Dear Harvard Neighbors Members,

Happy New Year! We hope you enjoyed the holidays and the new year is off to a good start for you. What fun we had at Harvard Neighbors over the fall! Thank you for being a part of such a fantastic semester. 2020 will also be great, and we look forward to seeing you at upcoming Harvard Neighbors events, programs, and interest group meetings. If you had fun over the fall or are looking forward to being a member of Harvard Neighbors in the new year, be sure to make a donation to say thank you and to have an impact on Harvard Neighbors’ events in the upcoming year! If every member gave at least $10, we’d be able to continue to offer and add even more popular cultural, speaker, and social events for our members.

Give $10 for HN!
A special thank you to all the members who have already donated and who continue to support Harvard Neighbors year after year. We couldn’t do it without you!

Thank you for being members of our community!

The Harvard Neighbors Board

Events and Activities

Celebrate Martin Luther King’s Day

Community Service and Outreach Group invites Harvard Neighbors members to join them this weekend at Lori Lander’s home to help with the MLK Day Celebration. For details on the daily schedule please email Margaret Igne, the interest group leader at margaret.igne@gmail.com

Volunteer Opportunities
Did you attend the Ice cream Social, Open House, Holiday Party or the recent Tea & Talk? These wonderful outreach activities and Harvard Neighbors events were organized by a team of volunteers and our coordinator Silva Panchev. If you would like to help out and be a part of the creating process, we have openings for next Academic year (starting Fall 2020) on the Events, Membership and Outreach committees. For details please contact Diana Doyle at di_doyle@hotmail.com
Weekend Ideas

**Winter Skate at Patriot Place**
Lace up your skates and hit the ice at WinterSkate this weekend. It offers day and evening public skating, and is the perfect antidote to cabin fever this winter. A fun and affordable activity for parents with children. The refrigerated ice surface is designed specifically for recreational skating, non-contact hockey and figure skating. The ice skating rink features an observation deck for non-skaters. Large enough to accommodate beginners and experts alike, the professional surface provides ideal skating conditions at all times. On-site skate rentals, concessions and bathrooms are available and parking is free. Open Saturdays and Sundays from 10am to 11pm.

**Beach Prowl for Snowy Owls**
Snowy owls have been frequent visitors to the Crane Wildlife Refuge. Unlike most owls, snowy owls are diurnal—they hunt and are active during the day. Wide-open coastal sites are the location of choice for wintering Snowy Owls; common perches are dunes and salt hay straddles. If you are interested to observe them in nature this coming Sunday, January 19 click on the link for more details on how to join the group.

Happening in Boston

**Lunar Year Celebration at Franklin Park Zoo**
Celebrate the Lunar “Zoo” Year! The always-balmy Tropical Forest will be festively decorated for the occasion. In celebration of the year of the rat, you’ll learn fun facts about some of our rodents during zookeeper chats. Prepare to let your creativity soar at the craft table, where you can make your own traditional Chinese lantern. Don’t miss a performance of the lion dance by the Imperial Lion Dance Team at noon! At 1:00pm, attend a performance from Boston’s Chinese Dulcimer group in the Tropical Forest Hippo Theater. The group performs around the state of Massachusetts at various events playing a range of traditional Chinese pieces to well-known Western pieces, and hopes to bring both good music and good luck for the next Lunar year! Also, in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Franklin Park Zoo and Stone Zoo will offer free admission on Monday, Jan. 20, 2020. Guests are invited to write messages of hope and peace on murals located within the Tropical Forest Pavilion at Franklin Park Zoo, and within the Animal Discovery Center at Stone Zoo. This is a wonderful opportunity to spend a memorable day with family and friends while learning about fascinating wildlife from all over the world.

**Smith Campus Center Staff Art Show**
Come celebrate the creative works of our colleagues, including a musical performance of original piano pieces by Jack Staid at the opening reception of the Smith Campus Center Staff Art Show on Wednesday, January 29 from 3pm to 5pm in the Arts Wing (2nd floor). The show spotlights the creative endeavors of Smith Campus Center staff, featuring over fifty works by over thirty artists. Registration for the opening reception is recommended. Families and friends welcome. Light refreshments will be provided. After the opening reception, the exhibit will run daily until Feb. 12. The Arts Wing is accessible with Harvard ID from 10:30am to 7:30pm.