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**October Calendar**

**4: Streets & Sidewalks Committee Meeting.**  
6:30 p.m., 74 Joy Street

**4: BHCAYP Annual Meeting.** 6:30 p.m.,  
74 Joy Street-cafeteria

**5: Myrtle Street Playground Reopening.**  
5:00 p.m.

**5: Beacon Hill Architectural Commission Filing Deadline.** 5:00 p.m.,  
Boston City Hall, Rm 801

**5: Zoning and Licensing Meeting.** 7:30 p.m.,  
74 Joy Street

**Sentry Hill Place on BHCA Agenda**

**3 Sentry Hill Place on BHCA agenda**

At its October 5 meeting, Beacon Hill Civic Association's Zoning and Licensing Committee will turn its attention to work proposed by the owner of a single family dwelling at 3 Sentry Hill Place that triggers the need for zoning relief.

The owner proposes to construct a head house to allow walk up access to a new deck being constructed on the roof of the 3 ½ story building. According to the Beacon Hill Architectural Commission, the head house would not be visible from a public way but according to the Inspectional Services Department it would add additional square feet to the floor area of the building, thus increasing the floor area ratio and requiring a variance from the Boston Zoning Code. In addition to the head house, the applicant proposes to dig down in the basement to provide an 8-foot head clearance. The proposed use is not considered living space.

The meeting, which begins at 7:30 p.m. at 74 Joy Street, is open to the public. Neighbors with questions or comments regarding this matter are encouraged to attend or contact the BHCA prior to the meeting. Plans, photos and additional information will be posted on the BHCA website, [www.bhcivic.org](http://www.bhcivic.org).

Window Box Contest Reception October 11

You are invited to  
the 53rd Annual Window Box Contest Reception  
Tuesday, October 11 5:45 - 6:45 p.m. 74 Joy Street

**11: Window Box Contest Award Ceremony.**  
5:45 p.m., 74 Joy Street



**11: BHCA Board of Directors Meeting.**  
7:00 p.m., 74 Joy Street

**11: Area A-1 Boston Police Department Advisory Meeting.**  
6:00 p.m., 40 Sudbury Street

Highlights include the announcement of winners, a slide show of Beacon Hill window boxes and a demonstration on how to create your own.

Wine and cheese reception.

Sponsored by the Beacon Hill Civic Association and the Beacon Hill Garden Club.

**18: Green Committee Meeting.** 6:00 p.m.,  
74 Joy Street

Musical Feast on Beacon Hill - Concerts, Cocktails and Comfort Food

**19: Tree Committee Meeting.** 6:30 p.m.,  
74 Joy Street

Last year's Jazz on the Hill series was so popular that its sponsors, the Beacon Hill Civic Association and the Beacon Hill Seminars, decided to add some extra beats to it.

**19: BHCA Book Club.**  
*Beatrice and Virgil* by Yann Martel. 7:00 p.m.,  
74 Joy Street

So, with a new name and a greater variety of music, **A Musical Feast on Beacon Hill** - three evenings of concert, cocktails and comfort food - will be launched on October 20 at the Hampshire House, 84 Beacon Street.

**20: Beacon Hill Architectural Commission Hearing.** 4:00 p.m.,  
Boston City Hall

The series begins at 6:00 p.m. with a bountiful three course dinner buffet featuring delicious comfort foods such as maple roasted turkey and oven roasted pork loin. Pianist Steve Sussman will play a variety of selections. Sussman performs frequently in the New England area as a soloist, accompanist, chamber musician and orchestra member. He is a stylist pianist and an avid improviser whose versatility spans from the classical to the jazz genres.

**20: A Musical Feast. Featuring Steve Sussman.**  
6:00 p.m.,  
The Hampshire House,  
84 Beacon Street

The series will continue on February 9 with songs from the American Songbook and April 5 with a jazz trio.

**25: How to Research Your Historic Home.** 6:00 p.m.  
Wine Reception; 7:00 p.m.,  
Talk by Mark Kiefer. The  
Otis House Museum,  
141 Cambridge Street

Advance reservations are required by October 17. Reserve online at [www.bhcivic.org](http://www.bhcivic.org) or contact the BHCA at 617-227-1922. The cost per person is \$40 for Beacon Hill Civic Association and Beacon Hill Seminars members and \$45 for non-members. The price includes dinner, dessert, concert ticket and gratuity. There will be a cash bar.

**27: Meet and Greet with Boston Police.** 7:00 p.m.,

How to Research your Historic Home

Firehouse, 127 Mt. Vernon Street

31. **Halloween.** 4:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Pinckney Street, from Joy Street to Charles Street, and Mt. Vernon Street, from Joy Street to Charles Street

As part of the Beacon Hill Civic Association's new 'How To' series, architecture buff Mark Kiefer of the Beacon Hill Architectural Commission will give tips on **How to Research Your Historic Home** on October 25 at the Harrison Gray Otis House, 141 Cambridge Street.

This is an opportunity to hear about ways to find information on your own home's history: centuries old ways techniques of construction, renovation and repairs as well as colorful stories of past inhabitants. Sally Zimmerman, manager of preservations at Historic New England, will also provide useful resources available to owners of historic properties.

A wine and cheese reception, with optional tours of the Otis House, begins at 5:00 p.m., and is followed by the program at 6:00 p.m. The event is co-sponsored with Historic New England. Reservations in advance are recommended. Admission is \$10 for BHCA members and HNE members; \$20 for nonmembers. Reserve online at [www.bhcivic.org](http://www.bhcivic.org)

### 13th edition Beacon Hill Neighborhood Guide available

Want to know what living in a historic district is all about? Or, what numbers to call when your trash is not picked up, or you want to renovate your home, or what's the deal with contractors taking residence spaces, or who are your elected officials...the questions go on and on. The **13th edition of the Beacon Hill Neighborhood Guide** is hot off the press and its 60 pages are packed with answers to all you need to know to make life here easier. Guides will be mailed to BHCA members next week; others may drop by 74 Joy Street to pick one up.

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