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#### Gov. Baker Hits 'Pause' On **Convention Center** State House News Service

he planned \$1 billion expansion of the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center has been frozen indefinitely by Gov. Charlie Baker, whose administration on Wednesday expressed deep misgivings about the center's ability to pay off the anticipated debt without impacting the state budget. Baker announced he is pausing the potentially job-rich project, which was intended to add 1.3 million square feet to the South Boston convention center, until a new Massachusetts Convention Center Authority board can take another look at expansion and potentially address concerns over financing.

The governor on Wednesday also

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## **EDITORIAL**

"Life With Out Parole"

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The perfect answer for why the bombing 'weasel' deserves and needs the death penalty was on display in the Cambridge court room this week. Why is it always Cambridge? Charles Jaynes is up for parole. He is one half of a two man team of vicious monsters who twenty years ago, kidnapped, sexually assaulted and murdered a 10 year old little leaguer named Jeffrey Curley. His

little body was found stuffed

in a Rubbermaid storage container. Outrage was so great the legislature failed by one vote to re-instate the death penalty.

Jaynes was given a life sentence and all the spot light seekers beat their chests and crowed that this killer would never be free again. So why is Jaynes up for parole? How long before a change in the law or a hostage situation will allow the bombing weasel to go free? Death is the only solution to the danger he represents.



"My touchstone for every question is the Constitutio" - Senator Ted Cruz (R-Texas)

## This Week's Poll

Are you in favor making the temporary one way street plan permanent?

> Yes? No?





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## Give Them a Space to Destroy?! The Loons are in Charge

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY

John Ciccone

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his is Boston and what's going on in Baltimore may not affect us here directly, but it should serve as a lesson and an example as to what NOT to do in potential violent situations. I sincerely doubt that Mayor Walsh would ever make a terrible decision like Baltimore's Mayor did. In an off-the-wall feel good, liberal act, that city's mayor, Stephanie Rawlings-Blake actually told her police, to their dismay, to 'give the rioters space to vent and to destroy things' in the belief that they would get all the pent up violent urges out of their system and everything would calm down and be ok. What can you say to logic like that? The word idiot instantly

comes to mind along with other descriptions that we don't use in this newspaper.

A man died and many say it was caused by police. Demonstrations and protests were held and that's fine. Most of the protesters were peaceful and made their point. But then the progressive mindset came into play, where the announcement to give people a space to destroy things sent the message loud and clear to the criminals that it was open season to ignore the laws and take out their hostilities on innocent citizens, business owners and of course the police.

The floodgates were now opened and out onto the streets they poured. The crazies, who

couldn't care less about the deceased, were in their glory. They live for this stuff.

The professional agitators from out of town joined up with the local thugs and went on a rampage of robbing and pillaging that would make the Vikings of old look like amateurs. Burning, looting, assaulting civilians and police officers; nothing shows sympathy with the perceived victim of official injustice like breaking store windows and helping yourselves to TV's, Smart phones and computers. As far as the rioters were concerned, they got the green light from the mayor, who stated in a press conference that she was proud of her decision – that is until it caused all Hell to break lose. Then

of course; in typical progressive form, she looked for others to blame for her incompetence.

Several years ago, the former mayor of Boston decided that since he sympathized with the cause of the 'Occupy Wall Street' protesters who set up camp on city property, illegally and without applying for the same permits, that he would have forced any other group to obtain, things would work out ok because he agreed with their cause and he was showing solidarity with them, something that would cause the Occupy group to behave themselves and show their appreciation.

Well, we saw what that led to.
The illegal encampment was the
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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.

#### BILL WOULD EXPLORE IMPACT OF UNDOCUMENTED **IMMIGRANTS**

A special commission would be created to investigate the positive and negative impacts of undocumented immigrants in Massachusetts, under a proposal offered by Judiciary Committee Chairman Rep. John Fernandes (D-Milford) and marked for a public hearing Wednesday. According to the proposal (H 285), the commission would be charged with reporting back to the Legislature on the impact of undocumented immigrants on the economy, tax revenues, public safety, education, health, social services, business competition,

workforce development, and housing. The panel would also be asked to look at the roles of the federal, state and local governments in addressing the need for services to undocumented immigrants and the cost of those services. Reps. Stephen DiNatale (D-Fitchburg) and Kevin Kuros (R-Uxbridge) are co-sponsors of the resolve, which is on the Economic Development and **Emerging Technologies Committee** agenda Wednesday for an 11 a.m. hearing in Room A-1 of the State House. Immigration issues have riled the state Legislature for years as Congress has been unable to find common ground on a major reform bill. - Michael Norton /SHNS

**HOUSE LAWMAKERS ADD** 

#### \$7.3 MILLION TO PUBLIC **HEALTH**

House lawmakers created a "mobile integrated health care program" to provide care to patients in and out of health care settings in order to prevent unnecessary hospital re-admittance. Lawmakers included the program in an omnibus amendment to the state budget dealing with public health. The public health amendment added a total of \$7.3 million to the \$38 billion fiscal year 2016 state budget that House lawmakers were debating until late Tuesday evening. The House recessed around 9 p.m., with plans to continue debate Wednesday morning. The public health amendment also allocates \$200,000 for the Department of Public Health to conduct a postpartum depression pilot program at community health centers in Holyoke, Jamaica Plain, Lynn and Worcester. The amendment also spends \$100,000 for suicide data collection and allocates \$250,000 for the Good Samaritans, a suicide prevention organization. Amendment Text: https://malegislature.gov/Bills/189/ House/H3400/Amendment/House/F/ OriginalText - Colleen Quinn/SHNS

**HOUSE ADDS \$2.2M TO** HOUSING, MENTAL HEALTH **SERVICES** 

House lawmakers on Tuesday passed an omnibus amendment on housing and mental health services that lawmakers said will help many people despite tough state budget conditions. Rep. Elizabeth Malia, a Jamaica Plain Democrat and co-chair of the Joint Committee on Mental Health and Substance Abuse, called the amendment a "victory" for mental health programs. The so-called consolidated amendment bumps up the bottom-line of the proposed House version of the fiscal 2016 state budget by \$2.2 million. House

lawmakers allocated \$4 million to help stop hospital emergency room "boarding" of people experiencing a mental health crisis. "We hear countless times where people who seek crisis services, one of the things that happens is we end up boarding people in our emergency rooms at an extremely expensive rate," Malia said. Rep. Kevin Honan (D-Brighton), co-chair of the Housing Committee, said the House budget provides more money for a housing voucher program that helps low-income families afford rent, and also provides \$12 million to the Rental Assistance for Families in Transition program (RAFT). Honan said Massachusetts policymakers are working to reduce the number of homeless families living in hotels and motels. "Clearly, hotels and motels are no place to raise families," Honan said before the omnibus amendment passed unanimously 156 to 0. Honan said while Massachusetts has seen job growth, the availability of affordable housing is not keeping pace. The housing amendment did not include a proposal offered by Rep. Shaunna O'Connell (R-Taunton) to require additional procedures for verifying citizenship or legal residency of those seeking public housing. -Colleen Quinn/SHNS

HOUSE DEBATES REQUIRING SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER FOR PUBLIC HOUSING

House lawmakers on Tuesday bypassed a Republican effort to require all applicants for public housing to provide a Social Security number when they apply. The amendment, filed by Rep. Shaunna O'Connell (R-Taunton) as part of deliberations over the House version of the fiscal 2016 budget, also would have required all legal non-residents applying and their household members to provide an

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# ReadingBetween The Lines

## "The Legacy"

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Brian R. Mahoney

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very community has individuals deserving ✓ of praise. We give recognition with awards and public acknowledgement for 10 or 15 or 20 years and more of community involvement with words like honor and dedication and sacrifice and deservedly so. Sometimes, though, the words of praise are so freely and frequently used they lose their luster.

If we rightly praise twenty years of involvement, then fifty plus years is a height with a special place. That is the legacy of Sister Jean Sullivan and Sister Louise Kearns. Both women professed and became members of Sisters of Notre Dame over 50 years ago. Words like duty, commitment and sacrifice never lose their luster when used to describe these women. Dedication is another word that comes to mind.

The weekly real estate paper recently listed a one bedroom condo w/out parking for \$330,000 near "D" and 5th Street. Those of us who grew up in the area can only shake our heads. There was a time when the high point of the summer occurred when the 2 foot deep wading pool in the middle of the projects, where the basketball courts are now, was filled and it became the day's activity. That was in the early 60's when the "D" St. Project was the toughest place in the toughest neighborhood in Boston. People would sometimes speak derisively of "D" Street but always out of earshot. The reality is always different from the myth. Economics is always a prime cause of family dysfunction. Facing the toughest financial challenges also meant the toughest challenge in

raising a family. Normal family functions like going to a movie or even doing homework become secondary to putting food on the table for residents then and now.

Beginning in the mid-60's, both Sisters began teaching in South Boston at St. Augustine's while living and working in "D" Street and with its residents. Responding to an obvious need, Sr. Jean joined with Sr. Pat O'Malley and established Julie's Children's

House, providing a Montessori style education for low income children, as well as parenting classes in 1974. The name was chosen for Saint Julie Billiart, founder of the Sisters of Notre Dame. In 1980, Sr. Jean and Sr. Louise established what today is Julie's Family Learning Program, a program so successful that they have been recognized by the "Full Frame Initiative", which is the ultimate accolade in the social services community. The clearest proof is in the careers of former students. They have become teachers, police chiefs and officers, fire fighters, entrepreneurs, political decision makers and all aspects of our society.

The sisters have proved their success that all people, given the opportunity can prosper. Their work, of course, goes on as it



must. There is still work to be done. To recognize what has been done and what needs to continue May 2015 through May 2016 will be a "legacy" year. This period will begin with a testimonial dinner at Venezia's Restaurant in Dorchester May 14, where Sisters Jean and Louise will be honored. This is the start of a year long drive to recognize and provide continued funding for the vital work the sisters have begun and Julie's continues.

It doesn't matter if you have great

means, little means or no means. Volunteer work is always needed. Bob Monahan, executive director at Julie's at 617-269-6663, is always available to discuss the many different ways folks can contribute. You must help somehow.

Julie's is our creation helping our people in our town. Each and every one of us must help according to our means.

If we cannot continue the Sisters' Legacy and help ourselves, who will help us?

Take care till next week.



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replaced seven of the 13 members on the board under his direct control, and reappointed two others and wants the new members of the Massachusetts Convention Center Authority to conduct a thoughtful analysis and determine how these resources can best benefit our economy, job creation, and the development of Boston's Seaport District," Baker said in a statement. "The environment has changed greatly in the five years since this proposal was first introduced, and the Seaport district has experienced an economic boom. Plunging ahead now, when the data on the expansion's feasibility is mixed, combined with the change of leadership at the MCCA would be irresponsible given the vast amounts of taxpayer dollars necessary to not only build but operate the expanded facility in the face of pressing financial needs outside of the booming Seaport District."

Convention Center Executive
Director James Rooney's impending
departure in July to lead the Greater
Boston Chamber of Commerce
emerged as a "major concern," denting
the administration's confidence in the
project due to the leadership gap it will
create, according to officials.

The Legislature in 2014 approved legislation signed by Gov. Deval Patrick authorizing the Convention Center Authority to borrow up to \$1 billion to finance the BCEC expansion. The debt was to be paid through the existing convention center fund, which receives a mix of tourism and hospitality fees and taxes.

Baker's move to block the project puts him at odds with Boston Mayor Marty Walsh and many Democratic lawmakers who approved the expansion, touting its benefits for job creation and economic growth. Supporters in the Legislature argued last year that the expansion project, along with the development of new hotels, would create as many as 4,700 construction jobs and 2,100 permanent jobs, and generate \$716 million in new annual economic impact and \$41 million in new state revenues. The Boston Convention Center Authority projected that with expansion the BCEC would host 15

to 20 more major events per year and generate an additional \$184 million in economic impact annually.

Since the signing of the bill, Lepore said the convention center authority has revised downward its annual revenue projections over the 30-year span of the expansion bond period by \$640 million, raising serious doubt about the likelihood that general fund revenues will not be needed to pay the debt. The bill does contain a provision that calls for the city of Boston to repay the state general fund any money needed to finance the BCEC expansion, but even that was not sufficient to satisfy the administration at this point.

Baker reappointed Barbara Capuano, tax manager at Raphael and Raphael, LLP and the wife of Congressman Michael Capuano, and Paul Sacco, CEO of the Massachusetts Lodging Association, to the board. He also newly appointed Duck Tours CEO Cindy Brown; Chicopee construction company owner Andrew Crane; Karen Johnson, of The Debt Exchange; TD Garden President Amy Latimer; Leominster real estate developer Gregg Lisciotti; John McDonnell, managing director of the company that makes Tito's Handmade Vodka, and Frederic Wittman, from the commercial real estate firm HFF.

With Wednesday's appointments, Baker controls a majority of the board. The remaining board members include former South Boston Sen. Jack Hart and Michelle Consalvo, both appointees of the Boston mayor, and ex officio members Lepore and Ronald Rakow, the city of Boston's assessing commissioner. Lepore did not rule out signing off on the expansion project in the future if the new board, after its review, can prove its feasibility. She said it would also be up to the board whether to continue down the road of developing new hotels in the area without a guarantee of BCEC expansion.

The new board will also have the responsibility of hiring a new executive director to succeed Rooney, who has led the authority for more than a decade.



#### **Return of the Swans!**

ayor Martin J. Walsh and Boston Parks Commissioner Chris Cook will welcome Boston's most famous waterfowl back during the 27th Annual Return of the Swans celebration in the Public Garden on Thursday, May 7. The festivities begin with entertainment at 11 a.m.

"Welcoming our swans back to Boston is a sign of spring in Boston," said Mayor Walsh. "Romeo and Juliet are one of the many reasons why the Public Garden is special, and thousands of residents and tourists will visit the swans throughout the entire summer."

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

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

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

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

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scene of assaults, drug overdoses, drug dealing, muggings, armed robberies and assorted other crimes. The whole area was filthy and stunk so bad nearby trees and bushes began to wilt from the smell. Here again, the liberal mindset was at work, which promotes allowing certain groups to ignore the laws that everyone else is required to obey in a misguided effort to coddle and appease. True, the situation back then in Boston isn't the same as what's been happening in Baltimore, but the same principle is at play. Coddling the criminal element never works, it only makes things much worse.

By Monday afternoon, it was reported that seven police officers had been injured by rampaging rioters in Baltimore; some of them seriously. The cops don't deserve this. They were doing what is required of them by trying to protect the citizens of that city and their jobs were made even more dangerous by an incompetent mayor, who apparently has no clue about how to deal with criminals bent on destruction and causing mayhem. In the history of this country, I'm guessing there has never been a mayor in any city or town to make such a stupid call. "Give the rioters space to destroy things". Idiot.

### DEMOCRATS TO HOLD CAUCUS

Democrats in Wards 6 and 7 will be holding caucuses at the Curley Recreation Center, 1163 Columbia Road, South Boston (M Street Entrance) on Thursday, May 14th at 6:00 pm. The caucus is open to all registered Democrats in Wards 6 and 7. Candidates for Delegate and Alternate must consent to nomination in writing and must be present at the caucus. Those not elected as a Delegate and/or Alternate, who meet the qualifications, may apply to be add-on delegates.



### Turkeys, Geese, Raccoons, Possums, Hawks, Swans and so Much More

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e received a call last weekend from a resident of East Eighth Street stating that when he stepped out his front door to go to work, he was surprised; and not just a little nervous to see a huge wild turkey brazenly staring up at him. Not about to let a feathered visitor make him late getting to his job, he 'shooed' the gobbler away and it did move – slowly out of his way. Other wild turkey sightings in South Boston

have been reported as well.

Joining what sometimes looks like an invasion of Canadian Geese at Moakley Park, the occasional huge swans on Carson Beach, an increasing number of hawks perched on area telephone poles waiting for a tasty pigeon to come along and even a reported sighting of a Bald Eagle a few months back, the Alfred Hitchcock movie 'The Birds' comes to mind. So far

though, our winged friends have been behaving themselves.

In additions to the big variety of birds in the area, the local 'critter' population seems to be increasing as well. Raccoons, possums and yes, skunks are turning up everywhere: particularly in people's back yards and sheds. It might be a good idea to invest in some new barrels with the latched covers if you want to prevent your trash from being thrown everywhere causing a mess, especially since many containers are pretty worn from doubling as parking space savers all winter.

Deer sightings around City Point are becoming more common at this time of year. Residents speculate that they swim over from Thompson Island. Last year, Coyotes, posing a very real threat to domestic animals and children, were on the prowl in City Point as well.

Most of the wildlife species showing up in city areas are beautiful to look at. From the majestic hawks to the adorable raccoon cubs, they bring a touch of the wilderness to urban dwellers without having to drive to the country. Even the turkeys, in their own goofy looking style, have that noble look to them at times. But the best advice we can all follow and this from every animal expert we've talked to is to look, but never touch. This is something to instill in the kids as well. While they may look timid and friendly, for the most part they really don't want to be approached. In other words, don't mess with them and keep your distance.

City officials in the past have said that if you do have a problem with pesky or possibly dangerous animals in or near your home or property, you can call Boston City Hall at 617-635-4000 and ask to speak with someone in the Animal Control office. They may be able to assist or at least advise you about what to do.

In the meantime, if you are able to get some good photos of our wild visitors, please send them in to us at South Boston Today by email at info@southbostontoday.com. We would love to see them and maybe put them in the paper, on our websites and or our Facebook pages.

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alien registration number, and that all householders 14 years old and older to have criminal offender record information (CORI) checked before they're admitted to housing. Applicants who do not provide a Social Security number would not be eligible for housing, according to her amendment. By a 114-43 vote, lawmakers adopted a further amendment calling on state officials to establish rules and regulations on disclosure and verification of Social Security and employer identification numbers for public and subsidized housing applicants. The further amendment also called on state officials to submit a report on public housing eligibility that would detail the number of applicants and

householders who would be able to access public housing if they were required to submit a Social Security on their application. Rep. Marjorie Decker (D-Cambridge) urged members to adopt the further amendment, saying O'Connell's impact on children, families and women fleeing batterers. "Let's not shrink the pie and try to squeeze people out," she said. O'Connell said she has spoken to managers of public housing authorities, who told her that they can't do criminal background checks and sometimes cannot determine eligibility. "We to go around," O'Connell said, pointing to waiting lists for public housing. - Gintautas Dumcius/SHNS

proposal would have a "devastating" know there is only so much housing

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## De AS Innovative Design Alternatives Summit

## Innovative Design Alternatives Summit - May 6 and 7

ext week, the City of Boston, the Boston Redevelopment Authority (BRA), and Boston Society of Architects (BSA) will bring together designers, community leaders, developers, city officials, and academics in a unique twoday event called IDeAS: Innovative Design Alternatives Summit. The summit, set to take place at Faneuil Hall and BSA Space on May 6 and 7, is intended to jumpstart the conversation about enhancing design and architecture in Boston through an inclusive, interactive visioning process. The events are free and open to the public, and interested attendees are encouraged to register for one or both days.

The summit emerged in response to a challenge Mayor Martin J. Walsh issued in his December speech to the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce. At the time, the Mayor observed, "Boston is home to the world's most innovative thinkers – in science and technology, and in business, art, and architecture. Our City's built environment should reflect this culture of imagination. Too often, in recent decades, new buildings have been merely functional. I believe Boston can do better." He encouraged developers and designers to "reach beyond your comfort zone" and "take design to a new level" to build inspiration into Boston's landscape.

IDeAS will open with remarks from Mayor Walsh at an afternoon plenary session focused on design at Faneuil Hall on May 6 at 3:00 p.m. The summit will then transition to BSA Space on May 7, where a daylong series of interactive panels will bring thought leaders together to discuss a variety of topics related to Boston's identity, economy, open space, environment, and, of course, buildings. The group hopes to begin a robust conversation about how innovative design, broadly speaking, can enhance the quality of life for people in Boston.

The event is expected to draw an array of influential leaders in architecture and design, including Andrea Leers, co-founder and principal at Leers Weinzapfel Associates, Bill Rawn, founding principal of William Rawn Associates, and Francine Houben, founder and creative director at the Dutch firm Mecanoo, which helped design the newly opened Bruce C. Bolling Municipal Building in Dudley Square. Major developers, community leaders, and city officials will help round out the panels, making sure that the discussion is informed by diverse perspectives. By having such a wide cross-section of stakeholders represented, organizers of the summit hope to underscore the level of collaboration that is needed to foster design excellence throughout the city.

"The Mayor's remarks in
December were a clear call for all of
us in the development and design
communities to step up our game,"
said BRA Director Brian Golden.
"People are already beginning to
embrace the notion that taking
a bit of risk isn't just acceptable,
it's expected. I'm excited to see
a fruitful discussion about the
future of architecture and design
unfold at IDeAS. We couldn't ask
for a better partner and host than
the Boston Society of Architects,
and I thank all of the participants

and sponsors for coming together around this important topic."

BRA board member and President Emeritus of Boston Architectural College Ted Landsmark was a driving force behind organizing the summit. Autodesk, which makes design software and recently announced that it will open a new office in Boston, The Boston Foundation, and BSA Foundation are sponsoring the event.

To register for this free, open to the public event visit: http://www. bostonredevelopmentauthority. org/news-calendar/ calendar/2015/05/07/innovativedesign-alternatives-summit

## The agenda for May 7 includes the following six panels: Who We Are

How do we best respond to Boston's emerging demographics? This session will discuss how design helps us to integrate Boston's diversity into the fabric of the city, neighborhood identity, historic preservation, culture, entertainment, and sports. How do we describe ourselves to those who do not know Boston?

#### **How We Grow**

This panel will address how design enhances economic development, regionalization, transportation, transit-oriented development, and infrastructure. What is our plan for smart growth? How can big data and the overlap between design and planning be used to inform our process and to assess our needed resources?

#### How and Where We Live

This panel will explore housing, equity, affordability, and design in a global environment. How do we ensure affordability to attract and retain a middle-

class economic base? How do we design intelligently across generations and for individuals with disabilities? What are the possible effects on housing and transportation of Boston's bid to host the 2024 Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games?

#### **Creating Common Ground**

Open space can support placemaking, facilitate way-finding, and enhance community and cultural identity. How do we explore design solutions that work in harmony to support the public good? This panel discussion will address accessibility, design interventions for health and safety, neighborhood needs and scale, and how innovative design enhances the experience of the city. What can we achieve using civic technology and big data to better understand how we live and play?

#### How We Survive in our Environment

How do form, materials, technology, energy management, sustainability and resiliency affect planning the built environment? This session will tackle morphology and form, innovative technologies, construction practices, and design tools, energy management strategies, and climate change and design opportunities. How do we engage and experience the city through digital interfaces?

#### **How We Share Resources**

As we engage communities in design, we must consider how regionalization and infrastructure needs as well as alternative financing mechanisms can foster equitable access to economic development resources. How do we assess community and cultural benefits from design interventions?

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868 East Fifth St UNIT 2	\$685,000	4/2/15	5	2	1355
346 Congress St UNIT 108 Condo	\$675,000	4/3/15	2	1	936
651 East Third St UNIT 1	\$616,000	4/2/15	5	2.5	1416
Condo 30 Middle Street	\$535,000	4/6/15	7	1	950
Single Family 328 K St UNIT 1	\$525,000	4/6/15	4	2	1006
Condo 30 F Street	\$520,000	4/6/15	5	1.5	926
Single Family 458 East Eighth St UNIT 2 Condo	\$493,000	4/10/15	4	2	997
514 1/2 East Third St UNIT 1 Condo	\$460,000	4/3/15	5	1	1088
584 East Seventh St UNIT 3	\$430,000	4/2/15	3	1.5	601
Condo 34-36 H St UNIT 2R	\$390,000	4/2/15	4	2	896
Condo 37 Jenkins Street	\$382,500	4/10/15	5	1	1035
Single Family 145 Farragut Rd UNIT 9 Condo	\$279,000	4/1/15	3	1	460



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#### One-Way Streets, Resident Parking, Bus Routes Debated

the Condon Community
School to let their feelings
be known about turning the
temporary one way street scheme
into a permanent plan, about the
temporary resident parking plan in
City Point and about the bus routes
along Broadway, Marine Road and
Day Boulevard.

Moderated by Civic Engagement chief of staff Dan Manning and Transportation Department official Kevin Donahue, the raucous crowd expressed opposition to the permanency of the one way streets. Public safety, congestion and inconvenience were the buzzwords. The City stated that it will be surveying the community and gathering opinions as it deliberates the issue and that each resident would be able to vote on the final decision. Outspoken and lifelong resident Touchie McDonough stated that "Perkins Square is a mess". Presumably, there are residents who did not attend, who may support the one ways and the City officials will be able to get there positions as well through private feedback.

Residents asked city officials to provide them with data before they take the survey, citing a lack of information in the previous decision. "Can I see the traffic study that was done to justify making roads one way or another? Can I see the MBTA study that was done to justify moving the bus routes without having bus stops?" one man asked. City officials said they hoped to have the surveys out within the next few weeks.

The one way street discussion evolved into further debate on the 7-day resident parking and the effect of the Broadway, Marine Road and Day Boulevard rerouting and the relief felt by Fourth and Eighth Street residents. The reactions were mixed.

Next meeting is scheduled at the Tynan Community School May 6 at 6:30pm.

Visit **southbostontoday.com** to take this week's poll.



## Kentucky Derby Time

he South Boston Collaborative Center is holding its annual Kentucky Derby Day Fundraiser at Barlow's Restaurant, 241 A Street, South Boston from 4 – 7 pm on May 2. Tickets are \$20 per person which includes complimentary Buffet, passed hors d'oeuvres, a free drink, as well as entry for a Door Prize. Prizes for Best Dresses Lady, \$500 Gift card to Ku De Ta, and for Best Dressed Gentleman, \$250 in gift cards for local restaurants!

Whether you are a horse racing fan or not, you're going to have a great time at Kentucky Derby Day this Saturday. If you are a fan of the Kentucky Derby or never gave it a second thought, it doesn't matter, you won't be able to help but get caught up in all the fun and excitement. And it's all to help out

a great cause.

Please join your neighbors and supporters for "the most exciting 2 minutes in sports!" All proceeds will benefit the South Boston Collaborative Center -A Non Profit program of South Boston providing substance abuse treatment, prevention, and advocacy services located at 1226 A Columbia Road, South Boston. For more information we can be contacted at 617-534-9500 or at www. southbostoncollaborativecenter.org

### A Letter from the Gate of Heaven Neighborhood Association.

Please join us in standing together for the future of the children of South Boston, in fighting to bring in a decent charter school at the site of the Gate of Heaven school building and opposing an approval of luxury condos by city hall and the ZBA.

Our children deserve a decent, quality education. If you are interested in getting involved, please send an email to SaveGatey2015@gmail.com. We need your help!

We will be organizing activities to help get the word out. Some key activities will include:

1. Mark your calendar; we need you at the ZBA

hearing on June 23 at 11:30am.

- 2. We will be hosting a fundraiser in support of the "Save Gatey Legal Defense Fund" in late May. Stay tuned for details.
- 3. We ask that you call the mayor's hotline 617-635-4500 and to tell him that you oppose luxury condos at Gate of Heaven.
- 4. Again, please send an email to SaveGatey2015@gmail.com if you would like to get involved. South Boston is worth fighting for!

Thank you,
Gate of Heaven Neighborhood Association









## St Peter Academy – Where Learning Happens 12 Months A Year

#### Open House Wednesday May 6 9-11 AM & 5-7 PM

ould you like to see learning happening? Visit our school at 371 West Fourth Street

and you will see students personally invested in their education and teachers creating meaningful interactions that empower students to think critically and communicate effectively.

St. Peter Academy is an independent private Early Childhood through Grade 8 school dedicated to providing a high quality education to children of all faiths and diverse socioeconomic backgrounds.

Teachers are engaged and regularly attend high quality professional development seminars in order to stay abreast of 'best practices in education' and deliver a continuum of rigorous and collaborative academic instruction. Parents are engaged as board members, advisors, event planners and classroom volunteers. Investment in STEM curriculum is already showing results. Technology upgrades are underway that are state of the art. The leadership of the school believes that the classroom is not the only learning

venue. South Boston and Boston is rich with educational experiences and we take advantage of it.

St Peter Academy expands its students learning experience beyond the traditional classroom and into the real worlds of the arts, marine environment, civic engagement, the physical sciences, business economics, urban design and more. From the South Boston Waterfront to the Museum of Fine Arts, St Peter Academy students and families realize the benefits of learning in an urban community.

Here is what parents are saying about St. Peter Academy:.

"St. Peter's is more than a school to which we send our children. It's the village that's helping us as parents to raise children who are serious scholars, leaders, and citizens who are committed to the the surrounding community. It's a vibrant, loving community where we know our children will be taught the tools to succeed in life with whatever challenges come their way. It's a community that builds confidence in abilities."

-Emily and James Condon, St. Peter's Parents

"I like that St. Peter Academy allows my children to grow and learn in a safe family environment that encourages independence and responsibility for not only themselves but the society in which they live! The teachers at SPA take the time to be involved in their students' lives and encourage them in both individual school achievements and achievements outside of the classroom including sports and drama."

-Keri and Derek Baszkiewicz, St. Peter's Parents

"I really appreciate the small classroom size and family feeling from all the teachers, staff, and families of St. Peter Academy. As a mother of three, I appreciate that S.P.A. offers an afterschool I can trust. I know my children are also getting a great education."

-Olga Markos, St. Peter's Mother "We love the individual attention our children receive in the small classroom environment and the close community feel of all grades Pre-K through 8th. Their zero-tolerance to bullying approach is a big plus, which allows our children to focus on their education. And our teachers are second to none!"

-Kenny and Maria Blasi, St. Peter's Parents

We are a center of academic excellence, challenging our students to think critically and to consider multiple perspectives, focused on preparing our students for tomorrow's world. We serve a diverse population of students who live down the street, across town in Boston's neighborhoods and surrounding suburbs. We welcome students and families from all backgrounds and faiths.

We welcome the opportunity to have you visit St Peter Academy to see for yourself that ours is a unique and wonderful learning community. All are welcome at our Open House on Wednesday, May 6th from 9:00-11:00 am and 5:00-7:00 pm or contact Mrs. Doreen Brown to arrange a tour at 617-268-0750 or SPA@ StPeterAcademy.com

The St Peter Academy Community is a place where our students and families are at the center of everything we do!

### St. Peter Academy At A Glance

Serving students from Early
Childhood 2.9 years old
through Eighth Grade
Early Childhood Classrooms
– Two Teacher Co-Teaching
Model and Opening the World
of Learning and Building Blocks,
Two Nationally Recognized
Literacy, Math, Social Studies,
Social Emotional Curricula,
as well as Technology and
STEM (Science, Technology,
Engineering, Math)

Elementary & Middle School
Curriculum – Our rigorous core
curriculum is aligned with the
Massachusetts Curriculum
Frameworks and the National
Common Core Standards and is
enhanced with a STEM (Science,
Technology, Engineering
& Math) Curriculum and
computer based technology in
every classroom
Enrichment – Instruction in
Visual, Dramatic & Music Arts;

Nutrition & Fitness Classes;
Technology Instruction;
Student Government; Public
Speaking; Writer's Workshop;
Math Olympiad Competition;
ISEE Prep Classes; BOKS Fitness
Program; Girl Scouts; Academic
& Cultural Field Trips; World
Language (Spanish); Middle
School Reflective Retreat; and
Community Service.

School Day 8:00 am – 2:30 pmBefore School Program 7:00 am

•Extended Day & Free After
School Clubs 2:30 – 6:00 pm
•Summer Program 8:00 am –
6:00 pm
•Affordable Tuition With Multi
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•Need Based Financial Aid
•Title I Support Services
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recognized around the city for the quality of its graduates.
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High, Roxbury Latin, Thayer
Academy, Catholic Memorial,
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## FriendshipWorks Offers Helping Hand To Area Elders

ow that Spring has arrived, many elders may want to get outdoors to get fresh air or need some help with a home project, and they may have no one to assist them. FriendshipWorks volunteers, through the Friendly Helpers program, provide one-time and short-term assistance to elders who have a specific need and no one to help. The Friendly Helpers Program provides a way for elders 60 or over in Boston and Brookline to receive the help they need, while still feeling autonomous.

## Friendly Helpers assist with tasks including:

- Seasonal projects (cleaning closets, light gardening, hanging decorations)
- Light packing
- Organizing papers or old photos
- Sorting through boxes and donating goods
- Rearranging a specific area of the house (like a closet)
- Picking up medications (in case of emergency)
- Trip escorts housing appointments, RMV, Social Security, post office, hair cut
- Picking up and delivering library books
- Writing letters

"Our volunteers make a big impact by connecting with an elder for a special project that they have been putting off because they had no one to help," said Janet Seckel-Cerrotti, Executive Director of Friendship Works. "Our Friendly Helpers support elders with almost anything one friend would do for another."

The Friendly Helpers program also needs volunteers who are willing to help elders, have patience and are able to commit to a minimum of three visits within a six-month period. The program is in need of volunteers both with and without cars.

If you would like assistance through the Friendly Helpers program, or if you would like to volunteer, please contact FriendshipWorks 617-482-1510.

FriendshipWorks (formerly MATCH-UP Interfaith Volunteers) is a network of trained volunteers that provide support and assistance to elders in Boston and Brookline. With 30 years of experience recruiting, training, and placing volunteers for this purpose, FriendshipWorks' mission is to decrease the social isolation, enhance the quality of life, and preserve the dignity of elders. FriendshipWorks partners with congregations of all faiths to identify people who need assistance and find volunteers who share the organization's goal of helping a neighbor in need. FriendshipWorks cooperates and shares referrals with area hospitals, long-term care facilities, health, government, and human service agencies. www.fw4elders.org



## A Grand Spring Concert at the Library

he Friends of the South Boston Branch Library invite you to A Grand Spring Concert, a musical event hosted by the Curley Center's Miss Peggy Ryan, on Saturday, May 2 at 2:30 p.m. This delightful program will be fun for both adults and children.

Some of the most talented young pianists in South Boston and Dorchester, four of whom were recently finalists in the AFSA New York City Young Artists Competition at Carnegie Hall, will perform classical pieces on the library's newly-tuned Steinway piano.

The concert will be followed by a brief reception, and will be held at the South Boston Branch, 646 East Broadway, South Boston.

We hope to see you there!



## CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Docket No. SU15P0862EA

## Commonwealth Of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Estate of:

Catherine T Joyce Also known as: Catherine T. Fiske

Date of Death: 01/03/2015

Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300

To all interested persons: A Petition has been filed by:

#### Mary C Fiske of South Boston MA

requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order of testacy and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

And also requesting that:

#### Mary C Fiske of South Boston MA

be appointed as Personal
Representative(s) of said estate to
serve Without Surety on the bond.
You have the right to obtain a copy
of the Petition from the Petitioner
or at the Court. You have a right
to object to this proceeding. To do
so, you or your attorney must file a
written appearance and objection
at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on
05/21/2015.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you. The estate is being administered under formal procedure by the Personal Representative under the **Massachusetts Uniform Probate** Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but recipients are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. WITNESS, Hon. Joan P Armstrong First Justice of this Court

> April 17, 2015 Felix D Arroyo Register of Probate **April 30, 2015**



### 10th Annual Marian Manor Classic Golf Tournament May 18th

t seemed like it took forever to get here but Spring is well upon us finally. With the arrival of spring golfers; both the fanatical and the casual fans thoughts turn to well, golf - of course. One of the most anticipated golf tournaments in the area is the annual Marian Manor Classic Golf Tournament which will be held on Monday, May 18th. This year will be the tenth annual event and the previous nine were not only big and successful but they were sellouts.

It will once again be held at the beautiful 18 hole Wollaston Golf facility in Milton and features 6,748 yards of golf.

The course boasts tall pines, a few ponds on the front nine with the back nine having a much more open feel to it. The Wollaston course has played host to a number of championships over the years. This is a course set up for the enjoyment of seasoned golfers as well as beginners. Regardless of your skill level, a great day is in store for every participant this year. And in addition to having a good time; just ask anyone who has taken part in previous years, you'll be helping a wonderful

cause and one of South Boston's most valuable resources that has helped thousands in need of care for more than 60 years - The Marian Manor.

So, what are the details? There is a full day planned for Marian Manor Golf Classic on Monday, May 18th. It begins with a Continental Breakfast/Registration at 7am, the Shotgun start at 8am, followed by a dinner buffet for all. The outing comes complete with carts, gift giveaways and prizes for those with special skills (or a lot of luck). The outing includes prizes for the longest drive and closest to the pin for both male and female golfers. All golfers will have a chance to DRIVE away in a new car provided by Expressway Motors on the 'Hole in One' contest.

If you are interested in being a participant this year, you are requested to respond on or before May 4th. For information and details please contact Sister Margaret Therese by phone at 617-268-3333 or by email at srtherese@ marianmanor.org.

Get ready for a day of great golf, a lot of fun and support for a wonderful cause - The Marian Manor.

### Calling All 16-18 Year Olds to BCYF's **Snap Shot Teen Photography Program**

ayor Martin J. Wash is encouraging Boston youth ages 16-18 to apply now for Boston Centers for Youth & Families (BCYF) Snap Shot Teen Photography Program. This unique summer job program is made possible via a partnership between BCYF and the John Hancock MLK Summer Scholars Program. The BCYF Snap Shot program teaches youth about photography while they explore Boston's neighborhoods, museums and historic sites. The young people also photograph many BCYF community centers, programs and events.

"This unique opportunity will allow students to learn about photography and look at the world through a creative lens," said Mayor Walsh. "Thank you to John Hancock's MLK Scholars Program for supporting this initiative for Boston's future leaders."

Every week the instructor chooses

a topic/style in photography and teaches the youth different techniques, equipment and conceptual aspects in relationship to it. The instructor also introduces them to a variety of professional photographers that are well-known in that specific style. The youth look at books and websites and visit exhibitions in art galleries and museums around town. The program also includes field trips to different neighborhoods in Boston. At the end of the summer, their work will be showcased at an exhibition.

The program will run from Monday, July 6 through Friday, August 21. Participants will work 20 hours each week.

Interested young people can apply by visiting http://www.cityofboston. gov/BCYF and clicking the "summer" link for the application.

For more information, contact Debra.Cave@Boston.Gov.

## **SOUTH BOSTON YOUTH SOCCER REGISTRATION**

**CURLEY RECREATION CENTER (DAY BLVD.) SENIORS CARD ROOM** 

6:00 PM TO 8:00 PM (mon -fri) AND 9 AM TO 12 NOON ON **SATURDAY MAY 9th** FEE: \$30.00 PER CHILD Ages 3 to 18

Must be 3 by Jan 1st 2012 New players need copy of birth certificate INFO:617-269-7930



Sponsors and coaches are needed-no fee for coaches to register but you must fill out cori background form. YOU CAN GO TO OUR WEB SITE: WWW.SOUTHBOSTONYOUTHSOCCER.COM

FOR FURTHER INFO AND FORMS after May 1st

## SOUTH BOSTON YOUTH SOCCER REGISTRATION

May 4,5,6,7,8,9

This year we have added on a Website for all info www.southbostonyouthsoccer.com



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

You can get a registration form for players and coaches on line AND PRINT IT OUT but you must bring them to the Curley recreation center after you fill them out and pay your fee. You cannot register online as we feel we do not want this personal info about the kids online.

Registration for the fall season of the South Boston Youth Soccer will be held the week of MAY 4,5,6,7,8, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm and 9 am to 12 noon on Saturday the 9 th at Curley Recreation Center on Day Blvd.(L. street bath house ) in the seniors card room.

Children from the age of 3 and up to 18 are invited to register now for the fall program .A new division of 3 and 4 year olds has been added to the program.

#### Age groups Birth years for 2015 season are as follows:

4 and under- 2011,2012 6 and under- 2009,2010

8 and under- 2007,2008

10 and under- 2005,2006

12 and under- 2003,2004

18 and under- 1997,1998,1999,2000,2001,2002

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

There will be no other registrations held. This is the only one we will be holding so if you want your child to play in the fall program than you must sign them up NOW . The fee for this year is \$30.00 per player. As usual we need coaches to make the program work and this year we will be holding a mandatory coaching clinic for all coaches in order to improve the quality of play by the kids.

The dates, location and time of the clinic have not been set yet and we will publish them in this newspaper when they are set up and send an e-mail to all coaches. We also are in need of referees so if you have the time and would like to help the kids out than you should come down and register also there is no fee for coaches or referees but you must fill out a cori background check form to be allowed to coach or referee.

The season is scheduled to open on Thursday September 10th with our annual parade of "CHAMPIONS" and the games will start on Saturday September 12th with the under 10,12, 18 age groups scheduled, The under 4, 6 and 8 age groups will be starting play on Sunday September 13th .Of course all of this happens only if we have the people to coach and referee the games. You do not have to have a child in the program to coach or referee. We need all the help we can get. The banquet location has been shifted to the Boys and Girls club at 230 West Sixth St. for Saturday November 21st. You can check our new website www. SOUTHBOSTONYOUTHSOCCER.COM



## These Young Celtics Have A Future

he 2015 Season is over but as Gary Washburn of the Globe wrote, 'The franchise took a major step forward in its rebuilding plan, and now management wants to ensure the Celtics are annual postseason participants'.

Majority owner Wyc Grousbeck and team president Danny Ainge knew full well the Celtics were decided underdogs in their first-round series with the Cleveland Cavaliers but were hoping to overcome the odds. Wishful thinking as it turned out, but it was not without flashes of possibilities at the hand of Coach Brad Stevens, who has proven to be a quality professional basketball coach. Ownership and management 'are not clouded with delusions of grandeur. They realize the Celtics are at least two standout players from being contenders in the Eastern Conference. With salary-cap space available, two first-round picks this season (Nos. 16 and 28), and some trade exceptions at their disposal, the Celtics plan on coming back next season as a much improved team'.

"I see the value in the intensity that's here, the atmosphere that's here, I can't even hear myself talk," Ainge said at Quicken Loans Arena, site of the first two games of the series. "I think there's great value in it. The level of intensity that Cleveland is bringing. What we need to bring." Despite a 15-win improvement over last season, a 24-12 finish, and grabbing the seventh seed following the trades of Rajon Rondo and Jeff Green, Ainge refused to bask in the team's accomplishments. While the Celtics are played hard in this series and made Cleveland earn its victories, the club lacks a full roster of playoff talent.

Rookie Marcus Smart has worked his way into the starting lineup and has improved immensely after dealing with a troublesome early-season ankle injury. Ainge loved Smart's defensive passion at Oklahoma State, and that fire has been evident during his initial NBA season. Smart averaged 9.1 points after the All-Star break. As for Isaiah Thomas, who struggled in Game 3, Ainge said he has been pleased with the guard's transition to Boston. "He's exactly what we needed, he's a dynamic scorer coming off the bench," Ainge said. "Providing us with immediate offense. He's a real competitor. I think his defense has improved. He's really developing into a winning player." While Grousbeck didn't promise "fireworks" this offseason, as he did last year, he did say that the Celtics will upgrade their roster.

Team Celtics have a commitment to a Banner #18.



## Red Sox Out Of Sync

ooks like the AL East will be slugfest all season long. The Red Sox need to get their team in sync before the Yankees put too much distance between them and the rest of the division. If Clay Bucholtz's struggle against Toronto, while his team's offense seemed to be humming, is an indication of things, Manager John Farrell has his work cut out for him. He may have to employ the pitching match-up management style of Buck Showalter including matching up against the umpiring rotations, to get the most bang for the buck and test his middle relief early on. On the other hand, if the offense sputters as it has recently, Red Sox Nation won't stand for it, especially given the money being paid to these pitchers. Neither will management for that matter.

Bucholtz, Kelly, Masterson, Miley and Porcello are all excellent pitchers. Their problem is that there are tons of excellent hitters to be faced. Location, Location, Location is the name of the game as always. Something is amiss when you see catcher Ryan Hanigan set up inside and low and the pitch comes in outside and high. Adjustments in arm angle, mound rubber set-up and follow through will all be tweaked as necessary and time will tell. But with the Toronto series followed by the Yankees this weekend, if adjustments aren't made right away, then New York widens the spread and the Red Sox ease on down the standings and start the battle for the wild card spot.

God knows it's early, but the AL East is no picnic so synchronizing the team is Farrell's JOB 1 and it will test his longevity with Boston.





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