

Leslie Odom Jr. Headlines ABCD's Community Heroes Celebration

SUBMITTED BY ABCD

Action for Boston Community Development once again dedicates an evening of reverence, reflection and festivity to honor several outstanding unsung heroes—volunteers who uplift their communities by helping children, adults, elders and families overcome the oppression and struggles of poverty.

The annual gala will feature

guest speaker and award winning performer Leslie Odom Jr. - Friday, October 26th, at Boston Marriott Copley Place, 110 Huntington Ave, Boston.

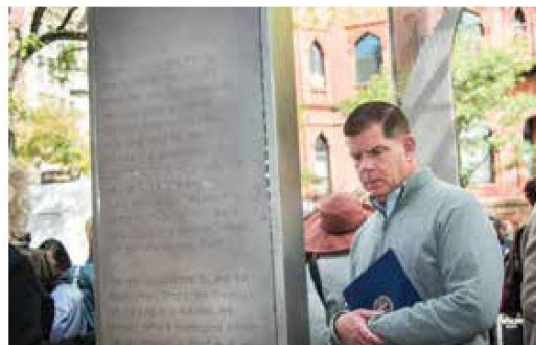
The night kicks off with a Social Hour at 6 p.m., and the Dinner Program at 7 p.m.

Together we have strength. Together we can strive for more.

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Photo by Nathan Johnson



Mayor Marty Walsh. Photo credit Ilene Perlman

New exhibit at the Piano Craft Gallery is the cat's pajamas!

BY MICHELE D. MANISCALCO

"Cats and Crystals," an exhibit by Erik Crau that opened at the Piano Craft Gallery, 793 Tremont Street, on Friday, October 6, combines two widely popular themes: feline companions and things that sparkle and shine.

While the initial draw may be plain to see, "Cats and Crystals", which runs through October 28, has a highly personal and evoca-



Photo by Michele Maniscalco

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Illegal Sunday parking causes Facebook kerfuffle

BY MICHELE D. MANISCALCO

A South Ender from the Ellis Neighborhood Association area, frustrated on a recent Sunday at being unable to find a place to park while seeing about a dozen non-resident cars parked in resident spaces on one side of her block,

posted to Facebook's South End Community Board last week asking who is responsible for parking enforcement, unwittingly starting a heated conversation that ranged from amusement to outrage and contained conflicting information.

Some residents reported calling 311 to report Sunday parking

violations to varying results, from a reportedly quick response to none at all. Some residents were reluctant to call 911 for parking violations because they did not deem it an emergency and they were concerned about police officers being diverted

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Celebrating Kip Teirnan's Legacy

BY SUE O'CONNELL

WITH INFORMATION FROM ROSIE'S PLACE

More than 300 people attended the dedication of the Kip Tieman Memorial on Saturday, October 6. To celebrate, a street fair was held by the site of the memorial, on Dartmouth Street, between Boylston and Newbury Streets. The block was closed to traffic to make way

for a street fair, which included food trucks, WERS, music from the Aardvark Jazztet, and face painters, bubble makers, balloon twisting and other activities for kids.

Mayor Walsh was present with a proclamation declaring October 6, 2018 Kip Tieman Day in the City of Boston.

On Saturday, October 6 a

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Guest Opinion

How We're Creating More Affordable Housing

BY MAYOR MARTIN J. WALSH

Boston is going through a period of historic growth—the kind our city hasn't seen in decades. More people are choosing to put down roots and start families here. More

businesses are choosing to open their doors here. Students from all over the world come to attend our universities and colleges each year.

As Boston grows, we must keep

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ANNETTE HILL GREEN

BMC to Lead Education Program for Maternity Providers in Mass. on Contraception Counseling

SUBMITTED BY BMC

Researchers at Boston Medical Center (BMC) have received a \$3.2M grant to educate hospital providers statewide on how best to counsel women about contraception use, particularly long-acting reversible contraception methods like intrauterine devices (IUDs) and implants. The program, funded by the Massachusetts Department of Health and Human Services, will work with the 44 maternity hospitals, with more intensive interventions at the hospitals that serve a patient population with the greatest need, where this training will have the largest impact.

Researchers are focusing on the maternity hospitals since discussing contraception options with pregnant women has been shown to be a safe, effective, and convenient strategy for averting unwanted pregnancy. Given the personal nature of birth control, it is important for clinical and technical staff to be educated on how to best to approach and counsel these women in a patient-centered fashion.

All hospitals with maternity services in Massachusetts will be offered a grand rounds, led by BMC researchers and trained physicians, on the topic of shared decision-making around contraception. These hospitals will also receive access to educational materials online, and provider and staff leaders will be invited to an annual conference on the subject. At hospitals with the more intensive interventions, BMC clinician researchers will

lead on-site training on contraceptive counseling and provision, logistics, and creating best practices.

"From recognizing our biases when speaking with patients, to understanding how to stock, bill, and code for IUDs, all staff who are involved in this process need to understand how to best offer contraception options to women," say Katharine O'Connell White, OBGYN at BMC and principal investigator on the project. "Every institution is different, and we will tailor the training to fit their specific needs."

Researchers want to make the more intensive interventions as wide-reaching as possible. They plan to offer the on-site training and online tools not only to obstetrics and gynecology providers, but also to primary care and emergency medicine providers, as well as pharmacists and support staff.

As researchers begin putting together the educational materials, they will seek community input from a patient advisory board to ensure cultural sensitivity and prevent biases. They will also study how the interventions changed practices at hospitals and health outcomes for the women they serve.

"Our goal is to empower women to have access to all contraception options so they can get the method that works best for them when and where they need it," says White, who is also an assistant professor of obstetrics and gynecology at Boston University School of Medicine.

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Holy Name Parish Hall (Roxbury)
Dot House Health (Dorchester)
Tobin Community Center (Mission Hill)

WED. OCT. 24, 9A.M. – 5P.M.

Boston City Hall (Downtown)
THUR. OCT. 25, 12 – 8P.M.
Boston City Hall (Downtown 9a.m. - 8p.m.)

All Saints' Church (Dorchester)

Honan-Allston Library (Allston)
Margarita Muniz Academy (Formerly Louis Agassiz Elementary School) (Jamaica Plain)

FRI. OCT. 26, 9A.M. – 5P.M.

Boston City Hall (Downtown)

WEEK 2:

MON. OCT. 29, 9A.M. – 5P.M.
Boston City Hall (Downtown)

TUES. OCT. 30, 12 – 8P.M.
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Benjamin Franklin Institute of Technology (South End)

Wang YMCA of Chinatown (Chinatown)

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The Blue Hills Collaborative (Hyde Park)

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SAT. & SUN. OCT. 27 & 28, 10A.M. - 6P.M.

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Bruce C. Bolling Municipal Building (Roxbury)
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Friends Of The South End Library

SUBMITTED BY MARLEEN NIENHUIS

The acclaimed Boston playwright and actress, Melinda Lopez, will be at the South End library to talk about her work on Tuesday October 30 at 6:30 PM. Lopez will be introduced by Isabel Alvarez Borland, Distinguished Professor of Arts and Humanities at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, MA.

Lopez is recognized as one of the most exciting playwrights currently working in the U.S. In 2013, she was named the first Andrew Mellon Playwright-in-Residence at the Huntington Theatre Company.

Friends Of The South End Library (FOSEL) received an unexpected gift of \$5,000 for its Capital Campaign from the estate of poet Victor Howes who passed away earlier this year at the age of 94. He lived around the corner from the library, where he would read his poetry from time to time, and where he was a much-appreciated member of its long-standing book club. He served for many years on the board of the New England Poetry Club, where he welcomed new members and facilitated

writing workshops. His last collection, *Thoughts after Spenser*, came out two years ago. Thank you, Victor.

South End Library Renovation Update

Library Park's redesign has been completed and the trees have been pruned but additional park furniture is still on back order. As the image above shows, it looks a little barren at the moment. FOSEL's board has applied to the Community Preservation Fund (CPA) for a \$50,000 grant to pay for several projects, including landscaping; a combination of bluestone curbing and wrought-iron fencing to protect garden beds; repair and refurbishment of the Tremont and West Newton Streets tree enclosures; and to restore the two LightWells that are connected to a groundwater preservation system. The CPA will take at least six months to make decisions about its grants. Public meetings will be organized after that to, among other things, solicit your comments on a proposed planting plan we submitted as part of our CPA application, as per below.

In the meantime, FOSEL has ordered more than 2,000

spring bulbs for the park's spring performance. The tree enclosures around the library have been beautified, too, with mums, grasses and pumpkins.

FOSEL is in discussion with the project managers and leadership of the BPL to manage the next steps of the library's downstairs renovation. Details will follow as soon as we know them.

Sewing Classes For The Young:

The South End library will offer one-hour sewing classes for teens and tweens on six Friday afternoons at 3:30 PM in October and November, starting October 12. Fabrics and sewing materials will be provided. For further information and pre-registration, contact Anne Smart or Margaret Gardner at the South End branch at 617 536-8241. Or call Kelli Bos at 617 455 4547, extension 800, or #sheiskellibos.

More information at www.friendsofsouthendlibrary.org. The South End Branch of the Boston Public Library is located at 685 Tremont Street.

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our focus on the families and communities that make our city the diverse, welcoming and world-class place it is. To do that, residents must be able to afford to live here in the city they love, families must be able to grow, and young people must be able to make our city their home.

To achieve that, we're working hard to increase Boston's affordable housing stock – that includes building housing across a range of incomes, and focusing on ensuring there are income-restricted homes being built throughout Boston.

Just last month, we increased our overall housing goals from creating 53,000 units to 69,000 units by 2030 to meet Boston's growing population and increase the number of housing opportunities available to residents. These new hous-

ing goals, which were first set in 2014 through our housing plan, build on our commitment to increasing access to home ownership, preventing displacement and promoting fair and equitable housing access.

As we build more housing in Boston to relieve housing pressure, our regional partners are also working to ensure their cities and towns keep up with the demand for affordable housing. Boston can't do this alone – and that's why I'm proud earlier this month, I joined leaders from 14 surrounding communities who are part of the Metro Mayors Coalition to announce a new regional housing production goal for coalition cities and towns to meet the demands of a robust regional economy and a growing population in Boston and surrounding areas. Together, the 15 members of the Metro Mayors Coalition announced a target to create 185,000 new units of housing across the region by the year 2030.

We are at a pivotal time in Greater Boston as our economy

continues to grow and thrive, and more people move to our communities. I know housing is the number one concern for so many families in Boston, and addressing it is my top priority. Of the 69,000 new units that will be created by 2030, 15,820 of them will be income restricted. By 2030, the total number of income-restricted housing units in Boston will be nearly 70,000. We are also committed to acquiring 1,000 market-rate rental units from the housing market and making them income restricted units.

If you think finding affordable housing, or becoming a homeowner, isn't a reality for you – explore the resources the City of Boston offers. Take a home buying class. Apply for an affordable home buying opportunity. Apply for an income-restricted apartment. All our resources are available at <https://www.boston.gov/departments/neighborhood-development>, and we'll continue to work hard to make sure all families who want to live in Boston are able to.




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Cat's Pajamas

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tive quality that goes beyond the initial fun of cat-kitsch and glimpses of glitter cleverly grouped and positioned around the gallery. Directly in front of the entrance, a tableau that evokes Grandma's living room awaits, with an armchair sporting an overstuffed cat pillow and an afghan, a side table filled with cat figurines and crystals, and a pole lamp adorned with cascading strands of crystals.

Elsewhere, cats and crystals peek out from tables tall and small; from the shelves of the gallery's desk; and from deep, recessed windows that give the figurine arrangements a shadowbox effect. One ceramic cat rolls on its back under a coffee table while elsewhere, another climbs a wall near some of Grau's paintings, which also feature both themes. "All of that stuff usually sits in my home, so now my home is a very empty place," Grau said.

Grau, president of the gallery, displays many paintings of his own 14-year old rescue cats at home, his portrayal of their eyes bringing the canvases to life, as well as cat bric-a-brac from his own home. Many of the figurines, decorative plates and other items are mid-century retro, bringing warmth to the vast, white-walled space. Another revealing and recurring detail in the paintings is a set of coasters sporting the MBTA logo.

"I am a dedicated T rider. I used to travel around and do consulting in the public schools, and I knew every bus route, every train stop, what was the closest stop to every school I worked at. I was like a master of the



Photo by Michele Maniscalco

T," Grau mused. In an effort to present a variety of media, Grau fabricated large and lifelike "crystals" of foam and paint to augment the actual crystals scattered throughout the gallery.

Grau hinted at an even higher level of realism to come: he is thinking of bringing his cats to the gallery during the exhibit's run. "It was too much commotion [at the opening],

but I think I am going to bring them down when it's a little quieter. It'll activate the space in a new way."

For hours and other details on "Cats and Crystals" at the Piano Craft Gallery, 793 Tremont Street, Boston, please visit <http://www.pianocraftgallery.com/cats-and-crystals-oct-5-28-2018/>

Keruffle

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from responding to more serious situations. The poster herself said that she had called 311 to report illegal parking, feeling that 911 should be reserved for emergencies, and she was told to call 911 instead.

Bemused by the long and vociferous thread her post sparked, the poster herself said in a written message, "I was surprised that it morphed into a 311 vs. 911 conversation. I have to say, when I have called the police for non-urgent issues, they do tell me to call 911."

South End Forum chairman Steve Fox responded to residents' reticence to call 911 with recommendations from the Boston Police Department (BPD). Fox wrote, "In every

meeting with BPD over the past couple of decades, the message has been astonishingly consistent. If X, call 911, if Y, call 911, if Z, call 911. The city and the police want these reports for pattern analysis and resource deployment decisions. No one should ever be hesitant about logging a call into 911 because the system is built on a hierarchy of call importance. No units will be delayed from some life-saving function because a call was made about a parking issue, unpermitted contractor work, or any number of other less serious concerns."

He added, "In fact, much to the annoyance of the police, we have had a hard time convincing neighbors to make the call to 911 for what may not be a life-threatening emergency."

In addition to discussing the correct proto-

col for reporting illegal Sunday parking, some posters called into question the legitimacy of parking reserved for residents itself. One very vocal member of the South End Community Board railed against "suburbanites" in the South End who depend upon cars and on-street parking, and called those who report resident parking violations "entitled". That commenter predicted the end of resident permit parking in a matter of years.

Others replied that they are simply reporting violations of the existing laws. A neighbor in the Mass. Ave. area lamented seeing drivers without handicap placards illegally taking the handicap space in front of her home, claiming that while calling 311 generally results in officers arriving promptly, trying to contact the car's owner to move it and writing a ticket, calling 911 rarely elicits a response.

The South End News went directly to the source to seek the proper protocol. In a telephone interview, a spokesman for the BPD said that contrary to what some residents believe, 911 is the number to call when they want a response to a situation, whether it is illegal parking or a late-night noise complaint in addition to the more serious crimes of theft and violence.

The spokesman explained that they want to receive and log all complaints and will use their own discretion in deciding in which order to respond to situations. In the case of illegal parking on a Sunday, the spokesman affirmed that BPD will send an available officer to ticket for parking violations, since Boston Traffic Department is not available on Sunday.

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Together we can better overcome any obstacle and achieve success. No matter our individual trials or difference, as friends and neighbors, we are In It Together!

This year, ABCD honors NBA Coach Doc Rivers as the co-founder of ABCD Hoop Dreams-our signature basketball tournament fundraiser for ABCD youth services & educational initiatives, including WorkSmart and SummerWorks. Since its inception in 2011, ABCD Hoop Dreams has enabled thousands of low-income and poverty stricken youth overcome the odds by financially funding programs that set goals in education and a successful career path. Coach Rivers continues to be an integral part of ABCD Hoop Dreams, and led a successful consecutive eighth year on the parquet.

With a mission to help those in need transition from poverty to stability to success

– through advocacy and collaboration with local leaders, politicians, businesses, and of course the humble heroes among us – ABCD provides a ladder upward to overcome seemingly insurmountable barriers.

“Once again, ABCD is proud to put the spotlight on the volunteers and community members who go above and beyond to assist, serve, and educate our most vulnerable residents and economically disenfranchised families,” said John J. Drew, ABCD President/CEO.

“We welcome Broadway actor and musical performer Leslie Odom Jr. He is an amazing entertainer and vocalist, and the Grammy Award winner’s message of discovering your own potential and making your dreams come true will resonate with or inspire our supporters and those we serve,” said Drew.

“We’ll also pay special tribute to an extraordinary peace activist, Chaplain Clementina (Tina) M. Chéry, founder of the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute, and to ABCD’s longtime partner and friend, Sam Nagler,

Esq.,” Drew continued. “And it will be a great honor to welcome a true Boston sports icon, NBA Coach Doc Rivers, to our Hall of Fame. It will be a night to absolutely remember!”

Support for the evening is possible thanks to the ABCD Friends Committee, which welcomes Amy Latimer, President of TD Garden, as event chair. The TD Garden has been integral to the success of ABCD Hoop Dreams, helping the organization raise over \$500,000 for youth programs, including ABCD SummerWorks, since the fundraiser’s inception.

The high point of the event, ABCD will recognize 20 outstanding community heroes for their selfless contributions of time, energy and compassion!

The heroes of 2018 include: Patricia McShane, ABCD Allston/Brighton NSC; Irene Chu, AAC; Philip Carver, ABCD Dorchester NSC; Joseph Cinelli, ABCD East Boston APAC; Evelyn House, Elder Services; Karen Dottin-Ricketts, ABCD Roxbury/North Dorchester NSC; Chien-Chi Huang, Health

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Action for Boston Community Development hopes you will join us, Leslie Odom Jr., along with our revered heroes and special guests on October 26th. With determination, gratitude, and a spirit of community, we celebrate each other, and we celebrate being In It Together!

Tieman

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memorial was unveiled by Rosie’s Place on Dartmouth Street in the Back Bay to honor Kip Tieman (1926-2011)

Kip Tieman (1926-2011) founded Rosie’s Place, the first women’s shelter in the United States, in 1974. She left an indelible mark

on Boston, her adopted city, through her fearless vision and unyielding commitment to social justice. The memorial recognizes her contributions toward creating better lives for Boston’s poor and forgotten.

The sculpture is comprised of three stainless steel arches that people can pass under as they walk on Dartmouth Street between Boylston and Newbury Streets. Passages from Kip’s writings are engraved on the columns

holding up the arches, making her voice still heard to all who pass by.


The memorial in Boston Back Bay recognizes her contributions toward creating better lives for Boston’s poor and forgotten.

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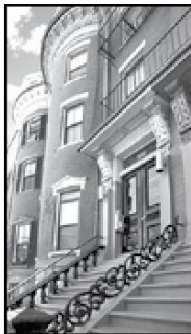
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