



A Matter Of Trust

Billy Joel’s 1986 hit “A Matter Of Trust” sets the tone for this report, “I’ve lived long enough to have learned the closer you get to the fire, the more you get burned, but that won’t happen to us, because it’s always been a matter of trust”.

Trust was the theme that echoed from the hundreds of residents who attended two meetings held by the City of Boston Transportation department recently to determine whether the one way streets system, instituted during the blizzards of 2015, would become permanent. “Can we trust them to listen?” “Can we trust them to do what they say they will do?” “I don’t know who to trust anymore.” “I think we can trust Mayor Walsh’s people, do you?”

It looks like Mayor Marty Walsh

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Democracy Feels Good!

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY

By Staff

South Boston and her people just went through a rare experience. It's called democracy. There was no tea in the harbor or cannons dragged up hills nothing quite so dramatic.

It was just the American staple, the "town hall meeting". Only in our case it was simply a "community meeting" - actually two of them. It was rare in the respect that for the previous twenty years under the past administration the idea of a dramatic process at

community meetings run by the city was a joke. It was laughable. When the city came before the community back then it was a bag job. The decision had already been made.

Whether your preference was keep one way streets or a return to normalcy, everyone was a winner this time simply by being asked instead of being told, a welcome change from the "bad old days".

To borrow a quote - "Democracy is for those who bother to show up!"



"You don't create jobs by passing bills; you create jobs by cutting taxes" - Carly Fiorina

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The People Spoke and City Hall Listened and that's Nice

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Probably the most talked about local news over the weekend was the traffic patterns and one way streets going back to two way. According a poll that this newspaper took, talk on the streets and the sentiment of the majority of the large crowd that attended the meeting last week at the Tynan School, more people wanted the streets returned to the way they were before the winter's blizzards than wanted them to stay one way. Residents sincerely had what they felt were good reasons for their view on this no matter which side they came down on. For the most part, folks were respectful of everyone's right to disagree, which is how it should be in this town. Most were surprised that the decision and the change back came so quick.

What seems to be more surprising to many locals is that, when they voiced their concerns and the majority made clear what they wanted, they were actually listened to this time. Some were shocked. I'll be blunt here: There is a growing lack of trust among the people in this town when it comes to officials and others in positions of authority. And I'm not just talking about elected officials. I'm talking about department heads of some agencies and authorities, those who represent developers and the developers themselves and others. Putting the thoughts of so many residents to words, it's widely believed that the input and participation of the people on many issues really carries no weight and means nothing, because decisions have already been made in advance by the powers that be. People feel that these meetings and forums are simply for show and accomplish nothing. Whether this is the case or not, it's what an increasing number of

people believe.

Are people right to feel this way? To be fair, not always. But looking back to what's been going on in this city for more than 2 decades, it's understandable that distrust is prevalent. When we are told that certain developments, large and small, will only be so big and must follow the strict guidelines in place and then the rules are changed, because of pressure put on by the rich and powerful, citizens feel betrayed. If it happened once or twice it wouldn't be an issue to so many. But it's happened too often over the years.

Neighborhoods, not just this one, are promised that they will benefit by receiving grant money for programs and needed upgrades to parks and other recreation areas in return for an agreement to go along with the various proposals for construction. When those benefits don't come as promised, or are diluted or are redirected elsewhere, it causes disappointment and the feeling of betrayal.

The most recent issue regarding the Gate of Heaven School is an example. The people were told they would be supported in their quest to keep the building a school but then, some whom they trusted to honor that commitment have either gone squishy on that support or reversed their stand completely. Maybe it was the result of the false information that no charter or private schools were interested or because editorials and stories in the Boston Globe oppose a school, followed by misleading stories about the school yard being crime infested, which it is not. Whatever the reasons, it just adds to the growing distrust and frustration.

And it's not just on the local level that this is happening. When that guy in the White House gets on TV and lies about the healthcare bill and what's happening

on the border or why he keeps blocking the Keystone Pipeline and so much more, what are people to think? When former governor Deval Patrick promised to lower property taxes if only voters would elect him, then he didn't. In fact, he did this in two elections. Of course, that has an effect on the way people feel. Then there is the bid to bring the Olympics to Boston. Whether you are in favor of them coming or not, few people seem to believe that they will have any real say in the matter or the promise that no tax payer money

will be used to pay for them.

So, it's understandable that so many were pleasantly surprised and even stunned when City Hall seemed to have listened to the wishes of the majority last week regarding one way streets and then took action even faster than at first planned. Even some on the other side of the issue were impressed that the people's voices were heard. If this is how things will run from here on, it's a very good and encouraging sign. There may yet be hope and maybe people will once again begin to believe promises made.



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New Bridges to Hope in the Wake of Long Island

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY

By Mayor Martin J. Walsh - May 2015

On October 8th of last year, I had to make a painful but necessary decision. The Long Island Bridge, after years of neglect, had to be shut down. The decaying 63-year-old structure posed imminent danger to the clients and staff of the shelter, transition, detox, and treatment programs housed on Long Island in Boston Harbor.

That decision hit me hard, because I knew at a very personal level the impact it would have. You see, Long Island played an important role in my own recovery from alcoholism. For years I drove out there, every other week, to share a message of hope. For years in the State Legislature, I fought to protect those programs against wave after wave of budget cuts. The clients and providers are not just statistics to me. I know many of them, and I've shared some of their experiences. I have worked, in every way I know how, to help them.

I haven't been alone. Dedicated public servants, nonprofit providers, and people of faith have been working day and night to keep homeless men and women safe, and find new homes for the Long Island programs. The hard work of this compassionate community

is making a difference. I want to update you on our progress, and share with you why it is giving me hope that Boston can turn the tide against homelessness and addiction.

Throughout the fall and winter, City and private shelters stepped up to serve every person who sought help, every night. Outreach workers went the extra mile to make sure everyone had access to shelter. New overnight drop-ins and daytime warming centers opened. In a winter that went down in history as the harshest on record, I'm deeply grateful that—unlike most years—we did not lose a single homeless person on our streets.

By January, we opened a new shelter on Southamptton Street, in a City-owned building close to Boston Medical Center and various service providers. Currently offering 250 beds, by July it will replace the more than 400 that were lost on Long Island. In addition, we are creating space in that facility for housing services, case management, healthcare, and mental health and addiction counseling. The support services at Southamptton Street will be more abundant and better integrated than in our Long Island shelter.

In addition, the Boston Public

Health Commission's four transitional housing programs are being preserved at full capacity in new locations. The Wyman Community Reentry and Transitions stabilization programs are already up and running at our River Street campus in Mattapan. Safe Harbor and SOAR will move from their temporary site in the South End Fitness Center to the new Southamptton Street facility once the renovations there are complete.

We are also providing relocation help and renovation funds to the four privately operated programs that were housed on Long Island. Volunteers of America's two residential recovery programs, Hello House and Rebound, will be re-opening in newly renovated facilities very soon. Bay Cove Human Services is close to securing a new home for its Andrew House/Bridge to Recovery detox center. And we are working actively with Victory Programs to find a site for Joelyn's Family Home.

In short, all the former Long Island programs are on the road to full restoration.

This work has been about more than overcoming a disruption. It has afforded us a long-overdue new

look at homelessness and addiction services. It has allowed us, with our community and provider partners, to begin building better, more permanent solutions.

This isn't just a city issue. It's a worsening regional crisis. Boston has 10 percent of the state's population, but our homeless census counts about one-third of the statewide total. Meanwhile, between 35 and 50 percent of our city's shelter guests on a given night come from communities outside Boston. Our shelter network, like our addiction programs, serves the entire region.

I'm proud to say that in the City of Boston, we are committed to sheltering everyone, every night: no matter where they arrive from, no matter what issues they bring, no matter what. But people in trouble need more than a safe bed. They need pathways to health and homes. That's what we are focused on providing.

We may have lost the Long Island Bridge. But we are building many more bridges to new life for our most vulnerable neighbors. Some of those structures are nearly complete. But the work won't be finished until we end homelessness and stem the addiction crisis for good.



Reading Between The Lines

“Teaching Hate”

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY
Brian R. Mahoney

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NFL Hall of Famer Howie Long had it right when asked to comment on the movie “The Town” by Ben Affleck. Long, who originally was raised in Charlestown, sarcastically replied, “I’d like to see this tough street kid make a movie about growing up on the mean streets of Cambridge.”

Only a politically correct airhead like Affleck would try to lie by omission about two hundred years ago. “It’s history Ben, you didn’t do it”! If you missed it Affleck asked Harvard Professor Henry Louis Gates to omit references to slave owning ancestors in a documentary Gates is conducting on well known figures ancestral roots. What is startling is that Gates agreed to this request of deceit. Who else has ancestral history being hidden by Gates? How about Gates himself? Is he descended from the Ashanti of Ghana or perhaps the Yoruba of Nigeria? These were the two most powerful tribes and in control of the slave trade in Africa. They were too elite and dignified to actually capture fellow Africans themselves. Instead they gave “shopping lists” to the more mercenary tribes like the Imbangala of Angola and the Hyamwezi of Tanzania. These were Africans, not captured in war or battle, but simply taken on sight by fellow Africans. The hero of “Roots”, Kunta Kinte, was gathering firewood when captured. So is Gates himself descended from slave owners? After all, there is only one questionable report

of white Europeans actually landing in Africa and capturing slave in the entire recorded history of slavery.

So how did the Africans get to the slave ships? Did they swim out and chain themselves? Apparently not, as the noted hand of one college African-American studies program stated, “Without complex business partnerships between African elites, European traders and commercial agents the slave trade to the new world would have been impossible, at least on the scale it occurred”. Based on that it would seem Africans themselves and European interests, not white Americans, were the main instigators and proponents of slavery. That aspect of slavery, however, is a well-kept secret.

That wouldn’t fit the narrative that only white people have the evil nature to engage in slavery and thus slavery and thus racism. Which, of course, keeps the race hustlers’ game going and lets Boston University offer a course that teaches people’s behavior is determined by their skin color. Apparently BU has hired a Prof. Grungy to teach a course on African-American studies beginning in July. From her initial comments, it appears obvious she couldn’t spell cat if she was spotted the “c” and “t” and was only hired for her race and gender. According to her comments “white college males are a problem population”.

Change one word, white to black, and see how much

condemnation would cascade from coast to coast. She’s so proud of her hate speech that she closed her site so now her racist hate tweets are private and only disseminated to follow haters. BU must be so proud to be the first institute of higher learning to publicly offer a

course on racial hate.

It’s too bad Liquori Tate didn’t take her course. If he had he would have known better than to go to the aid of his “white male problem” fellow officer Benjamin Dean down in Hattiesburg, Mississippi last weekend

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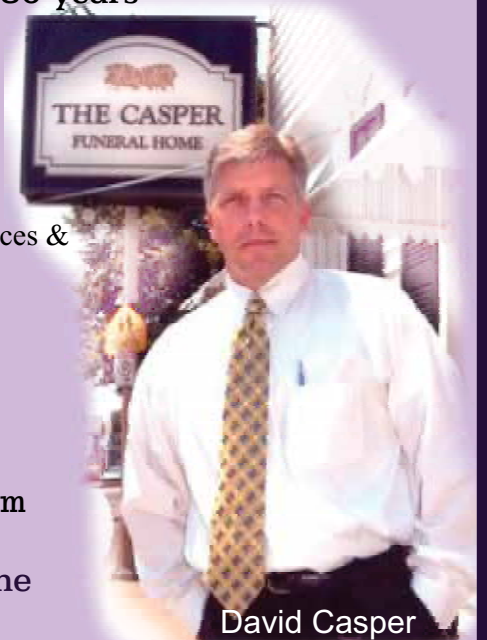
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has given South Boston residents a reason to start trusting City government again, after 20 years of either mistrust or distrust. After the neighborhood made itself perfectly clear and persistently vocal, South Boston will see its street system return to its original form. It's not to say that the transportation department shouldn't consider further study and a modification of its blanket one way program. This would be a prudent thing to do, as some observers who supported one ways, noted.

Trust is not earned by a single decisive act, however. Longtime residents for years had to powerlessly watch their neighborhood being transformed from the outside in, and endure an administration that gave lip service to community opposition while fostering what some have characterized as a pay to play culture when it came to development decisions. South Bostonians, long-time and newcomers, just want to be respected for having preserved the values of an urban neighborhood that is attracting outsized income earners, but needs to maintain a middle class workforce to sustain growth. Mayor Walsh's administration planners are looking to 2030, but realize that they must not only outline a plan, but see it through.

The issue of 'Trust' is at play as several large and small scale developments are being considered en masse in South Boston.

At Saint Augustine's, in a recent Cityside Association sponsored meeting, residents questioned the calculations presented by the architect in seeking additional bedrooms to their current mix of one, two and three bedroom units, when you factor in the steeple. When the dust settled and the calculation became clearer, there was confusion over what was originally stated as 3 more beds, actually becoming 12 additional bedrooms.

In Andrew Square, 20 and 21 story commercial and residential properties aimed at 'revitalizing' this area and creating middle class and workforce housing options are being proposed with only immediate area residents weighing in, according to the developer. Certainly, Andrew Square Civic Association should be the lead, but its impact is not isolated there.

Gate of Heaven School has become the lightning rod for trust issues. Each side disputes what the other side is saying to

the point where rumors are spreading quicker than facts. This can only put City Hall's decision making process right in the middle of the 'trust' equation.

Saint Vincent's Lower End Neighborhood Association and other affected Civic Groups and their interactions with the Convention Center over commitments and community benefits have gotten a reprieve. Governor Baker's administration didn't trust the market and economic data that were the bases for financing its \$1 billion expansion by bonds backed by the Commonwealth, and put the authorization on a temporary hold.

The Business Association in the Marine Industrial Park is contending with Jamestown Properties, MassPort and the wholesale reconfiguring of the transportation network that is so important to the maritime commercial enterprises that have populated the waterfront long before high end luxury residents and restaurants and office buildings took hold.

The transportation corridor, now the newly coined 'Growth Corridor', along and parallel to Old Colony Avenue between Andrew Square and Broadway Station, while seemingly on the outskirts, is critical to the Mayor's plan for affordable workforce and middle class housing. One question being asked is - will this middle class and affordable housing both here and in the Andrew Square high rises be the case in the years to come? Like forever? Or it is just to satisfy a short term need with the owner/developer coming back a few years from now trying to change the agreement - something that happened frequently during the previous administration.

Taking a page out of the late Councilor Jim Kelly's playbook, it may be the right time to not only try to coalesce the siloed civic associations in unity, but resurrect some form of the former Design Advisory Committee or Neighborhood Leaders Group and bring neighborhood community leaders together under a common mission and show strength in numbers.

Trust is rooted in respect. The decision by Mayor Walsh to listen to the neighborhood on the mundane but significant issue of the one way traffic system is to be applauded. It certainly is an encouraging sign when a Mayor shows respect. If it continues, trust will not be far behind.

Council President Linehan Announces 2024 Olympic Hearings

City Council President Bill Linehan, Chair of the Special Committee on the 2024 Olympics, announces details on the next four hearings to be held by the Committee, which will take place over the next two months.

The hearings will focus on the following topics:

- *The International Olympic Committee's (IOC) 2020 Agenda*
- *Financing of Operations and Venue Development*
- *Boston's 2030 Effort*
- *Councilor Zakim's non-binding public opinion referendum*

The Special Committee on the 2024 Olympics held its first hearing, which lasted four plus hours, in March. Based on the first hearing, the committee feels that subsequent due diligence requires additional hearings.

"It is my intention to create a public dialogue, in a public setting, with those shaping the bid and those who have been elected to represent the people

of Boston," said Council President Linehan. "If Boston's 2024 bid is selected, each neighborhood in the city will be affected differently."

The Committee has scheduled the next hearing on Monday, May 18th at 9:30 a.m. in the Iannella Chamber at Boston City Hall.

The May 18th hearing will focus on the International Olympic Committee's (IOC) 2020 Agenda regarding Boston's 2024 bid, and how it correlates to what a Boston 2024 Olympics must accomplish. The 2020 Agenda was created and approved by the IOC in an attempt to make the Olympic Games more sustainable and economical for host cities. The Special Committee on the 2024 Olympics will hold the hearing to review the 2020 Agenda and ensure that the IOC's Agenda aligns with Boston's position as

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DEMOCRATS TO HOLD CAUCUS

There has been a change in date in time for caucuses for Democrats in Wards 6 and 7. The new date is Saturday, May 16th from 8:00 am to 10:00 am at the Curley Recreation Center, 1163 Columbia Road, South Boston (M Street Entrance). 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.



Jim Brett Named to Disabilities Advocacy Posts

New England Council President & CEO James T. Brett has been named to several key disabilities advocacy posts at both the federal and state level in recent weeks. A former state representative and longtime Dorchester resident, Mr. Brett has been an outspoken advocate for

people with intellectual disabilities over the course of his career.

The three appointments include:

- **President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities** - President Barack Obama has announced his intent to appoint Mr. Brett to serve on the President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities (PCPID). Mr. Brett previously served on PCPID from 2002 to 2006 and served a two-year terms as the Committee's Chairman from 2011 to 2013. Last year he was appointed to a

one-year term on the committee. The mission of the President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities is to provide advice and assistance to the President of the United States and the Secretary of Health and Human Services on a broad range of topics that impact people with intellectual disabilities and the field of Intellectual Disabilities.

- **U.S. Department of Labor Advisory Committee on Increasing Competitive Integrated Employment for Individuals with Disabilities** - U.S. Secretary of Labor Thomas Perez has appointed Mr. Brett to serve on the U.S. Department of Labor's Advisory Committee on Increasing Competitive Integrated Employment for Individuals with Disabilities (ACICIEID). Established under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) signed by President Obama in July 2014, the purpose of the Advisory Committee is to make recommendations for the Secretary of Labor on ways to increase employment opportunities for individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities or other individuals with significant disabilities in competitive integrated employment.

- **Massachusetts Governor's Commission on Intellectual Disability** - Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker has reappointed Mr. Brett as the Chairman of the Governor's Commission on Intellectual Disability. Mr. Brett has served as the Chairman of the Commission for 14 years under Governors Deval Patrick, Mitt Romney, and Jane Swift. The Governor's Commission on Intellectual Disability was established to examine the quality and comprehensiveness of the Commonwealth's program of services designed to address the wide variety of needs of people with intellectual disability.

"I am honored and humbled to have been selected by President Obama, Secretary Perez, and Governor Baker to serve on these important advisory panels," Mr. Brett said. "Advocacy for people with intellectual disabilities is a cause that is near and dear to my heart, and I look forward to the opportunity to work with other members of these groups to offer guidance and advice to our leaders at both the federal and state level on how we can continue to create opportunities for people with intellectual disabilities."

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Kids Before Condos Bumper Sticker Campaign Launched

Concerned South Boston parents and residents, along with members of the Gate of Heaven Neighborhood Association, were on East Broadway on Saturday talking to South Boston residents about the strong possibility of a charter school relocating to the site of the old Gate of Heaven school building. South Boston parents, youth coaches and neighborhood

leaders, including South Boston elected officials, are calling on city officials to support a charter school for our children and not luxury condos as proposed by a real estate developer. "The children of South Boston deserve an opportunity to receive a decent and quality education in our own neighborhood," said a statement from the Gate of Heaven Neighborhood Association. "Now is the time to support the children of our neighborhood and ensure they receive a decent education and access to after school activities and youth sports programs."



Fr. Joe White To Be Honored At Gate Of Heaven CYO Banquet

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The Jack McDonough Award is presented annually at the Gatey C.Y.O. Fundraiser, to a community member who exemplifies Christianity in today's society and the goals of the Gate of Heaven C.Y.O. and its Alumni Association. This year's recipient is formerly of Savin Hill and now the pastor at St. Vincent's Church in South Boston, the Reverend Joseph M. White.

Father Joe over the past several years has been the driving force of St Vincent's CYO program. He is a strong supporter of the youth of our community and is always going the extra mile to get the necessary funds needed to support these programs at St. Vinnie's. His commitment to the youth of South Boston and his attendance at both home and away C.Y.O. basketball games has not only inspired his St. Vincent teams, but also the other kids participating from the Gatey C.Y.O. and other city teams.

St Vinnie's once again had a championship team this year and

we congratulated them and their coach Joe Curran, Fr. White's right hand man.

Besides handling his responsibilities and busy schedule with St. Vincent's and Our Lady of Good Voyage, Father Joe is a member of the Board of Directors at The Gavin House. He is also very instrumental in providing support to people in recovery.

Fr. White's time is coming to an end at St. Vincent's, he will be leaving on June 1ST for his new assignment. He will be truly missed throughout the whole South Boston community but especially by the kids in the C.Y.O. programs. We congratulate him on receiving the Jack McDonough Award and wish him all the best in his new position.

Tickets are still available for this Friday Night's Annual Fundraiser, which is being held at Carson Place at the B.T.U. from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Ask any coach, Kevin Lally, Touchie McDonough or Sean Monahan for tickets or information.

Gate Of Heaven CYO Announces Catholic Youth Awardees

The Rev. Paul V. Donovan Award for the Parish Outstanding Catholic Youth is presented annually to a person exemplifies the best of what it means to live out the Catholic faith in today's society.

The criteria used in selecting the recipient are based on participation in parish C.Y.O. activities, on church attendance, and on personal characteristics, which evidence

a commitment to the Christian Faith. This award is presented as an expression of our pride in the youth of our community.

The 2015 Outstanding Catholic Youth Female Award will be presented to Molly Cox. Molly is a junior at Boston Latin Academy and is the daughter of James and Jill Cox of East Seventh Street.

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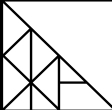
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION:


The Boston Redevelopment Authority is hosting a community meeting at the Institute of Contemporary Art on Thursday May 21st 2015 at 6PM to present certain changes to the civic and cultural use program at the Fan Pier Development site.


*Proposed changes to the civic and cultural use program at the Fan Pier Development site include increasing the total gross square feet of civic and cultural uses from 107,000 square feet to 111,000 square feet, allowing the Institute of Contemporary Art's expansion into adjoining Building I, and consolidating 17,166 square feet into Building D for a program proposed by The Boston Children's Museum, The New England Aquarium and the Boston Harbor Island's Alliance.

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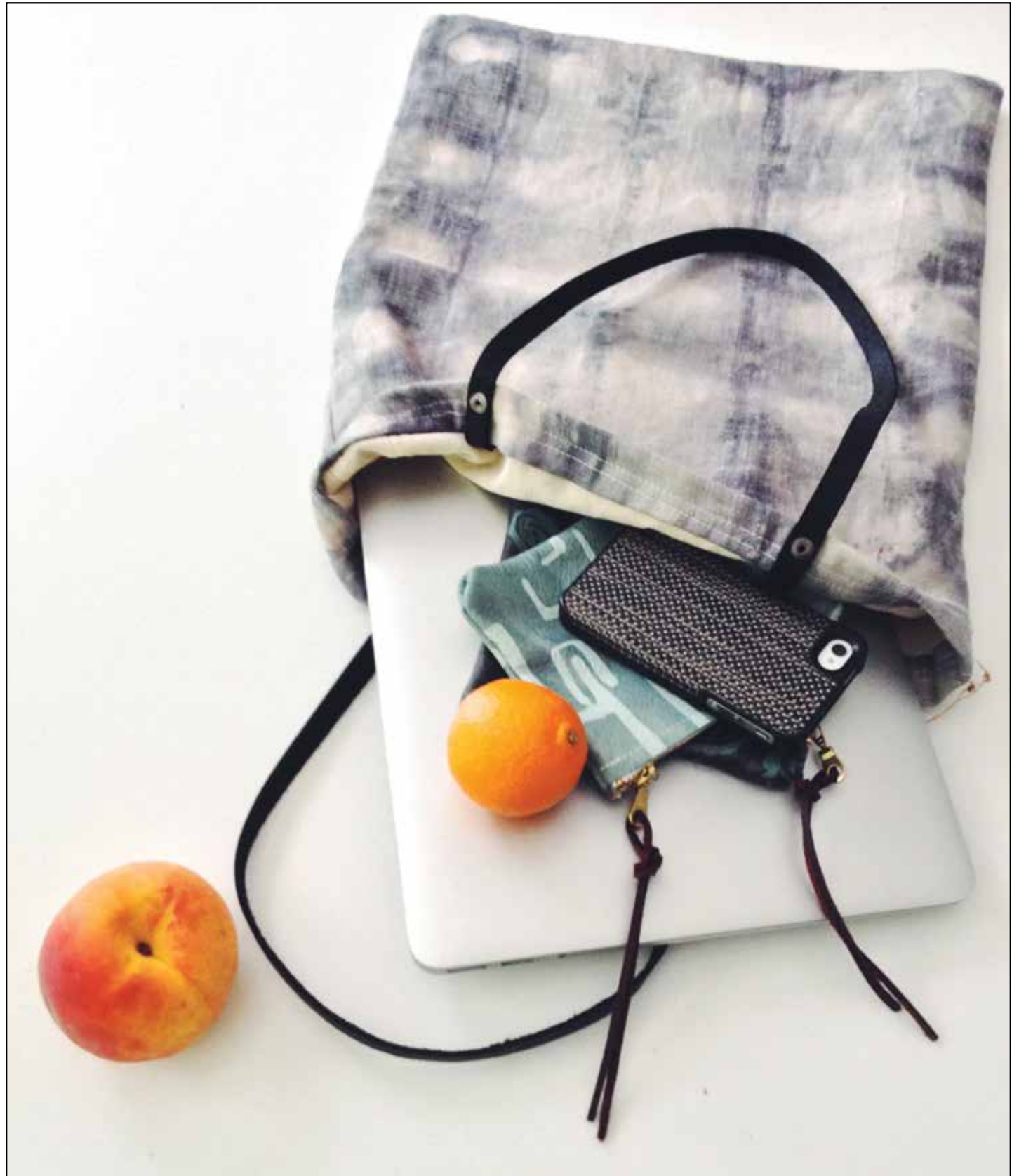
The Fort Point Arts Community's 15th annual Fort Point Spring Open Studios will be held on Friday May 15th from 4-7pm and Saturday and Sunday May 16th and 17th from noon-5pm.

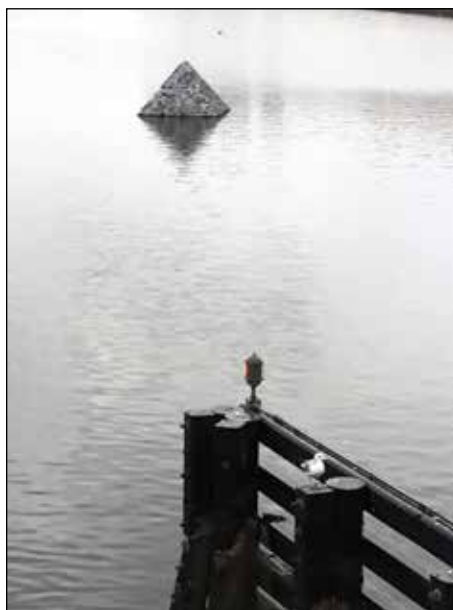
Seventy-five local artists open their studios in Boston's Fort Point, along with galleries, performances, and a series of outdoor public art installations. Visitors can pick up a map at any participating building and see the studios of painters, jewelers, ceramicists, photographers, sculptors, textile artists, printmakers, poets, filmmakers, and more. Explore Fort Point, one of New England's oldest and largest arts' communities, and talk with artists in their studios. Most artwork is available for purchase.

Open Studios also launches FPAC's Spring Public Art Series: artist Gianna Stewart has installed Toll With Me, made up of more than 8,500 bells on a fence on A Street. The bells' metallic finish catch the sun on a bright day and, says Stewart "they reveal the invisible winds that walk with us on A Street." Michael Moss and Claudia Ravaschiere have taken over an otherwise neglected corner of Congress Street, with Bright Side II: using quirky, colorful, everyday objects, Bright Side II transforms an underutilized plot of land to create an unexpected, gardenlike oasis.

Artists' demonstrations, music, film, and other special events are scheduled throughout the Open Studios weekend. Families can stop in for Drop-in Art Making Stations to make art on Saturday and Sunday at Midway Studios. On Sunday, live music is planned outdoors on Binford Street, with special guests The Squeezebox Stompers and singer-songwriter John Cremona & friends.

Fort Point Open Studios locations are all within an easily walkable area, convenient to T and commuter





rail at South Station and the Broadway Red Line stop, as well as the Silver Line Courthouse stop. Open Studios events are self-guided: maps and directories will be available at our information booth at the corner of A and Binford Streets and in all participating buildings. Locations of studios and galleries include: 15 Channel Center, 249 A Street, 63 Melcher Street, 346 Congress Street.

Free parking will be available in the Channelside Central Parking Lot directly across from 249 A Street, thanks to Gillette/P&G and Central Parking, accessible from Binford Street.

Admission to this event is free.

For more information and details go to www.fortpointarts.org or call 617-423-4299





St Peter Academy Has Global Appeal

A delegation of educators and dignitaries representing the Seoul Gangseo-gu Council, South Korea recently spent the morning at St Peter Academy. The 17 member South Korean panel was visiting schools in the United States to learn about US Early Childhood Education.

The delegation chose St Peter Academy for its Boston visit because of the school's notable early childhood curriculum which infuses developmentally





appropriate academic lessons in math, English language arts, literacy and STEM in a fun and engaging atmosphere that models positive social and emotional responses in a safe and nurturing environment.

Principal Andy Dilba guided the delegates through a tour of four prekindergarten and kindergarten classrooms where they observed and interacted with teachers and students while the students were actively engaged in learning time. The delegates were impressed with the level of knowledge shown by each class and the children's display of welcome and good manners.

A meeting followed the tour where delegates had the opportunity to engage members of the St Peter Academy Community in a discussion and Q&A about the Academy's school wide approach to learning. The tour concluded with a presentation of a Korean memento gift for the school gallery by the Seoul Gangseo-gu Council's President and a promise by all involved to continue the collaboration and new friendships made.

St Peter Academy, an independent community based private school, is celebrating 10 years of service to the community. It is South Boston's only Pre-K through Grade 8 School. Class size is limited to 20 students which is ideal for creating a nurturing environment filled with interactive learning opportunities. The school is located at 371 West Fourth Street and is currently accepting applications for the 2015 school year – To learn more about the school and all programs visit www.stpeteracademy.com or schedule a private tour by contacting Ms. Doreen Brown at 617-268-0750 or email SPA@StPeterAcademy.com.

The Early Childhood Programs at St Peter Academy are funded in part through the generosity of the South Boston Community Development Foundation.



10 Annual 'Marian Manor Classic' Golf Tournament

A reminder to all the golfing fans out there that this coming Monday, May 18th, the 10th Annual 'Marian Manor Classic' will be held at the Milton Golf Course.

This is among the most prestigious golfing events held in the New England area. But, just because it's up there in popularity, doesn't mean that it's for experienced golfers only. Beginners are always welcome and everyone has a good time in this event because fun is the theme of the day. Having fun while helping support such a worthy cause – the Marian Manor is always a great way to spend a beautiful spring day. Just ask anyone who has participated in the tournament before and they will agree – it's a blast. And in addition to the good time, the chance to win some super prizes sweetens the day even more.

There are still some openings for those who want to enter. For more information or to reserve your place call Sister Margaret Therese at 617-268-3333 or send an email to srtherese@marianmanor.org



South Boston Shines!

Thanks to South Boston WIC and South Boston CAN
On Friday, May 8th volunteers from South Boston WIC and South Boston CAN Youth Council cleaned up the South Boston Farmers Market during Boston Shines! The Farmers Market will be opening for the season in June.



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an international city as well as Boston's goals for the future. Invited participants include IOC member Angela Ruggerio, Boston 2024 Chief Operating Officer Erin Murphy, Boston 2024 Chief Marketing Officer Christa Carrone, and a representative from the Mayor's office.

The second hearing, scheduled for early June, will discuss Go Boston 2030, an effort to create a transportation infrastructure plan that will work for Boston going forward. The City of Boston celebrates its 400th birthday in 2030, and now is the time to define what is needed to invest in for Boston's future

infrastructure needs. Can the 2024 Olympics be a catalyst for such a discussion?

The third hearing will focus on addressing the operational and venue development costs related to the 2024 Olympic Games and their impact on Boston and its neighborhoods. The hearing will focus on the process of funding the Games, and their impact on existing conditions in the city of Boston. Boston is currently experiencing a building boom, for which nearly all the funding is private. Issues to be explored include how Boston can continue to build, and will Boston continue to attract investors to make the Boston Games a success?

Lastly, the fourth hearing will

focus on Councilor Zakim's order for a non-binding public opinion referendum. With significant civic dialogue prior to this hearing, the Council can weigh the need for a public vote in the upcoming City Council election, scheduled for November 3, 2015.

By holding these four hearings, the Special Committee on 2024 Olympics intends to flush out key aspects of proposing a bid to compete for the 2024 Olympics. Boston is bidding for the 2024 Olympics to be the Boston Games. The Boston City Council believes these forums will be extremely valuable for Boston regardless of whether or not Boston hosts the games.



SENIOR BABE RUTH TRYOUTS

Tryouts for the South Boston Senior Babe Ruth will be held next week at King Field in Moakley Park. The dates will be Thursday May 21 at 5:30, Saturday May 23 and Sunday May 24 at 5 P.M. To play you must be 16 before May 1 of this year. Anyone who turned 19 this year is also eligible.

We play an 18 game schedule during June and July and travel throughout eastern Mass. You

should live in South Boston, South End, and parts of Dorchester that border Southie. There is a small fee to play. We supply uniforms and equipment. This is a rebuilding year and we need up to 12 new players. This gives every player a better opportunity to make the team than has happened in many years. We also are in need of two assistants to coach Connor. We are also interested in finding a sponsor for this travel team. Anyone interested or with any questions, call Buddy Lane at 857-544-0461. Let's keep baseball alive for those players 19 and under. See you at the tryouts.

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The 2015 Outstanding Catholic Youth Male Award will be presented to Matthew Flaherty. Matt is a senior and attends Boston College High School and is the son of Jim and Katie Flaherty of East Sixth Street.

Congratulations to year's recipients

and we wish them all the best of luck now and in all their future endeavors.

The Annual Gate of Heaven C.Y.O. Fundraiser will be held this Friday, May 15th, at Carson Place at the B.T.U. from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. For tickets or information see the ad in this edition of South Boston Today.

2015 South Boston Pop Warner Football Registration Information

South Boston Pop Warner will be football and cheerleading holding registrations at our football field next to the Murphy Skating Rink, 1880 Day Blvd. Registration dates are:

Tuesday, May 19th from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM

Thursday, May 21st from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM

Tuesday, May 26th from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM

Thursday, May 28th from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM

Cheerleaders are assigned to teams based on age. Football players are assigned to teams based on age and weight (see chart below).

Football Players – Ages by Team

Team	Ages	Weight Range	Older/Lighter	Older/Lighter Weight
A	12-14	110-180	15	110-160
B	10-12	90-155	13	90-109
C	9-11	75-130	12	75-94
D	8-10	60-115	11	60-79
E	7-8	45-100	9	45-75
F	5-7	35-75	No Older / Lighter	

Ages are based on 7/31 of the current year.

Paperwork needed to participate

- 1)An original birth certificate (no copies).
- 2)National Registration Form can be downloaded from our website www.SBPW.com. The form has to be totally completed with both the parent and players' signature on the backside of the form.
- 3)National Medical Waiver can be downloaded from our website. The form has to be completed by a doctor or nurse practitioner and has to be dated after January 1, 2015. Physicals prior to January 1, 2015 will not be accepted.
- 4)Copy of the June 201 report card – which will be collected prior to the first practice in August.
- 5)Registration Fee – F team \$100. A through E teams \$150. Registration fee decrease by \$25 for each additional child.

Any questions – email info@sbpw.com.

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