



## Where Will The Middle Class Live?

At the rate of luxury condo, multi-unit and high end townhouse development in South Boston, the opportunity for middle and working class families to live in the community that their forebears fought so hard to preserve has dwindled dramatically. Absent any consistent and persistent community-wide cooperation among and pushback by the South Boston civic organizations to demand zoning enforcement, tax incentives and other initiatives from the City of Boston to encourage middle market development or other neighborhood preservation projects, greed will likely continue to rule the day in South Boston.

Those who wagged their fingers disapprovingly at this community at numerous points during its history,

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## EDITORIAL “Treasure Shining Time”

**I**s there treasure in your neighborhood? With the last remnants of this horrendous winter melting away, much is being revealed. Pennies and quarters dropped during one of our blizzards glimmer in the sun again. One person's trash is another's treasure so perhaps that lounge chair that was just resurfaced from a space-saver has another season at the beach left in it. If none of these fit your description of treasure there is still one hidden gem left, your neighborhood, itself.

If you live in this town today you're probably not forced to stay. Probably you

can afford another town. If you're here you must like it here. Some might even love this town. The rain is helpful and cleansing, but nothing beats the human touch. The debris left behind by the tough winter remains. Over the next few weeks, the Community Organization in your area will be hosting a Saturday neighborhood clean up as part of “Boston Shines”. St. Vincent's Lower End Neighborhood Association (SVLENA), for example, will be joining Saturday May 9th at 10:00 AM at the park on E and West Third Street.

We have a treasure, Lets all work to shine it up.



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# The Information Center



## A Nationwide Surge in Gun Buying. But Even in MA?!

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY  
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**R**ecently, the 'shrinking in influence' Boston Globe grudgingly (I'm guessing) wrote a story about the ever growing number of law abiding citizens applying for firearms permits, joining firing ranges and gun clubs and yes, buying weapons. We all know that's been happening in a big way all over the rest of the country but surprise – it's even going on in of all places – Massachusetts. In a story written by Cathleen Cloutier titled 'Gun License Surge in Massachusetts', it told of the big uptick in applications being filed by this state's residents to buy, own and carry guns of every kind. Rifles, shotguns but most of all handguns are being bought up at a rapidly increasing rate.

New firing ranges and shooting clubs are popping up with the growing popularity of the sport for several reasons it seems. Shooting itself is fun; not for everyone of course, and there has been a resurgence in hunting, trap and skeet shooting is a blast and certainly, defense of self, family and property is a big reason as well. That saying rings true: 'When you need a cop in seconds they are only minutes away' and most police will tell you that try as they do and they really do try, they cannot be everywhere at all times.

One gun range owner stated that in previous years, new members joining were close to 90% men. Now it's closer to 50 – 50 with about half of all new memberships being purchased by women. Surveys show that's pretty much the case in every state in the union. Not that less men are becoming new gun owners, but a heck of a lot more women insist on being armed.

Some outside observers, mainly non gun owners, ask why, what's going on? Well, as was stated above, shooting sports are fun and growing in popularity and acceptance but more than that, the general public is getting nervous with the situation in the world and even in the US. Just look at the news. Crazy Islamic terrorists are slaughtering everyone who won't sign on with them, not just in the Middle East but now in Africa, Asia and even in Europe and they threaten to come here. Last week it was reported that there is now an ISIS training camp in Mexico just eight miles from the US border. Our government has of course done nothing about it. They are recruiting on-line and urging their followers to start hitting targets in America. This week in Minnesota, the FBI broke up and made arrests of members in a home grown jihadi ring planning to join ISIS and kill as many people as possible. It's reported that law enforcement is watching what's believed could be hundreds more all over the country. It's suspected that there could be many more groups under the radar.

Think about the Boston Marathon bombing of 2013. Just two terrorists turned this city and surrounding towns upside down. We were under lockdown and thousands of police were on the streets in full battle gear. When the remaining terrorist was being hunted down in Watertown, residents there were in fear for their lives. More than one Watertown resident admitted that though they never thought of owning a firearm, they sure wish they had one that night as they barricaded themselves in their


homes. One man said he wished he had access to an AR-15 as he and his family were terrified. The whole area was in turmoil and there were just two of them behind the attack. Imagine if there had been fifty.

Business owners too are worried and making preparations for the worst. They see rioting in cities where police are under attack. Ferguson is a perfect example of how things can so quickly get out of hand. There, as it was proven, a police

officer shot a criminal trying to kill him. It didn't matter that it was self-defense. Rioters took to the streets assaulting, burning and robbing. Many of the shops that were not looted were those where the owners stood guard in front brandishing weapons.

But there are still some who have a very difficult time understanding why Americans will not give up their guns and seem to want to

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New England's Homeport

## Rep Nick Collins To Host Park and Beach Clean-up This Saturday



On Saturday April 25th, State Representative Nick Collins will host South Boston's annual Park Serve Day in conjunction with the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation and McCourt Construction.

Volunteers will meet at 10:00 am at Murphy Rink to clean up the parks and beaches at Pleasure Bay and Marine Park. Collins is asking community residents, local businesses and non-profit partners to lend a helping hand to kick off this year's park and beach season.

"With the winter we all endured,

Park Serve Day is a great way for the community to kick off the spring and summer seasons," said Rep. Collins. South Boston is home to what is considered some of the best urban parks and beaches in the nation and Collins says the volunteer effort is important to keeping it that way. "Our parks and beaches are only as good as the people who take care of them," said Rep. Collins. "So let's spring into action and keep the tradition going!"

There will be a barbeque and refreshments following the day's work and all are welcome to attend.



## A Message from the Gate of Heaven Neighborhood Association

At the Boston Zoning Board of Appeals hearing held this past Tuesday, the developer's representative asked for and was granted a deferral of their decision until June 23.

South Boston Residents packed the hearing room to oppose the board's scheduled decision to either grant or deny zoning relief to the condo developer.

Since this project started, Boston daily newspapers have been covering the story highlighting the overwhelming opposition. City Hall itself conducted a survey that revealed 85% of the neighborhood residents are against this project. South Boston Today has covered the story extensively and conducted a poll where 97% of people were in opposition. And just this past week leading up to the hearing, it has been reported that several hundred phone calls in opposition were made to the Mayor's office by South Boston residents.

The deferral has provided both sides the time to revisit the impact that this development will have on the South Boston Community.

The Gate of Heaven Neighborhood Association is planning a series of organizational and informational meetings very soon and will inform the community of them in an effort to have complete transparency during the next 8 weeks.

On behalf of the Gate of Heaven Neighborhood Association, we would like to send a heartfelt thank you out to the neighborhood for your continued support in our effort to keep Gate of Heaven zoned as a school. A special thanks to our neighbors who took a leadership role in the opposition, Ray Flynn, Michael Donovan and Nick Collins to the proposed development. Thanks also to the Southie Shuttle for providing transportation to and from city hall.

The next hearing is now scheduled for Tuesday, June 23rd at 11:30 A.M. at Room 801 on the 8th floor of City Hall. Once again, thank you for standing as a neighborhood united in "Making a Difference!"

Respectfully,  
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Neighborhood Association**

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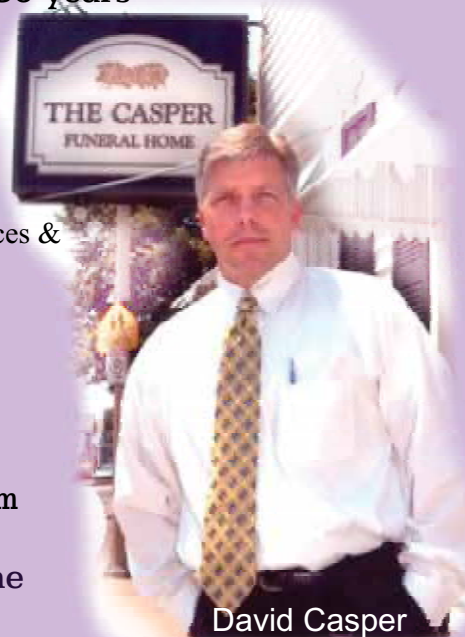
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# Reading Between The Lines

## “The Law Rules”

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY  
Brian R. Mahoney

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To say we “understand” the emotions of the Richards Family with the loss of their son Martin would be untrue. We could never know. It is unfathomable. Only a parent could know the pain of losing a child to an act of senseless, wanton, intentional violence.

Any thing our city or country can do to ease that pain for the more than 260 victims of that evil attack should and must be done.

Perhaps family and surviving victims of the Oklahoma City bombing are among the few who truly understand the horror of losing an entire day-care center full of children to a bomb explosion. This, of course, a result of the Government assault on Waco, Texas, that killed over 40 children. The Oklahoma bomber Timothy McVeigh also caused a death penalty debate between those against and for the ultimate punishment.

The prosecution in that case was able, using cold factual language, to dismiss the defense argument of, “the State taking human life”. The State pointed out each crime must meet criteria or elements for each charge. For example, breaking and entering at night must be at night and requires breaking. If the door is unlocked it is not B&E and that charge cannot be made.

Just as in Boston, Oklahoma City had to show “wanton, depraved, indifference”, to the harm and suffering caused by McVeigh’s actions. There were groups calling for public execution, while others held candle light vigils to spare him. The same mixture of emotions was present among survivors and victim’s families.

The prosecution there found that the simplest way to the truth was just to follow the law. That is what a civilized nation and people do. Not emotion and vengeance but what the facts show and the law allows. Just as in Boston in Oklahoma City there were heart wrenching interviews from parents demanding death for the monster that had destroyed their child and equally moving pleas from parents, who just wanted to end the saga and move on with raising their remaining children.

Therefore whatever the law allowed and whatever the penalty, that is what the prosecution would seek. No more and no less. The allowed penalty was death and that was the decision of the jury. In one of the few honorable acts of his life, Timothy McVeigh waived all appeals and was promptly executed for his crime.

Despite his claim of being a “Holy Warrior”, there is little chance of honor coming from a man who would detonate a few steps behind an eight year old child. Therefore the decision will have to come from the jury as it should. Recently much has been made of the wishes of some victims or their families.

However our system is set up to avoid that dilemma. If a victim’s call for leniency is to be honored, why not a victim’s call for punishment? No matter how cold or seemingly unfeeling it may appear to be, the reality is that our system is not set up to help victims. It is to protect society as a whole. It is not to seek vengeance. The jury must decide based on the facts and what the law allows in deciding a penalty. Not for what is best for individuals going forward but what

the best protection for our society is. What is the penalty for this “wanton, depraved, intentional act of cruelty and murder? Life or death? Even

the Richards family didn’t call for the killer to be spared but only for a quick resolution.

**Take care till next week.**

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## DCR TRAFFIC & PARKING ADVISORY

### Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation Race for Research

**WHAT:** On Sunday, April 26, 2015, the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) will close William J. Day Boulevard in South Boston to all traffic to accommodate the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation Race for Research on William J. Day Boulevard. All four lanes on Day Blvd will be used for the race. Traffic will be detoured to adjacent roadways: Columbia Road, Farragut Road and Shore Road will serve as a route to Castle Island. Parking will also be prohibited along the Day Boulevard.

**WHEN:** Sunday, April 26, 2015

**WHERE:** Day Boulevard will be closed from Kosciusko Circle to Farragut Road from 7:30 am to approximately 9:00 am. There will be no parking on Day Boulevard from I Street to Farragut Road from Saturday, April 25th at 10:00 pm through Sunday, April 26th at 9:00 am.

Temporary overnight parking for residents with a valid City of Boston South Boston Resident Parking Sticker will be provided at the angled parking spots located between Shore Road and the Castle Island parking lot beginning Saturday, April 25, 2015. This temporary parking area will be staffed and vehicles will be checked for resident parking stickers.

## BRA and Fort Point Board Announce Grant Awardees

The Boston Redevelopment Authority (BRA) in conjunction with the Fort Point Channel Operations Board (FPCOB) recently awarded seven grants totaling over \$54,000 to art, education, and community groups with plans for activating the Fort Point Watersheet for the 2015 season.

Grant applicants were asked to submit project ideas that would develop creative water-based programming around the edges of the channel or construct capital improvements within the Channel. The grant program is part of the Fort Point Watersheet Activation Plan, established in 2002 by the Mayor's Office and the BRA to spearhead a vision for a "Boston Common on the water." The Plan, which proposed new cultural activities and year round programming,

resulted from a successful collaborative effort between the City, landowners, nonprofit and cultural leaders, and residents.

"The City is proud of the level of involvement and caliber of talent behind this year's initiatives and installations," said Mayor Martin J. Walsh. "These projects enhance the neighborhood of Fort Point and support our broader cultural agenda by promoting artistic expression throughout the City."

Brian Golden, Director of the BRA, elaborates, "This year's awardees bring a broad range of engaging programs, activities and installations to the Fort Point Channel. Although program executions vary, the goals and vision of participants are singular and aimed at spurring and sustaining the excitement we're committed to bringing to the area."

The Fort Point Channel

Watersheet Activation Grant Program is funded by the Chapter 91 Waterways Regulations License for Atlantic Wharf, developed by Boston Properties.

### 2015 Winning Projects:

#### **Greenway Echelman Sculpture**

Applicants: Rose Kennedy

Greenway Conservancy

Award: \$10,000

The Rose Kennedy Greenway Conservancy is commissioning a monumental aerial sculpture by internationally renowned local artist, Janet Echelman. This knotted-fiber sculpture will be suspended more than one hundred feet over the Greenway's Fort Point Channel Parks. Visually enhanced by dynamic lighting, the sculpture will be visible day and night throughout the area. This installation will be available for viewing from May through early October 2015.

#### **Shimmer**

Applicant: Claudia Ravaschiere and Michael Moss

Award: \$8,000

Shimmer had previously been displayed on a small section of the Congress Street Bridge, to wide acclaim. With this re-launch, Fort Point artists Claudia Ravaschiere and Michael Moss will expand the exhibition down the full length of the bridge. A combination of fluorescent and jewel-toned small plexiglass panels will be installed vertically between railings, refracting light to attract public viewing of the area.

#### **Fort Point Channel Lunchtime Livery and Home Waters Program**

Applicant: Hull Lifesaving Museum

Award: \$8,000

The Hull Lifesaving Museum will operate two programs on the Fort Point Channel this summer. The first, Lunchtime Livery, running for its fourth consecutive year, will offer rowboat rentals in July and August. The second program, Home Waters, will offer an experimental rowing education program for adults and youth.

#### **FPAC's 2015/2016 Temporary Public Art Series on the Fort Point Channel & the Harborwalk**

Applicant: FPAC

Award: \$8,000

The Fort Point Arts Community will produce two temporary art exhibitions this summer, one alongside the Fort Point Channel on the Harborwalk, and one on the water within the "Art Basin". Both projects will be developed and curated through juried calls to FPAC members, and will include free programming and activities for the public.

#### **Discovering Fort Point Channel (DFPC)**

Applicant: "e" Inc.

Award: \$4,140

"e" inc. will offer six weeks of educational programming along the Channel, five days a week, that will engage over 600 children from Boston's community centers, summer camps, and Boys and Girls Clubs. The day-long programming will include two science lessons, a rowing experience, art activity, and an ocean art installation for the waterfront.

#### **Outdoor Activities at Boston Children's Museum**

Applicant: Boston Children's Museum

Award: \$8,000

The Boston Children's Museum will present a series of family-friendly daytime and Friday evening programs and activities throughout the summer. Programs include three movies on the museum's plaza over the course of the summer, a farmer's market in conjunction with Waltham Fields Community Farms, a daily self-directed play with Music and Sand, and a temporary large-scale outdoor construction with Spaceship Heart. All of the proposed projects link to educational goals of the museum.

#### **Free Theater on the Fort Point Channel**

Applicant: Brown Box Theater Project

Award: \$8,000

Brown Box Theatre Project will offer classic and contemporary free productions on Atlantic Wharf from summer 2015 through spring 2016. Planned productions include The Taming of the Shrew, Boxer Shorts: an evening of short plays, and two additional to-be-determined productions.

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John Stauffer, Professor of English, American Studies, and African American Studies at Harvard University, will speak on "The First Living-Room War: Capturing, executing, and Remembering Lincoln's Assassins: Photography's Crucial Role" at the Commonwealth Museum at the Massachusetts Archives at Columbia Point in Dorchester on Wednesday, April 29 at 6:00. A reception will precede the free lecture.

The Commonwealth Museum and the Massachusetts Sesquicentennial Commission present this lecture as one of the lectures in series commemorating the 150th Anniversary of the assassination of Abraham Lincoln.

The American Civil War has been called the first "Living-Room War." With the advent of photography, graphic images-from the home front

to the battlefield-brought the realities of the war to the people on both sides of conflict in a way never before possible. In a completing presentation, Harvard Professor and renowned historian John Stauffer show how photography was used to capture Lincoln's assassins, document Booth's death, and offer closure and healing in the public execution of conspirators.

The Commonwealth Museum is located at the Massachusetts Archives on Columbia Point, Dorchester across from both the John F. Kennedy Library and Museum and the Edward Moore Kennedy Institute. Parking is free. There is also a shuttle bus available from the Red Line JFK/UMass station. For information about the lecture call Mary McCarthy Collins at 617-727-9268x225.

A complete listing of the lectures is available at [www.commonwealthmuseum.org](http://www.commonwealthmuseum.org)

## Mayor Walsh Announces Meetings On One Way Streets

Mayor Martin J. Walsh announced that the City of Boston will hold two community meetings to discuss the future of the South Boston Emergency Transportation Reconfiguration (ETR) with residents.

*April 28, 2015, 6:30 p.m.*

*Condon Elementary School  
200 D Street*

*May 6, 2015, 6:30 p.m.*

*Tynan Elementary School  
650 E 4th Street*

The ETR which took effect February 14 is extended through June 1, 2015. The ETR has configured several streets in South Boston to one-way only in an effort to improve public safety following the historic amount of snow

Boston received over a 30 day period.

"We've received a tremendous amount of positive feedback from South Boston residents about how the emergency reconfiguration has relieved traffic congestion and increased public safety," said Mayor Walsh. "I look forward to engaging in a robust discussion with the community on the future of these neighborhood streets."

In addition to attending the two community meetings, South Boston residents are encouraged to reach out to the Mayor's office with feedback about the reconfiguration by calling the Mayor's hotline at 617-635-4500, OR with South Boston liaison Eric Prentis at 617-635-2680, [eric.prentis@boston.gov](mailto:eric.prentis@boston.gov).

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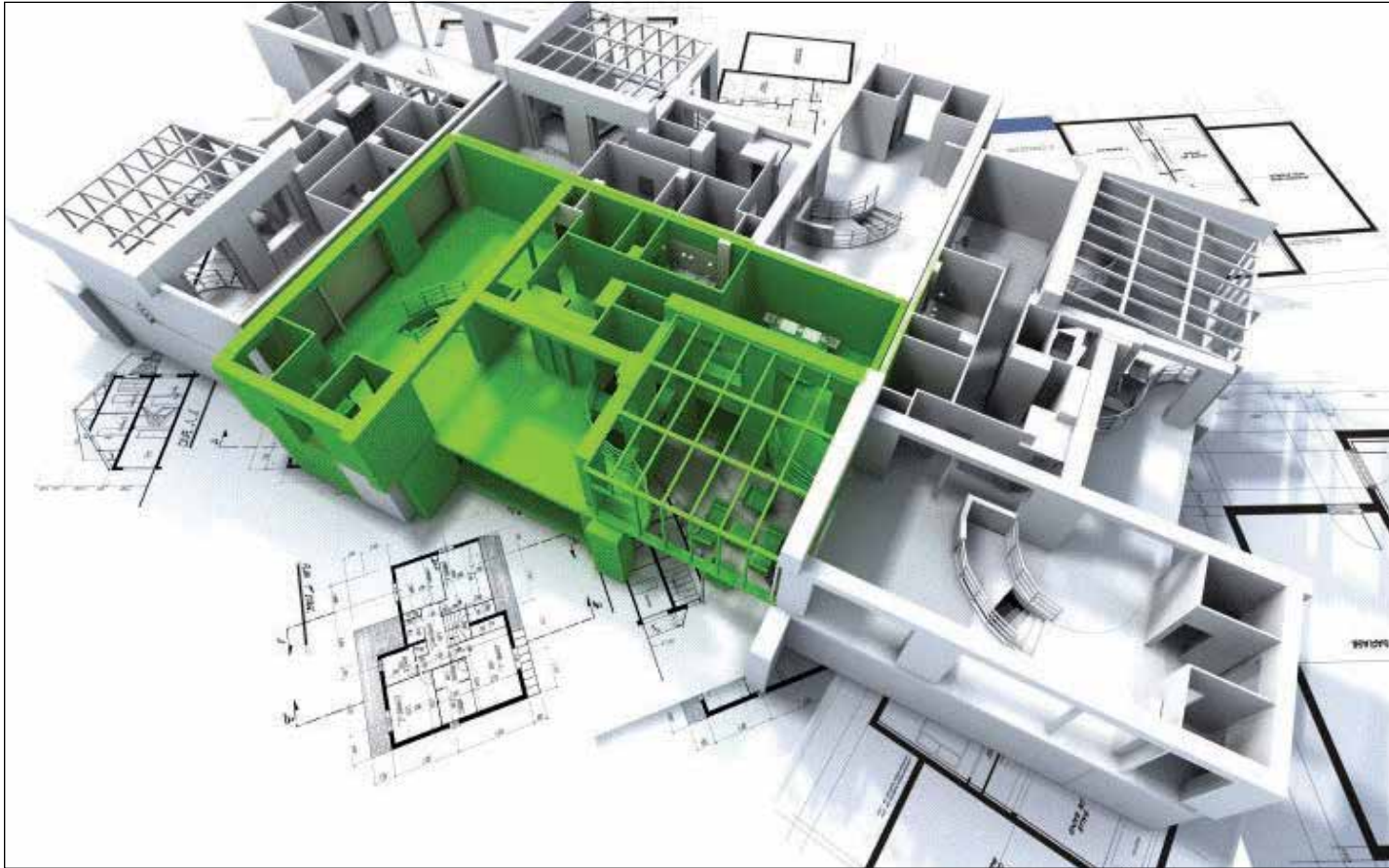
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are in many ways, shapes and forms the very entities and individuals now cashing in on the place that South Bostonians wish to still call home.

As reported recently by Scott Van Voorhis, 'the development boom that is remaking Boston's skyline and transforming neighborhoods like South Boston is now rolling into Dorchester'. However, Dorchester's civic organizations are insisting on addressing the middle class and working families among its many hard working ethnic communities.

The latest is DotBlock, a proposed mix of condos, apartments, shops, and restaurants that would take shape on what is now a 3 1/2-acre patch of run-down warehouses and industrial buildings on Dorchester Avenue in the neighborhood's Savin Hill section, near the Savin Hill T stop. Atlas Investment Group recently kicked off the formal city review process, filing plans for its \$75 million development plan.

The DotBlock plan follows on the heels of a proposal by development giant Edens to expand the South Bay shopping center in Dorchester. That plan calls for 500 apartments, a 65,000-square-foot cinema, 115,000 square feet of shops and restaurants, and a 150 to 200-room hotel.

"Dorchester should have been hot a long time ago — people are finally catching up," said Catherine O'Neill,

a neighborhood resident who is the spokeswoman for DotBlock.

DotBlock is banking on tapping into unmet demand for new middle-class housing in Boston's neighborhoods and beyond, attracting everyone from young professionals and families just starting out to empty nesters, O'Neill said.

Those empty nesters, in turn, could very well include couples who moved out of Dorchester or other Boston neighborhoods for the suburbs years ago and now want to give the city another chance, she noted. "We are offering a home for everyone here," O'Neill said.

Atlas Investment Group's proposal envisions the condos taking shape closer to the neighborhood's residential streets. Apartments and retail are planned for the busier, more commercial area by Dorchester Avenue. The condos are designed to have a distinctively neighborhood flair, with eight, double-bowfront buildings. They will each resemble a pair of triple deckers pushed together, with no space in between, said Eric Robinson of the South End-based RODE Architects.

The condos, totaling 64 in all, will be priced at around \$400,000 in a bid to appeal to those middle-class buyers priced out of Boston amid an explosion of luxury housing. The two-bedroom, two-bath units will

have 1,150 square feet of space.

"They are a little bigger than the traditional triple decker, but they have similar scaling and architectural features," Robinson said.

Three apartment buildings are planned as well, with units averaging about 950 square feet a piece.

A five-story apartment building with 50 units is planned for DotBlock's first phase. The second phase includes a pair of six-story buildings totaling 145 more units, along with a 400-car garage. There are also plans for a 20,000-square-foot roof deck. A total of 40,000 square feet of neighborhood style retail is planned for the ground floor of the two six-story buildings, with a mix of coffee shops, restaurants, and possibly a grocery store currently being eyed, Robinson said.

The new mixed-use development will also include a new walkway for shoppers, residents, and pedestrians running through it as well, he said. Atlas's decision to push ahead with plans to begin the city permitting process follows 17 months of meetings and talks with a range of neighborhood organizations and civic groups, according to O'Neill. The developer hopes to nail down all his permits over the next few months, clear the site by the summer, and begin construction in the fall, Robinson said.

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stock up with even more as well as ammunition. Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro (D-Connecticut) wants the government to offer a \$2000 tax credit to any citizen that will turn in what she calls 'assault rifles'. She is shocked that her proposal is going nowhere. She doesn't get it. These things are flying off the shelves so fast at retail firearms stores the manufacturers can't even keep up with the demand. The only reason most people would even consider turning theirs in is to get the tax credit and use the money to buy a newer more advanced one. She and so many others cannot see the value of the 2nd Amendment. It has nothing to do with hunting or target practice. It was put in place to protect self, family, property and country from enemies both foreign AND domestic.

I'll close with a couple of statements some find interesting: Barack Obama keeps saying that 'Climate Change' is the biggest threat to America's national security. But some retired generals believe it not Climate Change, its Barack Obama.

Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Dempsey made a statement last week that infuriated the families of fallen troops killed in the Iraqi city of Ramadi as well as many of the troops who fought in the battle to take that town. 75 US service members died in that battle and more than 200 were wounded yet General Dempsey said the town has no symbolism or major importance as ISIS is closing in to overrun it. Said one high ranking member of the Army: General Dempsey has turned into a hack in a uniform and now just tows the line and dances on the strings of his puppet master in the White House. Recent surveys say the morale in the US Military is at a low point. Who can blame them?

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868 East Fifth St UNIT 2 Condo	\$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 Condo	\$616,000	4/2/15	5	2.5	1416
269 Emerson St UNIT 1 Condo	\$575,000	3/31/15	3	1	880
732 East Sixth St UNIT 3 Condo	\$530,000	3/31/15	4	1.5	1101
514 1/2 East Third St UNIT 1 Condo	\$460,000	4/3/15	5	1	1088
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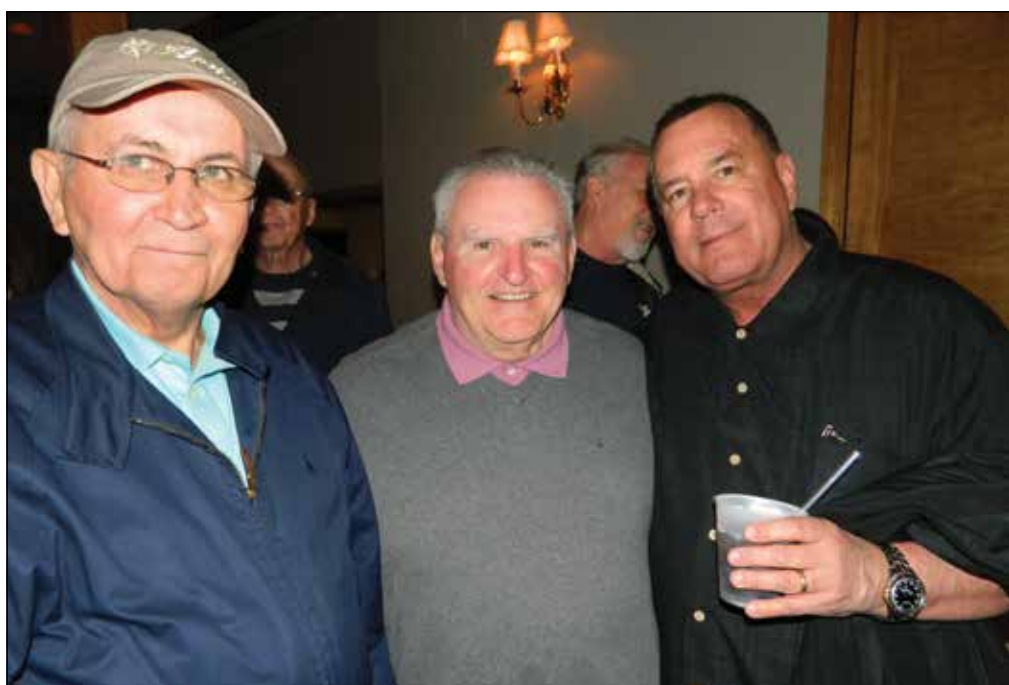
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## The Cornerstone Goes Out With A Rockin' Southie Bash

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**H**ow crowded was the farewell party at THE CORNERSTONE? It was so crowded, that at times you couldn't even fit another person in the front door without pushing your way in. There were at least 4 generations of CORNERSTONE patrons jammed into the club for the final bash of this historical restaurant and bar that meant and means so much to so many. From the very young to the older crowd, everyone came to party and to thank the Flaherty family for all the good times over the last 37 years.

The music was steady and loud.

From new rock, to oldies, to pop and Country there were sounds to please all. Of course 'Southie is My Home Town' was played to the cheers of all as well as 'Shipping up to Boston,' 'We are Family' and many other favorites that just kept fueling the festive atmosphere as the night went on. And what would the final big night at THE CORNERSTONE be without an appearance by the great Al Crest who came all the way back to Boston to the delight of his many fans. Even Elvis showed up. Al Crest was legit. He was the real one. Elvis, well, we're not too sure about.

Friends who hadn't seen one another in years were reunited for this night to remember and smiles and laughter were the mood of the evening. Because this truly was a reunion as well as a sendoff for a place that was for so long, the destination of choice when you wanted to go out and just have a good time with great people.

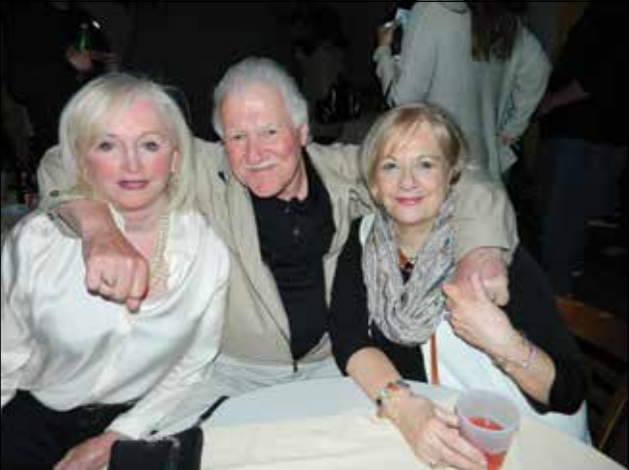
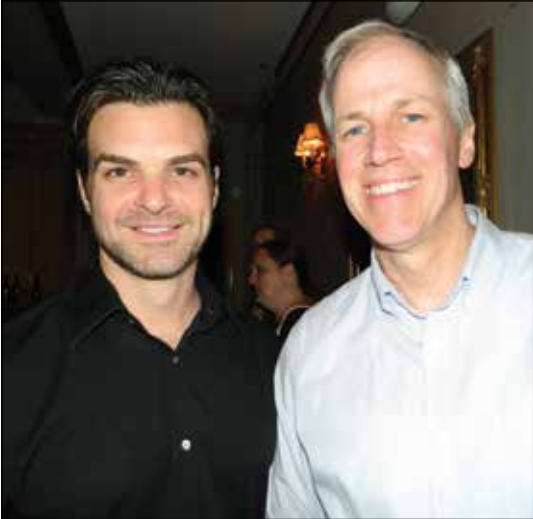
Like the legendary 'Cheers,' THE CORNERSTONE actually was a place to go where everybody knows your name. Toasts were made, stories were shared and friendships were rekindled on this night of total,

unabashed fun. Though everyone in the house wished THE CORNERSTONE could remain open forever and were sad to see it close, all were grateful to the Flaherty family for keeping it going for so long and for their kindness and generosity to so many great neighborhood causes.

The THE CORNERSTONE will remain open for business till the end of the month but even though it will close, the great memories will last forever.

**For more photos of the Cornerstone Farewell, please visit us online at <http://www.southbostontoday.com>**







# Detective Rich Devoe's Surprise Retirement Party

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A well-known and well-loved personality at the South Boston District Court House on East Broadway will be retiring from the Boston Police Dept. and his family, friends, neighbors and fellow Boston Police weren't about to let him leave the job without giving him a rousing send off.

It was last Friday night at The Cornerstone that Detective Rich Devoe walked into a surprise party in his honor to a cheering crowd and the usual calm on his face betrayed a bit of shock in his expression. How, you might ask, can you keep a big party a secret in a small town as close knit as this one? It's not easy but with the right planning and cooperation by his dedicated and able coworkers and friends, it was pulled off without a hitch. Detective Bob Flynn, one of the main organizers said that "Richie didn't have a clue, the secret was well kept".

Detective Devoe has been on the job for 45 years working his way up from police officer to detective. He loves his job and he does it well and stated to the crowd "I'd stay another 45 if I could". And it was a sure bet that there wasn't a person in the large crowd that didn't wish he would - Rich is that well liked. He received plaques and awards from Commissioner Bill Evans; who was on hand to give his thanks and congratulations as well as Captain John Greland and several other award presenters who had high praise for the fine work he has done on behalf of the people of this city for so long.

From now on Richie Devoe will be a civilian, a man about South Boston with time to relax, do the things he always enjoyed on his free time and spend even more time with beloved family; which includes his young grandchildren who were also at the celebration to wish him well and of course his many close friends who are so proud of this good man.

South Boston Today joins the rest of the neighborhood in wishing Richie luck and much happiness in his retirement and to thank him sincerely for the great job he has done for all of us. He is truly and always will be one of 'Boston's Finest'. See you around town Richie.

**For more photos of Detective Rich Devoe's Retirement Party, please visit us online at [www.southbostontoday.com](http://www.southbostontoday.com).**



The Commish presenting a plaque and thanking Rich for his years of service.



Boston's Finest came to wish Rich the best in his retirement.



Rich with his Grandchildren. They love their Papa!



The dedicated Detectives of C-6 and the Commissioner group shot.



Co-workers and friends wish Rich a Happy Retirement.





Commissioner Bill Evans poses with Rich as the Detectives look on.



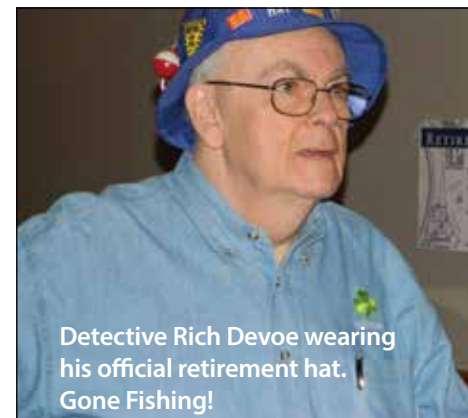
Rich holding his plaque containing his badges of Cadet, Patrolman and Detective. The Captain looks on as the 2 Sergeant Detectives present yet another plaque of service.



Rich with good friend and Co-worker Joe Casey. (middle)



Maryellen, Jenn and Timmy enjoying themselves at Rich Devoe's send off.



Detective Rich Devoe wearing his official retirement hat. Gone Fishing!



Family, that's what it's all about.



Rich enjoying a laugh with Captain Greland and the ladies from C-6.



# 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](http://www.southbostonyouthsoccer.com)

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](http://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 .**







## Red Sox Continue Good Start To Season

**T**he Boston Red Sox have kicked off the 2015 season with a great stretch run. At 9-5 the Sox find themselves on the top of the American League East. Brock Holt is hitting a stellar .414 and Xander Bogaerts is hitting .319. Hanley Ramirez, who returned to the Red Sox this season after having been a Sox prospect in the past, has hit 5 home runs so far.

As the Sox move forward in the

season, watch out for who emerges as leader(s) on the mound. The pitching staff, both the starting rotation and the bullpen will need to hit their stride. The Red Sox will wrap up a three game series on Thursday against the Rays in Tampa after winning the first game with Koji Uehara preserving the 1-0 win. Sox will then move on to a three game series with the always troublesome Baltimore Orioles.



## BABE RUTH LEAGUE 2015 TRYOUT SCHEDULE

(13-15 Years Old)

**Saturday**

**April 25 1:00 PM**

**Sunday**

**April 26 2:00 PM**

**Saturday**

**May 2 1:00 PM**

**Sunday**

**May 3 2:00 PM**

Your age is based on how old you will be on April 30th of 2015. All tryouts will be held on the Babe Ruth League Fields at Moakley Park, which are located by the club house directly across from St. Monica's Church. If you have any questions, please call Kevin Lally at 617-268-0536. Or email him at lallycompound@aol.com

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