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Fabled Antiques presents 'Spring Palette' exhibition

Special to the Times

Fabled Antiques has announced 'A Spring Palette,' an art exhibition of floral still lifes and spring landscapes presented in collaboration with its flagship store, New Hampshire Antique Co-op, renowned for its fine art gallery. This botanical-inspired show is now on view at Fabled Antiques at 93 Charles St.

The exhibition features a selection of paintings by noted 19th- and 20th-century American Impressionist artists, such as Emile Gruppe, Arthur Clifton Goodwin, Margaret Stuber Pearson, Andre Gisson, Paul Starrett Sample, Gustave Wiegand, Dines Carlsen, and



Paul Starrett Sample (1896-1974), 'New England landscape,' oil on canvas.

COURTESY PHOTOS

Dimitri Romanovsky.

American Impressionism emerged in the late 1800s and early 1900s as an influential movement. Inspired by the French Impressionists, American artists

sought to capture the fleeting effects of light and atmosphere in their works, often depicting scenes of nature and everyday life

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Schön Family Art Show coming Mother's Day Weekend to West Newton

By Dan Murphy

Nancy Schön, the sculptor whose works includes the iconic 'Make Way for Ducklings' statue in the Public Garden, will join six other female artists from her kin for a Schön Family Art Show over Mother's Day Weekend, from Friday, May 10, through Sunday, May 12, at 291 Otis St. in West Newton.

Besides Nancy, the art show will feature works by two of her daughters, Ellen Schön and Susan Schön, a ceramic artist and a designer, respectively. (Susan also collaborated with her mother on an 8-foot bronze caterpillar, which was installed in December of 2022 in the Waban Common in Nan-

cy's hometown of Newton.)

The art show will also feature four of Nancy's artist granddaughters, including Jackie Schon, a painter and photographer; Mia Schon, a mosaic muralist; Hannah Schön, a photographer; and Charlie Dov Schön, a mixed media artist.

Each artist will display a few pieces from their particular medium at the art show.

"I think all of us, our family and Nancy, have always encouraged art and pursuing art as a profession," said Mia, age 37, who has worked as a mosaic artist for around the past 10 years. She works mainly with tiles, glass, and

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Bin 26 Enoteca closing as its co-owner/chef Azita Bina is retiring

Special to the Times

Bin 26 Enoteca, which opened in 2006 in the Beacon Hill Neighborhood of Boston, will serve its last meals on Saturday June 1. Azita Bina-Seibel, co-owner and chef has decided to retire at the end of the month.

Azita, the co-founder/co-owner of BiNA Family Hospitality, is a pioneer in bringing some of the first restaurants of its kind to the city of Boston. In 1982, Azita opened the

first Northern Italian restaurant in Beacon Hill, Ristorante Toscano, opening up a second location in Providence, RI in 1987. In 1990, AZiTA Ristorante was the first trattoria to open in Boston's South End. This was followed in 1995 by Lala Rokh on Beacon Hill, the first Persian restaurant of its kind anywhere. And, finally, she opened Bin 26 Enoteca, a true Enoteca with the largest wine selection by the glass.

Azita's impact in Boston's

culinary world was recognized by Gourmet Magazine in 2015 naming her as one of five women chefs (along with Lydia Shire and Jody Adams) who utterly changed Boston's culinary landscape. The James Beard Foundation invited her to present the first Persian dinner to its members in New York in 1997, an event of resounding success. Azita's involvement in Boston's art community cannot

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AMY POWELL PHOTO

Pictured in the first Row, left to right, are Ellen Schön, Nancy Schön, and Susan Schon; second Row: Hannah Schon, Charlie Dov Schön, Jackie Schon, and Mia Schon.

BEACON HILL CIVIC ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY CORNER

Cruise on the Valiant (A Members Only Event!)

Join us for an exclusive BHCA Members Only reception aboard the luxurious Valiant! This is an opportunity to reconnect with

your community and enjoy the stunning beauty of Boston Harbor! Step aboard the Valiant, the most opulent vessel of the Charles Riverboat Company, and experience its traditional salon area

with light bites (drinks available for purchase). With its extended bow, the yacht offers an unparalleled view of Boston Harbor. The large canopy deck will provide the

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NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDUP

UPCOMING UPSTAIRS DOWNSTAIRS EVENTS

Upstairs Downstairs Home at 69 Charles St. will host its first annual Kentucky Derby event, with 'old time fun' and games all day, on Saturday, May 4.

The shop will also hold its first annual Celebrating Moms

Flower Scavenger Hunt on Saturday and Sunday, May 11 and 12. For this two-day event, any item in the store with a flower in it receives a 10-percent discount off that item.

Upstairs Downstairs will then be featured as a ribbon garden on the Beacon Hill Garden Club's 'Hidden Gardens of Beacon Hill' tour, which takes place on Thursday, May 16. Stop by to celebrate this milestone with Upstairs Downstairs and "some bubbles."

The shop will also hold its Memorial Day Event on Monday, May 27. This 'Sail into Summer Sale' will offer special, in-store prices.

MAY AT THE VILNA

The Vilna Shul at 18 Phillips St. presents 'Israel Through the Filmmaker's Lens' through May 29, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

This course will explore questions about Israeli life and identity in a global context. Dr. Shayna Weiss will lead the conversation in examining contemporary Israeli film and what these movies teach about Israel today, covering timely topics including the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, Mizrahi-Ashkenazi relations, ultra-Orthodoxy, Holocaust memory, and more.

Each week, participants will screen one film at home in preparation for class discussion and learning. No knowledge of Hebrew necessary; all films are available with English subtitles.

Admission is \$120 for five sessions, including dinner.

Also, The Vilna presents 'Studio Israel Live: The Multilingual Music of Jaffa' on Thursday, May 2, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Explore the diversity of Israel – the beauty and the challenges – through a funky and beautiful blend of music, dance, and conversation.

Meet Stav Marin and Neta Weiner, co-founders of System Ali, a one-of-a-kind Jaffa, Israel-based hip hop band that uses music to connect across languages, cultures, and beliefs. Now, you can hear their music and stories in conversation with Yuval Evri, Brandeis University Assistant Professor of Near Eastern and Judaic Studies.

This event is the first live iteration of the Studio Israel series which began online in 2020 to connect people with Israeli culture through artists during the pandemic. Studio Israel is presented in collaboration with Hadassah Brandeis Institute, the Jewish Arts Collaborative, the Schusterman Center for Israel Studies at Brandeis University, and The Vilna Shul, and is made possible with support from CJP.

Tickets for this event are \$18 each.

The Vilna will offer a book talk on Judy Rakowsky's 'Jews in the Garden' on Monday, May 6, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

'Jews in the Garden,' is Renowned local author and investigative journalist Rakowsky's story of her father's cousin who was hidden in a Polish village for 18 months and survived the war. Together with an elderly relative, she travels to rural Poland to unravel the mystery of their family's past. As the number of survivors diminishes with time, telling these stories is the only way to keep their memories alive. This event is co-sponsored by the Jewish Book Council.

Tickets are \$18 each.

The Vilna will also offer a hybrid

event, 'Lifesavers: Preventing the End of the World,' with Jason Weiner and Dr. Nancy Chabot in conversation, on Thursday, May 9, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Join Dr. Chabot, who led NASA's Double Asteroid Redirection Test (DART), in conversation with Jason Weiner, to learn more about planetary defense. The DART mission successfully demonstrated a method of asteroid deflection by kinetic impact which could help to protect Earth from potential asteroid impacts in the future.

Admission for this event is \$10 online or \$18 each in person.

The Vilna will offer 'A Whiskey Tour of Israel' (Yom HaAtzmaut) on Thursday, May 16, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Join The Vilna for an Israeli whiskey tasting with Josh Mann, an expert from Jews and Booze, a company that embraces community and puts the SIMCHA (happiness) in spirits.

Enjoy pours of nine different exclusive Israeli whiskeys along with a fun and interactive tour of the whiskeys, with information about each pour, distillery, and master distiller. Kosher charcuterie will accompany the tasting. Participants will be entered in a raffle to win a bottle of J&B "Kings of Kiddush" straight rye whiskey.

Admission for this event is \$50 per person.

For more information on The Vilna Shul's programming, visit vilnashul.org.

WEST END BRANCH LIBRARY'S 'MINDFULNESS FOR OLDER ADULTS' PROGRAM CONTINUES

The West End Branch Library at 151 Cambridge St. will offer 'Mindfulness for Older Adults' on Fridays from 11 a.m. to noon on Fridays.

The ongoing program includes 'Mindfulness and Stress Reduction' on May 3; 'Creating Healthy Sleep Habits' on May 10; 'Mindfulness Tools for Chronic Pain' on May 17; 'Yoga Breathing for Relaxation' on May 24; and 'Loving Kindness and Gratitude' on June 7.

Bob Linscott, MTS, Certified Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction (MBSR) Teacher and Behavioral Health Manager for the city's Age Strong Commission, will lead the program, which will help paripinnate learn to reduce stress and anxiety; enhance their attention and memory; improve their mood and sleep; and strengthens their cognition in aging.

To register for the program, contact Wesley Fiorentino at wflorentino@bpl.org or call the West End Branch Library at 617-523-3957.

WECA MEETING SET FOR MAY 9 AT AMY LOWELL APARTMENTS

The West End Civic Association (WECA) will hold its next meeting in person on Thursday, May 9, at

6 p.m. in the Community Room at Amy Lowell Apartments at 65 Martha Road.

Guests for this meeting will be representatives from the West End Museum.

All West End residents are welcome. Masks are encouraged.

WLP'S ANNUAL FUNDRAISER AND NETWORKING LUNCHEON MAY 10

Women's Lunch Place Executive Director Jennifer Hanlon Wigon and M. Lee Pelton, President and CEO of the Boston Foundation, will have a fireside chat at WLP's annual fundraiser and networking luncheon, eat LUNCH give on Friday, May 10, in the Oriental Ballroom at the Mandarin Oriental, Boston. The luncheon begins at 11:30 a.m. and concludes at 1:15 p.m.

Hanlon Wigon and Pelton will address the pressing issues of the housing crisis in Boston, including the shortage of affordable units and the critical need for safe, gender-specific housing for women in the community. The event will be held in the Oriental Ballroom at the Mandarin Oriental, Boston.

This luncheon will include a delicious meal, an opportunity to network with Boston's best and brightest leaders, and an inside look at the context behind Women's Lunch Place's life-changing work from two experts in their

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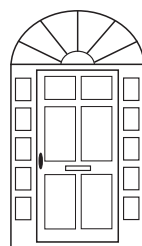
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Livingstone's bill to expand Beacon Hill Historic District moves closer to becoming law

By Dan Murphy

A bill sponsored by Rep. Jay Livingstone to expand the boundaries of the Beacon Hill Historic District came even closer to becoming law earlier this month.

The proposed legislation (H.4076, "An Act enhancing the Historic Beacon Hill District"), which mirrors a home-rule petition that was passed unanimously by the Boston City Council and then signed by Mayor Michelle Wu last year, would enlarge the district to include all of the North Slope via the addition of an approximately 40-foot-wide area running from Charles Circle to Bowdoin Street along Cambridge Street on the Beacon Hill side not currently included in the district. This omission apparently came in response to concerns that including the entire North Slope in the Historic District could impede the city's plans for the Engine Company 4 and Ladder Company 24 fire station, which subsequently opened at 200 Cambridge St. in 1965.

On April 18, the bill was 'engrossed,' or passed by the House of Representatives, and then four days later on April 22, it was read by the Senate and placed in the Orders of the Day for its next session. If the Senate passes the bill, it would then need to be enacted by both the House and the Senate before it could be signed into law by the Governor.

But unlike engrossment, which can be a long, drawn-out process, enactment at the state level typically moves quickly, according to Rep. Livingstone.

"I'm really pleased with my colleagues that they agreed with me on this important piece of legislation and passed it through the House of Representatives," said Rep. Livingstone, "and I hope that the Senate takes it up quickly. I'm working closely with Sen. Lydia Edwards to make sure that happens."

District 8 City Councilor Sharon Durkan was encouraged to hear that the bill is moving forward.

"This is a great development, and I want to thank Representative Livingstone for shepherding this bill through the legislature," wrote Councilor Durkan. "I also want to praise the work of my predecessor Kenzie Bok, now administrator of the Boston Housing Authority, for

her work as District 8 councilor for really championing historic preservation and beginning the work by filing a home rule petition to expand the historic district. What this would mean to Beacon Hill is the preservation of buildings, such as the Puffers Building, that were not protected under the current district. Expansion was worked on in collaboration with the city's transportation department so that expansion of the district wouldn't preclude important work that needs to be done on Cambridge Street."

The bill would also give the Beacon Hill Architectural Commission (BHAC) the specific authority to levy fines for violations of the Historic District's architectural guidelines for the first time in its history.

Mark Kiefer, chair of the BHAC, wrote: "I'm pleased that the Senate has taken up this important legislation. The Historic Beacon Hill District has been expanded several times in its long history, reflecting increased recognition of the tremendous historical, architectural, and cultural significance of the North Slope community, but after nearly [70] years, it still does not encompass the entirety of the Beacon Hill neighborhood. The modest further expansion to Cambridge Street provided by this legislation will correct that oversight and ensure a high standard in the built environment for this critical gateway to both Beacon Hill and the City of Boston. I urge the Senate to pass this bill and the Governor to sign it as soon as possible."

Likewise, Joshua Leffler, president of the Beacon Hill Civic Association board of directors, wrote in part: "Given the expansion by MGH and the potential Red Line-Blue Line connector, the architectural protections afforded by the Historic District are critical to this remaining portion of Beacon Hill. Further, it plays a critical role in preserving and enhancing the cultural, social, and economic fabric of Beacon Hill.

"For decades, this has been the vision of a diverse group of stakeholders. It has progressed thanks to the efforts of Representative Livingstone, former BHCA President and Chair Rob Whitney, former City Councilor Bok, City Councilor Durkan and BHCA

Chair Meghan Awe," added Leffler.

Upon hearing the news, Whitney, who as the former BHCA board chair, helped former City Councilor Bok draft the city home-rule petition that preceded Rep. Livingstone's pending legislation, wrote in part: "It was great to hear that Representative Jay Livingstone's bill to expand the Beacon Hill Historic District has

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go unrecognized. She and her husband's passion for the arts spans over four decades. The two have been supporters of such organizations as the Museum of Fine Art, Boston, The Lyric Opera, the Handel & Hadyn Society, to mention but a few. Selections from Azita's important collection of contemporary Iranian women artists have been shown in a number of exhibitions at the MFA. Her unique imperial Qajar-period Persian manuscript cookbook, from which she occasionally cooked at Lala Rokh, is currently featured in the exhibition "Dining with the Sultan: The Fine Art of Feasting" at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art.

"Some of the most memorable times I have had with my sister have been with her in the kitchen and I on the dining room floors

been passed by the State House of Representatives, and that it is now pending in the State Senate, where Beacon Hill's own State Senator Lydia Edwards can help get the bill over the finish line! It is very exciting to think that the expansion of the Historic District, which was last enlarged over 60 years ago, may finally be accomplished after such a long time.

"Given the significant new

of AZiTA in the South End and at Lala Rokh" says her business partner and brother, Babak Bina. He goes on to say that "She is one of the most brilliant business people I have ever known. If it weren't for her, we most likely would not have survived the many recessions and the pandemic. Being in the same room with Azita and Julia Child while the two chatted back in 1996 at Lala Rokh is utterly unforgettable. I will miss sitting down with my sister at the end of an exhilarating evening, exhausted from a busy service period, sharing a glass of wine."

"I will miss creating menus and taking care of our guests, but I have a big bucket list of things I would like to do, particularly travel" says Azita. "I am grateful to all the wonderful people I worked with over the past 40 years as well

development project by Massachusetts General Hospital along the northside of Cambridge Street, as a longtime resident of the North Slope, I am delighted that the critically important historic buildings that remain on the Beacon Hill side of Cambridge Street will hopefully at last be brought with in the architectural protections afforded by the Historic District," added Whitney.



Azita Bina-Seibel, co-owner and chef of Bin 26 Enoteca.

as the legions of guests who kept encouraging and supporting us"

BPDA to host May 8 virtual meeting on city's plan to update residential zoning codes

By Dan Murphy

The Boston Planning & Development Agency Planning team will lead a virtual conversation on its plans to update residential zoning codes to allow for the development of more Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) on Wednesday, May 8, from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

The City of Boston and the BPDA are now working to eliminate barriers for creating ADUs by updating zoning to make these small homes as-of-right citywide. The ADU program allows owner-occupants to build smaller, independent units inside their homes or in their yards.

The Citywide ADU Zoning staff hosted a kickoff meeting in March that focused on what ADUs can offer for Boston homeowners, as well as the necessity of updating the zoning code to allow for the by-right development of ADUs. The team also discussed the key tasks, goals, and overall timeline of the ADU Zoning Initiative at that time.

During next week's meeting, BPDA Planning and Urban Design staff will share results of analysis on existing building and lot patterns across Boston, which are helping to shape future draft zoning recommendations.

A consultant is also now in the process of producing an ADU guidebook, along with zoning recommendations for implementing ADUs citywide. The illustrated manual is intended to help guide Boston property owners who may want to build an ADU on their property.

The Citywide ADU Zoning initiative builds on five years of work with the Mayor's Office of Housing under the ADU Program. The current ADU program allows owner-occupants to build an ADU using only existing space within their homes (such as within an unused attic or basement). This effort also builds on work by the Boston Mayor's Office of Housing through their Additional Dwelling Unit (ADU) Program, as well as ongoing work in Boston's Mat-

tapan neighborhood to advance by-right ADU development.

The zoning initiative "aims to expand this opportunity, increase lower-cost housing options, empower residents to build wealth, and foster diverse, multi-generational living spaces," according to a BPDA spokesperson. "ADUs are a key part of the Mayor's policy goals, which recommend allowing ADUs so that homeowners can utilize their property to its fullest potential, adding more room for growing families or providing opportunities for generating additional income if it is used as a rental unit."

Staff is hoping to release draft recommendations for Citywide ADU Zoning this summer, and the ADU guidebook is expected to be finalized this fall, according to a BPDA spokesperson.

Register for the online event at <https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJIsce2prDgrGGzS-Jq-TQvfydXqlTqr1lk#/registration>.

EDITORIAL

COLLEGE PROTESTERS SHOULD EMBRACE BEING ARRESTED

Acts of civil disobedience by definition imply that a person knowingly is breaking the law and is willing to accept the legal consequences.

When Rosa Parks took a seat at the front of that bus in Alabama and was arrested in 1955, she set off a legal battle -- which eventually resulted in the striking down of the segregationist law as unconstitutional -- that ignited the modern civil rights movement.

Photos of Parks being fingerprinted at the police station galvanized Americans everywhere (well, except in the Deep South) and made her an icon of the struggle for justice and equality.

Just a few years ago, the 1960s peace activist Jane Fonda, now in her 80s, was at it again, being arrested on the steps of the Capitol building weekly, this time to protest the lack of action by the government to tackle climate change.

Being arrested has been a badge of honor by protesters for whom being placed into handcuffs represents the ultimate act of defiance of those in power.

But the students today who are occupying college campuses in violation of university policies want to have it both ways: They want to defy the authorities, but feel that they are entitled to have carte blanche to do so without any consequences.

Admission to a prestigious school does not entitle a person to special treatment when it comes to laws that apply to everybody. Yes, the students have a right to protest. But school officials also have the obligation to keep their campuses open and safe for all students. When these protesting students break the law and the rules of their campuses, they should be willing -- with defiant joy -- to accept the consequences.

Unless these students are willing to have some skin in the game, so to speak, their moral outrage amounts to nothing more than a frivolous exercise.

OPPONENTS OF AID TO UKRAINE SHOULD WATCH FRANKLIN

Here's the plot-line: A world superpower, led by a ruler-for-life who does not tolerate dissent, invades a young sovereign nation, which at one time had been part of the superpower, with a large military force in order to restore the young nation to its sphere of influence. The young nation seeks the aid of another superpower in the world in order to fight off the invading force and to assert its claim to independence and freedom.

This very well could describe the situation today among Ukraine, Russia, and the United States, but that's also the scenario that unfolded 250 years ago when the United States proclaimed its independence from England and needed military assistance from France in order to fight back against the might of the British Empire.

The new Apple TV+ series, Franklin, chronicles the effort by Benjamin Franklin (who is played superbly by Michael Douglas) to enlist the aid of France in our fight against King George, who invaded America with a vastly superior army and navy to squash our quest for freedom and democracy.

The Americans lacked everything -- uniforms, muskets, artillery, ships -- that they needed to fight off the British. Without Franklin's diplomacy that persuaded the French to provide America with the means to defend itself, we never could have won the Revolutionary War, which lasted a long eight years from the firing of the first shots at Concord in April, 1775, to the Treaty of Paris in September, 1783.

Prior to the French government formally declaring its alliance with the United States, French citizens who sympathized with the Americans, most notably the Marquis de Lafayette, defied their country's official policy and fought with the Americans, providing both moral support to our army and highlighting the justice of our cause to everyone around the world.

Those who oppose our aid to Ukraine (which Congress finally approved after a delay of six months) in order to help the Ukrainians repel the barbarous invasion by Vladimir Putin would do well to watch the Franklin mini-series on Apple TV+.

They would be reminded that the lesson of history is plain: Freedom isn't free and, to paraphrase Martin Luther King, tyranny anywhere is tyranny everywhere.

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mirrors, among other repurposed or found objects and creates mainly "large-scale murals," which as pieces of public work, she said connect directly to what Nancy does.

"Personally I learned to make public art directly from my grandmother," said Mia. "Many artists have mentors, and we are lucky enough for our mentor to be our grandmother, which is very unique."

And since the art show is an intergenerational outing for the Schön family, Mother's Day seemed like a fitting time to stage the event, said Mia.

These same seven artists also collaborated at an art show in July of 2022, which was supported via a grant from the Boston nonprofit

Combined Jewish Philanthropies and took place at The Hadasah-Brandeis Institute (HBI) at Brandeis University in Waltham.

For Nancy, now 95, her venerable career in public art in itself is almost too much to comprehend, let alone displaying her work alongside other female artists from her multiple generations of her family.

"I never thought in my wildest dreams that I would be a professional 'Public Art Sculptor,'" Nancy wrote in an email. "But to be showing my art with not only my children but my grandchildren seems like sheer magic - simply marvelous. Or is it about genes? Or did they catch the bug because they watched me in my studio from the time they were little?"

Meanwhile, Nancy is also quick to add that she likely inherited the artistic 'bug' from her own mother.

"My mother did some painting but whatever she did had an artistic way. The way she dressed, the way she set a table, always beautiful flower arrangement on the table and around the house. She was a beautiful woman and had all her hats made by a woman named Fanette, whose clients went to Newbury Street."

An opening reception for the Schön Family Art Show will take place on Friday, May 10, from 5 to 8 p.m., and gallery hours are on Saturday and Sunday, May 11 and 12, from noon to 5 p.m.

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perfect setting for an unforgettable evening. Light bites and non-hosted bar.

Book your tickets now for this special members event by visiting <https://bhccivic.charityproud.org/EventRegistration/Index/15961>

Capacity is limited.

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Boarding Time: 5:45 pm (Please arrive no later than 5:30pm)

Cruise Time: 6:00-8:00 pm

*This event will be held rain or shine as the Valiant is covered and heated if need be. 21+

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The Beacon Hill Civic Association is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to community building, civic engagement, and historic preservation on Beacon Hill. Your membership donations allow us to continue our efforts to preserve and protect our historic neighborhood. As a member, your



voice adds strength to our numbers and credibility to our purpose as advocates for Beacon Hill residents and businesses. Join, renew, or donate today at bhccivic.org to support the work we do for you!

Upcoming BHCA Meetings & Events

Beacon Hill Meet & Greet – Monday May 6th, 6pm, 75 Chestnut

Architecture Committee Meeting – Monday May 13th, 5:30pm via Zoom

Board of Directors Meeting – Monday, May 13th, 7pm via Zoom

Annual Meeting of Members – Monday, May 20th, Somerset Club

Valiant Cruise (members only) – Thursday, June 6th

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

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in a loose and expressive style. Impressionists were drawn to the natural beauty of the countryside, including rural landscapes, coastal scenes, and gardens in bloom. American Impressionism flourished in New England, where artists captured the changing seasons, vibrant colors and distinctive light.

Also featured in 'A Spring Palette' is contemporary Rhode Island impressionist artist Stephen Motyka, whose floral still-life paintings capture the vividness of spring with his bright palette. Motyka started painting and drawing at a young age and furthered his technique through coursework at the Rhode Island School of Design. He has found a signature style in his paintings and Fabled Antiques is delighted to be featuring his work.

'A Spring Palette' sets the stage for celebrating the arrival of spring and offers a glimpse into the area's rich artistic heritage. From the tranquil landscapes of Gustave Wiegand's 'Lake Sunapee, NH,' to the timeless elegance of Andre Gisson's 'Still Life with Fruit & Flowers,' each artwork captures the essence of the season.

Visitors are invited to explore not only the artworks but also the five rooms of antiques, decorative accessories, and vintage finds that define Fabled Antiques' unique and welcoming charm.

'A Spring Palette' is on view now through June 30.

Discover art, history, and culture at Fabled Antiques, open Monday to Saturday, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sundays from noon to 5 p.m. For further inquiries, contact 617-936-3008. Connect with Fabled Antiques on social media: @fabledantiques on Instagram and Facebook.



Andre Gisson (1874-1962), 'Still Life with Fruit & Flowers,' oil on canvas.



Dines Carlsen (1901-1966), 'Still Life with Flowers,' oil on canvas.



Gustave Wiegand (1870-1957), 'Lake Sunapee, NH,' oil on canvas.



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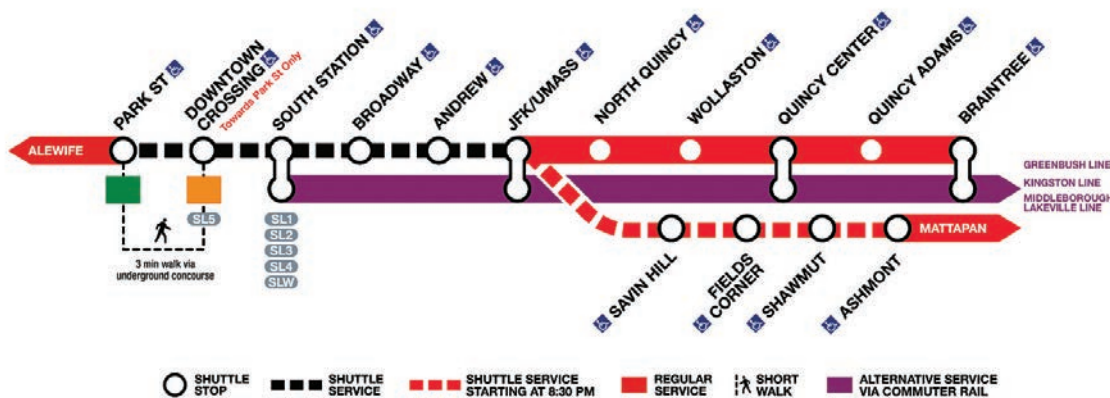
Shuttle buses will now replace Red Line from Park Street to JFK/UMass on May 2-10

The MBTA is today announcing an update to the upcoming Red Line service change that begins next week. Previously scheduled to begin on May 1, the Red Line will now be suspended daily between Park Street and JFK/UMass stations from May 2-10. In addition to that, from May 2-9, evening Red Line trains will not operate between Park Street and Ashmont stations from approximately 8:30 PM through the end of service every day. Shuttle buses will instead operate to accommodate riders. This update is to accommodate the two-day extension of Track Improvement Program work currently taking place on the Blue Line.

The MBTA is also announcing an update to the planned weekend

Red Line service change on May 11-12. Red Line service will be replaced with free and accessible shuttle buses between JFK/UMass and North Quincy (instead of the previously announced locations of Broadway to Braintree) during the weekend of May 11-12 to accomplish work as part of the Dorchester Avenue Bridge Replacement Project and the Track Improvement Program.

As previously announced, the Red Line service change beginning next week is in place as part of the MBTA's Track Improvement Program. The Track Improvement Program will replace tracks and ties to alleviate speed restrictions along the line while crews maximize the outage by performing signal work and station amenity



upgrades, including new lighting, painting, tiling, power washing, and more. Riders can learn more at mbta.com/TrackProgram.

Free and accessible shuttle buses will make all stops between stations. There will be free fares at Park Street and JFK/UMass stations with the fare gates open. The Commuter Rail will be fare free between Braintree, Quincy Center, JFK/UMass, and South Station. Regular fares should be purchased beyond Braintree. A page with dedicated information for riders

is available at mbta.com/RedLine with additional information available at mbta.com/alerts.

The important work accomplished during this Red Line service suspension means riders will experience a more reliable trip with fewer unplanned service disruptions related to older tracks, older infrastructure, signal issues, or power problems. Riders will also be provided with a safer ride as a result of this state of good repair work.

The MBTA understands how

these service changes affect riders' daily travels during this period, but we are committed to improving your travels long term with more reliable, timely, and safe service. We thank riders for their patience as we deliver this important work and for continuing to ride our system.

More information is also available through in-station signage and public announcements. Transit Ambassadors and MBTA staff will be available on-site to offer information and assistance during these service changes. Riders are encouraged to subscribe to T-Alerts or to follow the MBTA on X (the site formerly known as Twitter) @MBTA for up-to-date service information.

For more information, please visit mbta.com/TrackProgram.

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But Jeffrey Galpin did more than survive polio. He went on to a list of achievements in medical research—including being the principal investigator in applying the first gene therapy for HIV/AIDS.

Dr. Galpin actually credits his own incurable condition for giving him the focus that made him so passionate in his research. His story leaves us with two of the most contagious messages we know. Don't give up, and remember to give back. If Dr. Galpin's story inspires just one more person to make a difference, then its telling here has been well worth while.

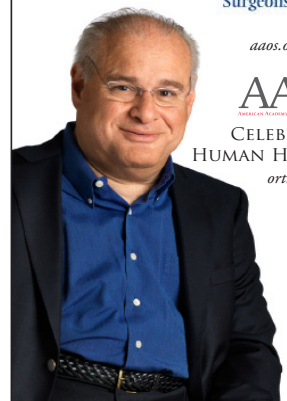
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THE ADVENT SCHOOL PRODUCTION OF 'THE LITTLE MERMAID'

Photos by Marianne Salza

The Advent School 5th and 6th grade classes performed their spring production, "The Little Mermaid, Junior," on April 11 at Tremont Temple Baptist Church. Students and art teacher, Jamie Tara (P'20), created the sets, while parents assisted with makeup and fashioning costumes.



Yvonne, as Ariel.



Mersisters, Anatole, Axelle, Abe, Ella, Evelyn, Ava, Ava, Emma, and Maya, singing, "She's in Love."



Luke as Sebastian.



Alexandra as the Seahorse announcing King Triton's daughters



Hunter, as King Triton.



Vivienne, as Scuttle, singing, "Human Stuff," with Emma, as Flounder, and Yvonne, as Ariel.

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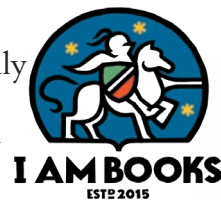
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Position Summary:

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Essential Duties and Responsibilities:

To perform this job successfully, an individual must be able to perform the following satisfactorily; other duties may be assigned. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

- Identify, conceive, and deliver without supervision, with complete latitude for independent judgment.
- Partner with engineering managers, lead engineers, product managers and designers to deeply understand the needs of our users to architect and leverage most effective technical solution to build a product that serves those needs
- Build infrastructure to handle millions of transactions and secure, sensitive health data
- Design and architect software capable of reaching millions of users
- Write modular, secure, and well-tested code
- Ensure our development environment is best in class by delivering improvements to internal tooling and direct partnership with our product platform teams
- Articulate a technical vision for a more enlightened way of working and work with multi-functional partners to deliver that vision
- Manage technical debt, ensure code quality and participate in code reviews
- Promote collaboration and best practices such as simplicity, automation, good design patterns, code coverage and reusability
- Own and maintain existing application platforms as part of the team, and look for opportunities to improve the

Education/Experience/Competencies:

- BS (or higher, e.g., MS, or Ph.D.) in Computer Science or related technical field involving coding, or equivalent technical experience
- Experience managing a team both onshore/offshore
- 10+ years of work-related industry experience developing high-performance web applications in C#/ .NET
- Experience architecting and developing distributed systems design
- Experience writing RESTful microservices with a popular web framework
- Proficiency with relational databases (like MySQL or SQL Server) and performance tuning
- Extensive knowledge of your development stack; for example with C#, have a comprehensive understanding of the .NET, .NET Core, MVC, WebAPI, IIS etc.
- Solid CS fundamentals with experience across a range of disciplines, with one or more area of deep knowledge and experience
- Consistent track record of developing, shipping, and maintaining large-scale web applications with a user mindset
- A comprehensive understanding of complex backend architectures and their core pieces, such as service models, protocols, reliability, deployment, and capacity
- Experience working with AWS offerings such as EC2, ALBs, RDS, Beanstalk, API Gateway or with a different cloud provider and similar services
- Experience in analyzing and troubleshooting application issues in a timely fashion
- Experience working in Agile DevOps/CICD model
- Must have excellent communication skills both verbal and written.
- Experience and familiarity with NoSQL technologies such as MongoDB, DocumentDB
- Experience with specific technologies such as Redis, Elasticsearch, Containerization (Kubernetes, Docker)
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CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Construction look-ahead for the North Washington Street Bridge through May 11 is as follows:

Scheduled Work

- Removal of temporary Paul Revere Park abutment
- Cofferdam installation
- Work Hours
- Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Saturday from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Travel Tips

For everyone using the east sidewalk of the new bridge, please help share the space: walk to the right, walk bikes, and be mindful of people coming from both directions, if walking in a large group.

Drivers should take care to pay attention to all signage and move carefully through the work zone. Police details, lane markings, temporary barriers, traffic cones, signage, and other tools will be used to control traffic and create safe work zones.

The Tudor Wharf Walkway (under the bridge next to the water in Paul Revere Park) will be intermittently closed for safety during construction operations,

with access provided via the Water Street underpass. The Boston Harborwalk under the bridge and eastern/harborside bridge sidewalk remain closed until rebuilt.

The contractor is coordinating with the TD Garden and local police to provide awareness and manage traffic impacts during events. For your awareness, the following TD Garden events are scheduled during this look-ahead period:

- OTHER EVENTS: May 10, at 7 p.m.

How can I find more information?

Stay up-to-date and informed by following @MassDOT on X, formerly known as Twitter, and Mass 511 for real-time updates, visiting the project website, or emailing us with any questions.

You can also sign up to receive project updates via email by clicking this link.

Project website: Mass.gov/north-washington-street-bridge-replacement

Project email: NorthWashingtonStreet@dot.state.ma.us

LOCAL STUDENTS

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FAHERTY INDUCTED INTO THE HONOR SOCIETY OF PHI KAPPA PHI

John Faherty of Beacon Hill was recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society. Faherty was initiated at University of Massachusetts.

Faherty is among approximately 25,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership. Graduate students in

the top 10 percent of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

Phi Kappa Phi was founded in 1897 under the leadership of undergraduate student Marcus L. Urann who had a desire to create a different kind of honor society: one that recognized excellence in all academic disciplines. Today, the Society has chapters on more than 325 campuses in the United States, its territories and the Philippines. Its mission is "To recognize and promote academic excellence in all fields of higher education and to engage the community of scholars in service to others."

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 04/23/24 – At around 2 p.m., police responded to Brimmer Street for a breaking-and-entering call. The victim informed police that when she was walking on Brimmer Street, she saw an

individual exit her home. She asked the suspect what he was doing, to which he replied that he was looking for someone. She then informed the suspect that it was her house, and subsequently the suspect ran down Brimmer Street and took a left

onto Chestnut Street. The victim was able to determine that an expensive diamond necklace was stolen out of her safe, which was left open/unlocked. Area detectives are further investigating this matter.

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Attention to Detail

PHOTOS AND TEXT BY PENNY CHERUBINO

THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The fence detail in the last clue is in front of 59 Mount Vernon Street, built in 1837 for Adam Thaxter and designed by Edward Shaw. Kenneth N. Morgan, in his book "Buildings of Massachusetts," wrote, "Perhaps the best example of a Greek Revival townhouse on Beacon Hill, the Thaxter House follows the traditional Boston bowfront formula with carefully proportioned Greek revival motif."

Do you have a favorite building or detail you would like featured? Email Penny@BostonZest.com with your suggestion.

THIS WEEK'S CLUE



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Council members hear from rat control consultant

Staff Report

In a scene in a Three Stooges film, a patient in a mental health hospital, pointing to a button-hole on his shirt, tells the Stooges, "I've seen rats come out of that hole!" and everyone in the audience laughed.

Well, the rats are coming out of the holes in the ground in the Boston parks where children play and out of the cracks in the Boston sewer masonry walls, but it is not funny. And their population is growing fast.

That's the message that a subcommittee of the Boston City Council heard from research scientist and rodentologist Dr. Bobby Corrigan at a meeting in the Council Chambers on April 9. Corrigan has been hired by the city as a consultant on the rat problems in the city.

The problem is only going to get worse in the coming years, said Corrigan, as the global population of rats is increasing. In cities such as New York, Philadelphia, and Boston, the rat population is expanding even faster, thanks to the many food sources for rats to feast on, such as open trash containers and plastic bags filled with food on the streets, as well as large burrowing holes for rats to breed.

District 9 Councilor Liz Brendon, a sponsor of the hearing, told her colleagues that this is the fifth hearing on rats that she has attended in as many years, but now there is talk of hiring a rat czar and establishing a separate department to deal with what many councilors are calling a quality-of-life issue.

In a previous meeting, Ward 8 City Councilor Sharon Durkan stressed the urgency of addressing the problem.

"Residents should reach out to my office if they see an uptick of rat activity on the streets, as this is a major priority for my office," Durkan said at that time. "My team has been working closely with the hardworking staff at the

Inspectional Services Department to make sure rat burrows and sewers are baited, and I'm glad we have such dedicated partners at ISD for our rat mitigation efforts."

During the April 9 hearing, District 2 City Councillor Ed Flynn asked how many inspectors from ISD are working on rodent control. He was told by the city's Chief of Operations, Dion Irish, that there are 14 full-time inspectors who work basically Monday through Thursday. Flynn noted that many problems occur during the weekend when there are no ISD inspectors working, though Irish pointed out that there are other inspectors from other departments who are on-call and who can address a rat problem.

However, the overall tone at the hearing was upbeat in view of the city's hiring of Corrigan as a consultant to design a rat control program for the city.

In addition, in March councilors established the Boston Rat Action Plan (BRAP) to identify possible steps to address the problem.

Corrigan told the committee that a simple solution is "no food, no rats." He also showed some of the rat-proof barrels that are in use. Corrigan, who is completing his report for city officials and expects it to be ready in a few weeks, thanked the city workers who helped him to go into the field to find the places where rats live and breed, such as alleys with food and the sewers, where rats peer from cracks in the brick walls.

He also offered some "band-aid approaches" for the time being, such as making sure that construction projects are done with thought about the consequences to adjacent areas so that the rats do not migrate to a quieter place, creating a new problem in a new area.

And there was a final, sobering piece of advice that Corrigan offered: Just one rat-infested property can affect up to 10 other adjacent properties that never have had a problem with rats and mice.



One of the signs of rats is their burrows as seen in this photo taken in the Boston Common.

Seeing rats? Tips for controlling them

The New York State Department of Health has issued the following tips on controlling rats:

Controlling the Rat - A Community Effort

Rats like to live where people live. They quickly adjust to the neighborhood. Rats can thrive on just an ounce of food and water daily, so when they enter a neighborhood and gain access to meat, fish, vegetables and grains, they will stay. Rats prefer to feed in and around homes, restaurants and businesses. But they will settle for scraps from trash bags and cans, private yards and what they find at the community refuse disposal and transfer station. Rats get the shelter they need from tall weeds and grass, fences and walls, rubbish piles and abandoned appliances.

If rats are living in your neighborhood, there are steps you should take, even if they aren't in your home. Rats move freely in and out of buildings in the neighborhood, so any steps that your neighbors take to control rats will encourage them to move into a nearby building (maybe yours!). A community effort works best, where everyone in the neighborhood takes steps at the same time to prevent rats from entering the buildings and to remove their food and shelter.

Checking for Rats

The sooner you know rats have entered your home, the easier it will be to get rid of them. Here's how to check.

Listen.

After dark, turn on the lights in a dark room or basement and listen for any scurrying sounds.

Listen for gnawing sounds when it is quiet.

Look.

Move stored materials and furniture to uncover any hiding places.

Look at packaged goods, doors, windows, baseboards, and electrical cords for chewed spots, tooth marks, woodchips or shavings.

Check for freshly dug earth near holes around foundations, walls, and embankments. Look under sidewalks, floors and platforms.

Check for rub marks - dark smears along hallways, or near pipes, beams, edges of stairs or around gnawed holes.

Check near walls, food supplies and pathways for droppings. Fresh droppings are dark and soft; old droppings are hard,



Rat traps are one way to combat the rodent. Shown above is the dead rat in the trap.

or gray and brittle. Fresh droppings are a sure sign of a current infestation.

Watch.

Dusty areas often show signs of pawprints or tailmarks. Sprinkle flour around the area and check for tracks for a few days.

Place a small quantity of food where rats can get at it, and check daily for signs of feeding.

How Rats Get In

Once you know how rats come into a building, you can check your home for places they could use and take steps to prevent them from moving in. Rats (and mice) can enter buildings through cracks or holes in walls or foundations, even holes as small as a dime;

by digging under house foundations if they are shallow enough;

through open windows, doors, sidewalk grates, or vents (check in the basement or walls for vent openings);

by squeezing through openings in the foundation or wall for pipes or wires; through floor drains, quarter inch gaps under doors, letter drops and fan openings; and from inside large packages of food or merchandise.

Keeping Rats Out

It is much easier to keep rats out than to get rid of them once they have moved in. But, taking these steps help control rats once they have come in. It's a three-step approach.

Don't feed rats. Limit their food source by placing trash in covered metal or heavy duty plastic trash containers. The heavy duty plastic cans on wheels are resistant to rats' chewing, and so are metal cans. Fix plumbing leaks to cut off their water source.

Keep the house and yard neat and clean. Remove uneaten pet foods. Don't fill up your bird feeder. Clean up food spills. Store food in rat-resistant containers. Avoid storing food in basements.

Remove rats' shelter. Indoors, replace wooden basement floors with poured concrete. Place storage racks at a height of 18 inches above the floor. Move appliances, sinks and cabinets so they are flush against the wall or out far enough that you can clean behind them. Outdoors, restrict their shelter by rat-proofing all buildings in the area and removing outside shelters like appliances, junk piles, old fences and walls. Keep the property, including alleys and yards, clean and trash-free. Pile wood and other stored items at least 18 inches above the ground and away from the walls. Clean out the area behind wooden steps, especially those leading into the house.

Keep them out. Put in self-closing doors that open outward, and use latches or spring locks to keep doors closed. Check to see that doors and windows close tightly, and use metal screens on all windows that are kept open. Protect basement windows with a 1/2 inch wire mesh (called hardware cloth). Cover the edges of doors, windows and screens, which can be gnawed, with sheet metal or hardware cloth. Make a collar around pipe and wire openings into the house with pieces of sheet metal or tin cans. Rats cannot easily gnaw through metal. Fasten floor drains tightly to keep sewer rats from coming in.

Getting Rid of Rats

The two best ways to remove rats are traps or poison. The use

ROUNDUP (from pg. 2)

fields. There will also be a raffle with local prizes.

All proceeds from the fundraising luncheon will be donated to Women's Lunch Place.

Tickets cost \$200 each and are available online at womenslunchplace.org/elg, along with sponsorships, program advertisements, and opportunities to support the raffle.

WEST END MUSEUM'S BULFINCH TRIANGLE WALKING TOUR MAY 11

Join the West End Museum on a walking tour of the Bulfinch Triangle on Saturday, May 11, which begins at 12:30 p.m. at the museum, located at 150 Staniford St., Suite 7 (on Lomasney Way).

This walking tour will explore Boston's early industry and infrastructure, and how this district evolved from Mill Pond to a transportation hub.

Admission is \$10 per person; visit https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-bulfinch-triangle-tickets to purchase tickets.

GIBSON HOUSE MUSEUM TO OFFER FREE OPEN HOUSE ON SATURDAY, MAY 11

The Gibson House Museum, located at 137 Beacon St., will offer an Open House in celebration of Preservation Month on Saturday, May 11, from 1 to 4:00

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of either requires caution!

Traps. Choose wooden base snap traps, and enlarge the traps by fastening a 2-inch square of cardboard to each trigger. Set out several traps at a time - at least 10 if you think there are many rats. Place the traps behind boxes and against walls, so that the rats must pass over the trigger. Be sure the traps are out of the reach of children and pets! Fasten food attractive to rats, such as peanut butter, raisin bread, bacon or gumdrops, tightly on the trigger of each trap. Don't let the trap run out of bait. An advantage to traps is that they are less of a hazard to children and pets than poison.

Poison. Warfarin, chlorophacinone, and Pival are all rat poisons. They work by making the rats' blood unable to clot, so the rats die of internal bleeding. Rat poisons must be fed daily for six to 10 days. Read the poison label before you begin, and be careful to follow all steps. Watch out for children and pets! Make sure the baits are clearly marked, and put them in low traffic, secure areas

p.m.

Select rooms will be open for viewing, and certain items in the collection will be highlighted.

The Open House is free to attend, and no reservations are necessary for guests.

DUCKLING DAY RETURNS MOTHER'S DAY, SUNDAY, MAY 12

Join the Friends of the Public Garden on Mother's Day Sunday, May 12, for the return of Duckling Day - an annual celebration of the children's classic book 'Make Way for Ducklings' by Robert McCloskey.

Duckling Day is a family-friendly celebration held each year on Boston Common. Duckling Day features activity booths, lawn games, magic, and live music all at Parkman Bandstand. The event ends with a parade retracing Mrs. Mallard's steps to the Ducklings sculpture in the Public Garden.

Registration for a family of any size is \$35 and includes a goody bag for every child and entertaining Duckling activities for the whole family; register online at https://friendsofthepublicgarden.org/events/ducklingday/.

CONVERSATION WITH BPL PRESIDENT DAVID LEONARD MAY 20

Beacon Hill Village will host a Conversation with David Leon-

ard, president of the Boston Public Library, on Monday, May 20, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the first-floor Orientation Room of the McKim Building at the Central the Copley Branch of the BPL at 700 Boylston St. (Light refreshments will be served from 5:30-6 p.m., and the speaker will begin closer to 6 p.m.)

Keeping Rats Under Control

If you do have rats, it's a community problem and the entire neighborhood should work together.

Once the rat infestation is under control, the goal is to prevent them from coming back. Help yourself and your neighbors by keeping trash picked up and placed in covered, rat-resistant containers. Promptly remove or repair any shelter areas, such as fences and old appliances. Periodically check for new entry holes into neighborhood buildings, and seal them up quickly.

Leonard, whose background spans academia, the non-profit sector, and more than a decade of private IT consulting, was instrumental in helping the West End and Beacon Hill add affordable housing, pairing the Boston Public Library's new, two-story West End Branch Library with 12 stories above containing 119 new apartments.

This event is free for all to attend,

but attendance is capped at 51; register at https://beaconhill.helpfulvillage.com/events/490-conversations-w_david--leonard,-bpl-president/event_participations/new.

WEST END MUSEUM'S BOSTON TRIVIA NIGHT RETURNS MAY 30

The West End Museum's next Boston Trivia Night takes place on Thursday, May 30, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the museum, located at 150 Staniford St. Suite 7 (on Lomasney Way).

Admission is \$10 per person; visit https://www.eventbrite.com/e/boston-trivia-night-tickets to reserve your spot.

FREE LESSONS IN AMERICAN MAHJONG OFFERED AT WEST END BRANCH LIBRARY

The Friends of the West End Library will be offering lessons in American Mahjong to new and experienced players at no cost.

The group meets on Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m., on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month in the Community Room of the West End Branch Library, 151 Cambridge St.

To sign up or for more information, email Audrey Tedeman (artedeman@gmail.com) or Julia Forbes (jmaforbes@gmail.com).

LEGAL NOTICES

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

Suffolk Probate And Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU24P0834EA Estate of:

Mary Togher Date of Death 01/06/2021 To all interested persons: A Petition for Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment has been filed by Marie B. Togher of Benicia, CA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Marie B. Togher of Benicia, CA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration. IMPORTANT NOTICE You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner

or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 06/04/2024. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty days (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you. UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC) A Personal Representative ap-

pointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: April 22, 2024 Stephanie L. Everett, Esq., Register of Probate

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Project Description:

The Project Site is currently developed with a three-story commercial building and approximately 32-space surface parking lot. KS Partners proposes to replace the existing structure and paved parking area with an eleven-story life science building. The proposed building will be approximately 160,195 sf (gross floor area) and will measure approximately 170 feet to the top of its highest occupied floor, with a mechanical penthouse occupying less than 30% of the roof area (the "Project"). Because the Project Site has exceptional access to transit, no parking spaces will be provided within the Project; a fully enclosed loading area will be provided on the ground level of the Project.

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Susan Hockfield guest speaker at Beacon Hill Women's Forum

Photos & Story by Marianne Salza

Susan Hockfield, Ph.D, the former first, female president of MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology), fell in love with biology early in life. Fascinated by discovering the workings of structural components, the young anatomist would dissect her parents' iron and vacuum; but was utterly disinterested in the objects' reassembly.

Hockfield shared what she had learned during her time as MIT president, her impression of the past five years, as well as her view of the future during a presentation for the Beacon Hill Women's Forum (BHWF), at the Hampshire House on April 9.

"The future we live in today is a digital world, and the digital world represents a fabulous convergence of physics with engineering. We need a transformation in how we make things and how we think about our world," Hockfield proclaimed.

Hockfield described her 2019 book, "The Age of Living Machines: How Biology Will Build the Next Technology Revolution," which explains new developments in science and engineering.

"It's happening at the level of a whisper; but if you pay attention, you'll hear about it more and more," Hockfield said about the innovations. "We have enormous challenges for this century. We have about 7.5 billion people on the planet today. There will be 10 billion by 2050, and already we're

not doing a good job at providing the necessities of life. We're falling short on access to healthcare, and costs are astronomical."

Most of Hockfield's time at MIT has been spent pondering energy and the union of biology with engineering. The self-proclaimed fusion zealot enjoys discussions with colleagues about solving the world's energy crisis.

"I think that fusion is going to be providing energy for us pretty soon," Hockfield estimated. "The energy problem is daunting. There is a lot of energy around; but if you can't do a good job storing the energy and power that we have, we're in trouble. Our current storage devices are inefficient. They're heavy, and it's expensive to store energy."

Hockfield predicts that large-scale batteries of the future will not be lithium-based; and is intrigued by a colleague's discovery of utilizing viruses to make batteries.

"These batteries are exquisite, little ballerinas," said Hockfield, raising her fingers in a gentle flick. "They use the power of biology to organize elements."

Hockfield feels that there are insufficient resources to provide food for the size of the world's future population. She explained that farmland equivalent to the land mass of South America and Africa would be required to feed 10 billion people using today's agricultural technologies.

"One of the exciting things I've discovered while researching is

there are incredible things plants can do," beamed Hockfield. "We have yet to push them to their limits in terms of producing food in a sustainable way."

During her distinguished career, Hockfield led the application of monoclonal antibody technology in brain research, and identified a gene that is critical in the spread of brain cancer. Hockfield had been appointed as Yale University's chief academic and administrative officer, supporting science, engineering, and medicine initiatives. While president at MIT, Hockfield increased the number of underrepresented minorities and women in the undergraduate, graduate, and faculty populations.

"I think there are a lot of women's issues that get under-resourced and under-treated," Hockfield admitted. "I'm hoping that will change as there are more women in the field."

Hockfield presently serves as a professor of neuroscience in MIT's Brain & Cognitive Sciences department, and is a member of the Koch Institute for Integrative Cancer Research. Currently, her greatest concern is the country's lack of confidence in experts, and appreciation of science.

"Let's hope that the technology revolution happens, not because of a threat of war, but the promise of peace," concluded Hockfield. "I want to believe that the power of our technology we've developed today will continue to persuade people to invest and believe in it."



Norah Lawrence, Programs Co-Director, Susan Hockfield, former first female president of MIT, President Emerita, MIT, Lorie Conway, Programs Co-Director, and Cheryl Lynch, Marketing Co-Director.



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