Foodie’s named Business of the Year

BY MICHELE D. MANISCALCO

As part of the Boston Main Streets Awards program, Mayor Marty J. Walsh and the Office of Economic Development joined Washington Gateway Main Street (WAGMS) in honoring Foodie’s Urban Market, 1421 Washington Street, with the Business of the Year Award on Wednesday, June 28. The Mayor’s stop at Foodie’s was part of a multi-day trolley tour of the Main Street business districts at which he recognized outstanding businesses in neighborhoods across the city. In the ceremony outside Foodie’s, Walsh saluted manager Victor Leon, Jr.; Randi Grobe Lathrop, co-founder of WAGMS, on her Volunteer of the Year award, and Jennifer El-

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Meet Faisa Sharif
South End Coordinator for the mayor’s office

Faisa Sharif was born in Kenya to Somali parents and moved to Boston at the age of 5. She has lived and worked in the South End for the past 10 years. She studied Public and History at Bard College of Simon’s Rock. She’s passionate about community engagement and is thrilled to serve the residents of the South End and Ray Village, along with the Somali community on behalf of the Mayor’s office.

Window Falls Prevention

Submitted by the Boston Public Health Commission

In response to the ongoing tragedy of children falling out of windows, the Injury Prevention Program launched a campaign to educate communities about window falls prevention and promotes the use of child safety window guards. Falls are the leading cause of injury to children age five and under. It only takes seconds for a fall to occur. Window falls can cause serious injuries, yet they can be prevented. By combining education and engineering, we protect children from dangerous falls.

Safety Tips
Lock all opened doors and windows. Keep low furniture, uncluttered and away from windows. Open windows from the top, not from the bottom. Install child safety window guards. Be sure children are always supervised.

Child Safety Window Guards
Aluminum or steel bars with a maximum four inch spacing that are installed in the window frame. Designed and tested to withstand 150 pounds of pressure. Recommended for the second story and above and for the first floor if the window is over 12 feet high. Not required by law in Massachusetts but are recommended in homes with children age six and under.

Can not be substituted with window screens, which are designed to keep out insects and bugs but are NOT strong enough to keep a child from falling out.

Operable Window Guards
Reliable removable from the inside without the use of separate tools, a key, or excessive force. Can be installed on all windows, including those on which fixed

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Tito Puente Latin Music Series Returns to O’Day

BY MICHELE D. MANISCALCO

Salsa and merengue filled O’Day Playground, 85 West Newton Street, with music and dancing on Thursday, July 6 when the Tito Puente Latin Music Series opened its 2017 season with intabalen (timbaler player) Eric Germany y su Orquesta. Germany’s infectious music quickly filled the plaza with dancers from kids to seniors, in-cluding surprisingly nimble toes with a cane.

Ryan Woods, director of

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This Weekend

Festival Betances

Summer is here and it comes the biggest event of the year. The longest running festival in New England, Festival Betances, has brought Boston the most authentic cultural experience. The event starts on Saturday, July 15, at 1:00 PM through Sunday July 16 at 8:00 PM, at Plaza Betances, 100 West Dedham Street, Boston. Entertainment for the whole family featuring acclaimed performers, local artisans, typical dishes, and great music. Hosted by IBA, Iniquitos Borricas en Acción

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RCYF Blackstone Community Center 50 West Brookline Street, Summer Fun: Stop at RCFY Blackstone Starting July 10 Mon-Fri, time TBD Ages 5-14 This drop-in program provides euchre, games, sports, activities, and arts projects for up to 50 children.

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from, outgoing executive director of WGMS on her five years of service to the South End business community. Office of Neighborhood Services director Jerome Smith, director of neighborhood development/Sheila Dillon, Office of Neighborhood Services liaison Sam Chambers, and District 7 city councillor and mayoral candidate Tito Jackson were among the city officials accompanying Walsh. City Council District 2 candidates Michael Kelley and Ed Flynn took the occasion to greet South Enders, Kelley accompanied by newly minted campaign staffer, former city council candidate Ramon Soto, while Flynn appeared with his campaign sidekick and 14-year-old daughter Caroline in tow.

At the Foodie’s event, Walsh spoke to guests and shoppers inside and outside the store and posed for photographs. Afterward, Walsh was well-fed as he strolled down the block visiting other businesses. At Harry O’s, 1405 Washington Street, owner Evangelos Xeoterson welcomed him with a slice of pizza and at The Gallows, 1395 Washington Street, owner Rebecca Roth Gallo served the mayor her restaurant’s signature dessert, Stoner’s Delight, a banana, peanut butter, chocolate ganache and fluffy confection. “There’s no weed in it, don’t worry,” Gallo quipped.

(Bottom Left) Michael Kelley, center and assistant Ramon Soto (Center) Rebecca Roth Gallo and Walsh at The Gallows (Bottom Right) Mayor Walsh, Foodie’s manager Victor Leon, Jr.
Photos by Michele Maniscalco
Window

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Window guards cannot be used.

Recommended by the Boston Fire Department because they have a release feature that allows escape in case of an emergency.

Additional Information

Fixed (permanently) guards or window locks can also be used to restrict the window openings to less than four inches. One window in each room needs to be free of these devices in order to allow for emergency escape.

Child safety window guards are NOT the same as burglary/property bars. Security bars are wide enough to allow a child to slip through and should not be used as a safety window guard. Child safety window guards are not designed to protect against intruders.

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Wednesday, July 26
South End District 2 Candidate Forum
6:30 p.m., Alderwood Pavilion
527 Tremont Street
Moderator: Sue O’Connell, South End News
Candidate Forum Sponsor: Boston Ward 4 Democratic Committee

Thursday, July 27
Martin J. Walsh Summer Block Party
South End: Pete’s Park, Washington Street
Mash your calendar and bring your friends and family to a fun and free Neighborhood Block Party! Thursday, July 27 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., the Mayor Martin J. Walsh Summer Block Parties offer a variety of free activities including music, a cookout, snow cones, various activities, and resource tables from every department within the City of Boston Health & Human Services Cabinet.

In the case of rain or other weather issues, please check the BCYF Facebook page (Facebook.com/BCYF/Boston) or Twitter at @BCYFCenter to check for cancellation. The Block Parties are generously supported by the Foundation for BCYF.

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As part of the MBTA’s System Wide Accessibility Program, the MBTA is studying how to provide full accessibility to Symphony Station on the Green Line. This study includes the design of four new elevators, along with significant station modifications consisting of raising boarding platforms, new ramp access points at the platforms, a renovated station lobby, and reconditioning of the currently disused stairwells.

A team of consultants has been hired to select a preliminary design for the retrofitted station. It includes lead structural engineer Thornton Tomasetti and lead architect DHK Inc., both of Boston. It is anticipated that modifications to the station, associated with construction and final build out, will have an impact on the existing timescape in the area. The MBTA has allocated approximately $5 million for the design of the station. The construction cost is anticipated to be approximately $85 million, which is proposed to be funded by a Capital Funding Request starting in the 2019 Fiscal Year.

For more information, please contact Nathaniel Cabil-Currie, the project’s public involvement manager, at ncablcurri@mbta.com or by phone at 617-348-3336. The meeting location is accessible. To request language or access accommodations, please contact MassDOT’s director of Civil Rights at 617-348-8862, TDD/TTY 617-348-9600, Fax 617-348-8602 or by email at MassDOT.CivilRights@gdot.state.ma.us.