

# South End *News*

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## More Than Words Opens Youth-Run Bookstore South End



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### SUBMITTED BY MORE THAN WORDS

A youth-run bookstore and event space opened on Monday, September 10 in the South End at 242 E. Berkeley Street. More Than Words, a nonprofit that empowers system-involved youth to take charge of their lives by taking charge of

business, has spent the last year renovating the former Medieval Manor site into a two-floor hub of social enterprise and youth empowerment.

### The new community asset features:

- The Liberty Bookstore, with

50,000 books in inventory, free Wi-Fi, and a variety of gift items sourced from mission-driven businesses around the country, including candles, baking mixes, jewelry, and more.

- The Smith Family Common, a community event space for

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## Free “Share the Harbor Cruises” to Spectacle Island



Join Save the Harbor/Save the Bay for a free fall cruise to Spectacle Island on Saturday, September 29th.

Save the Harbor/Save the Bay will be hosting free “Share the Harbor Cruises” to Spectacle Island, Georges Island, and Boston Light for kids and families from across the city and around the region this fall. The first is a “Treasures of Spectacle Island” excursion on Saturday September 29th, featuring performing pirates, a treasure hunt and songs and stories of the sea.

Though these cruises are free and open to the public, reservations are required. Reserve your space today at <https://tinyurl.com/>

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## Volunteer at St. Stephen's Youth Programs



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### SUBMITTED BY ST. STEPHEN'S YOUTH PROGRAMS

St. Stephen's Youth Programs is looking for committed, passionate volunteers who want to help us build community

It's a great time to get involved in our work this school year. Maybe you'll mentor a teen or be a literacy tutor with an elementary student or read to a class at our partner school...

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## USES Receives \$15,000 Grant From Wells Fargo



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### SUBMITTED BY USES

United South End Settlements (USES), a 126-year-old nonprofit

organization serving families in the South End and surrounding communities, announced in July

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author readings, film screenings, classes, and more, which is also available for rent.

- The Weinberg Warehouse, visible from the street, where visitors can see young people working and processing the 3 million books needed to run their business.

The expanded More Than Words will serve 60% more young adults who are in the foster care system, court-involved, homeless, or out of school; after launching in Waltham in 2004 with just four young people, the organization will soon serve 400 youth annually. Further, the expanded space and businesses will grow earned revenue by 75%, sustaining the organization and giving young people "skin in the game" to work and contribute

to their own solution.

"Before More Than Words, I was homeless," said Becki, a Senior Partner and soon-to-be Graduate. "I heard good things from other youth, applied, and got the job. It was hard to adjust to having somewhere to be. I had to be at work, couldn't just roam around. But then it felt good, and I learned to lead shifts even though I'm shy and take the time to work on myself and apply to school. In the Spring I'm starting at Bunker Hill Community College to study computer science! This new store is really important because it will give more young adults like me the chance to earn a job and find success. I hope everyone will come and support us."

The project was made possible by a community of over 200 donors, including

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## News from...

## East Berkeley Neighborhood Association

SUBMITTED BY EBNA

East Berkeley Neighborhood Association (EBNA), formerly known as "Old Dover", will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 18 at 6:30 pm, at Project Place, 1145 Washington Street.

### Tentative Agenda:

- Safety and Security Update
- Development Update:

A presentation and Update from The Abbey Group, the proponents of Exchange 180913 South End (former Boston Flower Exchange, on Albany Street).

- Cathedral High School Presentation

It is "Full STEAM Ahead" over at Cathedral. Learn what is happening at the high school, including the opening of the all-new Applied Learning Center. STEAM = science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics.

- 200 Shawmut Ave, Parking Lot (Tentative)

Hear from representatives of the parking lot's operator on a request to extend their license to continue operating the lot.

- Recap and Updates from this month's South End Forum Meeting
- Business Spotlight (Tentative)

Agenda Subject to change. More information on Facebook @EastberkeleyNA

## News from...

## Inquilinos Boricuas en Acción

SUBMITTED BY IBA

Inquilinos Boricuas en Acción (IBA) community meeting. If you are a Villa Victoria Community member, then we want to hear from you. Join us every last Wednesday of the month at the Villa Victoria Center for the Arts

for our community meeting.

This month's meeting is on Wednesday, September 26, 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm. Villa Victoria Center for the Arts (VVC), 85 W Newton Street, Boston.

## News from...

## Washington Gateway

SUBMITTED BY WASHINGTON GATEWAY MAIN STREET

Washington Gateway Main Street is excited to bring our Artistic Bike Racks Project to life late in summer 2018.

In partnership with Artists for Humanity and Boston Transportation Department, WGMS channeled the historic design of South End row house stoop railings to create unique bicycle storage racks to live at 3 locations within the district. This design was well received by the community and WGMS plans to identify and install the racks all along Washington Street heading into the

next 12 months!

These racks serve a strong need for bicycle storage in the neighborhood while also bringing art to the district via the incorporation of the character of the neighborhood, and can be used by residents and visitors alike.

Our first three bike racks will be located at:

1. 1721 Washington Street & West Springfield Street (outside of Seijo).
2. 1714 Washington Street & East Springfield Street (outside of Mike's City Diner).
3. 1595 Washington Street & Rutland Street (outside of Flour Bakery + Cafe).

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# Passport Day on Saturday, September 22

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## South End Crime

# Man convicted for robbing disabled man at knifepoint near Back Bay station

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A Suffolk Superior Court today sentenced Benjamin Josey, 59, to three to five years in state prison after a jury convicted him of armed robbery, assault and battery on a disabled person and stealing by confinement for an incident on Dartmouth Street on Aug. 24, 2017.

According to prosecutors, Josey went up to two men sitting outside a Dartmouth Street residence around 4:30 p.m. that day—one of them the victim, who has cerebral palsy, and the other the victim's relative, who is an amputee and who was in a wheelchair—and asked for money.

From the District Attorney's office: "After the victim denied Josey's repeated requests for money, Josey displayed what appeared to be the handle of a knife and stated that he intended to rob someone, putting the victim in fear for his own safety and that of his relative, [Assistant District Attorney David] Wittenberg proved. Josey then forced the victim to walk to a nearby ATM where the victim withdrew \$60 under duress. Josey briefly grabbed the victim from behind during the transaction and left the area after the victim handed him the money."

The victim, 25, gave a statement before sentencing:

"It's hard for me to feel comfortable.

I always have a constant reminder of what happened that day."

"It was important to all of us to stand up for the victim in this case, who was particularly vulnerable because of his disability," Conley said. "Our Elders and Persons With Disabilities Unit specializes in cases like this one, and it has the resources to serve and support people with similar specialized needs. These cases are important, and the victims can count on us for help."

Josey, homeless at the time of the Dartmouth Street attack, had been convicted of rape of a child in 1977 and aggravated rape in 1986, according to the state Sexual Offenders Registry Board.

## St. Stephen's

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Join us to learn more!

Join us on Thursday, October 4, 7-9 pm for a volunteer open house, with a dessert

buffet, at St. Stephen's Youth Programs, 419 Shawmut Ave. in the South End.

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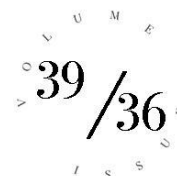
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## Harbor

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On Spectacle Island Save the Harbor's staff will help visitors catch striped bass from the pier and identify the artifacts and beach glass they discover on Treasure Beach. Visitors can also hike to the top of the North Drumlin for unbeatable views of the Harbor, city skyline, and surrounding islands, or

spend a relaxing day on the beach.

"Spectacle Island's history is as colorful as the sea glass you can find on Treasure Beach," said Chris Mancini, Vice President of Operations and Programs at Save the Harbor/Save the Bay. "However, we do want to remind treasure hunters that they need to leave the artifacts, pottery shards and sea glass they find on the island, for everyone to enjoy."

Save the Harbor's "Share the Harbor"

cruises are funded in part by Mass Humanities, which receives support from the Massachusetts Cultural Council and is an affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. For more information on these free fall follow them on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram or visit their website at [www.savetheharbor.org](http://www.savetheharbor.org) or their blog at <http://blog.savetheharbor.org>

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advocacy organization for Boston Harbor, whose mission is to restore and protect Boston Harbor, the Boston Harbor Islands, our region's beaches and the marine environment and share them with the public for everyone to enjoy.


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The "Treasures of Spectacle Island" include sea glass, pottery and historic artifacts which help illustrate the story of the transformation of the island from the city dump to the most popular destination in the Boston Harbor Islands State and National Park.




Save the Harbor's Bruce Berman with a large striped bass caught just off Spectacle Island during the annual fall striped migration.



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it was awarded a \$15,000 grant from Wells Fargo to support its early childhood STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) education program.

Through its charitable giving programs, Wells Fargo embraces its responsibility to be a leading corporate citizen and the opportunity to create more resilient, sustainable communities through its operations and actions. Wells Fargo focuses its giving on community development, health and human services and educational programs that create lasting change and address the challenges facing the cities and towns where its customers and team members live and work.

USES's accredited Early Childhood Education program serves 64 children ages 3 months to 5-years-old, focusing on readying children for school by promoting learning and building cognitive, motor, and social emotional skills. Its

STEAM curriculum introduces and reinforces concepts such as curiosity, creativity, and problem-solving; it also helps with language and motor development.

"We are incredibly grateful for Wells Fargo's support of our STEAM initiative. This approach to learning through an arts lens helps develop critical-thinking, problem-solving, and reasoning skills, laying the foundation for children in our program to thrive in the classroom," said USES President and CEO Maichaina Weir Lytle.

"Wells Fargo has a rich history of community support in Massachusetts and we have personal connections to the people in our communities," said Briana Curran, vice president, communications and community relations, Wells Fargo New England. "United South End Settlements provides critical services to Boston's youth, serving as an outlet for our city's children to learn, thrive and become successful adults in a safe, enrichment environment."

United South End Settlements (USES) offers programs that holistically

support families in achieving economic mobility. USES helps parents and caregivers develop their own capacity to reach their goals, increase their income and assets, and connect with new networks of people through one-on-one coaching and a workforce development program which prepares participants for administrative work as a first step on a career pathway.

For children and youth, USES provides quality education and enrichment opportunities that foster personal development and social-emotional skills such as perseverance, communication, teamwork, and problem-solving. Each summer, USES' Camp Hale serves over 225 boys and girls, ages 6-17 years, with the goal of improving their sense of well-being, social skills, and awareness of personal potential. USES believes that as families increase their income and assets, become more resilient and connect to a diverse network, they and their children are more likely to develop the necessary skills to disrupt the cycle of poverty. For more information about USES, please visit [www.uses.org](http://www.uses.org).

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Liberty Mutual Insurance, the Richard and Susan Smith Family Foundation, and the Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation, Inc., who led the campaign with investments of \$1 million and lent their names to the new space's features.

"We're grateful to Liberty Mutual Insurance, the Richard and Susan Smith Family Foundation, and the Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation, and the hundreds of individuals

and institutions who stepped up, invested in our youth, and built this two-floor hub of social enterprise," said Jodi Rosenbaum, Founder & CEO. "This space makes a bold, disruptive statement to the world that with high expectations, accountability, teamwork, and a relentless unending belief in their potential and brilliance, that our youth can be responsible to take charge of a business...and their lives."

More Than Words has empowered youth ages 16-24 who are in the foster care system, court involved, homeless, or out of school to take

charge of their lives by taking charge of a business. MTW youth work approximately 20 hours per week running a \$2.5M business, selling books in stores, online, and at pop-up shops as a vehicle to develop critical skills. They simultaneously have a second job, their "YOU" job, through which they receive intensive case management to work towards measurable positive outcomes for education, work and life. After youth graduate, MTW continues to support them for two years in a Career Services Program where they apply what they learned in other jobs and education.

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