

Walloped!

South End residents, businesses support each other through the storms

By MICHELE D. MANISCALCO

Just as it seemed that a relatively uneventful winter, marked by a brief deep freeze but modest snowfall, was on its way out, March came in with a proverbial roar in the form of three storms in less than two weeks.

The punishing winds, high tides and floodwaters of the Friday, March 2 nor'easter left hundreds of thousands with water, wind and tree damage and massive power outages, and the ensuing storms on Thursday, March 8 and Tuesday, March 13

slowed recovery efforts and brought widespread school, work and road closures.

The South End News informally surveyed neighborhood residents and businesses to learn how they dealt with the wild weather and found that the stereotype of the hardy New Englander, whether native-born or newcomer, is alive and well in these parts.

Quite a few local businesses opened during the storms to provide a haven for weather-weary neighbors. Petit Robert Bistro, Anoush'ella, Tremont 647 and Sister Sorel were among the eateries that welcomed diners during Tuesday's storm, while Foodie's, Casa Cuong, Don Quijote Market and Muscarella's stood ready to supply provisions during the nor'easters.

Foodie's opened until 5:00 PM on Tuesday, March 13, while Muscarella's at 570 Tremont Street kept its regular, 7:00 AM-9:30 PM schedule with the full menu of prepared foods available. Employee Angel, whose duties include food preparation and management, said, "Things are great. The weather's horrible, but at the same time it's beautiful. It's a weird mix."

He said business during Tuesday's blizzard was "average, about the same as usual." Angel was sanguine about opening in the inclement weather. "We have the reputation in this area of being renegades of weather; rain storms or whatever, we're here."

At the South End Buttery on

Continued on page 4



Photo by Michele Maniscalco

Steve Celebrates Love Old Money Resonates

Steve, Zeitgeist Stage Company, Black Box Theatre, Boston Center for the Arts, through March 24. 617-933-8600 or bostontheatrescene.com

Old Money, Commonwealth Shakespeare Company, Carling-Sorenson Theater, Babson College, Wellesley, through March 18. 866-811-4111 or commshakes.org

By JULES BECKER

Are gay relationships and gay parenting really very different from straight ones? Mark Gerrard's incisive

Off-Broadway hit "Steve"—now in a wonderfully affecting Hub premiere by Zeitgeist Stage Company—makes the answer a resounding "no." The title character is a past chorus boy and now stay-at-home Manhattan partner and parent, who early on alludes to Jewish trader Shylock's famous speech about his humanity in "The Merchant of Venice" with the rhetorical variation "Hath not a half-Jew eyes?" Steve may not indicate from which parent he derives Jewish ancestry, and the remark may seem to apply only to his sighting of Argentinian-American waiter Esteban. Even so, this ostensibly minor point sets a sub-textual tone for respect.

As Gerrard's play proceeds



Alex Jacobs, Jenny Reagan, and Mike Nilsson in Zeitgeist Stage Company's production of "Steve". Photo credit: David J. Miller

(mostly in New York City but also on Fire Island), Steven sometimes rages about the possibility that his lawyer partner Stephen has been unfaithful to him. Eventually Stephen actually admits to sexting after the recovery of his cellphone—found in the possession of the partners' unseen child

Continued on page 4

Remembering Harriet Tubman

Friends of the Harriet Tubman Square Statues marked the anniversary of Tubman's death on March

10 with bouquets. Tubman died in Auburn, NY, in 1913.



Photo courtesy Freida Garcia

Street cleaning is NOW!

Check the posted street sweeping signs on your street for the schedule and parking restrictions.



It's that weekend again.

Adjust the clocks.

Check the smokes.

Dog still goes to the park.



JJBodner
Insurance Agency of Boston

8 Clarendon Street Boston 02116 617-437-9400 jjbodner.com
auto • home • business • condo associations

EVERYONE IS GOING GREEN!

For all your legal needs, call The Law Offices of **Donald E. Green.**

We concentrate in **personal injury matters** as well as **criminal defense, civil rights, immigration matters, family/probate issues, bankruptcy, real estate and sexual harassment claims.**

Please call **Attorneys Don or Annette Green** at **(617) 442-0050** or toll free at 1-877-DON-GREEN or email dgreen@donaldegreen.com or agreen@donaldegreen.com

Conveniently located on the South Shore and in Dudley Square:

- 222 Forbes Road, Suite 200 in Braintree (by appointment only)
- 2235 Washington Street in Roxbury (walk-ins welcome)



DON GREEN

GO GREEN FOR YOUR LEGAL NEEDS!



ANNETTE HILL GREEN

Get local and advertise your property in the *South End News*.


Call Jeff at (617) 464-7280 ext. 202 or email: sales@southendnews.com

A BENEFIT
FOR AIDS ACTION

TASTE

OF THE

SOUTH END

SINCE  1995

Taste of the South End

On Tuesday, March 20, foodies will gather to support Massachusetts AIDS Action Committee at the 23rd annual Taste of the South End (TOSE).



TOSE will be held from 7pm-9:30pm at the Cyclorama at the Boston Center for the Arts, 539 Tremont Street, Boston. Admission is 21+.

More than 40 South End restaurants will be offering unlimited sampling and complimentary wine and beer.

For more information visit tasteofthesouthend.org

TWO SOUTH END LOCATIONS



House of Siam



Open for Lunch & Dinner
Come Experience our Beautiful Dining Room and the Freshest Thai Cuisine in Boston

592 Tremont St. (near Dartmouth Street)
Take out is available from 11:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. daily
617.267.7426

542 Columbus Avenue
617.267.1755



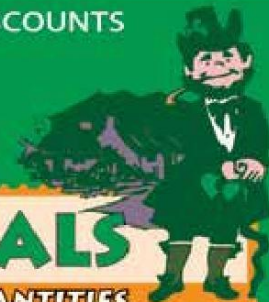
LIQUOR LAND

FREE PARKING • LARGEST SELECTION • CASE DISCOUNTS

BEST OF BOSTON WINNER

500 FT. FROM SOUTH BAY SHOPPING CENTER

1033 MASS. AVE., BOSTON • 617-445-0560



ST. PATRICK'S DAY SPECIALS

SALE ENDS MARCH 18TH • WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO LIMIT QUANTITIES



IRISH WHISKEY	SPIRITS	BEER
GREEN SPOT SINGLE POT STILL 750ML \$49.99	BAILEY'S IRISH CREAM 750ML (ALL TYPES) \$19.99	GUINNESS EXTRA STOUT & DRAUGHT 12/PK BOT. \$12.99+
RED BREAST 12 YR SINGLE POT STILL 750ML \$44.99	KERRYGOLD IRISH CREAM 750ML \$17.99	MURPHY'S IRISH STOUT 10/PK CAN. \$7.99+
GLENDALOUGH TRIPLE "LIQUOR LAND" SELECT 750ML \$29.99	ST. BRENDAN'S IRISH CREAM 750ML \$10.99	CAEL & CREDE BARREL-AGED ALE 22 OZ BOT. \$5.99+
JAMESON 12 YR SPECIAL RESERVE 750ML \$59.99	EMMETS IRISH CREAM 750ML \$9.99	MAGNER'S CIDER 12/PK BOT. \$13.99+
JAMESON BLACK BARREL 750ML \$31.99	MOLLY'S IRISH CREAM 750ML \$8.99	LAGUNITAS ALL TYPES 12/PK BOT/CAN. \$12.99+
JAMESON 1.75L \$39.99	BRADY'S IRISH CREAM 1.75L \$14.99	SAM ADAMS ALL TYPES 12/PK BOT/CAN. \$12.99+
FLAMING LEPRECHAUN 750ML \$29.99	BOSTON HARBOR MAPLE CREAM 750ML \$21.99	HEINEKEN REG & LT 24/LOOSE 12 OZ BOT/CAN. \$23.79+
BUSHMILLS REG & HONEY 750ML \$18.99	IRISH MIST HONEY LIQUEUR 750ML \$18.99	CORONA REG & LT 24/LOOSE 12 OZ BOT. \$24.79+
GTD SOUTH BOSTON 750ML \$21.99	THE KNOT 100 PROOF LIQUEUR 750ML \$18.99	COORS BANQUET & LIGHT 30/PK 12 OZ/CAN. \$21.99+
DONEGAL 750ML \$16.99	FLAMING LEPRECHAUN FIERY CINNAMON 750ML \$21.99	BUDWEISER LIGHT 30/PK 12 OZ/CAN. \$21.99+

ST. PATRICK'S TASTING SATURDAY, MARCH 17TH 3-6 PM

COMMUNITY MEETING



SOUTH END LIBRARY PARK

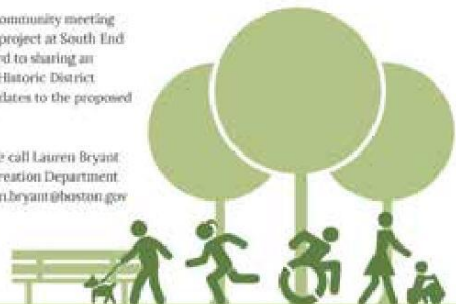
SHARE WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO SOUTH END LIBRARY PARK.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 2018
6:30 PM**

South End Branch of the Boston Public Library
685 Tremont Street, South End

Please join us for a second community meeting regarding the capital repair project at South End Library Park. We look forward to sharing an update from the South End Historic District Commission hearing and updates to the proposed plan.

For more information, please call Lauren Bryant at the Boston Parks and Recreation Department (617) 961-3019 or email lauren.bryant@boston.gov



VISIT THE PROJECT WEBSITE:
<https://www.boston.gov/departments/parks-and-recreation/improvements-south-end-library-park>



Animals Make People Better!



Office Hours By Appointment
Mon. - Sat.

The Charles Street
Animal Clinic
158 Charles Street
617-227-0153

South Bay
Veterinary Group
587 Tremont Street
617-266-6619

CAN'T WAIT
UNTIL THURSDAY
FOR THE NEXT
ISSUE OF THE
SOUTH END
NEWS?

HEAD OVER TO

SouthEndNews.com



Pet of the Week



Beyonce
ANIMAL
RESCUE
LEAGUE
of BOSTON

Meet **Beyonce, Solange & Bianca**! **Beyonce** is a beautiful green and yellow, approximately 8-year old parakeet looking for a forever home. Though she is not used to handling, she and her other parakeet friends (**Solange & Bianca**, not pictured) love to chitchat and sing with each other (living up to their namesakes)! It would be great for all three ladies to go home together, since they have lived together their whole lives. Parakeets are an ideal first pet for those looking to try bird keeping. They are beautiful, and quite entertaining with their whistles and chirps. Parakeets love attention and enjoy daily interaction. Kept together they form strong bonds and are less likely to be bored. As an herbivore, a parakeet's diet revolves around whole grains, seeds and fresh fruits and vegetables. Continuous access to fresh, clean water also is essential. A photo of the cage setup is required prior to adoption. All three ladies are vet checked and ready to find a forever home today! If you think **Beyonce, Solange & Bianca** might be a good match for you, please plan a visit to our shelter today or call 617 226 6602. The shelter is open Tuesday through Thursday 1-7pm & Friday through Sunday 1-4pm, excluding some holidays.

Also, be sure to check out our:
WEBSITE: www.aiboston.org
BLOG: aibostonblog.wordpress.com
TWITTER: @ARLBostonRescue
FACEBOOK: [facebook.com/AnimalRescueLeagueofBoston](https://www.facebook.com/AnimalRescueLeagueofBoston)

Helping animals since 1999
10 Chandler Street
Boston, MA 02116

SCT
STEVEN COHEN
TEAM
SOUTH END
REAL ESTATE
SPECIALTIES



Steven Cohen
Pet of the Week
Series Sponsor

Walloped!

Continued from page 1

Shawmut Avenue, store manager Darrel commented on Tuesday, "We got a lot of great feedback that we were open today. The response from people in the South End was amazing. It's been busy." Darrel said the Buttery has several employees who live locally and didn't mind coming to work in the storms.

"We support [owner Richard Gordon's] decision to be open. I think it was a great decision for the community," Darrel said customers bought "Lots of sweets, lots of hot drinks like cappuccino and lattes and lots of chili." Darrel recalled a couple who came in to eat during the day on Tuesday and were so happy that the Buttery was open that they planned to order dinner there as well. "The Buttery is going to feed us all day!" they said.

Some local restaurants took the opportunity to bolster neighbors' spirits with snow-day specials and amusements, which met with appreciation from hungry, thirsty and stir-crazy customers. Since Bar Mezzana co-owners Colin and Heather live above the restaurant, it was easy for the restaurant to offer hospitality during the storms.

Co-owner Jefferson Macklin explained, "We are in the hospitality business and we feel like people want to get together and beat the cabin fever." Bar Mezzana offered "Burgers and Board Games" on snow days. "We've done this every storm. At the beginning of the season, we bought a whole bunch of board games at Target so people can play and have some fun." While the menu was limited by the delivery cancellations during the storms, Bar Mezzana posted a special menu on Instagram. Diners

were undeterred even by Tuesday's blizzard. Shortly after opening at 5:00 PM, Macklin said, "Reservation-wise, we dropped a little, but we are picking up. There are already a few people at the bar. We are trying to be a harbor in the storm."

Boston Chops offered \$1 wings during the March 8 storm and again during the Tuesday, March 13 blizzard. Assistant general manager Brian Deschere said, "We find the neighborhood is very supportive in general, and when businesses are closed, we want to provide a place for [people] to go and eat. I'll probably have a good bar crowd and it will be like a neighborhood gathering."

The popularity of the first \$1.00 wing special took Deschere by surprise. "[March 8's] nor'easter was the first time we had the chicken wing special. We opened at 5:00 PM and sold out 200 wings by 7:00 PM. We learned a lesson," he mused. At Boston Chops, the menu also was limited by lack of deliveries. Deschere said, "For me, a snow day is an opportunity to be a venue for the neighborhood. It doesn't feel like work, it feels like hosting a dinner party."

Residents endured the storms by working at home, catching up on personal business and clearing snow from their walks and cars. Ink Block-area resident Nancy Wall Farrington, a South Carolina native who prefers all things summer: warm weather, sunshine and the Red Sox, returned from a vacation in Santa Monica only to be greeted by March 2's destructive winds and rain. Prior to this week's storm, Farrington stocked up at Whole Foods, using the snow day to do household organizing and catch up on current events.

During the March 13 storm, resident Lisa Jenks enjoyed having the opportunity to

dine at one of Washington Street's perennially packed hotspots. She wrote, "We went to Toro for dinner tonight and the place was packed." Stergios also visited the popular tapas spot, where hopeful diners often crowd the sidewalk waiting to get a table.

"I stopped at Toro on my way back, since the only time we in the neighborhood can squeeze into Toro is when the snow dissuades others from coming, and had a good meal and ran into others from the neighborhood, and outside the neighborhood," Stergios said.

While the storms halted travel all over the state, the city's snow removal efforts seemed to impress South End denizens interviewed for this article. Jenks observed, "The city seems to be keeping up well with the snow clearing."

A dog owner and longtime Shawmut Avenue resident was similarly pleased with the city's snow grooming, commenting, "Blackstone Square was nicely plowed and not over-salted for tiny, tender paws." Worcester Square Area Neighborhood Association president George Stergios said, "I took a long walk around 5:00 PM and the city has done a good job getting out ahead of the storm."

Mass. Ave. resident Andrew Brand reported, "I did shovel a few times, but the snow was light and fluffy, so it was easy to shovel. All in all, it was not nearly as unpleasant as it could have been, or I was fearing. That said, I'm not happy I will not be able to ride my bike..." Jenks witnessed camaraderie during Tuesday's storm. "Our neighbors on Cumston Street have all been out and about checking on each other. The dogs are all a little confused, but the people seem to be managing well."

Theater

Continued from page 1

Zack—reveals his indiscretion. Could Steven be retaliating with charming Esteban? Will Steven and Stephen reach an understanding? Will Steven's confidant Carrie, vulnerable in both relationship and health, help the realization of such an understanding? Ultimately Cerrard's play not only deals with the complexities of this gay 'extended family' but also convincingly suggests that the characters' relationships are universally compelling.

As the relationships evolve, Zeitgeist artistic director David J. Miller keeps the pacing tight and the cast members' characterizations vivid. Victor Shopov's Steven may sound a bit too volatile in the early going, but he soon modulates his tone so that his character's insecurities become as noticeable as his anger. Jenny Reagan brings both strong feeling and growing fragility to her portrayal of cancer-ridden Carrie. Alex Jacobs perfectly captures Stephen's ambivalence and internal conflict—especially during a singular iPhone exchange with Mike Nilsson, properly overly sensual as Brian, the partner of Steven's best friend Matt. Mikey Di Loreto catches Matt's reflective nature—particularly in a scene-stealing moment of candid advice with Steven. Adam

Boiselle makes the most of ubiquitous dancer Esteban's combination of grace and geniality. Michael Clark Wonson's nuanced lighting smartly underscores characters' moments of tension and understanding.

"Steve" is as much a celebration of friendship and love that withstand mistrust as a sharp examination of gay relationships. Zeitgeist Stage makes that examination a vital experience for all theatergoers.

Wendy Wasserstein explored women's rights in her Pulitzer Prize-winner "The Heidi Chronicles." Sibling solidarity and Jewish pride are significant themes in her affectionate comedy "The Sisters Rosenzweig." By contrast, the late playwright's centuries—comparing effort "Old Money" brings together women's concerns, Jewish nouveau niche characters battling anti-Semitism and a variety of family generations. Wasserstein's interesting play may seem too thematically busy at times, but Commonwealth Shakespeare Company gives it lively currency at Babson College's Carling-Sorenson Theater. Director Karen MacDonald, a premier actress herself (numerous IRNE and Norton awards), demonstrates impressive facility guiding the first-rate cast that brings to vivid contrasting life the distinct characters attending the 2000 and early 1900's

get-togethers at the play's Fifth Avenue, New York City mansion setting.

A playbill director's note speaks of the playwright's observations about the opulence and "A list" guests at a late 1990's dinner party that sparked her idea for the play. Quite fittingly, the CSC cast itself is a combination of "A" list actors like Will Lyman, Jeremiah Kissel and Veronica Anastasio Wiseman and soon-to-be "A" list performers like Elliott Purcell and Amanda Collins. Lyman captures the talented, mercurial mansion architect Schuyler Lynch—spoken of as caught in a scandal with a schoolboy—as well as the ailing, vulnerable old money scion Tobias Vivian Pfeiffer III. Kissel catches the adventurousness of Jewish entrepreneur Arnold Strauss and emotionally conflicted though successful 2000 mansion owner Jeffrey Bernstein. There are equally strong double performances from Wiseman, Purcell, Collins and the rest of this very talented ensemble. Credit goes as well to Charles Schoonmaker for sharp period costumes and Jon Savage for an elegant, well-detailed scenic design.

"Old Money" resonates tellingly in wealth-dominated early 21st century America. Wasserstein may not quite make a major statement here, but CSC's engaging production is "A" list lovely.

39/10

Publishers:

Jeff Coakley [ext. 202]
Sue O'Connell [ext. 215]

Editor-in-Chief:

Sue O'Connell [ext. 215]
sue.southendnews@gmail.com

Editorial Design Manager:

Daniel J. Raps
danielj.raps@gmail.com

Contributing Writers:

Michele D. Maniscalco
Dog Lady

Display Advertising:

Jeff Coakley [ext. 202]
jcoakley@southendnews.com

Classified Advertising:

classifiedads@southendnews.com

Letters to the editor:

letters@southendnews.com

Calendar listings:

sencalendar@southendnews.com

© 2018 South End News Inc.

PO BOX E14,
Boston, MA 02127
(617) 464-7280; FAX (617) 464-7286

The South End News is a copyrighted publication. Any stories or photos contained herein may not be reproduced in whole or in part without the express written permission of the publisher. The South End News will not assume financial responsibility for typographical errors in advertisements. Questions or complaints regarding advertising must be sent in writing to the billing department within seven days of publication in order for adjustments to be made to the account. We reserve the right to use our discretion in accepting or rejecting advertising copy. South End News is not responsible for damages due to typographical errors, except for the cost of replacing ads that have typographical errors caused by our negligence. South End News is published every Thursday.

www.southendnews.com

Facebook.com/SouthEndNews

NENPA
NEW ENGLAND NEWSPAPER & PRESS ASSOCIATION

SEAR
SOUTH END AREA
ALLIANCE
RACE & CLASS

Letters policy

To be considered for publication, letters must be no longer than 500 words; refrain from extreme personal attacks; be signed and include an address and daytime telephone number. Writers should refrain from making incorrect statements since they may be barred from future issues. Deadline is noon Tuesday for Thursday's paper. To send us letters: Mail to PO BOX E14, Boston, MA 02127; FAX to 617.464.7286; E-mail: letters@southendnews.com

Service Guide Ads Get Results.
For more information please call:

617.464.7280

TASTE

OF THE

SOUTH END

A BENEFIT FOR  AIDS ACTION

TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 2018

40+ RESTAURANTS • 1 LOCATION

FROM BOSTON'S HOTTEST CULINARY DESTINATION

**BOSTON CENTER FOR THE ARTS
539 TREMONT STREET**

**\$200 VIP ADMISSION • 6:00 PM
\$150 GENERAL ADMISSION • 7:00 PM**

FOR TICKETS VISIT TASTEOTHSOUTHEND.ORG



PRESENTED BY:
amazon

RUBY SPONSORS:



EMERALD SPONSOR:



SAPPHIRE SPONSORS:



OFFICIAL BEER SPONSOR:



**OFFICIAL WINE AND
CHAMPAGNE SPONSOR:**



MEDIA SPONSORS:



OFFICIAL EVENT VALET:



IN-KIND SPONSORS:





THE TAKE
WITH SUE O'CONNELL

SHE HAS A LOT TO SAY...
SO DO HER GUESTS

***NEW TIMES**
weekdays @ 7 & 8 pm

necn

Parking Spot in the South End - \$200/month

We are conveniently located in the South End of Boston, a few blocks away from the Boston Medical Center, just minutes from the heart of downtown, and a short walk to the neighborhoods fabulous shopping, dining and entertainment. The parking lots are off of Parmelee Street.

PLEASE CALL WITH ANY INQUIRIES
617-427- 7745

SERVICE GUIDE

CLEANING

Spring Cleaning For All Seasons

- Trustworthy cleaning services to meet your needs
- Houses, apartments and commercial
- Schedule that works best for you, weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly
- All routine housework, plus special clean-up jobs
- Owner supervised cleaning crew and ensures quality
- Excellent references and competitive rates



Cleaning by Judy
617-501-9645

ClimACTS! Welcomes Kennedy Davenport, Rebecca Taichman

SUBMITTED BY TTO

The Theater Offensive (TTO) presents ClimACTS! GLOW, a come-as-you-are, bold party that invites attendees to explore their naughty sides in an evening of boisterous celebration and interactive performances.

ClimACTS!, The Theater Offensive's annual gala, celebrates the rich diversity of LGBTQ lives through an evening that challenges norms, explores sexuality, and uplifts the various identities and icons within queer culture. All proceeds benefit TTO's arts programs that bring LGBTQ art and artists to the stage, front and center.

Find yourself among Boston's brightest and hottest LGBTQ scene, as Kennedy Davenport of RuPaul's Drag Race (and this year's TTO OUT'hood Award recipient) drops, twirls, and works as the event's emcee. Guests will also mingle with Rebecca Taichman the 2017 Tony Award Winner for Best Director of Broadway's *Indecent*. Taichman will be the recipient of the TTO's 2018 Out on The Edge Award, recognizing her accomplishments and contributions to bold, status quo-defying LGBTQ art.

"This event offers LGBTQ people a place to gather, play, and truly be themselves – to celebrate their sexuality in a space that is hard to find (yet so

needed) in Boston. ClimACTS! truly is a fundraiser like no other. At ClimACTS!, we honor the Queer and Trans contributions to our society as many have pushed the status quo to get where we are today. This event also will highlight the critical work that The Theater Offensive does to support queer artists and LGBTQ youth of Boston," offered TTO Acting Executive Director Harold Steward. In these times, it's so important that we support LGBTQ art and artists – and at ClimACTS! we're going to show people what that looks like."

Past recipients of the TTO OUT on the Edge Award have included playwrights and performers Tony Award-Winning Fun Home playwright Lisa Kron, Transparent's Alexandra Billings, Tony Award-winner Billy Porter, Big Freedia, and actor Alan Cumming. Kennedy Davenport is the inaugural recipient of the OUT'hood Award.

The Theater Offensive (TTO) is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to present the diversity of LGBTQ lives in art so bold that it breaks through personal isolation, challenges the status quo, and build thriving communities.

Proceeds from ClimACTS! GLOW will support the programs of TTO, including:

TRUE COLORS: OUT YOUTH THEATER: a creative arts program for LGBTQ youth and their straight allies

ages 14-29. True Colors is oldest LGBTQ youth theater troupe in the nation and in November 2016 was honored with the National Arts and Humanities Youth Programs Award, the nation's highest honor in creative youth development, presented by First Lady Michelle Obama at the White House. True Colors is the first-ever LGBTQ youth group to be recognized with this award!

OUT In Your Neighborhood: TTO works within Roxbury, Dorchester, Jamaica Plain and the South End to create original, groundbreaking works by, for and about the LGBTQ community. TTO believes in the importance of producing bold, local theater right where residents live, increasing access to art and inspiring deeper dialogue among neighbors and residents that lead to understanding.

THE PRIDE YOUTH THEATER ALLIANCE (PYTA): founded in 2012, PYTA began as a cohort of directors, educators, and activists representing Queer Youth Theater (QYT) programs from across the U.S. and Canada. PYTA raises awareness and fosters institutional unity for the work of individual programs and the QYT community and beyond. PYTA operates in 20 states (48% red states) and engages over 15,000 queer youth annually.

More at www.thetheateroffensive.org

South End News

Service Guide Ads Get Results.

617.464.7280 • sales@southendnews.com

SERVICE GUIDE

PLUMBING • HEATING • HVAC

S.G. Harold Plumbing, Heating & AC

Specializing in Viessman Boiler
Home Heating Repairs & Service
Unico Air Conditioning • Radiant Floor Heating

Boston 617-696-2400

Unprecedented Service Tailored To You

MA Lic # 10589

ROOFING



McDonnell Roofing Co. Roofing Specialist

Fully Insured

Slate and Copper Work • Rubber Roof Systems
Shingles and Gutters • Repairs • Lic. Contractor Reg. #100100

617-288-3448

Free Estimates • Over 40 years of experience

McDonnellRoofingBoston.com

Letters Policy

The South End News welcomes letters to the editor.

All letters must be signed and accompanied by a mailing address and phone number.

Because of space limitations, letter should not be more than 200 words.

e-mail:
letters@southendnews.com

BRUNO GUERRIERO CONSTRUCTION, INC.

Water Proofing Solutions

Basements • Facades • Chimneys



Emergency Repairs

Roofs & Walls • Clean Outs

COMPLETE MASON CONTRACTOR

Custom Brick, Stone Work & Brick Pavers

ALL TYPES OF REPAIRS AND RESTORATIONS

Flood Damage Repair • Brownstone Repair • Stairs Restored • Foundations

BrunoGuerrieroConstruction.com

Brunosworld@comcast.net

MENTION THIS AD, GET 10% OFF

(800) 444-5476

HIC
REC#
269196

FULLY INSURED

FREE ESTIMATES



MASONRY



P. Stones Contracting, Inc.

Specializing in Historic Restoration,
Brick Repointing, Brick, Block, Stone,
Basement Floors, Caulking & Waterproofing.

Ornamental window sills, window headers and moldings.
Fully licensed and insured. 15 years of satisfied customers and referrals.

Office: 781-848-6922 • Fax: 781-848-6923

Cell: 617-592-0850 • pstonescontracting@hotmail.com

MASONRY

Rynne Masonry, Inc

20 Years of Experience Working with Clients in the South End
Specializing in all types of Brownstone Restoration

Brickwork • Repointing
Step Repair (Rebuild, Restore and Resurface)
Chimney Repair • Basement Flood Repairs

Fully Insured and licensed. Please call for references and work samples.
Francis Rynne 617-510-2775 or 617-783-0516

ELECTRICAL



D'S ELECTRIC

PROVIDING QUALITY
ELECTRICAL SERVICES
to the BOSTON AREA

Residential & Commercial

Free Estimates

24 Hour Service

Dedicated to Customer Service Since 1971

617.542.2000
www.ds-electric.com

Mass Licence #14580A

CONSTRUCTION • GENERAL • REMODELING

The Dependable Handyperson

FINE PAINTING AND REFINISHING
SMALL REPAIRS AND RENOVATIONS

DECK AND GARDEN WORK

Call Jean at 617-236-1795

dependablehandy@aol.com

MASONRY

R. BUCKLEY MASONRY



Fully licensed and insured
BBB accredited

RBUCKLEYMASONRY@YAHOO.COM

617-283-6691

WWW.RBUCKLEYCONSTRUCTIONINC.COM

FREE CONSULT AND ESTIMATES

REPOINTING
RESTORATION
BASEMENTS
URBAN LANDSCAPE
DESIGN/BUILD
CHIMNEYS
STEPS
CONCRETE
STONE
BRICK



The people depicted here are models. Their image is being used for illustrative purposes only.

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.”

EDGEMEDIANETWORK
the future of lgbt media

edgemedianetwork.com



Public Meeting

PLAN: DUDLEY SQUARE

MONDAY, MARCH 19
5:30 PM - 8:00 PM

980 HARRISON AVE
Boston Water and Sewer,
2nd Floor Training Room
Roxbury, MA 02119

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The March PLAN: Dudley Square discussion will build on the past Request for Proposal (RFP) workshops to respond to comments, which will include outlining the Project Review Committee (PRC) process. Throughout the evening there will be opportunity for attendees to engage in productive dialogue with City/BPDA team members and each other on elements of the material being shared as part of the workshop.

PLAN: Dudley Square is an initiative to think strategically about the types of uses and the scale of development best suited for the future of Dudley Square and Roxbury. The goals of this study are to provide an inclusive community engagement process, create an updated vision with the community, and establish an implementation plan that will lead to the issuance of RFPs for publicly-owned parcels in Dudley Square.

We look forward to having you join us at the workshop.

For more information please visit: <http://bit.ly/PlanDudley>

MAIL TO: **COURTNEY SHARPE**
Boston Planning & Development Agency
One City Hall Square, 9th Floor
Boston, MA 02201
PHONE: 617.918.4431
EMAIL: courtney.sharpe@boston.gov

BostonPlans.org | [@BostonPlans](https://twitter.com/BostonPlans)

Teresa Polhemus, Executive Director/Secretary

BANKING NEEDS ✓ TIME FOR FRIENDS ✓



OPEN ANY NEW CHECKING ACCOUNT AND YOU'LL RECEIVE FREE:

- Mobile Banking with Check Deposit
- Access to Allpoint® ATMs
- Online Banking and Bill Pay
- Instant issue ATM/VISA® check card
- e-Statements
- Check Buy-Back*

PLUS, GET YOUR CHOICE OF A FREE GIFT WHEN YOU OPEN ANY NEW CHECKING ACCOUNT!


ReTrak™ 6,000 mAh Power Bank with
Retractable Micro USB Cable


OXO Icing
Decorating Kit



East Boston Savings Bank

800.657.3272 EBSB.com

Minimum deposit of \$50 is required at account opening. Customer purchases checks. We reserve the right to substitute a gift of similar value, while supplies last. Please note in the event the value of the free gift exceeds \$10, the bank is required to report the gift value on form 1099-INT or 1099-MISC. The recipient is responsible for all applicable taxes. *We'll pay you up to \$15 for your unused checks and check card from another financial institution. Offer may change at the discretion of the bank at any time.



[Facebook.com/EastBostonSavingsBank](https://www.facebook.com/EastBostonSavingsBank)



Member FDIC Member DIF