Friends of South End Library

Submitted by Harleen Khera

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 finalized yet, but the broken bluestone center will be replaced with a meandering path of shaded concrete; the path between the library and the park will be expanded and opened up by eliminating the existing gates and columns. Tann gardens are planned with curved seating and numerous low-water infrastructure improvements will be made. The budget is limited ($115,000) so private fundraising will likely ensue.

Winter, and snow, is coming

City Winter 101

Courtesy Adam Gaffin
Information from City of Boston

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Parking Ban Removal

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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 Association (SWEA) Fair and Holiday Celebration to enjoy a part of the largest Scandinavian event in New England.

Cyloramic - Boston Center for the Arts

539 Tremont Street, Boston
Tickets are sold at the door - $10.
Children under 13 years - free
Ladies Procession: 11:30 AM and 2 PM.
The children from the Swedish School of Boston will perform together with Swedish students and adults.

Tuesday, December 12-20

Memorial Lighting in Copley

Join the Copley Library for their annual memorial lighting events at Memorial Lighting in Copley Square. The lights will be turned on at 5 PM and 7 PM.

Photo by Michele Maniscalco

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Browne-Guigou, District 2 city councilor-elect Ed Flynn and South End/Say Village liaison Faisa Shafi 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.

Accused of community relations for the BCA, several hundred people attended the event, which offered a wide range of activities to ensure guests while they waited for the special guests, who were significantly delayed from their anticipated 6:30 arrival time.

Entertainment included music by the Community Music Center of Boston’s Youth Chorus and High School Trumpeters; two a capella groups from Boston College, all-male the Sharpies and all-female group the Heightmen as well as an ornament-making led by local artist Eleanor Mary Ceplci.

The Ellis provided doughnuts from Blackbird Doughnuts, 492 Tremont Street, and coffee from Mosaic’s Market, which recently opened in the former Five Jet Market space on Tremont Street, and the South End Business Alliance contributed pizza from Nicole’s, 669 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 6:10.

Mayor Walsh offered his greetings before the chair 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.

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Pet of the Week

Meet Mumble, a wonderfully soft 12 week old, male kitten that came in with 15 of his litter-mates. He is a fast back youngin’, looking for a loving home to run around in an exercise ball. Like most kittens, Mumble can be a bit skittish with new people and will need work on handling and socialization in his new home. In order to adopt Mumble, the staff at APEX will need to see a photo of the cage/enclosure he will be living in, prior to going home.

If you think Mumble could be the perfect companion you are looking for, please visit our adoption center today to say hello. The shelter is open Tuesday through Thursday 1-7pm & Friday through Sunday 1-4pm, excluding school holidays.

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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. Stepto was not able to provide a net earnings cost to the organization.

Penny Layne and the Wonder Boys, formerly known as Pink Lake, returned to Worcester Square after several previous appearances at WSANA’s summer music in the Square Series and at last year’s Christmas Tree Lighting, with a light-hearted, jolly spin on holiday classics including Christmas Time 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 suffe, a final delivery of pies from Café Quattro and a few last songs from Penny Layne, the crowd quickly dispersed to the warmth of their homes.

Photos by Michele Manascico
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Parking in Snowy Weather

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

Flows 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, reach the towing company at or the Boston Police Tow Line at 617-343-4299.

Space Savers

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

• You can only use a space meter when the City declares a snow emergency.
• You have 48 hours to use a space meter before we end an emergency. After that, you must remove it from the street.
• Bow 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 raised 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,
• clear at least a 42-inch-wide path for wheelchairs and strollers.

Simple put, we’re looking for an accessible path of travel.

While the rule is three hours, we try to be reasonable for deciding when to 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 Future

We have information on how you can expect to pay fines if each day your sidewalk is unshoveled, or if you shove snow into the street. We fine ourselves for City-owned property too.

Things We Could Use Your Help With:

• Don’t shove, 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 it is unplowed into snow, it takes the fire department time to find it and shovel it out.
• Don’t leave snow or ice on sidewalks 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 an hour. 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.

Boston Water and Sewers Commission: 617-991-5700

Warming Centers

When the Mayor declares a winter weather emergency, we will open ROYF Community Centers available to warming center. If you are unable to find a warming center near you, please contact us at 311.

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as they become available.

The South End Library fundraising campaign, WINTER 101, has now embarked on the second and final phase of its proposed center renovation plan totaling $20,000. The first phase, to raise $50,000 to add a BPL location of $32,000, was concluded within a short amount of time when the BPL Board contributed $30,000 (with a 1% participation rate) and you, your generous neighbors, friends and electorate, donated $20,000 in amounts ranging from $25 to $5,000.

Donations over the $50,000 have been applied to the second phase (to raise $20,000) of the campaign so that the final target amount will be $20,000. The second phase will pay for the relocation of the circulation desk to open up additional space for, among other things, a South End display for local history and other objects, a small conference room, and a new library center to be located on the upper floor. The new center will be dedicated to the late Edith E. Spring Cleaning
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PUBLIC NOTICE

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