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The Shadow on the Mayor's Race Do You Want Change Or More Of The Same?

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s Tom Menino's record setting 20 year tenure as Mayor of Boston comes to a close, his 'long shadow' may cast itself over this City for quite some time, both physically and politically. If he and the BRA

continues the pace of deal making with frantic developers over his last 100 days in office, the shadows of higher than necessary, zoning change approved, high priced office towers downtown as well as high-priced condo projects in the neighborhoods may continue to not only block out the sun, but block out the middle class family and wage earner. And, unfortunately, none of the developers lining up for one more bite at the building boom apple is proposing to build housing affordable to this critical constituency. Despite what the Mayor's office 'spun' to the press, when he recently proposed a \$16.5 billion plan for the middle class, one would think that if he were serious, he would have done it by now. But, the developers apparently are having none of it.

It was recently reported in the Boston Globe based on data from RentMetrics that the average rents for two bedrooms in some of the neighborhoods, where either average incomes are lower or they are located distances away from downtown Boston, are \$1400 (Mattapan) to \$1700 (Roslindale). In other communities that are situated closer to downtown Boston, and where average incomes are moderate to higher, the rents are

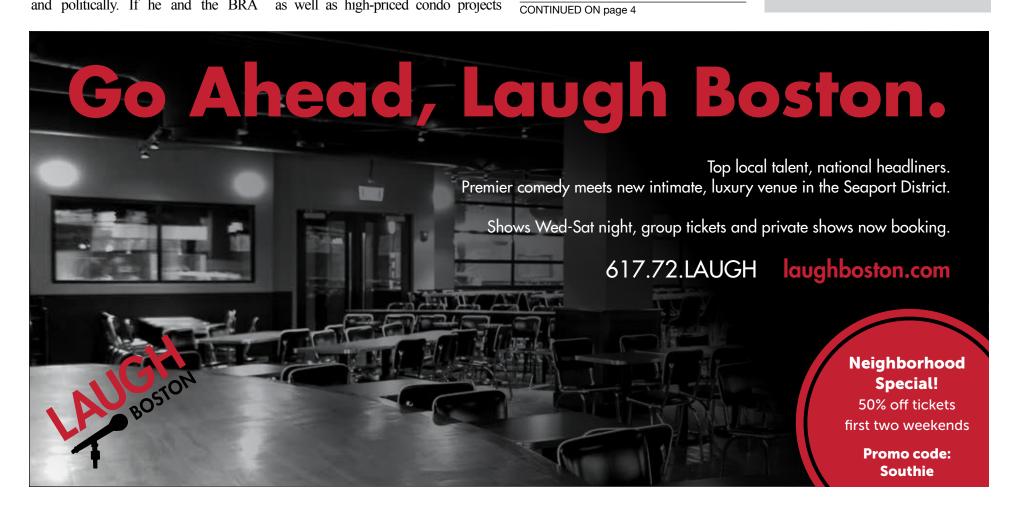
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EDITORIAL "Bullet or Ballot"

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staff report

¬ his past Sunday we heard our lesson again. It's the same message we've recited over the last 32 years. It's a simple yet powerful message. We learn it when, once again, Tommy Lyons, at the end of the ceremony stands at the podium and, one by one, calls out the names of the 25 South Bostonians chiseled on the face of our Viet-Nam Memorial. The lesson is the legend inscribed on this monument. "If you forget my death, then I died in vain".

These were just ordinary kinds who, when called upon, made an extraordinary sacrifice. They never gave great speeches or wrote words that carry through the ages. They knew who they were though. They knew they were Americans. They loved America and being Americans. And, just as we learn from their example, they too, learned from those who went before them.

They grew up in a time when school kids had to learn and memorize the words and speeches of those earlier great Americans. They would have read Lincoln's Gettysburg address, when he stated our task was to continue the unfinished work of our founders. They also would know that Lincoln's goal was that the government "of, by and for the people would not perish from the earth". Our immediate task then is simple. It won't require transport to a distant or hostile shore. It won't put your life in danger.

Next Tuesday is Election Day. Do not let their sacrifice, and the struggles of the centuries before, be in vain. Do not forget or forsake the gift they have given. In many places, your only choice is a bullet. Our saviors have given us the ballot.

Vote Tuesday, September 24.



"The beauty of the 2nd Amendment is that it will not be needed until they try to take it away." -Thomas Jefferson

Last Week's Poll Results

Last Week's Poll Asked:

Should The Citizens Of Boston Say "NO" To Mayor Menino On His Plan To Sell City Owned Land During The Last Three Months Of His 'Reign'?

> Yes 90% No 10%

South Boston Today readers say "NO SELLING CITY OWNED LAND" to Mayor Menino.

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of the newspaper before next Tuesday's primary election in Boston, I thought this would be a good time to remind everyone to vote. I know that most of our readers are definitely not among what's been called 'low information voters'. You know the issues and you pretty much will make it down to your local polling place, even if there is a hurricane coming in from the South East.

As far as primaries go, this is a big one. The dozen or so mayoral candidates will be narrowed down to the top 2 vote getters. Yes, many of you know this, but some may not. Most have made up their minds as to who they will be voting for. Others decide as late as the time they walk in the door.

But for Boston City Councilor at-large, we get to vote for as many as four of them. The saying "all politics is local" means that voters select the candidate that can do the most for their particular area. As a South Boston newspaper, we are concerned primarily with this community. Though we wish the best for every part of Boston, we make no bones about, nor are we ashamed of being parochial as to what and who will best benefit and deliver to South Boston. No one can tell you who to vote for nor should they, but if you don't mind a suggestion in the AtLarge council race I personally feel there are two who have proven records of always looking out for the best interests of this neighborhood. Two of your four votes in the At-Large race; one to Michael Flaherty and one to Stephen Murphy will do a lot to insure that South Boston's interests will be looked out for.

Both Flaherty and Murphy, during their years on the council have always been good to this town and worked hard on its behalf; delivering constituent services to the best of their abilities and those abilities are many given their experience in city government. They have always been hardworking, full time elected officials who make it a point to be on the job. And when the pressure not to march in this town's Veterans sponsored St. Patrick's Day/Evacuation Day parade is put on; as it so often is by the media and radical elements, both Flaherty and Murphy stand tall and proudly join the procession. As At-Large councilors, they represent the entire city and march in every parade in Boston as they should. But unlike so many other politicians of late; their loyalty courage distinguishes them from some of their easily intimidated counterparts, who pander to special interests. That courage and loyalty shown by Michael Flaherty and Stephen

Murphy is commendable and appreciated and in my humble opinion, deserves two of our four votes.

The race for District 2 city councilor is uncontested in the primary. Our current district councilor, Bill Linehan won't

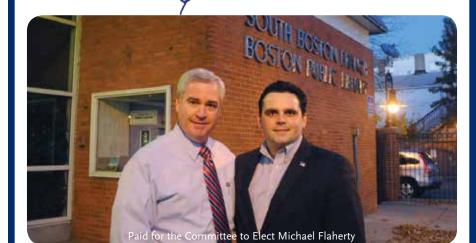
face an opponent until the November final. But his stand in opposition to this city's illconceived Rental Inspection Ordinance deserves praise. The property tax increase that City

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Join Representative Nick Collins in supporting our friend and neighor, South Boston's own, Michael Flaherty.



Over a career of proven leadership on issues of importance to the City of Boston, especially in support of working families, public safety and education, Michael Flaherty always put the people of Boston first. He is not afraid to tackle the tough issues like gun violence and drug prevention and rehabilitation. For these reasons, I am proud to endorse and support my friend and neighbor Michael Flaherty for City Council At-Large. With a new mayor about to be elected, we need an independent voice on the City Council.



The Next Mayor's Major Challenge SOUTH BOSTON TODAY BY RAY Flynn

rime is the number one problem with which the next mayor must deal. I'm intrigued reading some of the public opinion polls and listening to reporters talk about voter attitudes and the popularity of politicians and issues of the day. I often wonder how it can be that people say that they like a certain elected official, even when they acknowledge that conditions in their life and community have gotten worse.

Since I have been out of elected office, I probably have learned more about the concerns of people than I ever did before. I have had the opportunity to listen to far more people tell me what's important to them and their families. I often walk several hours a day with my grandson Braeden and you certainly meet and talk to many people in South Boston and across the city.

Naturally, politicians want to create a reputation that they are everywhere. But believe me, that's more about image. The public usually only gets to meet a leading government official at a ceremonial

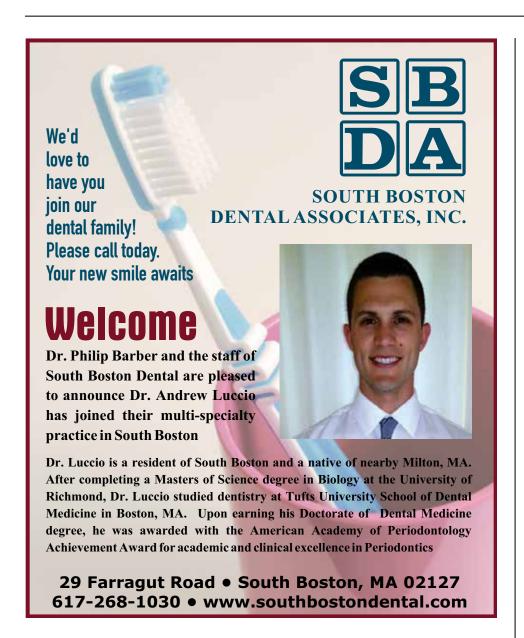
event, such as a lighting of a Christmas tree, cutting a ribbon at a new neighborhood business, or attending a civic celebration. And rarely do these officials have the opportunity to have a serious discussion with them about a particular issue of concern. So you have to ask yourself, where do the politicians come up these issues to talk about? The answer is probably from a few members of their staff or from people in the media.

Monday, I participated in a television interview about the recent shootings and crime in South Boston. The reporter listed the specific violent crimes that have occurred in the town recently. "Are people concerned?" "Yes, indeed they certainly are. And the candidates for mayor should talk more openly about the growing crime problem. We have more drug dealing than any time ever," I responded. "We also have other factors that politicians don't like to talk about. They are afraid of offending their liberal activist base. After drugs, I would point to the unhealthy cultural changes taking place in

society. Today, many children are now growing up with no fathers in their homes. Fewer people are attending church and many children are not receiving any religious or moral training.

We have a failed public school system that doesn't demand discipline or accountability. Another government program can't solve these social problems, only a family can. If I were running for public office, my focus would be on strengthening the family. Give parents who want to send their children to private and parochial schools a tax break. A return to police officers walking the neighborhoods is desperately needed today in Boston. Yes, we have other serious issues facing the people of our city, but the crime problem will only be dealt with effectively, when people demand more police officers walking the neighborhoods and the involvement of residents. The time to start is now, by talking to the candidates. Let them know how you feel.

Ray Flynn is the former Mayor of Boston, U.S. Ambassador to the Vatican and author.



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\$2900 (South Boston) to \$3800 (Bay Village). If Boston is to be viable long term, urban planners agree that access to and eligibility for affordable housing opportunities should not be limited to lower income individuals or families, especially if moderate level wage earners want or need to live in or near the capital city. These include teachers, police, firefighters and young techies and entrepreneurs.

In 1993, the average price for a home was in the mid \$100,000s. Today, it is in the mid \$400,000s. People earning \$75,000 cannot afford to rent an apartment without roommates, let alone purchase a home and start a family. The vitality of cities like Boston is rooted in its neighborhoods, which must be populated by individuals and families who feel that they have a say in their quality of life. This includes its schools, its shopping and business districts, its playgrounds, its places of worship and its city services like libraries, police stations and fire stations. Affording to live in neighborhoods where the quality of life attracts them is then critical.

So, the choice of who will lead Boston on a path to inclusiveness is at hand. Some legitimate questions should be answered. Do you want a mayor who expands opportunity beyond political allies or do you want to perpetuate a modern day spoils system that seemed evident over the last two decades? Do you want a mayor that makes legitimate neighborhood concerns part of the development process or is it okay that zoning decisions are made based upon vested interests represented on the board of appeals? Do you want a mayor who lives up to a commitment to reform public policies or one who takes advantage of loopholes to renege on them? Do you want a mayor who will put the city on a path to expanding opportunities for the middle class through improved quality of life in the neighborhoods or let developers squeeze every nickel out of every square inch of real estate left in the City?

Finally, in addition to answering these questions, and evaluating the issues and policy platforms of the candidates, their public image, media presence and debating skills, it may be as important to judge them by the company that they keep. Will the best interest of the public be served or will vested interests be served? The voter will make a judgment in 5 days. Judge wisely, because it will affect the way of life in one's community for many years to come. The shadow of Tom Menino on the skyline and cityscape is permanent; his political shadow, however, while fleeting, may still loom large. So... Do you want change or more of the same?



ReadingBetween The Lines

"Vote"

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY Brian R. Mahoney

ith the election next Tuesday let's recap or re-view those candidates who agreed to be interviewed for our candidate series. Alphabetically we began.

Felix Arroyo: He offers a basic platform of social and economic justice which should resonate particularly in predominately Hispanic and some Black precincts. His days as an organizer with SEIU provide him not only experience but a formidable army of workers to get out the vote. His big test is making inroads in his native Hyde Park and into Dorchester and the southern and eastern sections of Boston.

John Barros: This likeable former School Committee member helped found the Dudley Square Charter School and is an active leader in that community. His youth and low visibility citywide present a difficult voter identification problem. This campaign will at least raise that visibility and make him an upcoming force in future Boston politics.

Dan Conley: The Suffolk District Attorney must be considered a frontrunner for obvious reasons. He has a wealth of experience as an executive in public office and can cite recent examples of decisive action. He has high voter recognition and reportedly the largest amount of campaign funds with which to raise that profile, as well as a well articulated plan for the City, if elected.

John Connolly: Councilor Connolly, too, must be considered a favorite. His decision to announce before Mayor Menino raised his stature to many, plus gave him that all important Citywide visibility all

by himself initially. His focus on schools and his stated determination to rein in the BRA are two issues foremost in residents' minds. His ability to remain as a frontrunner and highly visible should benefit him next Tuesday.

Rob Consalvo: This is a candidate we would have liked to know more about. Occupying the Mayor's former district council seat is probably not the optimum position for exposure. The innovative Mr. Consalvo was a leader in bringing "shot spotter" technology to the police. He also intrigued everyone with a proposal for rubber sidewalks. He is a very articulate forward looking man who would be well served by more publicity to explore his ideas.

Bill Walczak: If you're looking for a self-made political outsider this is probably a good choice. Bill moved into the Codman Square area of Dorchester in the early 1970's. He immediately made an impact in leading the movement to create a charter school and health center. He was a top executive at the Carney Hospital and today with Suffolk Design. He is hurt by such a large field denying him the time needed to fully express his great ideas. His popularity in Dorchester will be his strength.

Charles Yancey: Councilor Yancey is a sentimental favorite here in Southie. After a rocky start, Mr. Yancey and the late, great, Councilor Jim Kelly became respected allies so much so that they joined forces to make Mr. Yancey the first black City Council President. Mr. Yancey is hurt by a late entry but more because at least half of the candidates are minority which surely will dilute that block. However Mr. Yancey has 30 years of public service which should give him the largest share and a fighting chance.

This synopsis is compiled from those candidates who were willing or able to be interviewed and SBT thanks and wishes them luck. There are 5 candidates we did not interview who may very well be deserving of your vote. The key is that you do vote.

Finally, some readers have inquired exactly how we go about writing our stories. Do we actually

have information or as one reader put it - "Do you just make stuff up"? My immediate answer was that "If we did we wouldn't be in business very long". While it is not our practice to print every document in our possession, whatever fact is asserted is made with back up documentation in hand. Any reader who has a question can always make arrangements to come to our office and we will gladly supply any documents we use for our stories.

Once again please vote and take care till next week.

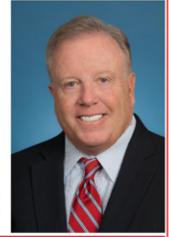
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That Works for Boston

"This year is a time of great change in our city. In 2014 Boston will have a new Mayor and new City Councilors. Boston needs to continue to manage our resources in a responsible and responsive manner to best serve our people. To ensure that this occurs, we need a stable force and guiding hand on the City Council. I am ready to provide that continuity and experience. "

> -Stephen J. Murphy, President Boston City Council





Councilor John Connolly Announces Proposals to Support and Honor Our Seniors

Boston Mayoral candidate John Connolly announced several proposals to serve the needs of Boston's senior community. "Our seniors have made Boston the great city that it is today and we have an obligation to ensure that they continue to enjoy a high quality of life in safe and healthy neighborhoods," said Connolly in announcing his agenda. Among other things, Connolly proposes the expansion of the Property Tax Deferral Program and the Property Tax Work-Off Program. "Many seniors live on fixed incomes and we must adopt and expand programs that enable them to stay in their homes if they want to," said Connolly.

Connolly also proposes to expand transportation services for seniors

and to develop a Senior Mentoring Program. "Seniors bring a lifetime of experience to the table and we should be connecting then with our public schools, colleges, and businesses so that they can mentor students and young business leaders," said Connolly.

"I've seen first-hand John's commitment to Boston's older residents," said Thelma Burns, a community leader in Dorchester. "John understands that we want to be active and productive members of the community, and he is dedicated to helping us do that."

Councilor Connolly's Seniors Agenda includes the following:

• Expand the Property Tax Deferral Program, which allows qualified



seniors to defer property tax payments until the property is sold or transferred.

- Expand the Property Tax Work-Off Program, which allows eligible seniors to volunteer in exchange for a reduction in their property taxes. The program currently serves only 50 seniors.
- Expand and improve the Senior Home Repair Program, which assists seniors with making the modifications to their homes that will enable them to stay even if they become less mobile, and also helps seniors to repair and maintain their homes.
- Support NORCS programs such as Ethos' AgeWell West Roxbury that create senior support networks

in their communities.

- Expand and improve the Senior Shuttle.
- Continue great programs like the Summer Concert Series, breakfasts and luncheons honoring our seniors, the Mayor's Garden Party, and neighborhood holiday events.
- Create and facilitate a volunteer rideshare program so that seniors with cars can provide rides to those without, which will also provide increased opportunities for seniors to meet and socialize with their peers.
- Advocate for the creation of a tiered price structure for the T's Ride program (which doubled in price in 2012) so that seniors on a fixed income can benefit from this service.
- Develop a Senior Mentoring Program that connects seniors with students and young business leaders so that seniors can share their experiences while staying engaged in their communities.

More details and additional proposals are available at ConnollyForBoston. com/ideas.





Meet Mayoral Candidate Dan Conley

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY

staff report

profiling the mayoral candidates before the upcoming primary election. South Boston Today is doing this at the request of many of our readers who want to get to know more about the candidates' positions on the issues and about who they are personally. This week South Boston Today features District Attorney Dan Conley

Dan is married to Tricia and they have two children, Jim and Christine and live in West Roxbury. His first streets growing up on were in Mission Hill before moving to Hyde Park. He graduated from Catholic Memorial High, Stonehill College and Suffolk Law School. He was a civil attorney with the firm of Boyle and Morrissey before being appointed Assistant District Attorney and serving from 1984-1993. He was elected and served on the City Council from 1994 to 2002. In 2002, he was appointed to District Attorney and then was elected and reelected to that post where he presently serves. It is this blend of experience that Mr. Conley believes makes him best qualified to be Mayor.

On Schools

Conley believes the earlier the education begins the better, starting with 3 – 4 year olds in pre-school. He would lift the cap on Charter Schools to allow more choice. Under his leadership there would be new structure and management of schools particularly based on input from parents and students. Mr. Conley believes in the S.T.E.M. foundation. Science, Technology, Engineering, Math. He would institute a longer school day. He

made it clear that, while he would stand up to entrenched interests, he would negotiate with respect because teachers matter. "We all have memories of teachers who made a difference". He is not interested in going to war, but children come first. His administration would be pro-kid not anti-teacher.

On Public Safety and Drugs

Mr. Conley feels there is no doubt that he is the candidate with the most experience in law and law enforcement. As a councilor, he voted to increase the size of the police force, at one point increasing to 2,185 officers. While proud to say 80-90% of the city is safe, he is quick to point out that is "cold comfort" for areas not as safe. Mr. Conley states that a safe city is the foundation and the goal. The first step in those areas is intervention and prevention. An increase in officers and continuing to attack the drug supply are obvious, but Mr. Conley feels the demand end of the drug trade must be addressed, primarily through education. The drug "Molly" demonstrated that need for education. Mr. Conley feels "Molly" illustrates the many crises his office has faced over the recent past that have "battle tested" him.

On Real Estate Development

As for the BRA, Mr. Conley feels it receives plenty of input, but they don't use it. They are non-responsive to both residents and developers. They make arbitrary decisions with "no rhyme or reason". Mr. Conley emphasized he is pro-growth, citing the \$5.5 billion in ongoing and planned development and he would not split the BRA. He calls for "a large dose of transparency"

for the BRA. A public organization depends on public trust. How decisions are reached must be "clear and in writing for all to see". Mr. Conley points to the unprecedented initiative he implemented as D. A. by opening his files to the public, as an example of his transparency as Mayor.

On His Vision for Boston

Dan Conley's vision is for Boston to be not good but great. He wants to close both the achievement and employment gap. He would enforce Boston residence hiring laws and would give 60% residential preference. A job work force coordinator would set training needs for jobs of the future. He would grow the middle class and not have Boston be a city of rich and poor. New housing created, a quality school system allowing many parental choices, the achievement and employment gap closed and all our neighbors employed and all our streets are safe are his goals. He sees a city that encourages aspirations and provides opportunity.

Who Was the Best Mayor in Boston's History?

Mr. Conley had a composite for his greatest Mayor. John Hynes a serious minded Mayor with an infusion of new ideas for declining cities. His successors, Kevin White, Ray Flynn and Tom Menino each improved on the modernization, rebuilding and innovation started by Hynes and brought Boston to its present bright future.

South Boston Today Thanks Mr. Conley for taking the time for this interview and wishes him good luck in his campaign.

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Hall has hit so many South Boston home owners with this year was staggering in some cases. It was so high that now, even more residents are struggling just to hold onto the homes that have been in their families for generations. Councilor Linehan correctly believes that adding on yet another fee is just one more unreasonable burden. He has called for the suspension of this ordinance which is the right thing to do. Linehan has also come out against proposed bike lanes on Broadway; which recent polls clearly show are opposed by a large majority of residents. Many newer residents have also publically made their opposition to the Broadway bike lanes known; joining longtime locals on this position. Is Councilor Linehan opposed to all bike lanes? No. Like most, he understands that there are places where they work and could be a good thing. But South Boston's main drag and business district; with its relatively narrow passage is definitely not one of those places. Here again, common sense prevails over so called 'progressive' trends.

But no matter who you cast votes for next Tuesday, important that make it to the polls and make your voices heard. Neighborhoods with voter turnout traditionally get less attention when it comes to the constituent services and funding that every town deserves. If the powers that be in this city think that most residents are apathetic and don't care enough to even bother to vote, the incentive for them to do their jobs will sometimes reflect this.

The polls will be open next Tuesday from 7am until 8pm.

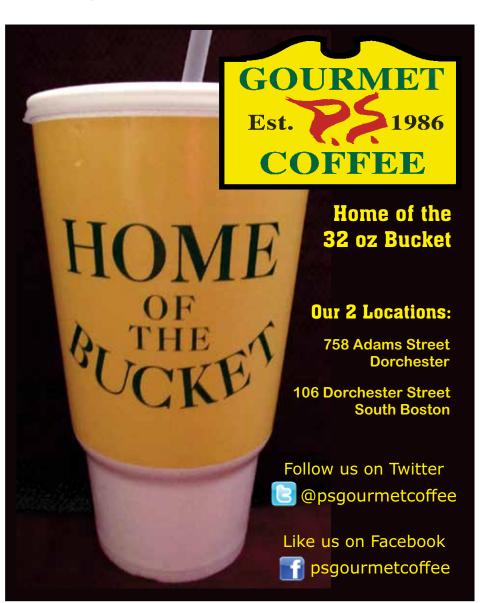
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Councilor Linehan Announces Funding for 5th Street Park

ouncilor Bill Linehan is proud to announce that he was able to secure over half a million dollars for the complete renovation of Sweeney Playground (5th Street Park) in this year's budget. All of the old equipment will be removed and new modern equipment will be installed. The final design of the new park was completed after the Boston Parks Department held three public meetings at the Condon School to incorporate resident ideas. Groundbreaking is expected within the next few weeks.

Many factors mentioned by neighbors and residents were incorporated into this design. Construction will work around the mature trees, and some new shrubs will be planted. The basketball court will be kept but will be repaved and redesigned to include the markings for a wiffle ball field. Modern, interactive climbing equipment for all ages will be installed. Sight lines from both Fifth and Gold Streets will be improved for public safety purposes.

"Since being elected I've made it a priority to see that our public parks in my district get the attention they deserve. Most of the parks in my district have seen improvements and investment over that time. The new scheme of Fifth Street Park includes a forward thinking design so that it has something for all age groups and so the space can be used in different ways," said Councilor Linehan. You can contact Councilor Linehan's Office at 617-635-3203 or email at Bill.Linehan@ cityofboston.gov. You can also follow him on facebook, Bill Linehan, and Twitter @linehanbill.



This Week's Poll

Your Vote Counts – Who Do You Think The Next Mayor Of Boston Should Be?

Felix Arroyo

John Barros

Charles Clemons

Dan Conley

John Connolly

Rob Consalvo

Charlotte Golar Richie

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Bill Walczak

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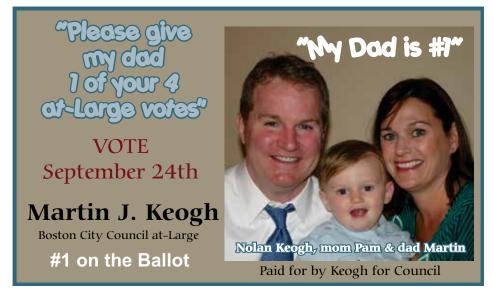
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Where is the Love?

swe approach the sunset of the Menino administration and consider the disparity afforded to South Boston for the MCCA presence vs. the East Boston Casino deal of \$31M for community benefits, we must ask ourselves on a smaller scale — where is the love?

Those of us who have taken a day off of work and shuttled into City Hall either by bus, taxi or paid exorbitant parking fees only to see our hopes crushed as another project is passed with a wink-and-nod - despite significant opposition by the community - are now worn weary. The tsunami has hit 02127 and we have accepted that people want to live here for the same reasons we do. We have welcomed our new neighbors and despite inaccurate portrayals in the press, we have embraced change that is upon us.

Yet there is a marked difference

between developers supporting other Boston communities and those profiting in 02127. And by our community we mean, for examples, the two remaining parochial schools where our neighborhood children attend, the sports organizations shouldered by so many of the fathers and mothers of South Boston, and the substance abuse and youth rescue organizations.

own The BRA's website reflects this disparity: in East Boston there are currently listed 11 Development Projects and 5 Community and Jobs Service Programs. In Roxbury there are currently 20 Development Projects listed with 14 Community and Job Service Programs listed. In South Boston there are currently 46 Development Projects pending with 9 Community Service and Jobs Programs listed.

[Oddly enough The BRA neighborhood data base returns

inquiries for statistics separate "South Boston Waterfront" with a Service Error. It is also significant to note that many of the projects in our neighborhood are not subject to BRA Large or Small Project review and are considered "As of Right" thereby escaping the BRA website Smaller (three-family) listing. conversions are also exempt from Affordable Housing quotas.]

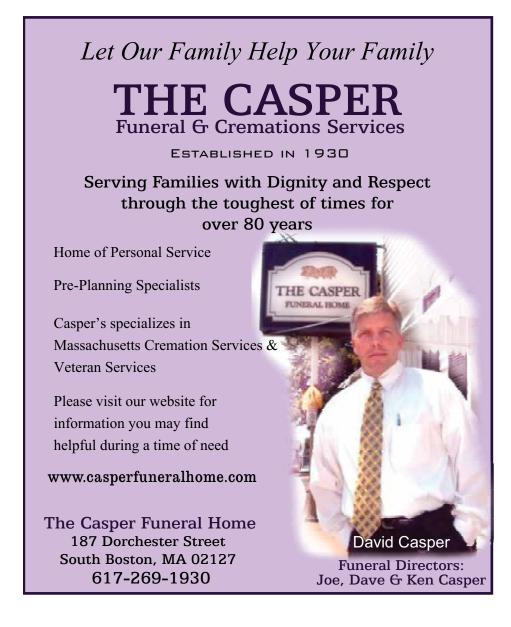
So where is the love?

In June 2013, Haley & Aldrich, an environmental and engineering firm that has a strong Boston client base, announced their third annual golf tournament generated \$28,000 to benefit Children's Hospital and Brigham & Women's. In 2012, Samuels & Associates, behind several Fenway developments, erected a green observation deck installation at the price of \$112,500. MassChallenge runs a 'donated' floor of office space

in the newly minted Innovation District to generate entrepreneurial advancement. All valiant causes.

Despite the fact the MCCA gate shows affect us and not other neighborhoods in Boston; we share the funds, as legislated by our former leaders. Despite the lack of any sensible traffic study done for the Seaport, it is we who will sit in gridlock. And believe it or not, this changes our lives.

In a quote famously attributed to JFK Jr. we say "To those whom much is given much is expected." As developers' listing sheets reflect starting figures of \$500,000, \$600,000 and \$700,000 for luxury condos, remember, and pay forward your good fortune to the institutions – the schools, the youth sport programs and the treatment programs for those left behind, who made and will continue to make South Boston what it is.







"We know Marty, we trust Marty, we believe in Marty and we feel he is the best person for the job."
- Former Senator Jack Hart, Congressman Stephen Lynch and Clerk Michael Donovan

SOUTH BOSTON ***** FOR MARTY

MartyWalsh.org

Vote Tuesday, September 24th

I have known Marty Walsh for many, many, years; He is the best candidate in the race for Mayor of Boston. He loves our neighborhood, he has always been there for the people of South Boston, I trust his judgment and I believe he will make the best Mayor of Boston.

- Hun Rooney

Marty Walsh has always supported our local charitable organizations, the South Boston Special Kids Organization relies heavily upon his support. He has always been someone we can approach to help the kids as well as neighbors and friends. He is a South Bostonian at heart.



- Harry Uhlman, South Boston Special Kids

Marty Walsh has worked tirelessly on behalf of those neighbors, friends and families in South Boston who have been afflicted with substance abuse, and the families that love them. He has fought for funding for our various programs such as the Collaborative Center and the Gavin Foundation. His work on behalf of our children and our families is second to none in the race for Mayor of Boston. I am proud to say Marty Walsh is my choice for Mayor of Boston.

- Joe Dodo Nee, President of the Collaborative Center

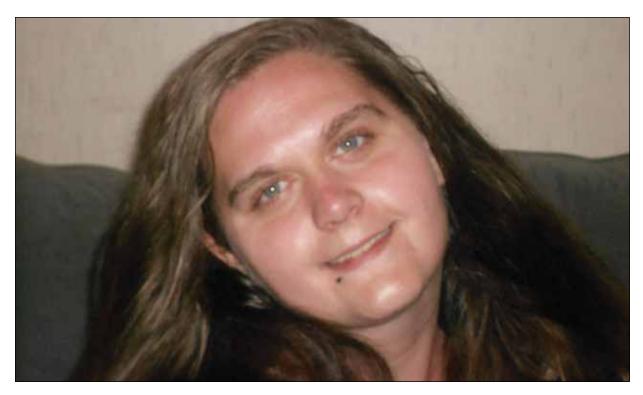
Marty Walsh has always taken a special interest in moving women forward, as a small business owner and a woman I admire Marty for his steadfast loyalty to helping women get ahead. His program to bring more women into the building trades is a huge success. When a woman succeeds, her family succeeds. He is the right choice for Mayor of Boston.

- Bridget Nee Walsh, Ironworker and Proprietor of "Southie's Own", West Broadway South Boston

Marty Walsh's passion and commitment to young people in recovery is inspiring. He is always there when I need support. Marty's dedication to the recovery community has led to real system change. Starting with prevention, he helped draft and then sponsored legislation to remove alcohol signage on public transportation, and he has worked tirelessly to increase to increased recovery home beds, especially for our young people.

- John McGahan

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Alzheimer's Dementia Awareness Thoughts from a Concerned Granddaughter

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY

by Jade Larkin

lzheimer's disease is the most common type of Dementia that worsens as it progresses, eventually leading to death. Brain functions deteriorate, due to shrinkage of the brain and other known factors. Unfortunately, disease is irreversible destroying cognition, memory, thinking and even the ability to carry out certain tasks. Even though there are in fact no known cures Alzheimer's Dementia. there are however medications available as part of a treatment plan. For example, Namenda, Aricept and Exelon to list a few. These medications work directly into the synapse of the brain in attempt to slow down and ease the symptoms of deterioration. These medications are used to increase the concentration of the neurotransmitters to prompt the signaling between neurons.

Most people are unaware of what is called brain stimulation. These types of therapies are used to help patients better manage their symptoms, allowing them to function at a higher level for a longer period of time. Approaches such as listening to music, verbal interactions using familiar words, and asking questions allowing the patient to use their brain and think. Viewing pictures of family members also allows the brain to work in attempt to remember. Watching television and going for walks is also very good for them to become aware of and possibly remember the stimuli around them.

The U.S population is getting older and, as it ages, Alzheimer's disease is becoming an increasingly bigger concern. Within the next 50 years, the incidence of this disease is expected to quadruple, affecting more than 1 in 45 Americans. Researchers are still trying to understand how brain plaques and tangles lead to memory loss and other cognitive, behavioral and psychiatric symptoms. They are trying to figure out how to reverse these changes to stop or prevent them. This disease is so wide spread and serious, we need a huge break through and fast!

From personal experience, I know all too well that watching your loved one go through this disease is one of the worst things you will ever experience. My grandmother has had Alzheimer's dementia for what feels like a

lifetime now. My family and I have watched her decline over the years. She is now unaware of her surroundings and unfamiliar with family. Although it hurts to know this, I take comfort in the fact that she smiles every time I go and visit. I can't help but get a notion that she recognizes me as a familiar face. She remembers my voice and my touch, delivering a warm feeling in my heart that she is still in there. It bothers me however knowing that I can't help her. All I can do is stay by her side making sure she is as comfortable as possible.

Any of you who have a loved one suffering from this, I strongly urge you to keep hope very much alive. It really helps in staying strong and focused, and can also be therapeutic to the soul. These poor people don't deserve to suffer, nor do their families. If I had one wish, I would wish for a cure so that maybe my grandmother and so many others can be free of this horrible disease. I feel in my heart that one day this will all be history.

Jade Larkin is a young life long South Bostonian and a student at Millennium Training Institute. She will graduate this year. She is also a Home Health Aide



Wallace To Appear on LA True Crime Radio Show.

yndicated radio host and best-selling author Margaret McLean, whose show "It's A Crime" can be heard nationally out of Los Angeles will interview author Brian Wallace on Saturday September 21 from 3pm to 5pm on station KCAA. McLean, who has written two best- selling novels including "Under Fire", has interviewed a number of best-selling true crime authors on her radio show including Dennis Lehane, who wrote the foreword to Wallace's book "Final Confession". McLean has also been a national spokesperson on many high profile trials, including the Bulger trial which just concluded. She is one of the most sought after speakers on true crime and court related issues.

Wallace's book, "Final Confession", which has enjoyed a re-birth, has also drawn the interest of people like McLean, as well as other Hollywood writers and producers and being on LA's top rated True Crime won't hurt "Final Confession's chances to attract Hollywood movie producers and writers. Final Confession is presently available on Amazon. com and in all Barnes and Noble stores.





South Boston Resident Wins Marble Contest

ongratulations to Southie resident Christine Kelly, who won a roundtrip ticket from JetBlue Airways to any domestic destination they serve from Boston's Logan Airport in Save the Harbor/ Save the Bay and JetBlue Airways' 2nd annual "Simply Marble-ous" Treasure Hunt. "My friends and I love to go to the beach," said Kelly, who is 22. "Finding a marble was an unexpected surprise, and winning a JetBlue ticket is fantastic. My family and I flew with them to Florida last year, and it was a blast."

Kelly was the first winner in this year's treasure hunt, but there are still more than 200 marbles on Boston area beaches from Nahant to Nantasket, and two more winners to be chosen this fall. The next winner will be chosen on Columbus Day, and the contest ends on Halloween. This is the second year that Save the Harbor and JetBlue Airways partnered for the contest that celebrates Boston Harbor and the region's great public beaches.

"The "Simply Marble-ous" treasure hunt is a great way for JetBlue's crewmembers to show that we treasure Boston's great harbor and the area's public beach," said Ronda Ivy McLeod, Manager of Regional Marketing at JetBlue Airways. "We not only work here, we live here too. It is a perfect fit for us to support Save the Harbor/Save the Bay and their great work improving the quality of life for residents of the region."

At his office on the Fish Pier in South Boston, SH/SB spokesman Bruce Berman said, "At Save the Harbor we're always looking for ways to get people to take a fresh look at the Boston Harbor. JetBlue Airways' support helps to make that possible. One of the reasons this contest is such a success is because JetBlue is such a great partner. Fun is one of their core values and you can see that in the way they treat their community partners, employees and customers."

More than 250 marbles are still waiting for you to find on Boston area beaches in Lynn, Nahant, Revere, Winthrop, East Boston, South Boston, Dorchester, Quincy and Hull, so keep hunting! It is free and easy to enter the Simply Marbleous Treasure Hunt. When you find a marble, just post a picture of yourself with the marble on Save the Harbor's Facebook page at www.facebook. com/savetheharbor or email your photo and contact information to info@savetheharbor.org. who finds a marble between July 4 and October 31 will remain in the contest until the final drawing.

Even if you don't find a marble, you still have an opportunity to be entered into the contest. Make an online contribution at http://savetheharbor. org/contribution.html of any amount to Save the Harbor/Save the Bay between July 4 and October 31. Save the Harbor will announce the winners on their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ savetheharbor so stay tuned!

About Save the Harbor/Save the Bay Save the Harbor/Save the Bay is a non-profit, public interest, environmental advocacy organization, whose mission is to restore and protect Boston Harbor, Mass Bay, and the marine environment and share them with the public for everyone to enjoy. For more information about Save the Harbor, please visit www. savetheharbor.org

For more information about the "Simply Marble-ous Treasure Hunt" and other great beach events, visit their blog "Sea, Sand & Sky" at http://www.blog.savetheharbor.org.

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Stepping Up and Stepping Out:

Your Guide to the Southie Scene and the "Southie Senses"

South Boston Today begins a regular series about life in South Boston and all that it has to offer. Southie is a vibrant and growing community and there are so many ways for residents to become connected and involved. Here are some of the best ways to see, hear, taste, touch and smell all that is Southie. From City Point to Fort Point to the South Boston Waterfront, there are so many opportunities to put your senses to good use!

Stepping Up: This One's for the Children...

The day has finally arrived. One I have dreaded and avoided for some time. But as the years fade away, one thing remains the same: I am getting old. The phrase "when I was your age" starts more sentences than I would care to share. Listening to younger cousins argue about how their parents won't buy them an iPhone with 32 GB of memory (whatever that means) prompted me to lecture about how I didn't have a cell phone until junior year in high school which I bought with my own money from my paper route and that text messaging was but a twinkle in Nokia's eye. Confusion clouded their eyes; they ingested what I said but were too distracted by their cell phones buzzing and dinging to ask questions. It was at that moment I realized, for both my younger counterparts and myself, what we considered to be unfair or unfortunate pales in comparison to those who are really in need. While we are lacking space for our selfies and calorie counters on mobile

devices, there are so many kids without proper clothing and bedding. Those same children lack resources for after school activities and homework help. Many more go with food; basic necessities that so many of us take for granted. This week there are a few chances for you to give big or small to those in need.

What gives? Alas, it's time to pack away your sundresses/shorts/muscle tees/ swimsuits. As sad as it recognize, this year, summer was over the minute the clock struck Labor Day; I saw my breath this AM. While putting away the warm weather duds and pulling out the cold(er) climate clothing, you realize how many of those pieces you don't use. Some one can though: the Big Brother Big Sister Foundation is holding their 3rd Annual Cares for Kids Clothing Drive this Saturday September 21st. BBBS will take your gently worn women's, men's and children's clothing,

shoes and accessories. Also, any toys, household items and/or books in good shape will be accepted; drop off is located at the East 4th Street Fire House between 10am-2pm. Something so little could mean so much. bbbsfoundation.org

Drive a Mile and Bring Some Smiles...

Do you have the need for speed? Ever dream of becoming the next Dale Earnhardt Jr.? All your dreams can come true this Saturday September 21st, and you will be granting some wishes as well. The 5th Annual Boston PAL Grand Prix takes off at 12pm; it is a 4-hour endurance race where a 6-person team mans small European-style speed karts and all entrance fees benefit the youth programs of the Boston PAL (Police Athletic League). If you are more of a cheerleader-type, there will be carnival-like festivities along the sidelines of the racetrack, with food, beer/wine and kids

activities. Also, the Rodman Ride for Kids will be giving an additional 10% to donations. Go online and register a team or stop by the carnival and live vicariously through the racers by sporting a balloon animal hat, sipping on 'Gansett; that's where you will find me. Get on the fast track to giving.

bostonpal.org

Like Riding a Bike On Saturday September 28th the South Boston Neighborhood House, or the "Ollie" to so many of us, is participating in the Rodman Ride for Kids for a 5th year. Amateur and professionals riders on the Ollie's team will ride 25/50/100 miles to raise money for this great neighborhood institution. You don't even have to get up early on a Saturday morning; help is just a click away. kintera.org/faf/donorReg/donorPledge.asp?supId=0&ievent=1071082

Stepping Out: What's Eating You?

Hungry? I know I am. With the end of summer, my appetite grows. Salads, green juice and vodka & soda somehow become a thing of the past and are replaced with Shipyard Pumpkin with a (mostly) sugar-cinnamon rim & vanilla vodka, cheeseburgers and cookies. As the days get shorter, my waistline expands and stretchies (leggings for you youngins') are as much a staple as those cheeseburgers. I don't give up completely; balance is key and hot veggies DO replace many of those cold salads. But I just find this time of year easier to enjoy the all South Boston has to offer in the way of culinary delights. Food brings people together and with the wind-down of the busy summer months, there are many cool and interesting goings-on in our neighborhood by the way of food to be savored in many ways. Whatever your pleasure, it'll have you saying mmm...mmm good.

Food for Thought. Why didn't I think of that? Ever wonder to yourself why you didn't hop on the cupcake/cookie/cake pop trend? Interested in how people

who just love food like yourself found the time/space/ideas to start their own enterprise? On Wednesday September 25th, you will get your chance. Artists for Humanity is hosting Joanne Chang and Christopher Myers (of Myers & Chang fame) to kick off its fall lecture series about how creativity and commercial ventures can make a recipe for success. The event is free; you just have to register via Facebook. Cross your fingers for some chocolate chip cookies from Flour (Joanne Chang's bakery). Think before you eat...

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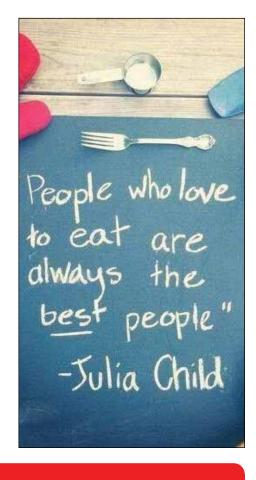
"Foodie" Fight! Ingredients: two restaurant teams, a willing and participatory audience, liquid courage and a dash of adventurous palate. Result: a tasty showdown where restaurant peeps throw down for a good cause. On Tuesday September 24th, Lincoln Tavern and Taste of the Nation Boston are partnering up to host a series of themed battle royales called "Food Fights"; some 8 Boston restaurants will throw their food to the

fire. The nominated winners will take part in the Taste of the Nation Boston event on April 29th, 2014. Price of single admission gets you 2 drink tickets, Lincoln's delish pie and a chat session with the chefs; you can also buy a pass for all four events at a discounted price. Come hungry, leave happy! (Side note: Taste of the Nation is an event in conjunction with Share Our Strength/No Kid Hungry campaign, which works toward ending childhood hunger in the US)

lincolnsouthboston.com ce.strength.org/boston nokidhungry.org

Dig In! Come one, come all. Aura restaurant is hosting the first in a series of 'Fine Dining "Family Style" sit down suppers for families. Parents will be able to (try) start their weekend and wind down with fancy cuisine and funky concoctions, while kids are supplied entertainment from Kids Place 4 Fun. No clean up required.

aurarestaurant.com





Southie Senses:

Things to touch, see, taste, smell and hear in Southie



Touch: Get Your Hands Dirty. What's prettier this time of year than watching the leaves turn? Not much, but we have to have the trees to do so. Southie Trees offers a program for South Boston residents where they can receive a tree to be planted on their property, with supplies and a training session for maintenance. Click the link on their website to sign up or stop by the South Boston Neighborhood Development Corporation (SBNDC) at 365 West Broadway and fill out an application. Happy Digging! **southietrees.techboston.com**





See: Eyes on the Prize. The boys are back! The Bruins have started their preseason schedule on the right foot with more games to follow this weekend. One place many Bruins faithful gather to watch their boys cut up the ice is at The Cornerstone. Cold beer, tasty snacks and an animated crowd will surely lure you in and keep you coming back for more. Here we go Bruins, here we go!



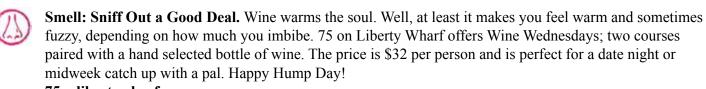
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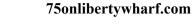
Taste: See-food Diet. Through October 15th, you can partake in Legal Seafood's month-long mollusk merriment. Fresh shucked, fried or flambéed, oysters are always better in months ending in –R. In this kick off month of SeptembeR go and get your hands on some of the jewels of the sea. Check out the website for some special events dedicated to this bold and briny bivalve. Look for Legal Harborside's Fish Market gift voucher in this edition of South Boston Today.













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Embrace All Of The Southie Senses:













Season of Bounty.

Living in New England, we are privy to a spectacular sight four times a year: the change of seasons. Wonderment abounds when spring/summer/fall/winter roll around; it is an experience anew. Transformations of nature transpire right before our very eyes. Even we undergo alterations and renovations. This Sunday September 22nd beings the marvel that is know as Autumn: "the season for enjoying the fullness of life." (Denis Waitley) As you see the days getting shorter, slow down a bit. Take in all the earth has to offer. Walk the hill of East Broadway and hear the rustling of the leaves as they ready themselves to fall. Stop by a local market and pick up some apples and pumpkins and try you hand at baking. If baking isn't your thing, swing by Calnan's purchase a scented candle and fake it till you make it! Smell the sweet aroma of home when it feels a bit too chilly to head out. Share your space with friends; invite them over for dinner and dialogue. If you don't cook, there are plethoras of take out joints that can provide soup to nuts (literally).... Just make the most of the bounty of what life has to offer.

"AUTUMN, THE YEAR'S LAST, LOVELIEST SMILE." William Cullen Bryant



Who is Laela?

CASTLE ISLAND ASSOCIATION

SENIOR SHUTTLE SCHEDULE

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY JUNE 15 - NOVEMBER 2, 2013

WEATHER PERMITTING

10:00a - 24 Bellflower St.

10:10a - Devine @ Old Colony Ave. (Task Force Building)

10:15a - 185 West Ninth St.

10:20a - Telegraph St. @ Dorchester St.

10:30a - Farragut Rd. @ East Broadway

10:35a - Drop off Castle Island

10:50a - Castle Cove (Bolton St. Side)

11:00a - 200 D St. (Condon School)

11:10a - 120 H St.

11:20a - 199 H St.

11:25a - Farragut Rd. @ East Broadway

11:30a - Drop off @ Castle Island

11:45a - 1380 Columbia Rd. (Compass Bay)

11:55a - 120 L St.

12:05p - Farragut Rd. @ East Broadway

12:15p - Drop off @ Castle Island

12:30p-2:00p Shuttle from residential locations in South Boston to Castle Island (seniors may call the shuttle company 617-268-4110 the day prior to schedule a ride during this time period).

Return Trips: 2:30p-4:00p. Shuttle from Castle Island to various drop off locations in South Boston. Shuttle vehicle will return every 20 minutes. Departure times are as follows (subject to traffic delays at the Island) 2:30p, 2:50p, 3:10p, 3:40p, 4:00p. THE LAST DEPARTURE FROM CASTLE ISLAND WILL BE AT 4p.

Sponsored by Castle Island Association Representative Nick Collins and the Sullivan Family









CITATION ON PETITION FOR ALLOWANCE OF ACCOUNT

Docket No. SU12P0089EA

Commonwealth Of Massachusetts

The Trial Court

Probate and Family Court

In the matter of:

Dorothy H Fitzgerald

Date of Death: 11/07/2011

Suffolk Probate and Family Court

24 New Chardon Street

Boston, MA 02114

(617) 788-8300

To all interested persons:

A Petition has been filed by:

Patricia D. O'Neill of Boston MA

Requesting allowance of the First account(s) as Personal

Representative and any other relief as requested in the Petition.

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on 10/17/2013.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

Witness, Hon. Joan P Armstrong First Justice of this Court

Date: September 11, 2013 Patricia M. Campatelli Register of Probate

September 19, 2013

CITATION ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

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Requesting that an Order of Complete Settlement of the estate issue including to approve an accounting and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition. For the Second and Final Account.

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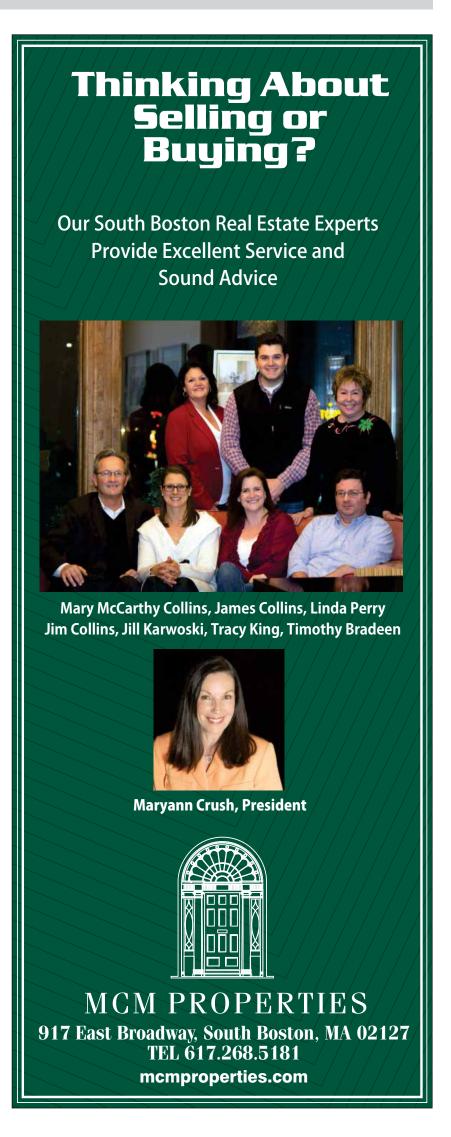
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Recent South Boston Real Estate Sales

	Price	Sale Date	Rooms	Baths	Sq Ft
6 M St UNIT 2 Condo	\$735,000	9/10/13	6	2.5	2100
637 East First St UNIT 306 Condo	\$702,000	9/5/13	4	2	1270
6 M St UNIT 5 Condo	\$700,000	9/4/13	5	2	1143
150 Dorchester Ave UNIT 204 Condo	\$699,900	9/4/13	4	2	1474
89 Dresser St UNIT 89 Condo	\$664,000	9/5/13	7	2.5	1845
525 East Second St UNIT 2 Condo	\$660,000	9/9/13	5	2	1865
655 East Second St UNIT 201 Condo	\$649,000	9/6/13	6	2	1574
161 Tudor St UNIT 2 Condo	\$635,000	9/6/13	5	2	1410
112 West Seventh Street Two Family	\$604,000	9/4/13	8	2	1732
1 Onslow Terrace Single Family	\$575,000	9/4/13	7	1.5	1496
3 Brewster Street Two Family	\$575,000	9/4/13	10	3	2304
152 O St UNIT 1 Condo	\$539,900	9/4/13	5	2	1285
5 Cottage Street Two Family	\$527,500	9/6/13	8	2	1890
110 West Third St UNIT 3 Condo	\$470,000	9/9/13	4	1.5	1100
173 H St UNIT 1 Condo	\$450,000	9/5/13	4	1.5	1050
412 East Third St UNIT 2 Condo	\$444,000	9/11/13	4	1.5	781
90 M St UNIT 3 Condo	\$391,500	9/5/13	3	1	1127
90 G St UNIT 1 Condo	\$390,000	9/9/13	4	1	915
28 Vinton St UNIT 1 Condo	\$385,000	9/6/13	4	1	832
227 D St UNIT 1 Condo	\$375,000	9/4/13	4	1	773
148 West Third St UNIT 2 Condo	\$363,000	9/5/13	4	1	745
128 Tudor St UNIT G Condo	\$350,000	9/5/13	4	1	815
137 Dorchester St UNIT G-B Condo	\$333,500	9/4/13	4	1	1015
131 West Seventh St UNIT 1 Condo	\$325,000	9/6/13	4	1.5	904
292 E St UNIT 2 Condo	\$320,000	9/5/13	3	1	568
320 West Second St UNIT 304 Condo	\$315,000	9/9/13	4	1	450
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Loyalty, Pride and Gratitude at Sunday's Vietnam Memorial

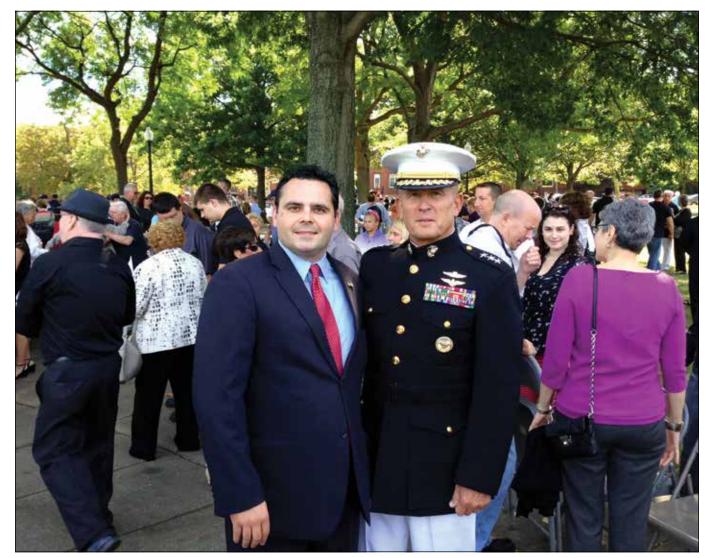
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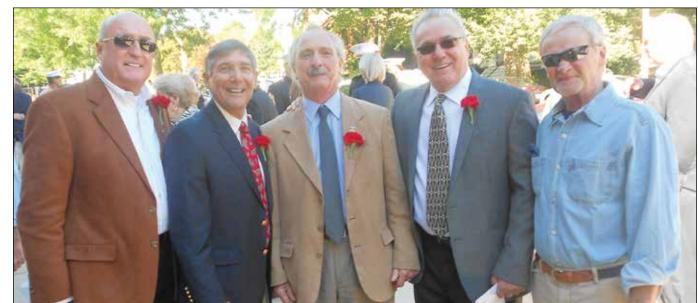
By John Ciccone

had the honor to speak with Tom Lyons early last week regarding Sunday's _32nd Anniversary of the South Boston Vietnam Memorial dedication. Tom and his great and truly magnificent committee had been working hard as they do every year putting together the lineup of speakers and program for the event; no easy task. He was hoping for a great day as far as the weather and also hoping for a good turnout. He got his wish on both. The morning was picture perfect; just the right temperature to make it comfortable for everyone and the sun could not have been any brighter. And the turnout? This is South Boston and even after 32 years the spirit remains and the 25 men who gave their lives for their country during the Vietnam War are still in the hearts and minds of a proud and grateful community.

It was an impressive event to be sure. The 10:30am Mass at St. Brigids Church is almost always crowded, but this event was special as it is every year and the beautiful and spacious house of worship was jammed for this very moving memorial service. The Bagpipes and drums were a symphony of perfection as they accompanied the United States Marine Color Guard. Father Casey welcomed all to the Church and spoke the words that all in attendance were surely feeling themselves. He gave praise to the memory of those fallen veterans as well as to the many Vietnam Veterans who did return home who were dutifully in attendance to remember their brothers. He also praised the current active military who continue to serve our country today and always stand guard in a dangerous and uncertain world.

After a moving Mass, the crowd which had swelled to massive size made its way over to Medal of Honor Park just across the street for the dedication itself. As the color guard, the many veterans in attendance and the families of those being remembered were filing by I got to talk to a lot of friends, neighbors and fellow residents and it was clear that a strong and glowing sense of pride in what was taking place filled them with emotion. Could there be any other urban community anywhere in the Northeast that could have pulled off something so spectacular as what took place last Sunday? Doubtful. Could anyplace in the entire world have it continue just as big and with such enthusiasm for 32 years? Most would



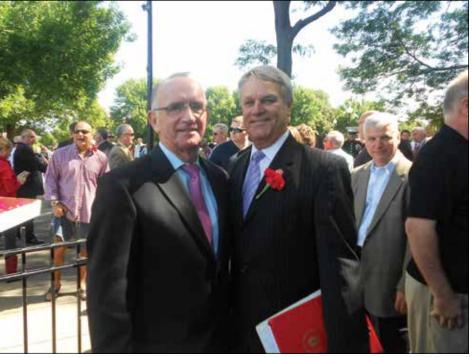












say that would be Impossible.

For 32 years South Bostonians have crowded into the same church and attended the ceremony at the same park; no matter what the weather and paid tribute to 25 of this town's heroes because here, in South Boston, we never forget those who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country and for their neighborhood. That enthusiasm and pride and gratitude felt about having the opportunity to honor them was just as strong last Sunday as it was that first Sunday more than 3 decades ago when the Vietnam Memorial was first unveiled.

The Guest of Honor, Lieutenant General R.E.Milstead. Jr., Deputy Director. United States Marine Corps, a military hero himself, was passionatein his speech and seemed duly impressed with the greatness of the event and the enthusiasm of the crowd. There was much to be impressed by.

And of course, this year's memorial ceremony was dedicated to George Eagan; who was a founding member of the South Boston Vietnam Memorial Committee that got the ball rolling back then. George passed away recently at an age much too young and is missed dearly by family and friends alike. Here again the loyalty factor surfaces and the other committee members; being who they are, made it a point to honor and pay tribute to him for all the work he has done. As most know, George Eagan was one of the greats. A former Marine, infantry, he met his wife Marie, also a Marine when they were both in the Corps. He was an Iron worker for Local 7 and headed up Veteran's Affairs. In fact, he was one of the finest advocates for veterans the area could have ever asked for. Whether it was his time served in the Marine Corps, his days as an Iron Worker or his duties as a veteran's advocate, it was always said of George Eagan 'He never had a bad day at work'. He truly loved what he did. And of course, He loved his family and they loved him. His grandchildren would affectionately refer to him as 'Sergeant Papa'.

Some were upset that there was little to no coverage of this beautiful event by the major news media. Had there been a shooting, stabbing or if someone spray painted a racist word







on a wall they would have descended on the park like vultures. This we all know and have come to expect. But who cares and really, who needs the media? We don't need the press to tell us how great the people in this town are or about how truly special this event was and is every year. We know it and even they, the dolts in the press know it as well even though they refuse to acknowledge it.

Dan Marrota, a longtime friend and a Vietnam Vet himself (USAF) said he was "glad that so many people still remember our fallen heroes and after so many years, still turnout in such huge numbers." Guy Mirisola, another old friend and Vietnam Vet (USMC) said "Seeing this great outpouring of support is enough to bring tears to the eyes." And that pretty much covered the sentiments of everyone on this beautiful September morning. Loyalty, pride and gratitude were on display as this community remembered once again and it seems, always will.



South Boston Chamber of Commerce 14th Annual South Boston Street Festival Enormous Success

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY

by David Pollard

he 14th Annual South Boston Street Festival took place on Saturday on East Broadway, giving local businesses and organizations the opportunity to gather with the South Boston community in a fun-filled atmosphere. Amidst the entertainment, South Boston Today was able to speak with multiple groups looking to get the word out about what each business and organization has to offer the people of Southie.

The first organization we spoke with was Next Step Living - a home efficiency energy company working with Renew Boston and Mass Save to help save people money and energy. The representative at Next Step Living













booth, Eliza Wagner, said "we will change people's homes by giving them energy efficient light bulbs, if they don't have them already. We replace thermostats, shower heads, we will check insulation, and check for combustibles that release carbon monoxide to make sure everyone in the home is safe." Next Step Living is also a contractor with Renew Boston Solarize, a program from the Mayor's office that aims to give solar power to the city in bulk at a discounted price. "This program is running until November 30," Wagner said. "It's like one giant group discount for the city." Next Step Living has provided energy assessments to almost 40,000 homes throughout New England, and is able to provide a free home energy assessment for anyone who qualifies. To learn more you can visit nextstepliving.com

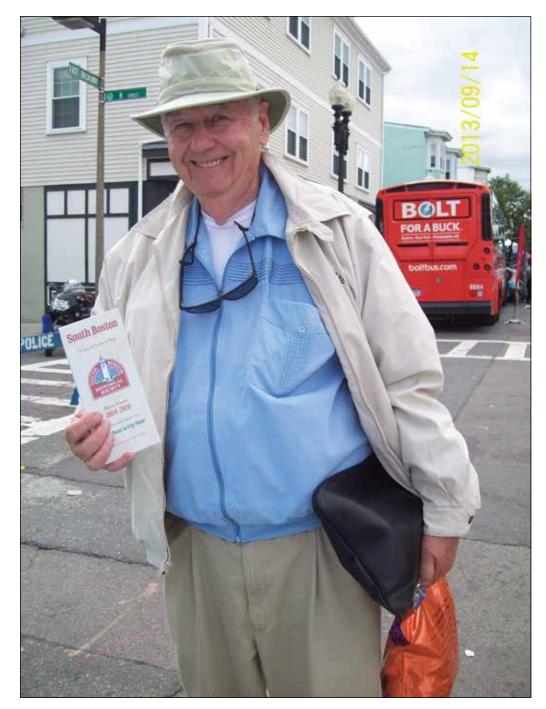
Of course, the local organizations made their presence heard at this year's Street Festival. The Woods School of Dance entertained and stole the show, yet again, as the young Irish Step dancers of Southie got up on the big stage and dazzled the audience.

Other groups were there to inform, rather than perform. One such group is South Boston Youth Hockey. Kelly Pittman ran the booth at the Youth Hockey programs first ever crack at the Southie Street Festival - the booth was crowded with youngsters shooting at a net set up close by.

"We want to get the word out there that we're revamping our program this year," Pittman said. "We're doing a whole new 'Learn to Skate' for different age ranges and different skills with some















very qualified instructors. Also, we'll be having a House League sign up and Travel teams - if kids want to sign up and be on a travel team, we have so many young folks out here today, we hope the kids will come by and take a shot at the net, and maybe sign up" If you missed out on the Southie Youth Hockey booth on Saturday, you can find information at southbostonyouthhockey.com, or like them on their Facebook page. To contact South Boston Youth Hockey directly for information or to sign up your child, you can email sbyhl@yahoo.com.

Walking through the festival, you saw plenty of fun activities for the kids. The Ultimate Self Defense and Performance Center located at 12 B Street had a mat set up where kids were kicking, punching, and throwing one another around (of course under the supervision of instructors). "We just want to promote our center and show people we're about self defense and helping kids out," said Maria Dhami, who has been working this booth for

several years now. "There are so many kids here today; a lot of them have been coming over to see what's up... We have self defense classes, karate, judo classes, Brazilian jujitsu classes and a women's self defense class."

Nurture, a salon and spa located at 127 L Street, spent the day at their booth keeping everyone beautiful. Nurture, if you haven't visited already, is a little hidden gem in Southie, providing quality products - some of which were raffled off on Saturday - as well as spa treatments for men, women and children. Susan Devlin, the owner, was there to represent Nurture, and beyond braiding girls' hair, she and her crew of stylists were happy to be out of the salon and in the street with the community. "A lot of our clients are from the Southie area," Devlin said. "It's great to see all of our clients and get to say hi to them today - and hopefully we get to meet some new clients as well." The one thing that couldn't go unnoticed at the Nurture









booth was the high spirits they brought with them - it was clear they were having fun. "It's just great to be part of such an awesome community that is so close and so friendly," Devlin added. "We like making our clients happy and creating good relationships, so it's nice to have a day outside of the salon with our clients."

Need a ride? Southie Shuttle is another first timer at the South Boston Street Festival, but the local commuter service is gathering a lot of steam since it was founded three months ago. "We're three months young," said one of the Shuttle's founders, Maryann Crush. "We want to introduce ourselves to the rest of South Boston; I think a lot of people know who we are. But, we've only been around for a couple of months and the more people we meet, the more will learn about us."

Southie Shuttle has been growing on the community. "We've put almost 10,000 miles on the vehicles in less than two months, just in South Boston," Crush added. "Try us out, take a free ride!" To learn more about Southie Shuttle's ride services like them on facebook, follow them on twitter or visit their website at SouthieShuttle.com

Lincoln Tavern and Lucky's Lounge

were side by side, one with its wood burning grill and the other with its charcoal grill and their teams were doing all they could to keep up with the customers looking to try their tasty treats. Norman Crump had a full array of prints and other offerings from his art gallery at discount prices and he looked to be doing very well. Many of the boutiques including Habit saw their clothing fly off of the racks. Music was a constant as live entertainment gave festival go-ers a chance to eat and enjoy the talented performers.

Rick and Kathy Vitali were representing the non-profit Community Merchants USA, a newcomer to the festival. Community Merchants USA is a national organization that helps small businesses and clients of small businesses learn about certain credit card issues and inform them about the various tools available to improve their bottom line and reduce costs. Rick Vitali said the best part of the festival was "the feeling of friendship among the folks. We are newcomers this year but everybody feels so comfortable being here and there's such a wide variety of activities... it's just a great atmosphere today."

Of course, not every organization is new to the Street Festival. For example, Metro Energy has been a part of the annual event since it started 14 years ago. Not only that, but Thomas Markarian has been the man at the Metro Energy booth every year since the Festival began. At this point, Metro Energy is a well known heat and oil company, and is simply there to show the community its support, and Thomas enjoys gathering with his community. "I've been here for 14 years, it's wonderful to be here - this is where we started, here in South Boston... We've expanded into other areas of Boston, into the surrounding communities, but it's always great to be here at our hometown festival, it's a wonderful time."

These are just a few of the organizations and local businesses that made up this year's South Boston Street Festival. Beyond the activities and the great time had by all, it truly is a chance to get to know your community businesses and organizations a little better. It's clear that South Boston is a place that many businesses and groups want to be a part of, and the ones that are here have a lot to offer.



Young Artists — Come and Paint with Us!

oung at Arts' painting classes will resume on Monday, September 30 at St. Vincent Church Parish Meeting House, (across from the Church's main entrance on E Street). The sessions are free to youngsters from seven to 12 years of age. The sessions will be held

on Monday afternoons from 4:30 to 5:30 pm. All painting materials will be supplied. The youngsters will be painting in acrylics led by renowned watercolorist Dan McCole.

This is the sixth session of free painting classes for young painters and is co-sponsored by the 'Young Ambassadors' of the South Boston Community Health Center and the South Boston Arts Association. We look forward to seeing you on Monday September 30th at 4:30 p.m.!

For further information contact Mayra Rodriquez Howard at 617 464-7423 or Dan McCole at 617 464-4237.





Free Tree Planting Program Launched

The Plant-A-Tree Program is a neighborhood initiative started by Southie Trees and the South Boston Neighborhood Development Corporation to get more trees planted in South Boston. The

program will be continued from its launch in the Spring of 2013 and will provide interested and qualified residents (on a first come first serve basis) with a tree, planting supplies, and the know-how to ensure long-



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term health and growth (up to a \$200 value!). The application deadline for Fall 2013 is **September 30, 2013**. There will be a mandatory training session/planting day on October 18th, 2013 at the **Gate of Heaven Church located on 615 E 4th Street.** We will be replacing a dead tree in order to teach proper planting methods and tree care. Plant-A-Tree Program trees will also be available for pick up at this date and location. **Who Can Apply**

Any resident living in South Boston can apply to the Plant-A-Tree Program. Residents must be able to plant the tree on their property in a yard or adjacent green space.

How to Apply

It's easy! Just fill out the one page application found at southietrees. techboston.com and email to

southietrees1@gmail.com or handdeliver to SBNDC at 365 West Broadway by September 30, 2013. *What are Eligible Projects?*

Trees must be planted on the applicant's property by the applicant. There are many types of eligible trees that can be planted in South Boston and we encourage you to choose the type that works best for your yard! You can find the list of approved trees here: www. cityofboston.gov/parks/streettrees/
Tree_species.asp (All trees are subject to availability from the nurseries, but we will work with you to find the perfect tree for you).

In addition to a free tree, Plant-A-Tree will provide you with all the supplies needed for planting. Contact: Devon Grodkiewicz Program Coordinator Southie Trees Southietrees1@gmail.com 617-268-9610



What a great weekend! The weather was great. Just a couple of reminders before we begin a recap of last week's games.

COACHES: Remember it is important to turn in score sheets. If you do not pass one in there will not be any write up for your team and that is not fair to the children who show up week after week or the Sponsors. Remember all score sheets must be turned in by Monday morning at the latest. Also please fill all score sheets out correctly. For the coaches who have the last game in the Under 8 Division on Sunday, please remember to put the equipment away. Also make sure there is no parent or children (that are not playing the game) near the nets during the game. It is a distraction for the goalie.

PARENTS: Remember all children need to wear shin guards. If your child does not have them, they can not play. No hats, or jewelry can be worn while playing – this is for the safety of the children. Also, if you have any problems at the field, please see one of the officers of the league and we will take care of all concerns immediately. And remember to stay away from the goalie while they are playing as it is a distraction. All parents should be on one side of the field and the players on the opposite side.

Please remember that all players (no matter what age) and coaches must turn in a concussion certificate. In order to receive your certificate you can logon to: http://www.cdc.gov/concussion/headsup/training/headsupconcussion.html. For children ages 3 to 10 years old you can access another site http://brain101.orcasinc/5000/.com. It is a cartoon site and should hold their attention. After you have gone through this info you can go to the other site (see above) and fill out the info saying you and your child have completed this class.

This is not the rules of the South Boston Youth Soccer League. It is mandatory for any youth who are involved in activities on City of Boston properties to take the class. So please make sure you go to this website.

SNACK BAR: Please patronize the snack bar. All monies that are brought in at the snack bar go right back to the local sports teams that use the park, which helps defray some of the expenses to the league.

NEW SOCCER BANQUET DATES & TIMES: The Banquet will be held on Saturday, November 23rd at the South Boston Boys & Girls Club, 230 W. 6th Street, South Boston. Parents are asked to bring desserts. See times and age groups below:

UNDER 4: 12 noon UNDER 6: 1:00 p.m. UNDER 8 & UNDER 10: 2:00 p.m. UNDER 12 & UNDER 18: 3:00 p.m. *And now on to a recap of the games:*

UNDER 4 DIVISIONS: SMALL FRIES / STEPHEN LYNCH

The Small Fries sponsored by Sullivan's beat out their opponent when Zion Sequoia and Visalia Brice each scored a goal. Grant Sullivan, John Aiken and Kelsey O'Connor all played a terrific game.

The team sponsored by John Hancock Insurance played a great game. All the players did a fantastic job.

SHARKS / GREEN MONSTERS

The Sharks sponsored by FNISports played a terrific game. Goals were scored by Jake Greeley and Cameron Stevens. Jacob Baldwin, Maggie Jones, Stella Walsh and Evelyn Racvinsky were the MVPs for their team.

The Happy Green Monsters sponsored by Massport did a fantastic job bringing the ball up and down the field. All the players were awesome.

GREEN NINJAS / GREEN LIGHTNING

The Green Ninjas sponsored by Councilor Bill Linehan beat out their opponent for the win. All the players did a great job.

The Green Lightning sponsored by Congressman Stephen Lynch just came up short with two goals scored by Elizabeth Stoddard. Robert Cabral, William Reidy and Nancih Depina played an all-around terrific game. James Madden was spectacular manning the net.

SCOOPS / PAL

The South Boston Today Scoops played to a tie with goals by Jack Kelly and Marian Condon. Reese Hamilton and Liam Long did a super job sharing the goaltending duties. Christine Olmos and Peyton Anastas were fabulous as forwards.

The PAL team played a great game and kept the game even. All the players did a superb job.

UNDER 6 DIVISION: MOOSE DOLPHINS

The Moose sponsored by The McDonough Post Ladies Auxiliary were victorious with goals by James McFarland, Rocco Blasi and Michael Clark. Great defense by Dakota Hebert. Juliana Novicki displayed great teamwork. Big kicks by Ryan McGarrell. Deacon Evriviades made some great saves.

The Dolphins sponsored by Marian Manor had a goal kicked in off the foot of Evan Pierce. Emily Ramirez, Bryan Berry, Jack Daley and Derek all played a great game.

HEAT / RED ROCKETS

The Metro Energy Heat played a fabulous game. Following last week's hattrick, Aidan scored two goals this week and Benjamin scored a goal assisted by Jack and Robbie. Leila showed terrific hustle on the field. Andrew was fantastic on offense. Griffin made some great saves while manning the net. Audrey showed how to kick the ball.

The Red Rockets sponsored by Massport did a great job with Jack Hynes scoring a goal. Kevin McBrice and Ella Leeman were the MVP'S for their team.

UNDER 8 DIVISION: HOT SHOTS / SILVER HAWKS

The Hot Shots sponsored by Boston Home Inspectors played to a tie with Derek Martinelli, Darin Grady and Brian Quimby each scoring agoal. Olivia Rose McCarthy, Marianne Paez and Aidan Garcia played a great all-around game.

The Silver Hawks sponsored by O'Connell Insurance had their goals scored by Ryan Shields, Dylan Picard and Conner Flaherty. Benjamin Fennelly did a fabulous job in net. Caliegh Houlihan, Iris Gjoka, William Mullins, Grainne Conlon and Kayleigh O'Connor were terrific out on the field.\

FLAHERTY'S GAME / FLYERS

The Flaherty Gang sponsored by Billy Flaherty's Gang kicked in one better than their opponent for the win. All the players did a terrific job.

The Massport Flyers just came up short with Terry Markos, Steven Flynn and Jack Reidy each scoring goals and an assist by Jarred Fritch. Macklin Zingg played n great two-way game. Sarah Tracey was awesome in net. Aidan Martin and Olivia Daley were fabulous bringing the ball up and down the field.

NINJAS LUE DEVILS

The Ninjas sponsored by Donahue & Associates kept the game even with goals by Sonny McColgan, Teagan Fitzgerald, Nolan Young and Mario Blasi. Fiona Burke was spectacular as goaltender. The team played superb.

The Blue Devils sponsored by Joe Pace & Sons played to a tie. All the players did a terrific job.

UNDER 10 DIVISON: CAHILL KICKERS 4 / HORNETS 2

The Cahill Kickers sponsored by the Jimmy Cahill Club were victorious again this week with goals by: Alex Fucile with two and Evan Markos and Eddie Tirrabassi with assists going to Kayla, Nicholas Jacobs and Corrine Reidy. Best defense b Gina Provenzano. All around team player May Lafferty.

The Hornets sponsored by Jeffrey Chubb Associates scored two goals by Jake Harrison. Diego Alzamora, Pablo Alzamora, Michael Lentini, Patrick Steele, Henry Galinaus, Samantha Brown, Brianna Mikshenas, Thomas Conlon and Thomas Donovan were awesome.

LIGHTNING 2 / FLAMES 0

The Massport Lightning shut out their opponent when Caitlin Fitzgerald and Will Ahern each scored a goal. Dylan Murtagh,
Jake Swartz, John Gilmartin, Fiona Gilmartin,
Thomas Harnan, Patrick Harnan and Tyler
Morrill played a terrific game.

The Flames sponsored by Boston Firefighters Credit Union did not score but it was not from lack of trying. All the players did a great job.

MT. WASHINGTON BANK SOUTHIE STRONG 0

The team sponsored by Mt. Washington Bank played a great game. All the players turned in an excellent performance.

The Southie Strong sponsored by Stapleton Florist did not score but played a good game. Molly Keenan, Ryan Leary, Mia DeMichele, Alex Lysakowski, Chris Yebba and Patrick Berry played a super game.

UNDER 12 DIVISION: HOT TOTTIES 2 / LIONS 0

The Hot Totties sponsored by Massport shutout their opponent when Jack Flaherty and Kristian Dhamo each scored a goal. Anna Lysakowski did a terrific job on defense. Elizabeth Powers and Jacqueline Powers played a fabulous game.

The Lions sponsored by O'Brien Funeral Home did not score but never gave up until the final whistle. Tari Pecevich and Andrew Markarian played an outstanding game.

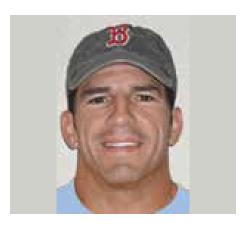
PERKINS POST 8 / MONSTERS 0

The team sponsored by the Michael J. Perkins Post #67 went on a scoring spree. All the players did a great job.

The Monsters sponsored by Eastern Bank did not score but still had fun and showed some great team spirit. Grace Tinlin, Daniel Murtagh, Christian Kinney, Tasia Horne and Rose Harnan played a good game.

UNDER 18 DIVISION:

At the time of print no score sheets were available for the teams sponsored by Iron Workers Local #7, Massport, Yankee Bus Line and Deco Leasing.



M STREET SOFTBALL SEMI FINALS UNDERWAY

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By Mark Senna

he quarter final playoff round completed this week as Shenanigans, Lincoln Tavern, The Playwright, and all advanced to the semi finals. The best of three series was scheduled to start on Tuesday, September 16th and conclude on Thursday, September 18th.

Last Monday, trailing by a game in their series, the Playwright faced elimination against the Nix Mate Islanders. Making matters worse was the fact that they were down 4-2 with two outs and nobody on base in the bottom of the seventh. However, the clock never struck midnight for them as they rallied to tie and then win the game and eventually the series.

With one out and the bases empty, The Playwright received a couple

of gifts in the form of errors. Shane Knowles reached base on an infield error and then scored on a costly error in right field. With the tying runner on third base, Peter Hourihan tied the game with a sharp infield single. After a pitching change and a groundout to first, Hourihan was in scoring position with the game winning run. The Islanders decided to walk Danny McElaney to face Sean Morgan. The move appeared to pay off when Morgan hit a lazy fly to first but the ball kept sailing and Hourihan kept running all the way home. The series was suddenly tied and the Islanders would only have minutes to recover from their stunning defeat.

Now with the season on the line for both teams, the Islanders took to the field hoping to forget what just occurred. On the opposite side of the diamond the Playwright saw an opportunity to pounce on a wounded team and they did just that in the first inning. With runners on first and second, Scott Tarentino lifted a slicing drive to right field that eluded the fielder and plated two runs. It was a small lead at the time but the runs would be all their pitcher, Keith Zeweiy, would need as he was performing at the elite level needed at this time of the season.

The Playwright would tack on four more runs in the second when Sean Morgan, Zeweiy, and Tarentino all delivered RBI hits to increase the lead to 6-0. The Islanders never got back on track and slipped quietly into the night, 8-1.

Tuesday's action saw the Lincoln Tavern eliminate Telegraph Hill by

handing them an 18-4 walloping in game two of their series. From the second inning onward it was all Lincoln as they flexed their muscle and showed the league why they are serious contenders for the title this year. In their nine run second inning, Jesse Carlton (2 hits, 3 RBI), Mike Kiely (3 hits), and Bob Carlson (2 doubles) all connected with RBI extra base hits. Lincoln would add five more runs in the third that pretty much put the game away. John Pels (2 hits) led the way for Telegraph while Jim McNiff and Steve Mills split pitching duties for Lincoln.

Tuesday's nightcap saw the Warehouse needing a victory as they faced elimination against the Southside Tavern. Following the script that was played the game before them, the Warehouse wasted little time in getting to work. After just two innings of play they had quickly built an 8-0 lead. Leading the charge and at the top of the order were Dan Pencinger (3 hits), Ryan Martin (3 hits), and Brett Belcastro (3 hits) who were all enjoying a great night at the plate. While the offense was firing on all cylinders the pitching and defense was just as good. Joey Venuti earned the series tying 11-2 win while scattering six hits over seven innings of work.

The final game of the series was played on Monday, September 16th but the long delay didn't change the momentum that the Warehouse had gained. On a cold and windy night, the Warehouse took advantage of several Southside miscues and quickly built another 8-0 lead through just two innings of play. By this time it was

apparent that the Southside didn't bring their best and the game would not live up to its billing. Joey Magee, Joey Venuti, and Tom Destefano all took their turn on the mound for the Warehouse as they cruised easily in this one, 9-1. Ryan Martin (2 hits), Brett Belcastro (2 hits), and Bill Corcoran (2 hits) provided the punch for the Warehouse while Mark Dipari (2 hits) was the lone hitting star for Southside.

The semi final pairings are now set and will begin play on Tuesday, September 17th and conclude by Thursday, September 19th. In one series you will see the Playwright take on the defending champion Shenanigans and the other will have the Warehouse and Lincoln Tavern in the ring. These are the top four teams in the league and each have earned the right to extend their season and contend for the title. It should be a fun week of exciting and well played games with plenty of drama.

As always, supporting fans can follow the league through our website (www.sbsports.com), right here in the South Boston Today, or experience the league up front and personal by taking in a game or two. Attending our games is always free and the action on the field will continue to stay heated here in the semi finals but it's still worthy of a night out. Playoff games this week will be played Tuesday, Wednesday, and possibly Thursday (if necessary) with games starting at 6:30 and 8:10pm. Best of luck to all of our players and teams, have a great week and we look forward to seeing you at the park.











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