearly.

Smoke Alarms: This is a great time to make sure your smoke alarms are functional and up to date.

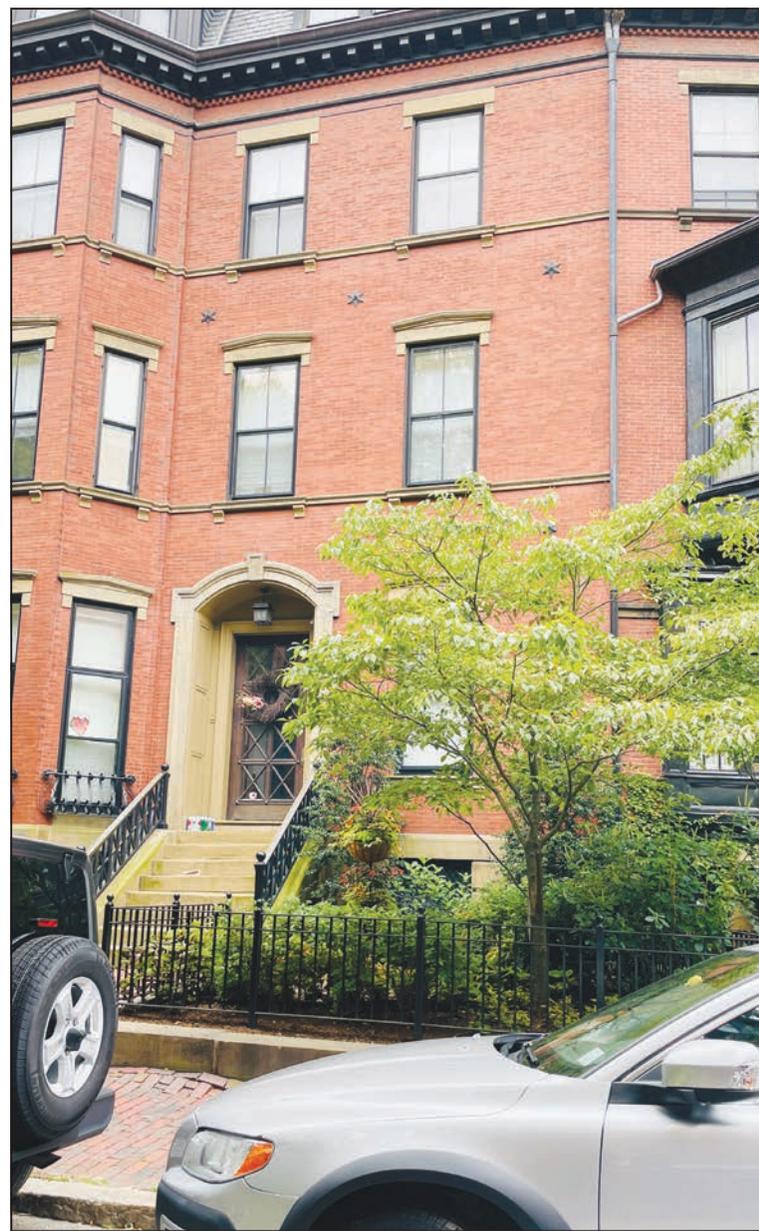
Exits: Exits are NOT an appropriate place for decorations. When decorating, ensure that nothing is blocking any escape routes.

“With a little added awareness and planning, people can enjoy a fun-filled Halloween and stay fire-safe in the process,” said Carli.

Attention to Detail

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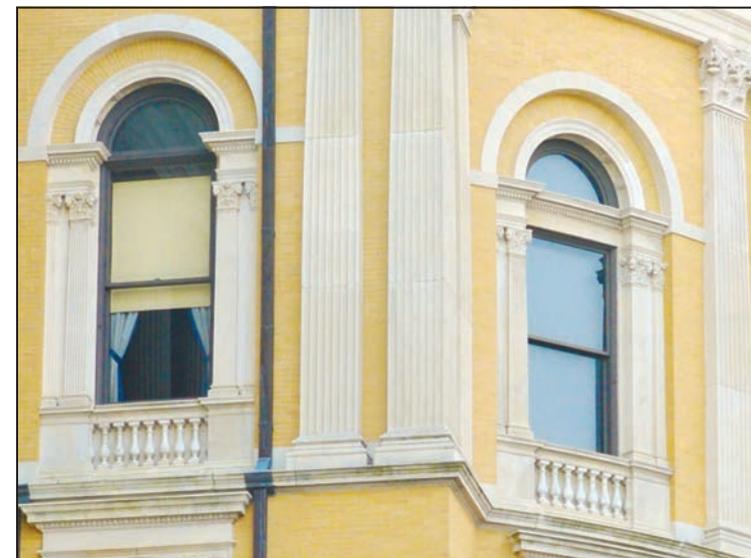
THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The doorway in the last clue is on 9 Brimmer Street, built circa 1867 in the Second Empire style. The metal star anchor plates on the façade of this home are not decoration but are reinforcement against lateral bowing of the brick walls front and rear.

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



Pilgrim Art Foundation tracks down a portrait, discovers Beacon Hill ties

Special to the Times

A missing portrait with a Beacon Hill connection is the start of this story.

In the fall of 2019, musician Mark Junglen contacted The Lily and Earle M. Pilgrim Art Foundation located in Washington, D.C., with the image of a portrait signed by Earle Pilgrim and dated 1955.

The subject is American composer Samuel Foster Hall, a 1950s Boston University School of Music student now retired but still maintaining his office, 'Play It Again Sam, in Colorado Springs.

Bajan American New York artist Earle Montrose Pilgrim (1923-76) had moved from Provincetown to Beacon Hill in 1954 with his wife, Lily; but very little about this period is known in the erratic artist's life.

A brief telephone conversation with Hall on the eve of the pandemic told very little about the story that they would meet at

The Sevens Ale House on Charles Street to play chess, and that Sam eventually sat for Pilgrim in his 80 West Cedar Street apartment.

Then this summer, finally, the Foundation was able to schedule a visit with Hall for a viewing of the portrait at the offices of Play It Again Sam in Colorado Springs. Stories that preceded the visit are consistent with similar stories oft reported by Boston art historian Charles Giuliano, shedding more light on Pilgrim's erratic behavior.

At various points in their relationship Pilgrim had claimed he was Watusi and apparently at one point threw the finished painting in the gutter.

Finally, Hall's wife was able to buy it from Pilgrim, for about \$100. After this incident, Hall never saw Pilgrim again.

After his Beacon Hill years, Hall went on to live and work in New York City, San Francisco, and Colorado Springs, operating Play It Again Sam, a music business; and

composing pieces that include "Concerto for Two Saxophones" and "Toward a New Horizon."

Residents can tune in to KCME on October 28 and Halloween night for "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow" and again on December 20 and Christmas Eve for "A Christmas Carol" produced by Samuel Foster Hall for KCME Classical Music Radio and sponsored by The Lily and Earle M. Pilgrim Art Foundation. Both productions will stream at 8pm MST in honor of Hall's contributions to the musical arts and his steadfast care of Earle Pilgrim's 1955 Portrait of Samuel Foster Hall rescued from the gutter!

The Lily And Earle M. Pilgrim Art Foundation promotes the visual art of the African diaspora, an appreciation of artists who lack public recognition, and public access to art through best practices in the preservation and placement of culturally important artworks.



Samuel Foster Hall (left) and Peter Stebbins stand by the Earle Pilgrim painting.

FRESH AND LOCAL

One pan, five ingredients...

by Penny & Ed Cherubino

A few good things have come out of the pandemic. One tremendous change was that many chefs, recipe developers, cookbook authors, food vloggers, and publishers became advocates of simple-to-prepare food.

We have a theory about what brought about this change. Many professional food writers have always worked with assistants. Suddenly they had to do all the work themselves. They didn't have someone by their side to help with the shopping, chopping, and mopping. When you have to do all the prep work and the clean-up, authoring a one-pan cookbook is an appealing option.

Simple Favorites

The result is a bookshelf full of fantastic cookbooks that call for one pan, few ingredients, simplified steps, and great flavor from our most trusted authors.

Jamie Oliver has led the way in simplifying recipes on his video feed and in his cookbooks for years. His next book, "One: Simple One-Pan Wonders," won't be available in the United States until January. However, he's already sharing some recipes from



Sausage and peppers has few ingredients and can be made on a sheet pan or in a cast iron skillet.

the book on his YouTube channel.

Melissa Clark's latest offering is "Dinner in One: Exceptional & Easy One-Pan Meals." In a review of this book, Publishers Weekly wrote that this excellent work was "Guided by two questions—'Is there a way I could make this recipe easier, faster, and tastier? And what's the minimum number of pots, pans, and dishes I need to dirty to get there?'"

Some books simplify life for those with special diets. After

watching an interview with Anna Jones, about her recent book, "One: Pot, Pan, Planet: A Greener Way To Cook For You And Your Family," Penny borrowed a copy from the library. This book is now on her Kindle wishlist. Jones is known as a voice for vegetarian cooking. In this book, she adds sustainability and simplicity to her menu.

If your diet is low-carb, low-sugar, paleo, or anti-inflammatory, a search should reveal some one-pan options from your

favorite sources within your genre. There are so many resources in this one-pan field that we suggest you check all your favorite recipe sources. We found videos for one-pan meals and publications from all the major food programs like America's Test Kitchen, Martha Stewart, Lidia Bastianich, and more.

Which Pan or Dish?

In addition to one-pan meals, there are cookbooks aimed at a specific pan or dish. This can be especially relevant to those just starting to outfit a kitchen or who don't have space for dozens of different pans. Any of these (with or without the pan) could make an excellent gift for someone going off to college or setting up their first home.

Our public library owns dozens of cookbooks for sheet pans, cast iron pans, casseroles, and Dutch ovens. You'll even find double-duty titles like the "Sheet Pan 5-Ingredient Cookbook." There

are resources for those who love their Instant Pot, outdoor grill, pressure cooker, toaster oven, air fryer, or slow cooker.

Another simple cooking option is to make use of your microwave. There is an excellent book for that! David Chang and Priya Krishna teamed up to write "Cooking at Home Or, How I Learned To Stop Worrying About Recipes (And Love My Microwave)."

Use Your Library

Many cookbooks mentioned here are available from public libraries for instant download as e-books or on services like Hoopla. Not every highly recommended book will be a good fit for everyone. We always try to audition books by borrowing a copy before we make a purchase.

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