



## South Boston Elected Officials Announce Important Public Safety Initiatives

Over the last several weeks, South Boston elected officials met with the public safety officials from the Boston Police Department (BPD), the Massachusetts State Police (MSP), the Probation Department, and Court system to discuss the need to increase resources and attention to the streets of South Boston as summer fast approaches.

As a result, plans focused on proactive measures to combat illegal drug activity, violent crimes and breaking and

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Congressman Stephen Lynch represents the district that had the highest number of military killed during the Viet-Nam War than any community in America. As a teen and later a young man, he witnessed too many long funeral processions through Southie's streets. He knew intimately the families of the fallen and saw their pain.

Too often was American blood and treasure spent in Vietnam to secure a village or hamlet, only to see it fall into enemy hands

after American trained South Vietnamese Army troops ran and abandoned their positions at the first enemy shot. Not all, but far too many for ultimate victory.

In Iraq, if American trained Iraqis aren't shooting American trainers in the back, they too are running and abandoning equipment at the first opportunity. The same equipment ISIS is using to win battles.

The Congressman is right to be outspoken and lead the effort to prevent Americans from fighting for an Iraqi nation that its own citizens will not defend.



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## Exposing Hypocrites and Phonies is Fun

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY  
John Ciccone

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One of the things most enjoyable about writing this column is I get to be one of the growing number of Conservative commentators in the country who happily expose the hypocrisy on display by some of the rich and famous; the self-proclaimed 'elite' who consider themselves high above the rest of America. Whether they are politicians, business moguls or Hollywood air heads, they spend much of their time scolding, nagging and preaching to the rest of us about how we must live our lives. They epitomize the 'do as I say not as I do' mentality that is so prevalent among the 'chosen ones'. You have politicians like Joe Biden and some in congress railing against everyday working citizens for not helping those less fortunate and then it's learned that they themselves give but a pittance of their income to charity. But the most insufferable group of all are the entertainers who lecture us about the environment and how we should all be ashamed of ourselves for not getting rid of our cars, tossing out our air conditioners and by all means, conserving resources for the benefit of mankind. Meanwhile, they fly around in private jets that spew more toxic fumes into the air than an Al Sharpton speech. And as it was recently confirmed but always suspected, many of them live in and around Beverly Hills, California.

As most know, there has been a severe drought in the fantasy land called California. Its just not raining. It runs in cycles; it's happened before and will again in the future. It's so bad, that the place is turning into a dust bowl and with the restricted water use the land is drying up and turning everything from a moist green to a dusty brown- but not everywhere. Ariel surveillance is showing that there are areas of lush

blooming, well watered grounds in the middle of all the dry parched land. To be more specific, those flourishing areas just happen to be the lawns and gardens of some of Hollywood's biggest environmental scolds. While everyone else is ordered not to waste precious water on lawns, all the vegetation around the huge mansions belonging to Cher, Barbara Streisand, Kanye West and Kim Kardashian, Julia Roberts, Jennifer Lopez, Hugh Hefner and a long list of other Hollywood phonies who consider themselves much too important to be held to the same standards as everyone else is in great shape. Photos taken from the air reveal spouting fountains and enormous sprinkler systems working hard day and night to make sure those lawns are moistened to perfection. Meanwhile, farmers watch their crops wilt and ranchers barely have enough water to keep their livestock hydrated. Some of these animals have died from lack of water. So blatant are these 'stars' they are even infuriating their wealthy neighbors who do follow the emergency rules.

Some of these celebrities; when exposed are embarrassed as the Ariel photos of their gardens have been made public and are showing up all over social media. Others of course, are just so arrogant that instead of apologizing or changing their ways, they are furious that they are being criticized. So the next time we are subjected to some self-righteous Hollywood nitwit doing a TV spot demanding that we change our life styles to help combat 'climate change' or 'global warming', take it for what their preaching is worth – pretty much nothing.

In Baltimore, they asked for it and they got it. Demands that police back off from enforcing the laws the way they should

be enforced is resulting in a city that is now even worse than it was before. Over the Memorial Day weekend, there were 29 shootings, nine murders, and a multitude of stabbings, muggings, rapes, home invasions and a variety of other violent crimes. It's what happens when the liberal leadership hamstring and actually penalizes police for doing their jobs properly. Listening to the speeches given by that city's leaders and bloviating windbags from Washington during and after the rioting there, it was pretty clear that the rioters and looters and other

criminals were given more respect than the police themselves.

The criminals got the message loud and clear: you can get away with a whole lot more now than you could before. Now they have taken to the streets to terrorize while the cops are treading cautiously; almost afraid to do their jobs because they know they will get little if any support from those in charge. Under the circumstances, there was just no other way things could have turned out. And now, the good people of Baltimore are less safe than ever.

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## Straight From The Mayor

### *Dear Fellow Boston Residents:*

Last week, I announced Imagine Boston 2030, the first citywide planning process in 50 years. It will be a two-year planning process to create a roadmap for success leading up to Boston's 400th birthday.

Boston is a city of neighborhoods and, more importantly, a city of neighbors who care and look out for one another. Across our many cultures and identities, we come together in the conviction that everyone deserves access to health, education, opportunity, and quality of life. This appreciation for who we are and what we stand for will be invaluable in planning for 2030. Our challenge is also our unique opportunity: to combine our diverse perspectives into a powerful collective vision. I am looking forward to hearing from residents all over the city about what they imagine Boston's future will look and feel like.

Imagining Boston's future is something everyone does, when they think about building their career, their family, and their dreams in our city. But those dreams—and our city's future—depend on decisions that we make today, as a community. So, we've set Boston's 400th

anniversary as a milestone for our planning initiatives: in housing, transportation, the environment, arts, and more. It's a timeline that allows us to think about Boston's future on a global and historic scale, while focusing on concrete, reachable goals. It's time to unify these goals into a comprehensive framework for the way our city grows.

Fifty years ago, Boston sought a plan to reverse economic stagnation and population loss. Today, Boston is thriving. Our population is growing, our economy is expanding, and long-neglected land is being developed. These are all signs of our success—but they also present challenges. We don't just want to grow bigger. We want to grow smarter. We want to grow more resilient and more equitable, all across the city. We want to position Boston to thrive at every level: from our homes, streets, and parks, to the global economic arena. So we're going to take on our challenges, and more: we're going to dream bold new dreams.

In Imagine Boston 2030, we will build this ambitious vision together. And we will create a plan for making it a reality, in every neighborhood. A citywide plan will direct economic and physical growth toward that vision. It will enhance development by establishing, through community input, high standards of quality that

create a predictable framework for project approval. It will align and advance all our planning goals, and drive the investments and partnerships we need to achieve them, while making Boston a leader on the world stage.

Public engagement will be the heart of the process. We're starting right away with a website at [imagine.boston.gov](http://imagine.boston.gov). It invites creative methods of engagement for a plan that we expect will highlight Boston's creativity. We don't know exactly where our city's collective imagination will lead. But our core values will guide us. We're going to strengthen what's great about Boston already, from historic landscapes to diverse communities. We're going to make equity and quality of life the hallmarks of new progress, so everyone can thrive in our city. And we're going to embrace innovation—so we can continue to lead the world, in everything from new technology to walkable neighborhoods.

Today, we plan from a position of strength—in our economy, and in our communities. I want to thank again Boston's residents, who have made this city what it is and work every day to make it even greater. I can't wait to find out where we can go next. Now is our chance to set the course for the next generation of Bostonians. Join us to make our vision a reality - your voice is the key to our success.

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entering in the neighborhood have been initiated. Drug control unit forces have been increased leading to more arrests and a focused warrant sweep will be conducted by BPD and the Probation Department.

Other areas of public concern, including Moakley Park and beaches along Day Boulevard will see an increase in police from both the City and State throughout the summer.

"After sharing community concerns about increased drug activity on the streets of South Boston with BPD Commissioner Evans and Lt. Det. Brian Larkin, they responded immediately with an increased DCU presence resulting in an uptick in drug arrests and search warrants in the heart of the neighborhood," said City Councilor At Large Michael Flaherty.

"As public officials, we have no greater responsibility than to provide public safety in our communities," said State Representative Nick Collins. "I am thankful that our city and state law enforcement agencies are working together. These proactive measures will increase police visibility in our neighborhood and ensure that our community remains safe during the summer months."

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# Reading Between The Lines

## “Let’s Go Buffalo”

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Thanks Bob. I’ve always had a sense of guilt that I didn’t do more or wasn’t outspoken enough in support of your effort to build Patriot Place in Southie. It seemed that a stadium would be preferable to the Convention Center and you were never really given a fair opportunity to make your case.

Today, however, after your public lack of fortitude, I have received expiation. Your contradictory capitulation was predictable. My friend’s father, an astute football fan approaching 89 years old, when it was announced that Robert Kraft would make a statement prophesied, “He’ll cave, he’s got no guts”, except he described a different body part than guts. My friend’s son and I, both naïve young fans in our 60’s, discounted his wisdom and swore our loyalty to you. What a pair of dopes.

Thank God we kept you and your corrupt enterprise out of our town. So, if we understand correctly, you agreed to the most severe penalty in League history, but you’re innocent and only did it for the “good of the league”?

How’s that working out? This is about the third time you’ve swallowed lies and insults about the Patriots starting with that phony spy scandal.

What happened to shrewd Bob Kraft? Do you think the country will now say what nice guys you and the Patriots are? That now they like the team? This will never go away. People will never forget.

Have you never heard

expressions like “marching through the gates of hell” or songs like “I won’t back down”? Do you understand the sentiment and concept of never giving up? Let me refresh your memory of a 17-17 Super bowl tie with a minute and 21 seconds left and the famous John Madden explaining now the Patriots would run out the clock and play overtime”. Now that championship and all the others will be forever under a cloud. How is that better for the Patriots?

The losers always whine. Remember how they changed the rules after the first super bowl win because the Colts whined that our secondary was “mean”? Now, thanks to you, people who know nothing about football, casual fans, will only know the Patriots cheated and admitted it by accepting the penalty.

Two years ago, we beat the Jets only to have the referees call a “pushing” penalty on the Patriots, giving the Jets a second opportunity to kick the game winning field goal. Problem was that the unheard of penalty, allegedly a point of emphasis being pushed by the league, has never been called before or since. Again you remained silent “for the good of the league” and suspending/ firing the two ball boys, without being ordered by the league is a sign of innocence? Remember when President Nixon accepted “the responsibility, but not the blame” for the Watergate break-in? Who believed him? This is “what’s best for the team”?

Owner does not make you the only fan whose opinion counts. It doesn’t even make you the biggest fan. There are some, like this writer, who have never missed a Patriots game. Ever. Even serving in the military, my mother would place a microphone in front of the radio, and send me the cassette of the game. When the AFL (American Football League) formed in 1959 and began playing in 1960 we could never cheer for the Jets, (except during Namath’s

time), the Dolphins were always the most hated. The Buffalo Bills, however, had character. Cookie Gilchrist, Jack Kemp, Boothe Lustig, Coach Lou Saban. Most of us will always cheer for Tom Brady and hope for the best for the rest of the Patriots. Many of us, at the same time, are looking for a team we can respect from top to bottom. Buffalo looks like that team. At least Rex Ryan will never quit fighting. Let’s go Buffalo.

*Take care till next week.*

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## REP. COLLINS UNVEILS LEGISLATIVE AGENDA FOR UPCOMING SESSION

*Emphasis on local issues relating to open space,  
public safety and transportation issues*

**Representative Nick Collins** announced his legislative priorities for the district for the current legislative session, which began this past January and ends in December 2016. Rep. Collins has put together an aggressive legislative agenda for this session, several of which have a direct impact on South Boston.

Rep. Collins recently convened a meeting with the heads of South Boston's neighborhood civic organizations to prioritize bills affecting the community and build support.

"I have heard loud and clear from the residents of South Boston that transportation and open space are major areas of concern," said Rep. Collins. "My office has worked hard to file bills in order to address these concerns and we will continue to work hard to improve the quality of life for residents in the neighborhood."

*A few of the local bill highlights include:*

- Legislation implementing a real estate tax deferral for long-term residents of South Boston who are 55 years of age or older and live in a fixed income;
- Legislation to examine green space and open space requirements in South Boston, including an examination into requirements for developments in excess of 10,000 square feet and neighborhood priorities for green space; and
- Legislation to prioritize transportation improvements to South Boston roads and public transit service.

**Rep. Collins** also announced his new committee assignments for the upcoming session. He was appointed to a leadership position as Vice Chairman of the Committee on Personnel and Administration. He will also serve on the House and Joint Committee on Ways and Means, the Committee on Redistricting and the Committee on Technology and Intergovernmental Affairs.

## Gate of Heaven

**P**lease 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](mailto:SaveGatey2015@gmail.com). We need your help!

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

1. There is a Monday With Mayor Walsh meeting at 6:30 on June 1 at South Boston High School

where you can discuss Gatey and overdevelopment issues in general

2. Mark your calendar, we need you at the ZBA hearing on June 23 at 11:30am.

3. We will be hosting a fundraiser in support of the "Save Gatey legal defense fund" on June 10 from 5:30-8:30 at the Shamrock on H & East 8th.

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](mailto:SaveGatey2015@gmail.com) if you would like to get involved. South Boston is worth fighting for! Thank you,

Gate of Heaven Neighborhood Association



# MAYOR WALSH OUTLINES ROAD MAP TO BATTLE ADDICTION

**M**ayor Martin J. Walsh joined the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts Foundation (BCBSMF) to release *Addiction and Recovery Services in the City of Boston, a Blueprint for Building a Better System of Care*, a report on the current status of substance abuse and addiction in the City of Boston. The findings of the report will serve as a road map for the Mayor's Office of Recovery Services (ORS), the first-ever municipal-based office to focus on this issue. The Mayor also announced that Jennifer Tracey, a highly respected and experienced recovery expert, will head ORS.

"Too many Bostonians are all too familiar with the destruction that substance abuse addiction causes in our City's families and neighborhoods," said Mayor Walsh. "We see addiction's devastation in our homes, at our workplaces, and on our streets. Where there are accessible recovery supports that readily assist people and families suffering from addiction, devastation can quickly transform into a wellspring of resilience and strength. This is why addressing Boston's addiction problem is one of my top priorities as Mayor of Boston. Now that BCBSMAF has finalized this report, it will serve as a vital roadmap for the newly created Office of Recovery Services, which will soon open under the Boston Public Health Commission."

"We were pleased to partner with Mayor Walsh and his Administration on an assessment that included concrete, actionable recommendations to strengthen Boston's substance use disorder and recovery service system," said BCBSMF President Audrey Shelto. "Under his leadership, the City has an incredible opportunity to strengthen the partnerships and programs that provide services to

individuals and families impacted by addiction and reduce stigma by encouraging those who need treatment to seek it. The City of Boston can become a national leader in combating drug use and related community challenges and serve as a model to other municipalities in the region and around the country."

Last year, Mayor Walsh announced a collaboration between the City of Boston and the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts Foundation to produce a study on the current capacity of addiction and recovery services in the City of Boston. The findings of the report focus on how to better align the city's addiction and recovery services with demonstrated best practices.

## ***Among the report's findings, some include:***

- Boston's rate of substance abuse prevalence (11.3 percent), based on respondents' indication of dependence or abuse of illicit drugs or alcohol in the past year, is roughly comparable to that of other regions within the state.
- The substance use disorder treatment system is a statewide system and treatment seekers are not prioritized for placement based on their city or town of residence.

At any given time, as many of half of the residential treatment beds based in Boston may be filled by individuals living outside of the City.

- Boston's capacity gap reflects needs beyond Boston residents. Based on the analysis by the state's Health Planning Council, the City has a significantly higher density of treatment and recovery beds (detox, residential, transitional support services and Clinical Stabilization Service) than any other area of the state.

- Boston has 152 beds per 100,000 residents, while the next largest, central Massachusetts and Cape Cod, have approximately 42 beds per 100,000 residents.

## ***Among the report's recommendations, some include:***

- Augmenting existing capacity (beds) for detox and residential treatment;
- Creating a central source of real-time information on available treatment beds and outpatient services;
- A more cohesive and integrated continuum of care to reduce relapse and increase rates of retention during transition points;
- Encouraging of formal referral arrangements between

organizations;

- Supporting integration of levels of care within single organizations;
- Public and private payment reform to support such delivery system reform;
- Expanding care coordination and system navigation services;
- Better data collection and reporting regarding need, demand and capacity;
- More detailed data collection including needs of specific populations and cultural competence; and
- Advocacy for implementation of evidence based practices.

The Office of Recovery Services will be under the oversight of the Boston Public Health Commission, and is part of Mayor Walsh's Fiscal Year 2015 budget, which identified \$300,000 in new funding to help support its creation. The office will work to improve existing addiction and recovery services and create a continuum of high quality services for those battling addiction, help those fighting addiction navigate the city's available resources, and advocate for treatment options. Today's addiction and recovery study will be fundamental to the development, mission and function

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## MAYOR'S FIRST HOUSING PROGRESS REPORT

**M**ayor Martin J. Walsh today publicly released the administration's first progress report on achieving the housing production goals laid out in his ambitious housing plan, "Housing a Changing City: Boston 2030." The plan, released in October 2014, called for increased transparency into housing policy, including quarterly releases of data and an end of year Annual Report. This is the first report in that series.

"I am extremely proud of the progress that the City has made in increasing the supply of new housing that will reach the market," said Mayor Walsh. "But in order to create a thriving, healthy and innovative city, we must work harder to ensure that everyone who wants to live here is able to. This report shows that Boston 2030 is more than just a thoughtful plan; it is a true blueprint for action."

The City of Boston's data demonstrates that the City is on

target to meet the Mayor's goals of creating 53,000 units of housing by the year 2030. In the first quarter of 2015, 1,187 units of housing were created, bringing the total number of new units of housing created since the inception of the plan to 13,017. This represents 128 percent of the target production level needed to reach the City's goal of creating 53,000 units by 2030. In addition, another 825 units of housing were approved through the Boston Redevelopment Authority (BRA), bringing the City's total number of units permitted or approved to more than 21,000 units.

This quarter, the City also achieved 121 percent of its target rate for creating 6,500 units of low-income housing by 2030. To encourage continued development of affordable housing, this week Mayor Walsh awarded nearly \$39 million to support affordable housing developments in neighborhoods throughout Boston. The funding, which will create or preserve 1,194 housing units, uses \$27 million of federal and local resources through the Department of Neighborhood Development (DND) and uses \$11.7 million in linkage funds through Boston's Neighborhood Housing Trust.

The City reached 88 percent of its quarterly target to reach 20,000 units of middle income housing by 2030, with 551 units created this quarter, and 3,740 units permitted to date. Analysis of the data appears to show an increase in middle income housing creation. When this quarter's new housing starts come on the market, projections indicate that nearly half of the units will be affordable to middle

income households, in comparison to 26 percent in 2014.

"Boston is well on its way to achieving the level of production needed to house its growing population," said Marc Draisen, Executive Director of the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC). "Middle income housing still remains a challenge, which is why we strongly support Mayor Walsh's efforts to address barriers related to zoning, permitting and the cost of construction."

No new units of senior housing were created this quarter; however, the City has permitted 284 new units of low-income senior housing, which is 89 percent of the target rate needed to reach 1,500 units by 2030. The elimination of the Federal 202 program has meant that it has been a year since the last elderly housing project started construction; however, passage of a new line item in Mayor Walsh's Fiscal Year 2016 City budget would mean that the City can begin to rebuild the senior housing pipeline and to fund new projects again. The City also filed state legislation in January to create a new affordable senior housing program using existing state housing bond bill funds.

*Additional data points in the report include:*

- **Dorm Production.** No new undergraduate dorm beds were produced this quarter, while 1,983 have been produced to date. This represents 58 percent of the target rate needed to reach 16,000 beds by 2030; however, 2014 was a record year for dormitory construction completions, with nearly 1,400 new dorm beds coming on line.
- **Transit-oriented development.** 75 percent of the City's new housing starts are within a 5 minute walk of major transit.
- **Foreclosures.** Although the homeowner foreclosure rate has declined, foreclosure filings are rising. This is a statewide phenomenon that the City is investigating, and strategies will be developed for deployment in Q2 of 2015.

The entire report can be found at <http://dnd.cityofboston.gov/#page/75ef9f0b-abad-4cd8-81fe-3e62bda20795>

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399 West Broadway UNIT 4 Condo	\$575,000	4/30/15	5	2	1260
556 East Sixth St UNIT 2 Condo	\$555,000	5/1/15	5	2	1069
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## Julie's Learning Update

Over 300 people were in attendance to celebrate the lifework of Sr. Jean Sullivan, SND, and Sr. Louise Kearns, SND. This "Honoring Event" was the biggest event of Julie's history. Speakers were Sr. Patricia O'Malley, who began Julie's Children's House with Sr. Jean in the 1970's. Author Michael Patrick MacDonald also spoke about Julie's influence in the community.

A video was shown chronicling the stories of women and children in the program. Alumna Laurretta Brennan gave the keynote speech, telling her inspirational story. And Sen. Linda Dorcea Forry followed, speaking of the challenges all parents face "educate a mother and you'll educate a generation."

Julie's Angel Awards were given to Srs. Jean and Louise by staff members Ann D'Auria and Christine Griffin.















photographer James Gavaghan







## Farmers Market Opens June 1

**O**pening Day of the 13th season of the South Boston Farmers Market

446 West Broadway (in front of the municipal parking lot) on Monday June 1, 2015. The South Boston Neighborhood Development Corporation (SBNDP), the new sponsor of the South Boston Farmers Market, will hold an Opening Day celebration at the market on June 1st.

Check in with old favorites Freitas Farm & Wenger Farm to get some early vegetables, and visit newcomer Red's Best to see what seafood they have to offer! There will be health and nutrition information available as well. Councilor Bill Linehan will be

present to kick off the market at noon with a special presentation, followed by live music until 3:00 pm. For more information, please go to <http://www.sbnpc.org/south-boston-farmers-market/>

The market season begins on Opening Day on June 1st and will go through October 26, on every Monday excluding Labor Day and Columbus Day. The market runs from noon through 6 pm, and is located at 446 Broadway on the sidewalk in front of the municipal parking lot. The South Boston Farmers Market accepts SNAP, WIC, and Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Coupons, and has Boston Bounty Bucks available for SNAP users.

If you're interested in joining

the farmers market committee or are looking for more information about vendors, programming, or sponsorship, please visit our website: <http://www.sbnpc.org/south-boston-farmers-market/> or find us on Facebook and Twitter at @SBFarmersMkt\_

Free transportation to and from the South Boston Farmers Market (from within South Boston only) donated and provided by the Southie Shuttle. To reserve your ride, call the Southie Shuttle at 617-268-4110.

SBNDP is a local non-profit that has successfully developed over 180 units of affordable housing in the community. SBNDP also provides support to the South Boston Street Festival, the Christmas and Spring Strolls, and Southie Trees.

## The Lawn on D Welcomes Massive Inflatable Luminarium

**J**oin your neighbors on Thursday, May 28 and Friday, May 29 from 1pm - 7pm; Saturday, May 30 and Sunday, May 31 from 12pm - 6pm. Tickets are only \$5.00 each (cash only) at the The Lawn on D 420 D Street, Boston, MA

Pentalum is a massive inflatable mind-bending world that must be explored to be believed and understood. Unlike anything Boston has seen before, Pentalum brings a future-playground to the innovative Lawn on D to heighten senses and spark creativity.

This dazzling structure utilizes natural light to create a mesmerizing radiance on its organically curved walls, domed roofs and maze-like walkways. Pentalum is one of a series of incredible structures created by the Architects of Air which has been seen by over 2 million visitors in 38 countries - but has never before landed on the East Coast.

The Lawn on D is located a short walking distance from the World Trade Center Station on the Silver Line and the South Station or Broadway stops on the Red Line.

There is also a Hubway bike station in front of the BCEC on Summer Street.

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of the office.

As the new Director of the Office of Recovery Services, Jennifer Tracey has nearly 20 years of experience in the field of Health and Human Services ranging from program development, implementation and evaluation; grant and contract negotiation; strategic community mobilization, education and direct service work with adolescents and families. Tracey previously served as the Director of the Office of Youth and Young Adults at the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Bureau of Substance Abuse Services for the past five years.

"It is an honor to serve the City of Boston and join a team that prioritizes innovative addiction recovery efforts," said Tracey. "I am grateful to bring my experience and passion to the Office of Recovery Services to carry out the

recommendations of the strategic plan and to support Mayor Walsh's comprehensive vision comprised of prevention, intervention, treatment, and recovery for each individual and family in the City of Boston."

Wednesday's report was released at the Dimock Center in Roxbury, which is nationally recognized as a model for the delivery of comprehensive health and human services in an urban community.

"I am incredibly honored that The Dimock Center was chosen as the site to release this important addiction and recovery report," said Dr. Myechia Minter-Jordan, President & CEO of The Dimock Center and member of the report's Advisory Council. "As a leader in substance abuse and recovery services, The Dimock Center is at the forefront of the fight against addiction as we work to increase access to these services in the City of Boston and beyond."



## Collaborative Center Spring Event June 4

**T**he South Boston Collaborative Center is hosting its Spring Fundraiser on Thursday, June 4, 2015 at 6:00 PM at the Ironworkers Local 7 Union Hall in South Boston.

The event is free to all and there will be light refreshments and raffles.

All proceeds go to support the Collaborative Center, which provides a critical link in the community's efforts to combat issues related to substance abuse and mental health.

At the event the following awards will be presented the Joe Walsh Community Service Award to Karen O'Brien and the Jack Leary Compassionate Warrior Award to Christine Barrett. Through the Joe Walsh and Jack Leary Awards we celebrate the lives of two individuals who understood and demonstrated compassion in action on behalf of others struggling with substance dependence and its effects on others. Karen O'Brien and Christine Barrett demonstrate this legacy of spirit and commitment of Joe and Jack and the Collaborative Center is pleased to present these awards to them. Please come and congratulate this year's recipients and show how much we as a community appreciate all that they have done for others.





## South Boston Youth – This Is For You! Yes You! Summer Internships at St. Peter Academy

After submitting convincing evidence in its applications that it not only provides the fundamentals of a solid education, but also offers after school and summer programs that appeal to our working families, the Saint Peter Academy is the beneficiary of several summer internship grants.

John Hancock MLK Summer Scholars Program has funded several positions. The first position being offered is that of an Assistant Program Counselor. In the spirit of the Academy's mission to mold good citizens and community leaders, they are seeking enthusiastic, creative and responsible candidates for their Summer Education Program Intern positions. SPA guarantees fun learning opportunities and an opportunity to develop leadership skills, learn new

business skills, make new friends and become more engaged with your community. Other intern opportunities will be posted soon. Refer to the job posting elsewhere in this issue of SBT for application details.

Families - Check out the Urban Explorers Summer Program which hosts 10 week sessions beginning June 22. Program hours are from 9am – 4pm with early and extended hours available at a modest cost. Become a LITTLE explorer if you are 2.9-5 years old; a JUNIOR explorer if you are 5/6 – 8 years old and an URBAN explorer if you are 9 – 12 years old.

Brochures and registration forms available online: [StPeterAcademy.com](http://StPeterAcademy.com) or request a registration form by calling 617-268-0750 or by email at [SPA@StPeterAcademy.com](mailto:SPA@StPeterAcademy.com)

## St Peter Academy Summer Intern Positions

St Peter Academy seeks enthusiastic, creative and responsible candidates for our Summer Education Programs Intern positions. Program Position Dates: July 6 – August 21, 2015

Position Hours and Pay Rate: 20-25 hours a week at \$9.00 an hour

Position Title: Assistant Program Counselor

Position Purpose: To assist lead teacher counselors and program director in group learning activities for students ages 2.9 to 12 years old.

Benefits of the Position: Fun learning opportunities; develop leadership skills; learn new business skills; become more engaged with your community; make new friends.

### Job Functions and Duties:

1. Assist in the direction, supervision and organization of students in assigned activities and throughout the program day.

- Apply basic youth development principals in working with students through communication, relationship development, respect for diversity, involvement and empowerment of youth.

- Help to ensure students are properly supervised at all times.

2. Participate in implementation of program activities for students.

- Assist in the teaching of learning activities.

- Actively participate in all program areas as assigned.

- Support the progression of learning activities within the framework of individual and group interests and abilities.

- Enthusiastically participate in all program activities.

3. Be a positive role model for students and staff.

- Ensure positive attitude, behavior and interaction with students and staff.

- Follow all safety rules and procedures.

4. Commit to personal development goals.

- Attend bi-weekly personal development workshops.

- Participate in orientation/training seminar.

- Access the supports of assigned adviser.

- Attend end of summer all staff luncheon/debriefing and participate in survey.

### Qualifications and Requirements:

- Must be a full-time Boston resident.

- Enrolled in high school, college, career development course or have the intention to enroll in any of the above or similar programs.

- Preferable age 15 – 19 years old.

- Candidates under the age of 18 must provide a signed work permit.

- Agree to a CORI check.

Applicants, Please Contact Enrichment Program Director, Jennifer Chapin at [enrichment@stpeteracademy.com](mailto:enrichment@stpeteracademy.com) or call the school

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**Wednesday June 10, 2015**  
**10:00 am - 2:00 pm**

St Peter Academy is celebrating 10 years of service  
to our community families and children!

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**Program**

10:00 am - Community Bingo with Great Prizes  
11:15 am - St Peter Academy 'Salute to Boston' Show featuring the  
Children of St Peter Academy, The Castle Island Association  
Choir and The South Boston Historical Society  
1:00 pm - Community Picnic and Fun & Games at the Lawn on D

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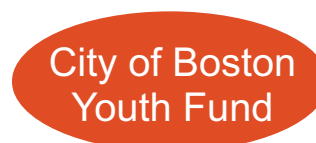
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