After a short winter recess Harvard Neighbors Interest Groups’ activities and programs have begun! Please check the calendar for updates on starting dates and registrations for some of our most popular groups: English Conversation Practice! The spots are filling fast and some of the groups are with a limited availability. You need to be a Harvard Neighbors member to attend the classes. If you have not already done so, please sign up for Harvard Neighbors Membership by clicking the “My Profile/Login” tab and entering your information. After your membership is confirmed, you may enroll in any of the Interest Groups you like. Join the English Conversation Practice Group by visiting our website and click on “English Conversation Practice Group” under the Interest Group tab, then click on “Request Membership”.

You will receive a Registration Form to fill in and email back to us. Please note: You must wait for the Group Leader to contact you before you can attend the first session! We have no rules on perfect attendance, but for your own benefit we encourage you to come to all of your groups’ meetings.

What’s New in Neighbors News

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Weekend Ideas

**The Best Sledding Hills in Boston**
The winter surprised us with arctic cold temperatures, but with all the snow on the ground you can enjoy a perfect sledding conditions for young and young at hearts! Here are the best places to sled around Boston!

- **Larz Anderson Park** - Brookline (various slopes throughout the park)
- **Danely Park** - Cambridge
- **Boston Common** - Boston (there is a steep hill that faces Charles Street that is ideal for sledding)
- **Sugar Bowl at Jamaica Pond** - JP (sledding on an inverted hill)
- **Tufts University** - Somerville/Medford (sledding is allowed on the President’s Lawn)
- **Spy Pond Park** - Arlington (some of the edges of the park have the steepest slopes)
- **Prospect Hill Park** - Waltham (great views of the city + great sledding)
- **Corey Hill Outlook** - Brookline (risky as the hill is steep and there's trees right at the bottom)
- **Amory Park** - Brookline (not the steepest)
- **Arnold Arboretum** - JP (head to Peter’s Hill for the best slopes)

**Harvard Neighbors’ Winter Appeal**
We couldn’t be Harvard Neighbors without your support! Your contributions support our mission: “to enrich the lives of members of the Harvard community through cultural programs and events.”

Thanks to generous gifts from our members, we are able to bring to you varied events and activities with no charge for participation. This fall alone our members enjoyed Ice Cream, Social, Apple Social, Cranberry Social, Thanksgiving Demo and Celebration, Tea and Talk at Harvard Faculty Club and a an awesome Holiday Party!

To our longer-term members, thanks for all you have done to make Harvard Neighbors a vibrant and welcoming community. To help sustain and expand our diverse programming at no (or very low) cost to participants, please consider continuing (or increasing) your current level of financial support.

To our new members, please consider supporting our mission with a tax-deductible donation of $10.00 or more. Click on this [link](#) to donate online. Checks are also gladly accepted! Thank you for your support!

**Events around Boston**

**Celebrate the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. by surrounding yourself with art, culture, and community. Enjoy free admission all day long at the Museum of Fine Arts annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day Open House on Monday, January 15 from 10AM to 5PM!**

**Winter Birding at the Arboretum!**
On Sunday, January 14 Harvard Arboretum docent and experienced birder Bob Mayer will lead a tour on Winter Birds! Beginners, as well as more experienced birders, are welcome on the tour. Bring binoculars if you have them; some binoculars will be available to share. See the Arnold Arboretum’s [website](#) for directions and a checklist of birds. Meet inside the Arborway Gate at 9:00am.

**Happening Around Harvard**

**WINTER CARNIVAL IN HARVARD SQUARE**
Annual Winter Carnival is coming to Harvard Square! The Event will start on January 18 with the traditional Boston Celtic Music Festival at Club Passim. For more information click [here](#).

**Birds of the World Gallery**
Harvard Museum of Natural History has opened the new Birds of the World Gallery. This exhibition is the culmination of months of cleaning and restoring mounted bird specimens from the ornithology collection of the Museum of Comparative Zoology, completely refurbishing antique cases, and redesigning the exhibit displays. On the balcony encircling the museum’s Great Mammal Hall, this bright, newly remodeled gallery captures the staggering diversity of birds with many hundreds of stunning specimens, representing over 200 different bird families. The museum is located at 26 Oxford Street, Cambridge, and is open daily from 9AM to 5PM.

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