ASK DOG LADY

Advice on Pets, Life, Love

BY Monica Collins

Dear Dog Lady,

My gentleman friend owns a female golden retriever. He allows his dog to run free in the woods behind his home twice a day, at least. Since he cannot be beside her every minute, she manages to roll in deer droppings. He bathes her outside in every kind of weather to remove it.

I understand this is primitive dog behavior which I find repulsive. Since I only walk my dog (female mini poodle) on a leash in the city, she is under control at all times. I feel he should only walk his dog on a leash or let her run in non-wooded areas like a vacant baseball field.

Also, we have put these two female dogs together twice (once with a trainer) and it is not a good situation. Both dislike other dogs, meaning they grinz at each other. I would like to make the relationship with my gentleman friend permanent, but the dogs hold us back. Any feedback would be appreciated.

—Muriel

Dear Muriel,

Remember that old song standard, “Something’s Gotta Give?” Even if you don’t really mean it, take the title to heart. Something’s gotta give.

Your gentleman friend is merely being a responsible dog owner to trudge his dog with a leash in the woods and a roll in deer scat. Dog

A Celebration of Reading!

Blackstone Innovation School, St. Stephen’s Youth Programs, and City Year

BY Maureen Burns

On Friday, March 9, St. Stephen’s Youth Programs and City Year hosted a literacy celebration at the Blackstone Innovation School’s Eighth Annual Read Across America Day! This national event is timed to fall near the birthday of young children’s favorite author, Dr. Seuss. Here in the South End, forty volunteers from non-profit organizations, faith-based groups, and corporate partners gathered in the Blackstone Library.

Reunion Christian Church, a congregation that meets in the

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Guest Opinion

We’ve Made Great Strides, But There’s Still Work to Do:

Celebrating Women’s History Month in Boston

BY Mayor Martin J. Walsh

It’s important to pause and celebrate the women who impact us everyday. Those we interact with on a daily basis, and those women who came before us that made positive changes in the workplace and our world. Making sure all women and girls have equal opportunity is not only an important issue to myself and my administration, it is a priority in the City of Boston.

When I was first sworn in as Mayor of Boston, I created the Mayor’s Office of Women’s Advancement. This office is the first of its kind in the country, with a goal to increasing it to have a dedicated department to provide a needed perspective on

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Blackstone Franklin group discusses hot topics

BY Michele D. Maniscalco

About 20 residents and South End/But Village liaison Faisa Sharif attended the March 20 meeting of the Blackstone Franklin Square Area Neighborhood Association (BFSNA) to learn more about needle disposal efforts, the city’s 311 public service hotline, the sale of the A. Alexander Hotel and other neighborhood concerns at D-4 station, 650 Harrison Avenue.

Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) Director of recovery

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Women’s History Month 2018

Jovita Fontanez

A graduate of UMass Boston, Fontanez is the first Latina woman to run the Boston Election Commission and the first Latina woman member of the Electoral College of Massachusetts.

A legend of South Boston, Jovita found the South End Community Health Center and Casa Esperanza’s Latina y Niños Community Center, a treatment program that helps pregnant women and mothers recover from addiction.
Dog Lady

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Lady knows, on the surface, this is disgusting. Still, nothing could bring greater pleasure to a golden retriever. Dogs love to smear themselves in sticky stuff. Yes, it’s natural. There’s nothing wrong with humans doing the same thing, especially when you’ve got a mini-poodle. And you shouldn’t worry about whether the dogs get along because what is most important is the bonding moment between you and your gentleman. The dogs shouldn’t hold you back from enjoying a permanent relationship if it’s meant to be. Don’t try to control what you can’t.

Dear Dog Lady,

When we adopted our new 13-year-old mixed breed poodle, Candy, she started barking anyone who came to visit. Our veterinarian thought she was trying to protect us because we were her new family. Here is what we decided to do: Train her. Every time she met a new person who came to our house, she would sit down, lie down, roll over and let the new person scratch her belly. Then the new person gave her a treat. She quickly stopped her aggressive behavior and did what was expected of her to get the treats. Any variation of this will work because it distacts the puppies from barking and gives them something pleasurable to do when they meet a new person. —Phyllis,

Dear Phyllis,

What great advice for your dog, and your guests. You are a belly rubber after Dog Lady’s heart. With our dog, after all, destruction is in the mother of creation. If you want your pets to do differently, you must offer an alternative course of action—and a reward (te treats, glistening treats). Good work! Your patience paid off in a better-behaved dog.

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services. Devin MacKin, director of human resources, Sarah MacKin, appeared at the meeting to present BHPC’s mobile health program. MacKin told the group that the program is now taking appointments per week and is only taking in 7,000. She said they are taking more than 95% of the needles that were purchased in a pharmacy.

Dear MacKin,

What a great idea! —Phyllis,

Dear Phyllis,

The program has been successful in taking needles because of the mobile health program, which is set up at the local pharmacy. The program is now taking appointments per week and is only taking in 7,000. She said they are taking more than 95% of the needles that were purchased in a pharmacy.

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Blackstone's auditorium, and Bain Capital, the Blackstone's City Year sponsors, were among the most well represented groups! Each adult chamber picked out a book and then joined a classroom for an afternoon of reading. Students eagerly greeted volunteers, asked them questions about their jobs, listened to stories, and shared books.

Starting in 2011, the Blackstone Innovation School and St. Stephen's Youth Programs have worked together to create a fully-functional library in what was previously a dusty storage space. Thanks to the dedication of many volunteers as well as funding from Parish of the Epiphany in Winchester, the school now has a top-notch library.

Blackstone's library boasts more than 12,000 volumes that are catalogued in an online database, has a selection plan for EE22C, hosts annual author visits, and celebrates this Read Across America Day each year! Every week, twenty-four classes fill of mailing, excited students visit the library to read aloud, the opportunity to borrow books, the chance to travel the world than just the magic of reading, and to build their literacy skills.

The Blackstone Library manages to do all this thanks to the resources of non-profit organizations and churches and the time of volunteers. The Blackstone Library is staffed solely by volunteers and yet it is one of the few public elementary school libraries in Boston that is open Monday through Friday. Currently, Boston Public Schools only have certificated elementary school librarians on staff serving about 75 schools with elementary age students.

This makes school partners, like St. Stephen's Youth Programs and City Year, all the more important. To support the Blackstone Library's growing collection, check out their book wish list at portersquarebooks.com/wishlists/280. To learn more about the library and to explore volunteer opportunities, contact: Maeve_Bennett@masslrc.org or stop by the Blackstone School to ask a library volunteer for a tour.

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BPD Officers Arrest Ride-share Operator in Connection to Sexual Assault in the South End

Submitted by Boston Police Department

PD Officers Arrest Ride-share Operator in Connection to Sexual Assault in the South End At about 10:05 AM on Sunday, March 18, 2018, officers from District D4 (South End) responded to a call for a sexual assault in the area of Hemnesway Street in Boston. At arrival, officers spoke to Northeastern University police officers who had stopped an individual who identified himself as a ride-share operator and had been tasked with transporting a female passenger to her home.

Upon arrival, the victim stated to officers on the scene that he believed the female passenger, notoriety appeared to be in distress, but may have been the victim of sexual assault.
The victim was transported to an area hospital for treatment. Follow-up investigation by the S.W.I.T.C.H. Sexual Assault Unit enabled detectives to arrest and charge the operator. Officers arrested Thanuj Rose, 26, of Everett and charged him with Rape. Rose is scheduled to be arraigned tomorrow, Monday, March 19, 2018, in Bowditch District Court.
The Boston Police Sexual Assault Unit continues to investigate the facts and circumstances surrounding this incident. Anyone with any information relative to this investigation is asked to contact detectives assigned to the Sexual Assault Unit at (617) 343-4000.

Support Marathon Fund Raisers

Spaulding Race for Rehab

Caroline Connolly, NBC 10 Boston

"I feel fortunate to have a career that offers one with a view of life I would not otherwise get to see. Sometimes that can be tragic. On more rare occasions, it can be the kind of triumph we may not even realize we need. That was the case last year when I was paired with Spaulding Rehabilitation to cover the Boston Marathon. From their watch party on Boylston Street, I sat with a young woman named Erienne. Erienne was the best of the best at the race, having achieved the double-role of cancer, burn, amputation. Forthcoming, Marathon Monday is a moment to look past all that. It is about healing and hope. There was the man paralyzed at the age of 29 during a basketball game. His partner in his name. The woman who drove herself to the hospital suffering from a severe spinal cord injury. He raced in his wheelchair. There were also the countless parents and siblings who traveled near and far to witness the finish. At the end, the Boston Marathon is a moment to remember that there is more to life than what we see on the surface."

The Theater Offensive

Help The Theater Offensive (TTO) raise $26,216 to support the True Color Troupe.

TTO is launching a marathon campaign to raise funds for True Colors Youth Theater. During marathon season, our goal is to raise $26,216 for True Colors as the youth group prepares for their first ever national tour in 2019. We'll also celebrate LGBTIQA+ teams at our (almost) famous Finish Line Party held at our offices on Boylston Street. Join us for drag, performances, food, sing-a-longs, and more as we honor the LGBTQI+ runners of this fabulous event.

Boston Resident Lights Up Autism Awareness Month

April is Autism Awareness Month, a worldwide opportunity to encourage autism awareness and draw attention to the tens of thousands facing an autism diagnosis each year. Here in Boston, the month kicks off with MassGeneral for Children’s Aspen Spring Gala on Thursday, April 5, 2018.

Boston’s Tim Sweeney is again co-hosting the 16th annual event, which hopes to raise more than $2 million to support Aspen, a highly successful, highly specialized program of the Lane Center for Autism.

This year’s theme, “Light Up: Inspiring Knowledge + Illuminating Confidence,” will light up on living with autism. Longtime partner Raffinelli Events will bring the theme to life with a light bulb lounge, where guests will experience “who moments” about life on the autism spectrum through an interactive lighting installation.

Around 800 guests are expected to attend April 5th cocktail reception at Four Seasons Hotel Boston. Guests will enjoy dinner, drinks, a light bulb lounge and a specialty bar. A specialty bar and specialty bar featuring a special priced package that includes tickets to see Taylor Swift and Ed Sheeran at Gillette Stadium and a VIP experience at the 2018 MLB All-Star game.

Asper helps children, teens and adults with high cognitive autism spectrum disorder or a related social profile development the skills necessary to live full, independent lives. Programs include a summer camp for children, an excursions and exploration group for teens and a young adult internship program. Asper also collaborates with schools and conducts professional development workshops that train professionals and parents on meeting the complex needs of individuals with autism spectrum disorder.

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important issues. Additionally, I wanted to ensure that we are able to give voice to those perspectives by working to provide a rest for women at every decision-making table in City Hall.

Since its establishment in 2014, the Office has worked on issues surrounding women’s rights. Raising awareness and calling for change has been essential in moving the needle on key issues for women and their families.

The Boston Women’s Workforce Council (BWWC), a public private partnership between the administration and the Greater Boston business community, is a collaborative effort to close the gender gaps in wages and representation in our workforce. When employers sign on to the BWWC’s 100% Talent Compact, they commit to identifying gaps that may exist within their company, taking actionable steps to close them using the BWWC’s tools and resources, and submitting actual aggregate and anonymous wage data to measure the Greater Boston gender wage gap. Working with Boston University’s Harry Institute for Computing as a Service partner, we’re using a first-in-the-nation analysis to think differently about how to solve one of our nation’s most persistent issues.

In March, we will amplify the amazing contributions remarkable women have made throughout our history. But it’s crucial that we stay conscious of injustices that are still very much present around us and try to do more to strengthen the voices fighting for women’s rights and equality here and now. Those that we honor during Women’s History Month, would never want us to stop fighting for these critical changes.

Together, no matter your gender, let’s channel the strength and resilience these women have shown, even in times of great defeat and hardship. Let’s continue work to ensure our city is one of inclusiveness across all Boston neighborhoods and strive for a more equitable tomorrow.

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Boston Children’s Hospital
Pat Foley

"On April 15th I will once again be running the Boston Marathon. This will be my 17th time doing it and my 10th year raising money. Over the last 9 years, because of the extreme generosity of so many, I have been able to raise $221,000 for our troops and cancer patients. Looking at what we have accomplished and the amount of people we have helped, I am very excited about what we are going to accomplish this year.

This year all proceeds from the event will go to support Children’s Hospital in Boston. It was around the time of last year’s event when one of my best friends Joe Hollemann and his wife Nicole started to go to Children’s when complications developed for their son to be born daughter.

Hearing from them about this place and what they do for others and how ahead of things they are with technology, getting involved with this was a no-brainer.

I will once again be hosting a fundraiser on March 26th, 2017 at JJ Foley’s located at 117 East Berkeley Street Boston MA. This is always a great night and a lot of fun! We will have tons of raffles and silent auction items. We will also have food and DJ. I know it will be tough to top all the previous years, but looking at how everyone steps up every year out with their extreme generosity, I know we will.

All donations are greatly appreciated, even if you cannot attend. Please feel free to share this event and pass it along to all your friends, we love growing the event and having others pass it along and inviting people is always the best way. We get a huge crowd every year but let’s make this year the biggest! Thank you again for your continued support and I can’t wait to see you all on 26th.

Thank you for your support, Marathon Fundraiser To Support Children’s Hospital.

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