



Esplanade Community Group

ECG Newsletter 9.22

The Esplanade Community Fall Get Together!

September 15, 2022, 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM

Place: Tye Room & (weather permitting) Front Park

We are going to get together again—drinks and snacks will be set up in the Tye Room with the option to gather there and in Front Park!



Bring your own drinks and snacks, to share if you're comfortable with that. Or just bring yourself and enjoy the company. We'll have glasses, etc.

There will also be opportunities to sign up for or create an interest group, meet other residents, or join the ECG Listserv.

As always, please extend this invitation to other residents who may be interested. All are welcome!

See pictures from our June get-together [here](#)

Meet Your Neighbors

Barbara Ogur, M.D., with her husband Michael Altman, moved into the Esplanade in the summer of 2021. Barbara was born in Brooklyn and moved with her family to Carbondale, Illinois, a small town where her father was a professor at Southern Illinois University.



After attending Radcliffe, where she fell in love with Cambridge, she graduated from the University of Illinois College of Medicine and completed a medical residency at Cook County Hospital in Chicago in 1979. [Read more](#)

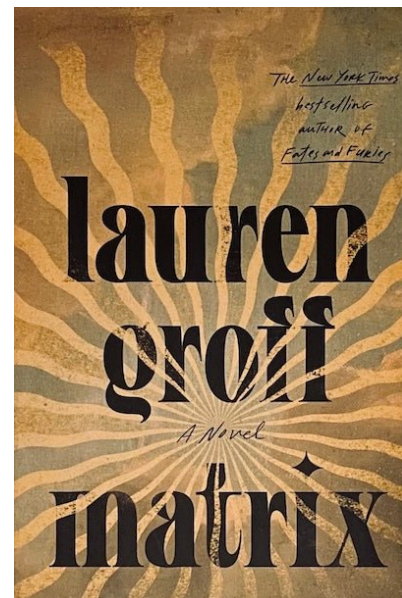
[Read more interviews with neighbors here](#)

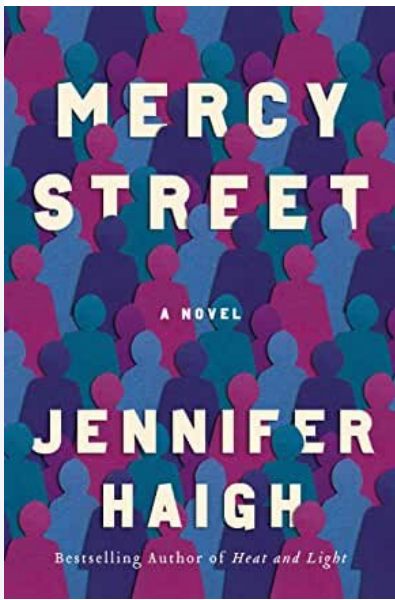
Reading



Susan Straight was born and raised in Riverside, California, on the one hand close by Los Angeles and on another, far distant. In *Mecca*, with beautiful prose, she introduces us to Californians whose voices we rarely hear. Black, White, Asian, Mexican, indigenous. From newly arrived immigrants to Cahuilla Indians who've been here for thousands of years. [Read more](#) (reviewed by Susan Corcoran)

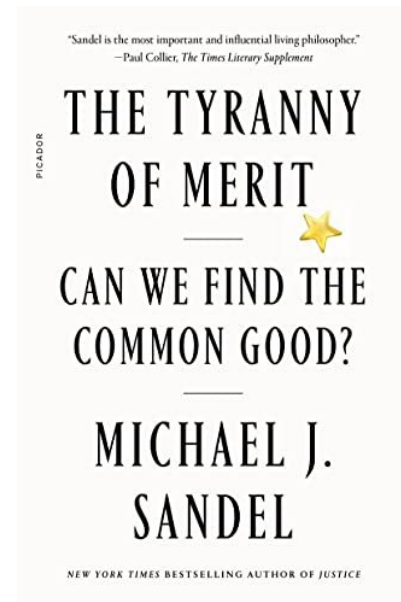
Matrix, a finalist for the National Book Award, was named the Best Book of the Year by the *New York Times*. Lauren Groff, one of America's most acclaimed young writers, transports us back to 12th-century England. There she introduces us to her fictionalized version of Marie de France — in reality the first published poet in the French Language. [Read more](#) (reviewed by Susan Barron)





Jennifer Haigh's latest novel, *Mercy Street* is set in and around the fictional Mercy Street abortion clinic in Boston. The story revolves around four main characters. Claudia, deeply committed to women's reproductive rights—but less committed to the various men who wander in and out of her life—is an intake counselor at the clinic. [Read more](#) (reviewed by Anne Lawrence)

The majority of Americans believe America is a country where, if you get a good education, develop your talents and are open to innovation, you can do anything. Michael Sandel in his book *The Tyranny of Merit* is not so sure and sees a dark side to this. [Read more](#) (reviewed by Fred Davis)



[Read more book reviews here](#)

Watching



Based on a short story by Emma Braslavsky, **“I’m Your Man”** is a clever “dramedy” about a life-like robot, Tom, and Alma, a no-nonsense archaeologist researcher at the Pergamon Museum in Berlin. [Read more](#) (reviewed by Jane and Fred Davis)

Opportunities

The Esplanade’s Annual Election for Board of Trustees members takes place on Tuesday, November 15, at the Annual Meeting. The BOT, as the Esplanade’s governing body, is accountable to the owners and has critical fiduciary, oversight, and strategic responsibilities. Informed involvement by the owners in the election is vital to its success and effectiveness. To that end, the ECG encourages all owners to become knowledgeable about each candidate’s experience and knowledge about the Esplanade and the BOT responsibilities. The ECG also encourages owners to attend the BOT meetings to understand how our building’s governing body functions. The next BOT meeting is Tuesday, September 20, at 7:30 AM.

Don’t forget to vote in the Democratic and Republican **state primaries** on **September 6**. Mail-in ballots have to arrive by COB on September 6. The closest drop-off box is at Police Headquarters, 125 6th St, off Binney. Early in-person voting

August 27-September 2, at any of three locations; closest is the Valente Library, 826 Cambridge St. In person on September 6 at MIT Kresge Auditorium. **Thinking about who to vote for?** Check and contribute to the discussion on our ListServe. (See below.) Primaries are really important in Massachusetts.

From Jane Gould: I am writing a book for parents and grandparents on technology and young children (ages 0 to 5). I would enjoy talking with people who might have experience with this topic. Perhaps those of you who are pediatricians, early education teachers, and child psychologists? My research question is the influence of technology on young minds. My background is in telecomm and transportation so I need to learn more and cast a wider net! If you can help please email me. I would love to touch base with you. Jane Gould, Ph.D., janegould@outlook.com

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 how to sign up for ours [here](#).

The Neighborhood



The floating wetland in full bloom. Picture from the [Charles River Conservancy](#)

Where is this?



Inland end of Broad Canal (photo by Bob Kagan)



First mallow on an Esplanade terrace August 1 (photo by Jane Weingarten)

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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](#), [Mary Jo](#) or [Jane](#). Next newsletter in November.

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