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## Summer fun in the time of COVID-19

By Michele D. Maniscalco

Normally, in the issue of the South End News right before Memorial Day, I would publish my annual Summer Arts and Entertainment Preview. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to bring you a guide to the South End's customary plethora of free, outdoor summer concert series, festivals, movies, art classes and more. Sadly, the COVID-19 pandemic has led the city of Boston to cancel festivals, parades and other outdoor gatherings this summer.

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This year's Pride Parade is canceled due to COVID-19. Photo by Michele Maniscalco

## COVID-19 RESOURCES

### Greater Boston Basic Needs Supports

Catholic Charities Greater Boston Basic Needs Department

Serving Suffolk and Middlesex County. Services include: food pantry assistance (Dorchester, South End, Somerville); emergency financial assistance; emergency essential assistance; SNAP outreach; HIV support services; resource & referral assistance

More Info: Please call (617) 506-6628 or email Basic_Needs@ccab.org

### Resources for Immigrant Communities: What's available?

Protecting Immigrant Families Campaign (NILC & CLASP)

The PIF Campaign has devel-

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## Archdiocese of Boston Statement on Phase-1 Re-Opening

Since the decision to suspend public Masses and gatherings due to COVID-19, the Archdiocese has been singularly focused on keeping people safe and doing our part to help mitigate the spread of the disease, consistent with guidance from state and local officials. Our priests and parish leaders, school principals, teachers and staff as well as our various social justice ministries have stayed strong during this pandemic and continue to be engaged with the faithful in various ways. Schools have conducted virtual classes, parishes have celebrated Mass via live streaming, programs such as marriage preparation have

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### Advice on Pets, Life, Love

By Monica Collins

Dear Dog Lady,

I have heard of a so-called dog trainer in the area who manages to convince every client that the answer to any bad dog behavior question is a shock collar. It was really good to read your column in which you agree that shock collars are a bad idea. Thanks for standing up for the pups.

— Penny

*Dear Penny,*

*Shock collars emitting electrical charges as well as metal pinch collars that squeeze around the neck with prongs seem unduly harsh when training dogs. There are exceptions of course. For example, electric fences save dogs' lives because they keep the animal contained without walls. Until the dog is trained to stay inside the perimeter, the animal wears a shock collar that dispenses a zing whenever he or she starts to stray beyond the boundaries.*

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## Summertime

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While we will not be seeing the Summer Soulstice festival in Blackstone Square, the Pride Parade marching joyfully across Tremont Street, the Worcester Square Area Neighborhood Association's Music in the Square series, the Tito Puente Latin Music Series in O'Day Playground and other annual events, some local presenters of arts, entertainment and recreation have devised ways to keep us amused safely on-line. Here is a guide to events that are already in the works.

As the pandemic emergency is an unprecedented situation, organizations are having to re-write their playbooks to offer alternative programming, and additional events may continue to emerge in the coming weeks. If the South End News learns of additional arts and entertainment events, we will bring you the details as they develop.

For several years, the Community Music Center of Boston has presented Fête de la Musique, a worldwide celebration of the Summer Solstice that normally graces parks and plazas around the South End with live music on the third Saturday in June.

This year, Fête de la Musique returns on Saturday, June 20 from 3:00-5:00 PM with live performances on-line. Details on the performance lineup were not available at press time. The event is free, but viewers should RSVP at Eventbrite to get the link to the programming. For further information, please visit: https://cmcb.org/events/fete-de-la-musique/.

According to CEO Vanessa Calderón-Rosado, IBA is planning to present abbreviated, on-line versions of Festival Betances and the Tito Puente Latin Music Series. Festival Betances normally takes place the third weekend of July, and the Tito Puente Latin Music Series runs from early July to early August. Calderón-Rosado said, "We'll probably do a couple of hours of performances on the Saturday of [Festival Betances] weekend. We are trying to figure out the technical piece of offering multiple performances on-line."

Look for details on IBA Arts virtual events as they develop at IBA's website, www.ibaboston.org.

While South End Soccer canceled its spring play schedule, it is offering a series of monthly webinars in May through September with representatives from the Mass. Youth Soccer Association, Boston Scores, the Boston Parks and Recreation Department and other organizations that make youth soccer possible as well as "On-line Fun @ Home" resources and tips. For details, see http://www.southendsoccer.org/.

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department (BPRD) normally fills our outdoor spaces with music, movies, and art, fitness, and athletic programs throughout the summer. This summer, BPRD is striving to deliver some of its customary summer programming remotely and is working on an outdoor event that can be done in accordance with social distancing. BPRD commissioner Ryan Woods said, "We are trying to be creative in what we can do."

According to Woods, for now, fitness classes will continue on-line this summer. "As things progress, the Mayor and the Governor may relax restrictions on gatherings of 25 to 50 people, and classes may be able to take place outdoors and in person." BPRD hopes to offer certain events that can be done with safe social distancing, including possible drive-in movie nights. "We are working with radio stations and others to find parking lots and other spaces where people could drive in without damaging the turf. We are [participating in] webinars with other cities to see what they are doing as well."

Woods reported. BPRD is also investigating ways to reprise the Mayor's annual Garden Contest within COVID-19 safety restrictions. Woods explained, "Because residents are home, they are putting more time and work into their gardens. We want to make sure they have a chance to show off their gardens. We are trying to do this creatively with respect to social distancing. We are still strong believers that negative activity and behavior can be prevented by positive programming."

# Dog Lady

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*In the short term, zapping a dog with an electric shock may work. However, this is not the way to train a dog humanely for a lifetime.*

Dear Dog Lady,

My husband and I will be adopting a rescue dog from our local shelter. We seek a female puppy on the medium to large size. We aren't into "toy" breeds. My question: What age do you recommend obedience school? She will be crate trained and since I'm retired and active, the dog will have plenty of "home schooling" and exercise. But I believe formal training is the way to go.

We did it with our last pup (dear Gretta who passed away a year ago at age 14). Now I wonder if maybe Gretta was too young for class at six months. Although she turned out to be a great dog she was the youngest in the class by about four to six months and was often sent to the "principal's office" for excessive barking and playfulness. Your advice will be appreciated. Thanks for helping to keep us dog lovers informed on how we can always strive to be better parents.

—Mary Beth

*Dear Mary Beth,*

*There are "kindergarten" classes for puppies. Puppy kindergarten is a wonderful basic training for the new dog owner and a great course in Socialization 101 for the puppy. The best learning we can offer puppies is how to live in the big world of dogs, people, cars, and all the myriad of creatures and modern conveniences. Call the Animal Rescue League or MSPCA for available puppy classes.*

*You should keep in mind that dog training classes are really for the people not the dogs. Oh sure, the dogs may learn a thing or two but they learn it only because their human is with them leading the way. Make sure you provide the bulk of the "homework" training and exercise.*

Dear Dog Lady,

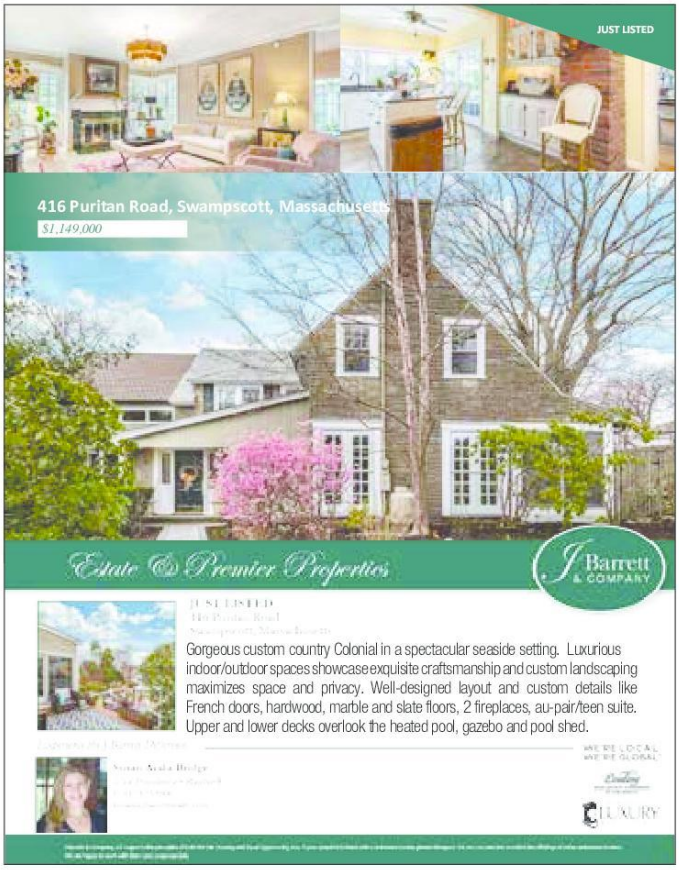
I recently adopted a puppy, a black Labrador retriever. I thought I had come up with the best, most original name for him: Cooper. I knew no other dogs with this name. It is two syllables and I can condense it into lots of nicknames. I was feeling so good about my new dog and his name until I went to the veterinarian's for a first checkup and the vet tech called out "Cooper" to those of us in the waiting area. Another woman and her bull dog stood up and went toward the examining room. I was crushed. I've since heard of five other Coopers. I'm not exaggerating when I say nearly every dog I meet is named Cooper. I want to change my dog's name. Should I?

—Karen

*Dear Karen,*

*Think of how all those people who named their dogs "Bailey" felt; and those who bestowed lovable "Lucy." Dog names come in and out of vogue. So do people monikers. Hello "Brittany" and "Tiffany;" "Brody" and "Logan." Don't sweat this. If you continue to be super-irked about copycat Coopers, you can change the name but any switch could cause some stress for your pup.*

*Write: askdoglady@gmail.com.*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**REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS ("RFQ")**
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The **Boston Redevelopment Authority ("BRA")** d/b/a **Boston Planning & Development Agency** ("**BPDA**"), by its Chief Procurement Officer ("CPO"), requests the qualifications of an experienced, qualified, and professional architect/engineer design team (hereinafter, the "Designer") to produce the design and provide construction administration services for the China Trade Center Basement Waterproofing Project (hereinafter the "Design Services"), in conformance with M.G.L. c. 7C, §§ 44 – 58, as may be amended. The BPDA is seeking Design Services from a Designer with prior experience in basement waterproofing and structural concrete slab design and includes minor plumbing and electrical modifications. The anticipated duration of the Design Services is from July 1, 2020 through January 31, 2021. There shall be a fee negotiation between the top ranked finalist and the BPDA to set a mutually agreed upon design fee. The BPDA may require the top ranked finalist with whom a fee is being negotiated to submit a fee proposal and include with it such information as the BPDA requires to provide current cost and pricing data on the basis of which the designer's fee proposal may be evaluated. For previous studies done, please refer to the RFQ.

**RFQ Availability:** Available starting at **9:00 A.M.** on **May 13, 2020** through download from the BPDA's website: http://www.bostonplans.org/work-with-us/procurement Click on the link *China Trade Center Basement Waterproofing Project*. The RFQ will also be available from the Office of the Secretary, Boston Planning & Development Agency, One City Hall Square, Room 910, Boston, MA 02201-1007.

**Pre-Submission Respondent Conference:** all interested designers are invited to attend a virtual pre-submission conference on **May 15, 2020** at **10: 00 A.M.** Attendance at the pre-submission conference is optional. Please email the BPDA Procurement office at **BPDA.CPO@boston.gov** and include Peter Sun at **peter.s.sun@boston.gov** to participate in the pre-submission conference. Further notice regarding the virtual pre-submission conference will be emailed to all plan holders at a later date.

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# Abrupt end to a neighborhood favorite: Stella closes after 15 years

BY MICHELE D. MANISCALCO

On the afternoon of Friday, May 15, a Facebook page announced the sudden closing of Stella Restaurant and Bar, 1525 Washington Street, a popular spot for dining and cocktails, its function room the venue of many fundraisers and other gatherings for local organizations.

The announcement reads, "It is with a heavy heart and tears in our eyes that we announce the closing of Stella Restaurant and Bar. Today will be our last night. It has been nothing but a pleasure to serve Boston and especially the south end these last 15 years. We have made so many friends with employees and guests and will miss everyone of you. Please know that this was not in our control we had hoped to come out of this stronger. We will miss all of you very much."

Neighbors expressed mutual appreciation of the restaurant, named for chef/owner Evan Deluty's daughter, sharing the post over 80 times and sharing reminiscences and praise for the eatery's food, service and atmosphere.

On the day the closure was announced, Stella bartender Ryan Walsh created a GoFundMe site for the benefit of Stella staff who are undocumented and ineligible for unemployment relief, many of whom are raising families.

As of Monday night, May 18, the GoFundMe at https://www.gofundme.com/f/stella-employee-relief-fund posted donations of $6,395 toward a goal of $15,000. Stella joins Masa Restaurant, 439 Tremont Street, which closed in late March.

## COVID Resources

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oped a quick reference guide on immigrant eligibility that provides a general overview of some of the federal public programs available to support individuals and families during the COVID-19 crisis. In light of implementation of public charge regulations, we have also included clarification about whether certain public programs are taken into account for public charge purposes. The guide includes links to deeper dive resources on eligibility from our partners. https://protectingimmigrantfamilies.org/

### Suffolk County Resource Guide

Suffolk County District Attorney, Rachel Rollins

This is a collection of resources currently available in Suffolk County, Ma, compiled by the staff of the Juvenile Alternative Resolution Program of the Juvenile Unit at the Office of Suffolk County District Attorney Rachael Rollins. It is not a complete list, and you should continue to consult relevant experts and your care providers when appropriate. This guide is intended to be a starting point for residents and service providers for finding resources to assist during the COVID-19 National Emergency. Our current circumstances are fluid and evolving; information, services, and recommendations may change over time. We advise you to contact any of the included services outlined here ahead of time to ensure up-to-date accuracy. https://www.suffolkdistrictattorney.com/

### DTA SNAP and Cash Benefits During COVID-19

Massachusetts Legal Services

To view a general overview of DTA policies and how to ensure folks can access benefits, please visit MLRI's COVID-19 page: https://www.masslegalservices.org/DTA-COVID-19

### Hunger and Food Resources for Households

Project Bread's Hunger and Food Resources page offers information for families and households on school meal sites and locations; the Food Resource Hotline (to get connected to food, and for SNAP application assistance); and policy updates (state and federal level). http://www.projectbread.org/

Greater Boston Food Bank (GBFB)

GBFB partners with 500+ hunger-relief agencies, including food pantries, community meal programs and other food assistance providers throughout the nine counties and 190 towns and cities across Eastern Massachusetts. These efforts have doubled in the wake of COVID and increased food needs. This page offers information on food pantries across the state, as well as additional resources for food assistance, including school meal sites. https://www.gbfb.org/

### Massachusetts State Updates & Resources

State of Massachusetts (Governor's Office) and MA DPH is working closely with the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to provide updated information about the novel coronavirus outbreak. https://www.mass.gov/ offers:

Prevention and treatment
Cases, quarantine and monitoring
State of emergency
Printable fact sheets and FAQ
Emotional health and well-being resources
Press release
MA 2-1-1

### SIREN COVID-19 Resource Page

Social Interventions Research & Evaluation Network (SIREN)

sirenetwork.ucsf.edu/covid-19-resources includes resources on a national level such as:

Social needs surveillance
Recent news articles about COVID and health equity
Resources for clinicians and patients
Insurance coverage and codes for COVID-related healthcare services
Pharmacy delivery services
Vaccination scams/exploitation
Housing
Employment/income concerns
Utility concerns
Social isolation
Advocacy opportunities

### The City of Boston

The City of Boston has a free texting service to provide daily updates and information about the coronavirus. Text BOSCOVID to 99411 to opt-in for English. Language and communications access remains a priority for Mayor Walsh, so this text service is also available in Spanish, Haitian Creole, French, Cabo Verdean Creole, and Portuguese.

Text BOSEspanol for Spanish
Text BOSKreyol for Haitian Kreyol
Text BOSFrancais for French
Text BOSKriolu for Cabo Verdean Creole
Text BOSPortugues for Portuguese

Updates in 10 total languages can additionally be accessed through boston.gov/coronavirus#multilingual-help. Each language has its own page and hosts multilingual print materials distributed citywide.

HOMELESS SERVICES AND HOSPITAL CAPACITY

On April 2nd, Mayor Walsh announced that construction begins at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center to add 500 beds for treating homeless adults who have tested positive for COVID-19 and need care, but do not require full hospitalization.

The City has released a Request for Proposals to secure a partner organization to operate the facility. If necessary, the Convention Center beds will be opened up for hospitals to use for sub-acute COVID patients in the general population.

These 500 beds will bring Boston's total number of new beds for homeless individuals to over 1,000. This includes Boston Medical Center's Newton Pavilion facility, which the City and State are working to re-purpose as a medical facility for homeless residents affected by the coronavirus.

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## Reopening

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continued and parish food pantries are doing everything humanly possible to meet the dramatic increase in people seeking food.

The announcement by the Governor Monday that the Commonwealth was beginning the process of re-opening is welcome news. The Archdiocese has consistently stated we will work collaboratively with local and state officials during this crisis and we will continue to comply with their guidance and mandates devised to restart community activity while continuing to fight the virus and keep people safe.

Shortly after the Governor's announcement we communicated a series of steps to our parishes that they must follow to adhere to both the state and Church requirements to re-open.

The guidance, established by a working committee of priests, deacons and laity accompanies the decision today that parishes can resume Mass as of Saturday, May 23. Strict guidelines require that no more than 40% of the Church capacity can be in attendance, social distancing must be followed for pews and restrictions for the safe distribution of Communion must be in place. Weddings and funerals may proceed but with the similar restrictions.

As stated in the Archdiocesan document released today, "If a parish within the Archdiocese of Boston, after careful and deliberate preparation, considers that they are able to meet all of the State, Municipal, and Archdiocesan guidelines, they may request permission from their Regional Bishop or Episcopal Vicar to begin Masses as early as Saturday evening, May 23. Many, or even most, parishes may well need more time to prepare, and may choose Sunday, May 31 (the Feast of Pentecost), as the date for their reopening. Parishes should not resume Masses before they are ready, and the decision to delay the resumption of Masses until May 31 may very well be the best decision for a parish. No matter what the start date, no parish should have Mass unless they can do it safely, and in compliance with the guidelines."

The dispensation from the Sunday Mass obligation will continue for the foreseeable future. Cardinal Seán strongly encourages people in vulnerable populations, especially the elderly and those with complicating physical conditions, to continue to watch Mass from their homes, on their parish's social media or on Catholic TV.

The days ahead will continue to be challenging for all. Our parishes, schools and ministries will be meeting these challenges in unprecedented ways. The return to the celebration of Masses and the sharing of the Eucharist will be welcome activities for the people of the Archdiocese as we proceed patiently and with caution in this first phase of reopening. We hope and pray that the steps undertaken by our public leaders and by the Church will be effective in preventing a new surge of the virus and we will remain vigilant in our efforts to keep people safe.

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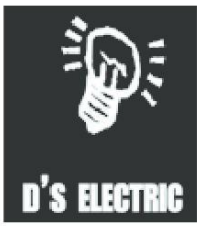


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## Crime

# BPD Officers Confront Armed Suspect in the South End

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At about 2:13pm, on Saturday, May 16, 2020, officers from District D-4 (South End) responded to a radio call for a man with a gun threatening people in the area of 134 Northampton Street. On arrival, officers observed an individual fitting the description of the suspect.

When officers approached the suspect in an effort to speak with him, the suspect, refusing to acknowledge them, took off running down Massachusetts Ave towards Chester Park. During the foot pursuit, the suspect produced a firearm and began firing rounds in the direction of the responding officers. In fear for their lives, as well as the safety and well-being of community members in the immediate area, officers returned gunfire.

Undeterred, the suspect continued firing his weapon until his weapon reached the lock-back position which occurs when a firearm is completely out of ammunition. After a violent struggle, one in which the suspect continued fighting with the officers, the suspect was placed in custody. No injuries were reported at the scene. Several of the responding officers, however, were transported to an area hospital for evaluation purposes.

The suspect was arrested and charged with Assault with Intent to Murder, Discharging a Firearm within 500 Feet of Residence/Dwelling, Unlawful Possession of a Firearm, Unlawful Possession of Ammunition, Unlawful Possession of a Large Capacity Firearm and Feeding Device.

**CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304**

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts**
**The Trial Court**
**Probate and Family Court**
Docket No. SU20P0674GD

In the matter of: **Willy Duran**
Of: **Boston, MA**

RESPONDENT
Alleged Incapacitated Person

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Mass. Dept. of Mental Health of Westborough, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that **Willy Duran** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Margeline Mateo of Everett, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve on the bond.

Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
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The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

**You have the right to object to this proceeding.** If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **05/21/2020.** This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

**The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.**

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Date: April 30, 2020
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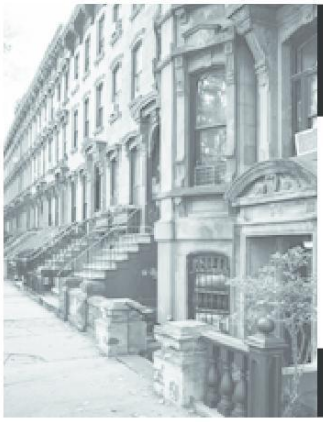

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