

News from...

Friends of South End Library

SUBMITTED BY MARLEEN NIENHUIS

The renovation process of Library Park on Tremont Street began with a public hearing last week at the South End Library. A new layout of the park was proposed and received numerous comments and suggestions. Details have not been firmed up but the broken bluestone center will be replaced with a meandering

path of shaded concrete; the patio between the library and the park will be expanded and opened up by eliminating the existing gates and columns; rain gardens are planned with curved seating; and numerous long-overdue infrastructure improvements will be made. The budget is limited (\$115,000) so private fundraising will likely ensue.

We, the Friends of the South

End Library (FOSEL), are ready: Are you? A hearing before South End Landmark District Commission (SELDC) is currently scheduled for January 2, 2018. Construction work should start in March and be completed by late summer. Details will be made available on our website, www.friendsofsouthendlibrary.org.

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Winter, and snow, is coming

City Winter 101

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INFORMATION FROM CITY OF BOSTON

Walsh: 48-hour space-saver rule will remain in effect this winter - except in the South End

Mayor Walsh said last week it's steady as it goes for the city's informal rule that lets residents save parking spaces they've shoveled out after the end of a snowstorm serious enough to require declaration of an emergency declaration.

The one exception is the South

End, where the city will continue to ban all space saving all the time, Walsh said at his annual pre-winter preparation news conference at the DPW facility off I-93 in the South End.

Jerome Smith, the city's chief of civic engagement, asked residents to shovel out hydrants after a storm

Winter in Boston

Emergencies: dial 911

Non-emergency city services and information: dial 311

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for more information

Parking Bans

Discounted Garages

During declared snow emergencies, discounted parking is available at some parking lots and garages for Boston residents.

A list of discounted parking garages and lots you can use at www.boston.gov/winter-boston.

Restricted Streets Map

Through our map at www.boston.gov/winter-boston, you can search with your address to find the restricted streets in your neighborhood.

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South End Holiday Calendar

Saturday, December 9

Swedish Yuletide

10 AM - 4 PM

Join us at the Swedish Women's Educational Associations (SWEA) Fair and Holiday Celebration and be a part of the largest Scandinavian event in New England

Cyclorama — Boston Center for the Arts

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Lucia Procession

The Lucia Pageants will be at

11:30 AM and 2 PM

The children from the Swedish School of Boston will perform together with Swedish students and au-pairs.

Tuesday, December 12-20

Menorah Lighting In Copley Square

Join Chabad of Boston in Copley Square for our annual menorah lightings and be part of this global celebration of Menorah Light.



(Faisa Sharif @SEBVONS Dec 2) Excited for Mayor @marty_walsh's trolley to pull into #SouthEnd! Ready to kick off the holidays with our neighbors! #ItsLit — at Boston Center for the Arts

Holiday Cheer in the South End

BCA Tree Lighting

BY MICHELE D. MANISCALCO

Entertainment, art activities and refreshments from local businesses greeted neighbors who thronged to the Boston Center for the Arts (BCA) Plaza on Tremont Street to await a visit from Santa and

Mrs. Claus, the elves, toy soldiers and Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer on Saturday afternoon, December 2.

Joining their retinue was Boston Mayor Martin J. Walsh, who greeted the crowd and welcomed Santa, and state representative Aaron Michlewitz, city councilor at large Annissa

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WSANA gets festive.

BY MICHELE D. MANISCALCO

The Worcester Square Area Neighborhood Association (WSANA) welcomed hundreds of neighbors to its 55th annual Christmas Tree Lighting on Sunday, December 3. "We think it was our biggest crowd ever, or as long as I have been here, twenty years," WSANA president George Stergios said. Blunch, Café Quattro, Mike's City Diner, Teranga and 7-Eleven served food and drinks



Photo by Michele Mainiscalco

in the Square summer concert series and WSANA's annual gift to a local

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BCA Tree Lighting

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Essaibi-George, District 2 city councilor-elect Ed Flynn and South End/Bay Village liaison Faisa Sharif mingled with residents.

The festive event, part of the citywide Enchanted Trolley Tour sponsored by the Mayor's Office of Tourism, Sports and Entertainment, was organized locally by the Ellis South End

Neighborhood Association and the BCA.

According to Emilio Gonzalez, director of community relations for the BCA, several hundred people attended the event, which offered a wide range of activities to amuse guests while they waited for the special guests, who were significantly delayed from their anticipated 4:30 arrival time.

Entertainment included music by the Community Music Center of Boston's Youth Chorus and High School Trumpeters; two

a cappella groups from Boston College, all-female the Sharps and all-male group the Heightsmen as well as an ornament-making led by local artist Eleanor Mary Cepko.

The Ellis provided donut holes from Blackbird Doughnuts, 492 Tremont Street, and coffee from Muscarella's Market, which recently opened in the former Five 70 Market space on Tremont Street, and the South End Business Alliance contributed pizza from Nicole's, 639 Tremont Street.

Excited parents and children gathered by the curb as the Enchanted Trolley's police escort pulled up to the BCA Plaza at approximately 5:10.

Mayor Walsh offered his greetings before the elves let down the steps and invited children onto the trolley, listening to the kids' Christmas wishes as proud parents snapped pictures. Afterward, the Mayor and Rudolph circulated among the crowd, greeting guests and posing for pictures.



Photos courtesy Faisa Sharif's twitter account @SEBVONS






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charitable organization. The top prize, \$500.00 cash, was awarded to the Boston Real Estate Collaborative, which promptly donated the money back to WSANA. Stergios was not able to provide a net fundraising total by press time.

Penni Layne and the Wonder Boys, formerly known as First Take, returned to Worcester Square after several previous appearances at WSANA's summertime Music in the Square Series and at last year's Christmas Tree Lighting, with a light-hearted, jazzy spin on holiday classics including Christmastime Is Here, "Let It Snow" and Nat King Cole's "Christmas Song" that had guests singing

along and dancing. Santa arrived on a fire truck around 5:00 PM and sat down beside the towering, colorfully lit Christmas tree to take gift requests from children.

After the raffle, a final delivery of pizza from Café Quattro and a few last songs from Penni Layne, the crowd quickly dispersed to the warmth of their homes.



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Parking In Snowy Weather

It's important for us to keep main roads clear for plows and emergency vehicles during extreme weather. You will be ticketed and towed if you park on a posted snow emergency artery during a declared snow emergency.

Plows And Emergency Vehicles

Help us keep streets open to plows and emergency vehicles by parking at least 20 feet away from intersections and no further than 1 foot from the curb. Don't block sidewalks, fire hydrants, ramps, driveways, or the street with your vehicle.

Clear Your Muffler

For your safety, make sure to clear all snow at least one foot around your muffler before starting your engine. Blocked mufflers can cause carbon monoxide poisoning.

Towed Cars

If you believe your vehicle was towed in Boston, search the towing database or call the Boston Police Tow Line at 617-343-4629.

Space Savers

Did you use a trash can, cone, or some other object to save your parking space on the street? Here's what you need to know:

- You can only use a space saver when the City declares a snow emergency.
- You have 48 hours to use a space saver after we end an emergency. After that, you must remove it from the street.

Plow My Street, Please!

We prioritize clearing main routes — like Commonwealth, Hyde Park, and Blue Hill Avenues — so emergency vehicles can get to schools, hospitals, and homes quickly. If you think your street was missed by a plow, let us know by submitting a request to 311.

Shoveling

Property Owners Must:

- clear sidewalks within three hours of snowfall ending or three hours after sunrise if it snows overnight, and
- clear at least a 42-inch-wide path for wheelchairs and strollers.

Simply put, we're looking for an accessible path of travel. While the rule is three hours, we try to be reasonable for deciding when we start the clock. Our goal isn't to fine you. We just want people — especially youth and seniors — to be able to get around safely.

Shoveling Fines:

We have information on what you can expect to pay in fines each day your sidewalk is unshoveled, or if you shovel snow onto the street. We fine ourselves for City-owned properties too.

Things We Could Use Your Help With:

- Don't shovel or push snow into the street. If you do,

the City may fine you.

- Remove ice to bare pavement or make as level as possible and treat with sand, sawdust, or similar material. Every year dozens of people are seriously injured slipping and falling on sidewalks.

- Please clear any snow that may be blocking a handicap ramp, fire hydrant, or storm drain. If a hydrant is buried in snow, it takes the fire department time to find it and shovel it out.

- Don't leave snow or ice on stairways or fire escapes. All common means of exit must be clear in case of a fire or another emergency.

Prepare For The Cold

Stay Safe During Extreme Cold

When you know severely cold weather is coming, remember to take steps to prepare. Please also check on your elderly or disabled neighbors, and take caution when using portable heating devices like space heaters.

Frostbite And Hypothermia

- Make sure to cover exposed skin and watch out for frostbite. In extreme cold, frostbite can happen in under a minute. Wind also increases the risk of frostbite.

- Hypothermia occurs when your body loses heat faster than it can retain heat. This can create a dangerously low body temperature.

Carbon Monoxide

- Every year, thousands of people are killed or seriously injured from breathing in carbon monoxide.

- Winter is a dangerous time for carbon monoxide poisoning. Make sure the exhaust pipe on your car is clear of snow, as well as your house's heater vent.

If You Lose Power

Reporting Power Outages

Please call your utility company to report any outages. You can also call 311 with any concerns or questions.

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Warming Centers

When the Mayor declares a winter weather emergency, we make BCYF Community Centers available as warming centers. How many centers we open up depends on the need.

Because the BCYF Warming Center list changes, please call 311 for updates on which centers are open during emergencies.

CITY OF BOSTON

To the Public Safety Commission
Committee on Licenses
Building Department

B D 26
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APPLICATION

For the lawful use of the herein-described building and other structure, application is hereby made for a permit to erect a private-public-business-garage (263 vehicle parking garage) and also for a license to use the land on which such building or structure is situated for the KEEPING - STORAGE and SALE of: 5260 gallons of gas in the tanks of vehicles.

Location of Land: 345 Harrison Ave., Boston MA 02118
Owner of Land: 345 Harrison LLC
Address: 1745 Shea Center Drive #200 Highlands
Dimensions of land: Ft. front: 285 Ft. deep: 305 Area sq. ft.: 87,830
Number of buildings or structures on land, the use of which requires land to be licensed: ONE
Manner of keeping: Fuel oil will be held in a 1,500 tank within the garage.

City of Boston, In Public Safety Commission December 13, 2017

In the foregoing petition, it is hereby ORDERED, that notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested that this Committee will on Wednesday, the 13th day of December at 10:00 a.m., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard, said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon in the South End News and by mailing by prepaid registered mail, not less than 7 days prior to such hearing, a copy to every owner of record of each parcel of land abutting on the parcel of land on which the building proposed to be erected for, or maintained as, a garage is to be or is situated. Hearing to be held at 1010 Massachusetts Ave., Boston, MA 02118.

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as they become available.

The South End library fundraising campaign, WRITING THE NEXT CHAPTER, has now embarked on the second and final phase of its proposed interior renovation plan to raise \$200,000. The first phase, to raise \$50,000 to add to a BPL allocation of \$132,000, was concluded within a short amount of time when the FOSEL board contributed \$30,000 (with a 100 percent participation rate) and you, generous neighbors, friends and Eversource Energy, donated the \$20,000 in amounts ranging from \$25 to \$2,500.

Donations over the \$50,000 have been applied to the second phase. It will buy us 21st-century electric and digital systems, a teen space, new carpeting and paint, and a reconfigured seating area that is open and bright and has clear sight lines for library staff. The second phase will pay for a relocation of the circulation desk to open up additional spaces for,

among other things, a South End display for local history and authors, a small conference room, a new Children's Room and renovated staff quarters. The proposed design is on our banner on top.

Please donate as generously as you can by clicking on SUPPORT US to the best institution in our neighborhood, our local public library branch of the Boston Public Library. The funds we ask you to contribute will be augmented by another appropriation of capital funding that will be requested for the FY 2019 budget, for which we, the Friends of the South End Library, will be lobbying our local elected representatives in the very near future. We believe they are on our side. Some of our representatives have contributed to this campaign personally. We need you to step up, if you haven't already. For all of you who have, thank you, from the bottom of our hearts. Details about construction dates will be made available soon as we find out.

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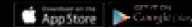
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D/B/A BOSTON PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT AGENCY PROPOSED MODIFICATION TO SOUTH END URBAN RENEWAL PLAN, PROJECT NO. MASS. R-56 FOR PARCEL 22a

Public Notice is hereby given that the Boston Redevelopment Authority d/b/a the Boston Planning & Development Agency ("BRA") will consider at its scheduled meeting on Thursday, December 14, 2017, starting at 3:30 P.M. in the Board Room – Room 900, 9th Floor, Boston City Hall, One City Hall Square a proposed modification to the South End Urban Renewal Plan regarding Parcel 22a. Said modification will add the proposed land use(s) of Parcel 22A "Community Center: Accessory Parking for Permitted Uses", sets the Maximum Height at 60 feet and the FAR at 4.0. This Public Notice is being provided in accordance with a certain "Conciliation Agreement" by and among the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the BRA and others, dated as of January 16, 2001.

Brian P. Golden,
Director