

## South End Residents to Run in Boston Marathon

For Mass General Hospital Team

SUBMITTED BY MGH MARATHON TEAM

Three South End residents will run in the 124th Boston Marathon® on April 20th as part of the Massachusetts General Hospital Marathon (MGH) Team. Cassie Clavin, Ryan Levasseur, and Rosemary Farahmand will be supporting two important causes: the Mass General Hospital for Children Pediatric Cancer Team and the Emergency Response Fund. Runners include former patients and family members,

MGH employees and longtime hospital supporters, who will join an estimated 30,000 runners along the 26.2-mile course that spans from Hopkinton to Boston's Boylston Street. Funds raised by the runners will benefit essential patient services as well as research and training programs at the hospital.

Clavin and Farahmand will be raising money for the Emergency Response Fund. Clavin is running her second Boston Marathon® to support the efforts of the MGH Emergency Response team because MGH has been an integral part of her younger sister's health, following diagnosis and treatment of a rare genetic disorder called Aicardi

Syndrome. Farahmand is running her first marathon to give back to MGH, after her father received four weeks of care at MGH following a bicycling accident in May 2011.

Levasseur will be raising money for the MGH Cancer Center. He is running to honor his friend that was diagnosed with late-stage Thyroid Cancer in 2016 and received treatment through MGH.

The runners supporting our pediatric cancer mission aim to raise more than \$1,075,000 for cancer care and research initiatives that will lead to improvements in cure rates and enhance the quality of life

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## ASK DOG LADY



Advice on Pets, Life, Love

BY MONICA COLLINS

Dear Dog Lady,

I recently inherited my son's dog, Jasmine, after my son passed away. The dog and I have lived together for a year. She is a great dog and is gentle, kind and obedient. She is a mixed breed, mainly pointer, about 40-pounds. My problem is she is horrible to travel with. She jumps in the car all excited to go. But the minute the car moves, she is a wreck. She won't sit still for one second.

Eventually she will settle down

but she's no fun. I love this dog. I'm also retired and like to travel and take her with me. Any suggestions?

—Ollie

Dear Ollie,

Please remember our dogs are not robots. As long as they are not biting, certain aspects of their behavior will always annoy us, vex us, and confuse us. Jasmine's wonderful qualities outweigh her auto-immune antsy-ness. We're used to those happy pictures of dogs riding in cars with their noses out the window and their ears flapping in the wind. But some dogs hate riding in cars. It's a miserable experience for them and dear Jasmine sounds like she's part of this auto-averse crowd. Dog Lady's dog went through a spell when he panted and drooled in the back seat while riding in the car. Now he basically surrenders to the experience and sleeps on a long car ride.

Have you tried giving Jasmine a chew toy as a distraction when she first jumps into the car at the begin-

ning of a trip? Or how about buying a canine car restraint (available in dog catalogues such as in the company of dogs.com) so she doesn't bother you while you drive? After all, she does calm down eventually. With enough road-riding, Jasmine could become your dog co-pilot.

Dear Dog Lady,

A woman at the local dog park's shepherd-mix Tom was recently diagnosed with bone cancer. The veterinarian gave her the choice of putting Tom to sleep, treating the illness as it presented, or opting for an expensive and complicated operation to remove his front right leg. She decided in favor of the operation.

I am moved by this. At the same time, I wonder whether this will be worth the trouble and the expense. What do you think? When is enough enough?

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## Children's Winter Festival



Six-year-old David Yang of the South End enjoys a ride down the Toboggan Tunnel at the annual Children's Winter Festival hosted on Boston Common February 20 by Mayor Martin J. Walsh and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department in partnership with the Highland Street Foundation. Photo: Jon Seamans

## Taste of the South End's 25th Anniversary Serves up Some of Boston's Best Food to Support an Amazing Cause

March 24

SUBMITTED BY AIDS ACTION

Indulge your taste buds as you celebrate the 25th anniversary of Taste of the South End! This incredible foodie event brings together 40 of the South End's best restaurants to benefit AIDS Action and help those living with HIV/AIDS thrive. The event takes place on March 24 at 7 p.m. at the Cyclorama at the Boston Center for the Arts and features South End eateries such as Myers+Chang, Frenchie, Bar Lyon, SRV Boston, and more.

"Taste of the South End is an incredible event," said Donna Venegas, event co-chair and owner of award-winning kitchen design firm, Venegas and Company. "The event brings together some of Boston's finest chefs to curate this wonderful evening that highlights the South End's amazing food scene, and brings together area businesses and supporters to raise much needed funds for AIDS Action's essential programs and services."

Taste of the South End is a who's who of Boston's finest chefs like Joanne Chang, Barbara Lynch, Co-

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## Marathon

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for the hospital's youngest patients. Those supporting the Emergency Response Fund hope to collectively raise \$430,000 of critical funding to the hospital's emergency medicine and disaster preparedness efforts that benefit victims worldwide.

Since the founding of the Mass General Marathon Team in 1998, runners have raised over \$15.5 million to support research and activities for children with cancer and over

\$2.3 million for emergency and disaster response since 2014.

"Each of our runners has dedicated countless hours to their training and fundraising efforts," says Peter L. Slavin, MD, president of MGH. "On behalf of the MGH community, I salute and thank these individuals who dedicate so much of themselves to support our efforts to improve the health of others."

To learn more about the MGHFC pediatric and MGH emergency response teams, please go to <https://giving.massgeneral.org/boston-marathon>.

## Dog Lady

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Dear Kevin,

Never second-guess love. Stop trying to figure this one out. The woman at the dog park chose the option she believed was right for her and her pet. You should not question a dog keeper who believes in the boundless possibilities of a three-legged dog.

This situation of extreme care for a domestic animal reminds Dog Lady to urge you, dear readers, to renew your pact with your pet. Treat the animal with kindness, responsibility

—Kevin

and respect. You may not have lots of money or patience but the animal under your roof requires the best of you. The animal also deserves a really good, caring medical professional to take care of needs you can't.

Let's assume this woman's veterinarian talked her through all the options after she (or he) broke the bad news of bone cancer. The owner chose the most expensive and the most inconvenient solution for her. She deserves all your respect, even if you question her.

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The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court

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Steven R. Gonzalez

Docket No. SU20W0270WD

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Defendant(s) cannot be found within the Commonwealth and defendant(s) present whereabouts are unknown. Personal service on defendant is therefore not practicable, and defendant(s) has, have not voluntarily appeared in this action.

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The distinguished South End pediatrician describes his career as co-founder of a children's clinic at 400 Shawmut Avenue in the late 1960s that became the thriving comprehensive South End Community Health Center at 1601 Washington Street.

He will be introduced by WBUR's Con Salsa host **Jose Masso** and SECHC's co-founder, **Mal Scovell**.

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## Public Meeting

## BU Medical Campus Institutional Master Plan

Thursday, March 19  
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Henry Goldman School of  
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635 Albany Street  
Boston, MA 02118

**Project Proponent:**  
Boston University

**Project Description:**  
BU Medical Campus is proposing a new, ten-year Institutional Master Plan for their campus in the South End. We will discuss the plan at this meeting. The public is encouraged to attend.

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# True Colors OUT Youth Theater Celebrates 25 Year



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## Launches National Tour

SUBMITTED BY THEATER OFFENSIVE

The Theater Offensive (TTO) will have much to celebrate at this year's Beyond the Stage. The Company will celebrate the 25th anniversary of True Colors OUT Youth Theater, and will announce the first-ever True Colors national tour. TTO will also honor two outstanding Bostonians for their many years of support.

Beyond the Stage is TTO's annual premier fundraising event for True Colors OUT Youth Theater. It honors the resilience and strength of LGBTQ and allied youth members of True Colors OUT Youth Theater, as well as the program's key supporters.

At this year's event on March 12th at Boston's District Hall, guests will be invited to mingle and meet the youth of True Colors, while being treated to presentations that demonstrate how the community's generous support impacts the lives of those the company serves.

This year's event will honor Myron Miller of The Herman and Frieda L. Miller Foundation. Also honored will be Chioke Waithe-Howard, a True Colors alumnus, for his integral part in the growth and development of all True Colors programming and his role.

Founded in the 1994-95 season, True Colors is the longest-running LGBTQ youth theater program in the country. True Colors uses a proven community-engaged theater model to train LGBTQ and allied youth

leaders in writing and performance skills. The majority of True Colors youth ages 14-22 are from Boston neighborhoods.

In 2016, First Lady Michelle Obama awarded True Colors OUT Youth Theater the National Arts & Humanities Youth Program Award, the nation's highest honor in the field of Creative Youth Development. True Colors was the first LGBTQ youth theater program to receive this award at a ceremony in the White House.

True Colors transforms real-life stories of queer youth into powerful performances and workshops, based on their lived experiences of topics such as bullying, homelessness, coming out, and discrimination. True Colors is a safe space for all youth, where they can explore

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## Taste

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Iin Lynch, Adrienne Wright, Chris Coombs, Michael Lombardi, Kevin O'Donnell, and others. Popular South End restaurants come together with beverage sponsors like Sam Adams Beer, Truly Hard Seltzer, Martignetti (wines), and Diageo (distributor of fine whiskeys, tequila, rum, and more), media partners, and community partners to bring patrons a foodie and charity experience that is unrivaled.

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a South Africa photo safari provided by Zulu Nyala Group, a three-night vacation stay at Atlantis Paradise Island, culinary experiences such as a three-course dinner for six provided by Gourmet Caterers, luxury home goods, theater tickets, outdoor activities, and more.

The event offers a VIP experience that features free parking, cooking demos from top chefs, exclusive craft cocktails, access to the VIP lounge, and 6 p.m. entry.

March 24 promises to be an evening not to be missed. Feel good about attending this tasty charity event and supporting AIDS Action's efforts to get to zero new HIV infections in Massachusetts. Get your tickets today to enjoy gourmet food and beverages, bid on unique auction items, and more—all while doing good. General admission tickets

are \$125 and VIP tickets are \$200. Taste of the South End tickets make great gifts. This event is 21+.

Taste of the South End is generously supported by local businesses and corporate partners, including Diageo, EverQuote, FMC Ice Sports, Pfizer, Clarke Appliances, Coldwell Banker, Eaton Vance, Flour Bakery + Café, Gilead, InterSystems, MedMinder, Meyers + Chang, Venegas & Company, OpenTable, Harvard Pilgrim Health Care, New England Home Magazine, US Bank, Martignetti Companies, Boston Beer Company, Al Jones Collection, The Boston Globe, Boston Spirit Magazine, Edge Media, Edible Boston, and Dig Boston.

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## OUT

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their identities and build key creativity, critical thinking, collaboration, communication, and problem-solving skills. True Colors provides direct service to 100 youth annually and reaches an average of 4,000 audience members each year.

Since 1994, the True Colors troupe has toured to local schools and community groups, with performances geared toward combating bigotry, hate, and discrimination. In the 2020-21 season, True Colors will launch its first-ever national tour of a piece, *Legends, Statements, and Stars (LSS)*. It is a new work centered on intergenerational coming of age stories

of LGBTQ people of color in the US. Using *Queer Documentary Theater*, LSS explores the journey of LGBTQ youth of color as they battle identity politics in an effort to create their own identity and culture of legends and legacy outside of mainstream culture.

LSS is a National Performance Network/Visual Artists Network (NPN/VAN) Creation and Development Fund Project co-commissioned by ArtsEmerson in Boston, the Institute of Contemporary Art in Boston, the Kelly-Strayhorn Theater in Pittsburgh, PA, Legion Arts in Cedar Rapids, IA, and NPN. The Creation and Development Fund is supported by the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation, the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, and the National Endowment for the Arts (a

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## Community Meeting

### PLAN: Nubian Square

**Monday, March 23**  
6:00 PM - 7:45 PM

**Boston Water & Sewer Commission**  
2nd Floor Training Room  
980 Harrison Ave  
Roxbury, MA 02119

#### Event Description

The March PLAN: Nubian Square workshop will build upon previous PLAN: Nubian workshops and will focus on reviewing draft RFPs for Crescent Parcel and Malcolm X Parcel. We will review comments from previous meetings and how they are or are not incorporated into the RFPs. Throughout the evening there will be opportunity for attendees to engage in productive dialogue with City/BPDA team members and each other on evaluation criteria and development objectives detailed in the Draft RFPs. Draft RFPs will be available for review March 18.

As with all previous workshops, feedback provided will be taken into consideration for incorporation into the RFP documents.

PLAN: Nubian Square is an initiative to think strategically about the types of uses and the scale of development best suited for the future of Nubian Square and Roxbury. PLAN: Nubian Square builds on the visions presented in both the Roxbury Strategic Master Plan and Dudley Vision.

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