We are starting the Spring season with a Brazilian Cooking Class and Dinner! Our Community Service and Outreach Interest Group invites you to join them on Friday, March 23, 2018 from 5:30pm to 9:00pm at Neighbors Meeting room. Margaret Igne, leader of the CSOG, with the help of the group members will cook a traditional Brazilian meal. When the food is ready we will pack it for donation to the Homeless Shelter in Cambridge, and sit down for a tasty Brazilian dinner, cocktail and music night! The cost for the event is $10 (cash or check) and it will cover the dinner and the drinks.

On Monday, April 2 at 12pm you are invited to a Spring Celebration at the Neighbors! Join us for a presentation of Spring traditions around the world! Learn about the popular customs still followed today and have a taste of home made dishes prepared by our members! We will be glad if you want to share a dish or a story of your own home-place with us! You are welcome to bring your family to the celebration! An invitation is coming soon!

Did you know that Houghton Library at Harvard houses a collection of some historical board games from over 100 years ago? Some of the highlights include The Magic Ring, a spin and move game from 1796 where you are trying to reach the center of the ring first. They even have copies of early paper games, one of which is a German language game which plays strikingly similar to the modern games Apples to Apples and Cards Against Humanity. The library has even done high resolution scans of some of the boards so you can print out and play your very own copy of the game. You can read more and see some of the highlights on the Harvard Gazette website.
**Weekend Ideas**

**Easter Egg Hunts for Kids around Boston**
We’ve rounded up some options for Easter egg hunts that take place in diverse locations—in and outdoors—including parks, farms, local businesses, and even a carousel. Many of the egg hunts are for little ones only, but there are plenty of other festive activities like games, crafts, refreshments, and Easter Bunny photo-ops and brunches for any age kids and parents.

*Riverside Press Park, Cambridge on Saturday, March 31, 10am-12pm.*
*Roslindale on Saturday, March 31, 11am to 12pm*  
*Mission Hill Egg Hunt, Saturday, March 31, 1 pm to 3pm*  
*Fanueil Hall Marketplace Egg Hunt - Saturday, March 24, 11:30am – 1:00pm*  
*The Great Banana Hunt—Friday, March 30 at 11:30am*  

**Visit Vermont maple syrup producers**
On March 24 and 25, the Vermont Sugar Makers will hold their Maple Open House Weekend, an invitation to explore the state’s sugar shacks, where maple syrup is made. Great for kids and nature lovers, the [Green Mountain Audubon Center](#) in Huntington produces “bird-friendly” maple syrup in a forest that’s managed for wildlife diversity. Audubon also has a miniature maple syrup evaporator, allowing smaller children see the process up close, with plenty of maple samples to keep the energy high. While there, check [Shelburne Farms](#), a small organic sugarhouse. Because the spring is the lambing season don’t forget to visit the adorably tiny sheep in the onsite barn.

**Harvard Neighbors’ Spring 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 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!

**Earth Hour Celebration in Cambridge**
Every year, hundreds of millions of people around the world switch off their lights for one designated hour to demonstrate a commitment to fighting climate change. This year, Earth Hour will take place on Saturday, March 24, from 8:30 - 9:30 p.m. The City of Cambridge will participate in the worldwide Earth Hour Celebration by turning off the lights at City Hall, the Cambridge Public Library at 449 Broadway, and other municipal buildings.

They encourage local businesses, organizations, and households to switch off their lights for the designated hour to show solidarity and raise awareness about efforts to combat climate change. Other local and notable participants include BioMed Realty the Empire State Building, the Space Needle, the Philadelphia Zoo.

To learn more and see the current participants list click here.

**Boston Public Market**
Located at 100 Hanover Street, will host its 2018 Open House on Tuesday, March 20 at 4pm. The event is free and you will be able to try delicious tastings and local drinks in addition to the exclusive one-night coupons, product samples and giveaways. Live music will also be played throughout the night. On March 28 at 8pm, Berklee Performance Center at 136 Massachusetts Avenue will host the International Folk Festival. Folk music from all over the world will be presented by various Berklee student groups and special guests. The concert will feature guest appearances by Peruvian percussionist Freddy “Huevito” Lobatón, the Berklee Greek Ensemble, and the Pletenitsa Balkan Choir.