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Taste Of The South End, Virtually!

SUBMITTED BY AIDS ACTION

Due to the ongoing pandemic, Taste of the South End goes virtual.

Join Boston's finest in fine dining in support of AIDS Action's essential programs and services on Tuesday, September 29, 2020, from 6 PM–7:00 PM. Delight your palate with bites from over 40 restaurants from the South End, win big at our silent auction, learn from top chefs, taste diverse wines or enjoy a specialty cocktail, and contribute to one of the city's most delicious fundraisers! Proceeds support AAC effort to provide] healthier lives for those living with HIV/AIDS and in the fight to eliminate new HIV infections.

We invite you to join us for a Virtual Taste of the South End. If you have not already purchased a ticket, we ask for a donation of your choice to attend the virtual event. For those that have already purchased your tickets, you are already registered and we appreciate you so very much. Our hour together will include guest speakers, discounts on food and beverages from our South

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Photo courtesy tasteofthesouthend.org

AIDS Walk Boston Goes Virtual

October 18th

SUBMITTED BY AAC

On Sunday, October 18th AAC Walk & Run goes virtual, complete with opening ceremonies, fun activities you can do from home, and incredible performances! AIDS Action continues to serve clients through innovative programs during COVID. Fundraising efforts are more vital than ever! Join us virtually to bond with your community, remember those we have lost, and look forward to a healthier future for all.

Join us in ending HIV/AIDS in Mass. As the leader in the fight against HIV/AIDS in Massachusetts, AIDS Action has played a critical role in addressing the epidemic through its life-saving prevention

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Photo courtesy walk.aac.org

BMC, Dana-Farber, MGN Formalize Collaboration

SUBMITTED BY BMC

Boston Medical Center (BMC), Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH) have formalized a reciprocal agreement for joint clinical trials in cancer care. The agreement provides greater patient access to cancer clinical trials and increases research collaborations between the organizations.

With this new agreement, clinical trials may be led by principal investigators at Dana-Farber, MGH or BMC and will be open to patients at the hospitals. Several trials, generally for patients with advanced cancer, have been opened with a number of patients participating.

"This clinical trial collaboration between Boston Medical Center, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and Massachusetts General Hospital will facilitate the development of new cancer therapies across these outstanding academic medical centers," said Matthew Kulke, MD, the Chief of Hematology/Oncology at BMC and Co-Director of the Boston University-BMC Cancer Center. "Importantly, the collaboration also helps cancer patients, who will be able to access a broad range of

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COVID-19 compliant Heroes in Puerto Rican Veterans Monument Park

(Top) Monument to baseball legend Roberto Clemente. (Bottom) Monument to 65th Infantry Regiment "Borinqueneers". Photos by Michele Maniscalco

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new, innovative cancer treatments in any of the three facilities."

"Enrolling patients into clinical trials helps them get the latest treatments, and helps researchers develop new therapies faster," said Eric P. Winer, MD, Senior Vice President for Medical Affairs at Dana-Farber. "This important collaboration with Boston Medical Center and Mass General will provide great benefits to cancer patients in our region and will help the institutions to pursue their shared mission of providing access and advancing our understanding for how to treat and prevent cancer."

"We are delighted to collaborate with Boston Medical Center and Dana-Farber Cancer Institute to provide all patients with cancer throughout Greater Boston access to the most promising novel treatments for cancer," said Beverly Moy, MD, MPH, Mass General's Director of Cancer Equity and Clinical Director of Breast Oncology. "This collaboration will lead to important developments of new evidence and therapies in this era of genomic and precision medicine in cancer care."

This initiative reflects a systematic approach between top-ranked institutions to create an opportunity for the researchers and faculty to learn from one another, combine efforts in developing new and innovative studies, and to expand the enrollment of trials to reach a larger, more diverse population of cancer patients.

The institutions will collaborate to identify those trials that are appropriate to open together, as well as opportunities to jointly develop new studies.

ASK DOG LADY

Advice on Pets, Life, Love

By Monica Collins

Dear Dog Lady,

We have given a forever home to a ten-year-old female pug who joined us in March from a local rescue group for senior dogs. She is adorable and friendly with all humans, including young children. Other dogs are a different issue. When she sees other dogs in the neighborhood, she becomes very agitated, starts darting around and barks aggressively. If she wasn't controlled by her leash, she would attack (and has once when we didn't have control of the leash). Usually we pick her up and cradle her to calm her down, but her behavior limits us in terms of where we can board her if/when we go away. We would love to get her to be more comfortable around other dogs. Do you have any suggestions?

—Bernie

Dear Bernie,

The worst you can do is to pick her up and cradle her. She's not a baby; she's an elderly dog in a new home who's feeling her way around. Let her stand on her own four feet and work it out with her peers. Ask a nice neighbor with a dog if you can take morning walks together. Your pug may have a moment of discomfort. After she gets used to the idea the other dog isn't going anywhere, she should calm down for a nice, friendly, relaxed ramble. Two dogs, both on leashes, walking, sniffing, facing the world together should be calming for all involved.

Dear Dog Lady,

We have been gone for three weeks on vacation and I sorted my laundry on the floor like I have done thousands of times before. We have a 9-year-old poodle mix, Daisy May, that we rescued. Today she has chewed three pairs of my underwear. She has never done this before. What's up with that?

—Debi

Dear Debi,

Did you take Daisy May away on vacation with you or did she stay behind? Was she left at a kennel? A cageless boarding place? Or at home? All of that matters in how she adjusted to your absence and what residue of bad feeling might have been left behind.

Actually, Daisy May probably did not chew your underwear to punish you. Dogs are not vengeful the way people are. But lingering feelings of insecurity may have caused her to do it. Or not. Maybe the only way to explain this is you left the underwear out in full, tempting available view of the dog. She may have had no choice.

Keep your things away from her. She's not a robot. Daisy May will inevitably be tempted to sniff and/or chew on your things if she's done it before. Help her become successful in conquering this bad habit by keeping your dog away from temptation.

Dear Dog Lady,

My sister wrote me this about her dog who recently died. She had him for 17 years: "He was my constant little companion for so many years, just being happy to sit next me, following me from room to room. Then he would wait until I settled into one room and would come there and sit in one of the many doggie beds I had around the house. Eventually, he would just fall asleep in his bed in whatever room I was in, content to be near me. I would hear him snoring quietly behind me, a comforting presence. I have never before felt such undying devotion from any living thing, big or small, and I fear I never will again.

"For all of my dear friends who have a loving canine companion, give him or her extra caresses, treats, or walks today in remembrance of Biscuit (my sister's dog). These animals give us so much and ask so little in return. I really loved that little guy and will miss him forever."

—Paul

Dear Paul,

Your sister sums it up. Dog Lady tearfully agrees. Give a biscuit in memory of Biscuit. And thank you.

Write askdoglady@gmail.com.

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Garden Contest Winners Announced

SUBMITTED BY THE OFFICE OF MAYOR WALSH

Mayor Martin J. Walsh today announced the winners of the 24th annual Mayor's Garden Contest with a grand prize provided by JetBlue and prize packages donated by Mahoney's Garden Centers. This year's competition was held within current social distancing guidelines with the contest providing the perfect opportunity to recognize those who have taken advantage of the "safer at home" guidelines to hone their gardening skills.

The Mayor's Garden Contest recognizes gardeners who have landscaped, planted flowers, trees, shrubs, and vegetables, and in the process, helped beautify Boston's neighborhoods. The safety of gardeners and contest judges was the top priority of the Boston Parks and Recreation Department and gardeners were instructed to follow all current advisories from the Boston Public Health Commission and the City of Boston.

First place winners received the coveted "Golden Trowel" award from Mayor Walsh while second and third place winners were awarded certificates. Judging was held with social distancing and masks in use, as was the delivery of winner's certificates. First place winners were also eligible for a drawing for a JetBlue Grand Prize consisting of roundtrip flights for two to any nonstop destination from Boston. Terms, conditions, and blackout dates apply. Gardener's gift bags were provided by Mahoney's Garden Centers to the top three winners in each category as well as gift certificates for the 2020 Hall of Fame winners.

Traditionally, the awards ceremony is an outdoor celebration in the Boston Public Garden where each winner is announced and provided with their award by Mayor Walsh. This year's ceremony was held virtually on August 25 with all winners' gardens showcased. As winners of each category were announced, photos of their gardens were shown on screen. In addition, a Story Map featuring photos of the winners and their gardens is available at www.boston.gov/GardenContest.

This year's winners are:

Storefront, Organization, or Main Street District Garden

First Place: Friends of Christopher Columbus Park, North End

Second Place: Fairmount Hill Neighborhood Association, Hyde Park

Third Place: The Beehive, South End

Community Garden

First Place: Billy and Eric Bain, Fenway/Kenmore

Second Place: Craig and Kimberly McNulty, Fenway/Kenmore

Third Place: Dionna Di Pierro and Steven Davy, Fenway/Kenmore

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End restaurant partners, and a live auction. We hope to see you there!

Join us live here right at 6 pm: http://twitch.tv/2MBStudios

Don't have a Twitch account yet? We encourage those who want to participate in the chat to log in a few minutes early to make a username.

Click here for an update on Fenway's response to the Coronavirus. This page is updated regularly.

Our virtual Taste of the South End auction is running until 9/30. You can visit our auction page here. The money raised from our auction will go towards the programs and services of AIDS Action and Fenway Health. Get ready to bid on items such as a consultation with a personal shopper, kayaking on the Charles River, and lift tickets to Pats Peak.

More information at https://tasteofthesouthend.org/

AIDS Walk

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and wellness services since 1983.

AIDS Action is New England's largest provider of services to people living with HIV/AIDS and populations at risk of infection. AIDS Action leads the state's Getting To Zero Coalition, which seeks to reduce the number of HIV infections to zero and operates a needle exchange that serves as an entry point to healthcare services for active substance users. At AIDS Action, we go beyond the basics of providing safer sex kits and HIV medications by taking a comprehensive approach to HIV prevention and care. By working face to face with the people most impacted by HIV, we're able to truly understand their complex needs and how these needs impact their health. This information helps public officials and politicians make life-changing policy and funding decisions.

We're excited to announce a special offer from Dunkin' Donuts! Any participant who registers for AIDS Walk & Run Boston by September 30th enters to win Dunkin' Coffee for A Year.

More information at https://walk.aac.org/

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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 developed 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

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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.

SMALL BUSINESS SUPPORT

On April 2nd, Mayor Walsh announced two new resources that will help small businesses during the public health crisis.

The City of Boston has created a Small Business Relief Fund. Drawing on a combination of City, federal, and private industry contributions, it establishes $2 million in grant funding—capable of providing a lifeline to hundreds of local businesses at risk of shutting down permanently due to the crisis. It will be administered as a streamlined version of the City's Small Business Financing program. Small businesses can begin applying on Monday, April 6.

The City of Boston has also created a Financial Relief Handbook and FAQ document for small businesses. It's a resource for navigating

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Food Pantries

Information from the City of Boston

Haley House Food Pantry, 23 Dartmouth Street, Thursday, 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., 617-236-8132

Rosie's Place/Pantry, 889 Harrison Ave.,Mondays: 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Tuesdays and Fridays: 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Tuesdays and Thursdays: 4:30-6:30 p.m., 617-442-9322

Salvation Army/South End Food Pantry, 1500 Washington Street, Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays: 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., 617-536-5260.

Catholic Charities/El Centro del Cardena, Monsignor Reynolds Way, Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays: 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m., 617-522-4040

Boston Medical Center Food Pantry, 1 Boston Medical Center Yawkey B, Monday through Friday: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., 617-414-3834

Grant A.M.E./Self-Help, 1906 Washington St., First and third Thursday of the month: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., 617-427-0670

American Red Cross/Mobile Market, 1033 Massachusetts Ave., Times vary, call ahead: 617-375-0735.

Islamic Multi Service Organization, 722 Shawmut Avenue, Second Sunday of the month: 1:30 - 4 p.m., 617-442-2805

Union United Methodist Church Food Pantry, 485 Columbus Ave., Second Tuesday of the month: 8 a.m. - 1 p.m., 617-287-1020

Locations and times are subject to change. Please check back to confirm information before you head to a meal pickup site or food pantry.

Visit https://www.boston.gov/departments/food-access/map-covid19-food-resources for a full list of pantries.

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bpda | **Virtual Meeting**

PLAN: Nubian Square Community Meeting

Wednesday, October 7
6:00 PM - 7:45 PM

Zoom Link: bit.ly/2HdaL1I
Toll Free: (833) 568 - 8864
Meeting ID: 160 910 3934

Event Description

Join members of the PLAN: Nubian Square on October 7th from 6-7:45pm to discuss design guideline updates to the Crescent Parcel Request for Proposal. We'll review circulation, landscaping, and other developments that may affect the site. For more information visit bit.ly/PlanNubian.

Únase a PLAN: equipo de Nubian Square el 7 de octubre de 2020 de 6 pm a 7:45 pm para analizar las actualizaciones de las directrices de diseño de la solicitud de propuestas para el lote Crescent. Analizaremos la circulación, paisajismo y otros aspectos del entorno que pueden afectar al sitio. Para obtener más información visite bit.ly/PlanNubian.

Vin jwenn manm PLAN yo: Nan dat 7 oktòb de 6è a 7:45pm, Ekip Nubian Square la pral diskite de mizajou ki fèt sou direktiv pou modèl k ap nan Demand Pwopozisyon pou Moso Teren Crescent. Nou pral revwa an patikilye sikilasyon, amenajman peyizaj ak lòt devlopman kontekstyèl ki ka afekte sit la. Ale nan: bit.ly/PlanNubian pou jwenn plis enfòmasyon.

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Teresa Polhemus, Executive Director/Secretary

bpda | **Virtual Meeting**

Urban Renewal Community Meeting

Tuesday, October 8
6:00 PM

Zoom Link: bit.ly/3iCs7Cz
Toll Free: (833) 568 - 8864
Meeting ID: 161 789 5560

Project Proponent:
Boston Planning & Development Agency

Project Description:
The Boston Planning & Development Agency invites the surrounding community for a meeting to discuss potential updates to the South End Urban Renewal Plan.

mail to: **Christopher Breen**
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both public and private capital programs. It puts information and guidance about all the different programs together in one place.

HOUSING SUPPORT

On April 2nd, The Mayor announced a new fund to help tenants who fall behind on rent in Boston because of the public health crisis.

The City of Boston has identified at least $3 million in City and federal funds that can be repurposed quickly to help tenants who can't make their rent. This money will be targeted to households that have lost income due to the crisis, and who do not qualify for enough federal relief or unemployment benefits to make it up. The Office of Housing Stability will use its existing networks to get this help to where it's needed, quickly and fairly. Email housingstability@boston.gov to learn more.

The Mayor also expressed his support of state legislation that will put a moratorium on evictions and foreclosures throughout the state of emergency.

VETERANS

The City of Boston has been reaching out to veterans service providers and residential homes in Boston, to help them mitigate any risk and address concerns they have. Veterans and their family members can call 311 or email veterans@boston.gov to be connected to the City's Office of Veterans Services.

The City of Boston has also created a Pen Pal Program for veterans who may be feeling social isolation. We are working to identify those veterans now, and match them with volunteers who will check in with them periodically. If you would like to volunteer to be a penpal, please email vetvolunteer@boston.gov.

Visit https://www.boston.gov/ more information.

Garden Contest

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Vegetable or Herb Garden
First Place: Pasqualino Cerro, Hyde Park
Second Place: Sunny Ha, Brighton
Third Place: Benedetta Cerro, Hyde Park

Porch, Balcony, or Container Garden
First Place: Kolea Zimmerman, Charlestown
Second Place: Michael Conord, South Boston
Third Place: Al Ku'ahi Wong, North End

Senior Yard Garden
First Place: Wm. Ernest Garneau, West Roxbury
Second Place: Janice Dunlevy, Dorchester
Third Place: John Govoni and Dorothy Giarla, Roslindale

Shade Garden
First Place: Jean Donahue, Roslindale
Second Place: Miguel Rosales, Beacon Hill
Third Place: Dan Gazaille, Fenway/Kenmore

Small Yard Garden
First Place: Julie Murphy, West Roxbury
Second Place: Amy Wolbarst, Dorchester
Third Place: Sarah Plowman, East Boston

Medium Yard Garden
First Place: Linda Sklar, Jamaica Plain
Second Place: Rick Cresta, East Boston
Third Place: Tram Tran, Dorchester

Large Yard Garden
First Place: Stephen Smith and Richard Allsbrook, Roslindale
Second Place: Nancy Kressin, West Roxbury
Third Place: James Anderson, Dorchester

Gardeners who have won three or more times are automatically entered into the Hall of Fame and will be recognized at the awards ceremony. These distinguished Hall-of-Famers will be ineligible to enter as contestants but are welcome to return as judges. The 2020 Hall of Fame Inductees are Carmen Musto and Kristen Mobilia of the Fenway, Michele Topor of the North End, and Daryl Johnson, Rick Smith, and Rick Kuethe of Dorchester.

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