

Saturday's Pride celebration will attract tens of thousands

BY SUE O'CONNELL

Although celebrations of LGBT Pride happen throughout the month, the big event is the Pride Parade on Saturday, June 10 at noon. Organizers estimate 35,000 will participate in various celebrations.

If you're new to the South End,

get ready. Our neighborhood's history as a "gay mecca" makes it the premier spot to view the parade.

The Boston Pride Parade Saturday kicks off at noon, 12 noon, rain or shine. The parade starts at Boylston Street at Clarendon Street, turns right onto Clarendon Street, left onto Tremont Street in the South End,

then turn left onto Berkeley Street back to Boylston.

The Annual Chandler Street Block Party happens on Saturday from 1:30 - 7 pm at the The Trophy Room/ Chandler Inn on Chandler Street, between Berkeley Street and

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Green & White Ball a Success

On Friday, May 5, 2017, the Friends of the Public Garden celebrated a major milestone with the 20th anniversary of its annual event, the Green & White Ball. The black-tie evening at the elegant Taj Boston raised nearly \$700,000, a record-breaking fundraising amount for the annual party. This year featured a touching tribute to late Friends Board Chair, Anne Brooke, whose visionary leadership and commitment to



Fiona Benenson, Jo Swani, Tiverton McClintock and Tamar Friez. Photo credit: Pierce Harman

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South End Honor Roll

Bucknell University

Henry Kwan, Class of 2017, from Boston, MA, was named to the dean's list at Bucknell University during the spring semester of the 2016-17 academic year. A student must earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a scale of 4.0 to receive dean's list recognition.

Located in Lewisburg, Pa., Bucknell University is a highly selective private liberal arts university that offers majors in the arts, engineering, humanities, management, and social

and natural sciences, along with broad opportunities outside of class, to its 3,600 undergraduates.

Northeastern University

Northeastern University is pleased to recognize those students who distinguish themselves academically during the course of the school year. The following local residents were recently named to the University's dean's list for the spring semester, which ended in

April 2017.

Nicholas Jones, a Northeastern University student majoring in Computer Science. In addition to achieving distinction through the dean's list, Nicholas Jones is a member of the University Honors Program.

Erik Jaklitsch, a Northeastern University student majoring in Bio-engineering. In addition to achieving distinction through the dean's list, Erik Jaklitsch is a member of the University Honors Program.

Rachel Son, a Northeastern

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"From Beirut to Boston"

A story of life, love and food

BY MICHELE D. MANISCALCO

In addition to being wildly popular among the locals, chef-owner Jay

Hajj's Mike's City Diner has been named best diner in Massachusetts by MSN and one of the best in the country by USA Today's 10Best.com, and the diner's signature Pilgrim

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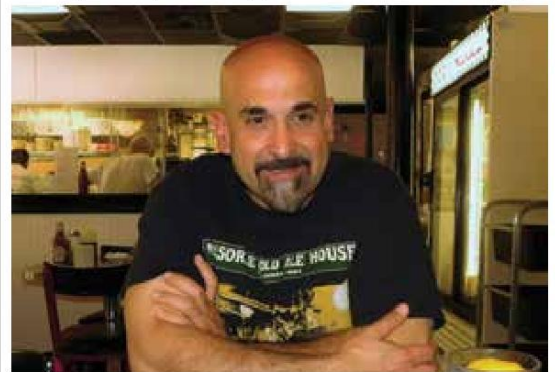


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ASK DOG LADY



Advice on Pets, Life, Love

BY MONICA COLLINS

Dear Readers,

If you haven't figured it out by now, Dog Lady has a West Highland white terrier. Dexter, a two-year-old rescue, is Dog Lady's second Westie.

Dearly departed Shorty (he lived 15 and ¾ years) was the first. In fact, beloved Shorty was the inspiration for this column. Dog Lady is not the only scribe besotted by the breed. Two of Dog Lady's journalist pals, Boston Herald columnist Peter Gelzini and Boston Globe columnist Alex Beam are also Westie keepers. Recently, Beam hosted a "Bring Your Own Westie" party and invited every Westie cum devoted owner he knew. A good time was had by all. The dogs ran circles around the humans and, for a sublime moment, we forgot all about bloodsport politics and a world spinning crazily. Dog Lady heartily suggests a dog party to take your mind off your troubles.

Here's a recent question about the amusing Westie personality:

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Boston's new default speed limit is 25 mph.

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Pride

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Tremont Street. It's a benefit for AIDS Action Committee of MA. 21+, positive ID required for entry, Donation \$15 – cash only. Event entrances located on both Berkley Street and Tremont Street. The rain or shine outdoor block party features great local DJs Darrin Friedman and Ian Diver. Beer, soft drinks and food avail-

able for purchase. The event proceeds benefit AIDS Action Committee, New England's oldest AIDS services organization, as well as supporting a number of the amateur LGBT sports organizations in Greater Boston.

There will be parking bans and street closings, so look carefully before you park and plan your day accordingly. You can find a full calendar of Pride Events and a map of the parade route at mysouthend.com. Download

the Boston Pride app at itunes.apple.com.

To accommodate the parade, temporary "Tow Zone, No Stopping, Parade Saturday" parking regulations will be in effect at the following South End locations. Visit www.cityofboston.gov/ for a full listing.

Tremont Street, both sides, from Cambridge Street to Beacon Street

Tremont Street, both sides, from Union Park Street to East Berkeley Street

Stanford Street, East Side, from Cambridge Street to opposite Cardinal O'Connell Way

In addition, temporary "Tow Zone, No Stopping, Friday and Saturday" parking regulations will be in effect at the following location:

Tremont Street, North Side, at #585-595 on parking meters CC077-CC080.

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Mike's

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Sandwich was honored on a Thanksgiving-themed episode of the Food Network's Top 5 Restaurants.

Since Hajj came to the US as a child from war-torn Lebanon, without a word of English and with dyslexia, he has tirelessly tried to sought to prove himself. As a boy of 8, he strove to learn his new language and make friends; as a teen, he strove to establish himself as a tough guy not to be trifled with; and since early adulthood, he has striven toward success with indefatigable hard work and a commitment to serving fresh, delicious, house-made food.

In January of 2000, a little more than 20 years after arriving in the US, Hajj was owner of a successful business, hosting then-President Bill Clinton, Mayor Thomas Menino and Senator Edward Kennedy at Mike's. Now Hajj shares his journey in a unique and personal collection of stories, recipes, pictures and cooking tips in "From Beirut to Boston", a cookbook-memoir that reflects his love for his Lebanese roots and

for his adopted home.

Hajj recalls the friends of different ethnicities that he met growing up in Roslindale and what he learned from them, the foods he lived on in Lebanon as well as the cornucopia he discovered in Boston. Guy Fieri, who met Hajj when his show, Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives visited Boston, has become Hajj's good friend and collaborator, writing a fond foreword to "Beirut to Boston", and Boston-based luminaries Jamie Bissonnette of Toro, next-door neighbor to Mike's, encouraged Hajj to write the book and referred him to Page Street Publishing. Hajj traveling to Thailand with Bissonnette's Toro partner, Ken Oringer, to Thailand to help open a new location there. "From Beirut to Boston" is written very much in Hajj's own voice with co-author and longtime Boston Herald food writer Kerry J. Byrne.

Crowing up in Roslindale, Hajj dove into America's melting pot through his multicultural network of friends, learning their food traditions along the way. "From Beirut to Boston" honors those influences with recipes such as Marino's Brickhouse Café Style Meatballs,

learned from Hajj's childhood friend, restaurateur Billy Marino, and Billy's Pork Souvlaki with Tzatziki Sauce, a recipe he learned from Billy Papadopoulos, whose parents owned Center House of Pizza in Brighton and who now owns Ultimate Pizza in Easton, Mass. Hajj wrote fondly, "Billy is still the best pizza maker I know."

One might think Hajj would want a break from the kitchen after a long day at Mike's, but he cooks for his family every day in his 300-year-old home in Medfield, which once belonged to one of the town's founders and was a stop on the Underground Railroad. The custom-designed kitchen, which features a pizza oven built into the wall and an oversized island, is a focal point for family gatherings. While Hajj has immersed himself in American culture and married the Irish-American love of his life, Janet, he expresses his Lebanese culture in the meals he serves at home.

"If I'm going to cook dinner, it's got to take me no more than 45 minutes, but on Sunday, if I am going to cook a meal, it's going to take me three hours. I'm going to cook

a few things." Given his travel schedule and his children's activities, it can be hard to make time, but Hajj likes to enjoy Sunday as a day of rest with his family. "Sunday is the day for relaxing. I either cook them a big breakfast or a big lunch."

Although his kids, Samira, 16, Mason, 15, Victoria, 12, and Miles, 6, do not speak Arabic, Hajj shares his heritage through family recipes and he lets the children help in the kitchen whenever they wish.

Asked whether he told his children family stories and childhood memories, Hajj said on a recent Friday afternoon at Mike's, "I never did until I started writing the book. I realized I have a story of what my roots are and my kids don't know it. It's always been in my mind, but I didn't talk about it. Now I talk about it a lot. In the last year and a half that I've been writing the book, I talk a lot more about me growing up, how my mother and my aunts cooked."

In the book and in conversation at Mike's, Hajj emphasized his dedication to preparing

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Honor Roll

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University student majoring in Cell and Molecular Biology. In addition to achieving distinction through the dean's list, Rachel Son is a member of the University Honors Program.

Mika Brown, a Northeastern University student majoring in Chemical Engineering. In addition to achieving distinction through the dean's list, Mika Brown is a member of the University Honors Program.

Amanda Kozakiewicz, a Northeastern University student majoring in Business Admin-

istration. In addition to achieving distinction through the dean's list, Amanda Kozakiewicz is a member of the University Honors Program.

To achieve the dean's list distinction, students must carry a full program of at least four courses, have a quality point average of 3.5 or greater out of a possible 4.0 and carry no single grade lower than a C- during the course of their college career.

Worcester Polytechnic Institute

Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI)

began its 149th Commencement celebrations with the graduate students' ceremony on Thursday, May 11, awarding nearly 800 masters and doctoral degrees. Tony Zhang of Boston, Mass., was awarded a master of science degree in electrical and computer engineering.

Bowdoin College

Bowdoin College's 21st annual Honors Day acknowledging the exceptional academic accomplishments of students and faculty was held on the academic year's last day of

classes, Wednesday, May 10, 2017.

Kimberly Gilmore, of Boston and a member of the Bowdoin College Class of 2016, received the Hannibal Hamlin Emery Latin Prize. Gilmore is earning a major in Education and Classics.

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Mike's

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everything from scratch. He raises some animals as well as vegetables at his 10-acre home and is proud of his homemade prosciutto and smoked mozzarella, as well as the turkeys he roasts upright at the diner as the base of his popular turkey hash, turkey sandwich, turkey sausage and other dishes.

The book includes Hajj's turkey brine recipe. There are foundational recipes such as traditional hummus as well as flavor variants; Moroccan-style harissa sauce; za'atar, a seasoning blend featuring sumac, sesame and thyme; and saj and manakish breads. Back in Lebanon, Hajj ate little meat in Lebanon other than pâté, which was cheap and convenient because of its portability and shelf life, but once in America, he discovered the wide variety of meat, poultry, game, and seafood celebrated in "From Beirut to Boston".

Meat lovers will be tempted by Jamie Bissonnette's Shawarma Lamb Paella; Boston Maple-Whiskey Steak Tips; Guinness Beef Stew from the Dublin Brewery and much more. New England seafood was an especially joyful revelation for Hajj, and he considers it the best anywhere.

Recipes include classic New England clam chowder; Locke Ober's Lobster Savanah; Southern-style shrimps and grits and Turkish-style stuffed mussels. Vegetarians will also find tasty dishes such as Avocado Lime Hummus, batinjan mashwi (smoky grilled eggplant and tomato); harissa-roasted cauliflower and mujadara, a Lebanese lentil and rice dish. Dessert recipes range from booza (pistachio cardamom ice cream) and kaak bitamer (date cookies) to classic Boston Cream Pie.

While he has no great interest in sports, Hajj loves to go to the Super Bowl every chance he gets for the food and the camaraderie. It was there that he met Byrne, his writing partner, and where he gets the opportunity to eat, drink, cook and party with fellow foodies. At the 2018 Super Bowl, he and Fieri will head the tailgate party.

As it does in so many parts of the world, coffee plays a pivotal role in Lebanese social culture. Meals often end with strong Lebanese coffee and telling fortunes by "reading" the coffee sediment at the bottom of the cup is a time-honored tradition, and Hajj describes the practice in his book. "Hajj recalled, 'A lot of my good memories are about drinking coffee. That was the only time my parents sat down together, when they were drinking coffee.'"

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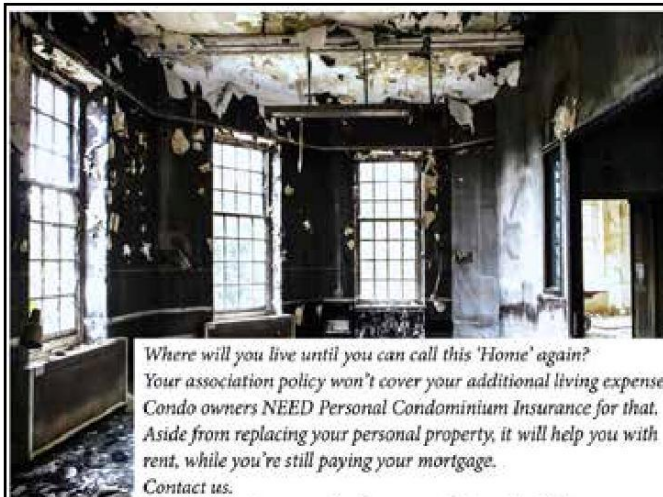
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The 24th Annual South End Garden Tour will take place this year on Saturday, June 17, 2017 from 10AM to 4PM, rain or shine.

Each year the South End Garden Tour features gardens in a different section of the country's largest district of surviving row houses and this year's tour is centered on gardens and green spaces in and around the Eight

Streets, Union Park, Old Dover, and SoWa neighborhoods. The tour will begin at The Berkeley Community Garden and features a robust mix of private backyard gardens, small pocket parks, and some interesting green spaces and courtyards in the Union Park, Eight Streets, Old Dover, and SoWa corners of the neighborhood.

The United South End Artists have returned and will be painting in several of the gardens throughout the day. These 'wet works' will be for sale at the reception at City Year Headquarters at the end of the tour, from 4PM-6PM. Admission to the reception and

sale is included in the tour admission.

Proceeds from the tour and art sale support community gardening in Boston. These gardens provide critical green space, a place for neighbors to come together in community, and an opportunity to grow and share fresh healthy food.

Advance tickets are \$24 for Trustees members, \$30 for nonmembers available online at thetrustees.org/SEGT and \$28 for Trustees members, \$35 for nonmembers on the day of the Tour. Information about volunteering and receiving a free tour ticket is available at <https://goo.gl/forms/sWoYzz1Cw7y9WpP43>.

Get ready for the the Lapin Fête de la Musique on June 17

Ringgold Park will host live music from 3pm to 5pm that Saturday as part of this free annual festival hosted by the Community Music Center of Boston.

Other stops on the route include Union Park, Child Hassam Park, Frieda Garcia Park, and Warren Avenue between Berkeley and

Tremont, where CMCB will throw a block party with face-painting, balloon-twisting, games, and more from 3pm to 6pm. Food donors include Blackbird Doughnuts, Ben & Jerry's, and David's TEA.

The 2017 South End Garden Tour is also scheduled for June 17, and Ringgold is

honored to serve as a featured destination. Get your tickets now for this fun, educational event!

FORP representatives will be on hand to answer any questions you have about the park and welcome new members. We are a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving this beautiful neighborhood resource.

Dog Lady

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Dear Dog Lady,

I have a question about my Westie (West Highland white terrier) pup (she's actually four): She puts her nose in her food bowl then lifts it out and rotates around the bowl and does it again and again. We thought it might be because the metal loop on her collar was tapping against the food bowl and making a loud noise. We took her collar off and she still does it. I am really confused about why Paisley is doing this. I have never heard or seen it before. What would be this cause?

Also, Paisley sleeps upside down (with her belly up and her feet in the air). I know this is something simple but I don't know if this position is good for her.

—Reagan

Dear Reagan,

Westies are the most seriously comic characters on earth. Why they do what they do has caused terrier scholars smarter than Dog Lady to scratch their heads in befuddlement. Why does Paisley play around the rosey with the food bowl? Your guess is as good as Dog Lady's. Great idea to think the collar jangle

might cause this. Another suggestion? The bowl is too big. You might try a small ceramic food holder. Also, do not over feed Paisley so she has no time to play with her food. You want Paisley sassy and svelte for years to come.

As for sleeping belly up, this is a normal snooze position for a secure and happy dog, exposing privates for all to see.

Dear Dog Lady,

How many dogs is one person allowed to own in an urban area? My new neighbor has five or six dogs. They range from a German shepherd to shih-tzus. She has only lived there for a week or so, but I haven't seen her walk the dogs at all. Not once. My other concern is that she is very obese and a smoker. I can only assume she never walks the dogs.

She has a very small yard. The dogs freely wonder into our yard as she constantly yells at them not too. They really aren't bad dogs, and do listen to her for the most part. My major concern is that the dogs don't get enough exercise. She picks up the poop (so far).

My senior citizen neighbor is terrified of dogs. I mentioned this to the new neighbor and she said, "I don't care." She is a neighbor, and I want to get off on the right foot, but I just had to bite my tongue from saying something nasty.

What should I do? The dogs seem happy

enough, and they are obviously the only thing she really cares about. However, I don't think she realizes not walking them is bad for her, the neighbors, and the dogs themselves. Should animal control be called to check on their welfare?

—Peter

Dear Peter,

This graphic case study of your new neighbor reminds us all that dogs can be a divisive issue in close crowded urban areas. Some cities do put limits on dog ownership. The limits are two to four dogs. You should call your Boston's Animal Control office to check on this. You should also check in with Animal Control to see how to handle this situation. You don't want to dime out the new neighbor but you can register your concern anonymously. No one is legally obligated to walk pet dogs. Still, the animals should not hinder the safe enjoyment of others' homes and property.

Dog Lady cringes. Urban dog owners must be scrupulously responsible and not infringe upon anyone else. Dog Lady is no goody-goody but she is a scaredy-cat about legal restrictions because of a few rotten dog owners who do not pick up the poop and do not properly train or handle their animals. Your new neighbor stretches the limit.

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Green & White Ball

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the Green & White Ball are greatly missed. A special 20th anniversary program included an exciting live auction of a private swan boat cruise and cocktail party for 14 in the Public Garden. After cocktails and a three-course dinner in the twinkling ballroom decorated by Winston Flowers, 270 guests enjoyed the Pops Jazz Trio and dancing to the dynamic band Night Shift.

Over the last two decades, the Green & White Ball has raised over \$6 million to provide care for the Boston Common, Public Garden and Commonwealth Avenue Mall, which has been the mission of the Friends since its inception 47 years ago. Proceeds from the events have provided critical funds for annual care and maintenance in the parks, including the care of 1,700 trees and 42 pieces of public art. For more information about the Friends of the Public Garden and its work, visit www.friendsofthepublicgarden.org.



(Bottom Left) Peter Creighton and Juan Prieto (Bottom Center) Emily and Roy Burns (Top Right) Alyssa Scott & Woody and Cali Rich (Bottom Right) Jo and Rahul Swani. Photo credit: Pierce Harman





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Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program (BHCHP) recognized two individuals and two institutions that have made invaluable contributions to the organization's mission. Bank of America Vice Chairman Anne Finucane and her husband, journalist and MSNBC Commentator Mike Barnicle, were honored with the Tim Russert Award. Boston Medical Center President & CEO Kate Walsh and Massachusetts General Hospital President Peter Slavin, MD, received the Dr. Jim O'Connell Award on behalf of their hospitals.

The four were honored at BHCHP's Medicine That Matters Gala, Monday, May 15 at the Renaissance Boston Waterfront Hotel.

"Anne and Mike have both reached the pinnacle of their professions, yet always maintained a deep commitment to those in need," said BHCHP President Jim O'Connell, MD. "At Bank of America, Anne has focused on strengthening communities through investment and at the same time supporting nonprofits like BHCHP. And for decades, Mike has given voice to people who struggle with all of life's challenges, particularly poverty and the disease of addiction. Tim Russert was a close friend of theirs and I imagine he is very proud to see them honored with this award."

BMC and MGH have been close col-

laborators of BHCHP's since its founding in 1985. "No other academic hospitals have incorporated the health care of homeless persons into the fabric of their clinical missions as these two hospitals have — under the able leadership of Kate and Peter," said BHCHP CEO Barry Bock. "Our partnership with BMC and MGH has ensured that homeless medicine has always been thoroughly integrated into mainstream medicine, and that has benefited our patients tremendously."

WCVB-TV Chronicle anchor Anthony Everett will emcee the gala. The co-chairs of the event are The Boston Globe Managing Director Linda Pizzuti Henry and former President and CEO of Natixis Global Asset Management John Hailer and his wife Maureen.

Governor Charlie Baker and First Lady Lauren Baker, Senator Edward Markey, Mayor Marty Walsh, Jack and Eileen Connors and Jean Tempel are the honorary co-chairs.

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