



## Revised Parade Route For St Patrick's Day/ Evacuation Day Parade

**SOUTH BOSTON TODAY**  
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For the past three weeks and up to press time members of the South Boston Allied War Veterans Council have been surveying the parade route including walking both sidewalks. The results are not shocking. It remains treacherous. Most pathways force pedestrians to walk single file in one direction. Our streets have been reduced to one way status. Hundreds of cars on the route are immovable blocks of ice. The scene is repeated throughout the city.

Nevertheless we all need a break a reason to end our cabin fever. The

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# EDITORIAL “Winter Heroes”

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY  
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As the winter finally comes to an end, a few of the season’s heroes deserve mention.

Brendan Roche of the West Ninth Housing Development was singled out by his grateful residents for his efforts at snow removal. At no point more than 4 hours, during the entire winter, were the sidewalks and pathways under snow. The pavement remained clear. An Army of Brendans would have been needed to clear the parade route.

Nevertheless, the unions, specifically pipefitters, tin knockers and carpenters, are to be hailed for volunteering to attempt to clear the route.

Our last heroes mentioned are Jimbo Curran, Tommy Connors and Danny Long. When others around were

wringing their hands these three, along with the 4th Musketeer Peter Welch determined that weather would not deter the unselfish generation to training and guiding Southie’s youth whom they have always been committed to. That means Friday night beginning at 6:00pm down at Peter Welch’s Gym on Dorchester Ave., the annual St. Patrick’s Day boxing show will go on as scheduled.

Finally at Woods “L” St. Tavern from 5-7 on Sat. March 7, a “time” will be held for Kevin Conroy, this year’s Parade Chief Marshall, who has been faithfully promoting our special day throughout the winter.

All these folks have worked hard to bring you the best celebration possible.

Please make every effort to attend and do your part in being one of this winter’s heroes.



*“I have no regrets. I’m ready to meet my creator and account for every shot I took” - Chris Kyle: American Sniper/American Hero*

## Last Week’s Poll

### Last Week’s Poll Results – Your Thoughts On The Space Saver 48 Hour Rule!

Should the 48 hour space-saver rule be enforced given the unprecedented nature of this year’s snowfall

**Yes 27% / No 73%**



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## What! There Was No Rioting When They Came For The Space Savers?

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It was hilarious watching the convoy of news media vans descending on our neighborhood this week to see the reaction to the announced removal by the city of parking space savers. We're not sure exactly what they were expecting to film. Were they hoping for riots, pitched battles, residents chaining themselves to their chairs and barrels? Asked one clearly disappointed reporter, "No one seems too upset, why?" Silly reporters, South Bostonians take this issue in stride and are way ahead of the game. Those who don't care if their space savers are taken just let them go. Those who have no intention of giving up their spots will just wait until the city truck goes by and put them back. Others use it as an opportunity to get rid of items

like old TV's, computer monitors and half empty paint cans that the city won't take on regular collection days. This is a long established game that people in this town play better than anyone else.

From the feedback many people are giving regarding the St. Patrick's Day/Evacuation Day parade, it would seem that more locals than ever hope that it will NOT be held this year. Interesting development!

Well done to Governor Charlie Baker for booting Jonathan Gruber from the Massachusetts Health Connector Board. Most remember the infamous Mr. Gruber for his statement saying that American voters were "too stupid" to understand how bad Obamacare was going to be when it was implemented. Well Gruber, who's

stupid now? Those condescending words will haunt you forever.

We all know it's the season to file our income taxes. Here's a question for you. What do you think would happen to you if you decided not to file your taxes; not just on time but not at all? How about this? What do you think the IRS would do if they found out that you tried to get a refund without ever having paid your taxes or didn't even work and still wanted money? If/when they caught up with you, you could be looking at some serious trouble with some hefty fines, right? Well it seems that only applies to citizens in 2015. Reports just came out this week, confirmed by the fairly new head of the IRS, that the agency is actually defending its decision to grant illegal aliens tax

refunds, whether they worked or not, paid taxes or not. Furthermore, they could be looking at getting retroactive money; thousands of dollars, from as far back as three years AND then receive social security numbers. If this sounds like a 'way out in RIGHT field' conspiracy or antigovernment theory, it would be nice if that's all it was. But it happens to be fact and it's probably going to come to pass. Check it out using any source you want. We can thank Washington for this - and let's be honest here - it's due primarily to the actions of members of the Democratic Party in DC. And here's the kicker: We, as citizens, are going to pay for it with our tax dollars.

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### BAKER BUDGET TO CALL FOR \$40M INCREASE AT DCF

Spending at the Department of Children and Families would climb by \$40 million under the budget proposal Gov. Charlie Baker intends to file on Wednesday with a boost to maintain increased social worker staffing levels and bolster family resource centers. Baker's budget will propose to increase total spending at the agency, which has been under close scrutiny after lapses in oversight of children under state custody, to over \$900 million, from \$871.3 million, according to an official familiar with the budget. The proposed increase comes on top of an additional \$35 million Baker has requested from the Legislature in a mid-year spending bill filed last

week for fiscal 2015. In addition to the \$29.2 million increase in the general appropriation for DCF, Baker's budget will call for an additional \$10.7 million to be spent on supportive child care. Sprinkling increases throughout the 13 line-items in the budget that deal with DCF programming, the governor will propose \$8.9 million to "sustain" 113 social workers hired in fiscal 2015, \$4.5 million in administrative spending in part to hire four new employees to conduct background checks and five new paralegals and \$2.2 million for family resource centers. - Matt Murphy/SHNS

### GUN OWNERS TURN TO LEGISLATURE AFTER STUN GUN RULING

A statewide gun owners group plans to

pursue legislation after the Bay State's high court upheld a ban on private possession of a stun gun. The defendant in the case, Jamie Caetano, claimed the ban violated her Second Amendment right to bear arms. But Supreme Judicial Court Justice Francis Spina wrote that stun guns are a "thoroughly modern invention" that do not fall under the Second Amendment, and said the question of whether possession is lawful is a "matter for the Legislature." Jim Wallace, executive director of the Gun Owners' Action League (GOAL), said 42 U.S. states do not have restrictions on stun guns. "It is ridiculous to limit the ways someone can protect themselves - especially victims of abuse and violence," Wallace said in a statement. "We at GOAL want to ensure that all means of self-defense are available in the Commonwealth and will seek a legislative remedy to this ruling." In the court case, Caetano said she needed the stun gun for self-defense against a violent former boyfriend. - Gintautas Dumcius/SHNS

### LINEHAN TO CHAIR COUNCIL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE

Boston City Council President Bill Linehan will head up a special Boston City Council committee on the 2024 Summer Olympics, with its first hearing scheduled for this Friday, his office said. The committee meets at 10:30 a.m. in City Hall, with a presentation from Boston 2024, the nonprofit pushing for Boston to host the 2024 Olympics, on the agenda. Aside from Linehan, a South Boston councilor, the other committee members are City Councilor At-Large Michelle Wu, Allston Brighton Councilor Mark Ciommo, Dorchester Councilors Frank Baker and Tito Jackson, Hyde Park Councilor Timothy McCarthy, and West Roxbury Councilor Matt O'Malley. The committee will review the feasibility and economic impact of hosting the games and their impact on city neighborhoods. "Boston does not need the games, but I have to ask the question 'Why can't

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veterans, the military itself, border security, senior citizens and an endless list of other vital needs. Yet, Washington doesn't seem to care. Perks for illegals is a priority to them and to Hell with what the American public says. The US Senator from Iowa, Charles Grassley (R), has begun the process to file a bill that would prohibit this from happening but it remains to be seen if Senator Grassley will be successful. So when you do finally file your taxes, if you haven't already and if you either feel you should have gotten more of a refund or been charged less if you have to pay, just think of how much better off many of you would be if the IRS gave you all the perks and incentives they give to those who illegally sneak across our borders and flaunt our country's laws while you/we must obey those laws or face arrest.

This week, Washington was also the scene of the controversial speech before Congress of Israeli leader Benjamin Netanyahu. The White House is in a bitter, petty rage; acting less mature than spoiled elementary school kids as Netanyahu was invited by Congress to speak to America and warn about the dangerous deal in the making with Iran over its nuclear weapons program. Polls show that a majority of Americans support the Israeli leader's visit and speech and have a favorable opinion of him as well as of Israel itself. When he did speak, Congress gave him rousing standing ovations all the way through his speech. Israel is fortunate to have a leader who genuinely loves America and has no hesitation in doing whatever is needed to protect his own country from hostile enemies. Unfortunately for Americans, it seems that since January of 2009, we no longer do. Hang in there America, we have less than two years left of this regime in DC. We will survive.

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# Reading Between The Lines

*“The Heights”* The second of a 3-part series on the History of Evacuation Day

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The British conducted their last and most destructive raid into South Boston (Dorchester Neck) on February 13, 1776, burning houses and property of the Blake, Wiswell and Foster families among others. This time however, the Americans responded with 300 mounted troops, causing the British to flee in their longboats. It was this raid which seems to have been the final straw. Washington had been advocating for a frontal assault across the ice from Cambridge and Roxbury. His military council disagreed and after his final council of war on February 26, Washington wrote, “I am preparing to take a position on Dorchester Heights to see if the enemy will come out to meet me.” He had reversed course and decided the Americans would fight from fortified positions and force the British to make the frontal assault.

On the morning of March 2, the Americans opened a three-day bombardment of the British in Boston. Under an advance protective screen of 800 infantry, 2,000 artillery men began their stealthy advance into South Boston. With muffled horses’ hooves and wagon wheels, this column began to snake its way up the “Turnpike” (Dorchester Street). Reaching the area of today’s “Telegraph Street”, nine cannons for three artillery batteries were muscled up to the peak of the “Twin Hill.”

The column continued up the “Turnpike” until it reached today’s Perkins Square area. There, a sloping hill began to rise, extending west toward the West Broadway parking lot and north toward Dorchester Street and Emerson

Street. This hill was known as “Leek’s Hill” and was designated for 7 cannons. Emerson Street, the second of South Boston’s original remaining streets, was called the “way to the Castle” and extended all the way to the east shore (Farragut Road). The column moved on this road to roughly “M” & East Fourth Street. At this point, six cannons were dragged up to “Bush Tree Hill” where their muzzles towered menacingly over the British warships at anchor. The last leg of the eastern march ended at Dorchester Point where a single three-gun battery was placed.

Back at “Leek’s Hill”, 700 men and 10 cannons skirted the western base and followed “Pulaski Ave.” to West Third Street. This third and final road was known as the “Way to the Nook.” This road reached, straight as an arrow, to the 125 foot high “Nook Hill” located at today’s “B” & West Third Street. This hill was closest to British positions and warship anchorage so presented the most danger to the British. At the same time, its nearness made it the most exposed to British fire. It was decided by the Americans to fortify this hill last.

The cannon’s movement and the actual construction of their fortifications was a master stroke itself. Besides wrapping hooves and wheels in rags to muffle sounds, the Americans took a number of pre-emptive measures that led directly to victory.

The crossing into the “Neck” would have been under the eyes and guns of the British, particularly the “Green” artillery position located on a rise at today’s Berkeley and Washington Streets intersection.

The American created a “Blind” or a wall that would cover their movements by twisting and weaving hay. This was called “Screwed Straw”. Washington, for weeks, had his troops out in the “Wilderness” of Dorchester collecting thin tree branches and kindling. This was used to build “Fascine” or walls around cannon positions; usually by digging a trench and combing dirt and branches to make those protective walls. The frozen ground plus the need for secrecy made digging impossible. The solution

was called, “chandelier”. These were simply 10 by 4 foot skeletal wooden tubs. Light, mobile, easily moved into position around the cannons, filled with the “Fascinies” and immediately turned into sturdy defensive walls.

During the next three days, the men labored to erect defenses while the non-stop bombardment of Boston provided cover their actions. A bombardment so fierce that famed jurist, Oliver Wendell Holmes, later wrote and spoke of it in a childhood

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# Council President Linehan announces Committee on 2024 Summer Olympics

Council President Linehan announces the formation of a Special Committee on the 2024 Summer Olympics. Councilor Linehan will Chair the committee and has appointed Councilors Ciommo, Baker, Jackson, McCarthy, Wu, and O'Malley as members. The Committee will hold its first hearing Friday, March 6th at 10:30a.m. in the Iannella Chambers at City Hall. The Council will hear a presentation from Boston 2024 to initiate the discussion and give the Council an opportunity to vet concerns.

The Committee will concern itself with issues regarding the City of Boston's bid to host the 2024 Summer Olympics. Some of the issues the Committee will investigate include; insuring the community process is open to all, the economic impact of hosting the Summer Olympics Games for

the City, and what effect hosting the Olympic Games will have on the City's neighborhoods. The Committee will perform the due diligence needed to determine the feasibility of hosting the 2024 Summer Olympics as well as weigh the possible advantages and/or disadvantages of hosting the 2024 Summer Olympics, by working with 2024 to craft an Olympic bid that will work for Boston.

The Committee will act as an alternative and objective voice to the 2024 Olympic bid presented by the City. Council President Linehan has stated: "This Committee will act as an additional opportunity for neighborhood process and participation. I truly believe that the experienced members of this Committee will put in the necessary work to help guide this effort and decide what is best for Boston and all its residents."

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# NEBHE to Honor Jim Brett of New England Council

More than 400 people will attend this event, including leaders of education, business and government from across the six New England states. "We are honored this year to recognize Jim Brett's leadership as a vigorous champion for the interests and well being of New England and Carole Cowan's skilled leadership of one of the region's most innovative and high-impact community colleges," said NEBHE President and CEO Michael K. Thomas.

James T. Brett, President and CEO, The New England Council, has been president and chief executive officer of The New England Council since 1996. A nationally influential regional organization, the Council was established in 1925. It is an alliance of schools, hospitals, corporations and other private organizations throughout New England, working together to promote economic growth and a high quality of life in the region. It identifies and supports federal policies of importance to all six states, and advocates for its membership regionally and nationally.

Under Brett's leadership, the Council has worked to bring together the region's business and higher education communities to work collaboratively to ensure that the region has the skilled workforce necessary for continued economic

growth. In recent years, the Council has advocated for expanded STEM education, increased federal financial assistance, and low student loan interest rates. Brett has also been a leading voice in advocating for public policy issues such as healthcare, financial services and energy throughout New England and Washington, D.C.

Before joining the Council, Brett served for over 15 years in the Massachusetts House of Representatives, where he chaired banking and taxation committees. Brett is also one of the region's most outspoken advocates for people with intellectual disabilities. He recently chaired the President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities and is current chair of the Governor's Commission on Intellectual Disability. In 2013, the University of Massachusetts Boston established the James T. Brett Chair in Disability and Workforce Development, the nation's only endowed chair in disability and workforce development.

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# REP. COLLINS LAUDS MAYOR WALSH FOR CHOICE OF BPS SUPERINTENDENT

**BOSTON**— Earlier this month, Mayor **Martin J. Walsh** and the Boston School Committee received the final four recommendations for the next Superintendent of the Boston Public Schools (BPS). After an 18-month search including eight community forums and over 40 hours of interviews, Dr. Tommy Chang of Los Angeles was chosen and affirmed by the Mayor and the Boston School Committee as the next BPS Superintendent on Tuesday night.

**State Representative Nick Collins, Chairman of the Boston Delegation** had the opportunity to meet each candidate. “Each candidate for Superintendent was impressive in their own right and would have served

Boston’s schools well. But Mayor Walsh and the School Committee made the right choice in Dr. Tommy Chang. Having graduated from a public high school, I value a quality public education and I support the decision of Mayor Walsh on his selection”, said Rep. Collins.

In July, Chang will take over for outgoing Interim Superintendent John McDonough. “It is a new day for Boston’s public schools and I would like to welcome Dr. Chang to Boston. I also want to thank current Superintendent John McDonough for his many years of wisdom, leadership and dedicated service to the children and families of Boston,” concluded Rep. Collins.

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memory. As a Boston schoolboy in the 1850’s, Homes recalled passing everyday by a house which still has “cannonball embedded in its chimney since that barrage”.

Over the centuries, Americans have been stirred to the defense of their country, in part by words identifying their cause. “Remember 911” is most recent. Before that it was “Remember Pearl Harbor”. Earlier, “Remember the Maine”. Still earlier, “Remember the Alamo”. It was on the “Heights” that call to battle was first used as General Washington walked among the troops exhorting them to “Remember the Men of March the Fifth”. Speaking of course, of the “Boston Massacre” six years earlier.

Upon awakening on March 5, 1776, General Howe first noticed the silenced cannons. Next, across the harbor, was the astonishing sight of the “Heights” bristling with troops and cannon from four positions. He then made his famous statement, “These men have done more work

in a night than mine could do in a month.” Undeterred, Howe immediately drew up plans to attack across the harbor and dislodge the Americans from the Heights. All day, Boston was the scene of increasing alarm as British troops hustled about preparing for battle. Longboats were brought from the warships to ferry the troops for the assault and tied up at “Long Wharf”. By late afternoon, 2,400 troops were lined up at the foot of “Long Wharf”, today’s Purchase Street.

Stay tuned next week for the final chapter.

In the meantime, please remember **public drinking is illegal**. A number of “Family Zones” have been created throughout the parade route and will be listed today and next week. Please ask your guests to respect the celebration, the town, and themselves and refrain from “Mardi Gras” type actions. Folks have worked diligently for a year to provide a safe, fun day that can be enjoyed by all.

*Take care till next week.*

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## Forget The Calendar. Sullivan's Is Open So It Must Be Spring SOUTH BOSTON TODAY SBT Staff Report

Throughout the entire Northern Hemisphere, March 20th or 21st, depending on the year might be considered the first day of spring. But in South Boston, it doesn't matter what it says on the calendar, the day that Sullivan's Restaurant or 'Sully's' as most people affectionately call it opens its doors for business is the real beginning of springtime. It looked like a vast migration last weekend as locals in droves made their way to Castle Island. They drove, they walked, they rode their bikes, they took the Southie Shuttle and we hear two people even hitch hiked. The announcement that, finally, after dealing with a never ending parade of blizzards, subzero temperatures, howling winds, snow and ice mounds standing as high as Antarctic glaciers, space saver wars and bad moods and tempers pushed

to the point of exploding, that Sully's was open was all it took to flood the island with the winter weary and the hungry. Reports came in to South Boston Today that at times shouts of "Halleluiah" and "Amen" filled the air as grateful folks, occasionally dropping to their knees to give thanks, came upon the welcome sight of an open-for-business 'Sully's'. Life is truly good at times.

The steady stream of customers continued all day Saturday. On Sunday, even though the weather was back to being overcast, close to 20 degrees with the threat of yet another snow storm closing in, it still did-not-matter. People were there to celebrate the unofficial end of winter and an earthquake wouldn't keep them away - the onslaught continued. As people walked in the door, the first thing noticed was the tantalizing aroma of

fresh coffee brewing mixed with all the choices from the ever expanding Sullivan's menu. The smell of French fries, onion rings, burgers and of course the world famous Sully's hot dogs, aka 'snapper's, filled the air as well as the fish and chicken specialties - all of it mouthwatering. Included were salads, soup and chowder and even the ever so healthy smoothies. The ice cream and dessert selections topped off the list to perfection. If you get there early enough in the day, breakfast is served as well.

Beyond the menu itself, the next thing that stood out was the smiling staff lined up behind the counter eager and waiting to serve dressed in their crisp, clean and bright Sullivan's hats and shirts. Longtime and friendly managers Chris Lane and Harry Markarian were also front and center behind the registers backing

up their troops and making sure that all was running smoothly and it was. It would be difficult to find a more professional staff anywhere. These are people who seem to genuinely love their jobs, love the people they serve and their energy and enthusiasm adds to the welcoming atmosphere and super customer service. And like every year; no matter how crowded it gets and how long the lines are, everything moves quickly.

So South Boston Today rejoices with the rest of the world in that annual celebration of life now that Sully's has opened for the season once again and the warmer weather is finally on its way. But even if we get 10 more snow storms and the temperature continues to hover below the freezing mark till Memorial Day, once again we say: it still does-not-matter. Sully's is open so it must be springtime.

## Mayor Walsh and SBCA to Co-Host Annual Tommy and Eddie Butler Senior Salute

This Saturday The SBCA will co-sponsor, The Annual Tom and Eddie Butler St. Patrick Senior Salute at St. Monica's church hall with Mayor Martin Walsh. SBCA President, Tom McGrath and Mayor Walsh talked about co-sponsoring the event at last year's event and put it into motion this year. "It was a no

brainer to join forces with Mayor Walsh, and The Elderly Commission to serve and help out our seniors, especially after this winter. Our seniors have had cabin fever for well over a month, and we are ready to serve them their first boiled dinner of the St. Patrick celebration", said McGrath. Entertainment will be provided by the Mike Reynolds band. A free ticket is needed for entrance to this event. Please contact Tom McGrath 857-204-5825 or the Mayors Elderly Commission, if you need a ticket. Transportation will once again be provided by Don Ogden of Yankee Bus.

## Special Shamrock Fundraiser this Saturday

Later on that evening the SBCA along with the SB Special kids and Young Adults program will host their annual fundraiser at the Cornerstone, 7PM and present the Mary "Sissy" Devine award to the family of the late Kathy Annelo Morrison. Please make every effort to attend these events. A 10.00

donation will be available at the door.

This is a very important fundraiser that will help the "Special Shamrocks" get to their vacation resort this spring. Please try and make this event to help them reach their goal. For more info see Robert Pacitti, Claire Linehan-Miller, Edie Morrill, Ellie Flaherty-Kasper and Cathleen McGrath around the town.





# Recent South Boston Real Estate Sales

Property/Type	Price	Sale Date	Rooms	Baths	Sq Ft
165-167Bowen+217D+80-84Baxter Land	\$1,631,500	1/26/15	-	-	-
39 Gates Street Three Family	\$845,000	1/30/15	11	3	2592
535 East First St UNIT 3 Condo	\$840,000	1/29/15	5	2.5	1745
861 East Second St UNIT 6 Condo	\$715,000	1/21/15	4	2	1225
330 E St UNIT 1 Condo	\$662,500	1/30/15	5	1	1271
861 East Second St UNIT 4 Condo	\$632,000	1/26/15	4	2	1170
628 East Second St UNIT 1 Condo	\$577,000	1/21/15	4	2	1393
66 N St UNIT 4 Condo	\$545,000	1/30/15	6	2	1562
57 Preble St UNIT 3 Condo	\$504,000	1/26/15	4	2	1248
595 East Third St UNIT 2 Condo	\$482,000	1/22/15	5	1	950
15 Dixfield St UNIT 1 Condo	\$460,000	1/30/15	4	1.5	750
40 Middle St UNIT 3 Condo	\$459,000	1/29/15	6	1	1020
106 West Third St UNIT 2 Condo	\$449,000	1/30/15	5	1.5	1055
131 G St UNIT 2 Condo	\$444,000	1/29/15	4	2	849
5 Thomas Park UN IT 3 Condo	\$441,000	1/29/15	4	1	767
528 East Third St UNIT 3 Condo	\$355,000	1/30/15	3	1	700
613 East Seventh St UNIT 3 Condo	\$352,800	1/26/15	3	1	529
183 West Eighth St UNIT 2 Condo	\$315,000	1/22/15	3	1	587

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we host the games?” Linehan said in a statement. “The City of Boston has a strong Olympic legacy. American athletes from Boston led the charge to victory at the first modern Olympics in Athens, Greece in 1896.” Separately, Back Bay Councilor Josh Zakim is eyeing the placement of four non-binding questions on the Olympics on this year’s

municipal ballot. The commission will seek to answer the questions of whether Boston should host the 2024 games, should the city commit any public money, should the city make any financial guarantees to cover cost overruns for the games, and should the city use eminent domain to take private land on behalf of the games. - Gintautas Dumcius/SHNSf

## RITA MCCARTHY TO RECEIVE JOHN W. MCCORMACK AWARD

The South Boston Citizens Association is pleased to announce that the John W. McCormack Award will be presented to Rita F. McCarthy at the SBCA’s 135th Annual Banquet on Friday, March 13th at the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center.

Ms. McCarthy, a South Boston resident, was a public servant for more than 40 years, 36 in the probation department. Rita was raised on G Street with four brothers and credits her parents for encouraging service in the public sector.

While in high school, Ms. McCarthy began her journey in public service as a secretary in the probation department at South Boston’s District Court. Upon graduating college, Ms. McCarthy became a probation officer in Dedham District Court. In 1982, she was promoted to Assistant Chief Probation Officer at Dedham and was promoted to Chief Probation Officer in 1987. At the time, Ms. McCarthy became the state’s first female Chief Probation Officer in Norfolk County, the third in the state, and held that position for twenty-five years until her retirement in 2012.

Throughout her career in the Court System as a probation officer, Assistant Chief and Chief, Ms. McCarthy was praised by her colleagues for mentoring and training probation officers. As a result of her guidance and tutelage, five of her protégés went on to become chief probation officers.

Tom McGrath, President of the SBCA, said, “Her education, management and leadership skills are a blue print for others to follow. It is an honor for the Association to recognize Rita for her outstanding service to the

Public for over 40 years.”

In addition to her daily responsibilities, Ms. McCarthy was also a leader amongst her peers, having served as the President of the Massachusetts Chief Probation Officers Association. She also served as a board member for the American Probation and Parole Association, the New England Council on Crime and Delinquency and the National Association of Probation Executives.

In 2012, Ms. McCarthy assisted in the implementation of the First Veterans Court in Massachusetts. She also continues to serve on the Board of Directors for the Boston Alcohol Safety Action Program.

Locally, Ms. McCarthy serves as a board member of the Tynan Community Center. She is also a founding member and former chair of the Labour Christmas House Tour, which has become an annual staple of the South Boston Community. She has also served as one of South Boston’s delegates to the Massachusetts Democratic Convention for many years.

“Rita McCarthy was a pioneer and her leadership in education and training enhanced our Commonwealth’s probation services and, by extension, public safety in our community,” said State Representative Nick Collins. “I am grateful for her friendship and guidance on criminal justice matters and the McCormack Award is well deserved for her outstanding career in public service in addition to her decades of service in South Boston.”

Tables are selling out fast, so if you would like to come and join the SBCA at the 135th Annual Evacuation Day Banquet, call Tom McGrath @857-204-5825.

## Nicole Bollerman To Receive John “Joe” Moakley Award for Outstanding Citizenship

The SBCA President Tom McGrath is pleased to announce that the John “Joe” Moakley Award for Outstanding Citizenship will be presented at the South Boston Citizens’ Association 135th Annual Banquet on Friday, March 13th at the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center.

This year’s honoree is Nicole Bollerman, a South Boston resident and an elementary school teacher at UP Academy in Dorchester. Ms. Bollerman is a graduate of Stonehill College in Easton, MA and was awarded the Walter A. Devine Excellence in Education Award for distinction in teaching. Upon graduation, Ms. Bollerman taught second and third grade at the Imagine Hope Charter School in Washington, D.C. and was recognized as their Teacher of the Year. After joining the faculty of UP Academy, Ms. Bollerman worked tirelessly to design and implement a curriculum that caused tremendous gains in areas of mathematics and English among her students.

This year, Ms. Bollerman won the Capitol One WishForOthers Campaign, which invited people across the country to submit a wish that a sponsor could grant. Ms. Bollerman’s wish was for students, which read: “I’m a third-grade teacher in a low-income, high-risk elementary school in Boston, MA. My wish for others is that my voracious, adorable, hard-working, loving scholars all leave for their December break with a book in their hand.”

Ms. Bollerman’s wish was granted by Capital One which donated books

for her students at UP Academy. Ms. Bollerman also received a grand prize of \$150,000 for her submission which she immediately donated to her school.

Ms. Bollerman’s selfless act received national recognition when she was invited to be a guest on the Ellen DeGeneres Show which highlighted Ms. Bollerman’s dedication to her school and her students. Ms. Bollerman was also surprised with donations for UP Academy from the Ellen Show, which included a \$25,000 donation to the school, backpacks and supplies for every student and gift cards for every student and faculty member.

“I am proud that Nicole Bollerman is being recognized as this year’s recipient of the Moakley Award for her altruistic and outstanding contributions to her school and her students,” said State Representative Nick Collins. “Ms. Bollerman certainly meets the standards of service and citizenship set by Congressman Moakley and her passion for helping others serves as a powerful example to us all.”

Tom McGrath, President of the SBCA, said “Nicole is most worthy of this award and recognition from the Association because of her passion for her students. Her noble act of kindness to improve the quality of life for others should not go un-noticed. It is an honor for us to recognize Nicole.”

Tickets to the South Boston Citizens’ Association 135th Annual Banquet can be purchased by contacting Tom McGrath at [bmcgdad@aol.com](mailto:bmcgdad@aol.com).

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Councilor President Linehan added, Boston does not need the games, but I have to ask the question “why can’t we host the games?” The City of Boston has an Olympic legacy. In 1896 at the first modern Olympics in Athens, U.S.A. athletes from Boston led the charge to victory. In addition, the Olympic Marathon distance run in 1896 was emulated in Boston the following year in 1897, what

we all have come to know and love as “The Boston Marathon”, a tribute to the first games that continues. I believe we need to look hard at our ability, capacity and execute with the intention of being Boston Strong.





## What St Peter Academy Students Learned During Dental Health Month!

This week in PreK-A we learned about dental health. We read multiple stories about teeth, visiting the dentist, and caring for our teeth. Each student got a chance to tell their teachers and classmates about their trips to the dentist and how they take care of their teeth.

PreK-A also did two extensions from our lesson. One was a mouth that needed 20 teeth glued inside on the top and bottom. The next was a picture of a yellow tooth that the children cleaned using a toothbrush and white paint to make shiny and new.

St Peter Academy, an independent

private school, is celebrating 10 years of service to the community. It is South Boston's only Pre-K through Grade 8 School. Class size is limited to 20 students which is ideal for creating a nurturing environment filled with interactive learning opportunities. The school is located at 371 West Fourth

Street and is currently accepting applications for the 2015 school year – To learn more about the school and all programs visit [www.stpeteracademy.com](http://www.stpeteracademy.com) or schedule a private tour by contacting Ms. Doreen Brown or Ms. Carol Moakley at 617-268-0750 or email [SPA@StPeterAcademy.com](mailto:SPA@StPeterAcademy.com).



Courtesy Photos: City of Boston Mayor's Office.

## Mayor Martin J. Walsh Helps To Kick Off Evacuation Day Festivities

With standing room only at the Cornerstone, Mayor Walsh joined Council President Bill Linehan, Rep. Nick Collins, Clerk Michael Donovan, SBCA President Tom McGrath and Grand Marshall Kevin Conroy to headline the Annual Jimmy Flaherty Evacuation and Saint Patrick's Day Kick-Off Breakfast and Henry Knox Awards. The awards are presented to everyday citizens involved in the community who seek no recognition, who are considered "Unsung Heroes".

This year's honorees were Ed



"Butch" Shiflett introduced by fellow veteran Ed Flynn, Kathy Davis introduced by Michael Donovan, Keith Lombard introduced by his close friend Ryan Spitz, who was also representing Councilor Mike Flaherty, Judy Ryan introduced by Nick Collins and Perry DiNatale introduced by Bill Linehan.

Entertained by Bob Fowkes and Curragh's Fancy, the Cornerstone put out a delicious breakfast and the Southie Shuttle provided complimentary transportation.

Other notable guests included





Peg Flaherty, Ellie Flaherty Kasper, Sheriff Steve Tompkins, Council candidate Annissa Essaibi-George, Ted Cunniff, George LoCascio, Richie DeVoe, Dan Manning and children, Eric Prentiss, Robert Pacitti, Alicia Juras, Bridget Nee-Walsh and SBT editor Brian Mahoney.

  
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## Leo Fahey and Noreen Rosher To Receive SBCA "Jimmy Kelly" Shamrock Awards

South Boston Citizens' Association president Tom McGrath has announced the Association's 2015 recipients of the James M. "Jimmy" Kelly Shamrock Award for Community Service. They are Leo J. Fahey of Pipefitters LU 537 and Noreen Rosher, President of City-Side Association

The first of the 2015 Shamrock Awards will be presented to Leo Fahey, for his selfless efforts in aiding those in need, and pitching in at the drop of a hat, for any benefit or worthy cause in South Boston. Leo is the Business Manager/ Financial Secretary Treasurer of Pipefitters Association Local Union 537. The highest elected office held within Local 537. Leo is currently serving his second, three year term. Leo has been elected and serves as Trustee, overseeing the three Union Trust Funds since 2007; as a trustee, Leo oversees all of the trust investments and negotiates contract improvements. In addition to overseeing the trust itself, for the Educational Trust, Leo oversees the curriculum, interviews teachers, and interviews and selects candidates for the apprenticeship program.

Born and raised in South Boston, Leo has now returned to live in the Community of South Boston after raising his 4 sons. Leo is a strong advocate for the working Middle Class and can often be seen and heard during each political cycle, campaigning for

candidates who support fair wages and benefit programs which support the working middle class and the members of the Boston building Trades. "The Association will be presenting this award to Leo Fahey in recognition of his years' of dedicated service to the men and women of the Building Trades and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and, especially, to his fellow members of LU 537," said McGrath. "In these times when it seems that when the working rights are under fire all around the country, we must stand with leaders like Leo who have, in turn, always stood up for the collective rights of working men and women in our city, state and country."

### *Some of Leo Fahey's notable Achievements:*

- Massachusetts Department of Public Safety, Board member since 2010.
- Appointed to the Mayoral Elect Transition Team by Mayor Martin Walsh.
- Integral part of Mayor Walsh's "Building Pathways Program" with the Boston Housing Authority creating opportunities within the Building Trades for women and minorities.
- Appointed by UA General President Hite to serve on a strategic Planning Committee; 1 of 9 Business Managers appointed to serve from across the USA and Canada.
- Selected to serve as Co-Chairman of the Committee on Jurisdiction by the National United Association, General

President Mr. William P. Hite.

- Strong supporter and vocal advocate for the UA's Veterans in Piping Program and Helmets to Hardhats. Creating opportunity within Local 537 for our returning Veterans – Union membership allows our returning veterans a career with benefits and the safety net of a "Brotherhood" similar to what they experienced in the military. Under Leo's leadership, LU537 is recognized as one of the UA's leaders for Veteran Career Placement.
- Rewrote and had a key role in the enactment of important new state legislation, giving testimony and working closely with State Senators and Representatives. This new law (Performance Contracting) will save money for municipalities replacing energy-inefficient archaic systems with new mechanical systems, and has created a major new field of work for contractors.

The second "Jimmy Kelly" Shamrock award recipient will be going to Noreen Hornbrook Rosher. Noreen was born, raised and still resides in South Boston. She attended Gate of Heaven School and graduated from Cardinal Cushing High School. Her community service began 28 years ago at both St. Augustine School and Church when her son Kevin began attending the school. Noreen began working at St. Augustines as a teacher's assistant for 7 years, and then moved on to become the schools secretary. She spent many hours working on fundraisers for school organizing adult and children dances, variety shows, and the annual turkey shoot.

She worked closely with the late Father Lane to help the junior high students fundraise and attend ski trips, Six Flags and New York City trips. She also worked with Fr. Lane on Family Masses especially during Christmas and Easter.

Some of the causes and events that Noreen has been involved with include the Committee for the SB Fire Fund, Helped with Breast Cancer fundraisers, involved with the committee for the Collaboration of both SB Catholic Schools and Churches. "I have known Noreen for well over 30 years and she is most deserving of this award. She never hesitates to get involved in something she believes in, especially if it involves the quality of life in South Boston." McGrath stated.

With her deep roots with the

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**DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING**  
Docket No.  
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**Commonwealth Of Massachusetts**  
**The Trial Court**  
**Probate and Family Court**  
**Daniel Ruiz**

**vs.**  
**Adalgisa Ruiz**  
Suffolk Probate and Family Court  
24 New Chardon Street  
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(617) 788-8300  
To the Defendant:

The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for irretrievable breakdown of the marriage under G.L. c.208, Section 1B

The Complaint is on file at the Court. An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. **SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.**

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon:

**Daniel Ruiz**  
**21 O'Callaghan Way #362**  
**South Boston, MA 02127-0003**  
your answer, if any, on or before **04/09/2015**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

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## Hail Mary Prayer

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St. Augustine Parish, she got deeply involved with trying to save St. Augustine School and Church. When the neighborhood lost both the school and church, Cityside Neighborhood Association was formed. The group was founded by Tom Miller, Christine Mullen and Noreen in April of 2005. They are celebrating their 10th Anniversary this coming April. The group started out as Tom Miller – President, Christine Mullen – Vice President and Noreen was Secretary/ Treasurer. After 2 years Tom resigned as president due to work conflicts and she was elected as president and has been ever since.

Throughout the years, Cityside has been very active in the community. They have helped with Katrina victims, ran block parties to bring neighbors together and help promote quality of life issues important to them in South Boston. She has attended countless meetings in the neighborhood for public safety, abutters meetings and development meetings over the past 10 years. Nearly 12 years ago after St. Augustine School closed she was hired at St. Brigid School, now known as South Boston Catholic Academy.

It gives me great pleasure to announce these awards," said McGrath. "These are truly dedicated and committed individuals who have contributed so much in their own unique ways. It is fitting for the Citizens' Association, and the South Boston community, to honor these individuals." The awards will be

presented at the Association's 135th Annual Evacuation Day Banquet, to be held on Friday evening, March 13th, at the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center. Curragh's Fancy and DJ Kenny Manning will provide the entertainment, along with a host of special Dignitaries. McGrath cautioned that tickets are sure to be purchased at a good pace, with so many of South Boston's most valued community leaders receiving awards. I urge those that are planning to attend to act fast. For information on tickets call Tom McGrath at 1-857-204-5825

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dilemma is how to do it both safely and without overtaxing city resources needed elsewhere.

Postponement would eliminate units with prior commitments as well as putting us in competition with Palm Sunday, Easter, etc.

With those considerations in mind we announce the parade will start promptly on Sunday March 15 at 1:pm and will travel west to east from Broadway Station to the Farragut Statue where it will end.

The Council expresses appreciation to the Mayor and his staff as well as our own elected officials for their assistance. We express deep gratitude for those volunteer shovelers.

Finally the Council extends thanks to the understanding of the South Boston Community, parade volunteers and all who contribute and best wishes for a grand Evacuation/St. Patrick's Day celebration.

*Brian Mahoney  
Commander Allied War Veterans  
Council*

## Bruins' Trades Mediocre At Best, Chiarelli Under Pressure

The Bruins, who have gone from making the Cup Final, to earning the Presidents' Trophy are fighting for their lives in eighth place to make the playoffs. The seventh place seed seems almost out of reach. Having traded Jordan Caron for Max Talbot and acquired forward Brett Connolly from the Lightning, giving up their second-round draft picks in 2015 and 2016, Bruins General Manager Peter Chiarelli still has hopes of making the playoffs with the current team as is.

CBS Sports quoted Chiarelli saying, "I feel that we have a team that will make the playoffs and, if you can get in, when you get in, anything goes," he said Monday afternoon at TD Garden. Here, the bigger personnel issues that explain why the Bruins are where they are: -\$4.2 million in bonuses the team paid to Jarome Iginla, all of which counts on this year's salary cap. -He traded Boychuk, he's lost two players (Matt Fraser, Craig Cunningham) for nothing on waivers -The Bruins have too many role players that have little impact on the team's success, but cost them a lot of money

The chatter in the press about Chiarelli's job being on the line is strange given the following question – being a GM Of a major sports team in a major market, is not your job always on the line?



## CITY OF BOSTON OFFERS FREE INDOOR GOLF LESSONS

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department and Boston Centers for Youth & Families (BCYF) are pleased to announce a popular six-week series of free Indoor Golf Clinics beginning March 23. Beginning golfers ages seven and older and adults are invited to learn how to play golf at seven BCYF Community Centers with additional sites to be announced.

The Indoor Golf Clinics are taught by highly qualified instructors. Equipment will be provided or you may bring your own. Each session is one hour and the sessions are once a week for six weeks with the first hour dedicated to youth instruction and the second hour to adult instruction. Class size is limited to 25 and reservations are required on a first come, first served basis. To download an application, please go to [www.cityofboston.gov/parks](http://www.cityofboston.gov/parks). For general questions about the clinics, please call Mike Devlin at (617) 961-3089.

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*Mayor Martin J. Walsh, Honorary Chairman*

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*State Representative, Nick Collins, Honorary Chairman*

*City Council President Bill Linehan, Honorary Chairman*

*City Councilor Michael F. Flaherty, Honorary Chairman*

*State Auditor Suzanne Bump, Honorary Chairwoman*

## February 28th through March

# 17th

### JIMMY FLANERTY KICK-OFF BREAKFAST

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH**

City Council President Bill Linehan

Honorary Chairman

Cornerstone Restaurant 10:00 AM

Suggested Donation \$ 10.00

### SOUTH BOSTON SPECIAL SHAMROCKS FUNDRAISER

**SATURDAY, MARCH 7TH**

Presentation of

Mary "Sissy" Devine Award

Ellie Flaherty-Kasper, Cathleen McGrath,

Claire Linehan-Miller, Robert Pacitti

Honorary Co-Chairpersons

Cornerstone Restaurant 7:00 PM

### BASKETBALL FREE-THROW COMPETITION

**MONDAY, MARCH 2ND**

Bernie O'Donnell, Kathy Davis

& John Hurley

Honorary Chairpersons

Tynan Community School Gym - 6:00 PM

### 21+BOWL-A-RAMA

**SUNDAY, MARCH 8TH**

Cheryl Joyce, Andrea Flaherty

Rich Devoe and Joyce Higgins

Honorary Chairpersons

South Boston Bowl 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Must be 21+ to attend-no children, please

### ST. PATRICK'S DAY ROAD RACE

**SUNDAY, MARCH 15TH**

Proceeds benefit

South Boston Boys & Girls Club

Pre-registration Required

617-516-5441 or hduvall@bgcb.org

Race begins at 11:00 AM at the Club

### BOXING SHOW

**FRIDAY, MARCH 6TH**

Register of Deeds Francis "Mickey" Roache,

Mike Larkin, Peter Welch, Danny Long,

Arthur Fritch, John McGann, Bill Stoddard

Honorary Co-Chairmen

"Stretch" Walsh/McDonough PAL Gym 6:30 PM

### THE SWIMMING COMPETITION

**MONDAY, MARCH 9TH**

State Auditor, Suzzane Bump

City Council President Bill Linehan

Honorary Chairman

Condon School Pool

Registration 6:00 PM, Meet 6:30PM

### EVACUATION DAY MEMORIAL MASS

**TUESDAY, MARCH 17TH**

Margaret Lynch

Honorary Chairwoman

St. Augustine's Chapel

9:00 AM

### TOM & EDDIE BUTLER SENIOR SALUTE

**SATURDAY, MARCH 7TH**

Mayor Martin J. Walsh

Councilor Michael Flaherty,

Thomas Butler Jr.

Chairmen

Mary Walsh, Ann Lynch,

Ellie Hart, Peggy Flaherty, Mary Collins

Honorary Chairwomen

Saint Monica's Lower Church Hall - 11:00 AM

This event sponsored by:

Mayor Martin J. Walsh,

The Commission on Elderly Affairs  
and the South Boston Citizens' Association

### DODGE BALL & BUMPER POOL COMPETITION

**TUESDAY, MARCH 10TH**

Fred Ahern & Barbara Caputo Kelly

Honorary Chairpersons

Curley Community Center - 4:00-7:00 PM

### 135TH ANNUAL EVACUATION DAY BANQUET

**FRIDAY, MARCH 13TH**

BCEC 2nd Floor Ballroom

New England Boiled Dinner

Entertainment by Curragh's Fancy

Reception 5:30 PM----Dinner 7:00 PM

**FOR TICKETS CALL 857-204-5825**

### MEMORIAL/HISTORICAL EXERCISES TUESDAY, MARCH 17TH INCLUDING

Essay & Poster Competition Winners

State Representative Nick Collins

Bernie O'Donnell, Past President SBCA

Robert Allison, S.B. Historical Society

Hon. Linda Dorcea-Forry

Hon. Maura Sweeney Doyle

Honorary Chairpersons

Dorchester Heights Monument - 10:00 AM

### ST. PATRICK'S / EVACUATION DAY PARADE

**SUNDAY, MARCH 15TH AT 1 PM**

Kevin Conway - Chief Marshal

Allied War Veterans Council

W. Broadway & Dorchester Ave

