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WARD 4 DEMS HOST HOLIDAY PARTY



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Party attendees sing 12 Days Of Ward 4 Christmas, a restyled version of the classic Holiday Carol. See more photos on Pages 5-8.

BPDA board approves project proposed for Harvard Club site

By Dan Murphy

Boston Planning & Development Agency board of directors approved a 133-unit residential project proposed for the site of the Harvard Club of Boston in the Back Bay at its monthly meeting held virtually on Thursday, Dec. 14.

Boston real estate developer Trinity Financial intends to redevelop 415 Newbury St. and 374 Commonwealth Ave., which are both currently owned by the Harvard Club of Boston, along with an adjacent surface parking lot, into two new buildings. The smaller, three-story, 37-foot building would contain 38 units of mixed-use housing, including

23 affordable home ownership units, as well as 125 residential parking spaces. (The Harvard Club will manage and own the on-site parking.) The larger, 11-story, 120-foot building will contain 95 units of market-rate rentals, along with Harvard Club amenity space. (Approximately 64,000 square feet of existing Clubhouse will remain.)

The transit-oriented project, located less than 500 feet from the MBTA Hynes Convention Center Station and an MBTA bus route, will create a new dedicated bike lane on Newbury Street between Massachusetts Avenue and Charlesgate East as part of its community-benefits package.

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City Winter Fitness Series returns

Special to the Sun

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department, in partnership with the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC), has announced the launch of the 2024 Boston Parks Winter Fitness Series. This program is sponsored by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts and offers free virtual classes from January 7 through April 6.

Certified fitness instructors will offer a range of winter classes, including Afrobeats Dance, Cardio Kickboxing, Chair Yoga,

Dance Fit, Strength and Balance, Strength and Conditioning, Yoga, and Zumba. Class descriptions, dates, and times have been posted on the winter fitness website: boston.gov/fitness.

The program is designed to cater to the different interests of residents, with classes that are accessible and age-friendly, as well as classes for people who are new to group fitness. Regardless of fitness level, everyone is welcome to join. By encouraging physical activity across the city, BPHC and the Parks Department

aim to reduce the barriers to active living and ensure that Bostonians have plenty of opportunities to stay active throughout the year.

Participants can follow @healthyboston and @boston-parksdept on Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter or call (617) 961-3047 for cancellations and class updates. Additionally, to stay up to date with seasonal fitness offerings as well as news, park improvements, and events, sign up for the Parks email list at bit.ly/Get-Parks-Emails.



COURTESY OF THE BOSTON PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

A rendering of the residential project proposed for the site of the Harvard Club of Boston in the Back Bay.

EDITORIAL

MERRY CHRISTMAS

This is the most wonderful time of the year, to paraphrase the popular song, with holiday music playing in the malls and on our car radios, resurrecting our earliest childhood memories of Christmas-es-past.

We choose just the right tree, decorate it carefully with our family-heirloom ornaments, and when we first turn on the lights, it brings a smile to the faces of even the most-jaded among us.

Despite our hectic rushing to and fro', everybody, it seems, is in a good mood. We endure the traffic and the long lines in stores because we know that what we are doing will bring joy and happiness to others.

For those of us with young children, we get to see Christmas through their eyes, giving us a second chance to experience the wonder and joy that we felt when we were their age.

Although all of us celebrate the holiday season in our own way, the common thread is one of peace, joy, and happiness, regardless of religious or secular beliefs. Whether it be Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, or a Seinfeldian Festivus, the spirit of the season imbues us with a sense of togetherness that transcends whatever negativity may exist both in our own lives and in the world around us.

We wish all of our readers a Merry Christmas and a happy holiday season.

THERE'S STILL TIME TO HELP THOSE IN NEED

The stock market is booming and unemployment is near an all-time low, but there was the depressing news this past week that homelessness among Americans has increased by 12 percent in the past year.

The cold, harsh reality for many Americans in 2023 is that the promise of a booming economy still is only a dream in our country, where even those who are lucky enough to work full-time are barely getting by thanks to the crushingly-high cost of housing.

And for those who cannot find a job, or who are unable to work -- and especially for their children -- the holiday joy that most of us take for granted is just an illusion.

We recognize that in our hurry-hurry world where we barely have time to think, the Christmas season brings with it the pressure of last-minute shopping and holiday preparations. But we urge all of our readers, who have the means to do so, to take a deep breath and a brief "time-out" in order to consider doing something to make the holiday season a bit brighter for those who are less fortunate.

We can assure our readers that any gift of charity that you make, whether it be to a Toys for Tots program or to a Salvation Army Santa or a food bank donation, will be the most meaningful — and most satisfying — act that you can make this holiday season.

ENJOY THE LONG HOLIDAY WEEKEND SAFELY

The upcoming long-weekend means that most of us will be partaking in traditional gatherings with our families, friends, and co-workers to share the joy of the holiday season.

Unfortunately, this also means that many among us will be overindulging in holiday "spirits."

It is the responsibility of each of us to ensure that where alcohol is present, it is used responsibly, not only by ourselves, but by those around us at our holiday gatherings. None of us wants to wake up the next morning with the regret, "If only I had taken their car keys."

We wish all of our readers a happy, and safe, holiday weekend.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

ALEXANDRA HOTEL BUILDING-OWNERS ISSUE RESPONSE

Dear Editor,

We are the owners of the Alexandra Hotel building and write in response to the letter to the editor by Randi Lathrop in the Dec. 18 edition of the Boston Sun.

We acknowledge that the condition of the building at street level needs some attention, and

we are in the process of rectifying that, as we have done repeatedly over the past four years that we have owned the building.

Unfortunately, our development plans have been caught in two dire economic cycles during our four years of ownership. We wish to affirm and reiterate our commitment to this building and this project. We have committed substantial resources to this building to date and are doing everything we can to advance

the project with city agencies. We firmly believe in this project and the restoration of this historic gem of a building at an important intersection between the South End and Roxbury.

We are grateful for the substantial support the project has received from neighbors and elected officials throughout the approval process.

Jas Bhogal and Tom Calus
Alexandra Partners, LLC

Centennial Fountain on the Charles River Esplanade will return to the Dartmouth Street Lagoon in 2024

Special to the Sun

To mark 30 years since the installation of the Centennial Fountain on the Charles River Esplanade, the Esplanade Association (EA) is pleased to announce that the fountain's long-dormant site within the Dartmouth Street Lagoon will be reactivated with a new programmable fountain next spring.

The prior fountain had been dedicated in 1993 with a bronze medallion on the nearby granite landing to hail the centenary of the Commonwealth's Metropolitan District Commission (MDC). Founded in 1893, MDC is the precursor to our steward of the State Park System since 2003: the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR). As the Esplanade is the most frequented State Park in the Commonwealth, and as 2023 has been an exceptional year of partnership with DCR, EA is thrilled that this installation of a new commemorative focal point will reanimate the park lagoon ecologically, aesthetically, and historically, and honor the ongoing commitment of our DCR partners season after season.

EA has used visuals on the medallion and from DCR and news archives to select a fountain that is historically accurate to the

original, but with new features. Rather than continuous white lights and less efficient power, the new fountain will function with more ecologically sustainable systems and programmable LEDs. Expect more efficient water flows that enhance the lagoon's water aeration and circulation to improve river ecology, increasing beneficial oxygenation and reducing harmful algae growth. EA will also have the capacity to present community-responsive light and water displays in ranging colors as a signal for national awareness causes, local team pride, holidays, programmed events, and more.

EA's James and Audrey Foster Executive Director Jen Mergel notes: "It has been a joy to work closely with DCR to steward our historic greenspace with contemporary upgrades that keep pace with our evolving park ecosystem and community input. This lit fountain not only echoes the majesty of the original monument, but its updated features will improve both the water habitat and social atmosphere of the park. The fountain will be a beacon that reaffirms the park's purpose as a destination for connection—with nature and each other. By introducing dynamic displays, Dartmouth Street Land-

ing can once again be notable destination for communal gathering, celebration, and commemoration. We are extremely grateful to the Lawrence and Lilian Solomon Foundation, especially emeritus EA board member David Solomon, for leadership support of this project."

"DCR is committed to working with our partners to ensure we can fulfill our mission of protecting, promoting, and enhancing the state's natural, cultural, and recreational resources for generations to come," said DCR Commissioner Brian Arrigo. "The Esplanade Association has been a tremendous partner for many years, and we are excited to continue working together on the Centennial Fountain project, and future projects, that will bring new life to one of our most visited parks, the Esplanade."

Next Steps:

EA has secured funds to purchase a seasonal Aquamaster fountain. In 2024, when risks of fresh water freezing pass, EA will coordinate with local vendor Water & Wetland and DCR for annual seasonal installation and deinstallation. Be on the lookout for a Save the Date early next year for a Spring 2024 Ribbon Cutting!

'A Christmas Carol' comes to the Omni Parker House

Special to the Sun

On Saturday, Dec. 9, over 150 attendees grabbed their holly, cast aside their “bahs and humbugs,” and dashed over to the historic Omni Parker House for a live reading of Charles Dickens’ timeless holiday classic “A Christmas Carol.”

The tale about curmudgeonly old Scrooge and his encounters with the ghosts of holidays past, present, and future was presented by Crescendo Productions, and brought to life by veteran actor Johnny Kinsman, soprano Ann Moss, classical violinist

Justin Ouellet. It was directed by award-winning Bryn Boice. The performance took place in the historic Press Room and was preceded by a talk about Dickens and his connection to the iconic landmark hotel by House Historian Susan Wilson.

In the mezzanine hallway next to the Press Room stands the huge mirror Dickens used to practice his animated and very theatrical readings. The eight-foot tall “Dickens Door” displayed in the lower lobby level History Gallery stood at the entrance to the third-floor suite occupied by Dickens

in 1867-1868.

Wilson noted that Dickens’ novella contributed greatly to the modern version of Christmas that Boston came to embrace — one that stressed the importance of charity and good will towards all humankind.

Following the performance, the hotel’s bar, “The Last Hurrah,” provided a bit of jolly holiday cheer to one and all, making this a festive way to ring in the holiday season.

Actor Johnny Kinsman is seen bringing Dickens’ “A Christmas Carol” to life.



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NEWS IN BRIEF

BPDA TO HOLD VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING ON DEC. 21 TO DISCUSS DPIR FOR 2 CHARLESGATE WEST PROJECT

The Boston Planning & Development Agency will hold a virtual public meeting on Thursday, Dec. 21, at 6 p.m. to discuss the recently filed Draft Project Impact Report (DPIR) for a now 30-story residential building proposed for 2 Charlesgate West.

According to the developer, Scape, the proposed project would span approximately 290,000 square feet and include 406 residential units; 2,860 square feet of retail space at the Ipswich Street level; and indoor bike parking for 408 bikes. While the proponent is proposing a project that would provide 61 units (15 percent) of on-site affordable housing units, which

would exceed the city’s applicable IDP (Inclusionary Development Policy) requirements, no onsite parking is planned for the project. A new publicly accessible open stair and enclosed public elevator is also proposed, joining Ipswich Street with Boylston Street to provide access to the Back Bay Fens.

The BPDA’s public comment period for the DPIR for this project runs through Jan. 23. Visit the website via the QR code to submit a public comment and for more information on the project.



VIRTUAL COMMUNITY MEETING SET FOR JAN. 8 TO DISCUSS PLANS FOR SOUTH END BRANCH LIBRARY

The Boston Public Library and the city’s Public Facilities Department will sponsor a virtual community meeting to discuss plans for the South End Branch of the BPL on Monday, Jan. 8, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. At this time, the meeting can be accessed online at <https://qrco.de/bplse>.

The meeting will be hosted by Mayor Michelle Wu; Dion Irish, Chief of Operations; David Leonard, President of BPL; and Kerrie Griffin, Public Facilities Department Director. The new architects from Utile Inc will be introduced and the project plan will be shared with the community as well during the meeting.

SECOND BACK STREET NEIGHBORHOOD PROJECT MEETING TO BE HELD VIRTUALLY ON FEB. 1

The Esplanade Association will hold its second Back Street Neighborhood Project Meeting to discuss ongoing safety projects at Esplanade entrances on Back Street. The meeting will take place via Zoom on Thursday, Feb. 1, at 6 p.m.

During this gathering, EA representatives will review progress made to-date, hear neighborhood feedback, and discuss proposed plans for additional safety improvements. Your presence and insights will greatly contribute to the success of the meeting, and the project.

Register for the meeting via zoom at <https://bit.ly/BackSt-Meeting>.

To learn more about the proj-

ect, visit esplanade.org/crosswalks; and to learn about other pathway safety initiatives, visit esplanade.org/pathways.

‘STORY TIME WITH LIBRARIAN MARGARET COMING TO USES

Story Time with Librarian Margaret will take place on Thursdays, Dec. 21 and 28 at 10:30 a.m. at United South End Settlements, located at 48 Rutland St.

The program, which is presented in partnership with USES, welcomes babies to preschoolers and their caregivers to join in for stories, songs, dance, art, and play time (with *arts and crafts to follow for ages 2 years old and up) and is designed to draw children to love books, and to encourage interactive play with each other.

For more information, visit www.bpl.org.

Local talent headed to City Hall Plaza for New Year’s Eve Celebration

Special to the Sun

First Night Boston is proud to announce its full schedule of performances for New Year’s Eve, which will fill City Hall Plaza and surrounding venues in the hours leading up to 2024. Musicians, comedians, performers, and artists from near and far will perform across in Boston’s downtown, with the stage, lights, and ice in City Hall Plaza serving

as the event’s centerpiece. The full schedule is included in this release.

Beginning at 11:11 a.m., artistic and musical performances kick-off at the Main Stage with Hyde Park-based Sweet Harmony. The Boston Saxophone Quartet will begin indoor programming at Boston’s City Hall’s Civic Pavilion at 12:00 p.m. with its Noteworthy Scholars program, and arts and crafts pro-

sented by Greater Boston Chinese Cultural Association will fill the second floor of City Hall at 1:00 p.m. Arts and crafts include calligraphy for New Year’s blessings, translating names into Chinese, face painting, and more.

On City Hall Plaza, the Main Stage rocks on with local acts Ava & Cam, Paco, Boston Music Project, and Tristan and Delaney blending new and old beats for the growing crowds. The

Ice Sculpture Gallery, featuring iconic Boston landmarks will be sparkling for all to enjoy.

The carousel on the Greenway offers free rides from 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., and at 2:00 p.m., Improv Asylum makes its First Night debut with the first of three afternoon shows at its Hanover Street location. The audience-interactive and lighting-fast improv is designed for the whole family and goes until

4:40 p.m. In the Back Bay, the breathtaking Organ Concert in the First Church of Christ Scientist also begins at 2:00 p.m.

The microphones rattle atop City Hall Plaza as the sun sets with performances from local artists including Koliba, Lizje, and Maddi Ryan. Koliba is bound to turn heads by blending traditional and modern West Afri-

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HARVARD CLUB *(from pg. 1)*

The redeveloped site will include a minimum of 133 indoor bike parking spaces for residents and employees and at least 35 bike parking spaces for visitors. The project will also contribute \$75,000 to fund a new 19-dock bikeshare station on or near the site, according to the BPDA.

During the public process for the project, some neighbors had raised concerns that it could require the creation of the first Planned Development Area (PDA) in the Back Bay Historic District. (PDAs are overlay districts for sites of at least one acre that establish special controls for large or complex development projects.)

The proposed redevelopment of the Harvard Club site was one of seven new development projects, accumulatively comprising approximately 2,346,848 square feet, approved by the BPDA board at its Dec. 14 virtual meeting. These new projects will create a total of 1,871 residential units - 707, or 37 percent of which, will be designated income-restricted, according to the BPDA.

can rhythms, reggae, ska, zouk and more. Colombian-American Lizje's captivating blend of Latin Jazz and pop music keeps the energy high while Maddi Ryan returns her talent to First Night for the third straight year.

Boston Mayor Michelle Wu will lead a speaking program at 5:45 p.m. before the First Night Parade brings hundreds of performers to Boston Common for the 7:00 p.m. fireworks display. As the countdown continues, the tempo at City Hall picks up with Sons of Levin and LaQuandra Seymore performing short sets, before Guess Method, Nancia, and Ayla Brown & Rob Bellamy put their local roots and vibrant sounds on display.

Headliner Sammy Adams flexes some Boston muscle when he takes the stage at 11:30 p.m. As a second fireworks display glows above Boston Harbor at midnight, New England will ring in 2024 with Adams in the spotlight. Boston-born, the platinum-selling rapper, singer, and songwriter caps more than 13 hours of free entertainment, light shows, ice sculptures, and other family-friendly programming that is completely free for thousands of visitors.

More than 200,000 guests are expected to attend First Night Boston 2024. For more information and to support First Night with a donation, the public is invited to visit www.firstnight-boston.org.

The full performance schedule is as follows, as of Dec. 19, and is subject to minor changes.)

Church of Christ Scientist
250 Massachusetts Ave.

FIRST NIGHT *(from pg. 3)*

First Church of Christ, Scientist – The Mother Church Extension
11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., 11:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Enjoy free admission to the How Do You See the World? experience + Mapparium globe, a tour of The Mother Church at 1 p.m., and visit the Christian Science Reading Room from 11:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

First Night Organ Concert
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Soul-touching performances from organists upon one of the world's ten largest organs

City Hall Civic Pavilion
1 City Hall Sq. (Entrance Congress St.)
Boston Saxophone Quartet
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Performing with Boston-area students and rising saxophone stars, BSQ is an experienced quartet of talented instrumentalists

The Lied To's
2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
The Lied To's, made up of musicians Doug Kwartler and Susan Levine will play soulful beats indoors at City Hall Plaza

City Hall Second Floor
1 City Hall Sq. (Entrance near Congress St.)
Arts and Crafts Presented by Greater Boston Chinese Cultural Association
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Arts and crafts for all to enjoy with Greater Boston Chinese Cultural Association

West End Museum hosts Heritage Honoree Night


Story & Photos by Marianne Salza

The West End Museum (WEM) celebrated Richie Harnett, Cathleen Griffin, and the late Claudia and Stephen Edgell for their significant impact in the community during West End Heritage Honoree Night on December 8.

"I love Honoree Night because it's not only about people doing things today in the West End," said Representative Jay Livingstone. "What comes through with all of these stories is how strong a sense of community people have in the West End. The West End Museum is representa-

tive of that. They keep alive what existed before, and recognize people coming to the community to make it better."

Displaced West Ender, Richie (WEST END MUSEUM Pg. 10)



John and Janey Wilson, Katie Burke, Glenn Fearnley, and Chat Kindregan.

Koliba
4:00 p.m. - 4:40 p.m.
Bringing together musicians from two continents, Koliba will perform a blend of traditional and modern styles including West African rhythms, Hi Life, Reggae, Ska, Zouk, and more

LIZJE
5:00 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.
Columbian/American artist drawing inspiration from her diverse cultural background, performing her unique and innovative sound that sets her apart

Maddi Ryan
6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Performance by the up and coming singer/songwriter from just North of Boston

Sons of Levin
7:20 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Inspired by classic rock bands, Sons of Levin sings homage to previous great rock and roll acts while delivering their own take on the jam/rock scene

LaQuandra Seymore
8:10 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Performance by Massachusetts native singer and songwriter whose repertoire spans many genres and resonates with many ages.

Guess Method
8:50 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Dance-inducing Indie-Funk powerhouse by the group, hailing from the Boston area

Nancia
9:50 p.m. - 10:05 p.m.
Performance by Boston's best R&B artist, including singing, dance, and energy

Ayla Brown & Rob Bellamy
10:30 p.m. - 11:10 p.m.
Massachusetts natives, and married couple will perform their own songs together

Sammy Adams

11:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m.
Event headliner performance by platinum selling rapper, singer, and songwriter

Boston Harbor (Long Warf)
212 Northern Ave.
Boston Harbor Fireworks
12:00 a.m. - 12:20 a.m.
Breathtaking fireworks display over the Boston Harbor, brought to you by Meet Boston.

First Night Boston is a 501 (C) (3) non-profit organization that funds the annual New Year's Eve celebration in the city of Boston. The city-wide celebration features family-friendly traditions such as a parade down to Boston Common; hand-crafted ice sculptures; performances from local musicians and artists, and of course, the highly anticipated "First Night Countdown" to the New Year, that kicks off the much-anticipated spectacular midnight fireworks display over Boston Harbor. Boston City Hall, and other locations will offer family-friendly entertainment options. All First Night Boston activities are free and open to the public. For more information and a list of events, visit www.firstnightboston.org.

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WARD 4 DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE HOLIDAY PARTY



Ward 4 Democratic Committee members and friends with Boston Mayor Michelle Wu (3rd from right) and Massachusetts State Reps Jay Livingstone (3rd from left) and John Moran (4th from right).

Celebrate

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4:00 p.m.* & 6:30 p.m.


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**The 4:00 & 9:30 Masses will also be live-streamed and the links are available on our website.*



Boston Ward 4 Democratic Committee co-chair Ryan Hatcher directed attention to the Bake Off table where committee members offered their Holiday deserts to be sampled and judged.



Massachusetts State Rep Jay Livingstone noted his mother in-law enjoyed bowling on Christmas.

WARD 4 DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE HOLIDAY PARTY



Boston Mayor Michelle Wu thanked the Ward 4 Democratic Committee for "all you do to advocate and spread democracy in the city"



US Representative Ayanna Pressley.



Boston Mayor Michelle Wu with Boston Transportation Department planner Harper Mills and Leo Ruiz Sanchez from Fenway CDC.



The Ward 4 Democratic Committee Bake Off table where committee members offered their Holiday desserts to be sampled and judged.



Massachusetts State Senator Lydia Edwards (right) with Pedro Spivakovsky-Gonzalez and Jonathan Cohn.



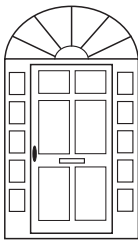
Massachusetts State Senator William Brownsberger and Boston Mayor Michelle Wu.



Wishing you and yours a Wonderful Holiday Season!

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WARD 4 DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE HOLIDAY PARTY



Former Boston City Councilor now current administrator of the Boston Housing Authority Kenzie Bok with Ward 4 Democratic Committee Co-chairs Carol Lasky and Ryan Hatcher(2nd from right), Maryann Brogan, Nina Garfinkel, and Justin Cambridge.



US Representative Ayanna Pressley with leaders of the Ward 4 Democratic Committee, Massachusetts State Rep John Moran and State Senator Lydia Edwards.



Boston Mayor Michelle Wu with Jackie Royce.



Boston Mayor Michelle Wu with Larry Bell.



Boston Mayor Michelle Wu with Susan Collings.



Boston Mayor Michelle Wu talks with Ward 4 Democratic Committee co-chair Carol Lasky.

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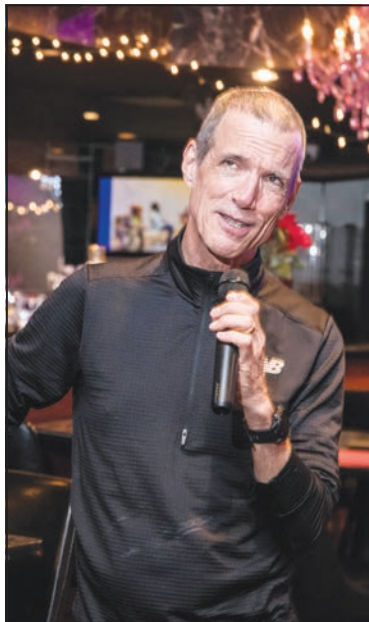
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Massachusetts State Rep John Moran revealed he and his family will play music together for Christmas.



Massachusetts State Senator William Brownsberger some of his family traditions for the Christmas as taking in some sci-fi.

YOUNG FRIENDS FIFTH ANNUAL WINTER PARTY

Photos by Hurley Event Photography

Friends from Boston and beyond came out to celebrate in style at the Young Friends Fifth Annual Winter Party on Dec. 8.

Over 150 guests enjoyed drinks and light hors d'oeuvres overlooking the holiday lights on Boston Common. All were dressed to dazzle and shared holiday cheer in celebration of the season, and to raise funds to support the Friends of the Public Garden for the care and maintenance of the Boston Common, Public Garden, and Commonwealth Avenue Mall.



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Upcoming lecture looks at Madeline Yale Wynne's 'Garden of Hearts' chest and the Arts and Craft Movement

By Dan Murphy

A lecture sponsored next month by the Nichols House Museum will examine Madeline Yale Wynne's recently rediscov-

ered 'Garden of Hearts' chest in the context of the Arts and Crafts Movement, which came to prominence in Deerfield, Mass., during the early 20th century.

Daniel Sousa, the assistant curator of Historic Deerfield, will

be on hand Tuesday, Jan. 9, at 6 p.m. at Grogran & Company, located at 20 Charles St., for a discussion on Wynne (1847-1918), who has been called the "leading intellectual light of the Deerfield Arts and Crafts Movement," as well as the 'Garden of

Hearts' bride's chest she created in 1903.

Adorned with paint, decorative carving, hammered-copper panels, wrought-iron hinges, and semi-precious stones, the chest was inspired by 18th-century Connecticut Valley chests

and can now be found in Historic Deerfield's collection. Its front lid depicts a landscape with three inverted heart-shaped trees along a winding river. The chest has been called "a tour-de-force

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Madeline Yale Wynne's 'Garden of Hearts' chest.

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WEST END MUSEUM (from pg. 4)

Hartnett, served as WEM's first president. He guided the museum during its formative years, and remains active on its board.

Hartnett is "an original West End, born and raised in the Charlesbank Homes," described Duane Lucia, WEM secretary. "When the neighborhood was demolished, and later referred to as Charles River Park, he was there, alongside a cadre of other old West Enders, to remind the city and the world what was lost. What started as a reunion of displaced residents in the 1980s turned into a newspaper, a housing corporation, and a museum. Richie Hartnett has been there every step of the way."

Cathleen Griffin founded West End Tree Boston, a non-profit organization that protects, plants, and maintains trees in the West End.

"It's a wonderful community, and we're glad to have moved to the West End," exclaimed Griffin, who hung 100 holiday wreaths around the neighborhood with volunteers. "If you see things getting greener, it's because everyone is doing their part."

Claudia and Stephen Edgell

documented the destruction of the West End -- before, after, and during urban renewal. The compilation of over 2,000 photographs and negatives was donated to WEM by their son, Stephen Edgell III, and is the largest collection of West End photographs in existence. Although never published, Claudia and Stephen Edgell's book, "The Old West End of Boston" features over 300 pages of Claudia's text and Stephen's photographs.



Rep. Jay Livingstone commenting on the strong sense of community that past and present West Enders exude.



Bruce Guarino, former 32 Grove Street resident, and Bob Sullivan, museum volunteer.



Attendees gathering at the HUB50 Community Room on December 8 for the WEM Honoree Night.

Real Estate Transfers

BUYER 1 BACK BAY	SELLER 1	ADDRESS	PRICE
Chung Ft Agreement	Rothermere Rt	8 Arlington St #4	\$11,275,000
Shamari, Hisham A	Kirby, Ella L	165 Beacon St #4&5	\$1,850,000
Doherty, Sean M	Gonen, Shay	280 Commonwealth Ave #109	\$2,200,000
Beaudoin, Thomas	Koch, Wayne	195 Marlborough St #2	\$2,250,000
Jafry Ft	Lucas, Sky M	201 Newbury St #204	\$1,730,000
Bhb Re Ventures LLC	Wise, John	351 Commonwealth Ave #8	\$700,000
Nicholson, Katharine	Lanita C Scott RET	406 Marlborough St #4	\$1,735,000
BEACON HILL			
Modi, Jignesh	Lauri A Varga Irt	112 Pinckney St #41	\$675,000
Loqman, Tahsin	Rimkus, Modestas	32 Temple St #2	\$849,000
BAY VILLAGE/SOUTH END/KENMORE			
Park, Young	Dolce, Jeffrey	1 Charles St S #412	\$1,850,000
2014 Cheung Ft	Kirker, Scott	110 Stuart St #22F	\$970,000
New England LLC	Ckg Columbus LLC	566 Columbus Ave #503	\$1,550,000
Mei Pointe 80 LLC	B E Bozinski Separate R	566 Columbus Ave #612	\$955,000
Rosenberg, David H	30 Concord Mainsail LLC	30 Concord Sq #1	\$3,750,000
Paulette A Deschenes RET	Boot, Brendon	12 Durham St #1	\$1,950,000
Hrd LLC	Haydon, Charles P	14-16 E Springfield St	\$609,000
Chen, Samuel S	Dorfman, Jon D	725 Harrison Ave #E303	\$785,000
Serrao, Gregory	Bittenbinder Nt	28 Rutland Sq #1	\$2,830,000
Wallace, James C	Davidson, Rachel	474 Shawmut Ave #2	\$935,000
18 Symphony Road LLC	Williams RET	18 Symphony Rd	\$1,935,000
Solomon, Peter	Clark, Stephen	32 Traveler St #204	\$1,230,000
Choi, Catherine S	Sepia 209 Rt	32 Traveler St #209	\$1,250,000
Curtis, Mark	Wencis, Michael	40 Traveler St #601	\$1,250,000
Saris Rt	Aps Tremont Realty LLC	572 Tremont St #572	\$1,200,000
Trauger, Nicholas	Atkinson, Jodi	43 Upton St #3	\$1,055,000
Camile Hannoush Ft LLC	Deprisco, Frank E	333 Washington St #401	\$1,600,000
Camile Hannoush Ft LLC	Deprisco, Frank E	333 Washington St #439	\$1,600,000
Melissa P Mattison RET	Doe, Jacqueline M	31 Worcester Sq #1	\$2,100,000
WATERFRONT/DOWNTOWN			
Rehm, Cynthia A	Leishman, David	343 Commercial St #104	\$1,380,000
240 Devonshire Unit 6006	Mcaf Winthrop LLC	240 Devonshire St #6006	\$7,536,000
Broady-Carp Ent LLC	Mcnamara-Watt, Mary E	65 E India Row #19G	\$940,000
Zhao, Luming	Cicma, Harry	1 Franklin St #1809	\$1,100,000

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Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods and furnishings. Manuel Crisostomo unit #2007; Dustin Ward unit #2105; Matthew Workman unit #2127; Wayne Vonkanel unit #3039; Bryce Thaxton unit #3125; Ryan Mahoney unit #4260. All property is being stored at the above self-storage facility. This sale may be withdrawn at

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GARDEN OF HEARTS (from pg. 10)

of Arts and Crafts design” that showcases Wynne’s talents as a painter, metalsmith, and woodworker, and it’s widely considered her greatest artistic accomplishment.

Camille Arbogast, public engagement manager for the Nichols House Museum, said the discussion will also look at how the Arts and Crafts Movement emerged in the early 20th century, with artisans, primarily women, making beautiful, handmade objects as “a reaction against the growing industrialization of society.”

Arbogast said the Nichols House Museum is particularly excited by the rediscovery of the chest and Wynne’s story because Rose Nichols was also herself a wood carver and one of her chests can be found on permanent display in the museum’s collection.

Moreover, Arbogast points out that the Arts and Crafts Movement was sweeping Deerfield at the same time as the movement was growing in popularity on Beacon Hill, with women like Rose Nichols working from their homes, while more professional artisans could be found living in the boarding houses on Pinckney Street.

“We hope this [discussion] can provide more context for Rose’s work,” said Arbogast.

Tickets for this event cost \$10 each for Nichols House Museum members; \$15 each general admission; and \$8 each for the Student/Discounted rate. For more information and to purchase tickets, <https://www.nicholshousemuseum.org/events/garden-of-hearts/>.

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