# South End News

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# **Local news** for and about Boston's best neighborhood

# **Blackstone Community** Center benefit raises over \$7K

South End denizens packed the function room at Stella, 1525 Washington Street, on Thursday, April 26 at the 5th annual Blackstone Community Center (BCC) Council fundraiser, which netted \$7,090 from ticket sales, donations and raffle items.

The honoree fo the night was Caroline Foscato, president of South End Soccer, former member of the BCC board and co-creator of the

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(Left to Right) Carolyn MacNeil, Caroline Foscato, Ethan Burne. Photo by Michele Maniscalco



Advice on Pets, Life, Love

BY MONICA COLLINS

Dear Dog Lady. I fear my dog Olivia, a small terrier mix, might be on the spectrum. I've always thought she exhibited autistic tendencies. For example, she gets easily fixated on things and when she's with other dogs, she tends to ignore them. She sits and stares at her treats before she eats them, which seems the oddest tendency of all.

I read recently that a British morning TV show sent out a tweet seeking people who believe the distemper and parvo vaccinations caused autism in their dogs. Olivia has gotten all her shots but I wonder if I've gone too far. Have you heard of autism in dogs? And what are

the signs?

Dear Cristeta

Yes, Olivia is autistic because ALL dogs are autistic. The species, in general, displays many signs of being on the spectrum - the fixations, the compulsions, the repetitive move ments, the social indifference around the dogs they like, the fierce revulsion toward the dogs they don't. You're worried about this? Of all canine conundrums, there's so much else with which to be concerned - parvo

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—Cristeta



Photo by Michele Maniscalco

# **Spring cleaning** on Earth Day

Non-profit helps neighbors spruce up squares

BY MICHELE D. MANISCALCO

On Sunday, April 22, the Blackstone and Franklin Squares Neighborhood Association (B/FSNA) and the Friends of Blackstone and

Franklin Squares got a helping hand, or more accurately, scores of helping hands, for an Earth Day deep-clean of the two historic squares straddling Washington Street.

The International WeLoveU Foundation, which has chapters in 50 countries, offered the neighborhood groups an army of volunteers to

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# **South Enders honored by South Bay Harbor Trail Coalition**

Michael Tyrrell, Ann McQueen, Bob Wells, and Tom Parks

SUBMITTED BY SOUTH BAY HARBOR TRAIL COALITION

On Thursday, March 29th, 400

corporate and civic leaders, elected officials, and community partners gathered at the Seaport Hotel to celebrate and honor this year's Boston Harbor Heroes at the annual Destination Boston Harbor gala.

Each year, Save the Harbor recognizes men and women as Boston

Harbor Heroes for their commitment to STH's mission, the community, and the harbor. Save the Harbor's Board Chair and National Grid's Vice President of Government Affairs for Massachusetts, Joseph New-

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# **Local productions** clean up at the IRNEs

Local productions took a lion's share of prizes at the 2018 IRNE's (Independent Reviewers of New England). The 22nd annual awards ceremony Monday night-once again before a theater world full house at the Holiday Inn Brookline-Boston-found plays and musicals staged in Theater District South (this

critic's name for the Boston Center for the Arts and surrounding venues) collecting many multiple honors. Huntington Theatre Company led all large troupes with 10 and SpeakEasy Stage Company small ones with nine.

Huntington's revival of the

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# 2018 Love Your Block Spring Cleanup

Saturday, May 5

On Saturday, May 5 Come citizens in neighborhoods across the City of Boston will volunteer to clean up public areas and parks

Pickup And Dropoff Locations For Tools South End, 9 a.m. at Franklin Square Park and Boston Center for the Arts. For more information: www.boston.gov/calendar/love-your-block-spring-cleanup-05-05-18



# **Public Meeting**

#### ROXBURY STRATEGIC MASTER PLAN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

MONDAY, MAY 7

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#### PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Roxbury Strategic Master Plan Oversight Committee (RSMPOC) was developed to oversee projects that fall under the Roxbury Strategic Master Plan. Since the 2016 launch of PLAN: Dudley Square, RSMPOC meetings also include progress reports on that intitative. All meetings are open to the public and community input is desired. RSMPOC meetings are held in the evening the first Monday of the month at the Boston Water & Sewer Commission (BWSC) in the 2nd Floor Training Room. Free parking is available in the BWSC parking lot.

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

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Teresa Polhemus, Executive Director/Secretary



### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

#### D/B/A BOSTON PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT AGENCY PROPOSED MODIFICATION TO SOUTH END URBAN RENEWAL PLAN.

PROJECT NO. MASS. R-56 FOR PARCEL 3c, PROPOSED MODIFICATION TO SOUTH END URBAN RENEWAL PLAN, PROJECT NO. MASS. R-56, FOR PARCEL 4; AND PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR PLANNED DEVELOPMENT AREA NO. 114, SHAWMUT AVENUE/WASHINGTON STREET, SOUTH END NEIGHBORHOOD, BOSTON

Public Notice is hereby given that the Boston Redevelopment Authority ("BRA") d/b/a the Boston Planning & Development Agency will consider at its scheduled meeting on Thursday, May 17, 2018, 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 3C, a proposed modification to the South End Urban Renewal Plan regarding Parcel 4 and a proposed Development Plan for Planned Development Area No. 114, Shawmut Avenue/Washington Street, South End neighborhood, Boston. Said modifications will create Parcel 3C and set forth the land use controls for Parcel 3C and set forth the land use controls for Parcel 4. The Development Plan for Planned Development Area No. 114, Shawmut Avenue/Washington Street, South End neighborhood, Boston shall set forth the zoning for Parcels 3C and 4 and an adjacent parcel. 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.

Teresa Polhemus, Executive Director/Secretary

#### **Earth Day**

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rake, sweep, pick up and beautify the twin Victorian squares. The Boston Parks and Recreation Department, represented by Rick Thompson, supplied rakes and bags while the WeLoveU volunteers, clad in bright blue shirts, helped neighbors make the popular parks spic and span.

According to Mark Ott, at large board member of B/FSNA, WeLoveU approached the association to offer the cleanup, and it was greatly appreciated. "It's amazing! We've got about 70 people here, maybe more, working with the Friends of Blackstone and Franklin Squares and cleaning everything. They've cleaned up sticks, they've cleaned up needles, they've cleaned up trash. We've done things that haven't been done in a long time. It's probably one of the best cleanups we've ever had," Ott said. "This is the second or third year. It's going to be an annual thing for us."

Rick Thompson of the Boston Parks and Recreation Department commented, "They turned the park upside down. There's not that much trash here, it's more or less getting the leaves and twigs from the storm last month. Both parks are immaculately clean. They did an awesome job." Also joining the cleaning crew was Boston Medical Center emergency room physician Jon Santiago, who is on the ballot to challenge incumbent Byron Rush-

ing for the seat of state representative for the Ninth District.

The International WeLoveU Foundation was founded in South Korea in 2001 by Zahng Cil-Jah, with a mission to raise living standards throughout the world through volunteer elbow grease and donating funding and supplies to aid groups and programs in the US and elsewhere.

For example, through its Clean WORLD (Water, Oxygen, Region, Life, and Descendants) Movement, WeLoveU donated 3,000 solar powered lanterns to the Bright Haiti initiative to aid vocational students in Haiti, where 75 per cent of the population has no electricity and access is inconsistent even for those who do have power. The Clean WORLD Movement is ongoing," spokesperson Rebecca Ebhardt said. "We are always reaching out to communities to see where we can help out, and spread awareness to members of the community that this is our place to live and we have to take good care of it." Some of the WeLoveU volunteers, including Nelson Delgado of Portland, Maine; Lucas Rivero of Leominster and Sonny Ketnouvong of Fitchburg drove a distance to participate in the cleanup. Volunteer Ciselle Diaz of Westborough staffed the information tent in Blackstone Square and informed visitors about WeLoveU's work.

'I was looking for a volunteer opportunity and I like their message. It's like spreading a mother's love, and we can all relate to that," Diaz said.



Rebecca Ebhardt speaks to NBC 10 Boston . Photo by Michele Maniscalco

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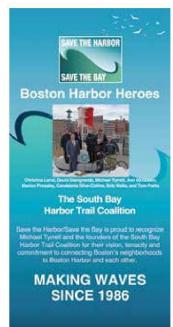
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man, thanked the guests and introduced this year's heroes, who included Ann McQueen, Bob Wells, and Tom Parks and the South Bay HarborTrail Coalition of the South End. "Save the Harbor/Save the Bay is proud to recognize Ann McQueen, Bob Wells, and Tom Parks and the founders of the South Bay Harbor Trail Coalition for their vision, tenacity and commitment to connecting Boston's neighborhoods to Boston Harbor and each other."

In addition to McQueen, Wells, and Parks and the South Bay Harbor Trail Coalition, Newman recognized nine other Boston Harbor Heroes:

- The Honorable Matthew A. Beaton - Secretary, Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs
- Jeffrey Bellows Vice President of Corporate Responsibility, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts
- Kristen J. McCormack William E. Schrafft & Bertha E. Schrafft Charitable Trust
- Maxwilliams Iwuala 2017 Senior Harbor Educator, Save the Harbor/Save the Bay
- James Jensen General Manager, Blue Hills Bank Pavilion/LiveNation; Board Member, Save the Harbor/Save the Bay
- Dusty Rhodes-President, Conventures Inc., Chair, Sail Boston
- Beverly Wing The Chinatown Coalition; Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center Advisory Board
- William Pressley (1940-2018) President and Founder of Pressley Associates, Landscape Architects
- Howard Elkus (1938-2017) FAIA, RIBA, LEED AP - Founding Principal, Elkus Manfredi Architects

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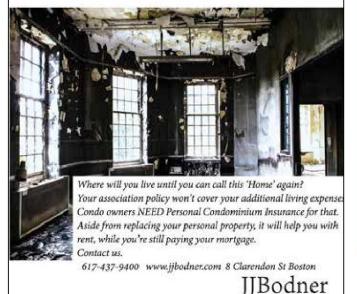
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Save the Harbor/Save the Bay is the region's leading voice for clean water and continued public investment in Boston Harbor, the region's public beaches, and the Boston Harbor Islands, Save the Harbor/Save the Bay's mission is to restore and protect Boston Harbor, Massachusetts Bay and the marine environment and share them with the public for everyone to enjoy.

For more information about Save the Harbor/Save the Bay and the work they do, please visit their website at www.savetheharbor.org, their blog "Sea, Sand & Sky" at blog. savetheharbor.org, or follow savetheharbor on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.\

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#### **Dog Lady**

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and distemper, for example. These diseases kill dogs. If our pets are not immunized, parvo is very easy for them to pick up on dirty citystreets and dog parks.

In Britain, after that "Fox and Friends"ish morning show sent out the loopy tweet, the
British Veterinary Association — a powerful
group in a canine-crazy country—issued an
advisory stating unequivocally dogs cannot
develop autism. (No, they're born with it—and
happier for it.)

Human anti-vaxxers—such as talk show host and Wahlberg-by-marriage JennyMcCarthy whose son has autism she claims—were initially given platforms to spout their theories about the dangers of childhood immunizations. Thankfully, in recent years, their voices have been stilled by medical good sense.

Dear Dog Lady,

I have a fantastic rescue dog, Haley, who lives with me and my family. I speak only Chinese to my parents and aunt in my household. Haley must know Chinese too.

When she meets dogs at the dog park or the street she can become scared or aggressive. I have to stay right with her and try to keep her under control because she barks, growls or wants to hide behind me. But if the dogs are also from Chinese-speaking homes (and I ask), my dog is relaxed. She plays, sniffs freely, and runs around. Does this make sense?

— Wen

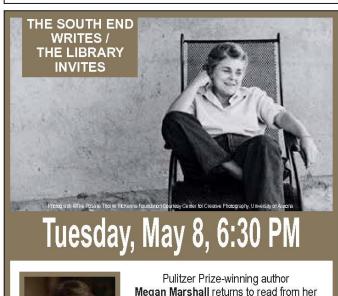
Dear Wen

Makes goodsense. Haley detects a cultural kinship with other dogs accustomed to life in Chinese-speaking homes and your dog picks up the vibes from her four-legged kin. The only explanation is animal instinct, which is really themagic (Chinese: "moshu") of dogs. They are incredibly sentient creatures with Buddha-like reserves of wisdom, knowledge and mystery.

When Haley is comfortable with another dog and the owner tells you Chinese plays no part in the household, you have an opportunity for a teachable moment. Reward Haley for being calm with another dog with no Asian inclination

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# **Guest Opinion**

# **Imagine Boston, Imagine South End**

BY MAYOR MARTIN J. WALSH

Every spring, the City of Boston releases our Imagine Boston Capital Plan for the next five years. It outlines where our city's budget will be focused, our longer-term plans, and our priorities. Essentially, the capital plan details what initiatives and projects in your neighborhood and across the City that we'll be investing in to make Boston's future brighter.

From South End, to Mattapan, to Allston-Brighton, to Back Bay, it's my priority to create growth and opportunity for every Bostonian in every neighborhood. Boston will be at its best when all its residents have the support and opportunity they need to thrive. Investing in initiatives and projects that bring shared growth, success, and greater equity is critical for our city to reach its full potential. Our Capital Plan invests in Boston's strongest asset: our people. Boston is a city that's world class because it works for the middle class. and our budget's priority is to keep supporting the working families that make Boston great.

Here in the South End, we're investing in some exciting initiatives and projects that we hope you and your neighbors will enjoy for many years to come.

We are investing in shared community spaces around the neighborhood starting with a \$4.2 million investment in the South Bay Harbor Trail, which will serve as an important link in the City's Greenway, connecting trails from the Fenway, the Southwest Corridor, Charles River Park, Broadway Bridge, and the Central Artery parks.

We are also investing \$2.4 million for renovating Ramsay Park including a new play lot, basketball courts, tennis courts, plazas, passive areas, and lighting. Residents will once again be enjoying these park spaces in a matter of months.

A \$132,000 investment will be put towards completing improvements to the South End Branch Library, including an

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#### Blackstone

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Hurley School's Bodega de Arte, a bilingual, arts-based after-school program. Guests nibbled appetizers from Stella's menu and heard remarks from Boston Center for Youth and Families director William Morales, BCC youth participant Ilandy Perez, Dr. Robyn Riseberg of the South End Community Health Center and Professor Dan Merrigan of Boston University's School of Public Health.

Among the guests were State House

hopeful Jon Santiago, an emergency medicine physician who is on the ballot to challenge Ninth Suffolk District incumbent Byron Rushing in November and Lecolion Washington, who succeeded David Lapin as executive director of the Community Music Center of Boston in July 2017.

Council treasurer John Howard Chambers called the results of the raffle, whose popular offerings included Red Sox and New England Revolution tickets and a two-night stay at NedInnBoston, a bed and breakfast at 158 West Brookline Street.

After the event, BCC council chair-

woman Catherine Infantino summed up the outcome of the event. "We were pleased with the attendance at the event and with the contributions from numerous local South End businesses for our raffle items.

The mission of the Blackstone Community Center is to provide an active and enriching space for youth and families to members of the community, drawing from all socio-economic, cultural, and religious backgrounds. Our fundraiser was successful in bringing people together to help support our mission and financial goals," Infantino



(Left) (Left to Right) John Chambers, Jim Infantino. (Right) Jon Santiago, center. Photos by Michele Maniscalco



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interior reconfiguration project and major electrical, telecommunications, paint, and carpet upgrades.

\$1.39 million will be set aside to complete renovations of the South End Fitness Center pool, which will include the installation of a rain screen wall, new ventilation, pool repairs, and door and window replacements.

The City is repairing our roadways starting with a \$1.75 million investment to conduct roadway improvements including resurfacing, pavement markings, and new traffic signals to Washington Street from East Berkeley to Herald Street and Traveler Street. There will also be a \$100,000 investment for road reconstruction improvements to Harrison Avenue between East Berkeley Street

and Herald Street as part of a \$2.2 million multi-year project.

Our longer-term investments are intended to lift up our neighborhoods in ways that take into account the needs and wants of the community. With this Capital Plan, we're preparing our city for the next year, and the years forward.

What's the next step for the Capital Plan? I have submitted the City of Boston's budget to the Boston City Council, where your City Councilor will review the proposed budget Once the budget is approved, it will go into effect This is the budget for fiscal year 2019, meaning the budget will take effect in July 2018, and run throughout the next 12 months.

I hope you'll take a few minutes to look through the budget proposal, online at budget boston.gov. Together, I look forward to investing in our neighborhoods, and our people.

#### **IRNEs**

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Sondheim musical "Merrily We Roll Along" was the most honored production with seven nods: costumes-Soutra Gilmour, ensemble. music director-Matthew Stern, supporting actress-Aimee Doherty, actress-Eden Espinosa, director-Maria Friedman and musical. The company's other three prizes included two for "A Cuide for the Homesick"-new play to dramatist Ken Urban for "a Guide for the Homesick" and actor to Malcolm Beecher III — and projection design to Lucy McKinnon for "Ripcord." Huntington managing director Michael Maso, accepting for Urban, read his announcement about rehearsing a new play in Washington D.C. set in the South End "so that I am there in spirit."

SpeakEasy's biggest winner—the area premiere of the Tony Award play "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time" took five IRNE's: set design-Christopher and Justin Swader, lighting design-Jeff Adelberg, sound design-David Remedios, director-Paul Daigneault and play. Actor nominee Eliot Purcell paid tribute to the lategreat actors Thomas Derrah and Larry Coen as mentors in accepting the play prize. In addition to Derrah and Coen, this year's awards were dedicated in memoriam to former IRNE member and Bay Windows editor Rudy Kikel, tech veteran Ben Williams, American Repertory Theatre longtime force Jan Geidt and Stage Source mover and regular IRNE award presenter Jack Welch. The company's other four honors went to SpeakEasy's area premiere of "The Bridges of Madison County": supporting actress-Kerry Dowling, actress-Jennifer Ellis, actor-Christiaan Smith and music director-Matthew Stern

BCA wins also included seven fringe prizes—three to Moonbox Productions, two to Zeitgeist Stage Company and two to Flat Earth Theatre. Moonbox received two for its revival of the Broadway hit play "The 39 Steps"—supporting actor to Matthew Zahnzinger and Bob Mussett (who played a slew of roles) and ensemble—and one for the musical "Barnum"—costume design-Marian Bertone. Zeitgeist artistic director David Miller won two prizes for the area premiere of the play "Faceless" director and production. Miller, alluding to Trump's Muslim travel ban and

noting small audiences for this timely play dealing with divisive perceptions of Muslims and Islam, warned, "It's a matter of Trump Fatigue."

Flat Earth won two fringe acting awards=supporting actress to Juliet Bowler in "Silent Sky" and actress to Lindsay Eagle in "Fat Pig." Eagle spoke of the need to "raise up those whose stories we never hear." She also declared, "I choose to be revolutionary and I hope the Boston theater community joins me." Even visiting honors went to BCA fare-prizes for visiting production "American Moor" from O.W.I. (Bureau of Theatre) and Phoenix Theatre and for its electrifying solo performer Keith Hamilton Cobb. Just announced is Cobb's return engagement in April, 2019—this time with Arts Emerson—as the play's African-American actor dealing with both the challenges of the theater and the role of Othello. Lyric Stage's sole prize was given to Dan Whelton for supporting actor-midsize stage in the company's revival of "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?"

For a full list of the 2018 winners, go to the 2018 IRNE Awards Facebook site or www. theatermirror.net

Boston Children's Theatre is no conventional young company, as demonstrated by its haunting recent production of "The Diary of Anne Frank." Now this singular troupe is powerfully confronting dystopia in "George Orwell's 1984"at the Calderwood Pavilion. Entering audience members will feel as though they have entered Oceania as they sit before Janie E. Howland's chillingly surreal set and confront backdrop telescreens with Big Brother eyes and such Newspeak slogans as "War Is Peace" and "Freedom Is Slavery." Under company artistic director Burgess Clark's taut guidance, IRNE Award-winning Zehava Younger (for her moving portrayal of Anne) has the right creepiness as Big Brother Goldstein, and Brendan Callahan as Winston and Alexandra Upton as Julia capture the inner conflicts and pathos of the focal 'thought criminals.' In an age of fake news, escalating governmental lies and increasing invasions of privacy, BCT's riveting staging is alarmingly

Leave it to the song and dance-strong show "On Your Feet: The Emilio and Cloria Estefan Broadway Musical" to show the title

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Crammy-winning husband and wife team (26) awards between them) beginning a major part of their career performing at a bar mitzvah. Stretching from Cloria's Cuban roots to her stirring comeback from a very severe 1990 bus tour accident, the hit musical (two years on Broadway) features a first act-closing showstopper "Conga." Here the highly talented couple works hard to persuade a major producer that their music is not merely a 'Miami Sound' and deserves a full American launch. Opening night at the Opera House tour, a terrific young performer named Carlos Carreras (Jordan Vergara alternates at some performances) proved scene-stealer as the bar mitzvah boy and actually displayed his considerable technique

and style all through the eye-catching "Conga." Carreras even dancing with a fancy yarmulka at the rousing number's brief Italian wedding and Shriner's convention.

Christie Prades as Gloria and Mauricio Martinez as Emilio sing and act with impressive heart and feeling. Nancy Ticotin proves riveting as Gloria's big-voiced if unfulfilled mother—akindervariation on "Gypsy"'s Mama Rose. Alexander Dinelaris' book may suffer at times from schmaltz and bio-musical business, but Sergio Trujillo's sharp choreography, a high-energy cast and the show's infectious rhythmand goodwill make "On Your Feet" truly happen. Make sure you stay for the rollicking curtain hoofing of the entire cast.

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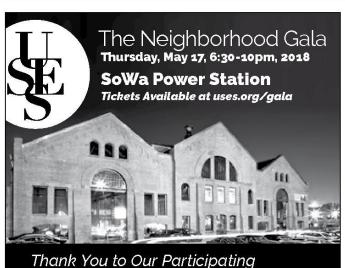
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Number of buildings or structures on land, the use of which requires land to be licensed: ONE
Manner of keeping: In the tanks of 22 vehicles

City of Boston. In Public Safety Commission May 30, 2018

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In the foregoing petition, it is hereby ORDE-RED, that notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested that this Committee will on Wednesday, the 30th day of May at 10.00 am, 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 register of 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 I and 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, Roston MA 0.0118

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