Bikes Not Fights combines safety and fun
BY Michele O. Maniscalco

The dreary weather failed to dampen spirits and attendance at the second annual Bikes Not Fights bicycle-maintenance clinic and fair hosted by the Friends of O’Day Playground on Saturday, May 19.

While rain forced the Friends to move Bikes Not Fights from O’Day to IBP’s residential and resident-services complex at 100 West Ded-ham Street, lilting tropical Puerto Rican music of Puerto Rico and ice cream courtesy of the Boston Police Department (BPD) lent glimpses of Continued on page 3

Barbara Collins, Nicola Truppin. Photo by Michele Maniscalco

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SE building would have rooms where residents could cook and do laundry together
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At a meeting of the Boston Civic Design Commission on Tuesday, National Development will show off its latest plans for an Albany Street architect’s rendering. Continued on page 5

Masterpiece Cakeshop ruling doesn’t crumble our opponents
REV. IRENE MONROE

A call for change over crow on June 4. The Supreme Court ruled in “Masterpiece Cakeshop v. Colorado Civil Rights Commission” in favor of Jack Phillips, the baker who refused to make a wedding cake for a same-sex couple—Dave Mullins and Charlie Craig—on the grounds of religious freedom. In a 7-2 decision, the justices argued that the commission had exhibited hostility toward religious freedom. Continued on page 2

Pride is now
The South End will host thousands on Saturday
BY Sue O’Connell

Although celebrations of LGBT Pride happen throughout the month, the big event is the Pride Parade on Saturday, June 9 at noon. Organizers estimate 35,000 will participate in various celebrations.

If you’re new to the South End, get ready. Our neighborhood’s history as a “gay mecca” makes it the premier spot to view the parade.

The Boston Pride Parade Saturday kicks off at noon, 12 noon, minor shine. The parade starts at Boylston Street at Clarendon Street, turns right onto Tremont Street and left onto Tremont Street in the South End.

then turn left onto Berkeley Street back to Boylston.

The Annual Chandler Street Block Party happens on Saturday from 1:30–7 pm at the The Trophy Rooms/Chandler Inn on Chandler Street, between Berkeley Street and Tremont Street. It’s a benefit for AIDS Action Committee of MA. 21+, positive ID required for entry. Donation $15 - cash only. Event entrances located on both Berkeley Street and Tremont Street. The rain or shine.

There will be parking bans and street closings, so look carefully before you park and plan your day accordingly. You can find a full calendar of Pride Events and a map of the parade route at mysouthend.com. Download the Boston Pride

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gions in its treatment of Phillip’s case.
While the justices did not grant a license to discriminate against LGBTQ Americans individually, I like so many in our community,
was hoping the case would render once and for all a cease-and-desist order, thus, rendering the
Cod versus Clay rights dispute for those who want to codify discrimination against us under
the guise of religious freedom.
And, while the justices also did not say the decision will not influence opponents
of same-sex marriage, like photographers, florists, wedding planners, wedding venues,
hotel receptions, to name a few. Justice Kennedy’s narrow ruling, no doubt, will keep
this debate going.

"It is very unfortunate that this ruling reinforces the "Cod vs. Clay" narrative that has
prevailed in our discourse and public opinion," Marianne Dudley Burke, Executive
Director of Dignity USA, stated in a press release. "Many LGBTQ people and others who are working
towards full equality in our country are people of deep faith and know that our identities are
sacred gifts.
Jack Phillips, in his opinion, is a collateral blow to civil rights gains and state
non-discrimination laws; thus, giving room to legalizing denying services to LGBTQ Americans
by businesses rooted in religious belief.
For example, in December 2017, Trump’s solicitor general, Noel Francisco, suggested
these businesses should hang onto LGBTQ practices like "No-Gays Allowed" war is
to stay away.
When Pete Santoro, Sarah Huckabee Sanders asked to clarify the president’s
position on the Supreme Court in a White House Press Conference, she responded: "The president
certainly supports religious liberty. I believe that would include that.
"As a black Christian in this Trump administration, I now feel like I am unquestionably
moving into a new Jim Crow era, reestablishing discrimination laws targeting LGBTQ
Americans. I grew up knowing about racist places that used "colored" water fountains, "Waiting
Room for Colored Only", "We Serve Whites Only", and "No N-word Allowed". to name a few.
In Jim Crow, America’s restaurants were a hub for illegal mass, as today, and a battleground
for equal treatment. The Civil Rights Act of 1964 outlawed discrimination based on
national origin, race, sex, gender, and religion.
"The law mandated desegregation of all public accommodations, including bathrooms.
The Obama administration expanded the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to protect LGBTQ
Americans. However, Trump’s administration has revoked federal guidelines permitting transgender
students from using "gender-appropriate facilities" which aligned with their gender identity.
"Let’s face it, folks, since Trump has taken office there has been an erosion of LGBTQ
rights under the guise of religious liberty.
"Transgender Americans being denied access to public lavatories is easily reminiscent
of the country’s last century Jim Crow era denying African Americans access to lunch counters,
water fountains, libraries, public facilities.
In this decision, the Supreme Court could be stripped of the responsibility to
intimacy and marriage of their meaning,
caving away gradually and making the magnitude of changes by phrasing them in arcane legal terms."
Many LGBQ activists in Phillip’s椭圆 know that his position is not a repudiation on same-sex marriage, but rather it’s a principled stance to fight for free expression unfettered by the tyranny of political correctness.
"We at Cato have long supported both religious liberty and gay rights, insofar as the
agenda of each is consistent with the liberty of unlimited constitutional government," Roger
Pilon, founding director of the Cato Center for Constitutional Studies, said. "But we draw the
line when someone uses novel tools from the government to force venues against
their religious beliefs to participate in same-sex ceremonies, as happens too often today.
"Oddly, however, when the argument is framed in color terms there’s no room to believe
that LGBTQs will not be discriminated against because of who we are and who we love.

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take for granted. I’m not confident that this government has our bests.

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Pet of the Week

Jill is a 13-year-old Silky Terrier with one eye removed due to a medical issue. Jill comes from a home with quite a few other dogs, which kindheartedly took her. She is an independent girl not interested in cuddling, but loves eating and sleeping. Jill spends time to warm up to new people and sudden movement can make her nervous. If you are looking for an easy-going, low maintenance companion that appreciates space, Jill would love to spend her retirement with you. Jill is a foster home and arrangements will need to be made to meet with her.

For more information: Jill, or any of the other animals currently residing at the Animal Rescue League of Boston, please contact us at 617-298-6073. The shelter is open Tuesday through Thursday 7-7pm and Friday through Sunday 1-4pm, excluding some holidays. Also, be sure to check out our
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Blog: animalrescueleagueboston.com
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The Pet of the Week

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the summer to come.

According to Friends group co-chair Nicole Truppin, 45-50 people attended the event and volunteered to repair 15 bicycles. Bikes Not Fight, initiated last year as part of the Friends group’s mission to bring positive, safe activity to O’Day Park, which has long been the scene of drug and gang activity.

In addition to bike services, there were free cupcakes, fruit, cookies, Hoodie capes, face painting and balloon art, child identification services courtesy of the Recently Boston Police Officers Association (RBOA) and a bee awareness exhibit.

Bike maintenance volunteers included Keith Williams of the sponsor-sponsored Boston Bikes program, D-4 community service officer Eric Francis, South Boston Police Brand, Jacob West and speech therapist Kay School Explaining the role of Boston Bikes in the Bikes Not Fight event, Friends group co-chair Nicole Truppin said, “One of the programs is the Youth Cycling Program, where they go into Boston schools and help students from grades 2 to 12 learn bicycle safety through lecture, practice, and having fun.”

Keith works with this program and brought his skills and knowledge to our planning and implementation of Bikes Not Fight. We could not have Boston Bikes without Keith.” DPD officers Francis, Richard Land and Sergeant James Freeman contributed bicycle helmets and Integrity Protective Services donated bicycle lights. First time Bikes Not Fight volunteer Brand said, “I volunteered because I am an avid cyclist who believes cycling improves physical and mental health... When I heard about the program, I jumped at the opportunity to give something back to the community. I was inspired by the smiles when participants got back on their bikes with properly inflated tires, working brakes, and properly adjusted seats. I’d love to do it again and wish we could extend the program into all Boston neighborhoods.”

Bikes Not Fight received support from local businesses and organizations including South End Food Emporium, St. Stephen’s Youth Program, Home Depot at South Bay, the Blackstone-Franklin Square Neighborhood Association (BFSNA), Pilot Block Neighborhood Association (PBNA), and Suffolk Construction. The construction firm has constructed superhero comic book cover boxes as one of the children’s attractions.

“All the donations were great, but Suffolk Construction went above and beyond,” Truppin said. In addition to the bicycle helmets, police officers gave out Hoodie capes from the BFD’s ice cream truck.

BFD veterans Rich Doyle, James Fitzgerald, and Dennis Noble of the Recently Boston Police Officers Association volunteered at the event, providing parents with a novel safety measure—taking photos and fingerprinting of their children and putting them in for the parents’ reference in case the child goes missing.

The records were prepared strictly for the parents and were not saved for privacy’s sake. Doyle, a 15-year veteran of the BFD who served in D-4, recently explained the identification package for parents: “We call this Code Blue. We go all over the city and volunteer every year. We give scholarships, too.”

The face awareness display was a novel, educational addition to the event conceived by teacher Regina Papageorge of SeZT, a banking company, who made cupcakes decorated with flowers and bees for the treat table.

Truppin said, “[Papageorge] felt that it was a way to help kids be less fearful of bees and understand how helpful they are for our food supply and us. Denise Ghanis made the wonderful sign about bees and Nadine Walter filled little jars with willowflower seeds for people to take and plant to encourage the bees to come back.”

Despite the disappointing weather and the last-minute venue change, Bikes Not Fight organizers were pleased with the event. “Even though it was disappointing not to have the event in O’Day Park, since our mission is to bring safe and positive activity to the school park and playground, we did meet our goal of bringing education about safe bicycle riding practices to the neighborhood attendees,” a community event, it was a huge success. It was gratifying to have a broad group of South End residents of all ages from Villa Victoria, BIFNA and PBNA, and our community service officers all working and playing together. (Chief) Barbara O’Connell and I are really proud of that part of the event’s success. We do plan a third annual Bikes Not Fight next spring and we hope the weather will cooperate!” Truppin said in a follow-up email.

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LOCATION: Boston, MA

PROPOSER: City of Boston

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This will initiate review of the above project pursuant to the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act ("MEPAA"), M.G.L. c. 63, s.s. 61-626. Copies of the ENF may be obtained from:

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Copies of the ENF are also being sent to the Conservation Commission and Planning Board of the City of Boston where they may be inspected.

The Secretary of Energy & Environmental Affairs will publish notice of the ENF in the Environmental Monitor, will receive public comments on the project for 20 days, and will then decide, within ten days, if an environmental Impact Report is needed. A site visit and consultation session on the project may also be scheduled. All persons wishing to comment on the project, or to be notified of a site visit or consultation session, should write to the Secretary of Energy & Environmental Affairs, 100 Cambridge St., Suite 900, Boston, Massachusetts 02114, Attention: MEPA Office, referencing the above project.

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app at stores.apple.com

To accommodate the parade, temporary "Two-Zone, No-Stopping, Parade Saturday" parking regulations will be in effect at the following South End locations: Visit www.cityofboston.gov for a full listing:

- Tremont Street, both sides, from Cambridge Street to Beacon Street
- Tremont Street, both sides, from Union Park Street to East Berkeley Street
- Staniford Street, East Side, from Cambridge Street to opposite Cardinal O'Connell Way

In addition, temporary "Two-Zone, No-Stopping, Friday and Saturday" parking regulations will be in effect at the following location:

- Tremont Street, North Side, at #595,995 on parking meters C3307-C3310.

For a full list of Boston Pride events, visit our sister publication Bay Windows at www.baywindows.com

Pride Lights at the BCA

Hundreds of South Enders came out on Tuesday for the annual Pride Lights celebration at the Boston Center for the Arts. The moment a evergreen tree on the Plaza at the BCA was illuminated in pink lights, to honor those in the community lost to HIV/AIDS.

Photos by Liz Borden
Miller's Fall

Fall, Huntington Theatre Company at Wynnberg Theatre Complex, Cambridge, MA 02138, 617-491-2885 or 617-491-2999, www.huntingtontheatre.org

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apartment tower aimed at carless, tech-savvy Millennials willing to accept 500-square-foot studio in exchange for life in the most happening part of the South End, with a full-time activities director and a large common kitchen in case they don’t want to use their apartment kitchen so they can hang out with their neighbor while waiting for their clothes to dry in the building laundry room, after a hard day of knocking off a proposal or two in the building’s common space.

National Development took the idea of a 14-story building at Albany and Hailier streets, filled with fully furnished studios, or what it calls “micro-units,” at nothing less than a new kind of living unit in Boston, as long as you don’t count all the existing buildings in other neighborhoods that are full of studios and have laundry rooms and Internet and cable hookups.

Micro-units are a new residential typology, reflecting the evolving desires of a new generation of residents who desire a sustainable lifestyle with small personal living spaces and access to common amenity spaces and the vibrant urban neighborhoods around them. The proposed residential units will be “Move-In Ready” with multifunctional furniture, as well as a full kitchen and TV and Internet connections. Another unique experience provided by this residential concept includes having live-in community manager to organize regular social events for residents in the building.

As to the new typology, residents of the 250-unit building will also get housekeeping services, a fitness room, and a rooftop deck.

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South Enders Support MGHfC

On May 9, 2018, Mass General Hospital for Children (MGHfC) hosted a cocktail reception at The Paul S. Russell, MD Museum of Medical History and Innovation previewing October’s Storybook Ball and this year’s clinical focus: pediatric behavioral health.

The 2018 Storybook Ball will highlight the incredible work that MGHfC physicians and researchers are doing within the Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry by offering comprehensive evaluation and treatment of children with a full spectrum of behavioral or emotional difficulties, changing the trajectory of thousands of young people’s lives.

This year’s theme was also announced: 101 Dalmatians, a children’s classic that will be brought to life by longtime partner Rafanelli Events.

Later this year, the Storybook Ball will celebrate its 19th year of supporting pediatric care at MGHfC on Saturday, October 13, 2018, at The Castle in Boston’s Back Bay. Since 2000, the Storybook Ball has raised more than $20 million for research initiatives and patient care programs at MGHfC.

October’s highly anticipated event is being cochaired by Jennifer and Mark Dolan and Sonsa Kelly and Steve Tordjman and supported by a dedicated committee of over 50 individuals. To learn more about the Storybook Ball and the work of MGHfC, visit www.storybookball.org.

Saint John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church
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Fall

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authorities were advising parents to send a Down syndrome child to an institution. The question may have to decide for themselves whether the playwright has employed too much dramatic license in constructing the parents’ exchanges about their feelings and in demonstrating their differing involvements with Daniel.

At the same time, Weintraub—who wrote the incisive 2007 Drama Desk nominee “The Accomplice” (seen Off-Broadway by his critics) that deals with the failure of FDR’s administration to save Jews trying to flee the Nazis—does build a journalistic contrast between public activist Miller and parent Miller. Miller is seen concerned with Whitcomb about the Broadway staging of “After All” and strongly committed to the anti-Vietnam War movement. In key moments, though, he seems unable to give top priority to the needs of his son.

With a strong cast, Huntington’s artistic director Peter DeBuys smoothly captures the differences between Miller the celebrated playwright and activist and Miller the flawed parent. Josh Stamberg captures Miller’s public confidence and his private inner conflict. Joanne Kelly, in the premiere’s best performance, finds all of Mother’s inner strength as well as her anger—especially after the and Arthur learn of the unspeakable abuse at the training school to which Daniel was transferred at age four. John Hickok is properly warm and wise as Whitcomb. Joanara’s Chisholm energetically liberd Dr. Wise’s earnest intentions and the best comic lines at moments of perspective—best of all, her assertion as the mother of a Republican son that no one could be worse than Fords.

Nolan James Pierce, an actor with a Down’s syndrome himself, has all of Daniel’s radiant dignity. Brandon Mc Neal’s wry-a-tastic design ranges from hospital and office simplicity in the first act to spacey elegance at the Miller’s Roxbury, Connecticut home in the second. Zachary Brown’s sharp projection design hardly illuminates the play’s half-century timing—1964-2005.

Ultimately, Miller will stand as a great American playwright whose major works remain powerful moral statements. Nevertheless, Weintraub’s provocative play points to the complexity of Miller’s personal life. Most importantly, “Fall” calls needed attention to Down syndrome children and their improving lives, longevity and achievements.
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