Josiah Quincy Elementary School marks 170th anniversary

By Michele D. Maniscalco

Approximately 450 Josiah Quincy Elementary School families, faculty, alumni and supporters celebrated the venerable school’s 170th birthday at a lively benefit at the China Pearl restaurant, 9 Tyler Street, on Thursday, June 8. Guests included state representative Aaron Michlewitz, District 2 city councilor Bill Linehan; competition for Lincoln’s seat, Michael Kelley and Ed Flynn and District 7 city councilor and mayorial hopeful Tito Jackson enjoyed cocktail hour with a complimentary glass of wine, a multicourse Chinese feast, the elegant.

The Lion Dance. Photo by Michele Maniscalco

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Fenway/South End/Lower Roxbury District 7 Candidate Forum

The Boston Ward 4, 8, and 9 Democratic Committees, the Boston NAACP, the South End Business Alliance, Fenway CDC, Claremont Neighborhood Association, and the Roland Square Association will be hosting a candidate forum for the District 7 City Council race on Wednesday, June 28, at 6:30 PM at the United South End Settlements Harriet Tubman House (566 Columbus Ave). All candidates have been invited. Yvon Miller of the Bay State Banner will be moderating.

City Council hears views on proposed Safe Injection Facility

By Michele D. Maniscalco

The June 13 hearing of the City Council Committee on Homelessness, Mental Health and Recovery on a proposed Safe Injection Facility (SIF) drew almost a full house of spectators including many residents and workers in the South End, Newmarket and Mission Park (also known as Mason-Cas) areas, as well as addiction services advocates and active drug users.

The hearing was called by At Large councilor Annissa Essaibi-George and District 3 city councilor Frank Baker, who represents Newmarket and the corner of the South End closest to the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC). Two

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Girard, Junior League Celebrates Art and Culture

Girard, a new 160-unit luxury apartment building in Boston’s South End, partnered with the Junior League of Boston for a gallery walk & talk event on Wednesday, May 17. The celebratory evening showcased the work of the JL Boston Arts program in the community and focused on ways art and culture serve as valuable aspects in the growth and development of young women.

Attendees had the pleasure of hearing from local female artist, Christine Vaillancourt, whose work is featured in Girard’s existing art gallery. Christine discussed her vision and motivation behind her paintings currently on display at Girard, as well as the impact the arts have made in her life. Peter Roth, founder of New Atlantic Development, developer of Girard, shared with the group the inspiration behind Girard’s architecture, design and gallery space. New Atlantic Development also provided a donation to the Junior League of Boston to support the work in the community.

The Junior League capped off the intimate evening with a discussion on the impactful work the JL Boston Arts Program has done in the community by teaching young women life skills through the exposure of arts related disciplines. Following the presentation, attendees were invited to tour through Girard’s gallery spaces, to experience first-hand art created by local Boston artists.

“We value creating connections with local Boston organizations and the Girard team is pleased to support the work of the Junior League of Boston,” said Peter Roth. “It’s wonderful to see the local community, consisting of all ages and demographics, being brought together through art and culture. New Atlantic has a strong passion for the arts and JL Boston’s programming aligns with our overall goal of linking the public with the local design community.”

The Junior League of Boston is part of the Association of Junior Leagues International, an organization of 202 Junior League chapters in 39 countries. The organization is comprised of dedicated and creative women from varying backgrounds and interests, who committed to promoting voluntarism, developing tomorrow’s healthy and confident women leaders, and improving communities through effective action and leadership.

“Training women leaders and our community service programs like JL Boston Arts are made possible by generous donations and partnerships in the community. The Gallery Walk & Talk event with Girard was an example of just how important and support this kind of work in their daily lives and we we’re thrilled to partner for this event and share the stories of the young women we work with.” Pamela Lynch, JL Boston, President said.

Located at 600 Horizon Avenue, Girard includes one-bedroom units starting at $2,975 per month, two-bedroom units from $3,595 per month, and three-bedroom apartments beginning at $6,950 per month. The apartments at Girard feature high-quality contemporary design that reflects a rich diversity of influences—from crisp geometric detailing to organic folk art. Residents enjoy high-quality finishes and appliances in each apartment, along with building amenities like a community penthouse, roof deck and pet deck area, bicycle storage and repair center, fitness center, and a guest suite.

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Lion Dance and lost silent auctions, as well as other’s company. Flyers and his wife are parents of Stephen, a rising eighth grader who will begin at Josiah Quincy Upper School in the fall. Proceeds from the festive evening will benefit the school’s aquatics instruction program, technology lab and cultural field trips.

(Left Center) Artist Annie Zeybekoglou and “Alphabet City” (Right Center) The Lion Dance, (Bottom Right Michael Kelby, center, Bill Linen, right)

Dog Lady
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until they are at least eight weeks old. The weeks are optimum. You brought them home at seven weeks. She hadn’t yet been fully weaned. She must have attached immediately to Dixie in order to figure out how the world works. But she doesn’t want to be homeless father.

Stop imagining your dogs as babies. They are dogs and they will not understand if you leave them alone. Also make sure you give Smiler whatever you did before the puppy moved to the household. For starters, allow him to sleep when you are in his room. You must trust your dogs will lead eventually. For now, that’s priority number one.

Dear Dog Lady,

I recently had to leave my Chihuahua Pemissi with my sister and her family for the weekend, due to an increased workload. After picking him up, I found he had fleas. I was devastated, I never have gone through this. I immediately took him to the groomer to get shaved, as well as bathed and treated for the fleas. How do I now deal with my sister, and her family? I don’t want to take Pemissi over there for fear that he will get infested again, and I am too embarrassed to tell my sister.

— No Fleas on Me

Dear No Fleas on Me,

Fleas should not be the same as in the past, but if you are not sure, check with your sister. She may have had fleas when she brought the puppy home from the vet. If you are sure, check with your sister.

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Dear Dog Lady,

I love dogs. In fact, I love dogs so much that I don’t own one. I have a small apartment and I refuse to get a dog until I have a yard with space for them to enjoy his life. Unfortunately, you and many of your readers seem intent on having a dog, whether it’s good for the dog or not.

In your “Ask Dog Lady” column, you responded to a woman whose dog was chewing everything in the house. You advised her to keep the dog confined in a crate, in a room or behind a gate. You should have considered the quality of life for this dog designed by nature to run and roam free. He will be severely confined inside a crate or at best in a room, for the vast majority of his day, with at best an hour of exercise walking on a leash. This is a lifestyle we reserve for our worst criminals in solitary confinement.

Your advice is designed to force the poor animal into a completely unnatural lifestyle, for the convenience of its owner, so the owner can benefit from the dog’s loyalty and com-
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Cutting-edge reforms...
method of avoiding overdose and recommissioning the near dead follows the same before a while as the deaths of many friends, arguing that they would be alive if there were a safe place to inject. Walsh said, "Drug addiction is the leading cause of death among populations and we need to strongly support the development of SIFs to combat the epidemic.

He also mentioned BHC's Project 40, a program that seeks to reduce overdose deaths in the city's Tenderloin neighborhood, which Walsh credited as research on Vancouver's SIFs suggesting that overdose deaths near the facility had decreased, that the SIF can lead to addicts seeking treatment, and that the SIF has had a positive impact on drug-related crime in its host location.

In his remarks, Baker said, "My concern is more that the Southern End Street corridor behind the site is zoned for the SIF. If it is overwhelming now, I have a hard time thinking that it will be helpful to us as I am not even close to convinced by your testimony."

Baker added that he hopes that the SIF will be a model for other cities and other locations. Baker also noted that he would like to see more funding for treatment and recovery services in the city.

The SIF is currently in its second year of operation and is funded by a combination of private donations and city funds. The SIF provides a safe, supervised space for drug users to inject drugs and access treatment services.

The SIF has been criticized by some city residents and business owners, who say that it attracts drug users and that it is not providing enough treatment services.

In response, city officials say that the SIF is providing a vital service to those who are struggling with drug addiction and that it is helping to reduce the number of overdose deaths in the city.
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