2018 LOVE YOUR BLOCK SPRING CLEANUP

On May 1, 2018, residents will join together for the annual cleanup in neighborhoods across the City of Boston.

All groups and individuals must register. Registration will open March 1 and end April 27. After registering, your neighborhood contact will reach out to you with more information.

Shattuck Hospital Care Coming To South End

By Sue O'Connell

Governor Charlie Baker’s administration plans to purchase the Newton Pavilion at Boston Medical Center’s (BMC) campus and transfer 260 patient beds currently treated at Lenox Hill Shattuck Hospital there in 2021. The Shattuck is located at 180 Morton Street in Jamaica Plain.

A Health and Human Services spokesperson said in a statement that, “the administration has care fully weighed many options and communicated with stakeholders about renovation needs,” and “the best option for patients is that also save taxpayers nearly $200 million.”

Steve Fox, chair of the South End Forums, told WBUR that “he hopes the state will involve the sprawling facility in Jamaica Plain to ease the concentration of addiction treatment services near the intersection of Massachusetts Avenue and Melnea Cass Boulevard.”

Waitress a Satisfying Serving

Waitress the Musical national tour presented by Broadway in Boston, Opera House, through March 4. BroadwayInBost.on or 800-982-2787

By Jules Becker

Carl Sagan once observed, “If you want to make an apple pie from scratch, you must first create the universe.” By the great astronomer’s standards, Jenna is a baking creator extraordinary. In fact, the fictional restaurant sensation proved a kind of pie gem in the very flavorful American Repertory Theatre’s 2015 world premiere “Waitress the Musical,” based on the satisfying 2007 film of the same name.

The ingredient-rich national tour at the Opera House (a Broadway in Boston presentation) offers musical-hungry patrons the same warm and winning recipe of hope and empowerment as the original effort.

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Daytime street cleaning resumes Thursday, March 1.

Check the posted street sweeping signs on your street for the schedule and parking restrictions.
We are the future of the LGBT community.

“The world still has its challenges but things are getting better. From the way we first met on line to marriage equality to our daughter’s upcoming Quinceañera our life together is more fulfilling every day. We keep up with events and entertainment on EDGE, because that’s where we see our future at its brightest.”

South End Resources

**Boston Public Schools Parent University Presents a Winter Learning Conference**

Parent University is the opportunity for parents to sharpen their skills as they work in one of life’s most important and demanding roles. Seminar focus on child development, what children are learning in school, advocacy, parent leadership and effective parenting skills.

Saturday, March 10, 2018, 9am to 2:30pm
Emmanuel Baptist Church, 2700 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02118
This event is free with free childcare.
To register, go to https://bit.ly/parentuniversitywinterlearningconference
Registration: 4086475977

**9th Annual Black History and Chinese New Year Celebration**

Join The Castle Square Tenants Association for their 9th Annual Black History & Chinese New Year Celebration.

Friday, March 2, 2018, 6pm-8:30pm
Benjamin Franklin Institute of Technology, 41 Berkeley Street, Boston

**Gardens in Titus Sparrow Park**

Community garden plots are available in Titus Sparrow Park in the South End between Columbus Ave and the Southwest Corridor Park along West Newton street and West Rutland square.

More information at titussparrowpark.org

**Sen. Sonia Chang-Díaz Announces New Neighborhood Office Hours**

Senator Sonia Chang-Díaz has announced neighborhood office hours for the Spring of 2018. Office Hours, held by Sen. Chang-Díaz and her staff, will take place within each of the neighborhoods of the Second Suffolk District.

South End – Tuesday, March 6, 10-11AM, South End Community Health Center, 1601 Washington Street, Boston
Waitress

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that remains a Broadway hit.

Fans of the movie, scripted by the late
talent Adrienne Shelly, know all too well
that Jenna's empowerment is achieved only
through dealing with personal and professional
challenges. She finds herrilless marriage to
abusive Earl a much of a trap as her mother's—
particularly after discovering that she is pregnant
and soon learning that Earl has lost his job.

Waiting tables in the American South at
the off-highway Joe's Pie Diner provides no
real satisfaction. Forcefully recalling helping her
mother bake pies when she was nine years old,
Jenna finds a kind of imaginary haven in her own
creations. Eventually her ambitious repertoire
reaches 27 varieties, and a booming pie-baking
competition with a sizable cash prize holds
open the possibility of escape from Earl.

Musical book author Jessie Nelson and
composer lyricist Sara Bareilles have adapted
Jenna's story well. Here too the vulnerable
heroine finds encouragement and warm friend-
ship in a kind of professional three-woman
fatherhood with saucy Becky and somewhat
clumsy Dawn.

Here too an affair with equally married,
tall and handsome OBIE Nominee Jim Pomer-
stein (who has replaced the retiring physician
Lily Perkins, she cherished) accelerates her
arrival at a moment of truth. She has reached
that necessary moment through waiting tables
and even tailoring pies and their names to the
respective situations and evoking fortunes of
her customers—for instance, a "Betrayed by
My Egg Pie."

If her distinct pies can reflect her own
difficulties—initially an "I Don't Want Earl's
Baby Pie," they ultimately also indicate her
transcendence. For fans of the film, Jenna's
final personal and professional choices will
spin their own course again. For all audience
members, however, the different closing fortunes of all three
waitresses should prove a satisfying and satisfying
A.R.T. artistic director Diane Paulus
continues to sharply replicate the vivid Nelson-
Bareilles two-act entity. Scott Pad is well
buttered with prop-rich set pieces that wind on and off and side cars with
revolving pies.

While Deni Oakley may not be quite as
dynamic as the amazing Jesse Mueller was in
the Cambridge premiere, she has all of Jenna's
heart and resourcefulness. Oakley also sings
well—in harmony with Charity Angel Dawson
as Becky and Lenne Klingaman as Dawn in an
appealing trio that recalls the waitresses three-
some in the nineties' "Alice" and in duet with
Ryan Piers Williams as Pomerstein—on the
appalling number: "You Matter To Me." Her
best rendition comes on the haunting standout
suite from "She Used To Be Mine."

Dawson captures Becky's attitude and
turns in a belting showcase on the ebullient
waitress' signature number: "I Didn't Plan It." Klingaman is properly flaky as Dawn, but
Jenny Morse is score-stealing good as her
idiosyncratic new boyfriend Oggy—particu-
larly kicking high on the annoying number "I
Love You Like a Table." Piers Williams has the
right fun with his balance as Pomerstein. The only weak
area, despite Morse's singular moves, is Lenne
Klingaman's generally uninspired choreography.

Vendris are circulating through the
Opera House aisles selling ticket yet fairly
pricy individual pies. Amsterdam audience
members are likely to try their own hand at
larger creations after enjoying the hometown
pleasures of "Waitress."

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Supporting the Boys and Girls Club of Dorchester

H. Leverbeunum Insurance Agency, based in Dorchester MA, along with Arbel's Insurance Company, continue another year of generous donations to the Boys and Girls Club of Dorchester. Alan Inskom, Principal of H. Leverbeunum Insurance Agency, presented Dorchester Boys and Girls Club an $8,750.00 check, to support this amazing organization and the youth in our community. H. Leverbeunum Insurance Agency Principal Alan Inskom said: "We are proud to be part of this community and to support such a fine organization helping our youth." Having been part of the Dorchester community for 47 years, H. Leverbeunum Insurance Agency continues to take an active role in supporting area youth and help develop them into strong leaders in our community.

Community Update

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Boydell Pines has changed the unit departments and amended the parking scheme, scrapping the construction of a garage as structurally infeasible and substituting 50 parking spaces at James Court instead. The most recent proposal is for 62 condominium units with an increase to 48 parking spaces at James Court.

Since the project first came before the community at meetings of the Blackstone/Franklin Square Neighborhood Association (BFNANA) and Worcester Square Area Neighborhood Association (WSANA), neighbors have expressed a number of concerns including the design modifications regarding the roof and the East Concord Street site of the building, a large proportion of one-bedroom to two or three-bedroom family units, the placement of HVAC equipment, parking and the developer's decision to locate all six affordable units off-site.

Attorney Marc Lacasse, who represents Boydell Pines on the Cosmopolitan development, presented the updated plans at the January meetings of both BFSANA and WSANA. Recalling the WSANA meeting, Lacasse said, "I thought it went very well, they were very receptive to the concept of homeownership."

The new plan met with more resistance at WSANA, where some members were skeptical of the new parking arrangement and a number of concerns were raised surrounding construction provisions. Residents have expressed worries about both construction-period and long-term logistics at the Cosmopolitan. Reservations surrounding parking are two-fold: one is the number of parking spaces the developer is providing for the condominium units; which, as WSANA President George Stango noted at the January 23 WSANA meeting, are associated with a higher level of our ownership than rentals.

This comes at a time when South End renters at large, neighborhood associations and the city are all pondering how to address the demand for parking spaces and overall traffic congestion in downtown neighborhoods. In a telephone interview, attorney Marc Lacasse, who represents Boydell Pines on this project, said that the developer is providing 0.7 parking spaces per unit as required by Boston zoning law. At the February 27 WSANA meeting, Lacasse said, "Young people are purchasing fewer cars than in the past, and while the stated desire in the city is more parking, more parking, more parking, policymakers are moving in the opposite direction, reducing the parking ratio and setting parking maximums in certain neighborhoods."

Another to the project also opined the developer's decision to construct parking along the East Concord Street site of the Cosmopolitan, with some neighbors observing that while the barriered area significantly reduces resident parking, the removed area is often under-occupied and the vehicles there are employee vehicles rather than construction equipment.

Some neighbors lamented the noise of the climate-control systems installed behind the former church, stating that the corridor behind the church acts as a sound tunnel that amplifies ambient noise, machinery sounds and even conversations.

Longtime neighbor and WSANA member, Dan Sugarsman, recalled that the group asked for assurances that there would be no mechanical systems added and wondered how the developer received approval for the HVAC unit. "What worries me is that they seem to be doing whatever they want, regardless of the concerns of people in the neighborhood."

On that point, Lacasse explained that the developer installed a heating unit for the comfort of construction workers in response to the frigid temperatures of late December and January, which will be removed in the spring when the weather no longer requires it.

Lacasse also announced at WSANA's February meeting that the South End Landmarks District Commission approved a landscaping plan that will "significantly improve" the East Concord Street and Harrison Avenue sides of the property, the wrought-iron fence around the perimeter is being improved and the entire exterior of the church is being "restored to its historical significance." Lacasse told the February WSANA meeting that the estimated completion date for the Cosmopolitan is late 2018 to early 2019.
Camp Hale Summer Enrollment is Open

Established in 1900, Camp Hale operates on the belief that all youth, particularly those from urban environments, will benefit from challenging opportunities for physical, mental, and social growth and development.

The goal of Camp Hale is for each camper to leave camp with an enhanced sense of well-being, improved social skills, and awareness of personal potential. Traditionally an all-boys camp, Camp Hale established an all-girls session in 2012 to provide inner-city girls with the chance to experience the beauty and ease opportunities that Camp Hale has to offer.

Each summer, 200 young men and women ages 6 to 15 years old head to Inkle's Cabin in the heart of the White Mountains, located on Squam Lake in New Hampshire. Residential camping allows the campers to engage on a long list of activities including canoeing, swimming, archery, hiking, fishing, ecology, camping skills, and just enjoying the mountain air.

Ultimately, we seek to ensure that these skills stay with them well into the future and benefit them in other endeavors such as school, work, sports, college resolution, and interpersonal relationships.

Activities

Camp Hale's programming is firmly rooted in tradition. Many activities that began in the first summer continue to this day, and focus on these following components:

- Individual Skill Building: There are two 50-minute periods where campers can choose their own activities and can have their skills in archery, athletics, arts & crafts, boating, canoeing, Camp Craft, nature, swimming, soccer, and fishing.
- Team Building: The afternoon period focuses on the cabin group's ability to solidify themselves as a group and utilize their collective strengths to achieve a common goal. Whether it be an overnight trip on the lake, a scavenger hunt, or a hike on a mountain, each camper has a chance to lead and make “intestinal” decisions, but not without cabin group approval.
- Campwide Reflection, Affirmation, and Celebration: The evening activity is usually a traditional camp-wide event, for example a talent show or campfire. It allows for a re-created sense of identity, solidarity, and belonging that many may be missing because of the distance from home.

Upcoming events:
- Neighbors Night at Midas: March 26, 5:30-7:30pm
- Chester Park Neighborhood Spring Drive: April 24, 4-6pm
- Spring Cleanup: May 5

Parking:

After reviewing results of the survey we will engage in a structured conversation to identify problems and possibilities.

Updates:

Funding committee

Chester Park Friends
Hopeless Recovery Working Group (with SE Forum)
Termite probation, safety
Base Campaign – Press Conference at Dudley Station, March 8, 8:30 am
NU 512 days will present ideas to CSANA April 4
Shawn: Are Stop, Compliance (STOP) line request to SE Forum list

Aircraft noise – bill to include So End on Logan Community Advisory

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION:
The Roxbury Strategic Master Plan Oversight Committee (BSMPOC) was developed to oversee projects that fall under the Roxbury Strategic Master Plan. Since last year’s launch of PLAN: Dudley Square in the BSMPOC meetings and include progress reports on the initiative. All meetings are open to the public and community input is desired. BSMPOC meetings are held in the evening the first Monday of the month at the Boston Water & Sewer Commission (BWS) in the 2nd Floor Training Room. Free parking is available in the BWS parking lot. PLAN: Dudley Square workshops are typically held on the second Monday of the month, location varies.

Please come join your neighbors and the City of Boston to help shape the future of the neighborhood.

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