What’s New in Neighbors News

The After Hours group hosted a successful game night last Tuesday evening. Some members brought new games to try, the group played Pictionary and enjoyed popcorn and wine. Thanks to Mia and Aubrey for hosting!

The Out & About Group enjoyed the Art & Architecture Tour of the BPL despite the bad weather and a disabled Red Line train that made the group quite late. Thankfully, their tour guide was waiting for them despite the delay and was happy to see the group had persevered despite the bad weather. Following the tour the group lunched in the Library Dining Room. Another Out and About Tour should be announced soon so keep an eye out!

English Conversation Group pre-registration has ended and the group began meeting this week. Thank you to AnnaMaria Abernathy and Susan Gardos for volunteering to take the Thursday group, we’re so excited that the Thursday group will be able to continue! If you are still interested in English Conversation please email neighbors@harvard.edu for more information. Please note that before attending a group meeting you must be in contact with one of the group leaders.

Lastly, Harvard Neighbors will be closed on Monday, October 12 for Columbus Day. There will be no group meetings on Columbus Day.

What’s Next?

Please save the date for the Thanksgiving Demonstration scheduled for November 20 from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Volunteers will each prepare and present a traditional Thanksgiving Dish. Many homemade American dishes will be served alongside a few international dishes. Please RSVP to let us know if you plan to attend, all are welcome!

Also coming up next week is our first Tea & Talk at the Widener Library. Sarah Thomas, Vice President for the Harvard Library and University Librarian Roy E. Larsen Librarian for the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, will speak about her career path and tell us a bit about the library. The event is now at capacity, thank you to everyone who RSVP’d and we look forward to seeing you there!

Japanese Conversation will meet next Friday, October 16. If you are interested in joining this group please request membership here.

French Conversation will hold its first group meeting today. Typically, the French Conversation Group will take articles, movies and brief literary texts as starting points for conversation. Occasionally the group will play word and language games. Intermediate, advanced and native language speakers are welcome. Those who feel comfortable just listening are also welcome to attend. Please request membership here or email us with questions.
Y2Y Harvard Square

Sarah Rosenkrantz and Sam Greenberg of Y2Y - a nonprofit which aims to alleviate youth homelessness in the Boston area - have updated us on their progress towards officially opening a new student-run shelter for homeless youths in Harvard Square before the winter months. Many Harvard Neighbors have voiced an interest in volunteering and we will continue to keep you informed over the next few months about volunteer opportunities. In the meantime, see their website or Indiegogo campaign page for ways you can be involved prior to the opening of the shelter.

Dia de los Muertos

Dia de los Muertos is a Latin American holiday marked by festivals and celebrations meant to honor the lives of the deceased. The Peabody Museum will host their own Dia de los Muertos celebration on November 1 from 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm. Families are encouraged to attend this event where there will be Mexican folk dance and live mariachi music. Traditional snacks will be available and guests can view folk art. Guests will also be able to decorate a sugar skull or make papel picado, among other crafts. Snacks and activities are free with museum admission, skull decorating fee of five dollars. Click here for more event information and here to learn more about the Dia de los Muertos.

English Conversation Practice

English Conversation Groups are beginning to fill up. Anyone who would like to sign up for the Wednesday class will now be waitlisted. If you are still interested in English Conversation Practice please request group membership here, complete this form and email it to neighbors@harvard.edu. Please note that it is very important you speak verbally with a group leader before attending any of the group meetings.

Harvard Film Archive

The Harvard Film Archive will show several films in the next couple of weeks. The first is The Devil, Probably directed by Robert Bresson. This film is about poisoned atmospheres and the young upper class intellectuals who inhabit them. The second is The Conversation, a conspiracy thriller starring Gene Hackman.

Visit the Harvard Film Archive here for more information and more upcoming films!