

## Tito Puente Latin Music Series heats up O'Day Playground

BY MICHELE D. MANISCALCO

Approximately 350 neighbors, undeterred by the hazy, hot and humid weather, gathered in O'Day Playground, 85 West Newton Street, on Thursday, July 5 to welcome the 11th season of the Tito Puente Latin Music Series, sponsored by IBA, the Boston Parks and Recreation Department and Berklee College of Music's Community Affairs and Campus Engagement (CACE) program. IBA CEO Vanessa Calderon-Rosado addressed the crowd and introduced Berklee CACE associate director



Puerto Rican percussionist Zayra Pola and her band, 3nity.

Abria Smith, who proudly noted that many of the performers were affiliated with Berklee. Concertgoers danced and socialized to the Latin and African-inspired sounds of Puerto Rican percussionist Zayra Pola and her band, 3nity.

## New Funding for SE Library

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Mayor Martin J. Walsh announced this week that as part of his commitment to investing in projects

that are important to each neighborhood, an additional \$400,000 in new funding for the South End Library has been secured and is included in the Imagine Boston Capital Plan (Fiscal Year 2019 - Fiscal Year

2023). Altogether in the Capital Plan, \$500,000 in new funding will be allocated for the South End Library, in addition to the \$132,000

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## ASK DOG LADY



### Advice on Pets, Life, Love

BY MONICA COLLINS

Dear Dog Lady,

I heard that Senator Elizabeth Warren got a dog. Good for her. I

hadn't heard the chosen name for her pet, nor did I hear what kind of dog she got so I wonder if you could enlighten me.

—Marta

Dear Marta,

Yes, yes, the Massachusetts senator got a dog. Actually, a couple of weeks ago, she first announced husband Bruce Mann surprised her with a golden retriever puppy, tweeting, "There's a lot of pain and chaos in the world right now — we decided to bring a little gentleness and normalcy into our lives." The best reason to bring a dog into the family.

President Donald Trump, a man with no empathy and no pets

in his life, has recently belittled and badgered Warren. His son also mocked Warren, suggesting her dog be named "Sniffing Bull." When the Trumps went low, Warren went high. She made no comment about Junior's stupid joke.

Last Saturday, Warren took to Twitter to announce the name of her dog in another tweet. This communique carried a picture of the senator cradling the most adorable puppy golden retriever. She wrote: "Friends, meet Bailey. We named him after George Bailey, the community banker in *It's a Wonderful Life* — a

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



SEBA social at Bootleg Special. Photo by Michele Maniscalco

## SEBA brings a lighter side to networking

BY MICHELE D. MANISCALCO

In addition to its regularly scheduled Coffee Mornings on the third Wednesday of each month at the South End Buttery, 314 Shawmut Avenue, the South End Business Alliance (SEBA) let its hair down, so to speak, with its annual barbecue on June 28 at Above and Beyond Catering, 42 Plympton Street, on June 28 followed by a social at Bootleg Special, 400 Tremont Street on July 9, giving members a chance to meet, greet and compare notes on local business concerns after work hours in a relaxed setting.

SEBA president Eve Ward estimated attendance at the annual picnic at approximately 45 guests, who dined on updated versions of traditional picnic fare including quinoa salad with asparagus and snap peas, potato salad, succotash, black bean burgers and hamburgers, and homemade potato chips with pan-fried onion dip.

Dessert comprised a sumptuous selection of cookies and small pastries. At the Bootleg Special social,

approximately 12 guests sat around a long table sharing appetizers courtesy of SEBA and cocktails.

In a telephone interview, Ward said the morning coffee gatherings and evening socials have different tones and draw different audiences. "The coffees are more business focused and evening socials are more relationship based. The daytime get-together is quieter and more formal; the evenings are more relaxed."

Reflecting on the Bootleg Special get-together, Ward said, "I think it is really good to have more relaxed conversation when it comes to the South End. It's about building relationships. During the day, it's hard for retail companies to come out. The Coffee Mornings are more for people who work at home. It's a much more organic conversation in the evening around what's going on in where, who is going to rent open spaces."

Some SEBA members described the challenges of remaining in this rapidly developing neighbor-

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## City of Boston's Family Friendly Beach Is Open

The City of Boston's "Family Friendly Beach" at the BCYF Curley Community Center in South Boston is open for your enjoyment. The beach is open seven days a week and offers families

access to an enclosed stretch of beach on Boston Harbor, restrooms with changing tables, picnic tables with umbrellas, outdoor showers, beach game equipment, wifi and the use of

an indoor area to get out of the sun. Experienced, certified lifeguards are on duty.

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### South End Library

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previously allocated for improvements that include an interior reconfiguration project.

"The South End library is a very important asset to the neighborhood, and I am proud that we are investing in its future for our residents," said Mayor Walsh. "In this year's Capital Plan, we are designating both initial funding for a study that will help determine the scope and scale of any future investments, while also proactively preparing for the next steps that will follow that study. I have made it very clear that I am fully committed to seeing this important project through, and I look forward to working together with the community in planning are preparing for the new future of the South End library."

The investment includes \$100,000 in FY19 for a critical facility assessment that will review neighborhood goals and develop an updated building program that reflects BPL's strategic vision for supporting the future needs of the neighborhood. The additional \$400,000 is allocated in future fiscal years (FY20-23) for additional interior improvements based on the results of the facility assessment.

"I consider myself lucky to live in a city where its mayor is committed to making unprecedented financial investments in public libraries and, by extension, the economic

health of neighborhoods. In the South End, that means investing in the educational and social well-being of one of the most racially and economically diverse communities in Boston," said Marleen Nienhuis, President of Friends of South End Library. "Combined with the Friends of the South End Library's private fundraising, this public investment will greatly improve the delivery of important Boston Public Library services and top-notch programming for the South End. The library's newly created seating, browsing, meeting and reading spaces will make the branch a shining example of what an engaged Friends group, supported by its elected officials, can do for what is indisputably the South End's most important civic space which, best of all, is free to all."

Today's announcement builds on Mayor Walsh's commitment to bring all libraries into the 21st century and provide every neighborhood with a civic center for residents to learn, spend time and interact with each other, we are investing in the design process that will community. As part of his Imagine Boston 2030 Capital Plan, Mayor Walsh is designating \$128 million over the next five years for investments in library branches across the city.

For more information on the Imagine Boston Capital Plan, please visit [Budget.Boston.Gov](http://Budget.Boston.Gov). To follow the progress of other Boston Public Library projects, visit [www.bpl.org/branchcapitalprojects](http://www.bpl.org/branchcapitalprojects).



## News from...

## Boston Groundwater Trust

### Boston Groundwater Trust (BGWT) update on hot spot areas

BWSC has televised pipes along Stuart Street, in the Berkeley to Dartmouth Street and in the Saint James Avenue/Providence Street areas of the Back Bay. In the South End, along Clarendon Street, we continue to coordinate with BWSC on the best way to mitigate the low levels in some of the wells in this area. Along Montgomery Street in the South End some minor damp spots

were discovered during inspections. A solution is currently in the early design stages. BWSC will again be dye testing lines on Commercial Street in the North End in the spring to look for leaks. We expect an update on these hot spots when the City State Groundwater Working Group meets in two weeks.

### Project LightWell

Project LightWell Groundwater Data Sourcing program is up and running along Boylston Street. Partnering with project team LightWell the project consists of ten custom-designed, Bluetooth-enabled, translucent-Corion well caps. The well caps display

real-time groundwater level data. Residents and visitors can interact with the data through the Boston LightWells mobile app. Please visit our homepage at [bostongroundwater.org](http://bostongroundwater.org) for locations and additional information.

### BGWT 2007-2018 Average Network Elevation vs. Precipitation

While we have wells that have been read since 1999, 2007 is when we completed the bulk of our well network installations. Therefore, this 11 year period provides the largest amount of well data to work with. It's helpful to look at the average vs precipitation and see the slight (but important) gains made. The repairing of underground infrastructure coupled with the installation of recharge systems plays a major role in helping us maintain groundwater levels and capturing the precipitation.

For more information, BGWT 229 Berkeley Street Suite 410 Boston, MA 02116, [bostongroundwater.org](http://bostongroundwater.org)

## Resources

### Summer Programs for Kids

Roxbury Community College is offering summer programs for kids. We have a 4-week Summer Arts Intensive program (ages 10-14) and two Summer STEM Weeks. Summer Arts features drama, theater, taiko drums, creative writing, and dance. STEM Week 1 (ages 7-10) features awesome chemistry and science experiments, coding, mini medical school, and creative writing. STEM Week 2 (ages 10-14) features LEGO Robotics, Money Matters, creative writing, and a STEM career panel. Limited spots - enroll today!

STEM Week 2 starts August 6

Roxbury Community College - 1234 Columbus Ave, Roxbury, MA 02120 (STEM Weeks both take place on-campus; Summer Arts takes place up the hill from RCC at the UU Urban Ministry - 10 Putnam St, Roxbury.

Visit <http://www.rcc.mass.edu/life-long-learning/kids-to-college-programs> or contact [usat\(857\)701-1605](mailto:usat(857)701-1605) or [LHagen@rcc.mass.edu](mailto:LHagen@rcc.mass.edu)

### Free Tennis Lessons at Almont Park

Free drop-in tennis lessons for kids, adults, and seniors. Equipment provided.

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### Franklin Park Tennis Association Summer Camp 2018

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### Boston Parks Summer Fitness Series

30 free fitness classes every week in your neighborhood parks. Offerings include Yoga, Zumba, Afrobeat Bootcamp, Cardio Dance,

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## South End Represents

Boston magazine's annual "Best of Boston" issue has hit the stands. The magazine awarded plenty of South End businesses with "Best of Boston" awards.

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## SEBA

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hood with soaring real estate prices. Mark Haley, who opened Above and Beyond Catering at 42 Plympton in 1996 has been active with SEBA for about 20 years. "SEBA's great," he said. Haley has been considering moving his business out of the South End for some years.

Haley said, "We are out of space, and we can't afford to grow bigger here because I can't afford the space. Parking for employees as well as housing [are a problem] for employees: It's too expensive to live in Boston so some of them are moving away." He continued, "We have five trucks, and the neighbors are starting to complain about us parking our trucks everywhere. It's funny, because we've been here since 1996 and they haven't been around that long. There's a lot going on, and it might be better to work in a more spacious area than we have here on Plympton Street."

A Dorchester resident, Haley would like to find a workspace near his home. "I need a space close to downtown," Haley explained. He continued, "My landlord is awesome. If it weren't for him, I would never have stayed here this long."

At the Bootleg Special social, a conversation arose about the difficulties local businesses can face when real estate prices climb precipitously and investors enter the market, paying inflated prices for properties that they intend to rent rather than operate a business in. Martin Ober, a diabetes researcher at Tufts University, weighed in on the phenomenon as it unfolded in his native Lower East Side of New York.

A perfect example is the West Village in New York. It went from local businesses that had been there for decades, and then they got Tory Burch and it exploded; nobody could afford to be there. There wasn't any 'there' there that isn't in an upscale mall or on Madison Avenue. The whole neighborhood loses its character."

Obin added, "One thing that is still working in the South End is that you still have these neighborhood businesses. They're not cheap—although some of them are, like the Syrian dry-goods store on Shawmut Avenue. It's beautiful that we have that next to South End Formaggio, which is insanely expensive." Ward said, "We [SEBA] have been working with realtors and developers. I'm not sure we can entirely control the growth, but we can help people who want to do business here and be part of the community. What we are trying to figure out is how we can help integrate businesses that are going to be successful here...Affordable food is going to be a big focus. There are so few places that are affordable. We love the restaurants of course, but affordable food is important for the service people and other workers."

SEBA's next event spotlights the South End's past. On August 1 at 6:00 PM at the AC Marriott Hotel, 225 Albany Street, SEBA will host a talk by South End Historical Society executive director Lauren Prescott on her book, "Boston's South End", which illustrates neighborhood history through postcards and other images from SEHS's extensive collection.



(Top) Mark Camig, Jon Santiago at SEBA picnic. (Bottom) Eve Ward (left) at SEBA picnic. Photos by Michele Maniscalco

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## Calendar

### Thursday, July 12

10 am - 1:00 pm  
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### Wednesday, July 18

6:30 pm - 7:30 pm  
Friends of Titus Sparrow Park Summer Concert Series  
Titus Sparrow Park, 200 West Newton Street

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July 18: Grupo Fantasia

### Thursdays, July 12, 19, 26

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department's annual ParkARTS program, sponsored by Holly and David Bruce, is pleased to announce the return of its series of children's arts workshops giving kids the opportunity to express their creativity while working on fun projects with local artists.

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#### Wednesday, July 18

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Full schedule and more info at [www.ibaboston.org/blog/event/onehood-peace-basketball-league/](http://www.ibaboston.org/blog/event/onehood-peace-basketball-league/)

## Dog Lady

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guy who was decent, determined & saw the best in people," she wrote. "I always thought the role of GB was written for a Golden Retriever, but Jimmy Stewart did a nice job with it."

So, another dog gets a happy home as Warren gives a subtle backhand swipe at the Trumps by appealing to our better natures.

Dear Dog Lady,

My dog Garfunkle can be a little crazy at times but I hope that's not reason he was disinvited from our neighbors' annual summer cookout. It's a big bash and we go every year with Garfy but this year the invitation says: "Hot dogs only. Please leave your pets at home."

I would love to ask what prompted this new policy. I hope it wasn't Garfy knocking

over the bowl of fusilli salad at last year's picnic. Would I be impolite if I asked the hosts?

—Rose

Dear Rose,

Yes, such a query would be rude and unwelcome. Just as wandering dogs do not belong at fireworks displays so they do not belong unleashed at summer picnics where bowls of food are displayed. Their tails can tip over salads and their pleading eyes can beg for shared morsels of meat – not to mention every other inconvenience caused by dogs on the prowl amongst people. The name is "Ask Dog Lady" but this column advocates proper boundaries between people and pets. Dogs should not be included everywhere.

You were invited to a summer picnic. Go. Have fun. Eat well, and be happy you have a dog to welcome you back home.

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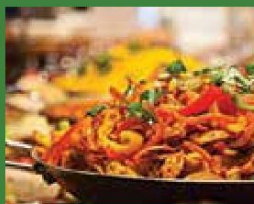

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In the matter of: <b>Kenneth Cox</b> Of: <b>Unknown, XX</b>		Docket No. <b>SU17P1096GD</b>
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<b>WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.</b> Date: May 14, 2018 <span style="float: right;"><b>Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate</b></span>		

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The Serving Survivors of Homicide Victims Providers Network is a professional homicide response network for service providers serving families and communities impacted by violence. The network was established to build trust and foster collaboration among service providers, to develop and maintain a clear homicide response process for all families and communities, and to provide a space for service providers to practice self-care and receive guidance and support from their peers.

The third Tuesday of every month from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

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Call 617-338-6665 or visit the website <http://bostoncil.org/contact/> for any questions

### Immigration Consultants with Volunteer Attorneys

These consultations are on a first-come, first-served basis. Please call at least 1 week in advance for interpretations other than Spanish and/or disability accommodations.

The first and third Wednesdays of every month from 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Boston City Hall, Room 806

Please call 617-635-2980 or visit Boston's City Calendar [www.boston.gov](http://www.boston.gov) here.

### Codman Square Neighborhood Council

The Codman Square Neighborhood council discusses community events, announcements, and hosts guest speakers. Please attend these very important meetings to understand what is happening in the neighborhood in which you live, work, and learn.

First Wednesday of every month from 7 to 8:30 PM

The Great Hall, 6 Norfolk Street, Boston, MA 02124

Visit the website for any questions <https://codmancouncil.wordpress.com/>

### Community Housing Clinic

The Office of Housing Stability's Community Housing Clinic is a tremendous resource for residents — tenants and landlords — to talk one-on-one with a housing professional about landlord-tenant laws, learn how to access affordable housing opportunities and discover housing resources avail-

able to landlords and tenants. Tenants can learn about their rights if their building is sold, their rents are rising or they're facing eviction. Landlords can get information on enforcing lease provisions, cost-effective resources to resolve disputes and programs to support home repairs and maintenance.

Every Thursday 5:00 – 7:00 PM

Department of Neighborhood Development, 26 Court Street Boston, MA 02108

Please call 617-635-4200 or email [Lydia.edwards@boston.gov](mailto:Lydia.edwards@boston.gov)

### \$1 Friday Nights at Boston Children's Museum

Every Friday evening families can enjoy the entire Boston Children's Museum for \$1. The museum includes an Art Studio, Construction Zone, and more.

Friday nights from 5:00 – 9:00 PM

Boston Children's Museum, 308 Congress Street, Boston

Visit <http://www.bostonchildrensmuseum.org/visit/target-1-friday-nights-sponsored-target>

### Free Bilingual Playgroup

There is a free Jamaica Plain based playgroup in English and Spanish for children ages 1-5 years old. Each playgroup is 2 hours long, and parents should bring their children once a week. The playgroup takes place in a classroom setting and the goal is preparation for kindergarten. Each playgroup includes free play, circle time, snack time, and a gross motor/sensory activity. Parents are responsible for providing their own snacks. This is also an opportunity for parents to become familiar with Boston Public Schools and to meet other BPS parents. Open enrollment – register today.

Monday–Friday from either 9:30 – 11:30 AM, 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM, 12:30 – 2:30 PM, or 2:00 – 4:00 PM

Either the Mission Hill K-8 School, 20 Child Street, or the Early Learning Center West, 200 Heath Street in Jamaica Plain

Please contact Silvia at 617-821-3959 or at [srodriguez4@bostonpublicschools.org](mailto:srodriguez4@bostonpublicschools.org)

### JVS English for Advancement Program

The program has two components: Classes and Career Coaching/Employer referral.

Students receive free in-class language instruction (7-9 hours per week) in multi-leveled classes for up to one year. Class content focuses on job search and readiness skills. Students receive 1:1 career coaching and referrals from JVS coaches. The coaches draw on JVS's extensive network of employer relationships. Please note that eligible participants are legally authorized to work in the United States and have a primary goal of job attainment within 2-12 months.

Classes are held mornings and afternoons, (there is one evening class in East Boston.)

Locations include downtown Boston (at JVS Boston, 75 Federal Street 3rd Floor), East Boston (250 Summer St., East Boston), Lynn (20 Wheeler St., Lynn), Lawrence (168 Newbury St., Lawrence), and Lowell (450 Merrimack St., Lowell).

The first step to applying for the classes is to attend an information session. Sessions are held at 10 AM every Friday at JVS. Pre-registration is encouraged, but not required at: <http://www.jvs-boston.org/EFA/>. Information sessions are also held at other locations. Please contact Vannak Khin, Community Outreach Specialist at [vkhin@jvs-boston.org](mailto:vkhin@jvs-boston.org) or 617-399-3399.

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