Summer fun at Camp Hale

The most anticipated day of the summer at Camp Hale, the NH camp program run by United South End Settlements (USES), is the Old Home Week celebration. Old Home Week is a 120-year-old week-long town celebration in Sandwich, NH (where Camp Hale is located) that includes a week of sports events, games, community events and a parade. Campers and counselors from Camp Hale campers getting ready to cheer on their friends at the Camp’s softball game to celebrate Old Home Day in Sandwich, NH.

ASK DOG LADY

Advice on Pets, Life, Love

By Monica Collins

Dear Dog Lady,

I am a pet owner and I am not sure if I should take my dog to the dog park. I am worried that strangers will take advantage of my dog and hurt him. What do you recommend?

Dog Lady

Dear Dog Lady,

I understand your concern. It is important to ensure that your dog feels safe and comfortable in any environment. If you are unsure about taking your dog to a dog park, you can consider alternative options such as dog socialization classes or playdates with other dog owners. It is also important to keep an eye on your dog and ensure that he is not being provoked or upset by other dogs. If you are worried about safety, it may be worth considering a fenced-in dog park or a dog daycare facility.

AJ Earns First Place

AJ, a tenant at one of Pine Street’s permanent residences in the South End, has a passion for gardening that earned him a First Place prize in Mayor Wahl’s 2018 Garden Contest. AJ accepted the award from Mayor Wahl with other category winners at the awards ceremony.

Get ready to VOTE!

The State Primary is Tuesday, September 4. Polling locations will be open from 7 a.m. - 8 p.m. The deadline to vote by absentee ballot is August 31 at 5 p.m. Absentee ballots are available now. Visit www.sec.state.ma.us or www.boston.gov for more information.
Camp Hale

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Camp Hale celebrated Old Home Week on Wednesday, August 9 with its annual softball game, field games (a tug of war competition and a 3-legged race), a pie eating contest and campwide cookout.

Established in 1930, Camp Hale operates on the belief that all youth, particularly those from urban environments, will benefit from challenging opportunities for physical, mental, and social growth and development.

The goal of Camp Hale is for each camper to leave camp with an enhanced sense of well-being, improved social skills, and awareness of personal potential. Traditionally an all-boys camp, Camp Hale established an all-girls section in 2012 to provide inner-city girls with the chance to experience the beauty and unique opportunities that Camp Hale has to offer.

Each summer, 200 young men and women ages 6 to 15 years old head to lake-side cabins in the heart of the White Mountains, located on Squam Lake in New Hampshire.

Residential camping allows the campers to engage in a long list of activities including canoeing, swimming, archery, hiking, fishing, ecology, camping skills, and just enjoying the mountain air.

Ultimately, we seek to ensure that these skills stay with them well into the future and benefit them in other endeavors such as school, work, sports, conflict resolution, and interpersonal relationships.

(Left) It was a fight to the finish line for two Camp Hale campers participating in a race during the Camp’s Old Home Day celebration in Sandwich, NH. (Right) One Camp Hale camper preparing to go to bat at a softball game to celebrate Old Home Day in Sandwich, NH.
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Candidates
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State House, and if we want the change that a lot of people are seeking, he has access to our leadership, he is enormously well respected, people know what his values and the values of his district are, and the work that got done on criminal justice reform had everything to do with Byron, especially when it came to issues of racial equality and criminal justice,” Peery-Soulier also cited Rushing’s work in the House on early childhood education, raising the minimum wage, transgender public accommodations and paid family leave. “If there is a key to fighting poverty, it is early childhood education,” Peery-Soulier added.

Asking about the most common concerns expressed when he meets with voters around the 9th Suffolk District, candidate Santiago said, “The three things I hear most often when knocking on doors are opioid addiction, housing affordability and the gentrification going on in the city and around the state.”

(Top Left) Nick Carter (Top Center) Grace Zalik (Top Right) Jon Santiago (Center Left) Linda Champion (Boston) Byron Rushing speaks.
All photos by Michele Marsicano
CONCERT ROCKS UNION PARK

by Michele D. Manigault

Sunny, milder weather beckoned about 175 people to the final show in Union Park Neighborhood Association’s (UPNA) summer concert series on Sunday afternoon, August 19.

In addition to music by the Len Eramo Group, there were free snacks courtesy of local businesses and special recognition by the city council for UPNA.

UPNA thanks the Len Eramo Group for their upbeat mood with sets that included soul favorites, including Bruce Springsteen’s “Crazy Days,” Dolly Parton’s “Get Lucky,” and a cover of the Allman Brothers’ “Midnight Rider” with a cleverly arranged segue into Led Zeppelin’s “Kashmir” at mid-song, and several swinging jazz instrumentals that people of all ages and a couple of dogs dancing in the green.

Neighbors also enjoyed complimentary snacks, including Derek appetizers from Kava Neo Taverna, 315 Shawmut Avenue, pizza from Nicole’s provided by American Financial Services and served with a smile by Brian Orchardson, and ice cream donated by Ben & Jerry’s.

City councilors Michelle Wu and Ed Flynn were on hand for the presentation of a special proclamation sponsored by Flynn honoring UPNA for its presentation of the concert series.

DOG LADY

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hygiene: to keep food away from animals that may eat or steal the eggs

A newcomer to this column might think Dog Lady swings a dog by her stern tone about animals gathering. Actually, no pet owners who allow their dogs to run rough-shod at parties anywhere are all canine keepers at home. Responsibility and care go a long way to fostering good will among those who dog dogs and those who don’t.

Dear Dog Lady,

It’s been very hot. We all know that. Our dog, Maggie, has been drinking lots of water. I take her out at night to do her last business, and then go to bed. But lately she has been going into the front bedroom and peeing sometime in the night. Anything we can do about that?

— Craig

Dear Craig,

Middle-aged to elderly female dogs (would Maggie qualify?) often have troubles with bladder control. You should consult your veterinarian because Maggie might have some underlying medical cause. She could be drinking more water because of the heat but because some other biological factors are off, you just want to rule out a medical situation for your own peace of mind. If you have a very well-trained dog who suddenly starts a new behavior, it is best to consult a medical professional.

You should be optimistic, however, about the outcome. This is not a big deal in a transitory or treatable problem. And, remember, there are doggy diapers for such incursions.

Also, thoroughly clean the area of the front bedroom where she goes with an enzymatic cleaner such as Nature’s Remedy or Simple Solutions (available in pet stores or online). These enzymes take away the identifying smells so dogs don’t return to the scene of the crime.

Write askdoglady@gmail.com
Exchange South End Approved

Development project at former
Boston Flower Exchange

Submitted by BPDA

The Boston Planning & Development Agency (BPDA) Board of Directors approved seven development projects at their August meeting.

Included in the approved projects is Exchange South End, a 1.5 million square foot mixed-use office, commercial, technology and life science research space that will create thousands of permanent jobs, a 1.1 acre newly publicly accessible open space, local transportation improvements, and over 50,000 square feet of civic space.

Exchange South End approved seven ways for 1.6 million square feet of life science, technology and commercial space, thousands of jobs.

Live: $12,5M payment to create affordable housing
Work: Over 4,000 permanent jobs; over 2,000 construction jobs

Connect: 30,000 square feet of civic space situated around over 8 acres of new central publicly accessible open space, known as the Albany Green.

Size: 1.5 million square feet

Located on a 5.6-acre property at 540 Albany Street, bordering Lower Roxbury, Dorchester and South Boston, the Exchange South End will convert the former location of the Boston Flower Exchange into 1.6 million square feet of mixed-use commercial, technology, and life science research space. In addition, the project will include 30,000 square feet of civic space situated around Albany Green, a new publicly accessible open space, and up to 1,550 parking spaces. The project will consist of the phased construction of four buildings.

The project is designed to integrate pedestrian and bicycle circulation with the accessible open space, including direct connections to the I-93 corridor, the South Bay Harbor trail, the South End neighborhood, and nearby transit stops. The proposed implementation of pedestrian-friendly streetscapes, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)-compliant ramps, designated bike lanes, bike share and storage infrastructure, and traffic signal upgrades will serve to promote safe, accessible, and healthy mobility options.

The project will contribute $12.5M in housing linkage funds to support affordable housing, and $2.5M in jobs linkage funds to support job training and workforce development.

Consistent with the Smart Utilities Policy passed by the BPDA in June, the project is working closely with BPDA staff to conduct an analysis of the technical and economic feasibility of implementing a district energy microgrid as part of the project.

At the City of Boston's urban planning and economic development agency, the BPDA works in partnership with the community to plan Boston's future while respecting its past. The Agency's passionate and knowledgeable staff guides physical, social, and economic change in Boston's neighborhoods and its downtown to shape a more prosperous, resilient, and vibrant city for all.

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**ZONING HEARING**

The Zoning Commission of the City of Boston (“Zoning Commission”) hereby gives notice, in accordance with Chapter 665 of the Acts of 1956, as amended, that a public hearing will be held on September 12, 2018, at 9:00 AM, in Room 952, Boston City Hall, in connection with Map Amendment Application No. 711 and a petition for approval of the Development Plan for Planned Development Area No. 119, Exchange South End Redevelopment (“PDA Plan”), filed by the Boston Redevelopment Authority d/b/a Boston Planning & Development Agency.

Said map amendment would amend Map 1R, South End Neighborhood District, by adding the letter “D,” indicating a Planned Development Area overlay district to approximately 5.65 acres of land located at the site of the former Boston Flower Exchange generally bounded by Albany Street to the northwest, Intervale-93 Southbound Frontage Road to the east, and BioSquare Drive to the southeast. Said PDA Plan will allow for the phased construction of four buildings with approximately 1,599,425 square feet of mixed-use office, commercial and/or life science research space, including approximately 22,430 square feet of ground floor retail space and 30,000 square feet of civic space situated around a new 1+ acre central publicly accessible open space as well as approximately 1,145 below-grade parking spaces.

A copy of the petition, the PDA Plan and a map of the area involved may be viewed at the office of the Zoning Commission, Room 952, Boston City Hall, between 9 AM and 5 PM any day except Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays.

For the Commission,

Jeffrey M. Hampton
Executive Secretary

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Said First Amendment would clarify language in the original Development Plan for Planned Development Area No. 110, Harrison Albany Block Development (“Original Development Plan”) with respect to setbacks. As approved, the Original Development Plan does not specify from which point the required setbacks are to be measured.

A copy of the petition and the First Amendment may be viewed at the office of the Zoning Commission, Room 952, Boston City Hall, between 9 AM and 5 PM any day except Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays.

For the Commission,

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