

## Topical "Tosca"

**Tosca,** Boston Lyric Opera, Emerson Cutler Majestic Theatre, Boston, through October 22. [blo.org](http://blo.org) or 617-542-4912

BY JULES BECKER

Imagine a tyrannical regime with a corrupt police chief as sexually predatory as Harvey Weinstein. Add a revolutionary artist and his opera diva love struggling for real freedom in a city where religious officials become

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Elliott Purcell as Christopher and ensemble performers in "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time" (Courtesy Nile Scott/SpeakEasy Stage Company)

## Health center makes Crucial Catch

Award funds fight against cancer

BY MICHELE D. MANISCALCO

The South End Community Health Center (SEHC) recently received a \$75,000 Crucial Catch award from the New England Patriots and the American Cancer Society, and to celebrate, the health center hosted a ceremony and

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Dr. Karen Antman and medical students. Photo by Michele Maniscalco

## Casa Myrna Wins \$3 Million Grant Slate

SUBMITTED BY CASA MYRNA

Boston (October 23, 2017) – Throughout Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October, The Mary Kay Foundation is awarding \$20,000 grants to 150 domestic violence shelters across the United States, the District of Columbia,

Puerto Rico and Guam for a total of \$3 million. Local shelter, Casa Myrna was chosen to receive one of the annual grants to further the organization's efforts to combat domestic violence and provide rehabilitation services throughout Boston. This year's highly sought-after grant slate brings the total investment in The Foundation's annual shelter grant

program to nearly \$42 million.

Casa Myrna will use the grant funding to support emergency shelter services. Other recipients use the unrestricted funds for basic operating expenses, hiring much-needed personnel, completing repairs and renovations or adding programs and

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## New Analysis

## Walsh, Jackson clash on range of issues

But agree on space saving after snowstorms

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In their second, and final, debate on Tuesday night, Mayor Marty Walsh and Councilor Tito Jackson highlighted their differences in a debate moderated by WGBH's Margery Eagan and Jim Braude: Affordable housing

Walsh said this was one of the first topics his new administration tackled, coming up with a plan to build 53,000 units of new housing - with 9,000 of those "affordable." He said 22,000 have gotten permits to proceed over the past three years, plus voters approved the Community Preservation Act which will mean more money for affordable housing and he has increased the percentage of units developers have to build as affordable from 13 to 18 percent.

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## Halloween Happenings

Friday, October 27

Teen Halloween Party 6:00pm-9:00pm BCYF Blackstone Community Center, 50 W Brookline St., Boston. Teen Halloween Party for ages 12-18. Come celebrate Halloween at Blackstone with a DJ, food, candy and games. Dance Party will take place in the gymnasium and food and games will be located in the Teen Room. Any questions or RSVP's should be directed to Youth Workers at the Blackstone Community who can be reached at 617-635-5162

Saturday, October 28

Haunted Graveyard Tour at the South End Burying Ground This Saturday, October 28 at 2:00 PM, South End News reporter

Michele D. Maniscalco will reprise her Haunted Graveyard Tour at the South End Burying Ground on Washington Street between East Newton and East Concord Streets. Originally a part of the Blackstone Square Halloween Festival, the tour of the mysterious, locked burial ground returns as a separate event, offering a history of the 19th century graveyard as well as spooky but true anecdotes from South End history. A second tour will take place at 3:00 PM on Saturday, and in the event of rain, the tour will take place on Sunday, October 29. The event is free, all ages and open to the public."

SoWa Spooktacular Saturday, October 28, 10:00am and Sunday, October 29, 4:00pm SoWa Open Market #60 Harri-

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## Theater

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collaborators by condoning brutality.

This is the kind of dystopia co-librettists Luigi Illica and Giuseppe Giacosa vividly depicted and set in 1800 post-republic Rome for the Giacomo Puccini opera "Tosca," first performed in the year 1900. Now Boston Lyric Opera is bringing fresh and timely resonance to this prescient classic in its powerful 41st year season opener at the Emerson Outler Majestic Theatre.

Set designer Julia Noulin-Merat has constructed a formidable high pillar two-level facade where malevolent chief of police Scarpia—assisted by abusive henchmen—ascends a winding staircase to torture free-thinking agnostic painter Cavaradossi and harass church-attending concert singer Tosca.

Clergymen and nuns display religious devotion with no visible compassion and caring for the disenfranchised. Stage director Crystal Manich smartly blocks the escalating conflicts of what may be Puccini's most emotionally insightful opera.

The result is a staging where hypocrisy and deceit regularly face off against genuine faith and true love in the opera's nightmare scenario, one that George Orwell would admire for its honesty.

Opera Fuoco (Paris-based) founding director David Stern, now in his BLO debut, richly evokes both the irony and the dramatic highs of that face off as he conducts the production's 54 musicians—the season's largest orchestra—behind the singers.

There are particularly notable efforts from the reed and percussion sections. Stern's nuanced conducting pays careful attention to

the contrasting fortissimo stretches and softer moments of the opening. Stern's sharp direction also delineates the disarmingly pleasant passages that contrast with Scarpia's lethal manipulation of Tosca.

Bringing together the riveting poetic elements of the libretto and Puccini's poignant music are the big-voiced and expressive cast members. Elena Stikhina captures Tosca's fiery will as well as her profound vulnerability. She delivers the diva's famous philosophical aria "Vissi d'arte" with a fine blend of clarity and passion. Jonathan Burton, a sweet-voiced tenor, is totally convincing professing his love for Tosca and enduring great suffering as a revolutionary.

Adding to the strengths of this BLO winner is Stikhina and Burton's real chemistry together—whether kissing quickly in front of a Madonna statue at the church or sharing more substantial moments of romance. Daniel Sutin finds all of Scarpia's brutality and sadism without losing sight of his real if twisted feeling for Tosca.

BLO veteran James Maddalena, always a convincing actor as well as singer, catches the steely demeanor of the church sacristan in early exchanges with Cavaradossi, whose painting of Mary Magdalene he finds less than appropriate. Jon Jurgens has arresting coldness as Scarpia henchman Spoletta. David Cushing has the right fragility as escaped political prisoner Angelotti. There are strong ensemble efforts throughout—especially at moments of prayer.

Scarpia betrays Tosca. By contrast, the BLO's timely revival not only proves faithful to the diva's haunting emotional odyssey but also demonstrates how much this wise opera has to say about tyranny, freedom, love and life itself.

## Debate

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He said the city is spending \$57 million on affordable housing out of funds from developers. The city has seen "a bit of stabilization in rents" in some areas, but more work is needed to ensure Boston remains "a city for all people."

"We need to increase the supply" especially as more people move to Boston, he said, adding the city is also looking at ways to improve the BHA's large holdings because the federal government no longer invests in public housing.

Jackson said the city is building way more luxury than affordable housing and said the first thing he would do as mayor is dismantle the BRA and create a city planning department. He said he would up the minimum requirement for affordable units in new projects to 25% - but would require any buildings erected on land purchased from the city to have at least two thirds of their units for low- and moderate income residents.

He said he would set aside \$5 million for housing vouchers because, he said, a lot of the "affordable" housing is only affordable to people making more than \$70,000 a year.

Walsh said he'd rather spend that \$5 million building new units.

Walsh opposes rent control, says he's not sure it would work here. Jackson said the city should at least look at it.

Race

Braude asked Jackson if he really meant it when he said earlier that "Marty Walsh doesn't think black lives matter."

Jackson did not answer yes or no, but said Walsh delays doing anything until a problem becomes a crisis. He pointed to the 2016 Boston Latin School protests, which ultimately brought in the federal Department of Justice. He added it's not right that barely any city contracts go to people of color or women in a city where white families have far higher net worth - and life expectancy - than black families. He said And he said Walsh's recent dismissal of an NAACP report criticizing his tenure shows Walsh just doesn't believe in dialog.

"He's making the wrong decisions," Jackson said.

Walsh said that's nonsense. He said he's held the first citywide meeting on race in Boston history. He acknowledged that while city contracts to people of color had been low, he moved last year to bring the number up. And the number of teachers, police and firefighters of color is on the increase, he said.

He said it was unfair of the NAACP to criticize him for "generational issues" that were happening for decades before he became mayor and that "nobody's ever tackled."

Increasing minority numbers in BPD Jackson said the mayor needs to work

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more with the local minority police union to increase recruiting among minority communities and stop defending a drug test BPD uses for applicants that has a high rate of false positives with short, curly hair. And police need to start wearing body cameras and elevate the arrest rates for non-fatal shootings.

Walsh said that he has made sure BPD has the most diverse command staff in city history. And he said that when he asked Jackson to give him names of black potential academy candidates, Jackson supplied just a single name.

And yet, Jim Braude said, 66% of Boston cops are white. Anything more?

Walsh said the simplest answer would be to eliminate civil service testing and veteran preference, but he said he's not willing to do that. Instead, he wants to try to recruit more veterans of color to apply.

Jackson repeated his charge Walsh doesn't want to deal with the minority-officer union. Walsh said he had breakfast with its president on Thursday and has met with him repeatedly in his time in office.

### Body cameras

Walsh said he is hoping to get findings from a recently concluded study of the cameras before December. But he said the real issue is not body cameras but building trust in the community. And that involves a host of issues.

Jackson said Walsh's decision to wait for the results of a study show his "paralysis by analysis" and proof of his "timid, tepid leadership" and that if he were mayor, he would simply get police to don the cameras - and to install dash cams in their cruisers, because both are proven technologies. He pointed to \$38 million in lawsuit settlements involving BPD - all stemming from cases before Walsh's tenure - as proof of the need. "Those dollars are taken away from the Boston Public Schools" and other programs, he said.

Walsh replied that crime is down in his time in office and that he has spearheaded programs to keep young people from getting involved in crime, such as mentoring and job programs.

### Amazon and corporate incentives

Jackson says he would welcome Amazon - but would give them no incentives to move here. As an economic-development officer in the Patrick administration, he said he helped convince Google and Microsoft to open offices here because Boston is such a desirable place to be, without having to offer them a \$12-million helipad. And he said the city should not have given GE a \$25-million tax break.

"We didn't write a check to General Electric," Walsh said. He said the tax break was in recognition of the company's work in fixing up a dilapidated part of Fort Point Channel and its value in attracting other talent here. He said the break has already paid for itself in the \$25 million GE committed to local educational efforts, along with \$15 million for job training and \$10 million for health care. And he charged that while Jackson was with

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## Halloween

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We'll be celebrating on October 28 - 29, 10 am - 4 pm, along with the region's best makers, farmers, vintage vendors, and food trucks. Check out the event line up below.

- SoWa Costume Contest (People & Pets!) - Details Below
- Free Pumpkin Painting
- Free Face Painting by Fun Face Express

- Spooky Cupcake Decorating with Bella & Harvey

- DIY Succulent Pumpkin Planters with The Happy Cactus

- Live Music by Jordan Reynolds (Sat) and Night Tree (Sun)

- Magic Show by Darren Yong Live (Sun)

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- First & Second Place: \$100 gift card to Cinquecento

Vendors: Secret judges will be going booth-to-booth!

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# Health

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cancer-awareness fair at its 1601 Washington Street headquarters.

Approximately 170 guests streamed in and out throughout the afternoon to hear inspiring remarks from cancer survivors and public health officials, learn about prevention and screening for a variety of common cancers and sample tasty and healthful snacks, sweets and punch provided by Seasoned with Soul catering. Speakers at the ceremony included SECHC CEO Bill Walczak, Josh Kraft of the New England Patriots; Mark Goldberg, Eastern New England board chairman of the American Cancer Society (ACS); Monica Valdez Lupi, executive director of the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC); Rhonda Dickson, WIC program director at SECHC and SECHC patient and cancer survivor Itva Cerritos.

The ceremony, which culminated in presentation of a symbolic check to the health center, was followed by Intercept Cancer, a three-hour fair, free and open to the public, with information tables, games and free cancer-prevention items, staffed largely by students from Boston University School of Medicine and Boston University dental school. BUSM dean Dr. Karen Antman and BUSM faculty members were also in attendance.

Crucial Catch-Cancer Intercept is a partnership between the NFL and its franchises and ACS to improve cancer outcomes by providing community health providers with grant money to educate the community and increase access to early-detection screenings. The NFL's franchises, such as the Patriots, provide funding and ACS evaluates and selects the grantee health centers.

SECHC is the only community health center in New England to receive a Crucial Catch-Intercept Cancer grant. In a follow-up phone call, Lynn Basilio, senior director of primary care systems for ACS, explained why SECHC merited this honor.

"The aim of the grant was to try to reach the population going to SECHC. Overwhelmingly, people who go to SECHC do not have access to health screenings, particularly cancer screenings. We were looking forward to working with the new quality improvement team at SECHC. We are excited to get involved with making cancer screenings a priority at SECHC," Basilio said.

In his welcome address, Walczak pointed out that over 1 million people, or about one-sixth of the Massachusetts population, are patients at community health centers.

"We are really pleased to have been chosen to participate in the Crucial Catch program with a grant that helps deal with the disparities that we have in our country and our state regarding low-income people who don't have access to the kind of preventive strategies that are available to people who aren't low-income," Walczak said.

"Cancer affects everyone. I don't know anybody who hasn't had a family member or loved one [with cancer]," Walczak noted that his own wife died two years ago from pancreatic cancer. "This is an opportunity to deal with health disparities that are terrible for low-income people who die younger as a result"



(Bottom) Hispanic Dental Student Association table. Photos by Michele Maniscalco

In his introduction of Valdez Lupi, Walczak said, "The city of Boston has done amazing work in making sure that every single person in the city of Boston has access to health care." The most poignant yet inspiring comments came from Dickson, a 40-year employee of SECHC who was diagnosed with the first of five bouts with cancer in her late teens, and Cerritos, who described the fear devastation she felt at her breast cancer diagnosis and the harrowing decisions she had to make regarding her breast cancer treatment for the welfare and stability of her children.

Dickson's warm and expansive manner came through as she chronicled losing her mother to cancer when she was 16 and helping her father to raise her four younger siblings, then discovering her first cancer at age 19. Throughout her life, Dickson has battled breast, kidney, squamous cell, cervical and labia cancer as well as other serious illnesses, but has come through it all with an optimistic determination. Speaking on behalf of the Patriots about the drive to conquer cancer, Kraft quipped, "I want to grow the unemployment line and I'm going to fill it with oncologists."

After the comments and presentation, members of the public streamed in and learned from the cheerful, energetic and well-versed BUSM students how to avoid common cancer threats with sunscreen, condoms (for cervical cancer prevention), good dental hygiene and avoidance of tobacco products among other strategies. BUSM student Florencia Pereira ran a "test your cancer knowledge" trivia game, giving out footballs as prizes.

At the oral-cancer table staffed by the Hispanic Dental Students Association, Maira Sabeeh, a Pakistani dentist from Singapore who will study at BU for two years, shared her observations on the difference between dental education at home and here in the US. "I think

it's more about relationships people here than procedures. That's what I really like here, you learn to take care of the psychological aspects of the patient. In Singapore, it's only the procedures. Over here, you learn to take care of the feelings and everything else that comes along with the patient. That's something that really intrigues me: you are treating the whole person, not just the disease. Everyone is friendly and warm and they really want to help you," Sabeeh said.

Rhonda Persip, owner of Seasoned with Soul, kept the snacks and soft drinks coming all day. The menu was a mix of adventurous recipes and family favorites, including her grandfather's corn fritters. Other snacks included Caprese skewers with cherry tomatoes, mozzarella balls, basil and pesto; mango chicken skewers; curried vegetable puffs; cups of hummus, orzo salad and kale salad; a cheese and fruit platter and assorted cookies and baked goods. In addition to soda and bottle water, Persip offered a fruity, sparkly, spicy punch consisting of a blend of fruit juices and ginger beer.

After the event, SECHC director of external affairs Henry Goodrow declared the event a success. Goodrow said, "It turned out better than we could have possibly imagined quality and content of the speaking program carried us right through."

Goodrow was impressed with the medical students and their interactions with the public. "They really added to the health fair. They have such enthusiasm. They were phenomenal: so well organized. [One could see] how excited they were to be interacting with people and to get out of the institutional environment. I think that even brought out the best of everyone; not just the students but staff of health center. This was a hallmark of what we're trying to do in the community."

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Patrick, "they gave plenty of tax credits away."

Walsh said the Amazon bid contains no specific economic incentives, although he noted it does call for certain transportation improvements, such as connecting the Red and Blue lines, which the state said in 2011 would cost \$750 million.

Lessons from the Olympics?

Walsh said the city learned a lot from the failed Olympics bid, which he said helped the city launch various planning programs for building a better Boston. He said he was the one who canceled the Olympics bid when he realized it could mean mortgaging the city's future.

"He is misremembering what actually happened there," Jackson said. Jackson said he was the only councilor to demand the Olympic documents the city was keeping secret. "We wasted a whole year on this issue," and Walsh kept dismissing opponents, whom he referred to as "ten people on Twitter."

"He expedited the Olympic, he expedited the Grand Prix, he expedited GE" and yet only recently came up with a capital plan to improve Boston schools, he said.

Walsh said the proof is in the pudding: Boston has 60,000 more jobs than four years ago, the most number of Level 1 and 2 schools in city history and an excellent bond rating. And the IndyCar debacle cost the city nothing, he said. He then added that two city officials who face federal indictments remain on the payroll at \$250,000 total each year, even as

BPS keeps getting cut.

Walsh denounced Jackson's charges as "all false," but acknowledged the two city officials remain on the payroll. "In the United States of America, you're innocent until proven guilty," he said.

Schools

Jackson said 49 schools are losing \$11 million in funding this year. He said he would put more money into the school budget for nurses, art and music programs and computer-science classes at all schools. And he said qualified teachers now unassigned would get jobs teaching. He said he would bring back an elected school committee.

Walsh said he has increased school funding each year he's been in office and this year increased funding specifically for special education and for schools at risk of being downgraded to Level 4. He said that "the money follows the child," so schools that lose students lose the funding that otherwise would have come with those students. He said voters have twice chosen an appointed school committee and that he is trying to convince the state legislature to let the city divert funds from the South Boston convention center for universal pre-K.

Transportation

Walsh said the T needs to do more - such as connecting the Blue and Red Lines. He said the city is looking at ways to reduce congestion, even self-driving cars, but said he remains especially committed to bikes, despite Margery Eagan's assertion that some Boston roads are just too narrow for them.

Jackson also supported bikes. He said Boston needs to spend more on bike paths.

"No one should die riding a bike." And he said the city should use the \$87 million it pays into the T as leverage to get it do more. Also, the city should be devoting more effort to the impact of new development projects on transportation. "We develop, but we don't plan," he said.

Late-night T service

Both agreed the T blew it giving it up.

Space savers

Braude asked about people putting out items, which he said included refrigerators, to save spaces after snow storms. Both candidates agreed residents who shovel out a space should get 48 hours to keep them.

Public restrooms in the Public Garden

Walsh said he plans to put \$20 million into the Common and Franklin Park and that part of that will included permanent staff. He did not dismiss the idea of restrooms.

Jackson said, yeah, well, that money comes from "a shady deal" - the sale of the Winthrop

Square garage - and said the city should be concentration more on solving homelessness. He said 4,000 BPS students are homeless. And he said the city needs to rebuild the Long Island bridge and restore the homeless and drug programs that were there. "We can pull together a plan for Amazon in a month and a half" and yet Long Island remains shut, he said.

Walsh pointed to city programs to house the homeless. And he said that while the Long Island bridge will get rebuilt someday, he no longer supports restoring Long Island as a home for shelters and treatment beds. He said the city has recreated its programs on the mainland and that it's wrong to hide the less fortunate and programs to serve them on a remote island in Boston Harbor.

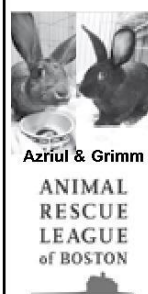
Jackson said the \$20 million spent to tear the bridge down could have gone a long way to improving services.

"The bridge was crumbling into the Atlantic Ocean," Walsh retorted.

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## Casa

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resources based on the unique needs of their shelter and the clients they serve.

"At Casa Myrna, we are incredibly grateful for support from The Mary Kay Foundation and its continued commitment to break the cycle of domestic violence," said Casa Myrna Chief Executive Office, Stephanie Brown. "This generous support from the Mary Kay Foundation will provide Casa Myrna with crucial resources to help survivors of domestic violence achieve safety, healing, and economic stability, and will strengthen our efforts to engage our community in preventing domestic and dating violence."

"More than 700 domestic violence shelters nationwide applied for The Mary Kay Foundation shelter grants this year, which demonstrates the overwhelming need to maintain critical services and provide a safe haven for the survivors of an epidemic that impacts one in every four women," said Anne Crews, board member of The Mary Kay Foundation and Vice President of Public Affairs for Mary Kay Inc. "Working to prevent and end domestic violence is a cornerstone of The Foundation, Mary Kay Inc. and for countless members of our independent sales force. Since 2000, The Foundation has invested tens of millions of dollars in our shelter grant program and without a doubt, we know these funds make a

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Mary Kay Inc.'s global cause-related program, Beauty that Counts, helps support The Foundation's annual shelter grant program. Applications for the 2018 shelter grant program will be available January 15 through April 30. Please visit [marykayfoundation.org](http://marykayfoundation.org) for additional information and for the full list of 2017 shelter grant recipients.

Today, Casa Myrna is Boston's largest provider of domestic violence awareness, shelter and supportive services for domestic violence survivors. Our comprehensive range of services, available in both Spanish and English, provide survivors with tools to recover from the trauma of abuse and begin to build sustainable self-sufficiency. Each year, we serve over 2,000 survivors in three residential programs (Mary L. Foreman House Emergency Shelter, Transitional Living Program and Teen Parenting Program); housing assistance and advocacy; financial literacy education and job readiness skill building; individual and group counseling; legal advocacy and representation; children's services; and community-based advocacy. Casa Myrna also operates SafeLink, Massachusetts' statewide 24/7 toll-free domestic violence hotline that answers nearly 30,000 calls annually. We also provide domestic and dating violence awareness and prevention by educating teens and adults across the state through workshops, seminars, trainings, social media, engagement with the media and annual ad campaigns on mass transit systems.

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## Halloween

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### Sunday, October 29

**Tadpole's Annual Halloween Block Party**  
Tadpole's, 58 Clarendon Street, Sunday 2:00-4:00 p.m.  
Music by Vanessa Trien & the Jumping Monkeys; food by Appleton Cafe, Blackbird Donuts, Flour Bakery & Whole Foods; glitter tattoos; a bouncy house; and this year, for the first time, a petting zoo! It's great fun, we hope to see you. Please share with your friends.

**Pumpkin Carving by the Concord Square Fountain**  
From 1pm-3pm (rain date Saturday Oct 28). Bring a pumpkin to carve, plus nibbles and beverages to share... This is a great way to mingle with your neighbors! All pumpkins will then be proudly displayed around the fountain and lit up for Halloween - when you can expect hundreds of little trick-or-treaters to visit Concord Square. Stoop sitting at its best! Hope to see everyone's inner artist to create pumpkin masterpiece....

Don't care to carve a pumpkin? Then just come out and meet your neighbors! Concord Square.

### Halloween, Tuesday, October 31

**Titus Sparrow Park Pre-Trick-Or-Treat Halloween Party**  
5 pm to 6 pm.  
- Upper Crust Pizza (\$1 donation requested)

- Cider, coffee and savory snacks (donated by Foodie's Market, South End Emporium and PepsiCo)

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• Upper Crust Pizza (\$1 suggested donation)  
• Coffee and Savory Snacks courtesy of South End Food Emporium, Foodies and PepsiCo

**Concord Square Trick-Or-Treat**  
From 6 pm to 8 pm, the trick-or-treaters will be coming by. We'll all be sitting out on our stoops with candy for the kids and favorite beverages for ourselves. And our fountain will be beautifully lit with the pumpkins which will have been carved on Sunday afternoon.

**Ringgold Park Halloween**  
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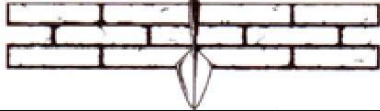
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