Castle Square National Night Out 2017

By Michelle O. Maniscalco

Accolades flew in every direction at the Tuesday, August 1 Castle Square Tenants Organization’s (CSTO) National Night Out. Mayor Martin J. Walsh, Boston Police Department (BPD) commissioner William Evans, BPD superintendent William Gross, BPD TDA captain Wayne Lancaster and CSTO president Ann Moy, and executive director Deborah Backus bestowed honors for community service and contributions to neighborhood safety and harmony. Approximately 800 guests of all ages filled the Castle Square plaza at 490 Tremont Street, enjoying armaments, food, information tables, live entertainment and exhibits such as the Jabbawock Reptiles and New England Aquarium. Guests munched on hot dogs, hamburgers and more.

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Speed Trailer at Tremont & Union Park

The Boston Transportation Department installed a speed trailer at Tremont Street and Union Park to inform drivers of the 25 mph speed limit and deter speeding.

Restaurant Week is now

Now August 11th, August 13-18

Restaurant Week is here and there are plenty of participating South End eateries to choose from. Each restaurant will be offering delicious prix fixe lunch and dinner menus from August 6th – 11th & 13th – 18th.

There will be three pricing tiers for each meal period starting at just $15 for lunch and $25 for dinner. Price and courses vary by restaurant.

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Commerce Bank Launches
“Coin Wars For A Cause”

Benefitting UMass Cancer Walk & Run

Commerce Bank offices in Boston are participating in “Coin Wars for a Cause,” a fundraising campaign that began last month to support the 18th annual UMass Cancer Walk & Run on September 24 at UMass Medical School.

All Commerce Bank offices have a collection jug on display, and are encouraging customers to drop their loose change (and cash) into the jugs for the UMass Cancer Walk & Run. All proceeds from the UMass Cancer Walk & Run are donated directly to the UMass Cancer Center, to support cancer research and patient care.

Donations to Coin Wars for a Cause can be dropped off through Monday, September 18 at the following Commerce Bank locations in Boston:

- Brighton - 423 Washington Street
- Fenway - 61 Brookline Avenue
- South End - 1320 Washington Street

Commerce Bank is a sponsor of the UMass Cancer Walk & Run. For information on the UMass Cancer Walk & Run, visit www.umassmed.edu/cancercare.

Register now for Back to School Celebration

Submitted by the Salvation Army

Garden Neighborhood Charities, the neighborhood arm of the TD Garden, will once again partner with The Salvation Army and The City of Boston to host the Sixth Annual Back to School Celebration at the TD Garden. Studies have shown that children who do not have new school supplies at the beginning of the academic year often skip the first several important weeks of class because they are embarrassed and believe they don’t fit in with their peers. This event provides a positive experience while playing a crucial role in the academic and personal lives of these children.

Children and their loved ones join together for fun and activities at Tremont St. & Union Park.

Union Park Concert Series

Sunday, August 13, 4 - 7pm
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Entertainment, Pizza, Ice Cream, Music by the Carl Eisman Group.

More info at Union Park Neighborhood Association Facebook page.
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the TD Garden and receive a backpack filled with school supplies! Children should bring their Missions” and interact through other fun activities. A broad range of “child friendly” booths including anti-bullying, child nutrition, exercise, dental, emergency preparedness, and drug prevention booths will be available.

To register your children, you will need to bring in the following information to your local Salvation Army:

• A valid government issued picture ID (license, passport, etc.)
• Current utility bill (home phone, gas, electric, cable and water) - proof of address
• Birth Certificate or school record of each child aged 5-17 in your household
• Proof of financial need (Mass Health Card, WIC, SSI approval letter, Current pay stub, etc.)

Quantities are limited and registration is based upon a first-come first-served basis. Please determine which Salvation Army location to visit for registration based upon your zip code:

South End Corps, 1500 Washington Street, Boston 617.536.5260

Please register at the corps on Monday, Tuesday and Friday from 9:00am-4:00pm; Thursday from 9:00am-6:00pm.

Seventeen Bay/Beacon Hill, 02108, 02116, 02117

For more information, please contact Nathaniel Cabral-Currie, the project’s public involvement manager, at nathaniel-cabral-currie@massdot.com or by phone at 617.348.3030. The meeting location is accessible. To request language or access accommodations, please contact MassDOT’s director of Civil Rights at 857.368.8500, TTY/TDD 857.368.0003. Fax 857.368.0002 or by email at Massachusetts.Bay@massdot.state.ma.us.

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• Estragon,
780 Harrison Avenue

• Delight Bistro Du Coin, 560 Harrison Avenue

• Le Mont's,
1357 Washington Street

• Marc Restaurant,
439 Tremont Street

• Metropolis Cafe,
584 Tremont Street

• Chasie, 1600 Washington Street

• Terme 647, 697 Tremont Street

• Zc Boston, 801 Massachusetts Ave.

www.restaurantweekboston.com
Preparing For Back To School

By The City of Boston

Let’s get ready for an easy transition. As teachers, parents, and students prepare to head back to school, it can be a stressful yet exciting time. Re-establishing routines and the end of summer vacation can often be a tough transition for families. These changes are typically less difficult if you have an organized plan in place for how to ensure a smooth transition. Here are some tips and resources that may address your concerns regarding going back to school.

- In August, begin to engage your family in activities that promote learning. This will help your young learners focus before entering school in September. It’s a good idea to get that summer reading done early and begin anticipating what you’ll learn in the next grade. Here you can find Boston area museums and which days they offer free or discounted passes for children.

- Boston Public Schools has some great suggestions about transitioning back to school such as eating a healthy breakfast and lunch and designating a certain spot for your school supplies. These tips are helpful for both students and teachers alike.

- BPS is also willing to schedule a school tour with students who may be new to the school system, or have been out due to a medical condition. This will help ease the nerves for everyone involved. Additionally, Boston Children’s Hospital offers a program where they support students who are re-entering school after an illness. They will facilitate providing their school with helpful information to ensure their health and safety continues.

- It can be overwhelming to be a parent with school-aged kids. There are endless to-do lists and full schedules. Sometimes it’s hard to talk to your child about school or engage in meaningful conversations about what they are learning. PBS.org offers great ideas about how to start the conversation. In addition, Care.com provides useful solutions to everyday problems (such as finding after-school care and addressing bullying) that may cause parents stress and anxiety.

- Having the correct school supplies is important to a child’s success in school. Garden Neighborhood Charities, in cooperation with the City of Boston and The Salvation Army, is holding a free event to meet this need. Find out how to register your child. Each child will receive a backpack filled with supplies.

There will also be fun activities and various booths addressing child concerns at the event.

More information:
www.boston.gov/news/preparing-back-school
http://bostoninboutique.com/boston-museums-free-admission-every-day-of-the-week/
https://www.bostonschools.org/Page/1316
http://www.childrenshospital.org/patient-resources/going-back-to-school-to-school-programs
http://www.pbs.org/parents/education/going-back-to-school/first-day/first-day-filling-forms-kids-about-school/
http://massachusetts.salvationarmy.org/MA/BOS/8268/School

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and veggie burgers, the last a new addition to the menu this year.

Ann Moyer, president of CSCO, honored Mayor Walsh for his "commitment to diversity in the city of Boston." Moyer thanked Boston for his "unwavering commitment to the safety of Boston's neighborhoods." Community service officer Javier Pagan of BPD D4 saluted Blackstone Community Center (200), presenting an award to BOC's Keith Houston for the center's violence prevention program, which seeks to build positive relationships between youth and police officers through sports such as the One Hood basketball league, a partnership with IBA and BPD. BPD community service officer Mayor Tantarico to his former colleague, Boston Center for Youth and Families (BCYF) street worker Dennis Aiva for his efforts in fighting youth crime and violence. Lanceritter presented the Moonville House senior community with the 2017 Drug Watch Group of the Year Award for patrolling Symphony Park, reporting homeless people drinking, sleeping on benches, urinating in public and using drugs. A group of elders accompanied by D4 community service officer Bernadette McCarthy, proudly wore bright blue Senior Strong T-shirts as they accepted the award.

The presentations were followed by performances by the South End Dynamite youth dance troupe, the South End Tai Chi Team, dance group and hip-hop dancers the Red Stenrs, while around the plaza, children shot hoops, played on inflatable slides and bounce houses and posed for pictures with Mayor Walsh and with McGrath. Sergeant Freeman and officers Lillo, Slyne and McCarthy of D4 circled among the crowd and a returning favorite, former D4 community service officer Jorge Dias, attended with his son, Jack, in tow.

(Top) Officer Lisa, captain Lancia; (Left Center) Officer Jorge and Jack Dias; (Right Center) Officers Syne and Freeman. (Bottom) Walsh Evans, McCarthy with Moonville House seniors. Photo by Michele Hariscale
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Blackstone/Franklin Square Neighborhood Association

Harrison Albany Block Update Meeting

Tues. Aug. 15, 6 - 7:30 p.m.
Area 4 Community Room, 2nd Floor
650 Harrison Avenue

As Leggat McCall continues site preparation for the Harrison Albany project, they will host a community meeting to provide a construction update. Suffolk Construction will present details on current work and upcoming activities, and answer your questions. Please join the community meeting with any questions or concerns that you may have.

Franklin Square Clean Up

Wed., Aug. 16, 6 p.m.
Franklin Square

Join members of the Friends of Blackstone and Franklin Squares to again tidy up Franklin Square! We will meet at the fountain in Franklin Square at 6 p.m. with trash bags and gloves. Volunteers will be treated to a beer afterward. Take this opportunity to improve the park and get to know some more neighbors. We hope to see you there.

Resources

The Equity Project

What? Join us at Habenica Hall to celebrate the works of Black Women Composers and bring attention to the gender pay gap in America through an interactive panel discussion with the musicians and event organizers. Through an uplifting evening of sharing music and creativity, we will come together in the spirit of advocacy. Presented by Community Organizer and Mars New’s 2016 Feminist in Action Grantee Zaha Oluwafemi, in partnership with Nkuleo Dove.

When: Wednesday, August 15 at 6:30 p.m. | Doors open at 6:15
Where: Habenica Hall Ballroom 184 Dudley Street
Boston, MA 02129
Cost: Suggested donation of $10
More info: Please visit https://www.membersplanet.com/events/masternewequalityproject

Family Health Fair

What: Join Charles River Community Health for their annual family health fair. There will be face painting, healthy snacks, health screenings, information tables, and a Teddy Bear Clinic! This event is free and open to all.

When: August 17th, 5 PM - 6 PM
Where: Charles River Community Health Center, 495 Western Ave, Brighton, MA 02135
More info: Please visit http://www.charlesriverhealth.org/20170708/celebrating-national-health-center-week/

Back to School BBQ

What: The annual Whittier Street Health Center back to school BBQ! There will be free food, music, fun games, a talent show, free snacks, food, and more. We will be giving away free backpacks and school supplies as long as they last. All families are invited!

When: Friday, August 25th from 2 pm to 6 pm
Where: 1300 Tremont Street, Roxbury, MA 02119
More Info: For more information or to volunteer, please contact Tanita Johnson at 617-889-3025 or Tanita.johnson@whittier.org

Union Capitalist’s September Resource Fair

What: Join hundreds of Union Capitalists for workshops, retailers, relationship building, and tons of resources from organizations across the city.

When: Saturday, September 23, 10am-2pm
Where: Bruce Bailey Building, 2700 Washington St, 2nd Floor
More Info: Please email contact@unioncapitalistboston.com

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Salsa in the Park

What: Fun, free and family friendly outdoor dancing experience to promote health and wellness
Where: People who are deaf/heard of hearing and/or blind!
When: Every Monday through August 28th 6pm-9pm Salsa in the Park will be held Monday, August 7th
Where: Blackstone Community Center Courtyard 50 W Brookline Street Boston, MA 02135

Wellness Warrior Yoga in Franklin Park

What: Outdoor Yoga series under the Boston Master Hill. Bring water, wear comfortable clothes and invite friends and the entire family. In the event of rain, classes will be canceled, please check Linda Wellness Warrior’s Facebook page for notices posted by 9pm the night before for morning classes. All levels welcome.
When: Saturdays, June 3rd through September 16, next class Saturday, Aug. 12th, 2017 9:00am-12:00pm
Where: Franklin Park, School Master Hill Cranston St Boston, MA 02130
More Info: Please email, Contact@Lindawellnesswarrior.com

$1 Friday Nights at Boston Children’s Museum

What: Every Friday evening families can explore the Boston Children’s Museum for $1! The museum includes an Art Studio, Construction Zone, and more.
When: Fri. night, from 5:00–9:00 PM
Where: Boston Children’s Museum, 32 Reviews Street, Boston

Tennis in the Parks 2017

What: Free lessons for beginners/intermediate players - kids ages 5 and up adults at the same time. This is a drop-in program designed to introduce and enhance the fundamentals of the sport. Kids and adults will be taught on separate courts. Tennis rackets and balls will be provided - just come wear tennis shoes and bring water! There are two locations:
1. Where: Eastie Grove Community Park – from June 3rd to August 11th
When: Adults – Tuesdays and Thursdays 9-11am
Youths (ages 5-10 years old) – Saturdays 11am-12pm
Youths (ages 11-17 years old) – Saturdays 12-2pm
Adults – Saturdays 12-2pm
2. Where: Alvord Park in Mattapan – from July 7th to August 13th
When: Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays
Youths (ages 5-10 years old) – 6-7pm
Youths (ages 11-17 years old) – 6-8pm
Adults – 6-8pm
More Info: Please sign up at www.franklinparktennis.org or call 617-427-8900

Free Friday Flicks

What: Classic & popular family-oriented movies shown each Friday night throughout the summer at the DCR Hatch Shell on the Esplanade for free!
When: Every Friday evening between June 2nd and August 25th. Movies begin at sunset (approximately 8 pm)
Where: 47 David O’Gogin Way, Boston, MA 02215, Boston, MA
More Info: For more information on the event and movie schedule, please visit: http://bostonคลick.com/2017

Summer Fitness Series

What: Free fitness programming in Boston Parks this summer! The Fitness Series will activate Boston parks while increasing opportunities for physical activity across Boston’s neighborhoods. Free classes such as Zumba, Yoga, HITT, and more offered!
When: Classes are offered weekly, July and August
More Info: For more information regarding dates, times, location, and the type of classes offered each day, please refer to the schedule at http://bpl.gov/results/order-healthy-eating-active-living/BostonMovesForHealthPage/SummerFitnessSeries.aspx

Seven Skills for School Success

What: The Family Nutrition Center will be presenting a two-week program titled, “Seven Skills for School Success”, at the Harvard Ed Portal. This program will be facilitated in Spanish. Allison Brighten parents with young children are invited to join this program to learn about child development and supporting their child’s success in a thoughtful and fun group setting. Child care is provided.
More Info: To participate in this week long program, please register by calling 857-202-2629. For questions please email us:

Catholic Charities – SNAP Application Assistance

What: Assistance with application for regular SNAP benefits for people living below the federal poverty level.
More Info: To schedule an appointment, call 857-906-6600 or email sabrina.boszovich@csac.org

Housing workshop for LGBTQ Survivors of Sexual Violence

What: Learn about the process of applying to state and federal housing programs, and the different programs available. Know your housing rights as survivor of sexual violence and even begin applying.
When: Last Friday of the Month from May-September, 2017 from 12pm-2pm. The next one is Friday August 25th, 2017.
Where: Roxbury Health, 1700 Boylston St
More Info: Please call (617) 464-7280 ext. 202 or email: sales@southeastnews.com.
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