



**Esplanade Community Group**

# **ECG Newsletter 5.23**



**Save the Date**

**June 8**

**ECG Spring Get-Together**

**Stay Tuned for Details**

## **Meet Your Neighbors**

**Linda Felter and her husband, Ken met in**

the fall of 1991. (More about that later.) Many years prior to that, Ken completed Harvard Law School and was living in an apartment on Walden Street that his friends kidded was still “student housing.” So, he began to look for “adult housing.” “The years 1989 and 1990 saw a glut of condos in the Greater Boston area and several developers were holding auctions to stimulate sales.” [Read more](#). (interview by Jane Hilburt-Davis)



## [Read more interviews with neighbors here](#)

# The Esplanade

## Composting

A group of interested residents has been exploring offering a composting service here at the Esplanade, in collaboration with the City of Cambridge. The city now offers this service *free of charge* to residential buildings with multiple units (previously it was only to buildings of four units or less). What exactly is composting? [Read more](#) (by the

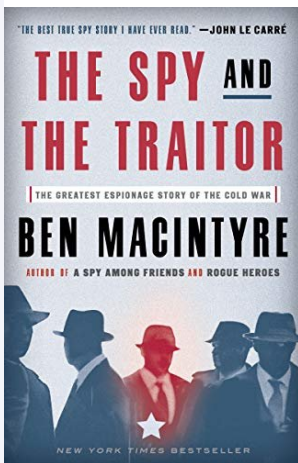


compost team)

## Esplanade Resident Group

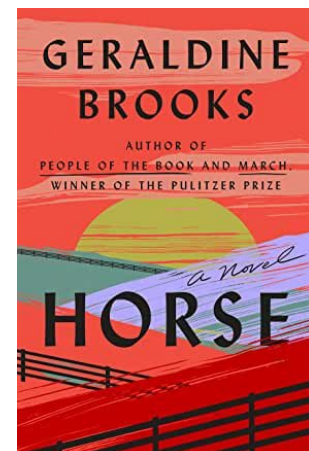
On April 18, 28 residents met in the Club Room at 5 pm and finally named our group: *The Esplanade Resident Group* (ERG). Michael Altman (W402) chaired the meeting beginning with a report of ChatGPT's answer to a question posed to it. Read Chat's answer and the full update [here](#) by Michael Altman)

## Reading



Ben MacIntyre has written several books about World War II and Cold War spies. In one he focused on the notorious British double agent Kim Philby and his spy ring. That was later made into a BBC documentary. *The Spy and the Traitor* deals with a Russian double agent. [Read more](#) (reviewed by Ash Rao)

Geraldine Brooks, a best-known author of historical fiction and Pulitzer Prize awardee for *March*, entices us with a story of racing and race. *Horse* opens in the present day, introducing us to the two main contemporary figures, a young white Smithsonian scientist, Jess, and black art historian graduate student, Theo. [Read more](#) (reviewed by



Nancy Crowley)



Viola Davis' *Finding Me: A Memoir* is a powerful and inspiring memoir that takes you on a journey through the life of one of Hollywood's most talented actresses. From her humble beginnings in poverty to her success on stage and screen, Davis' story is one of perseverance, passion, and self-discovery. [Read more](#) (reviewed by Judi Hampton)

Searching for an audiobook to keep me company on my walks, the library app, Libby, recommended *The Four Winds* by Kristin Hannah, a book that I found riveting! It brings to life the devastation visited on people and property by the Dust Bowl — the great ecological disaster that struck the American prairies in the 1930's, contributing to the Great Depression. [Read more](#) (reviewed by Susan Barron)



[Read more book reviews here](#)

# Podcasts

What do you listen to? What's your favorite? Do you prefer your news in the written word or streaming? Have you thought of making your own Podcast?



Send your podcast suggestions to [Jane Hilburt-Davis](#). And read some of her new suggestions [here](#)

## Letters to the Editor

### From the Esplanade Board

Members of the Esplanade Board are aware of the recent Resident Group Update March 2023 that is part of your recent March Newsletter.

There are several areas of the Resident Group Update that are of concern to The Board. There appears that while the Group wants to advise The Board, it assumes that their committees will be able to interact with Management as part of a team.

It is the responsibility of Management to work with the Board who have been elected by all owners and any such owner or group concerns need to be addressed to the Board. [Read the full letter here.](#)

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The ECG newsletter welcomes letters and articles from Esplanade residents. Letters and signed articles reflect the views of the writers, not necessarily those of the ECG.

## Opportunities

The Esplanade Community Group (ECG) is pleased to announce that we have started a **ListServ** for the benefit of everyone who lives at the Esplanade and chooses to participate. Learn about [listservs](#) and the details about ours [here](#). To sign up for the ListServ, email [Jessie](#) with your name, email and unit number.

## Spring





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Missed any of our newsletters ? Catch up on them [here](#).

Want to share opportunities, news of transitions, or beautiful pictures with your neighbors? Send to [Esplanade Community](#).

Esplanade neighbors and newcomers to the building, whether owners or renters, are welcome to be part of the ECG and to

receive our Updates, newsletters, and invitations to ECG events. Please pass along this update to new folks. To get on (or off) our mailing list just email [Esplanade Community](#).

Have ideas for these newsletters and updates? Want to write something? Send to [Jessie](#), [Susan](#), [Mary Jo](#), or [Jane](#).

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