SB Native Bill McGonagle Knows The Score

Bill McGonagle, a native of South Boston, has been officially the Chief Administrator of the Boston Housing Authority since 2009. His service to the City of Boston has spanned decades and you can never question his commitment to improving the quality of life for the neediest among us.

As noted in the Boston Herald this week, the Boston Housing Authority delivers rental assistance to 13,500 poor people who live in privately owned apartments. Because of the turmoil and gridlock in Washington DC it will completely drain its reserve account by the end of the year, leaving it unable to absorb any more federal cuts without putting people on the streets.

“Unless there is some relief on the federal level, this housing authority and housing authorities throughout the country could be faced with a very significant crisis,” BHA administrator Bill McGonagle said. “I am not at all optimistic about our ability to replenish that reserve.”

By the end of the year, the authority will spend about $14 million from reserves — about what it pays out in one month for rental vouchers — to make up for a 5 percent federal sequester cut. That would leave a paltry $190,000 in the account, McGonagle said. The squeeze has caused the BHA to hoard rental vouchers as people drop them due to attrition. It’s a no-win situation.

Depleted reserves puts everyone on edge, and anxiety is high that the government won’t reopen this month and no funds will be accessible to pay out rent help for November, said Chris Norris, director of the Metropolitan Boston Housing Partnership, which administers about 6,000 vouchers. “The slightest hiccup will throw the

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EDITORIAL “Brilliant”

“B”rilliant” is a word an associate used to describe Princeton grad Steve Kirschbaum. Most of us, however, would characterize the gray haired, bespectacled, bullhorn shouting leader of the wildcat bus strike as something less than “brilliant”. Declaring that “children are our most precious resource” and then abandoning them at bus stops throughout the city leaving them prey to any passing weirdo is hardly “brilliant”. Leading an illegal walkout for a group that is paid over $25.00 an hour on average, has 80% of family healthcare coverage, 12 Holidays, 5 sick days, a 180 day work year, for about $50,000, plus unemployment in the summer, is less than brilliant.

Leading workers fighting for fair wages and conditions is a noble venture. Leading those same to destruction merely to promote a life-long anti-American agenda is despicable. Not brilliant.

Bus company management has a duty to protect their charges from criminal behavior such as this, and Mr. Kirschbaum should be given a one way bus ticket out of town and away from our children. Now that would be brilliant.

“This Week’s Poll

What Should The New Mayor’s First Priority Be?

Institute & Improve Walk To Schools For All

Revamp The BRA To Ensure Transparency

Rebuild Middle Class Housing Back Into Our Neighborhoods

Ensure That The Streets Of Boston Are Safe For Females

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I t’s late Monday night as I write this column and so far, the partial government ‘slim down’ and budget battle was still going on. Maybe by the time you read this it will be over and settled at least temporarily. But settled or not, what happened over the weekend in Washington DC needs reporting on. A few news outlets carried it. Most of them would not. But the media attempts to hide this from the public were foiled by video and photos and eye witness accounts.

The action takes us back once again to the site of the World War II Memorial where two week ago, federal officials attempted but failed to block veterans from viewing it in a disgraceful act of spite and pettiness meant to cause inconvenience and as much pain to the American people as possible. As America watched, these veterans; many in wheel chairs had to push by the barriers set up to get to the memorial. The American people were outraged at Washington but very proud of these vets.

Fast forward to this past weekend. The veterans organized a march on Washington and thousands of them returned to the site only this time they came with other supporters which included Sarah Palin, Senators Ted Cruz (R) and Mike Lee (R) and a huge convoy of tractor trailer trucks to back them up. The truckers rumbled up DC’s 17th Street with horns blaring and American flags flying.

Once again, these veterans were met by steel barriers and security guards but they would not be deterred. They would not be stopped from getting to the WW II Memorial. They moved in, chanting “Tear down this wall”; a play on Ronald Reagan’s speech in front of the Berlin Wall, and personally took down the barriers and this time they carried them over to the White House and deposited them in front of ‘The People’s House’ in an act of patriotic defiance. They were also chanting “God Bless America”, 3 words that make many in the Obama Regime cringe. After depositing the barriers, they marched back to the memorial and held a rally. At this point riot police with many on horseback and motorcycles were brought in as an intimidation tool. But this was a group that could never be intimidated by any type of force.

These were American patriots and they were in Washington DC on this day to let Obama, Pelosi, Reid et al know that they have had enough of seeing their country hijacked by the radicals in charge. There was another chant being shouted by the crowd as well. In a clear message to politicians who lately are acting like they are royalty and the people are their subjects, the words “You work for us” were shouted loud and clear to remind those holding public office that the US Constitution says the people are in charge, not Congress and not the President. Though the riot police were there in force, you could see it in many of their faces that they agreed with these protesting veterans and did not want to be there at all. Some came right out and said it and vowed that orders or not, they would not move in on these veterans and try making arrests even if it meant
US House Won’t Fight Budget Deal, Will Fight Obamacare

(UPI) – U.S. Speaker John Boehner said Wednesday Republicans won’t block the Senate-brokered deal to reopen the government and extend the U.S. debt limit. Senate leaders agreed on a compromise to keep the federal government open until Jan. 15 and extend the debt limit to Feb. 7, turning over negotiations on those issues to a joint committee that must report by mid-December.

Though Boehner promised not to block the deal, he was defiant on the Affordable Care Act, better known as Obamacare, which Republicans tried to defund by using the shutdown and the debt limit increase as leverage.

“The House has fought with everything it has to convince the president of the United States to engage in bipartisan negotiations aimed at addressing our country’s debt and providing fairness for the American people under Obamacare,” Boehner said in a statement. “That fight will continue. But blocking the bipartisan agreement reached today by the members of the Senate will not be a tactic for us. In addition to the risk of default, doing so would open the door for the Democratic majority in Washington to raise taxes again on the American people and undo the spending caps in the 2011 Budget Control Act without replacing them with better spending cuts.

“With our nation’s economy still struggling under years of the president’s policies, raising taxes is not a viable option. Our drive to stop the train wreck that is the president’s healthcare law will continue.” Boehner said Republicans “will rely on aggressive oversight that highlights the law’s massive flaws and smart, targeted strikes that split the legislative coalition the president has relied upon to force his healthcare law on the American people.”

The White House said the president would sign legislation that reopens the U.S. government until mid-January and temporarily lifts the debt ceiling. Majority Leader Harry Reid announced the deal on which the legislation is based, and was supported by Minority Leader Mitch McConnell. “The president believes that this [legislation] achieves what’s necessary in reopening the government and avoiding default,” White House press secretary Jay Carney told reporters. “He looks forward to Congress acting so he can sign the legislation. ... The president hopes both houses will act swiftly.”

“The eyes of the world have been on Washington all this week,” Reid said. “Our country came to the brink of disaster.” Reid added, “This [budget] legislation also funds the government through Jan. 15 and avoids default through Feb. 7.”

The Senate-brokered deal includes back pay for some 800,000 furloughed federal workers, Democrats said Wednesday. House and Senate negotiators would have to reach a deal on a detailed tax-and-spending blueprint for the next decade by Dec. 13 under the plan.

The proposal includes no major concessions on the healthcare law. It does require the administration to begin income verification for those applying for insurance subsidies. The act includes that requirement, but the administration had delayed verification for technical reasons.

This article is excerpted from UPI Top News.

West Broadway Hotel Proposal Approved By BRA – ZBA Hearing October 22

The Boston Redevelopment Authority approved the Pappas 156 room 6 West Broadway hotel proposal at its board of directors meeting on Tuesday October 8. The BRA vote clears the way for Pappas to seek a number of zoning variances from the City of Boston Zoning Board of Appeals. The proposed project is located in the St Vincent’s Neighborhood District Zoning (NDZ).

Research done by South Boston Today staff, gleaned from the applicant’s Letter Of Intent (LOI) and Project Notification Form (PNF), as well as the Article 80 standards and St. Vincent’s Neighborhood District Zoning (NDZ), indicate the following: the PNF and LOI was filed on August 2nd. According to the St. Vincent’s NDZ, in place since 1996, hotels are a forbidden use. In addition, height is allowed at 35’. This hotel is seeking 142’. The allowed Floor Area Ratio (FAR) is 1 to 1 and the hotel is seeking 7.2 to 1. The Impact Advisory Group (IAG), which has the responsibility for negotiating mitigation and community benefits, has been formed, but none of the members has been disclosed. The hotel proposal may also be an area of South Boston that is referenced in 1997 state legislation that created a ‘no hotel zone’ south of Summer Street. An interpretation of the legislation and subsequent amendments is being researched by South Boston Today.

The Zoning Board of Appeals hearing is scheduled to take place at Boston City Hall, 8th Floor on Tuesday, October 22.
Just last week it was reported that Secretary of State Kerry was meeting with Afghan President Kharzai to discuss American troop presence in that country. Why? What is there to discuss? We should be withdrawing, not expanding our presence.

If 9-11 hadn’t happened, what would our relationship with Afghanistan be? The answer: none. We gave the Afghan freedom fighters the means to expel the invading Russians with the stinger missile. Sure, we wanted to give the Afghans a hand, but our main purpose was sticking it to the Russians. We had no ambitions to democratize or stabilize the country.

Why do we want it now? In spite of our aid against Russia, the Afghan people allowed their country to be used to murder Americans. It’s as simple as that. When they unpacked those stinger missiles from crates marked “Made in the USA” they knew where they came from. Now we’re supposed to accept, “the poor Afghan people”, as if they bear no responsibility. The Taliban and Afghans! They are responsible for what is done in their name. Just as Bin Laden maintained Americans are responsible for their government’s action in their name and therefore legitimate targets: So are the Afghans.

We did not go into Afghanistan to “Nation Build”. We went to find and destroy those that attacked us. When Japan attacked us we did not differentiate between Japanese who were in control and those who were average citizens. We went in and destroyed that nation’s ability to attack us. Whatever Japanese were killed in accomplishing that goal were “Casualties of War”.

Our policy is: Afghanistan should be the same. American lives should not be lost trying to “Free” or protect some village whose people refuse to stand up to the Taliban, who refuse to stand up to the biggest heroin production in the world. And whose President Kharzai, has been caught rigging elections, while at the same time accepting money from Iran for looking the other way while Iran supplies the Taliban with weapons. Weapons being used to kill Americans!

Enough. We went there to protect Americans. That includes U.S. troops. The best way to do that is to remove all U.S. troops, with the exception of a crack division of special operation quick reaction troops. Only to be used as a military response. Not peacekeepers or a police force, but fighters. This division would be supplemented by as many drones, satellites, bombers, fighters and attack helicopters necessary. Any activity whatsoever anywhere in Afghanistan, that is prohibited, could be monitored, and eliminated. Our technology allows us to observe visually, by infra-red, by night vision, and by airborne bomb detecting drones. It allows us to sample the air for chemicals. All this, and more, is possible by air, without placing troops in danger.

The expression, “Boots on the Ground” is applicable when the mission is to occupy or root out the enemy. We don’t want to occupy or conquer Afghanistan, and if they want to allow these criminal terrorist punks to rule them, that’s their call. Our mission should simply be to destroy any camps, villages, towns, or cities where these terrorists or their facilities are allowed.

If innocent Afghans are killed or injured, tough. At this point, there are no innocent Afghans. We’re tired of our troops walking around with “Kick Me” signs taped to their backs. We’re tired of being invited to dinner by Afghan politicians, with crocodile smiles, only to find out we’re the main course.

Instead, it is a nation whose gratitude for deliverance from the Russians was to attack us. A nation whose response to little girls and boys being allowed to go to school, listen to music, and fly kites, only to be killed by the Taliban, is to remain silent while their benefactors are being ambushed and blown up by roadside bombs. It is a nation that deserves not one more drop of American blood in its defense, but instead the full might of American power and vengeance.

Save your troops. Destroy Afghanistan.

Take care till next week.
Female Victim Indecently Assaulted In South Boston
(As reported by Boston Police Department)

Boston Police Seek Public’s Help to Identify Suspect In Indecent Assault and Battery in South Boston

The Boston Police Department is asking for the public’s help to identify a suspect wanted for an indecent assault and battery in South Boston. At about 12:45am, Monday, October 14, 2013, officers responded to a call for an indecent assault and battery in the area of Athens and Dorchester Streets in South Boston.

The victim reported she was approached by the suspect from behind and indecently assaulted. The suspect who fled in an unknown direction, is described as a male, 5’11” in height, heavy build, large stomach, and was wearing a t-shirt.

The Boston Police Department is actively investigating facts and circumstances surrounding this incident. Anyone with information is asked to call the Sexual Assault Unit at 617-343-4400.

Community members wishing to assist this investigation anonymously can do so by calling CrimeStoppers at 1(800) 494-TIPS or by texting the word ‘TIP’ to CRIME (27463). The Boston Police Department will stringently guard and protect the identities of those wishing to remain anonymous.

If you or someone you know has been a victim of a sexual assault and is in need of helpful resources or someone to talk to, please contact the Boston Area Rape Crisis Center 24 hour hotline at 1 (800) 841-8371.

Women walking alone in the area should observe the following safety tips:

- Always be aware of your surroundings especially at night.
- When parking or returning to your car, remain in well-lit and populated areas.
- Wear sneakers or shoes that allow for added mobility.
- Be watchful and aware. Keep your head up. Make quick eye contact with those around you and be observant of all passing vehicles.
- Don’t become distracted by talking on a cell phone or listening to an iPod/similar device.
- Avoid walking alone late at night. Walk with friends and people you know.
- Keep a whistle within reach. If you feel threatened, use the whistle to signal for help.
- Yelling “Fire!” “Help!” and/or “Rape!” are all ways of getting attention and getting help.
- Hold your car keys in your hand to use as a weapon against an attacker.
- Call ahead to your destination to let them know that you’re on the way. Be sure they know when to expect you so, in the event you fail to show up, they’ll know to begin looking for you.
- Trust your instincts and realize this: anyone can be a victim of crime. Don’t ever assume, “IT WILL NEVER HAPPEN TO ME.”
- If an unarmed attacker confronts you, believe in your ability to scare, distract or even incapacitate the attacker enough to escape.
- If you think that someone is following you, switch direction or cross the street. Walk toward an open store, restaurant or residence.
Window Into The State House

Window Into The State House provides our readers a synopsis of important issues of interest, past and current, that are being proposed, debated or acted upon by the Massachusetts Legislature. Many issues are not related to local city government services are acted upon and have a direct impact on daily life. They are tax policy, transportation infrastructure, judicial appointments, social services and health, as well as higher education.

We will excerpt reports from the gavel-to-gavel coverage of House and Senate sessions by news sources focused on this important aspect of our lives. These sources include a look ahead at the coming week in state government and summaries and analyses of the past week, re-caps of a range of state government activity, as well as links to other news.

SENATE SUPPORT UNANIMOUS FOR BILL TO IMPROVE VETERANS SERVICES

The Senate unanimously approved legislation Thursday extending to veterans and their families enhanced property tax relief opportunities, employment support services, and new types of medals and license plates honoring military veterans.

The bill (S 1876), which packaged 14 different proposals into a single bill, was written by Sen. Michael Rush (D-West Roxbury) and Rep. Carlo Basile (D-East Boston), who co-chair the Committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs. Rush said the bill builds on a law passed last year, known as the VALOR Act. The new legislation, dubbed VALOR II, will help veterans receive the benefits they deserve, he said. The bill would allow veterans enrolled in college and called to active duty to delay their classes without penalty or withdraw with a full refund. A local program created by the 2012 VALOR Act allowing cities and towns to offer property tax discounts to veterans that volunteer services to the community would be expanded to include spouses of deceased or disabled veterans.

ONLINE PUBLIC MEETINGS UP FOR DISCUSSION

The future of boards and commissions conducting some of their discussions online is unclear, as advocates on both side of the issue voiced their opinions of a bill that would permit the practice. Public boards and commissions must hold posted meetings in a physical place under the current law, which Norfolk resident David Rosenberg said has prohibited boards in his town from participating in an online format to prepare people for Town Meeting.

The House on Tuesday morning gave initial approval to a fiscal 2013 budget bill that allocates $16.4 million for the Executive Office of Health and Human Services, $13 million for the Department of Housing and Community Development and $8.1 million for the Secretary of State for the office to cover the costs of special elections. The appropriations are part of a $74.6 million spending bill endorsed by the House Ways and Means Committee and will be up for debate on the House floor Wednesday afternoon. - M. Norton/SHNS

WESTERN TURNPIKE TOLLS ARE BACK

The Patrick administration reinstated tolls overnight on the western end of the Massachusetts Turnpike, between Interchange 1 in West Stockbridge and the junction of I-291 at Interchange 6 in Springfield. The state estimates it will collect $12 million from the tolls, money that by law may not be spent on turnpike construction or maintenance east of Interstate 95/Rte. 128. The state Department of Transportation says the funds could pay for bridge deck replacement and resurfacing, bridge cleaning and painting, and bridge and culvert repairs, as well as service plazas and maintenance depot roof projects.

Superior Officers Disciplined In 2012 Investigation Of Alemay – The Man Charged With The Murder Of Amy Lord

Lieutenant Detective Patrick Cullity and Sergeant Detectives Timothy Horan and Thomas O’Leary have been reprimanded for the mishandling of a 2012 Roxbury assault case against Edwin Alemay, The man charged with the kidnapping and murder of Amy Lord. Earlier this past summer, Police Commissioner Davis demoted Detective Jerome Hall-Brewster to patrol duties for his handling of the same case. Alemay remains a person of interest in the 2012 assault case.

The horrific circumstances of Amy Lord’s kidnapping and murder sent fear and sorrow through her community of South Boston. Alemay also faces charges of brutally assaulting two other South Boston women during the same time period. Alemay is due back in West Roxbury District court in November.

Following is the official BPD statement on the 2012 case disciplinary actions:

BPD’s Bureau of Professional Standards, Internal Affairs Unit has completed a thorough investigation into the 2012 incident involving Edwin Alemay. The investigation focused on the conduct of the Detective assigned to the case and the conduct of the Detective’s Supervisors.

Previously, on July 30, 2013 Commissioner Davis removed Detective Jerome Hall-Brewster’s Detective rating and reassigned him to the rank of patrol officer. The Police Commissioner found Hall-Brewster failed to complete several investigatory steps during the 2012 investigation, after having been ordered to complete them by his supervisors. Additionally, Hall-Brewster was the subject of a previous internal affairs matter where similarly he failed to properly ensure a thorough investigation. Hall-Brewster appealed the Commissioner’s decision and his appeal remains open.

Lieutenant Detective Patrick Cullity, the commanding officer of the detectives assigned to District B-2, has been issued a written reprimand and the two Sergeant Detectives who had direct command of Hall-Brewster, Sergeant Detective Timothy Horan and Sergeant Detective Thomas O’Leary, have been issued oral reprimands for failing to ensure that the case was properly investigated. Additionally, Lt. Det. Cullity has been ordered to attend management training. While the investigation showed supervisors initially provided Hall-Brewster with investigative guidance, the case subsequently was not properly tracked and all possible investigative steps were not taken. None of the supervisors has prior disciplinary histories with the Department.

As a result of the internal affairs

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Connolly Highlights Ideas for Reducing Crime
Links Public Safety to Public Health

Mayoral candidate John R. Connolly, joined by leaders of organizations dedicated to improving the lives of young people in Boston, highlighted his ideas for providing young people with engaging, enriching activities during afternoon, evening, and weekend hours in order to reduce crime and violence. Helping to keep kids in school and off the streets is a key part of Connolly’s comprehensive plan to improve public safety in Boston.

“We need a comprehensive plan to address crime and build safe and healthy neighborhoods,” said Connolly. “That means cracking down on illegal guns, engaging in real community policing, and improving access to mental health and addiction recovery services. But it also means working with young people to give them the confidence, skills, and optimism they need if they are going to make a bright future for themselves.”

According to the U.S. Justice Department, violent crime among young people peaks during weekday afternoon hours, after school lets out but while many parents are still at work. To ensure that all young people have access to productive, engaging programs and activities during afternoons, evenings, and weekends, Connolly outlined the following ideas:

• Connect the Boston Public Schools with great community organizations that provide high-quality academic help and tutoring, arts, sports, hands-on STEM programs, and other enrichment activities that have been proven to be successful;
• Partner each Boston public high school with employers, colleges and universities, and community organizations to turn summer jobs into year-round jobs and create college and vocational pathways.
• Extend the school day so that every student has regular instruction in critically important subjects like art, music, science, humanities, and physical education.
• Work with parents and school leaders to keep young people in school by reducing truancy and the dropout rate and include the raising of the dropout age from 16 to 18.

“We must end the school-to-prison pipeline, which disproportionately affects young people of color,” said Connolly. “The fact is that high-quality education, safe and healthy neighborhoods, and good jobs are the keys to reducing crime and violence and incarceration rates.”

Connolly was joined by Anthony Richards, the founder of No Books No Ball;
Dr. Ulric Johnson, the founding director of Teens Against Gang Violence and by Representatives and youth participants of Score4More and the Boston Neighborhood Basketball League.

Housing Report Card Tells The Story

Mayoral candidate John R. Connolly issued the following statement on the 2013 Greater Boston Housing Report Card, prepared by the Dukakis Center for Urban and Regional Policy at Northeastern University and released at the offices of the Boston Foundation. The report found that “because of rising housing costs and rents in the face of stagnating or falling incomes, both homeowners and renters are facing higher housing cost burdens than ever.

Connolly stated in response, “This report shows that households in the Boston area are getting squeezed by living costs that have been going up much faster than their incomes. That’s why it is necessary to keep focusing on creating good jobs and working to make housing more affordable. If we want families to be able to afford to stay in Boston, we need to prioritize a comprehensive housing strategy -- grounded in thoughtful community planning -- that increases both affordable and middle-market housing options in the city. We particularly need more transit-oriented development that includes housing, retail, and commercial space, so that housing is accessible to stores, jobs and educational opportunities. As mayor I will do everything I can to ease the burden of high housing costs that families are struggling with.”

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review of this case, the following system enhancements have been / are being implemented:
• Full inventory was conducted all pending cases in B2, including aggravated assaults, armed robberies, unarmed robberies, residential B&Es, and commercial B&E’s for 2013.
• Standardized protocols for Detectives and Detective Supervisors on case review, case management and case transfers.
• Training for all Detective Supervisors on the protocols and expectations on case review, case management and case transfers
• A mandate that all detectives consistently utilize the current and the new and improved case management system scheduled for implementation in January.
• New case records management system scheduled for implementation in 2014. The 2012 case in which Edwin Alemany is considered a person of interest remains an active investigation.
Tale Of Two Races - Red Sox vs. Mayor
Which Is More Important To Us?

It was reported that the first Mayoral Debate held Tuesday night between John Connolly and Martin Walsh “got crushed in the ratings by the Red Sox – Tigers baseball game, managing just a 1.9 rating among all TV viewers and a measly 0.6 rating in the key 25-54 demographic, according to Nielsen figures”.

What does that say about debate planning? What does it say about politics as the once heralded sport of clans in Boston over 100 or more years? Two things are certain outcomes. The cost of a TV ad on Fox 25 during October baseball has just gone up and each candidate has a chance to improve on their debate strategy comforted by the likely fact that very few folks saw their performances and have yet to firm up their decision.

The next one hour debate will be Tuesday, October 22 at WGBH’s studios in Brighton moderated by hosts, Jim Braude and Margery Eagan, and will broadcast live on WGBH Channel 2 and 89.7 FM at 7 p.m. The Pennant races will have been decided and the World Series doesn’t start until October 23.

Using a boxing analogy, each candidate spent the early part of this round sizing each other up with an occasional jab to keep each other honest. As the round drew to a close, Connolly managed to pressure Walsh about his decision to accept super PAC money from outside political groups and not taking the People’s Pledge. Connolly also pointed out that Walsh claims to be the champion of the working class while drawing salaries of approximately $250,000 from both the State as a Representative and the Unions as their president over the last two years, versus Connolly’s $87,000 during the same time as a City Councilor. With this flurry of punches as the first round came to a close, Connolly gets the edge.

Mayor Menino Appoints Jack Hart to MCCA Board

Mayor Thomas M. Menino today announced the appointment of former State Senator Jack Hart to the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Convention Center Authority. Hart, 52, of South Boston, fills a city position on the board left vacant by Rev. Msgr. Thomas J. McDonnell, who passed away in 2009. The position remained unfilled since that time. Hart resigned from the Massachusetts Legislature earlier this year to become a partner at Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP’s Boston office. His practice focuses on state and federal government relations, business strategy, real estate development, public policy, administrative law, and sports law.

“Jack Hart has been a great partner to the City of Boston over the years. His efforts were integral in moving forward with the initial construction of the convention center, and the development of the South Boston Waterfront,” Mayor Menino said. “Now he will be a steady hand at the wheel for the South Boston community as the convention center continues its growth.”

“Having spent much of my legislative career leading the debate on Convention Center issues, I consider it a deep privilege to be appointed by Mayor Thomas Menino to serve on the MCCA Board,” said Hart. “I eagerly look forward to working with Executive Director Jim Rooney, his staff, and fellow Board Members as we strive for the goal of becoming the top convention destination in the world.”

During his tenure on Beacon Hill, Hart co-authored and helped develop key economic development legislation including the 2008 Massachusetts Life Sciences Bill signed into law by Governor Deval Patrick, which assists Massachusetts in solidifying its position as a leader in the life sciences field. He sponsored the original bill calling for the design and construction of the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center in 1997 and partnered with Mayor Menino in the creation of the city’s development plan for the South Boston Waterfront.

“Through his 16 years at the State House, Jack Hart has heavily influenced the work we do today at the MCCA,” said James E. Rooney, MCCA executive director. “Jack brings a wealth of experience to our board, and as we move forward with our expansion program, his contribution will be invaluable.”

“As the MCCA’s expansion project moves forward, it is vitally important that we look at both the big picture and the local picture. Jack Hart’s appointment to the MCCA board strengthens our capacity in this regard,” said MCCA Board Chair Michelle A. Shell. “Jack knows the neighborhood, and the larger city, state and federal issues surrounding the importance of this project. His intimate involvement will help ensure that our project and ongoing operations continue to address the needs of the community, the city and the Commonwealth.”
**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: Reap What You Sow**

With anything, you have to start from the ground, up. Forward progress is made by swinging your feet off the bed and onto the ground, grabbing your cleanest pair of sweats from the floor (one leg at a time) and hoofing it to Sidewalk. Once you’re awake, adorned and aware, anything is possible. Especially since you are wearing clothes. The same can be said about growth. In order for something to flourish, a seed needs to be planted and the bud nurtured. Over time, the cultivation of what is solely an idea can turn it into a reality. In South Boston, engrained in our spirits and imbedded in our persons are ideals and mores that foster those seedlings of growth. From personal progress to provincial produce to pedaling provisions, here are three examples of when you combine a little ingenuity, some hard work and a lot of determination: anything is possible.

**Labor and Delivery**

Over the river and through the woods...no horse or sleigh, though there maybe a bell. Boston Collective Delivery, a South Boston based bicycle messenger collective, has teamed up with Valley Green Feast (Western MA) to deliver the goods. Both are owner-operated services (co-ops) that want to promote and provide fair-trade and organic goods to all by the most environmentally efficient means possible. South Bostonians are able to order an amount of produce, deposited to your front door, powered by pedal pushers. I’d call that fruits of labor.

*Bostoncollectivedelivery.com*

*Valleygreenfeast.com*

**Breaking Ground**

Two’s company, three’s a crowd & four’s a party- that you definitely want to be invited to. Vertex & four’s a party- that you definitely want to be invited to. Vertex.

*Vrtx.com*

*Excelhigh.com*

*Bostongreenacademy.org*

**Garden Variety**

Potato, potato, tomato, tomahto... One of these things is not like the other, and we like it that way. Southie’s own Higher Ground Farm has been procuring some plucky worthy provisions and supplying local establishments and eateries with their harvested bounty. Tavern Road (seasonal greens), TR Street Foods (arugula), Franklin Southie (tatsou) and American Provisions (tomatoes), all have incorporated some of HGF’s seasonal yield into their business’ everyday enterprise. I’d say that’s some common ground.

(look out tavernroad.com for a 10% discount at TR Street Food)

*Higher-ground-farm.com*

*Americanprovisions.com*

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*Franklincafe.com*

**Stepping Out: Seek Professional Help**

It’s said that charity begins at home. Sure, the acquisition and mastery of fundamental knowledge can be taught to us all as we grow and form our identities. But it is usually not until we are put to the test do we really understand why we should and need to be kind and helpful to others (and not just because it benefits us). Those challenges can provide an understanding of what can come of doing good for those in need. One local business has come to comprehend that notion and act accordingly. The Harpoon Brewery, located on the South Boston Waterfront, contributes to many local charities and causes, by donating in any capacity they can (time, space, goods and services); two branches of goodwill extended to the public are Harpoon Helps and Friends of Harpoon. But Harpoon needs our help in facing these obstacles; together, and head on your pint, we can give everyone a chance to celebrate. Harpoon gives $1 for every 6-pack purchased locally and $1 for every pint poured, growler grabbed and pumpkin pretzel polished off at the Beer Hall, to the Greater Boston Food Bank. Everyone benefits!

*Harpoonbrewery.com*

*Harpoonhelps.com*

*Gbfh.org*

*Alsliquorsdelivers.com*

*Thefortpointmarket.com*

*Jimmy’s Korner, 143 ‘P’ St*

**Hall Monitor**

Festive foyer, entertaining entryway, rocking room, beer hall: whatever you call it, the purpose of the space is to eat, drink and be merry. This time it just happens to be for a great cause. On Wednesday October 23rd from 7:30-9:30pm, the Harpoon Beer Hall is host a "Fall Get Together" to benefit the Laboure Center, located here in Southie. A suggested donation of $20 gets you 2 brews and bites and tickets are available at the door. Just another example of Harpoon is helping, one sip at a time. (***Harpoon Helps is also holding the 5th Annual “Breathe Deep” Boston Cystic Fibrosis fundraiser on 10/17 in the same space; tickets are still available***)

**ccab.org/laboureharpoon**

**cflf.org/news/breathe-deep-boston**

Go to our facebook page to vote on our weekly poll.
Southie Senses:

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

Touch: Hit the Ground Running
Ready, set, go! Lace up those sneakers, zip up those sweatshirts and head out to run the beach for another SB 5k. Mt Washington Bank’s 8th Annual Bay Run/Walk is Sunday October 20th, with a start time of 9:00 am; there is also a children’s 50-yard dash at 10:00am. Proceeds benefit the Mt. Washington Charitable Foundation, which provides support to our community through donations made towards education, youth activities and the arts. That’s takin’ to the streets…
mtwashingtonbank.com

See: With Your Own Two Eyes
Now you see it, now you don’t. On Friday October 18th, the Curley Recreation Center and Retired Boston Police Officer’s Association present a family comedy/magic show at 6pm featuring Matt Roberts. Admittance to the event is free for all but space is limited; any questions, please contact Barbara Kelly at (617)635-5104. Hocus Pocus.

Taste: Melt in Your Mouth
I scream, you scream, we all scream for: ICE SCREAM! Tavern Road is satisfying our sweet tooth by offering a free ice cream sundae with the purchase of any food item on Sundays through October. Don’t miss out- this sure brings a new meaning to “Sundae Funday”.
tavernroad.com

Smell: Love is in the Air
Loving for love in all the wrong places, or, not at all? Nurture Salon and Spa is hosting a ‘Singles Mixer’ for clients and their friends Thursday October 17th, 6:30pm at Lincoln. Mingle with other solo peeps, catch the Sox/Tigers game and sip up. Who knows- you could be the straw that stirs someone’s drink!
nurturesalonandspa.com/ for more info email nurturesalonandspa@yahoo.com
lincolnsouthboston.com

Hear: Listen Up
Many of us have watched The Voice, American Idol or X Factor, and thought to ourselves, we could that. Show ‘em what you’re made of: this Saturday October 19th, 7-11pm, the Seapoint welcomes you to belt out a tune or be silenced. “Reverse Karaoke” will be sure to be a grand ole Southie time where your friends can pay $5 to have you sing but if you are not brave enough, you can pay a five-spot to politely decline. A $20 admission fee is required and all proceeds benefit Julie’s Family Learning Program. Who knows, someone maybe singing your praises.
jflp.org

Embrace All Of The Southie Senses:

Hometown Heroes

Tradition is an important part of any history. It gives way to understanding where something comes from and sets an expectation of where it needs to go. In Southie, traditions are practiced daily; giving back to each other and our community are a vital part of our lives. We survive and thrive on being able to help others. This week, South Bostonians are continuing to perpetuate the institutions of compassion and generosity by whatever means necessary.

Outside the Box
Belles of the Brawl is a boxing match where female fighters square off in the ring all in the name of cancer. The femme fatales donate their time and visage and raise money for those in the fight of their lives. Southie’s own Keryn Connolly, who trains at Peter Welch’s Gym, is on the roster and she needs our help. As many of you know, Keryn ran this year’s Boston Marathon and her mother was injured in the bombings; next year she will be at it again, hitting the streets with even more determination. Let’s support Keryn in her efforts to knockout this destructive disease that has affected so many:
haymakersforhope.org/get-involved/belles-of-the-brawl-2013
(look for Keryn and donate to her page!)

Who is Laela?
Born and raised in this town, Laela believes that contributing to your neighborhood through volunteer work and socializing within the community are inborn in the people of South Boston. Those innate characteristics are interwoven into every fiber of a South Bostonian’s being. Continuing the traditions that the South Boston community has always practiced, the features Stepping Up and Stepping Out are two ways in which old AND new residents can find opportunities to do what Southie has always done: give back. Both “born and raised” and the new Southie generation will be able to carry on these practices.
Recipe for Success

When creating anything, one must follow a formula of measures and amounts to construct and arrive at the final piece. All the components must work together like building blocks to form harmony while bringing out the best in each other. One particular instance where this directive is key is with cooking; it’s not just a pinch of this and a dash of that. While you can free hand some recipes, the way to make a statement and have everyone dishing about your masterpiece is to stick to the program. This is also very true in business. From front to back and top to bottom, quality employees, a solid plan and passion and conviction for your ultimate goal, all have to complement and comprehend their role in order to succeed.

Add in understanding the who/what/when/where/why/how of it all, and you have: Legal Sea Foods. Then, a small fish market, now an institution in the seafood industry, Legal has created a recipe for success.

Tucked away on the South Boston Waterfront, down a few wobbly back roads, is the Legal Sea Foods Quality Control Center. Surrounded by other fish houses and industrial buildings, it is perched where the ocean meets the land. Pretty fitting for a company who’s motto is, “If it isn’t fresh, it isn’t Legal.” for you cannot get any closer to the real thing unless you were swimming in it. The LQCC not only houses the center where all Legal product has to pass inspection, but some corporate offices where the other side of the company is run. With staff moving about in business casual, one person who is a little more business than casual stands out from the rest. Rich Vellante, Executive Chef and now Executive VP of Legal Sea Foods, is dressed in his chef whites. A uniform that emits not just a position but also a way of life and state of being.

Chef Vellante is everything a president of a company would want in an employee: poised, energetic, and passionate. He also exemplifies what one would want in a boss: dedicated, demonstrative and supportive. Combine all those traits and not much is out of reach. Rich Vellante’s love of cooking came from a mix of family dinners and a study abroad experience in Italy. He explained that simple is always better; in a time where so many food trends and techniques can dominate what is offered, people always go back to the start. Chef saw how the simplicities of life- food and friendship- crafted memories and experiences. Those memories and experiences then weave together a history-one that is very telling and personal. That everything has a history: Legal is first and foremost, a fish market, that also happens to own a slew of star eateries. Though there are new concepts and menu items being discovered, tried and presented to the public (Legal C Bar, Legal Harborside), a nod to the old always must be had. Much like the connection between the “new” and “old” Southie, their histories would not be complete without one another. Balance is another important factor in Rich Vellante’s success.

Finding time to enjoy his two kids, friends and passions like fundraising and running, is all about blending work and life. His job is his life so any stigma is removed; through that, one offsets the other. Making time for the things and the ones you love make everything so much easier. Love what you do and do what you love.

When asked what were his greatest personal and professional accomplishments, he told a story of how one of his employees that started out as a dishwasher and worked his way up the Legal ladder, was so excited to share with Chef Vellante that he had...
just purchased a home- a very big accomplishment. Sure- owning his own restaurant and receiving 3 stars from the Boston Globe was high on the list of triumphs. But Chef said it was sharing with and aiding in the achievements of others that gave him his greatest satisfaction.

Of course South Boston came up in the conversation many times too. Chef Vellante said that he chose to move to Southie when Legal headquarters was moved from Cambridge to the South Boston Waterfront. He fell in love with Telegraph Hill, South Boston and it’s history. He also saw such promise and opportunity not only for Legal to be a part of that history somewhere, but himself as well. He loves ordering takeout with his kids from Alfredo’s, frequenting Bell’s Market, American Provisions, Local 149, and soon to be missed Quencher Tavern. He loves the people and trainers at the BAC and watching the scene at the Hess on Old Colony Avenue, and says that Mauro’s, the tailor, is a gem. And the best view, beside the Legal Harborside Deck, is the one from his place on Thomas Park. Southie’s saltiness adds more flavor to its history than any other spice could and Chef Vellante is happy to help.
Fort Point Arts Community’s Open Studios Weekend

Boston’s Original Open Studios Event

Fort Point Open Studios weekend will be held this year Friday through Sunday, October 18th—20th. More than 150 artists will open their studio doors to thousands of visitors. In addition to the Saturday and Sunday hours from 12 to 6pm, selected studios are open during a Friday Preview Evening, from 4pm to 7:00 pm on October 18th.

Explore the historic waterfront warehouses that are home to painters, sculptors, ceramicists, jewelers, performance artists, fashion designers, printmakers, book artists, photographers, and more. Meet local artists and craftspeople, and get a behind the scenes look at where Boston artists create their work. Find established artists, and discover new emerging talents. Stroll, ponder, and browse. Buy original art from the people who make it.

Visitors to Open Studios can explore more than 10 buildings in the Fort Point neighborhood, plus galleries and creative design shops. All buildings are in easy walking distance of each other. Free participatory art-making activities for all ages will take place on Saturday and Sunday at multiple locations.

In conjunction with Open Studios, FPAC annually presents temporary public art installations throughout the neighbourhood. Kate Gilbert and Elisa Hamilton are engaging visitors with the interactive public art installation Story Lines, and Michael Moss and Claudia Ravaschiere are installing Color Quark in the trees in front of the Boston Children’s Museum.

This year, Fort Point artists are joining in the global movement of Free Art Friday (FAF). On Friday, look for art hidden—or in plain sight—installed around Fort Point, with an FAF tag attached. Find a piece, and take it home!

The Fort Point Arts Community Gallery at 300 Summer Street features The Annual Members Group Show, with individual works in all media by more than 75 Fort Point artists. The opening reception for FPAC’s annual members Group Show is Thursday, October 17th from 5:30-8:00pm. The show runs for the month of October.
At the Gallery at Atlantic Wharf, Big Picture showcasing large scale works by FPAC members through November 22nd.

Open Studios is organized by Fort Point Arts Community (FPAC), which represents the over 300 artists working and living in this unique waterfront neighborhood. Fort Point is recognized as one of New England’s largest and oldest arts communities.

Fort Point can be reached by the Red Line at South Station or Broadway, the Silver Line at Courthouse, and is easily accessible from RT 93 and The Mass Turnpike. Studios are within easy walking distance of each other. Plenty of free parking is available for the weekend.

Maps of the Fort Point area, highlighting which studios are open, will be available at information booths at the community’s two artist-owned co-operative buildings at 249 A Street and 300 Summer Street, and the Midway Artists’ Building at 15 Channel Center Street. Information booths will also be set up at the corners of Binford and A Street, and at A Street and Melcher. Maps may also be downloaded from the fpac website at: http://www.fortpointarts.org/site/wp-content/uploads/2011/09/fpacOS2013map.pdf

For more information please call FPAC at 617 423-4299 or www.fortpointarts.org

About The Fort Point Arts Community:

The Fort Point Arts Community, Inc. of South Boston (FPAC) is a non-profit community organization founded in 1980 and run by neighborhood artists and volunteers. Our mission is to promote the work of our artists to a broad and diverse audience; to preserve the artists’ community in the Fort Point Channel area; to insure the continuance of permanent, affordable studio space; to build community; and to increase the visibility of the arts in Fort Point.

In Fort Point, artists not only create art, we present two Open Studios events each year, organize art lending programs, run galleries and a store, produce temporary public art, and are active participants in determining the future of our neighborhood. We encourage new ideas, collaboration, connections, and economic growth.
Fort Point Open Studios at a glance

Dates and hours:
Friday October 18: selected studios open from 4-7:00 PM
(prediction artists will be marked with a * on FPAC web listing and directories)
Saturday and Sunday October 19 and 20: all studios open noon-6pm
Locations: Channel Center Street, 249 A Street, 319 A Street, 300 Summer Street, 346 Congress Street, and more
Free Parking: Central Parking Lot across from 249 A Street, access from Binford Street

website: www.fortpointarts.org
telephone: 617-423-4299 or 617-423-1100

Artists’ Studio  John Singer Sargent Watercolor Exhibit at the MFA

A couple of things today from the Art Studio.
Do yourself a favor and check out the John Singer Sargent watercolor exhibition that just opened at the Boston’s Museum of Fine Arts. It will run through January 20, 2014 … but don’t let the time slip by … this is a must see exhibit.

Words cannot fully describe any painting … and certainly not paintings by Sargent … for they must be seen. And with that said here’s a bit of info about the painter and the exhibition.

The American painting world may claim Sargent as an American painter … and he was born to American parents in Italy, (1856 – 1925) … but he studied in Paris and made his home in London. However he did come to Boston with commissions from the Museum of Fine Arts to decorate the grand staircase and rotunda and pursue other possibilities.

According to MFA information the paintings of the rotunda and great staircase “… it is one of Sargent’s last and most ambitious works, the culmination of his career as a creator of great decorative schemes. Sargent regarded the entire space as a giant canvas and brought together all the pictorial, decorative, and architectural elements with a painter’s skill and vision.”

Sargent earned his fame in the late 1800s as a portrait artist of his time with inventive likenesses of ‘British aristocrats and well-healed Americans’.

Then, according to the information posted at the MFA, as the 1900s rolled around he “tired of the genre and limitations and turned to watercolor to renew his artistic spirit.”

At this time he also came to America to work on public murals and designs. But with his watercolors he broke with the accepted convention and with his brilliant colors, unusual compositions and mastery of brushwork “surprised and shocked his peers.”

In 1909 the Brooklyn Museum of Fine Arts purchased his complete watercolor works from a Manhattan exhibition. Boston’s MFA then purchased the entire lot at a 1912 exhibit.

The current MFA exhibition unites the works from both museums … bold original compositions featuring workmen in sun struck stone quarries, Venetian architecture, villa gardens, North African Bedouins desert camps and Arab marketplaces … many of the themes that inspired Sargent.

Each painting has a short explanatory caption many with descriptive nuances concerning the style and subject matter, however audio units are available with much more information and interesting highlights.

While at the MFA exhibit it would be worthwhile to save a little time so as to wander over to the nearby IsabelStewartGardnerMuseum and see Sargent’s ‘El Jaleo” a huge painting of Spanish dancer and accompanying musicians. He painted and lived at the Gardner house for a time through the kindness of Isabel herself.

Possibly for another day … because of a possible cultural overload … you could not go wrong visiting the Boston Public Library, for it boasts of the magnificent Sargent mural … “Triumph of Religion”. This was the work he hoped to make his masterpiece. And among all his masterful works over his near 80 years of life … you have to believe he was probably right.

But get over to the MFA … don’t let it slip by.
October 17, 2013

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losing their jobs. There are some things worth taking a stand on and this was a cause right up there with the best of them. The word is this is a phenomenon that is starting to take hold in many law enforcement agencies all over the country and even among some of our nation’s military ranks. Noteworthy are the dozens of county sheriff’s departments nationwide who have publicly stated they will not enforce federal laws that deny law abiding citizens their Second Amendment rights.

Since 2009, there has been a consistent chipping away of individual rights and liberty by what has become a big, fat, intrusive and out of control government that is disregarding the safeguards, guaranteed by America’s Founding Fathers through the Constitution. They are for all intent and purposes spying on everyone now. Tapping and recording phone calls, reading personal emails and planning to fill the skies with thousands of surveillance drones it seems is only the beginning. They insist it’s for our own good but in reality it’s to gain more and more control over Americans.

The veterans, the truckers and all the other supporters who flooded the streets of Washington DC last weekend was the beginning of an awakening by Americans who don’t want to see this great nation of ours go the way of so many socialist style countries and totalitarian regimes. If you think it can’t happen here, you are perhaps a little bit too naïve and may want to pay closer attention. The veterans who travelled to Washington over the weekend have no intention of letting this happen to the America they fought to preserve. They deserve the support of every American patriot.

Note: Talk back to John Ciccone by email at jniccone@southbostontoday.com

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.

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Our second honoree is Ken Shallow. Ken has been quietly supporting Gavin Foundation by generously donating his time and expertise as Chairman of the Dorsey Leary Golf Tournament Committee that benefits Ostiguy Recovery High School and Cushing House our Recovery Home for teens. Ken’s of behalf of his company KJS Mechanical has contributed time and materials to the Gavin Foundation in order for us to deliver services in a comfortable atmosphere.

To learn more about the event or Gavin Foundation please contact Susan Bradley at the Gavin Foundation at 857-496-0052 x806 or Arthur Adams at Gavin House at (617) 268-5517 x13. Also tickets are also available on their website at gavinfoundation.org.

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whole thing into a downward spiral,” Norris said.

Linda Couch, senior vice president for the National Low Income Housing Coalition, said efforts are under way in Washington to exempt rent assistance from any cuts that might be part of reopening the government or raising the debt ceiling. But while they bide their time, housing authorities have had to spend their savings, she said.

The challenge of managing public housing citywide is not for the faint of heart. McGonagle, in the end, has a virtually thankless job, but it’s clear that he doesn’t see it that way. His focused commitment to rehabilitating the Old Colony Development is testimony to his tenacity. To see that effort mitigated and the lives of tenants jeopardized by the inability of Congress and the President to reach consensus must be especially frustrating for a career public servant.

High end real estate development is flooding South Boston and the middle class is fighting for its share. Public housing is not only a reality, but a necessity. Bill McGonagle is right and needs community support. Hats off to one of our own. South Bostonians should call and write to our US Senators and Representatives and tell them that their job is to preserve the Safety Net for our most vulnerable and that includes public housing tenants. Speak Up South Boston.

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Carmelite Sisters’ Marian Manor Entwined with South Boston

Throughout the lifetime of most South Boston residents, Marian Manor has stood proudly beside the Dorchester Heights Monument at Thomas Park. The majority of its current citizens have never seen the original Carney Hospital or the rolling green hill that once led to this historic sight. The large brick buildings of “The Manor” are all they have ever known.

The Carmelite Sisters understand the need to be an active community member. They have been here through seven decades, quietly extending a hand when needed. During some of South Boston’s tragedies its doors were opened to offer shelter and care to those in trouble. The Sisters were there to comfort neighbors who were burned out of homes and businesses, most notably two devastating fires on Dorchester Street in the 1990’s. Support for local sports teams and a gathering place for neighborhood organizations is a long-time standard. Marian Manor is also a participating member of the Massachusetts Emergency Management Association, agreeing to offer support to the surrounding community if a State or local emergency is declared.

One can only imagine the number of people from the neighborhood who have traveled through the doors of Marian Manor. Through the years records are destroyed so exact numbers of employees and Residents are impossible to determine. But for those from the community who have spent a lifetime working here, our memories of the ones we have met are astonishing. At one time volunteering or working at the Manor was a rite of passage for the area’s teenagers. During the 50’s, 60’s 70’s and 80’s it was hard to find a high school student who wasn’t volunteering or working evenings and weekends in the nursing home. Some of the first candy striper volunteers, (Carmelettes as they were called) later became Carmelites. A number of local young women chose to join the nursing order, inspired by the Sisters and Residents they met.

The Manor has been there for so many generations. Stay long enough and you will see the familiar faces of neighbors and friends. The Home’s history in the community has created a passage through life for so many individuals. A person who was once an employee may someday reappear as a Resident. Sons and daughters who visited a parent living at the Manor have arrived years later to live here as well. There is relief reassuring sight and may it remain reassuringly on Dorchester Street knowing that Marian Manor stands for those who need its help. Not everyone wants to think about, but nevertheless its presence a comfort just in case.

For many who live, work or come to visit, walking through its buildings and corridors is an experience close to walking East or West Broadway. Each affords the opportunity to say hello or chat with many familiar South Boston faces.

Multiply these experiences by 60 years and get a sense of how many lives Marian Manor has touched. At local events you will meet and greet the same neighbors you see at the Manor. A recent reunion for South Boston High’s Class of 1972, 1973 and 1974 represented such a connection. A large number of graduates represented past and present employees. Many reminisced about their old jobs and the Carmelite Sisters they had met. Some were relatives of current or former Marian Manor Residents. For anyone who has had a mother or father, or any loved one at the Manor there always remains a strong connection.

Without even realizing it, Marian Manor’s existence in the community, much like a local church or school, is part of the history that is South Boston. Its story is the story of so many South Boston families. Their presence is felt and remembered by many of the dedicated Sisters and Staff. To the Carmelite Sisters this Home will always be the pride of their accomplishments. The Manor’s existence is as important to them as it is to future families who may someday need to walk through its doors looking for a new Home for a loved one. May South Boston’s future generations continue to find Marian Manors Cross and Blessed Mother on Dorchester Street a reassuring sight and may it remain there to welcome and serve all those in need.

Publisher’s Note: On Thursday, November 13th, The Carmelite Sisters will be celebrating their 60 years of service to the Archdiocese of Boston with a 60th Year Anniversary Gala. This grand event will be held at the Fairmont Copley Plaza, 138 Saint James Ave in Boston. For more information and details you can contact Maryellen Brown by phone at 617-701-1329 or by email at mbrown@marianmanor.org. As the date and time approaches, South Boston Today will be keeping the community informed with updates for this most worthy cause.
About 55 EnerNOC volunteers worked with Boston Harbor Association and the DCR to clean up and reclaim parts of Carson Beach today. With guidance from Jack Kelly with the DCR, EnerNOC volunteers picked up trash and cleared shrubbery and overgrown portions of the beach to provide the visitors of Carson Beach with a cleaner and more well-rounded experience. Every year, EnerNOC offers our employees the chance to give back to our community through selected organizations that are in need of volunteer manpower. This year EnerNOC paired with Cradles to Crayons and the Boston Harbor Association through the DCR.

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During the week of October 7-11, students at St. Peter Academy celebrated Fire Safety Week by participating in various activities. The children in PreK-B through Grade 1 visited the “D” Street Firehouse. The children were able to sit in the fire truck and squirt the fire hose. Some of the children held on to the fire pole, while others tried on the gear. Thanks to all of the firefighters who were on duty last week that helped us celebrate Fire Safety.
Art Installation At South Boston Catholic Academy

By Deb Putnam

If you get the chance to travel up East Broadway check out the art installation in front of South Boston Catholic Academy. Situated on the grassy area to the left of the entrance is a stream of approximately 300 colored rocks of various sizes. Upon further inspection you will see a sign which describes the collection as a collaborative art installation based on the book There’s Only One You written and illustrated by Linda Kranz, and an invitation to contribute to the art work by adding your own “rock fish”.

Ms. Kranz’s book is the story of Adri, the young fish, whose parents share the wisdom they have gained throughout the years. The imparted wisdom is already familiar with our school children: “Be on the lookout for new friends.” “Learn when to speak up and when to listen.” “You don’t have to follow the crowd, be yourself.” Each fish illustrated in the book is a rock, which has been beautifully painted in bright patterns, reminiscent of Russian nesting dolls. At the conclusion of the book the parents impart their final life lesson which is to make the world a better place. Our “school” of fish has the potential to work together for good while each of our individual “rock fish” stand on their own, because “There’s Only One You”.

At first our students were excited to hear we were making art that would be displayed outside for everyone to see, but they soon became worried that rain would wash away their designs or someone would take their rock. A pretend rainstorm at the classroom sink proved our acrylic paint and melted crayons would survive a monsoon. As for the safety of their “rock fish” we discussed the importance of art and we agreed that if someone took their fish, they must need it more than we do and we would say a prayer for them. The appearance of paint and paint brushes rekindled their excitement and everyone got right to work creating their one-of-a-kind fish!

Along with our students, faculty and staff also created fish for our stream adding to the team effort. The children are hoping that families, friends and neighbors will also add their artful “rock fish” to the display symbolizing community and cooperative spirit. Thanks to the Renaissance Elementary Magnate School in Castle Rock, Colorado, and the original designers of this art piece.
South Boston Catholic Academy Fourth Grade News

In light of events in the world and in the community and the recent International Peace Day, the 4th grade students at South Boston Catholic Academy participated in the ‘Pinwheels for Peace Project’ to make a visual statement about how to be a peacemaker!

Drawings, words, and hopeful discussion filled the classroom and school on this day! 4th grade challenges you to think about: How you can be a ‘piece of peace’ each day?
The Magic/Comedy Show of Matt Roberts This Friday at the ‘L’ Experience Amazing Illusions and Interactive Magic

Do you like magic and comedy? How about if these two wildly popular forms of entertainment are combined into one fantastic, nationally famous show and performed right here in South Boston with no charge for admission? Sound too good to be true? Well, you are in for a treat this Friday evening, October 18th as the much anticipated comedy/magic show featuring Matt Roberts comes to the Curley Recreation Center (aka ‘The L’) M Street entrance, for the enjoyment of the entire family. This is an astonishing magic illusion act and it’s being hosted by the Retired Boston Police Officers Association. Matt Robertson’s show is entertainment for every age group. It contains hilarious clean comedy suitable for the entire family to go along with some of the most impressive magic and illusions that can be seen anywhere in the world.

Matt Robertson is a star of the highest caliber who you might know as that guy on the Walmart commercials. He is a two time EMMY nominee and performs more than 200 shows each year. His magic is unique and has been featured on FOX, PBS and NBC. This is an interactive show with audience participation encouraged. It includes astonishing illusions, sleight of hand and even a Houdini style impressive straight jacket escape that will have viewers wondering how it’s all done. Do you like Mind Reading? If the answer to that is yes, you will love this show and if you want, you just might be asked to be part of the show as spectators are brought on stage.

The doors open at 6pm on Friday and the show will begin at 7. Space is limited so you might want to get there early. And again, there is no charge for admission. For more information you can call Barbara Kelly at the Curley Community Center at 617-635-5104.

GATE OF HEAVEN CYO HOUSE LEAGUE BASKETBALL REGISTRATION

At The Walsh Center

Thursday October 17th 6:00 – 7:30
Thursday October 24th 6:00 – 7:30

Boys
Instructional    Grades 1 – 2
Midget League    Grades 3 – 5
Cadet League     Grades 6 – 8

Girls
Instructional    Grades 1 – 2
Midget League    Grades 3 – 7

We offer more than thirty basketball teams for all age groups. Registration fee is $30.00 for one or $50.00 per family. All new and old players must register at this time. Our League is open to all South Boston Residents. If you have any questions please call Kevin Lally at 617- 943-5238 or email at lallycompound@aol.com. Everyone makes a team. Travel team information will be available at the registration.
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 goalies.

PARENTS: Remember all children need to wear shin guards. If your child does not have them, they cannot 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.

If you have not turned in a concussion certificate, please do so as soon as possible. In order to receive your certificate you can log on 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 bar. All monies that are brought in at the snack bar go right back to the local sports bar. All monies that are brought in at the snack bar go right back to the local sports bar. All monies that are brought in at the snack bar go right back to the local sports bar. All monies that are brought in at the snack bar go right back to the local sports bar. All monies that are brought in at the snack bar go right back to the local sports bar. All monies that are brought in at the snack bar go right back to the local sports bar.

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:
HAPPY MONSTERS SCOOPS
The Happy Monsters sponsored by Massport scored the only goal of the game off the foot of Lisa Ballard. Gianna Tassi, Abigail Winters, Ryan Ballard, Michael Clark and Max Donovan played a terrible game.

The South Boston Today Scoops did not score but played a fantastic game. All the players did a great job.

GREEN LIGHTNING WOLFPACK
The Green Lightning sponsored by Congressman Stephen Lynch played to a tie with a goal by Nariah Depina. Fiona McCusker and Ryleigh Claphan were the MVP’s for their team.

The Wolfpack sponsored by John Hancock Insurance kept the game even with goals by Nathan. Colin played an exceptional game.

SMALL FIRES GREEN NINJAS
The Small Fires sponsored by Sullivan’s kept the game even with two goals by Rylee O’Connor and single goals by Grant Sullivan and Zion Sequeira. Ylice Zelistra, Savannah Smith, Emma Brooks and Keagan Somers did a great job bringing the ball up and down the field.

The Green Ninjas sponsored by Councilor Bill Linehan played to a tie with four goals scored by the team. All the players did a terrific job on the field.

At the time of print no score sheet was available for the Sharks sponsored by FINIsport and the team sponsored by PAL.

UNDER 6 DIVISION:
HEAT
DOLPHINS
The Heat sponsored by Metro Energy shutout their opponents with goals by Benjamin and Aidan and assists going to Michael and Andrew. Ian made several kicks bringing the ball down the field. Pierce did an awesome job keeping the ball in play and Dennis showed off some fancy footwork.

The Dolphins sponsored by Marian Manor did not score but it was not from lack of trying. The entire team played a great game.

ROCKETS
MOOSE
The Rockets sponsored by Massport soared to a victory this week with four goals. The players showed how teamwork gets the job done.

The Moose sponsored by the McDonough Post Ladies Auxiliary just came up short with two goals by Harry Minucci and a single goal by Michael Clark. Ryan Collins made some big defensive plays. Aidan Kelly had some big kicks. Brian and Karen Allen showed great teamwork. Julianna Novicki was in the mix. Thanks to Jaedie Novicki and Karie Kelly for cheerleading! Go Moose!

UNDER 8 DIVISION:
SILVER HAWKS
HOT SHOTS
The Silver Hawks sponsored by O’Connell Insurance were victorious with goals by Joseph Greene, Marguerite Greene, Dylan Picard and Julioni George. Roger Curley, Caleigh Houlihan, William Mullins, Kayleigh O’Connor, Benjamin Fennelly and Connor Flaherty were all terrific out on the field.

The Hot Shots sponsored by Boston Home Inspectors had single goals kicked in by Darin Grady and Ronan Armour. Chloe McAuliffe made some outstanding plays.

NINJAS
BLUE DEVILS
The Ninjas sponsored by Donahue & Associates kicked in one better than their opponent for the win. All the players did an outstanding job.

The Blue Devils sponsored by Joe Pace & Sons just came up short with a single goal by Nolan Young. Katie Burkhart was an offensive machine. Ryan McDonald made some great passes. Mario Blasi was excellent on offense and Mavee Corbett was dazzling on defense.

At the time of print no score sheets were available for the Gang sponsored by The Billy Flaherty Gang and the Massport Flyers.

UNDER 10 DIVISION:
LIGHTNING 1
FLAMES 1
The Lightning sponsored by Massport played to a tie with a single goal by Ethan Long. Dylan Murtagh, John Gilmartin, Caitlin Fitzgerald, Will Ahern, Tyler Morrill, Finnbar Kyne and Fiona Martin played an awesome game.

The Flames sponsored by The Boston Firefighters Credit Union kept the game even with a single goal. The team showed some outstanding teamwork.

KICKERS 4
HORNETS 1
The Kickers sponsored by the Jim Cahill Club lived up to their name with three goals by Evan Markos and a single goal by Eddie Tirabassi. All players played a great game! Special mention to Goalie Kevin Ndrekra.

The Hornets sponsored by Jeffrey Chubb Associates played a tough opponent but never gave up. Jake was the only goal scorer for his team. Michael played a great offensive game. Samantha, Thomas, Diego, Pablo and Brandon Clark did some great defensive work. Patrick made some nice saves while manning the net.

At the time of print no score sheets were available for the Mt. Washington Bank Shamrocks and the Southie Strong sponsored by Stapleton Florist.

UNDER 12 DIVISION:
JETS 4
LIONS 1
The Jets sponsored by the Michael J. Perkins A.L. Post #67 were victorious this week when Eric Pance scored a pair of goals and Aaron Mulligan and Alison McGough each scored a single goal. Laura Wallace, James O’Brien, Fernando Correia and Connor Kiely turned in a superb performance.

The Lions sponsored by O’Brien Funeral Home had a lone goal kicked in off the foot of Patrick Gjoka. Drew Garcia, Christian Lee, Andrew Markarian and Linda Stefanov played a great game.

HOT TOTTIES 4
MONSTERS 2
The Hot Totties sponsored by Massport played a great game and were in the win column this week with goals by Chris Fitzgerald, Kristian Dhamo, James Holder and James Arlauskas with an assist going to Declan Walsh. Chloe Cornors, Madison Kennedy and Anna Lysakowski were outstanding.

The Monsters sponsored by Eastern Bank played a good game. Goal scorers were: Jacob Downey and Tyler Errico. Rose Harnan, Juliet Fitzgerald, Christian Kimmey and David Murtagh turned in a good performance on the field.

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.
The 13th annual B.A.A. Half Marathon presented by Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and the Jimmy Fund on Sunday October 13th was won by Lelisa Desisa from Ethiopia in the Men’s Division and by Kim Smith of New Zealand who now lives in Providence in the Woman’s Division. Both broke the event record on the rolling course through Boston’s Emerald Necklace Park System running 1:00:34 and 1:09:14 respectively. But of special note 66 runners were residents of South Boston many of whom are members of the L Street Running Club.

A world class field of runners from around the world and the United States competed including 66 from South Boston. The Men’s Wheel Chair Division was won by Tony Nogueira from Glen Ridge, NJ in a time of 55:06 and the Woman’s Division was won by Carla Trodella from Danvers, Ma in a time of 2:12:25.

A total of 6534 finishers were recorded by Cool Running’s. Many of the runners wore shirts in memory of the tragedy and victims from the 2013 Boston Marathon.

Congratulations to all the South Boston Residents who competed on Sunday.
## 2013 Annual B.A.A. Half Marathon
South Boston Residents Results
(As Recorded by Cool Running)

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What a weekend for Boston sports fans. The Patriots had a thrilling comeback from behind victory against the unbeaten New Orleans Saints early in the evening. Later that night, the Red Sox managed to top the Pats comeback performance with one of the most unlikely comeback victories in postseason history.

First, Tom Brady and a young Patriots offense got the football back trailing the Saints 27-23 on their own 30-yard line with 1:13 remaining on the clock, with no timeouts. Brady then completed 5 of 7 passes, taking the Patriots 70 yards down field, capping the drive off with a 17 yard touchdown pass to rookie receiver Kembrell Thompkins with 5 seconds remaining on the game clock - sending Foxboro into frenzy.

To start the drive, Brady completed three quick passes - 23-yards to Julian Edelman, 15-yards to Austin Collie, and a 6-yard pass to Aaron Dobson. The Pats were on the 26-yard line with 35 seconds left. After two incomplete passes, facing fourth down, Brady completed a 9-yard pass to Collie, and was able to spike the ball at the 17 yard line with just enough time left for (possibly) two plays. The Pats only needed one, as Brady lofted a spot on 17 yard pass into the hands of Kembrell Thompkins - and amazingly, with just 5 seconds left on the clock, the Patriots had taken the lead 30-27.

After the ballgame, Bill Belichick was in a sort of bewildered, albeit upbeat mood.

“Sorry if you had to rewrite some of those stories there at the end,” Belichick said to reporters at his postgame press conference. “I’m really proud of our team. Obviously that’s a good football team, number one. The Saints are a real good football team. It was a great 60-minute battle.”

It’s true; it was a great 60 minute battle. The Patriots defense came up huge time and time again against a powerhouse New Orleans Saints offense, despite giving up a season high 27 points, including twice in the final 3 minutes of the game. The Pats were down 24-23 when they turned the ball over on downs at their own 20 yard line, the defense was able to hold them to a field goal. Then, Tom Brady hurled an interception down field, allowing the Saints to take over with just 2:37 left on the clock. The Patriots used their final timeouts, and the defense forced Drew Brees and his offense to go three and out. They gave Brady three chances to take the offense down the field, and on the third try, he succeeded.

“Regardless of what happens over the course of the game, you have a chance,” Brady said during his postgame press conference. “That’s what football is all about. When the game is on the line, you see what guys are made of and all those guys at the receiver position made some huge plays on that last drive.”

Bill Belichick may have summed the game up best when he said with a smirk, “I feel like that took about five years off my life.” Many fans throughout New England were probably feeling the same way... and then they turned on game 2 of the ALCS.

The Red Sox hosted the Tigers at Fenway Park on Sunday, and in the beginning, it looked an awful lot like game 1 - the Sox could not hit. In fact, Tigers ace (at least one of their aces) Max Scherzer struck out 7 batters his first time through the Sox lineup. He continued to pound the strike-zone against the Sox lineup, which couldn’t seem to muster up any type of offense in the early goings.

Clay Buchholz, on the other hand, was unlike himself on Sunday - he never seemed dialed in. After one trip through the lineup, the Tigers started tearing the cover off the ball. John Farrell may have waited too long to give him the hook, after 5.2 innings pitched, Bucholz had surrendered 5 runs and 8 hits, two of which were home runs to Miguel Cabrera and Alex Avila.

In the 8th inning, Will Middlebrooks hit a one-out double against Jose Veras. Then, Jacoby Ellsbury drew a walk against Drew Smyly. Then it was Al Albuquerque’s turn, after striking out Shane Victorino, he gave up a line drive single to Dustin Pedroia - to set up a chance for David Ortiz to tie the ballgame with one swing of the bat.

The thought was on everyone’s mind as Big Papi stepped up to the plate with the bases loaded and 2 outs, facing Tigers closer Joaquin Benoit, but nobody could believe it when it happened. On the first pitch of the at-bat, Ortiz hit a rocket to right field, which barely flew passed the outreached glove of Torii Hunter and landed in the Red Sox bullpen - and now, Fenway Park had burst into frenzy, along with the entire city of Boston. Tie ballgame, 5-5.

The Sox didn’t let Detroit breathe after that, Koji Uehara had a 1-2-3 top of the 9th. Johnny Gomes started the rally against Rick Porcello with an infield single to short, and advanced to second when former Red Sox short stop Jose Iglesias threw the ball away from first base.

Jared Saltalamacchia nearly popped out to Prince Fielder, but he botched the catch, giving Saltalamacchia a second life. A wild pitch advanced Johnny Gomes to third base. Then, Salty hit the ball sharply past a pulled-in Tigers infield, Gomes crossed the plate, and the rest was history - in the books as a 6-5 victory for Boston.
“I knew I put a good swing on it,” Ortiz said after the game. “I got my boy Torii chasing everything out there, nine-time Gold Glove winner... you never know, and he almost caught that ball. But thank God it went in the bullpen.”

John Farrell knows very well who he wants up at the plate whenever the game is on the line. “David, so many times has come up big,” he said during his postgame press conference, “whether it’s regular season, postseason and none bigger than tonight.”

It was truly a storybook finish at Fenway Park on Sunday, and although the Pats played in a regular season game - that ending was storybook as well. Both teams never stopped grinding, and in the end, both games featured thrilling come from behind victories, under the most unlikely of circumstances. That day has come and gone, and Boston still waits to see if the outcomes Sunday leave a lasting impact; but for at least that Sunday, Boston got to celebrate another epic day in sports history.
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