South End Residents to Run in Boston Marathon

For Mass General Hospital Team

Two South End residents will run in the 121st Boston Marathon on April 17th as part of the Massachusetts General Hospital’s Pediatric Oncology Team, Fighting Kids’ Cancer. One Step at a Time, and the Emergency Response Marathon Team. The two teams, which include former patients and family members, Mass General employees and long-time hospital supporters, will join an estimated 30,000 runners along the 26.2 mile course that spans from Hopkinton to Boston’s Boylston Street. Funds raised by the runners will benefit essential patient services as well as research and training programs at Mass General.

Running on behalf of the MGH pediatric team is South End resident Rose Porter. An emergency medicine physician assistant at MGH and South End resident, Danielle Lyons is running in support of the emergency response team.

The pediatric team, made up of 192 runners, aims to raise more than $1 million this year to support cancer research initiatives as well as quality of life programs such as art and music therapy, support groups and child life specialists who help patients and their families cope with illness.

“Keg Party” benefits Art Wall

Pouring rain didn’t dampen the spirits inside Banyan Bar and Refuge, 553 Tremont Street, as about 150 guests ate, drank, danced and laughed on Tuesday, March 28 from 6:00 PM-10:00 PM at the Get Tapped benefit for a new mural on the Peters Park Art Wall. Labeled a “keg party” by its organizers, Get Tapped’s atmosphere was casual.

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Honor Roll

South End Honor Roll

Boston College High School

Dylan Mullin, 2020, of the South End achieved High Honors for the Second Quarter at Boston College High School. For High Honors freshmen need a 3.6 or higher average and all grades “A” or higher. Noah Zacharias 2019 and Ryan Ridello 2019 achieved Honors. For Honors a student needs a 3.2 GPA and all grades “C” or higher.

Boston College High School in Jesuit, Catholic, college-preparatory school for young men founded in 1867. The school enrolls approximately 1600 students from more than 100 communities in eastern Massachusetts.

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Dog Lady
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Dear Sue,

There is no answer to your questions from a stranger. Reaching this conclusion is the most personal, heartfelt decision you can make as a dog owner. Talk to your veterinarian and seek out other dog lovers who have lost pets. Maybe you will find some guidance in their conversation.

If your dog has good days and still enjoys life, this should guide you. Do not anticipate the end and do not try to spare yourself the trauma. Also, do not try to anticipate her final stage. You will know when she has reached the end. This is the best advice Dog Lady can offer. You will know and there will be no doubt. Until then, enjoy your dear mutt. She is blessed. You are so blessed to have her—and to have had her for so long.

Dear Dog Lady,

We have a 12-year-old yellow Labrador retriever named Daisy. She will be 13 in October. She gets around fine. Sometimes we think she’s a pup, other times she moves a little slower. She is home during the days while we are at work and has the run of the house. There are no accidents or other problems. My question: What signs do I look for when she dies? It seems she could go on for another year or two.

-Gray

Dear Gray,

Dogs are, without a doubt, the best pets you can adopt. Let Daisy enjoy the well-earned reprieve and live in her doggie. What you are now experiencing is the hardest part of having a dog. They age quickly and the pain goes on for a while. Before you know it, they slip into the sea or struggle to move off the floor or look at you with wise eyes from another space.

Ask your veterinarian about signs to keep going. Help her to live and allow her to be comfortable. Many say that the day is a comfort to the owner, especially if it is the end of a long, happy life. Ask your veterinarian about the impeding signs of death. Dog Lady would rather not dwell on them, preferring to think our dogs have miles to go before they sleep.

Dear Dog Lady,

Our four-year-old female shepherd mix, Olive, will howl in sync with a siren when the sound is nearby. Whether she is inside or outside, she’ll stop whatever she’s doing, stand at attention with ears up and then start howling until the siren is past. She doesn’t mimic other noises. Your thoughts are appreciated.

-Linda

Dear Linda,

Howling at sirens is a behavior Olive is doing. She is another example of a dog who needs to join the chorus with a primal howl. She doesn’t want to scare or be the cause of fear, but to feel like she needs to be needed. She is not hurting anybody or threatening anyone. Do not try to teach her out of this behavior or punish her for howling with the sirens. Do not reward her either. You must firmly stand back and appreciate your dog in all her female shepherd-ness given.

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and more than 120 schools and buildings. In 2012, Boston Public Schools started using a weighted student funding formula to determine how to distribute dollars amongst schools. This approach encourages transparency, greater accountability, promotes flexibility, and simplifies the budget process by adhering to the principle that dollars follow the student. The formula takes into account many different variables, including student demographics, class size ratios, and number of students with special needs and support services. This ensures an equitable process and gives families the opportunity to choose a school that best fits their individual child. Lastly, it gives each school and principal the power to decide how best to use that funding. BPS is a large school district and different schools have different needs, so after determining each school’s budget totals, details and funding decisions are left to the principals. Some schools will choose to spend funding on instituting a new math program, adding an additional elective teacher, some both, some neither. Those interfacing with our students and educators every day make that call. As the Department of School Funding operating costs, this flexible approach is the best way we know how.

Make no mistake, equity is a top priority of mine and Superintendent Tommy Chang. That’s why this 2018 budget was prepared after a careful, equitable analysis to make sure funding is directed toward our highest need students in our highest need schools. We also added $13.6 million to our budget, raising it to $13.8 billion. We’ve also added an additional $115.9 million to boost those schools that are facing declining enrollment and need extra resources to flourish. And as mentioned before, our weighted student funding formula gives all of our students in every neighborhood more opportunities to excel. So as your child heads out on their first day of the next school year, what will they need and see? Historic investments to extend the school day and renovate and build schools, additional support services for homeless students, and greater access to a challenging curriculum for a more diverse group of students.

We are adding additional classroom time to kindergarten through eighth grade, growing the special education caseload, expanding vocational programming and significantly increasing funding to our classrooms.

Our work is never done at Boston Public Schools, but I’m proud of the accomplishments of our district and our kids. In 2016, the four-year high school graduation rate climbed to a record high of 81.4 percent, marking a 13-point gain since 2006. Additionally, BPS has more state-designated Level 1 and 2 schools than ever before, with a combined 46 schools ranked among the highest-performing in the state. More than 600 additional students will be enrolled in our Level 1 and 2 schools next year, which means more families are taking advantage of the choice process and choosing a school that makes the most sense for them and their children. We’ll continue to fight for more resources for our students and our schools. We recently filed comprehensive school finance reform legislation in the State House that aims to invest equitably in public education and expand access to high-quality education for students of all ages. This includes a proposal to close the long-standing "pre-kindergarten gap" in pre-kindergarten education in Boston by creating hundreds more quality pre-kindergarten seats, using $15.5 million of

ROXBURY STRATEGIC MASTER PLAN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

MONDAY, APRIL 3
65 WARREN ST
Dudley Branch Library
 Roxbury, MA 02119

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Roxbury Strategic Master Plan Oversight Committee (RSMPOC) was developed to oversee projects that fall under the Roxbury Strategic Master Plan. Since the last meeting of RSMPOC at Dudley Square the RSMPOC meetings also include discussion of new initiatives and projects. All meetings are open to the public and community input is desired. RSMPOC meetings are held on the first Monday of every month at 11:00 a.m. in the Dudley Square Library at 65 Warren Street in Roxbury. Dudley Square workshop is a typical Monday of the month, location varies. Please come join your neighbors and the City of Boston to help shape the future of the neighborhood. To find more information or subscribe to email updates for the latest event information, please visit bit.ly/refmtsmposc or bit.ly/PanDudley.

BPDA Public Meeting

Pet of the Week

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An auspicious Little Dog
The Little Dog Laughed, Take Your Pick Productions, Black Box Theatre, Boston Center for the Arts through April 9, 2017; 617-933-8900.

By Julian Beckman

Will Hollywood finally accept out-act ing men? Also, does “Moonlight” best picture Oscar redeem an Academy that passed up “Brokeback Mountain” in favor of the mediocre “Crash”? These questions take on new resonance with new Hub company Take Your Pick Productions’ wonderfully intimate Boston Center for the Arts revival of Douglas Carter Beane’s still rarely seen 2006 play “The Little Dog Laughed.”

The talented out playwright ("The Nance," "Kander and Ebb"") had his own confrontation with Universal about turning his earlier play “As Bees in Honey Drown” into a screenplay. The Hollywood studio seemed to jump over the moon to turn his Jewish guy novel into a mainstream role for Leonardo DiCaprio. Despite threats of a law suit from Universal, Beane left the project—his integrity intact.

By contrast, Megan Griffith’s lesbian drama "Dame Edna: The Quest for True Love" is a lighthearted tale of a young woman (played by a cast of mostly male actors) who is a gay woman. Griffith is no stranger to the Hub, and her previous play, "The Lady in the Van," was a hit. "Dame Edna" takes place in a gay bar and features drag queens and a variety of eccentric characters. The show is a celebration of diversity and self-expression, and it is sure to be a hit with audiences. The cast is led by the talented and versatile Megan Griffith, who is known for her ability to bring depth and complexity to her performances. With "Dame Edna," Griffith continues to redefine the boundaries of theater and create something truly unique.

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University of the South

Sewanee

Daniel Callahan Oakley of Boston has been named to the Dean’s List at the University of the South for the Fall 2016 term. To earn a place on Sewanee’s Dean’s List, a student must earn a minimum grade point average of 3.625 on a 4.0 scale. Daniel Callahan Oakley is the son of Eileen & Daniel C. Oakley.

The University of the South, famously known as Sewanee, comprises a nationally recognized College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and a distinguished School of Theology. Located on 13,000 acres on Tennessee’s Cumberland Plateau, Sewanee.

 Wentworth Institute of Technology

The following local students have made the Dean’s List at Wentworth Institute of Technology for the Fall 2016 semester: Jia Yee, Chung-Lung-Yung M. Chen, Aaron Beleiner.

Wentworth Institute of Technology is an independent, nationally ranked institution offering career-focused education through bachelor’s degree programs in areas such as applied and computer science, architecture, business management, computer science, computer networking, construction management, design, and engineering.

UMass Lowell

The following local residents have been named to the University of Massachusetts Lowell. Among those recognized for achieving academic distinction for the fall 2016 semester at UMass Lowell are:

- Maysie C. Lee, majoring in economics
- Benoito Hernandez, majoring in music studies

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The emergency response team, which was guaranteed entry in the marathon, received the first of its kind. It was organized to provide medical care, and to respond to emergency situations. The team will be made up of volunteers from local hospitals and clinics, as well as members of the local community. They will be able to respond to emergencies at any time, day or night, and will be equipped with the latest technology.

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Go Boston 2030

58 projects and policies to direct the City of Boston's transportation agenda for the next decade and beyond

Submitted by Mayor's Office

Mayor Martin J. Walsh released the Go Boston 2030 Vision and Action Plan that will direct the City of Boston's transportation agenda for the next decade and beyond. The plan is comprised of 58 transportation projects and policies that are designed to expand access to a variety of connected transportation options, improve traffic-related safety on Boston's streets, and ensure reliability of service for the City's residents, workers and visitors. The plan highlights projects already underway and presents a blueprint for the City to direct in capital plan funding.

"Go Boston 2030 addresses the transportation challenges that we face as a city and as a region, and says the foundation for how we can create a safer, more equitable transportation future," said Mayor Walsh. "Shaped by the feedback of thousands of residents, the action plan includes both short and long-term projects that will create greater transportation access that is reliable and safe for all users of our city's streets. Altogether, the initiatives in this plan will connect people to the region's fastest-growing job centers, tackle transportation inequality, prepare our transportation networks for climate change, and increase economic mobility for the people of Boston."

The "Top Projects and Policies" of the Go Boston 2030 Vision and Action Plan include:

- Walking and Biking Friendly Main Street Districts - improve access into and around Boston's neighborhood commercial districts for people traveling on foot and by bike.
- Front Street Line Service improvements in urban areas and Urban Rail - provide improved connections for Dorchester and Mattapan with an increase to the frequency of service and better payment systems, and then introduce new rail cars to create a rapid transit line.
- Columbia Road Greenway - create a neighborhood-friendly street for those walking, biking, or traveling by bus along this corridor, that connects to Franklin and Medway Parks.
- Neighborhood Mobility microHUBs - develop prominent neighborhood access points to help residents fall from a range of connected travel choices in including subway, bus, and car-share.
- Smart Signal Corridors and Districts - program traffic lights to work together to facilitate movement in congested parts of the City.
- Mattapan to LMA Rapid Bus - design high-quality stops, signal priority, all-door boarding, and some exclusive lanes to create direct access from Mattapan and southwest Dorchester to jobs and medical care in Roxbury, Mission Hill, and the Longwood Medical and Academic Areas.
- North Station to South Boston Waterfront Rapid Bus and Ferry - introduce direct bus service in exclusive lanes between the Seaport and southern commuter rail in tandem with ferry service.

Top Policies

Vision Zero Safety Initiatives - continue to implement innovative measures to reduce traffic-related fatalities and severe injuries due to crashes on Boston's local streets.
- State of Good Repair - investments by the City to repair and maintain Boston's roads and bridges for the decades ahead.
- Restructure Bus Routes - work with the MBTA and local communities to develop a new network of bus routes that better match the travel needs of Bostonians.
- Autonomous Vehicles - develop policies to prepare for self-driving vehicles and support widespread testing of autonomous vehicles.
- "Boston is booming, with new housing, and new businesses opening up and even more on the way," said City of Boston Chief of Staff Chris Carlsson. "With the Go Boston 2030 Vision and Action Plan, we have a framework to provide connections between Boston's neighborhoods and to new job centers, allowing people to access them using transportation options that are affordable, efficient, and enjoyable."

In 2015, Mayor Walsh directed BTD to develop a plan to implement transportation improvements that would benefit all of Boston's diverse communities in all of the City's neighborhoods, in both the short and the long-term," said Boston Transportation Commissioner Gina N. Flaminio. "An unprecedented public engagement process was undertaken throughout thousands of residents and community comments being submitted by residents and stakeholders. This plan, and the aspirational goals and targets that are established and prioritized in it, is the direct result of that collaborative process."

Five thousand ideas were submitted to the City during the first round of the public engagement process, helping to set the goals and metrics. Moving forward from goals to specific projects, the public submitted another 3,910 policy and project ideas. After analyzing these ideas, nearly 4,000 Boston residents and others helped to prioritize them by voting for their top choices of projects.

Go Boston 2030 reflects a partnership between several public agencies and, in particular, complements the Imagine Boston 2030 and Climate Ready Boston initiatives.

The Go Boston 2030 public process will continue through the execution of individual projects, with policies and project assuming a more in-depth planning process at the local level, including through further collaboration with residents and other stakeholders. For more information on Go Boston 2030, please visit http://goboston2030.org/
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surplus revenue already raised in Boston from the Convention Center Fund. I am committed to working with our partners on Beacon Hill to get every student on a pathway to success from pre-kindergarten through college and careers.

This budget was passed by the school committee and will be submitted to the Boston City Council for approval later this spring. I look forward to building upon our successes, listening to feedback, and striving to make Boston Public Schools better each and every year. As I've said before, we still have a lot of work to do, but together, we can provide a brighter future for our kids and our city.

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