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**SECRETARY GALVIN ANNOUNCES RELEASE OF HISTORIC PLACES FOR HISTORIC PARTIES**

William F. Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth and Chairman of the Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC), is pleased to announce the release of the eighth edition of *Historic Places for Historic Parties*, a popular event-planning resource published by the MHC.

Offered as a public service by the Massachusetts Historical Commission, *Historic Places for Historic Parties* is prepared as part of a continuing effort to provide the public with historically significant locations for special events of all kinds. The new edition provides expanded and updated information on new and previously listed properties, with a total of more than 180 historic sites in 86 communities across the Commonwealth. Each listing includes a brief description of the property, as well as information on the number of rooms available, extra amenities, accessibility, and capacity. The listings exhibit a broad range of architectural styles and include a variety of event spaces, such as restaurants, mansions, museums and art galleries, gardens, and inns.

“Historic properties are not only unique settings for special events, but are also vital parts of our diverse cultural landscape,” Secretary Galvin said. “The revenue generated from private event rentals helps provide the necessary funding to preserve and maintain the properties listed in this publication.”

In addition to updated information, new features of the eighth edition of *Historic Places for Historic Parties* include color photographs of each property, website information, and a map showing Massachusetts communities with properties listed in the booklet. *Historic Places for Historic Parties* is available now for \$4.35 plus shipping (if applicable), and can be purchased by mail, online, or in person at the State Bookstore in Boston, State House Room 116. Visit the State Bookstore’s website for more information and to view the bookstore’s catalog ([www.sec.state.ma.us/spr/spridx.htm](http://www.sec.state.ma.us/spr/spridx.htm)).

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