For the first time in 50 years, South Boston may be rezoned. City Councilors Bill Linehan and Michael Flaherty are taking the bull by the horns, as residents of South Boston are saying enough is enough, and have introduced a measure that will launch a rezoning process of the neighborhood that reportedly has more than 20 commercial real estate projects in the pipeline. With all of this pending development, if the zoning is not changed, both Councilors agree that South Boston will continue to pay a price.

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EDITORIAL

Will South Boston keep families in this neighborhood or will approval be given to build luxury condos at the site of the Gate of Heaven school building?

Over the years, we have already witnessed the acres of South Boston property awarded to and re-zoned to benefit preferred developers. After a botched plan to keep the Gatey gym open, it is now being built for condos and the historic rectory is already luxury condos. Now, two athletics facilities (the Gate of Heaven gym and the South Boston Neighborhood House “The Ollie”) have been closed and our children now have limited athletic facilities.

It now appears that agents for the developer are working hard behind the scenes to seek approval to build condos at the Gate of Heaven school building. As luxury condos are being built at a record pace in South Boston, many long time homeowners are now unable to afford the huge increases in property taxes that we have experienced over the years. Unchecked, the South Boston market will be flooded with high priced condos.

At a capacity-filled community meeting at the Tynan Community School several weeks ago, South Boston residents pleaded with elected officials to help build a charter school at the site of Gate of Heaven School. Several South Boston elected officials supported the plan to build a charter school.

The Boston Redevelopment Authority has received over 1,000 signatures of our neighbors in support of a charter school.

As the City of Boston conducts an audit of the Boston Redevelopment Authority, many are now asking about the community process and these real estate deals. Why are developers given preference to build condos in South Boston, even though the community is against it? Is it time to bring a charter school to our neighborhood or do we need more luxury condos? The neighborhood is seeking a voice in their future. Let’s stand up for the people of South Boston and say NO to luxury condos at the Gate of Heaven school building.

“...In Matters of style, swim with the current. In matters of principle, stand like a rock” - Thomas Jefferson

Last Week’s Poll

Last Week’s Poll Results

Does South Boston Have A Parking Crisis

YES 87%
NO 13%

Editor’s Note

Congratulations and well done to Commissioner Evans and all those security officers who managed to police Monday’s Boston Marathon event without police-state style tactics. The use of upwards of 500 plain clothes officers and the “behind closed doors” placement of tactical units with long rifles seemed to provide the correct blend of freedom and safety.

Sadly this is only Event One of our new reality. This same planning must be used for all future major events. It’s important to remember that the two cowards had originally planned to attack Boston’s July 4th celebrations. Only the sooner than expected assembly of their bombs dictated the marathon attack. And that attraction was simply large crowds of Americans.

Good job BPD, but don’t relax.
The Information Center

Now They’re Saying ‘WHAT’ Is Causing Global Warming??

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY
John Ciccone

Note: talk back to John Ciccone by email at jciccone@southbostontoday.com

This will be another ‘Bits and Pieces’ column this week touching on several subjects.
First, many comments came in about last week’s column. Some readers asked if I was being a bit hard on the ‘Feds’ in regard to the Cliven Bundy/Bureau of Land Management (BLM) standoff on the Nevada ranch. My answer: Not hard enough. There is never an excuse for heavily armed government entities to threaten and attempt to bully American citizens. As reports came in after the tense situation eased up, it was learned that the BLM actually slaughtered some of Bundy’s cattle and caused others to die by the way they chased them with helicopters. The feds were determined to get those cows off the land. But as Todd Starns said: “Bundy should have told the BLM that they were Mexican cows that came across the border illegally for better grazing opportunities…” Had he done that, the feds probably would not only be happy the cows were in the country, but that, the feds probably would not only be happy the cows were in the country, but they also may have tried to register them as Democratic voters.

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Senator Elizabeth Warren proclaims that she is serious when she says she will not run for president. Smart move on her part. Many people believe that the only place she could ever win an election for anything is in Massachusetts. Isn’t that one of the reasons she left Oklahoma to come here in the first place?

This column has often made fun of the fanaticism of some of the Global Warming activists. So many of them are just way over the top in when assigning blame for what they insist causes a warming of the planet and what that warming itself causes. According to them, Global Warming causes everything from divorce to bad hair days, to goat’s milk in Tibet souring too early. But some of these people are now getting so nutty in what they are blaming for climate change, as they call it now, that some folks are no longer just shaking their heads and smirking, they are beginning to suggest that these activists get help – quick. Case in point, recently, in the British Parliament, some of the extra loony disciples, calling themselves ‘ministers’ in the movement, demanded that the British people cut back significantly on the amount of baked beans they consume because the gassy emissions that often follow from human consumption of beans is causing the planet to heat up. This prompted some Conservatives in Parliament to laugh so hard, they almost fell out of their seats. The ‘ministers’ became furious that they were not being taken seriously and one of them stormed out. I know, this story might sound too ridiculous for even these nuts. But to confirm, go online to your favorite search engine, type in ‘Brits, Baked Beans and Global Warming’ and see if it is true. These people are becoming priceles with the entertainment and comedy they are providing.

Something else this column has been known to do is praise Texas Senator Ted Cruz. Once again, this week, for the courage, determination and American Patriotism he so often displays, I say well done Senator Cruz. Here is why. As our readers are aware, Iran, in an attempt to poke our country in the eye yet again, planned to appoint the terrorist punk Hamid Aboutalebi as its US Ambassador to the UN. That means Aboutalebi would come to America, be given residence and full diplomatic immunity to pretty much do whatever he pleased here. He was one of the ring leaders when Iran took 52 American hostages and held them captive for 144 days in the Jimmy Carter years. John Kerry and Obama didn’t want to cause a stir with Iran and were taking no action to block this guy from coming. But Senator Cruz stood up and said no way. He filed a bill in the Senate to block Aboutalebi and stop the Iranians from sending him. Obama signed it into law, begrudgingly last week. He had no choice. Cruz’s bill was passed unanimously in the US Senate by both Republicans and Democrats. Had Obama vetoed this bill, it would have easily been over ridden and he knew it. Maybe it would have been more satisfying to let the guy come here and then arrest him and toss him in prison for what he did to our countrymen. Oh well, can’t always get what you want. But Ted Cruz, backed by the rest of the Senators, stopped him and that’s the most important thing.

Now the next big question is: How can we keep Justin Bieber out?
Crime Rate Drops in Chicago When Handgun Ban Lifted.

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY
SBT Staff Report

Large cities around the country plagued with increasing crime rates are desperately searching for ways to combat it. Here in Boston, well intentioned political and law enforcement officials are trying everything possible to combat gun violence, gangs and other crimes. Boston, like other major urban areas has instituted gun by back programs, often with questionable success, but has also reinforced their anti-gang efforts which have a better track record of effectiveness.

But no city in America is more dangerous as far as violent crime is concerned than the city of Chicago. The violent history of Chicago over the last 3 decades is well documented as were its strict prohibitions against the private ownership of firearms by law abiding citizens. In fact, the out of control crime rate; much of it gang related, earned that city the title of ‘Murder Capital of the Nation’. The most anti-gun city in the country also was the most violent. Was it a coincidence? The National Rifle Association and other experts on this issue say no.

In September 2013, the courts overturned Chicago’s ban against ‘concealed carry’ by private citizens as unconstitutional and the Illinois State Police started issuing concealed carry permits. Since that happened, the violent crime rate in Chicago has been plummeting; some say proving what America’s powerful gun lobby and prominent social scientists and criminologists have maintained all along. And that is that in the overwhelming number of cases, it’s not law abiding gun owners who are committing the crimes in Chicago or any other location in America. This has proven, and many high ranking members of law enforcement agree, that making guns illegal in large crowded cities will only make crime worse. Think about it, if you allow private citizens to own and carry firearms, criminals will be forced to think twice before deciding to commit violent crimes against decent citizens. They will have to consider the possibility that their potential victims may be carrying a weapon for self-defense. And this is proving to be an effective deterrent in city after city that has been passing laws to allow concealed carry.

Leading up to the court’s decisions to allow concealed carry in Chicago, many of that city’s political leaders along with major liberal newspapers predicted that the lifting of the gun ban would cause turmoil and would see society there degenerate into the old Wild West. Former Chicago Mayor Daly fought hard against overturning the ban and that city’s current mayor also spoke out against it even before he took office. But as statistics and official data have shown, the opposite has happened. Several years ago, Washington DC’s gun ban was overturned by the US Supreme Court with the same results: Gun crime plummeted in that city. The results speak for themselves.

Teenage Victim Of West 5th Street Shooting

The victim of a shooting that took place on Wednesday, April 16th near the corner of Dorchester Street and on West 5th Street in South Boston was identified by police as Joel Leon, age 19 who was a resident of Milton. Boston Police say the shooting was believed to have happened at approximately 7:50 pm and as of this writing, no suspects have been named publicly. When Area C-6 police officers arrived on the scene, Mr. Leon was still alive but in serious condition. He was rushed to the Boston Medical Center where he was pronounced dead shortly after arrival.

If there are any updates in regard to possible suspects in the crime South Boston Today will get the word out to the neighborhood right away through our website www.southbostontoday.com, and our Facebook page. We will also Tweet it out and may send out a mass email blast. It’s important that the community be kept updated on every serious crime that takes place locally.

With the warm weather here, the potential always rises for an increase in problems not only in South Boston but in every neighborhood. As always, it’s requested that residents stay vigilant and keep their eyes open for any possible suspicious activity. Even if something just looks like it could be a potential crime in progress, police ask that you call it in. It’s also important that in addition to keeping an eye on your own homes, cars and other property, you watch out for your neighbor’s homes and vehicles too to the extent possible.

Even though the crime rate in South Boston is relatively low when compared to other parts of the city and even some suburban towns, keeping it that way takes cooperation by all neighbors working together and with police. In recent months, several nonresidents have been arrested by Boston Police for coming to South Boston allegedly to commit illegal acts.

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the Article 68 process. Despite what was agreed to, developers still applied for zoning variances and were routinely approved, giving rise to the notion that the public process was window-dressing and that the BRA will do what it wants. Whatever mechanism for public participation is instituted under the new zoning regulations, the BRA and ZBA should honor the public process in its intended purpose.

Even as this article is written, paid representatives of developers are reportedly still trying to push development projects through, hoping to use their relationships with holdovers and re-appointments from the Menino era. Neighborhood opposition and hard fought reasonable compromises are on the verge of being ignored, yet again.

Costly lawsuits were the only real option for direct abutters to the decisions by the ZBA but few if any chose that route. Over the years, City agencies banked on the fact that they would not find themselves in court.

If indeed a new day is dawning for South Boston, in order to move forward with this rezoning, it stands to reason that the behavior of the past must not be allowed to continue. Mayor Walsh, for his part, has promised this new day, and we should take him at his word. With this new opportunity, residents of South Boston would be wise to consider a few things like a commitment to affordable housing, a policy encouraging middle market housing, strict enforcement of the agreed to zoning and a rational ratio of parking spots to bedrooms.

In order for it to work, both the BRA and the Mayor must stand by the rezoning, and not change the rules for certain people as they go. Whatever the outcome, what has happened over the last twenty years cannot be allowed to happen again.
O ur year long remembrance marked with special events, articles, T.V. special events and memorials is over. The reasons for it could never be worth it, but it was necessary. Nothing is worth the loss of life and injury, but it was necessary for us to remember them and to send a message. A response that simply said you cannot and will not scare or intimidate us. How fitting it was to have an American win it this year of all years. A year’s time frame brought to a punctuated end with the playing of the National Anthem for the marathon champ, a year that gave us one more reminder of the unexpected cruelty of life with the sudden loss of firefighters Walsh and Kennedy and police officers Maloney and Simmonds. Ironically, all four were involved in some manner with the response to the bombing that began this tragic bitter-sweet year.

The saturation of coverage almost couldn’t be helped. It would be impossible for any news outlet to ignore the murder of a Little League ball player and two innocent women, as well as the execution of a police officer. Coverage that was respectful not exploitive was the norm. Although as usual the Boston Herald takes a curious path. Just last month the Herald’s stated position was that the celebration of a revolutionary battle and the honoring of the military and its veterans “glorified war”. Doesn’t the Herald realize the marathon is just one of the activities celebrating, “the shot heard around the world”, Patriot’s Day? In fact, the photo of Carlos Arendondo shows him wearing a tee-shirt that reads “tough ruck”. A rucksack or ruck is a military knapsack. It’s what a group of Army soldiers were wearing while running during last year’s marathon to call attention to Wounded Warriors. Carlos was with that group and was greeting them at the finish line. They are also the soldiers seen ripping down barricades to reach last year’s wounded. Just wondering, but does the Herald believe Memorial Day and July 4th “glorify war” and will they cover it just to sell papers and make money?

A personal point of pride was seeing Joel McCarthy Jr. finish the marathon. The entire town joins with Debbie and Joel McCarthy with pride and thanks for their son’s safe return from the Mid-East duty with the U. S. Army. Born raised and a product of South Boston, Joel was beaming as he finished the last leg on Boylston Street wearing the stars and stripes running shorts. His pride was doubled by the pride we have for him and the respect he gave his hometown and his country. Welcome home.

Finally, even though it’s a waste of trees and ink I’ve been asked to write about the upcoming reunion for the class of ’67, ’68, and ’69. It’s a waste because it’s hard to believe there are that many old people still around. I got a lot of double promotions that’s the only reason I’m involved. I’m a lot younger than these seniors. However, just in case, Saturday April 26, 6:30 Florian Hall, $50 per person. No senior discounts. Cocktails at 6:30 and ‘walkers’ are available. 

Take care till next week.
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: Food for Thought

Bigger and better seems to be the American way: hair, high heels, cars, homes, plates. Excess is the approach to much that we do, personally and professionally. All or nothing. What about those that have nothing though? Sure I go without. But solely trivial and unnecessary items. This week is for many April school vacation week. A time to unwind, relax and have some fun. But what about those children that rely on two square meals a day received at their place of education? What do they do this week? Why do they go without? How can they enjoy when they are constantly reminded of how hungry they are? The Walk for Hunger is over a week away, but it’s never too early to start helping. The summer is fast approaching and the City of Boston has some great meal programs for our youth but education is key. Take a few minutes to research ways in which you can help and click on the links below to contribute in any way you can.

No Kid Hungry: End Childhood Hunger at the Taste of the Nation Boston, Tuesday 04/29
ce.strength.org/events/tastenation-boston
nokidhungry.org
Walk for Hunger: Walk & Donate, Sunday 05/04/check Facebook, many SB residents are taking on this challenge

Stepping Out: ArtWeek SOUTH Boston

Colors are awash up and down the boulevards, ways and streets: splashes of brights and lights galore. Southie has been waiting for spring and was fully ready to embrace it head on. These past couple of weeks have sparked an energy that is electric. You can feel it with each step, see it in each smile and hear it in each laugh. I am certainly feeling reborn and ready. Friday April 25th kicks off ArtWeek Boston, a weeklong celebration of everything-art in Boston. Through spoken word, physical representation and ingestion, Southie is always “artsy”. The talent and opportunity to view the final products are so abundant, I take it for granted and don’t take enough advantage of events that happen on an almost weekly basis. So shake off those winter cobwebs and use this fabulous weather as an excuse to make up for lost time.

Thursday, 04/24
FPAC: Reception and Opening for Spring Open Studios 2014 at Fort Point Arts Community Gallery, 300 Summer Street, 5-7pm
facebook.com/events/266466200201182/
Friday 04/25
B.U.M.P.: Boston’s Unscripted Musical Project, Catalyst Comedy, 50 Melcher Street, 8-10pm
eventbrite.com/e/boston-uns scripted-musical-project-tickets-8573951921
Saturday 04/26
LAUGH Boston: 4th Annual Laffenhaus Beer & Comedy Festival, LAUGH Boston, 1pm
laffhausenbeerandcomedyfestival.com
LAUSH: Opening Reception, Atlantic Wharf, 5-7pm
facebook.com/events/636308379755698/
Thursday 05/01
Art on the Marquee: Opening Reception, B Cec, 6:30-8:30pm
artonthermarquee.com
Fashion Project: Fashion Project Sale, 326 A Street, 5pm - 9pm
fashionproject.com
***artweekboston.org/locations:
Additional special events happening in South Boston in collaboration with ArtWeek Boston***
Embrace All Of The Southie Senses: Some events to bring together neighbors and friends this weekend:

**Touch: Hit the Ground Running**
Here’s your chance to get moving and motivated and ready for Boston 2015. There are a few weekly running events that happen in Southie open to all. Meet The Running Club every Tuesday at District Hall @6:30 for 6.9. The South Boston Running Emporium has frequent Saturday AM and Wednesday PM runs. And there is a Seaport Beer Run, 6.2 miles, every Saturday that starts at Boston Fish Pier and ends at the Harpoon Brewery. Strength in numbers!
facebook.com/pages/South-Boston-Running-Emporium/1212434012511440
mapmyrun.com/routes/view/342890759
cityrunningtours.com

**See: Bright-Eyed and Bushy Tailed**
Be up with the sun Sunday April 27th and join others for the ASCRS Foundation’s Run for Sight 5k Run/1 Mile Walk, which starts at 6:30am. Raise awareness, money AND eyebrows (because Lord knows you are never up that early) for those in need of special sight surgeries. Register:
eventbrite.com/e/run-for-sight-registration-10124585909

**Taste: Spoken Word**
April is National Poetry Month. Head down to District Hall Tuesday 04/29 and poets will be reading prose from Like One: Poems for Boston (published to raise money for the One Fund) and their own books, in the Lounge. Afterward, grab a beer and a bite at Gather and let your creative juices flow.
grubstreet.org/musc/lit-week-2014/tuesday-april-29th/

**Smell: Brownies?**
Girls Scouts are back in Southie. And no, not the cookies. The Brownies: the Curley Community Center is hosting an 8-week Girl Scout program for Brownies that starts this Tuesday 04/29 at 5:30pm. The program is for girls in 2nd-5th grades and engages the youth in activities that promote value in oneself, leadership and community action and involvement.

**Hear: Strummin’**
Salvatore’s on the Waterfront presents us with a happier hump day. Geo performs live music every Wednesday at 9pm. With better weather and longer nights these sweet sounds paired with some suds and sips and the weekend will creep that much closer.
eventbrite.com/e/live-music-wednesdays-at-salvatores-tickets-11359226753

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Department of Conservation & Recreation: 8th Annual Park Serve Day
Clean up our beaches with Mass DCR & State Representative Nick Collins this Saturday April 26th. web1.env.state.ma.us/DCR/Parkserve/parks.aspx

**Locations:**
- The Lagoon: meet at Murphy Memorial Rink in South Boston, 10:00am to Noon
- Carson Beach: Meet at the Bathhouse at Carson Beach, 165 William J. Day Blvd., 10am-2:00pm
Pope John Paul II and Pope John XXIII To Be Canonized
Former Ambassador Ray Flynn to Attend

Though Easter Week is now behind us, there is huge news in regard to the Christian Faith and in particular the Catholic Church. This coming Sunday, two beloved former Popes, Pope John Paul II and Pope John XXIII will be ‘Canonized’ in Rome at the Vatican by current Pope Francis. There will be Services all this week leading up to the day of the ceremonies and crowds of worshipers are expected to number into the millions hoping to be part of this event. To canonize a person means to be Sainted or Made a Saint.

Pope John Paul II is remembered for among many other things as helping, along with President Ronald Reagan, to bring down communism and Pope John XXIII is remembered as the Pope of Kindness.

South Bostonian Ray Flynn, the former Mayor of Boston and US Ambassador to the Vatican, appointed by President Clinton, left for Rome earlier this week and will be on hand at the Vatican itself to be part of the ceremony. Flynn, while Vatican Ambassador, developed a close personal and professional relationship with Pope John Paul II. He will join what is expected to be at least 19 heads of state and perhaps as many as 24 prime ministers from around the world at the Canonization Ceremony which will be held in St. Peter’s Square.

Ambassador Flynn, along with former President of Poland Lech Walesa, has been chosen to lead a discussion by the Newsmax News Agency on the historic career of Pope John Paul II. They will both be introduced by Michael Reagan, the former president’s son. Also among the delegation will be former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich.

Flynn was quoted as saying that “No two people were more responsible for the fall of Communism than President Reagan and Pope John Paul II.” Flynn went on to say that Polish Solidarity leader and president “Lech Walesa stood up for the Polish labor movement.” He also recalled the strong support from the International Longshoreman’s Association (ILA), and their courageous support against communism in the 1970’s. “Boston and New York Longshoremen, led by Teddy Gleason, the ILA President, helped change world history and the world should acknowledge this defining chapter in modern history.” “President Reagan and the longshoremen, with the economic boycott of Russian cargo ships in Boston and New York, changed the world for the better,” Flynn told the international conference at the Vatican. “The dock workers of South Boston, Charlestown and East Boston were world heroes. I admire the ILA and I’m proud of my father Stephen for his association with the ILA and I’m proud to be one of them too. I’ve known Cardinal Wojtyla since 1969 and I admired President Reagan for his courageous support for democracy in Poland and throughout Europe”

Flynn concluded, It was nearly 35 years ago when Pope John Paul II, on his trip to the United States, made a special visit to South Boston to the thrill of thousands who flocked to what is now called Moakley Park, back then called Columbus Park, to meet and greet the people of this community, as well as the throngs of visitors who came to our neighborhood to get a glimpse of and wave to ‘El Papa’. The entire City of Boston rolled out the welcome mat and, along with South Boston’s streets, was decorated in brilliant colors and with well-wishing signs in the windows of hundreds of homes.”

This Sunday’s Canonization in Rome will be traditionally massive and festive as well as being solemn at times as the unique and personal style of Pope Francis will be reflected in all the preparations. This according to Vatican spokes people.

DCR TRAFFIC & PARKING ADVISORY
Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation Race for Research

WHAT: On Saturday, April 26, 2014, the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) will close William J. Day Boulevard in South Boston to all traffic to accommodate the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation Race for Research on William J. Day Boulevard. All four lanes on Day Blvd will be used for the race. Traffic will be detoured to adjacent roadways: Columbia Road, Farragut Road and Shore Road will serve as a route to Castle Island. Parking will also be prohibited along the Day Boulevard.

WHEN: Saturday, April 26, 2014

WHERE: Day Boulevard will be closed from Kosciousko Circle to Farragut Road from 7:30 am to approximately 9:00 am.

There will be no parking on Day Boulevard from I Street to Farragut Road from Friday April 25, 2014 at 10:00 pm — Saturday April 26 at approx. 9:30 am.

Temporary overnight parking for residents with a valid City of Boston South Boston Resident Parking Sticker will be provided at the angled parking spots located between Shore Road and the Castle Island parking lot beginning at 10:00 pm on Friday April 25, 2014. This temporary parking area will be staffed and vehicles will be checked for resident parking stickers.

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South Boston Resident, Mike Rubino Chairs Heart Challenge

The American Heart Association, the nation’s oldest and largest voluntary health organization dedicated to fighting heart disease and stroke, is pleased to announce Mike Rubino, CFO of Digital Lumens, as chair of the organization’s newest charity event, the Heart Challenge 5K Obstacle Trail Run. The new event will be held on Saturday, May 10th and is already piquing the interest of fitness fans and obstacle race enthusiasts across the region.

As an avid athlete, personally affected by heart disease, the event was of particular interest to Rubino, who suffered sudden cardiac arrest in 2012. Rubino had just finished a light jog with a local boot camp when the instructor realized Mike was in trouble, unresponsive and with only a faint pulse. After directing others to call for help she immediately began performing CPR until EMTs arrived.

Mike says it was the quick thinking and action of his instructor that saved his life. “I know most sudden cardiac arrest victims do not receive CPR soon enough and the survival rate is a dismal 11 percent nationwide,” said Rubino. “I was fortunate to have the right people around me at the right time. Now it’s time to help the American Heart Association save more lives, by raising funds that will benefit research, education and advocacy.”

As chair, Rubino is encouraging all individuals, families, friends and corporations to create a team and participate in the exciting new event that will help raise funds for the American Heart Association while challenging participant’s strength, agility and balance as they make their way through the obstacles and rugged terrain! Rubino explained that obstacles will not consist of any mud pits, but rather military style training equipment.

“The course has been designed to be completed by anyone that can run a 5K,” said Rubino. “It’s a fun opportunity to get in a challenging workout alongside family and friends while supporting the mission of the American Heart Association.”

The Heart Challenge will be held at Prowse Farm, 5 Blue Hill River Road in Canton. The event will begin at 9am with heats going off every 15 minutes after that. A post-race celebration for all participants and attendees will include live music by rock cover band, Usually Normal and picnic catered by Del Frisco’s.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING ON SITE CLEAN-UP ACTIVITIES

September 2013 – April 2014

OFF-TERMINAL AREAS
935 East First Street, South Boston
RTN 3-00257

Coastal Oil New England, Inc. (CONE)

Tuesday, May 13th, 7:00 PM

As part of the Public Involvement Plan process for the site at 935 East First Street, CONE will host a public information meeting about remediation and assessment activities for this site. The site is known as Release Tracking Number (RTN) 3-00257 by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection. The purpose of this meeting is to provide information on the continued cleanup of the site pursuant to the Massachusetts Contingency Plan (MCP).

The meeting will be held at the Curley Community Center, 1663 Columbia Road, South Boston, on Tuesday May 13th, 2014 @ 7:00 PM. Please use the M Street entrance. This meeting will only address the Off-Terminal areas. PIP meetings for the On-Terminal portions of the site (i.e. 900 East First Street) are scheduled and held separately by Massport.

Copies of assessment and remediation documents produced during the last six months (including the recent September Remedy Operations Status Report) are available for review at the Northeast Regional Office of the Department of Environmental Protection or on-line at http://public.dep.state.ma.us/wsc_viewer/.

Interested parties may also submit written questions or concerns to Michael Stiller, LSP at URS Corporation, 101 Federal Street, Boston, MA 02110 or by e-mail at michael.stiller@urs.com.
Thousands Turnout for Easter Masses and Services in South Boston

It was a cool day but the sun was shining brightly for Easter Sunday 2014 as thousands attended Masses and Services in South Boston to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Many churches reported standing room only crowds for what is believed to be perhaps a record number of worshipers even for this Holiest of days on the Christian calendar.

It started off early with the Sunrise Mass at Castle Island where throngs gathered on the grass near Fort Independence as the dawn broke and the sun rose from the East. This year, there was also a Sunrise Easter Service at Carson Beach. These early Masses and Services provide a beautiful and unique religious experience. Then, throughout the rest of the morning and into the afternoon the church bells rang all over the community calling the faithful to be part of the celebratory Christian tradition that gathers so many families, neighbors and friends to hear the word of God.

So crowded was the 10:30am Mass at the large St. Brigid Church it prompted new resident Jason Sinkus to comment in amazement: “My wife and I got to the church on time; maybe even with a couple of minutes to spare and we still could not find a seat. It was a beautiful sight to see so many people attending church together. Standing was no problem for us at all.” From City Point to the Lower End of Southie and almost everywhere in between it was much the same story as some of the Services were literally packed.

In addition to the religious gatherings, South Boston was the place to be for kids in search of Easter Egg treasures There were organized egg hunts in several locations on both Easter Sunday and Holy Saturday. The excited voices could be heard throughout the day as children were filling their baskets with the goodies left by the Easter Bunny himself.

Rounding off the day were numerous gatherings of families and good friends in homes all around town enjoying each other’s company over sumptuous brunches and dinners to make this one of the most beautiful Easter holidays in memory. To sum it up - It was spiritual and it was fun. What could be better?

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DCR PARK SERVE DAY THIS SATURDAY AT FARRAGUT PARK

This Saturday, April 26, 2014, the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) will be hosting its Annual Park Serve Day. Since taking office, Rep. Nick Collins and Sen. Linda Dorcena Forry have partnered with the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) and McCourt Construction to organize the projects in South Boston.

This year’s Park Serve Day will take place this Saturday from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm at Farragut Park. Volunteers will work on the park, baseball field and softball field to help prepare Farragut for the summer season. A BBQ for volunteers and community members will take place at noon following the cleanup. All are welcome.

“I want to thank McCourt Construction for partnering with the State to make sure our ball fields are in tip top shape for players and families of South Boston Little League and South Boston Girls Softball,” said Rep. Collins. “I am looking forward to rolling up the sleeves and getting to work!”

The DCR Park Serve Day is entering its eighth year in organizing thousands of volunteers have worked to improve park facilities, clean beaches, plant flowers and maintain trails across the Commonwealth. For more information, call 617-626-4973.

SWANS RETURN TO THE PUBLIC GARDEN APRIL 30

Mayor Martin J. Walsh and Interim Boston Parks Commissioner Chris Cook will welcome Boston’s most famous waterfowl back during the 26th Annual Return of the Swans celebration in the Public Garden on Wednesday, April 30. The festivities begin with entertainment at 11 a.m.

“I’m looking forward to seeing Romeo and Juliet off as they return to the Public Garden lagoon for the season,” Mayor Walsh noted. “We recently launched the Swan Boats and now the real swans will join them – it’s a sure sign that summer is on the way in Boston.”

After wintering at the Franklin Park Zoo, Romeo and Juliet will reside for the summer in the Public Garden. The swans will be returned to the lagoon following a parade that begins at the Beacon and Charles Street corner of the park near the Make Way for Ducklings statue.

Carts beautifully decorated by Boston’s Winston Flowers will help usher the swans to the release site. Led by a brass band, the parade will continue to the George Washington Statue at the Commonwealth Avenue/Arlington Street entrance, over the pedestrian bridge, and end on the Boylston Street side of the lagoon for the official Return of the Swans ceremony.

The accompanying entertainment program, sponsored in part by the Friends of the Public Garden, begins at 11 a.m. The celebration will include a brass band, face painters, readings of Make Way for Ducklings led by the Boston Park Rangers, and children’s activities presented by the Four Seasons Hotel Boston.

In-kind sponsors H.P. Hood LLC and the Four Seasons Hotel Boston will provide cookies and tasty treats. For more information, please call the Boston Parks and Recreation Department at (617) 635-4505 or visit the Department on Facebook.
SOUTH BOSTON YOUTH SOCCER REGISTRATION

May 5 through 10

This year we have added on a WEB site for all info. It is www.southbostonyouthsoccer.com. You can get a registration form for players and coaches online AND PRINT IT OUT, but you must bring them to the Curley Recreation Center after you fill them out and pay your fee.

You cannot register online. We do not want this personal info about the kids online.

Registration for the Fall season will be held each day of the week of MAY 5 through the 10th from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm and 9 am to 12 noon on Saturday the 10th at the Curley Recreation Center on Day Blvd. (L Street Bath House) in the senior’s card room.

Children from the ages 3 to 18 are invited to register now for the Fall program. A new division of 3 and 4 year olds has been added to the program. Age groups with birth years for 2014 season are as follows:

- 4 and under - 2010, 2011
- 6 and under - 2008, 2009
- 8 and under - 2006, 2007
- 10 and under - 2004, 2005
- 12 and under - 2002, 2003

New players to the program must have a copy of birth certificates and proof of residency in order to play in the program. Anybody who does not sign up at this time will be put on a waiting list with no guarantee that there will be a place for them in the program.

There will be no other registrations held. This is the only one so if you want your child to play in the fall program than you must sign them up NOW.

The fee for this year is $30.00 per player. As usual we need coaches to make the program work and this year we will be holding a mandatory coaching clinic in order to improve the quality of play by the kids. The dates, location and time of the clinic have not been set yet and we will publish them in this newspaper when they are and send an e-mail to all coaches. We also are in need of referees, so if you have the time and would like to help the kids out then you should come down and register also. There is no fee for coaches or referees but you must fill out a CORI background check form to be allowed to coach or referee.

The season is scheduled to open on Thursday September 4th with our annual Parade Of CHAMPIONS and the games will start on Saturday September 6th with the under 10, 12, 18 age groups scheduled. The under 4, 6 and 8 age groups will be starting play on Sunday September 7th. Of course all of this happens only if we have the people to coach and referee the games. You do not have to have a child in the program to coach or referee. We need all the help we can get. The banquet location has been shifted to the Boys and Girls Club at 230 West Sixth St. for Saturday November 22nd. But this might change as the Club is planning to begin construction and we may have to find another location. We will inform you of any changes or you can check our new web site: SOUTHBOSTONYOUTHSOCCER.COM

So remember tell all your friends about these dates for soccer registration and put it on facebook, and anywhere else you want to, so that they will not lose out on the fun of playing in the program. Remember the whole idea behind the soccer program is for the kids to have “FUN,FUN,FUN”. See you at registration and if you have any questions or would like to sponsor a team or help out in any way at all you can call Billy Baker at 617-269-7930.

Boston’s Sports History at the South Boston Historical Society

Did you know that the first athlete to win medals in the modern Olympics was from South Boston? In 1896 at Athens Greece, James Brendan Connolly, from E and Gold Streets, won the silver medal (then the highest award) in the triple jump, and came in second in the high jump.

Come to the next meeting of the South Boston Historical Society, April 28, 6:30 p.m. at the South Boston Library to hear more about James Connolly and other athletes memorialized in statues. James Nelson, former athletic director at Suffolk University, will tell the stories behind Boston’s sports memorials and statues. Jim Nelson was Suffolk’s basketball coach from 1976 to 1995, and director of athletics from 1978 until his retirement in 2013. He took a sabbatical from Suffolk to play professional basketball in Greece in the early 1970s. He is a member of the National Association of Basketball Coaches, and was chairman of the NCAA Division III Basketball Committee. The New England Basketball Coaches Association presented him with the Alvin “Doggie” Julian Award, given to a coach “who enhances the game of basketball by his contribution,” in 2006.

Nelson is an avid historian of Boston sports and culture, and a gifted story-teller. Learn about the history of Boston with this virtual tour of our sporting monuments. Refreshments available.

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DANNY PICARD: [On Monday], Clay Buchholz was obviously the story after the Red Sox loss to the Baltimore Orioles. You were in the clubhouse. After this game, what was he saying, and what was the feeling in the clubhouse about what happened to him on Marathon Monday?

BRIAN MACPHERSON: Some of the talk was about missed location, about not quite executing pitches. There was some talk about how he didn’t establish the fastball early enough, which was part of the game plan. The Orioles are a free-swinging fastball-hitting team, so what they decided to do instead was to try and mix it up from the get-go. But what happened later on was that they had already seen the cutter and the curveball and the changeup and the splitter, so then they hit those the second time through. It seems like an overly-simplistic explanation, or at least kind of missing the point, which is, his power is not there, his velocity is till not there, the crispness of his secondary stuff is still not there. So it’s still a concern. Some of those hits were down the line, some of those hits were kind of in-between defenders that sometimes get scooped up. But he’s still giving up solid contact. This was more reminiscent of his first start, when he gave up a lot of solid contact and doubles up the gap, all those sorts of things. And it still has to be concerning that he’s throwing at 89-90, and he’s not getting swings and misses with his secondary stuff. Nothing that he’s doing makes him look like the dominant Clay Buchholz of old.

DP: As you see Buchholz have that tough outing [on Monday against the Orioles], was any part of you thinking, “Wow, maybe there’s something wrong with this guy, health-wise”?

I know he says that his arm strength isn’t there, and you’re right on the money with the velocity issue, because that’s a big part of it. When he doesn’t have that velocity, he doesn’t have the movement on his pitches. And when he has that good fastball, we’ve seen that movement, tailing off to the right, that’s a big pitch for him, and it makes his secondary pitches better. But he doesn’t have that velocity, so everything else struggles after that. Did any part of you watch him [on Monday], see a lack of velocity, hear the arm-strength issue, and say to yourself, “There might be a health concern with Buchholz”?

BM: I don’t know how you don’t think that. There’s a lot of talk about elbows now. There’s a lot made of Tommy John surgery. Matt Moore went down and Ivan Nova went down. All these guys across the game. Elbows can be repaired. But shoulders are a lot more critical to a pitcher’s health. And shoulders can be what really short-circuits careers. I believe that’s what happened to Johan Santana, Brandon Webb, those guys who kind of fell off the table very quickly. That’s what you kind of start seeing with Clay Buchholz. You have to start worrying about the fact that he missed two months last year with a shoulder injury. And his arm strength still isn’t there. His shoulder strength doesn’t seem to be there. They’ve tried to bring him along slowly. They’ve tried to do whatever they can. But, at the same time, shoulders are a big deal. Shoulders are a pitcher’s livelihood. And if his velocity isn’t there, I don’t know that it’s coming back. He’s got to figure out how to pitch with it. But, at this point, yeah, there’s something physical. Whether it’s an injury, or whether it’s just a loss of strength in that shoulder, I don’t know how you would separate the two. It doesn’t seem like it’s an injury, per say, but his shoulder is certainly not what it was a year ago at this time, when it looked like he was en route to the All-Star Game.

DP: Yeah, that did not look good [on Monday] for Buchholz. But would you agree that before that first start against the Orioles, there were some encouraging things out of his previous few outings? Would you agree with that?

BM: Yeah, there were encouraging things, but I mean, it’s still Clay Buchholz we’re talking about. And six innings and three runs, or, six innings and two runs and three strikeouts is not what you’re expecting out of a healthy and effective Clay Buchholz. So, yeah, there were certainly reasons for optimism, but, you’re still seeing no signs of that dominant Clay Buchholz of old, where that changeup is just making people look silly and that curveball is making people look silly. And now, basically, his cutter is his best pitch. That cutter was new a couple years ago, and he’s not blowing the fastball by people. The cutter is getting some swings and misses, but other than that, his stuff just doesn’t look like it used to.

DP: I don’t want to sit here and try to make up excuses for the guy all afternoon, but, you know, it’s still tough for a pitcher to get up for an 11 a.m. start, doesn’t it?

BM: Yeah, it’s a weird circumstance. It’s sort of like, Jake Peavy’s couple of rough outings were after the [World Series] ring ceremony and then the Boston Marathon ceremony on Sunday night. It’s the same sort of idea, that pitchers are such creatures of habit, creatures of routine. And it’s really difficult for pitchers, when they get out of that routine, whether it’s throwing extra days or having to get up for an 11 a.m. start, you’re used to having all day to kind of go through your routine and get ready for it, and instead, he’s pitching at 11 in the morning. Yeah, he slept over at Fenway Park [Sunday night], and whether that was the right
idea or not, it’s hard to say because being caught in traffic trying to get to your start, or getting up at 6 a.m. is not ideal either, all those things. So yeah, it certainly wasn’t ideal, and if this was one bad start in a vacuum, you could chalk it up to that. But it certainly hasn’t been that. It’s been a rough start overall for Buchholz.

**DP:** As we await the return of Shane Victorino and Will Middlebrooks, Brock Holt has been playing pretty damn good at third base for this team. I mean, he even led off [on Monday]. What do they see with Brock Holt and his future? Can earn any sort of spot at some point? I think third base should automatically go back to Middlebrooks, but, what do you see in Holt’s future in this organization after the way he’s been playing lately?

**BM:** You don’t want to change too much about the way the organization evaluates a guy, based on just a couple of games. But, this is a guy they liked when they acquired him along with Joel Hanrahan from Pittsburgh. They made it clear at that time that he wasn’t just a random throw-in, but that he was a guy they liked as well. What he’s shown [in his first couple games] so far has been a terrific plate approach. That’s been this biggest thing. He’s played nice defense at third base. But the big thing is, yeah, they led him off because they really like the way he works counts and he fits right in with their lineup with his plate approach. Middlebrooks is still going to be the starter at third base. You don’t make that change based on Brock Holt having three good games, but, you wonder if Holt can earn himself the utility infielder’s spot in place of Jonathan Herrera, just because Holt might be a guy that you feel more comfortable starting, than you do Herrera. Holt could start once or twice a week, fill in for Middlebrooks against an extra-tough righty, or play for Xander Bogaerts once in a while, that sort of thing. If they feel like he can handle shortstop, defensively, that was the big thing coming out of spring training, that, if he could improve defensively, maybe he could win that spot as a utility infielder and gets a crack at playing once or twice a week.

**DP:** When Victorino comes back, are we looking at him as the everyday lead-off guy? What will the lineup look like when he returns?

**BM:** John Farrell always liked him as a two-hitter. That’s where he hit most of last year. It was Ellsbury, Victorino, Pedroia, and Ortiz. Pedroia’s mostly hit second this year like he had before last year. I don’t know if they hit Sizemore there more. So maybe Victorino does become the lead-off hitter if Daniel Nava is not around anymore. Maybe that’s the move. Otherwise, if they’d rather lead-off Sizemore when he’s in there, then Victorino probably hits second and bumps everyone else back down.
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