

Mechanics Hall

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE HALL?

It is a much-needed quieter week at the Hall after a very busy weekend for our **facilities team**, who supported an elaborate two-day Indian wedding. The crew was in and out throughout the weekend, breaking down and setting up for multiple events connected to the celebration. A special thanks for the time, care, and coordination that went into making such a complex weekend run smoothly. I also want to give **Maria** kudos for covering the wedding for the sales team this weekend. The next two weeks are light on events, with only a public tour scheduled for Wednesday, July 16, but the building will continue to be active behind the scenes.

Please also note that we are giving employees the option of either Friday or Monday off in observance of the Fourth of July holiday. Please speak with your manager to confirm which day you will take.

Enjoy the holiday, but be aware that the upcoming week is expected to bring very high temperatures, so please be mindful when going outdoors. Limit time outside when possible, take breaks, and hydrate, hydrate, hydrate!

FACILITIES:

Some of you may remember my first "quarterly huddle" back in April, when I asked staff to share ideas for summer projects. I am happy to report that many of those conversations have begun, and several projects are already underway. As our busiest season winds down, I am continuing to meet with directors and staff to talk through priorities, timelines, and the best ways to make meaningful progress during these slower summer months. These are often the kinds of long-standing projects that are difficult to move forward when we are in the middle of the regular season, so I am grateful for the thought and energy everyone is bringing to the process. With any luck, we will have some exciting progress to celebrate together at our next quarterly huddle in late July when we meet for our Q1 Huddle.

THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO!

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

July 7: Happy Birthday to one of our part-time facilities staff, **Eva Clark!**

July 8: Happy Birthday to **Joseph Chilorio**, the longest-running employee at the Hall!

July 9: Happy Birthday to **Christina Olson**, one of our fantastic bartenders!

July 10: A very Happy Birthday to **Will Yankee**, one of the Hall's hard-working barbacks!

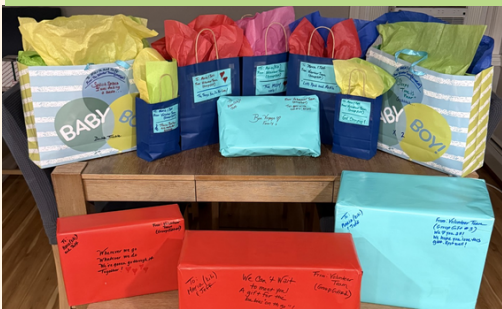
Wishing you all another amazing year!



WEDNESDAY:



We surprised **Maria Schrader & Jeff Dorsey** on Wednesday with a Baby(ies) Shower! As many of you know, Maria and Jeff are expecting TWINS! Being in charge of events, it was not easy to sneak this past Maria, but she was thoroughly surprised! Maria expects to go out on maternity leave sometime between mid-July and early August and Jeff will be taking some paternal leave as well. They will be greatly missed, but we wish this new little family all the best! Many thanks to **all** who showered them with love and **Val, Amy, Olivia, and Jess** for helping to organize set up.



MEETINGS:

June 22: Sales & Marketing Committee Meeting (last of the FY26 season)!

Amy and I also met with Jeremy Cohen of the New England Jazz Collaborative regarding his new album release and the potential to host a concert the the Hall.

I spoke with Mackenzie Melemed about his upcoming concert at the Hall. Sandy Hubbard (donor) and Margaret Wong (donor and trustee) have been eager to support a concert for Mackenzie on May 7, 2027. Mackenzie is an accomplished pianist who grew up in Paxton. He is launching his "Keys Across America" tour and will be releasing his new album that day. This might even launch an annual "Worcester Homecoming" series where we bring back local artists who have "made it big." His visit will include outreach to adult care and retirement homes as well as two or more area schools.

June 23: The trustees met to approve the FY27 Budget. I am grateful for **Kelsey's** tireless work on revisions over the last few months. We are lucky to have his knowledge and expertise on our team!

Over the week, **Chris** and I also had one on ones with the teachers who support MVYS so we can make updates and improvements for the coming season!

June 26/27: Patel & Pandey Wedding

Poll:

Favorite July 4th cookout food?

- A)** Burgers
- B)** Steak
- C)** Hotdogs
- D)** Veggies
- E)** Whatever someone else grills!