Blackstone Community Center benefit raises over $7K

By Michele Maniscalco

South End residents 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 $7,000 from ticket sales, donations and raffle items.

The honoree for 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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ASK DOG LADY

Advice on Pets, Life, Love

By Monica Collins

Dear Dog Lady,

I have a small her- the signs?

Dear Cristeta,

Yes, Olivia is autistic because ALL dogs are autistic. The species, in general, displays certain behaviors on the spectrum: the fixations, the compulsions, the repetitive movement, the social indifference around the dogs they like, the strong obsession 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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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 at 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 Nesi

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Spring cleaning on Earth Day

Non-profit helps neighbors spruce up squares

By Michele D. Maniscalco

On Sunday, April 22, the Blackstone and Franklin Square Neighborhood Association (BFSNA) and the Friends of Blackstone and

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Local productions clean up at the IRNEs

By Jules Becker

Local productions took a lion’s share of prizes at the 2018 IRNEs (Independent Reviewers of New England). The 22nd annual awards ceremony Monday night—one 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 troops 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
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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 BESGA, 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 Partners of Blackstone and Franklin Squares and cleaning everything. They've cleaned up stick, 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. We're 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 much trash here, it's more or less getting the leaves and bags 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 Rushing

for the seat of state representative for the Ninth District.

The International WeLoveU Foundation was founded in South Korea in 2001 by Zhao Hui, with a mission to raise living standards throughout the world through volunteer elbow power and donating funds and supplies to aid groups and programs in the US and elsewhere. For example, through its Clean WORLD (Waste, Oxygen, Respect, Life, and Descendants) Movement, WeLoveU donated 1,000 solar powered lanterns to the Bright Hat Initiative to aid vocational students in Haiti, where 75 percent of the population is under 15 years old. The Clean WORLD Movement is ongoing," spokesperson Rebecca Ehrhardt said. "We're 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 Riveroa of Leonor and Bobby Requa of Fitzhugh, drove a distance to participate in the cleanup. Volunteer Sarah Dace of Westborough staffed the information tent in Blackstone Square and informed visitors about WeLoveU's work. "We're 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," Dace said.

Rebecca Ehrhardt speaks to NBC 10 Boston. Photo by Michele Mariscalco

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man, thanked the guests and introduced this year's honorees, who included Ann McQueen, Bob Wells, and Tom Parks and the South Bay Harbor Trail 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 Officer of Energy and Environmental Affairs
• Jeffrey Bellows - Vice President of Corporate Responsibility, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts
• Kristen J. McComb - William B. Schraff Jr. & Bertha A. Schraff Charitable Trust
• Northeastern University - 2017 Senior Harbor Educator, Save the Harbor/Save the Bay
• James J. Granger - General Manager, Blue Hills Bank/Stop & Shop, Dorchester, Board Member, Save the Harbor/Save the Bay
• Dana Rheder - President, Conventures Inc., Chair, Save Boston
• Beverly Wing - The Chinatown Coalition, Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center, Advisory Board
• William Fessey - 1990-2018 - President & Founder of Fessey Associates, Landscape Architects
• Howard Elkus - 1938-2017 FAIA, RIBA, LEED AP - Founding Principal, Elkus Manfredi Architects

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

In Britain, after that "Fox and Friends"' idiom, show went out the loopy hoot, the British Veterinary Association — a powerful group in a canine- mayoría 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 Jon Stewart — claim many dogs have autism, and they were initially given platforms to speak their theories about the dangers of childhood immunizations. Fortunately, in recent years, their voices have been silenced 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 at the street, she can become restless or aggressive. I have to stay right with her and try to keep her under control. She also barks a lot, wants to hide behind me. But if the dogs are also from Chinese-speaking homes (and I know), my dog is relaxed. She plays, runs freely, and runs around. Does this make sense?

— Wen

Dear Wen,

Make a good sense. Haley detects a cultural hipknot with other dogs accustomed to life in Chinese-speaking homes and your dog picks up the vibes from her four-legged life. The only explanation is a shared instinct, which is really the magic (Chinese "moaob") of dogs. They are incredibly sensitive creatures with Buddha-like reserves of wisdom, knowledge, and mystery.

When Haley is calm 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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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 long-term plans, and our priorities. Essentially, the capital plan details what initiatives and projects in your neighborhood and across the City that we will 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 crucial 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.

Among the grants were State House hopeful Niki Santiago, an emergency medicine physician who is on the ballot to challenge Ninth Suffolk District incumbent Byron Rushing in November, and Lesley Williams, the first of her kind to be elected. The BSCU youth program participant was celebrated at the Community Music Center of Boston in July 2017.

Unveiling the future of the neighborhood, the council received the results of the ballot, whose results offered included free public housing in the historic Ward Church and a new English Revolution ticket at a two-night stay at the Boston Public Theater. After the event, BSCU council chairwoman Catherine Infante announced the outcome to the audience.

We were pleased with the attendance at the event and with the contributions from numerous local South End businesses for our raffle items.

The vision 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 socioeconomic, cultural, and religious backgrounds. Our fundraising was successful in bringing people together to support our mission and financial goals,” Infante commented.

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

$496 million will be set aside to complete renovation of the South End Fitness Center pool, which will include the installation of a two-screen wall, new ventilation, pool repairs, and door and window replacements.

The City is preparing our roads starting with a $15.17 million investment to conduct roadway improvements including resurfacing, pavement markings, and new traffic signals on Washington Street from East Berkeley to Herald Street and Travelers Street. There will also be $10.000 million investment for road reconstruction improvements to Harrisons 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 to come.

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 Council 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 through 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.

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Sondheim musical “Merrily We Roll Along” was the most honored production with seven nods, including Outstanding Directing, music direction, musical direction, supporting actress, and lighting design. The company’s other three prizes included two for “A Guide for the Homeless” — new play director Mark Meller and actor Malcolm Beecher III — and projection design by Muse Mitchell for “The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time.”

In the Best Musical category, the production of “The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time” was also honored for best actor in a musical, best actress in a musical, and best technical direction.

Best Actor in a Musical went to Matthew Stover, best actress in a musical to Sarah Ingebritsen, best technical direction to the production team, and best musical direction to the musical direction team.


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Chickens-wasting husband and wife team, (15 awards between them) began a major part of their career performing at a bar called "Zealot's". Stretching from O'Leary's O'Hara's roof to her shinning comeback from a very severe 1990 barn tour accident, the hit musical (two years on Broadway) features a fast-talking, cow-tipping potter named "Congo." Here the highly Coley-lookalikes crowd is riveted by O’Leary’s big-screen voice and the show’s infectious rhythm and drive. A must-see at the soaring, 2,000-seat, sold-out opening night at the Opera House tour, a true musical masterpiece, "Congo" is a spellbinding, moving experience for its many dedicated fans. The show’s sold-out crowds and packed houses are testament to the power of music and the human spirit.
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April 17, 2018

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May 30, 2018

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