

For Love of Art

More than 500 people gathered on the Boston Common last Saturday for Stand Up for Art, an arts education awareness event hosted by Art Resource Collaborative for Kids (ARCK), a nonprofit started by longtime Beacon Hill resident Sara Demeter. The festivities included decorating paper hearts to hang in local businesses. ARCK offers arts programming to low-income students in Boston Public Schools.



Photos: Courtesy of ARCK

Association Works On Cleaning Charles St.

by Tanner Stening

Charles Street will soon look cleaner than ever. The Beacon Hill Civic Association (BHCA) has partnered with the Beacon Hill Business Association to launch a new street cleaning initiative aimed at the long-term beautification of Charles Street.

Called the Charles Street Cleaning Campaign, the effort grew out of discussions generated by the BHCA's Joint Charles Street committee led by Beacon Hill resident John Corey, which came together several years ago to address cleanliness issues.

The committee looks at problems on the streetscape, including "trash and recycling pickup, zoning, safety, traffic and parking," according to the neighborhood group's website.

Beacon Hill resident Miguel Rosales, who donated \$1,600 to the cause, said the group hired private cleaning company ACP Facility Services to do the work.

"Over the last two years, we have noticed the cleaning on Charles Street had really deteriorated," he said. "There's always a problem with the trash, so we thought it would be good to have a private cleaner come in and take care of the street."

Cleaning began at the beginning of May and costs \$1,600 a month to continue oper-

ation. Cleaners come twice a week for about four hours, said Rosales. They start with three tree pits on Beacon Street and go all the way down the thoroughfare to Cambridge Street.

He said tourism on Beacon Hill can and has impacted the neighborhood's cleanliness.

"We're just trying to find a way to make the street a little more attractive," he added.

Rosales said the group wants to raise enough funds to complete an eight-month trial with the cleaning company. The Hampshire House and local developer Related Beal have donated to help sponsor the effort for up to four months.

On Wednesday, residents and members of the BHCA held a fundraiser at Grogan & Company to try and raise some additional money.

More than 70 business owners and residents attended, raising approximately \$15,000.

For Rosales, having a clean main neighborhood thoroughfare is a point of pride.

"For me to be able to walk down Charles Street and see a clean and beautiful street is very important," he said. "Having the best environment is very satisfying to me. I walk there every day and shop locally."

Rosales said the group is still in discussion with the city about how to improve trash collection on the busy street.



Public Meeting

50 STANIFORD STREET

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

150 STANIFORD ST
The West End Museum
Boston, MA 02114

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Public meeting to discuss the first amendment to Planned Development Area No. 7, which includes an addition of approximately 19,500 square feet of floor area to the building located at 50 Staniford Street in the West End of Boston by extending, renovating and repurposing the ground level of the existing structure, with additional uses and related façade, site, parking/loading, pedestrian and vehicular access improvements.

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