



Out Of Many, ONE!

When it comes to South Boston real estate development, any ignorance by the residents is not bliss. Neither is being ignored. With a dozen or so civic groups representing defined sections of the neighborhood, South Boston has seemingly become a collection of parochial interests. It is damning to even think that the famous Musketeers chant of “All For One and One For All” has begun to extend to the Three Stooges chant that ended, “...and Every Man For Himself”. City Point, Gate Of Heaven, SVLENA, Dorchester Heights, Cityside, Andrew Square, West Broadway, Fort Point, SB Waterfront and on and on. Several of the civic group leaders spoken to agree that the time has come to pull together, before it’s too late.

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EDITORIAL *Saving Face?* **SOUTH BOSTON TODAY**
By Staff

President Obama is right to assert any potential deal with Iran will not be based on trust, but on readily accessible mechanisms that will have the ability to immediately inspect any questionable Iranian research. The trust issue actually has more to do with the President himself. Can the country and the world trust him to look for things he doesn't want to find?

This wouldn't be the first or last editorial to point out the eerie similarities between today and the appeasement tactics of Neville Chamberlain. The key back then was Hitler

walked out of the Munich Talks. Chamberlain was so devastated that when Hitler agreed to resume talks a few days later, old Neville jumped at the change to make a deal, any deal, to save face. Not peace. The result was Chamberlain agreed to Germany's Annexation of Czechoslovakia without a shot fired or a Czech representative in attendance.

Have Obama and Kerry given up the entire Mid-East, including Israel, to a face-saving deal, which requirements will be ignored without consequence? The old, "nothing to see here folks, move along"?



"America needs to stop sleeping with the enemy, dancing with the devil and writing love letters to those who want to kill us" -Judge Jeanine Pirro

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Does Martyrdom Not Appeal To The Accused Marathon Bomber?

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY

John Ciccone

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In response to the story SBT wrote last week regarding the outlook for a full recovery for wounded Boston Police Officer John Moynihan, we are being deluged with inquiries from readers asking for updates on his condition. We spoke with Boston Police Department officials again earlier this week and were told that Officer Moynihan's condition continues to improve and they will be releasing an official update to the public fairly soon. In the meantime, it's apparent that he is still in the hearts and minds of thousands of people in Boston and beyond and the many prayers for his recovery seem to be working.

The trial for accused Marathon bomber Dzhokar Tsarnaev has all but come to a close. Even his defense attorneys admit that he did it. So, the point of contention now seems to be over whether to give him the death penalty or not and avoiding it seems to be what Tsarnaev and his lawyers are fighting so desperately for. Which brings me to ask this question: Why? Aren't fanatical terrorists who are so committed to blowing up innocent people in the name of their sick 'jihad' anxious to become martyrs and die for their cause?

Now that Easter, which is the most sacred time on the Christian calendar, has come and gone, it's a good time to do a little reflecting on some of the news and events that have been taking place in this country but especially around the world in regard to the persecution of the Christian population. Former Mayor of Boston and Ambassador to the Vatican Ray Flynn was right on target with statements on this issue in a piece he wrote for the

very popular Newsmax Network and social media site last week. Ray rightfully criticized the country's political leadership, which, for the most part, is not taking a stand on the brutal killings of Christians around the world by radical Islamists. These radicals are not killing soldiers; soldiers can fight back. No, they are murdering children, enslaving women and destroying villages and cities filled with defenseless civilians.

Who is speaking out on this? Religious leaders like Pope Francis and the Reverend Franklin Graham have been vocal in their demands that something be done. But not many other religious leaders are making an effort. Talk radio personalities like Limbaugh and Hannity are on top of it too. And politicians like Ted Cruz and Rick Perry are as well, but with few other exceptions, there is silence; almost an acceptance of the slaughter taking place. Said Flynn: "Politicians would rather talk about a pizza shop in Indiana, than address the persecution that's facing Christians this Easter Season." He is absolutely right.

So what is it? Is it cowardice? Could it be disinterest because it's happening so far away from our shores, or is it just the lack of will to speak out against this genocide that is spreading from country to country in the Middle East and if not stopped will be coming here? Let the occasional Christian small business in this country refuse to make a cake or cater a wedding and politicians, the media and Miley Cyrus go into spasms. They bring to mind the late actor Red Foxx in his roll of Fred Sanford on the TV reruns of Sanford and Son; when Fred would put one hand over his chest, the other one in

the air and stagger around the room faking a heart attack shouting "This is the big one Elizabeth, I'm coming to join you..." But when Christians are getting death threats in this country and are being burned, beheaded and enslaved all over the world well, there's that cricket sound again. And of course, the biggest phony of all in the White House says little if anything after each savage attack...and then goes golfing.

There is a good bet that with human

nature being what it is, passivity will last only so long before a major and very serious backlash occurs. The saying "If you ignore history and do not learn from it is destined to repeat itself". That's something the world especially the fanatics should think about. Because history also tells us that, centuries ago, when Christians were being attacked and persecuted for their beliefs, it created an atmosphere that eventually led to the Crusades.





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Window Into The State House

Window Into The State House provides our readers a synopsis of important issues of interest, past and current, that are being proposed, debated or acted upon by the Massachusetts Legislature. Many issues that are not related to local city government services are acted upon and have a direct impact on daily life. They are tax policy, transportation infrastructure, judicial appointments, social services and health, as well as higher education. We will excerpt reports from the gavel-to-gavel coverage of House and Senate sessions by news sources focused on this important aspect of our lives. These sources include a look ahead at the coming week in state government and summaries and analyses of the past week, re-caps of a range of state government activity, as well as links to other news.

New Headlight Mandate In Effect As Of Tuesday April 7

Drivers must use headlights and taillights while on the road during inclement weather and when using their windshield wipers, under a new law set to take effect on Tuesday. According to the state Department of Transportation, violating the law is a "surchargeable minor motor vehicle traffic law violation for insurance purposes." The law, meant to increase safety and visibility on roadways, was one of the last pieces of legislation signed by Gov. Deval Patrick before he left office in January. Under current state law, headlights must be turned on at night and during dawn and dusk. The change requires use

of headlights and taillights when windshield wipers are on, and when "low light or weather conditions prevent other vehicles or persons from being seen at 500 feet," and from a half hour after sunset to a half hour before sunrise, according to MassDOT. The department said daytime running lights -- lights separate from the headlamps that are always on when the car is running and moving forward -- won't be enough during those conditions under the law. - Gintautas Dumcius/SHNS

FORECAST: MA. Adding 771,840 People Over 25 Year Period
Massachusetts' population will grow 11.8 percent from 2010 to 2035, with nearly 772,000 people

added over that 25-year period and above-average growth predicted in Greater Boston, MetroWest and central Massachusetts, according to forecasts released Wednesday. The University of Massachusetts Donahue Institute's newly updated projections see the state's total population rising to 7,319,469 by 2035. Analysts reported recent growth rates will hold up through this year and then slow through 2035. The study concluded that the state's older population will rise dramatically while its younger population will shrink. Those over age 65 will account for nearly 1.68 million by 2035, almost double the current population of 902,724. The population aged 19 and under is expected to fall by 57,000 and account for 21 percent of the state population by 2035, down from 25 percent. Analysts predict Cape Cod's population will decline "if recent trends in migration, fertility and mortality continue" while western Massachusetts will see "slow growth." - Michael Norton/SHNS

DOR: Tax Revenues Up \$132M Through March

Tax revenue collections were up \$132 million over benchmarks through March, the Department of Revenue announced Friday afternoon, as state officials took a respite from planning for an estimated \$1.8 billion deficit in the fiscal 2016 budget. Facing a midyear budget gap estimated at \$765 million earlier this year, lawmakers passed a corporate tax amnesty program, which they expected would raise \$18 million as businesses avoid fines on back-taxes. The amnesty program, which runs March 16 through May 15, is so far under performing. Through the end of the month, DOR received \$163,000 from 281 participants, which is only a fraction

of the \$3.6 million estimate for amnesty collections in March. The month's tax collections indicate a strong economy that might have performed better if not for the harsh winter, according to revenue officials. Income tax withholding accounted for \$1 billion in March, up \$1 million over the benchmark. Revenue Commissioner Mark Nunnally said the income tax figures indicate "economic stability and continued improvement." Total collections in the month of March were down because of tax refunds that had been delayed in February, according to DOR, which predicted "more refund catch-up" in April. The \$414 million in March sales tax revenues were \$6 million below benchmark. Year-to-date sales tax collections are \$62 million below benchmark. "Sales and use tax revenue is lagging, undoubtedly due to weather-related sales losses," Nunnally said in a statement. - Andy Metzger/SHNS

REPORT: Investment In Hunger Programs Brings In \$16.6 MIL
A state investment aimed at boosting the number of children who eat breakfast at school and get meals from summer food programs has garnered Massachusetts \$16.6 million in federal reimbursement after participation rates jumped. Officials from Project Bread told lawmakers during a briefing Thursday at the State House that 22,700 additional students participated in school breakfast and 6,000 children ate at summer food programs in low-income communities. The state Legislature invested \$575,000 over two years in child nutrition outreach and awareness programs. "The results show the outreach worked. More children are participating in school breakfast programs and summer food service programs," Ellen

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Reading Between The Lines

“Expansion Future?”

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY
Brian R. Mahoney

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Today is April 9th and unless it marks a birthday or personal moment of joy or sadness, it is just another day. However, if we learn nothing else we learn “Tomorrow is promised to no one” and everyday is precious. For example, many historians believe the first physical act of the American Revolution occurred April 1768, when John Hancock physically barred two British Custom Inspectors from the cargo hold of his ship.

Ironically, almost 200 years later on April 9, 1963 WWII British Prime Minister Winston Churchill became the first honorary American citizen in history. In between, other noticeable events occurred such as the Celtics winning their 8th and 9th straight world championships in 1959 and 1960, both on April 9th. So, we never know what will happen and everyday is special.

A reminder of this truth was revealed when arranging years of files from the St. Vincent Lower End Neighborhood Association (SVLENA) and a memo dated April 9th surfaced. No year, but the subject was a meeting SVLENA had been invited to the BCEC to discuss a proposed expansion of the facility, prior to proposals to change the law to allow hotel/motels on D Street south of Summer Street.

As most are aware current BCEC Director, Jim Rooney, who basically took the center from conception to birth to the growth and status it enjoys today, is leaving. The Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce will be in

good hands with Jim as its leader. Even Tom Brady, however, throws interceptions and incompletions and the overall history of the BCEC is no different, particularly, in its original stated intent to be respectful of and a community benefit to the “impacted community of South Boston” as stated in Chapter 152 the law which permitted construction of the BCEC.

The recently opened “Lawn on D Street” is a wonderful addition. Unfortunately, this was originally agreed to as a “permanent park prior to original BCEC construction in 1999 and now the community has been informed the lawn is temporary and will be relocated”.

During that very first expansion proposal meeting it was proposed to move the state maintenance faculty from D Street to B and First Streets and to build a six-story or taller parking garage at D and First Street. Again, years before construction, the community was promised parks and housing in this area. Those present absolutely opposed the garages.

The Redevelopment Zone with hotel/motels on D Street was voted on and promised to extend from the Reserve Channel to the Haul Road, specifically to avoid industrialization of this area closest to residential South Boston. In fact, just the opposite has happened with glittering glass and steel toward the industrial zoned waterfront and mountains of construction debris and equipment being sited ever closer to residential South Boston.

The truck route itself from Conley Terminal was guaranteed to travel on Fargo Street, under the BCEC to connect with the Haul Road. After 9/11, Fargo Street was blocked with Jersey Barriers under the theory terrorists could drive a truck bomb under the BCEC. Isn't that true of every structure over the Mass Pike? Will the Pike be closed or those building abandoned?

It is hard to imagine how Mr. Rooney, who has vowed to move

the expansion of the BCEC forward in his final 90 days, can resolve these potential community road blocks whose solution or fulfillment has eluded him all these previous years.

The best solution would seem to lie with Governor Baker, without a time constraint, who can thoughtfully decide how or even if, an expansion should move forward. Especially before prior agreements, plans and commitments are carried out.

Take care till next week.



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Housing Bubble Looming?

Home prices are soaring in many communities, open houses are packed, and bidding wars are back in style, which all begs the question: Is Massachusetts heading towards another housing bubble? This question is posed by Deirdre Fernandes of the Boston Globe.

A recent report by a Florida property valuation firm suggests that Massachusetts is among 13 states and the District of Columbia, where home prices are rising far faster than the cost of building or renting a home. The widening gap could be an early warning sign that the state is creeping back into another bubble, said David Macpherson, an economist with Smithfield & Wainwright, which values real state for regulatory agencies and financial institutions.

"It's not back to where they were in 2006," said Macpherson, referring to

the peak nationally of the last housing boom, "but it's starting to show the early signs of it.

The relationship between sales prices and rent and replacement costs provides a better understanding of the underlying value of the property and not just what a buyer is willing to pay, according to Smithfield & Wainwright. At the peak of the housing boom, home prices in Massachusetts were about double the rental and replacement value of home.

The gap narrowed quickly when the housing bubble burst, but it has widened in recent years. At the bottom of the market, for example, Massachusetts home prices were about 17 percent above replacement costs. Last year, the gap grew to 32 percent. (Nationally, the gap between the two indicators is about 5 percent.) This could be a formula for another housing crash, similar to what hit a

decade ago, when lenders agreed to mortgages that were far higher than what the properties were worth or what homeowners could ultimately afford, Macpherson said.

But some housing specialists say that while home prices are rising, they haven't become too frothy. Homes in some sought-after Massachusetts communities, such as Cambridge, Somerville and Lexington have appreciated as much as 80 percent since the peak of the housing market in 2005, but many other communities haven't recovered yet, said Timothy Warren, the chief executive of the Warren Group, a Boston real estate tracking firm. The median price of a home statewide in 2014 was \$330,000, about 7 percent lower than the peak of \$355,000 in 2005, Warren said. "There's still room to grow," he said. "Maybe there are bubbles in some of those communities. On a statewide basis, I don't think there is any risk of a bubble."

In the Boston area, a tight supply of homes on the market combined with pent-up demand from buyers have combined to drive prices up quickly, said Rachel Hillman, a Newton realtor. But unlike a decade ago, buyers are seeking places to live, rather than speculative investments to flip, she said. "People are making smarter decisions in terms of finding the right mortgage products," she said. "People are living within their means."

David M. Blitzer, the managing director of the index committee at S&P Dow Jones Indices, which publishes the S&P/Case-Shiller Home Price Index, said if the Boston area's housing rebound continues at this pace, prices could hit new highs later this year. Hogan Copeland, the chairman of Smithfield & Wainwright said the danger is that sale prices will continue climbing until they become unsustainable. "Pricing of homes cannot outrun incomes," he said.



Just in case you didn't hear about it:

The MassDOT Registry of Motor Vehicles and Highway Divisions, along with the Massachusetts State Police, advised motorists of a new law taking effect on Tuesday, April 7 requiring the use of headlights and taillights on motor vehicles during inclement weather and when windshield wipers are in use. The law is intended to increase safety and visibility of vehicles on the Commonwealth's roadway.

The changes to Mass General Law Chapter 85, Section 15, signed into law in January, require that front and rear motor vehicle lights be activated in all of the following conditions:

- When windshield wipers are on
- When low light or weather conditions prevent other vehicles or persons from being seen at 500 feet
- From ½ hour after sunset to ½ hour before sunrise

Relying on daytime running lights for these conditions is not sufficient under the law. A violation of this law is considered a surchargeable minor motor vehicle traffic law violation for insurance purposes. For more information on the Safe Driver Insurance Plan and insurance surcharge information, please visit the RMV's



Councilor Stephen Murphy Seeks To Reduce Fuel Emissions

An order to further control air quality within the City of Boston Councilor Stephen J. Murphy with Mayor Martin J. Walsh filed an ordinance which further regulates emissions of particulate matter in the city. The ordinance, seeks to amend the City of Boston's code by adding a new section concerning public health risks to people associated with exposure to diesel emissions.

"The asthma rate in Boston's neighborhoods continues to climb," said Murphy. "By further

tightening air quality standards, as this ordinance does, we will make Boston's neighborhoods healthier," Murphy confirmed.

Mayor Martin J. Walsh said "We took a step back and considered the choices we make every day, and there was an opportunity to help protect our environment and Bostonians from unnecessary air pollutants," said Mayor Walsh. "I am thankful that Councilor Murphy is supportive of this initiative, to protect the City, and work together for a healthier Boston."

The ordinance is on a fast track for City action. It will be assigned to the Committee on Government Operations, and a public hearing will be held during the month of April. After which, it will face City Council action and if approved, will be sent on to the Mayor for final action.

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BRA Wants Your Ideas For Pier 4 Public Space

The Boston Redevelopment Authority (BRA) and Colorado-based real estate investment trust firm UDR are working together to flesh out plans for 20,000 square feet of new civic and cultural space at UDR's almost complete 100 Pier 4 development. The 21-story apartment building in the South Boston Waterfront, whose 388 units are now being leased, includes two levels of interior space as well as ground-level outdoor space that will help activate the building on the water's edge by serving as a public destination. UDR and the BRA have released a Request for Interest to solicit programming ideas and a potential operator for the space. An informational meeting will be

held at 100 Pier 4 next Tuesday, April 14, to share more details about the opportunity with interested parties.

"We have an opportunity on the harbor to transform Pier 4 into a destination that will bring tourism and fuel our local economy," said Mayor Martin J. Walsh. "Arts, culture and innovation are how we will create a thriving 21st century city, and this project gives us the opportunity to meet those goals and liven up a public space."

Qualified uses could include museum, library, exhibition, gallery, theater, performance, or aquarium space. The exterior and first floor civic and cultural areas are intended to be interconnected with similar space on the building's mezzanine level, in terms of both design and programming.

"The South Boston Waterfront continues to be one of the city's most attractive places to live, work, and play, and we want to ensure

that public space and access to the harbor remains a top priority," said BRA Director Brian Golden.

"We have a unique opportunity with the space at Pier 4, and we're encouraging applicants to think creatively and present us with a wide range of ideas for what this could become."

Responses to the Request for Interest are due on Monday, May 4. The BRA and UDR will review submissions in consultation with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, which oversees the state's waterways regulations, with the goal of selecting a successful proposal by June 1.

The 20,000 square feet of civic and cultural space at Pier 4 is part of a larger plan to activate 127,000 square feet of dedicated public space along the waterfront, as envisioned by the municipal harbor planning process that the

BRA has led with the community. The neighborhood is already home to such destinations as the Institute of Contemporary Art, Boston Children's Museum, Boston Tea Party Museum, Artists for Humanity, Midway Studios, the Fort Point Arts Community, and the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center.

100 Pier 4, which includes retail and restaurant space in addition to the civic and cultural space, is the first of three projects planned to redevelop the entire pier. Phase two calls for a 15-story office tower, and nearly 200 condominium units are planned for a 9-story building in the final phase. The master plan for the area also includes a waterfront park, extension of the Harborwalk, and a water commons for water taxi service and touch and go public docking.

Recent South Boston Real Estate Sales

Property/Type	Price	Sale Date	Rooms	Baths	Sq Ft
141 Dorchester Ave UNIT 420 Condo	\$910,400	3/13/15	3	2	1455
683 East Fourth Street Two Family	\$810,000	3/3/15	7	2	2263
40 Thomas Park UNIT 1 Condo	\$800,000	3/9/15	5	3.5	1770
269 Emerson St UNIT 4 Condo	\$759,000	3/5/15	6	2.5	1300
861 East Second St UNIT 1 Condo	\$615,000	3/4/15	4	2	1690
630 East Broadway UNIT 2 Condo	\$580,000	3/2/15	5	2.5	1310
808 East Third St UNIT 2 Condo	\$559,000	3/13/15	4	2.5	1118
10 Linley Terrace UNIT 10 Condo	\$500,000	3/6/15	4	2	871
9 West Broadway UNIT 217 Condo	\$490,000	2/27/15	2	1	724
709-709A East Broadway UNIT 2 Condo	\$475,000	2/27/15	4	2	1060
368 Dorchester St UNIT 3 Condo	\$474,900	3/20/15	4	1	800
42 Vinton St UNIT 3 Condo	\$465,000	3/3/15	4	2	886
42 Vinton St UNIT 2 Condo	\$449,000	3/2/15	4	2	781
780 East Broadway UNIT 3A Condo	\$449,000	3/6/15	3	1	898
157 West Sixth St UNIT C Condo	\$415,000	3/4/15	5	1	1100
36 Ward St UNIT 2 Condo	\$362,000	3/10/15	4	1	663

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MAYOR WALSH ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

BOSTON - April 6, 2015 - Today, Mayor Martin J. Walsh announced he has made 39 appointments to 12 City of Boston and Massachusetts boards and commissions in the first quarter of 2015. The appointees bring diverse expertise and backgrounds to their positions. The Mayor has appointing authority to more than 60 boards and commissions, which advise on policy and the administration of funding and services across a number of areas.

“We rely on boards and commissions to review policy and guide decision making on initiatives that move the City of Boston forward,” said Mayor Walsh. “I have the utmost confidence in all of these appointees, and want to thank them for their service.”

Appointments from January 1, 2015 - March 31, 2015:

Animal Control Commission
Agnes Chang, Brighton
Alexandra Lopez-Cuadra, Brighton
Carrie Marie Marsh, Roxbury
Chayla White, South End
Gino Provenzano, South Boston
Jean Weber, Roslindale
Jennifer Evans, South End
Kit Lilly, Cambridge
Maryann Regan, Kingston
Ryan Hawkins, Dorchester
Skott Wade, Dorchester
Laura Gretch, Back Bay
Felix Arroyo, Jamaica Plain

Boston Cultural Council
Daniel McCole, South Boston
Matt McArthur, Roxbury

Boston School Committee
Miren Uriarte, Jamaica Plain

Boston Water and Sewer
Michael Woodall, West Roxbury

City of Boston Scholarship Fund
Committee
Craig Galvin, Dorchester

Commission for Persons with
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Moses Mallard, Allston

Community Ombudsman Oversight
Panel
Larry Mayes, Hyde Park
The Honorable Regina Quinlan,
Charlestown

Living Wage Advisory Committee
Darlene Lombos, Jamaica Plain
Father James A. Flavin Jr., South
Boston
Katherine Belgard, Dorchester

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Darryl Pomictier, Beacon Hill
David Manning, South Boston
Erica Mattison, Dorchester
Karen Buttiglieri, East Boston
Mary Maura Zlody, Fenway

Massachusetts Water Resources
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Austin Blackmon, West End

Neighborhood Jobs Trust
Councilor Mark Ciommo, Brighton

Residency Policy Commission
Anise Vance, Jamaica Plain
Denise Williams-Harris, Dorchester
Eileen Boyle, Dorchester
Councilor Michael Flaherty, South
Boston
Councilor Tito Jackson, Dorchester
Molly Maloney, Beacon Hill
Vivian Leonard, Hyde Park

In February 2015 Mayor Walsh announced that Boston would begin taking applications from the general public for open seats on Boards and Commissions, to give everyone in Boston an opportunity to serve, or at least, inquire to serve the City in this capacity. Those in search of more information will be able to find vacancies at <http://www.cityofboston.gov/boardsandcommissions/>. Most of these are volunteer positions, and most require monthly meetings.



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Gate of Heaven

The Gate of Heaven Neighborhood Association will be hosting a community wide meeting this coming Wednesday, April 15 at the Tynan Community Center at 6:30 PM in regards to a proposal concerning the Gate of Heaven School Building. The latest developer is requesting permission to build 31 luxury condominiums with 62 bedrooms in the existing school building.

The project also proposes the taking 40 of the school's existing parking spots.

The developer will come before the Zoning Board of Appeals on April 21st to ask for this change in zoning over other proposals. One alternative proposal is to keep the zoning as is and place a charter school at that site.

Now is the time to be heard! Let the zoning Board know what you think about another 31 luxury condos next Wednesday.

Gate Of Heaven Neighborhood Association



Marian Manor's '300 PLUS Club' Drawing and Social

Want to attend a great Sunday afternoon event, possibly win a large cash prize while at the same time help out one of South Boston's finest institutions and causes: The Marian Manor? You can do all of that and more this coming Sunday, April 12th from 2-5pm at the Sea Point Function Room located at 367 E. Eighth Street right here in South Boston. Yes, it's the return of Marian Manor's 300 PLUS Club with cash prizes given out with the first prize starting at \$5000.00

Many will remember last year's event, which was a big success and a lot of fun. This could turn into another great tradition as people are looking forward to attending again this year.

For ticket info or to get tickets in advance you can call 617-268-3333.

The drawing of numbers will make for an exciting afternoon. That

means the first number randomly selected will be for the big prize of \$5000. Prizes are also awarded for the 2nd number: \$1500, the 3rd number: \$1000, the 4th number: \$500 and other drawings of \$100. You do not have to be present to win. Other great prizes will be drawn throughout the afternoon for those in attendance. But of course the big winners will be the residents of the Marian Manor who will benefit from this great event.

The Marian Manor has been providing wonderful care to the people of South Boston and beyond and their families for generations. It's been a source of hope and excellent care for those in need of short term rehab and care as well as for those who need more permanent housing and accommodations. The type of medical care and attention is of the highest level. The staff is top notch and the work they do is truly a labor of love. It is fundraisers like this annual 300 PLUS Club and others that help 'The Manor' continue providing the services that it takes pride in.

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Here is the opportunity. The BRA and the developer are asking for groups to propose uses for 20,000 square feet of public space in the commercial project at the former Pier 4 site. The Request For Interest (RFI) states it wants to solicit programming ideas and a potential operator for the space. An informational meeting will be held at 100 Pier 4 next Tuesday, April 14, to share more details about the opportunity with interested parties. "We have an opportunity on the harbor to transform Pier 4 into a destination that will bring tourism and fuel our local economy," said Mayor Martin J. Walsh. "Arts, culture and innovation are how we will create a thriving 21st century city, and this project gives us the opportunity to meet those goals and liven up a public space."

This public space opportunity can be the catalyst for reviving the legendary civic engagement capabilities of the South Boston Family. Back in the 90's, when the Pritzker family owned Fan Pier, they were represented by local attorneys, advisers and consultants, who directed the family to engage the community and they did. However, as history knows, the previous administration didn't approve of arm's length, transparent negotiations and instead intervened and stalled what would have been significant benefits directly to South Boston like moderate and middle income family housing and career internship opportunities.

When that happened and thereafter, no matter who came to town with promises of bringing economic benefit, relief or some form of mitigation, they knew that they could renege and get away with it. The previous city administration raised it to an art form, installing their own pals as 'liaisons' and often citing "changing economics" as justification for allowing developers to 'mitigate' their own commitments, not to mention using the Zoning Code at their discretion.

Even today, the BRA-managed 'Community Benefits Fund' finds ways to give money to organizations that were not the originally intended beneficiaries. Furthermore the BRA has not produced an accounting of where this money has gone over the many years of its existence. The recently announced \$630,000

earmarked by the Convention Center as a community benefit is mitigation on the \$150million D Street Hotel project underway. Residents are often overheard saying, "I wonder how many of these millionaires being made are from Southie or even Boston", noting most of the developers are national or international.

For sure, South Boston has been changing for some time, but it was accelerated first of all because it had been universally acknowledged as a safe and inviting community and was ripe for development. It became so because of the families and institutions that anchored it in tradition and values. The very people who set the stage for its growth are now being victimized by their blood, sweat and tears. The previous city administration allowed South Boston and its commercial waterfront to be plundered. It stands to reason that the only way to stem the tide of overdevelopment or to benefit from legitimate mitigation is for groups like the Gate Of Heaven Neighborhood Association and others to stick together not only to push back on bad deals for the community, but to insist that community benefits and past agreements are honored.

100 Pier 4, which includes retail and restaurant space in addition to the civic and cultural space, is the first of three projects planned to redevelop the entire pier. Phase two calls for a 15-story office tower, and nearly 200 condominium units are planned for a 9-story building in the final phase. The master plan for the area also includes a waterfront park, extension of the Harborwalk, and a water commons for water taxi service and touch and go public docking.

It is wonderful that the SB waterfront is already home to such destinations as the Institute of Contemporary Art, Boston Children's Museum, Boston Tea Party Museum, Midway Studios, the Fort Point Arts Community, and the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center. If South Boston civic groups and community leaders gets their act together, Pier 4, and other developments in and around here, should and can directly benefit the residents rest of South Boston. It takes time and energy but could be well worth it in order to preserve the foundation of tradition and values that was built here.



Thousands flock to Church for Easter in South Boston

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY
Staff Report

As is always the case, Easter Weekend in South Boston was alive with activity. Easter is the most Holy, festive and sacred liturgy on the Christian calendar. Area Churches were busy with ceremonies and special Masses and Services, which finished with the Easter Sunday celebration heralding the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.





Good Friday started off with solemn Masses in area churches, as well as the traditional 'Way of the Cross' walk. The crowd for the walk, which was made up of people of all ages, and included many of the neighborhood's young people and teenagers, gathered at St Monica Church. It was organized and led by Pastor Burns Stanfield of the Fourth

Presbyterian Church, Father Eric Bennett from St. Brigid and Gate of Heaven Church and Father Steponas Zukas from St. Peter Lithuanian Parish. The walk ended at St. George Albanian Orthodox Cathedral on East Broadway. Though the weather was cold and rainy, it did not dampen the enthusiasm and commitment of the participants. Holy Saturday

also attracted the faithful to area churches and activities.

Easter Sunday's weather was a bit chilly, but bright and sunny as thousands of residents attended Church. In fact, the 10:30: am Mass at St. Brigid Church was so crowded there was standing room only. Here, there was a heavy concentration of South Boston's smiling and happy children as they

lined up to take part in the annual Easter Egg Hunt which always follows the Mass.

Later, all around the community families and friends gathered for Easter Dinners and brunch's and so many other social gatherings so common on this day. Easter is a time of celebration all over the world and that certainly includes here in South Boston.

Albanian Orthodox Easter Weekend Schedule:

The Albanian Orthodox Churches celebrate Easter this coming Sunday, April 12th.

Below are the schedules for The Holy Trinity Albanian Orthodox Church located at 245 D Street and St. George Albanian Orthodox Cathedral located at 523 E. Broadway.

Holy Trinity Church:

Friday, April 10th: 10am, 7pm, Saturday, April 11th: 10am, 11:30 pm, Easter Sunday, April 12th: 11am.

St. George Cathedral:

Friday, April 10th: 7pm, Saturday, April 11th: 9am, 11:30pm, Easter Sunday, April 12th: 11am.

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Parker, executive director at Project Bread, said in a statement. "We know that children who are hungry struggle to concentrate and to learn." Parker said the investment by the Legislature gave more children an opportunity to eat healthy, nutritious meals. Rep. Brian Dempsey, (D-Haverhill) chairman of the House Ways and

Means Committee, called the money the state spent on food programs to help children an investment in the future. "The success of the program is in the increase in participation rates. The ability for the Commonwealth to recoup the federal reimbursements just adds to the success," Dempsey said in a statement. - Colleen Quinn/SHNS



Andrew MacDougall of South Boston Joins Bulfinch Group

The Bulfinch Group is pleased to announce that Andrew MacDougall of Boston, Massachusetts has become affiliated with the firm. Headquartered in Needham, MA with offices throughout New England, The Bulfinch Group is a financial services firm helping individuals, families and businesses build and preserve wealth.

"We are pleased to have Andrew join our organization," explains Bulfinch Group President, Seth Medalie. "Andrew brings a wealth of knowledge, regarding the complexities of business

development and wealth protection to his new post. He will be a tremendous addition to The Bulfinch Group and a remarkable asset to his clients."

Prior to joining The Bulfinch Group, Andrew worked in the Corporate & Investment Bank for JPMorgan, and has over 10 years' experience in the financial services industry. He graduated from Assumption College with a Bachelor of Arts, and received his MBA from Northeastern University. Andrew currently resides in South Boston, MA, and enjoys spending time with his family and friends, and playing basketball and golf.

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Saturday April 11th 12pm & Sun April 12th

Season Start Dates

4 YR OLD TBALL- Every Sunday Starting May 3rd – June 28th 930am @Moakley Park

5 YR OLD ROOKIE BALL- Every Sunday Starting May 3rd – June 28th 1030am @Moakley

6 YR OLD ROOKIE BALL- Every Sunday beginning May 3rd – June 28th @Moakley Park

MINORS 7- 9 & MAJORS 10-12

Are on the field 2-4 times a week. Beginning April 13th – June 28th (Not Including Playoffs Majors Only)

If you may need extra registration forms, or maybe interested in volunteering.

Please visit our website at www.SouthBostonLittleLeague.com and you can download the forms. Please send completed registration form(s) along with payment payable to South Boston Little League: PO Box 143 South Boston Ma, 02127 Any questions you may have, please contact us at: SBLL1952@OUTLOOK.COM

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