



Developer Alert: South Boston Wants Its Neighborhood Back

There is an interesting adage: An optimist builds castles in the sky; a dreamer lives in them; a realist collects rent from both of them. South Boston has been an optimist's and dreamer's fantasy up to now. Then, in steps a realist – Governor Charlie Baker. When he 'paused' the expansion of the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center (BCEC) he has asked the question: At what cost? From his vantage it's about taxpayers' costs; from South Boston's vantage it's about the community's costs.

The Governor, in counsel with local legislators, is asking for a

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“Fresh Air” SOUTH BOSTON TODAY By Staff

The Inaugural “Meet the Mayor” public meeting Monday night with Mayor Walsh met with good reviews from residents. A major comment among the crowd was the difference in style and substance between this and the former administration. Several said they never actually saw the previous Mayor in public.

Topics of controversy and reports of progress aside, it was refreshing to see, feel and touch Team Walsh. The tone was dramatically

different with the sense that the City’s department heads may actually do what they promised to do. There was no feeling that a ‘bait and switch’ move was being employed. The residents were initially ready to be aggressive, but were tempered by the cooperative tone that the Mayor employed.

Overall, there was much to be learned and gained from this forum and if a person wants the straight story in one information-filled session these meetings may just fill the bill.



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Can We Trust What We're Being Told About the 2024 Summer Olympics?

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY
John Ciccone

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Well, there's that word 'Trust' again. Over the years, South Bostonians, in fact, Bostonians in general have often been asked what makes us so skeptical or even flat-out distrustful when it comes to promises made. Certainly we trust our families and friends and most of the neighbors we know personally. But beyond our inner circles and especially when there are large sums of money involved; billed to the taxpayers, questions arise. Those so dismayed that they are not believed are often members of the media, some elected officials, bigtime developers and/or their front men and women who just can't understand why we would question their motives and plans. Why are we always so suspicious we are often asked; many times indignantly

because of our reluctance to buy what is told and sold to us. But then it's not very long before we are hit with yet another reminder of why; as a community and as a city, we have become so defensive and cautious. The latest issue is of course the news that even though we were told that no tax dollars would be used to pay to bring the 2024 Olympics to Boston, surprise; there is/was/may have been/maybe still is a plan to do just that.

Now to be frank, whether you support the Games coming to Boston or not, few people believed for a minute that there would not be an attempt to change the rules once enough support was garnered and use taxpayer dollars. Its how things have worked in this city for over 20 years: Tell the people what they want to hear

to get them to go along with the plan and then do what we want no matter what the original proposal said. Then, if there are protests and opposition when the truth is finally learned, spend millions of dollars to run misleading commercials on TV, radio and social media to convince the angry members of public how wrong they are and how much better off they will be now that what they were told would never happen will be good for them and will of course improve the quality of their lives. We've seen this movie before. In fact it's a never ending rerun.

Yes there was a tax financing plan submitted to the US Olympic Committee that was not disclosed to the public. But then, when the tax plan was discovered, there was the mad scramble to explain it away as an oversight.

They now say that the 'tax incremental financing plan' will probably not be part of the new venue plan – 'probably' being the key word. Honestly folks, and again, whether you want the games to come to Boston or not, how many of you actually believe that you, as taxpayers will not be footing a hefty part of the bill? And to those who will be pulling in small fortunes as advocates to bring the Olympics to Boston but whose feelings are hurt because few people trust what you say, well, it comes with the territory. Most people don't care how much money you make as long as you are honest and tell it like it is. After decades of attempts to con the people by those in positions of influence, honesty would not only be a refreshing change but anything less is unacceptable.

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Window Into The State House

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

Recreational Marijuana Ballot Question Not Getting Traction

Gov. Charlie Baker said Monday that he opposes a ballot question, whether binding or non-binding, to legalize marijuana for recreational purposes. "I'm just opposed to the whole concept," Baker said after meeting with House Speaker Robert DeLeo and Senate President Stanley Rosenberg. In a radio interview earlier on Monday, Rosenberg said that he had suggested the non-binding ballot question to DeLeo and Baker. "So far the idea has not gotten much traction," Rosenberg told reporters afterwards. "But I'm concerned, as I've articulated in the past, that when you put something as

complicated as this is on the ballot, and it gets passed, it comes back to the Legislature, people say, 'Gee, there are parts of this that don't work.'" Advocates for legalization hope to place a binding question on the 2016 ballot following voters' approval of efforts to decriminalize smaller amounts of marijuana in 2008 and to legalize medical marijuana in 2012. A top activist with Bay State Repeal, one of the groups backing a 2016 ballot question, said they would move ahead with a binding question regardless of whether a non-binding question comes together. Like Baker, DeLeo reiterated his opposition to legalization. DeLeo said he has heard from fellow

lawmakers and others about substance abuse. "I quite frankly don't think we want to make it any easier for those statistics to increase," he said. All three - DeLeo, Rosenberg and Baker - admitted to smoking marijuana at one point in their lives. DeLeo said he smoked it in his "late twenties." "I was late to the game and only a couple of times," he said. "I went to college in the sixties," Rosenberg added, smiling. "That's my answer." "I went to college in the seventies," Baker said, suggesting his experimentation came in his "early 20s" rather than later like DeLeo. - Gintautas Dumcius/SHNS

AEROMEXICO FILLS NONSTOP FLIGHT GAP BETWEEN BOSTON, MEXICO CITY

Aeromexico on Monday began flying its new nonstop route between Boston's Logan Airport and Mexico City, according to Massachusetts Port Authority officials who report that more than 45,000 passengers traveled between the two cities in 2014. Boston beat out Seattle, Portland and Philadelphia for the nonstop route, according to Massport, which said Boston had been the largest U.S.-Mexico City market without nonstop service. Aeromexico will host six nonstop flights per week between the two cities. - Michael Norton /SHNS

MASS. FOSTER CHILDREN NEED "ELECTRONIC BACKPACKS"

Foster children in Massachusetts run a greater risk of having incomplete medical records, receiving duplicate immunizations and being more frequently misdiagnosed, according to a senator pressing for "electronic backpack" legislation. Sen. Ryan Fattman (R-Webster) told the Children and Families Committee Tuesday that foster children are

transit and would benefit from records that would follow them as they move from one community to another and one school district to another. The records, he said, are important to ensure their health care needs are met and to make sure they have information needed to eventually apply for jobs and college. Fattman said he did not know how much his bill (S 73) would cost to implement and acknowledged that architects of his proposal would have to address privacy concerns. His bill, cosponsored by Rep. Kevin Kuros (R-Uxbridge), gives the Department of Children and Families one year to create a backpack for each foster student while working with state education officials and the Office of the Child Advocate. Foster children are cared for by families after officials are unable to place them with extended family members after they are removed from their homes due to abuse or neglect, unsafe or dangerous conditions. - Michael Norton/SHNS

MASS. FORECLOSURES UP 8 PERCENT SO FAR IN 2015

A nearly 30 percent increase in foreclosure starts in Massachusetts during April marked the lowest monthly increase in more than a year, and completed foreclosures are up year-to-date by 8 percent. The Warren Group reported Tuesday morning that lenders filed 958 petitions to foreclose in Massachusetts during April, up from 740 in April 2014. Year-to-date through April, petitions are up 61 percent. The 352 completed foreclosures recorded in Massachusetts during April marked a more than 53 percent increase over April 2014 and foreclosure deeds are up 8 percent year-to-date. "Petition activity

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Reading Between The Lines

“Progress By Any Other Name”

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY
Brian R. Mahoney

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Of all the hundreds of thousands of words and definitions in the dictionary, the multitudes of meanings between progress and progressive take up nearly half a page. Which makes it one of the most explained words in our language. Progress would seem to mean the act of going forward, whether in building or walking, socially or politically and many other acts. Today, ‘progressive’ is the label of choice among former liberals trying to escape the stigma attached to the “L” word. It isn’t working.

The same hypocritical moonbat ideas and philosophies seem to be their foundation. Judging by skin color is a mortal sin, as it should be, unless that judgment is made by the “protected class” of race and gender, as demonstrated by BU hire, Prof. Grungy, who teaches “white males are the problem on campus”. For this she receives support and defense for her racism from the protective progressive community.

Appallingly, Grungy wrote of the fake “white tears” of a white female, who claimed to have been raped by a black male. Grungy intimidated the woman was “looking for it”. That’s progress! Sounds a lot like the old “she shouldn’t have been dressed that way” excuse.

Now we find out she created a fake ad looking for partners for a three-some in the name of a woman who dated a man Grungy liked. The poor victim even had strange men show up at her door. You really can’t make this

stuff up. From the progressive community the silence is deafening. Even though she was charged and found responsible BU is just fine with it.

Hundreds of years ago our Supreme Court, in all its wisdom, ruled that black people were property. That outrage was eventually overturned, though it basically took a civil war to do it. Usually, the Supreme Court gets it right. Free speech is almost sacrosanct. Almost.

The court wisely ruled, in the best known example, yelling “fire” in a crowded theatre was illegal, unless of course there actually is a fire. The reasoning is that such a false alarm could start a stampede and cause imminent injury or death.

Presently a group is demanding the right of free speech to place advertisements on the side of New York City buses proclaiming “killing Jews is a form of worship. Roll that around in your mind a little bit. Isn’t that creating an imminent threat? Or does the court believe the same people who place this filth on a bus or those people who support it aren’t capable of acting immediately on this form of “worship”?

Why stop there, why not ads that say “kill a Christian for Jesus”? Better yet, “killing Progressives is a form of patriotism”. There might be more in agreement with the sentiment than you would think. If it was about Christians wanting to display a symbol in some remote public area, the progressives would be storming

the barricades to prevent it. The ACLU would be the flag bearer.

What will be their response? The court, in their usual non-decisive fashion, will most probably allow this hateful

message. Here’s a prediction, if the progressives looked quiet on the Grungy, issue they’ll be positively invisible on this.

Isn’t progress a beautiful thing? Take care till next week.

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Overall Crime is Down/Drug Use is Up in South Boston

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Crime has been in decline in Boston. This is according to Boston Police sources. Data and statistics seem to bear this out. Though the usual house breaks and vandalism of motor vehicles continue, the rate has slowed down. Gun crime is very low in South Boston by comparison not only with other parts of the city but most other places as well. Police have reported that this year so far, approximately 200 illegal guns have been taken off the streets, mostly in other neighborhoods. It's important to clarify that legal gun ownership is up all across the state, as well as the nation, but it is seldom law abiding gun owners who are causing problems.

But police report some bad news to go along with the good. Heroin is becoming an even bigger problem than in previous years. In fact, according to one law enforcement official, the problem is now raging out of control. It's estimated that heroin use is up by nearly 50% just from last year in the city. So far, there have been over 500 overdose transports to hospitals across the City of Boston and the problem is increasing here in South Boston as well.

The current crop of Heroin is being mixed with the drug called fentanyl, which makes the possibility of overdosing even more likely. Law enforcement is dedicating as many resources as they can to try to bring the growing drug problem under control, and they urge parents to pay close attention to their children's behavior and engage in serious conversations with them about the dangers of drug use. The use of such dangerous drugs and the dealing of such has become one of the biggest challenges for law enforcement in many parts of the country and certainly here in Boston. When asked what the source and origin of dangerous drugs are, police have stated much of it is being brought in from Mexico.

In comparison to many other areas of the city, South Boston is a relatively low crime area. And many of the reported crimes that are recorded take place in the area of South Bay, which is not actually South Boston, but the crime statistics are 'lumped in' together giving the impression that there is actually more crime taking place in this neighborhood than there actually is.

As the weather warms up, the number of complaints by residents about loud parties going on late into the night is increasing. Boston Police officials stress that residents who are being disturbed by noisy parties can call 9-1-1 and officers will respond and deal with the situation.

Flynn Commission Holds Hearing

The Ray Flynn Commission held a public hearing on Wednesday, May 27. The hearing invited members of the public to come and give input on the legacy of Ray Flynn, and solicited feedback on ways to honor his legacy. Over 100 people filled the Council chamber for the hearing which featured testimony from 19 witnesses including Ted Landsmark, BRA board member, Sam Tyler, President of the Boston Municipal Research Bureau, Neil Sullivan, President of the Boston Private Industry Council, former Boston Police Commissioner Mickey Roache, Registrar of Deeds, Representative Nick Collins, Felix Arroyo, Registrar of Probate, City Council President Bill Linehan, City Councilor Sal LaMattina, and many others.

The hearing lasted for over 3 hours, with many members of the public offering testimony on Ray Flynn's tenure as Mayor, State Representative, City Councilor, and Ambassador. Several major themes emerged from the testimony, including Flynn's tireless efforts for social justice, stopping racial violence, desegregating public housing, linking downtown development with neighborhood benefits, establishing the appointed School Committee, cleaning up Boston Harbor, initiating the central artery project, building affordable housing, creating the first Homeless Commission and annual census of the homeless, reversing chronic budget deficits and creating lasting stability of the City's finances, embracing Latino and Asian linguistic minority communities, efforts to improve diversity in city employment including hiring people of color and women as top administration officials, and much more. People remembered him as a bridge-builder, reaching

out to everyone in the city to move Boston forward. Many remembered his incredible work ethic and hands-on style of government. Others remembered him as a great athlete who still coaches kids with special needs.

Those who testified had more than a dozen ideas on how best to honor the legacy of Ray Flynn, such as renaming the Marine Industrial Park, the Convention Center, putting commemorative plaques along the Harborwalk, renaming a public building or street for Flynn, and putting up a statue to Flynn. Several people stressed that the ideas are not mutually exclusive, and if the Commission recommends renaming a building or district, it should not shy away from recommending putting up a statue to Flynn as well. Commission Chair Frank Doyle assured those present that all input will be given sincere, thorough and thoughtful consideration. "Each and every suggestion, grand and simpler, deserves our full attention because we understand it has great meaning to the person proposing it", Doyle said.

The Commission hopes to make recommendations to the City Council and Mayor Walsh by June 30 and continues to accept new ideas from the public at www.RayFlynn.org or through Council President Bill Linehan's office.

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Edwin Alemany Trial Update

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The trial of Edwin Alemany continued this week in Suffolk Superior Court after being postponed last week because the defendant became ill according court officials. Alemany is accused of the brutal 2013 murder of Amy Lord of South Boston who was 24 at the time of her death. Attorneys for Alemany, 30, are going forward with an insanity defense; citing the accused's "significant history of psychiatric hospitalizations" in the past. It's also reported that Alemany has now attempted suicide on two occasions while being held without bail for the crimes.

Last week before the trial was postponed, the mother of Amy Lord tearfully testified about the last time she had spoken to her daughter. Alemany had been indicted in four attacks back in 2013. According to statements given by Suffolk County DA Daniel Conly's office: "Alemany used a series of blitz-like attacks on his victims where he immediately overwhelmed them with violence". He is said to have selected his victims by gender and age; always seeking out young females between the ages of 20 and 24 years old and always while they were out walking alone.

In the case of Amy Lord, prosecutors say that Alemany abducted her outside her South Boston apartment on Dorchester Street as she was leaving to go for

her early morning workout. He's accused of driving her around in her car, forcing her to withdraw money from several ATM machines in different parts of the city. He is then said to have forced her to drive to the Stoney Brook section of Hyde Park where he strangled her and stabbed her 22 times before discarding her body.

Jurors have already toured the crime scenes by chartered bus for the purpose of seeing firsthand the locations that the crimes took place in and to try to get the feeling of what Amy Lord could have experienced on the day she was murdered. The case could possibly go to the jury for a decision as early as this week.

This is a case that has had a profound effect not only on the family and friends of Amy Lord, but also the entire South Boston Community. Crimes like this have been all but nonexistent in this close knit neighborhood and the circumstances and sheer brutality that occurred will probably remain in the hearts and minds of residents for a long time to come.

South Boston Today will keep our readers updated on the progress of the trial as it develops in our print edition, as well as our on-line sites, (website: www.southbostontoday.com) and social media (twitter and Facebook) sites.

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Working Families, the Poor and the Wealthy - Why Don't We All Get Along

Appearing today on "Politics and Grits" on Radio and TV station Praise Boston, former Mayor Ray Flynn made the following comment.

"I've often heard prominent Boston business leaders say that we've got to make Boston an internationally recognized world class city. Well, most of these business leaders don't live in Boston or understand the challenges that many working class families face today. Poor public schools, finding a decent paying job, the drug crisis, crime, the gentrification of once great neighborhoods like South Boston and Charlestown, not even mentioning quality of life issues like parking and traffic. Boston is not just luxury Waterfront condos, late night trendy and expensive bars and

restaurants or Harvard or Boston University. It must be restored to a place it once was, home to mixed income families who live, work and can enjoy life in this historic and beautiful city. We must not allow hard earned tax dollars or even tax breaks to be used for an Olympic event without a return benefit to the people of Boston's neighborhoods.

I want to see world class neighborhood programs for all our kids and safe streets for our elderly. The process should have started from Boston's diverse neighborhoods, not in corporate downtown boardrooms. Poor political leadership at the state and city level got Boston in this crisis of confidence. Can we start all over? I wish Marty Walsh and Charlie Baker were co-chairs of the 2024 Olympic Committee. The 2024 Olympics would certainly be experiencing a brighter future. Right now, I'd prefer the Special Olympics. Now that's worth fighting and sacrificing for. As for me, an international city means looking out for working families and the little guy."



Cardinal O'Malley, Jim Brett Honored at Emmanuel College Commencement

Emmanuel celebrated its 93rd Commencement Exercises on Saturday, May 9th, on the College's campus. Archbishop of Boston Cardinal Seán P. O'Malley, OFM Cap. delivered the Commencement address and received an honorary doctor of humane letters for his extraordinary leadership of the Archdiocese of Boston and for his efforts to advance the Catholic Church's global mission.

Cardinal O'Malley was also presented with a plaque, announcing the newly named Cardinal Seán O'Malley Center for Mission + Ministry at Emmanuel College.

President and CEO of the New England Council, James T. Brett, was presented with an honorary doctor of laws for his efforts in transforming the region into an economic powerhouse by building alliances among businesses and nonprofits while advancing regional interests in Washington, D.C.

The College conferred 674 degrees in during the ceremony, including traditional undergraduate Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Fine Arts degrees, as well as Bachelor of Science and master's degrees through Emmanuel's Graduate and Professional Programs.

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A comment on the trial of Edwin Alemany: According to police, Alemany not only kidnapped, robbed, terrorized and killed Amy Lord, but he stabbed her 22 times in the process. It was reported this week that he made a second attempt to commit suicide while in his cell. Said one caller to this newspaper, "It's too bad he wasn't successful in his attempt to kill himself. What kind of animal would do such a thing? He'd do the city a favor and save it a lot of money". The caller pretty much summed up the feelings of quite a few people.

I'll close with a suggestion for First Lady Michelle Obama. Your school lunch program is a disaster in many school systems around the country. It's been on the news that kids are

throwing their lunches away by the thousands each day because they taste awful. That's bad enough. But now it's been announced that you feel the need to wage a 'War on Smores'? We all know what smores are. They are those heavenly tasting treats that kids cook over an open fire on a camping trip or on the back yard fire pit. The combination of chocolate and marshmallow between 2 graham crackers has been giving American kids pleasure for generations. Well now, Mrs Obama wants it stopped - immediately. Not healthy enough she says and demands that the ingredients be replaced with pieces of fruit and other less appealing choices. Is there nothing sacred? Mrs. Obama, it's summertime, back off. To quote the old rock group Pink Floyd: "Teacher, leave those kids alone".



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Youth Ambassadors Thank DA Dan Conley

Suffolk County District Attorney Dan Conley last week delivered a check for \$4,000 in seized drug money to the Youth Ambassadors Program at the South Boston Community Health Center to support the agency's substance abuse prevention efforts.

The free cash award is part of Conley's annual Asset Forfeiture Community Reinvestment Program,

which funds programs that help Suffolk County kids and teens stay away from drugs, gangs, and dangerous behavior. At the South Boston Community Health Center, the Youth Ambassadors are trained as peer leaders in a wide variety of topics including substance abuse & prescription drug misuse prevention, teen health and peaceful conflict resolution.



Scholarship Award To Catherine Murray

Mount Alvernia High School is proud to announce Catherine Murray '19 of South Boston was awarded the Prom Fashion Show Scholarship. This scholarship is awarded to a student who is

representative of Mount Alvernia High School, shows consistent effort in academics and evidence of leadership, service and character.

Mount Alvernia High School in Newton is an all girls Catholic school in the Franciscan Tradition from grades 7 - 12 serving more than 30 communities in the Greater Boston area.



Tim Smyth Receives Oration Award

Tim Smyth of South Boston, a freshman at Boston College High School, was one of BC High's ten award winners at the Eighth Annual Sandwich High Model UN Conference on May 2.

Tim won an Honorable Mention for Oration.

Boston College High School is a Jesuit, Catholic, college-preparatory school for young men

founded in 1863. The school enrolls approximately 1600 students from more than 100 communities in eastern Massachusetts. Photo: Front

Photo: Front L to R: Joseph Januszewicz'17, Ryan Golemme'19, Deen Haleem'18, Patrick Walsh'16, Back L to R: Cole Howard'18, Gavin D'Souza'17, Justin Rich'18, Nicholas Fahy'18, Ian McGregor'17, Tim Smyth'18

Listen And Learn Tour Coming to Ollie

On Monday, June 8th, from 12:00-1:30p, the South Boston Neighborhood House is thrilled to welcome Dr. Tommy Chang, incoming Superintendent of BPS, and his Transition Team to the regularly scheduled South Boston Family Engagement Network meeting, as part of his Listen and Learn Tour! Current and prospective BPS parents, as well as interested community members are invited to come learn about Dr. Chang's vision for the future of BPS and ask questions. Light refreshments and child care will be provided. SBNH is located at 136 H Street. Transportation will be provided to South Boston residents. Please call Sarah Ryan at 617.268.1619x403 for more information.

Hail Mary Prayer
Pray 9 Hail Mary's for 9 days. Ask for 3 wishes, 1 involving business, and 2 impossible. On the 9th day publish this article and your wishes will be answered even though you may not believe it. K.B.

**A DEVELOPER WANTS THE FUTURE;
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review of the financial projections that underlie the \$1B bond request. Under the previous administration, it is certainly reasonable to assume that seasoned financial professionals had vetted the assumptions to the extent assumptions can be vetted. Baker just wants to be sure.

The residual effect is that development projects that were essentially ‘pipelined’ have been sidetracked. Case in point is the report by the Boston Business Journal that Parcel A and Parcel Q-1 are in flux. As Catherine Carlock states, ‘the pause adds another element of uncertainty to the development future of Summer Street in the Seaport. That move prompted the Massachusetts Port Authority to pursue a contingency plan for its related hotel development on another neighboring parcel. The freeze has now spread to Parcel A, which local real estate sources say is now the subject of a city review to determine a best use for the property.’

The PAUSE gives the maritime businesses, which have always been considered part and parcel of the South Boston community, because of their contribution to its historic and current way of life, another chance to weigh in on the decision making process of government landowners like the BCEC and MassPort.

According to Carlock, last year, CBRE/New England had marketed both Parcel A and Parcel Q-1, which are located off Drydock Avenue in the Marine Industrial Park, for a “long-term leasehold interest” deal on behalf of the Boston Redevelopment Authority. The BRA in mid-May granted

tentative approval to SkanskaUSA Commercial Development to develop a 215,000-square-foot office on Parcel Q-1. But, interestingly, it did not take action on Parcel A, which is located at the intersection of Summer Street and Drydock Avenue just a few blocks down from the BCEC. At least three development teams had considered building another Hotel on Parcel A, according to request for proposal documents provided by the Boston Redevelopment Authority.

Stoughton-based Conroy Development Corp. proposed a 357-room Choice Hotels concept on Parcel A, those documents show. And Wellesley-based Harbinger Development proposed a dual brand hotel totaling 405 rooms on Parcel A, featuring a 265-room Hilton Garden Inn and a 140-room Homewood Suites with a shared restaurant, pool, fitness center, lobby and parking area.

And in its final RFP response, Skanska mentioned a 160,000-square-foot hotel with 252 parking spaces as a “possible alternative” for development on Parcel Q-1.

“The BRA’s reviewing next steps. The end result will most likely be a hotel.”, according to Peter Dominski of CBRE New England. Dominski went on to say that there is no defined timeline about Parcel A development in the Marine Industrial Park.

Hotels, high rises, restaurants, shopping malls, cruise ships, speedways, Olympics, Growth Corridor...at what cost? It may all be good but the community needs to be heard and heard as one community not a collection of designated areas. Pausing can be a good thing. Developers be warned.



**MAYOR WALSH
ANNOUNCES
FAMILY FRIENDLY
BEACH**

Mayor Martin J. Walsh announced that a new Family Friendly Beach will open on Saturday, June 20, at the M Street entrance of the Boston Centers for Youth and Families (BCYF) Curley Community Center at 1663 Columbia Road in South Boston. The Mayor made the announcement at “Mondays with the Mayor” at Excel High School in South Boston.

“Boston is a city on the water and the Family Friendly Beach will make it easier for our families to access our beautiful and clean Harbor in a family-friendly setting,” said Mayor Walsh. “I am pleased to add another low cost summer option to our wide array of summer activities and programs.”

The Family Friendly Beach will offer families access to an enclosed stretch of beach on Boston Harbor, restrooms with changing tables, picnic tables with umbrellas, outdoor showers, beach game equipment, WiFi and the use of an indoor area. Family memberships are available for a \$5 fee.

“I believe that the Family Friendly Beach will become a popular spot for families,” said Christopher Byner, Interim Executive Director of Boston Centers for Youth &

Families (BCYF) which manages the BCYF Curley along with 34 other community centers. “It gives us the opportunity to showcase all of the great programs and activities that BCYF Curley Community Center has to offer, especially, our recently renovated teen center.”

South Boston resident Nancy Minucci is looking forward to bringing her family to the Family Friendly Beach. “I know the families of South Boston will love this idea by Mayor Walsh,” said Minucci. “Having a designated family beach in the BCYF Curley is a fantastic opportunity for families to enjoy a great beach in a relaxed family friendly setting.”

The BCYF Curley Community Center opened as the L Street Bathhouse in 1931 to give working families access to showers, recreation and enjoyment. It is the largest public recreational facility in the City of Boston and is a quarter of a mile long. It is primarily a fitness center with a wide variety of exercise classes and equipment but it also offers an engaging teen center and an active senior program.

The Family Friendly Beach will be open seven days a week through Labor Day weekend from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekends. Memberships are available at the K Street entrance of the Center.

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Marian Manor Annual Golf Classic Success

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SBT Staff Report

As always, the annual Marian Manor Golf Classic wasn't just a huge success, it was a lot of fun too. The teams lined up for the 7am Shotgun start and it was a perfect tournament on a perfect day from start to finish. Golfers of every caliber took part in this very prestigious event that is looked forward to each year. This was the 10th anniversary/10th Annual tourney and the players are already looking forward to next year. The prizes were good and plenty, the food was outstanding, all the players and spectators enjoyed each other's company but most of all, it was for a great cause – to support the excellent work Marian Manor does and has been doing in the community for 60 years.

Marian Manor is one of New England's finest facilities for providing the best of care; both short term and long term for those in need. They are proud to be part of this neighborhood and South Boston is fortunate to have such a wonderful resource. They look forward to continuing to serve our residents. Support for and participation in events like the Marian Manor Golf Classic and other great activities the 'Manor' runs each year goes a long way in helping it continue its good work.



REV. PAUL DONOVAN - GATE OF HEAVEN CATHOLIC YOUTH AWARD 2015

CYO ATHLETIC DIRECTOR KEVIN LALLY, SEAN MONAHAN, KATIE FLAHERTY, (RECIPIENT) MATTHEW FLAHERTY, JIM FLAHERTY, TOUCHIE MCDONOUGH



BACH ROW L - R: JACK HART, ERIN MCDONOUGH, ERIN MCDONOUGH, DENISE MCDONOUGH, (JACK MCDONOUGH AWARD RECIPIENT) FR. JOE WHITE, ELLIE HART, (REV A. PAUL WHITE RECIPIENT) TERESA HART, TOUCHIE MCDONOUGH

FRONT ROW: MARY KATE HART, EMILY HART, JACQUELYN MCDONOUGH, SUSAN WOODS



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Gate of Heaven Catholic Youth Awards

On Friday, May 15th the Gate of Heaven C.Y.O. held its 29th Annual Fundraiser at Carson Place. During the event the Annual Rev. Paul V. Donovan Awards for Outstanding Catholic Youth were presented. These awards have been presented annually since 1980 to individuals who exemplify 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 parish. Among all the concerns and pressures of their lives, we hope that they will always recognize in the Church a concerned and true friend, a true home.

The 2015 Outstanding Catholic Youth Female Award recipient was Molly Cox and the Male recipient was Matthew Flaherty. A group of alumni and friends of Father Paul White who started the Gatey C.Y.O. and High School basketball programs back in 1964 contributed to a new scholarship fund in his memory to go along with the Catholic Youth Award. So both Molly and Matt are the first to receive the one thousand dollar scholarship in Father White's name. We congratulate Molly & Matt on their award and wish them the best of luck in all their future endeavors.

We would like to thank all those who attended and all our supporters who helped make this year's fundraiser a success. Thank You to all our coaches, players, staff, sponsors, alumni & friends who help make the Gatey C.Y.O. the best around.

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recorded a less-dramatic increase in April, compared with steep increases we've see in the past several months," Warren Group CEO Timothy Warren Jr. said in a statement. "Hopefully the trend will continue, and we will see more and more lenders finally clearing away those longtime delinquent mortgages." - Michael Norton/SHNS

STATE TAX COLLECTIONS KEEP UP BRISK PACE

After hauling in more than \$3 billion in April, the first time that monthly collections have ever exceeded that threshold, state revenue officials will know in less than a week whether a surge in early May tax collections will hold up for the full month. In a May 20 letter to lawmakers, Revenue Commissioner Mark Nunnely said that the full month benchmark for May collections projects a decline of \$15 million from last May, a month that featured a one-time estate tax payment of about \$80 million. Through May 15, tax collections totaled \$841 million, up \$193 million from the same period last May. Month-to-date income tax collections through May 15 were up \$161 million, or 33.1 percent from the same period in May 2014. Month-to-date withholding totaled \$493 million, up \$56 million from the same period last year. State tax collections over the first 10-plus months of fiscal 2015 are up 6 percent, or more than \$1.2 billion over the same period in fiscal 2014. The House, Senate and Gov. Charlie Baker are assembling a fiscal 2016 budget that is based on 4.8 percent growth in revenues and a sharp slowdown in spending growth to about 3 percent. April collections soared past \$3 billion, increasing by \$324 million or 11.8 percent more than last April's tax take. Tax collections are beating budget benchmarks this fiscal year by \$163 million. Gov. Charlie Baker and his predecessor Gov. Deval Patrick made midyear budget cuts, assisted by the Legislature, after this year's state budget careened out of balance. - Michael Norton/SHNS



St Peter Academy Continues Its Mary's Day Tradition!

Over 60 years ago Mary's Day was instituted at St Peter School. Today, St Peter Academy, the successor school, continues the tradition of Mary's Day at Castle Island. Mary's Day, or as some families have come to refer to it, Family Day, is a day of gathering to honor the Blessed Mother Mary, show gratitude for our children, parents, teachers and school, and enjoy a day of fun as a school family.

The Castle Island Association opened Fort Independence for the school's gathering last week and provided private tours to students, families and teachers and a fun time was had by all. A great big thank you goes out to Castle Island Association President Bill Spain and his tour guides. The students had a blast playing softball, tag and other active games. Teachers and families enjoyed their time together and the weather was awesome!

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.

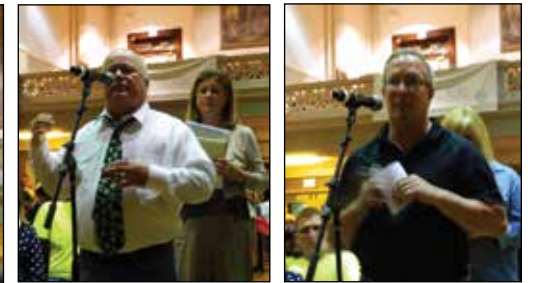
The Early Childhood Programs at St Peter Academy are funded in part through the generosity of the South Boston Community Development Foundation.



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Hope' From The Mayor

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY
SBT Staff Report

Mayor Marty Walsh's Monday meeting in South Boston had not only an overflow agenda, but an overflow crowd. Neighbors had an opportunity to come face to face with not only Mayor Walsh but several of his department heads in what was a noticeable and welcomed contrast from the Tom Menino approach to governing. The general sentiment that seemed to permeate the air, especially among the long time residents, was more of a hope than a demand. The hope is that the assault on their neighborhood is no longer one-sided and that concerns are not only heard but addressed and that what the Mayor says he will do will actually get done.

On the record, declarative

statements were made by not only the Mayor, but those responsible for doing what was said. Chief of staff Dan Koh, Fire Commissioner Joe Finn, ISD Commissioner Bill Christopher, BTD official Kevin Donahue, Civic Engagement official Dan Manning, local liaison Eric Prentiss and other city officials were on hand. Elected officials or their representatives were in attendance as well, but this was the Mayor's event and was about the city's local community responsibilities. Neighbors spoke, politicians listened and the Mayor responded.

On the agenda, from the mundane to the critical:

- The revamping of how 'community benefits' from development projects are calculated and distributed
- Family Friendly Beach Initiative

- at the M Street entrance to the Curley Rec Center with wi-fi, picnic tables and children's toys; family membership pricing is \$5.00
- Weekend construction permits are indefinitely suspended
- More funding for alcohol and drug recovery programs
- Parking ratios for new development at 1:1
- Gate of Heaven School June 23 rezoning hearing – Mayor said to be sure to attend and keep up the pressure. The archdiocese is in control now but the city has the final say on approval.
- City to inventory the number of public parking spots
- Outside basketball nets requested at Perkins School
- Explore broadband capacity to compete with Comcast
- 2015 property taxes near highest in South Boston
- Status of the World War 1

- Memorial
 - Mayor criticized the new development designs on 1st, 2nd and other Streets
 - Status of the Boston Edison plant
 - Concern about the scope of the high rises proposed for Old Colony Ave and Dorchester Streets
 - Mayor reiterated 'no public funding' of Olympics cost overruns
 - Survey being conducted regarding one way street and traffic flow in general
 - Overall crime appears to be down, but heroin and other drug abuse still a big concern
 - Special attention being paid to safety issues at Moakley Park
 - Sidewalks and streets being repaved and improved on a regular basis through the fall
- As stated, the agenda is challenging, but 'hope' is the operative sentiment and mutual trust is surely the ultimate hope.



Danny Picard
This week,
Tampa Bay
Lightning
forward
Brian Boyle:

DANNY PICARD: You find yourself back in the Stanley Cup Final for the second year in a row, and you had to knock off your former team, the New York Rangers, to get there. What was that experience like, in the Eastern Conference Final?

BRIAN BOYLE: It was like any other Final, because of what was at stake. But the interesting part was, after the series was said and done, usually you're pretty excited in the handshake line with the win, and obviously you respect shaking hands and what not, making sure you're not glowing. But that was an interesting scenario where they are some of your former teammates and still close friends, and you see their pain and disappointment that they had, and you kind of feel for them. The seven game series was a very cool series. When the play was going on, when the series was going on, it was much different. You really wanted to make sure you didn't lose to them, for a lot of reasons, but when it was all said and done, it was definitely a different feeling.

DP: How much have you thought back on losing last year's

Stanley Cup Final?

BB: That was the biggest memory that stayed with me, I think. Just the pain of losing. And you think back a little bit more and how exciting it was to be there, and how fun that hockey was. But everything kind of goes back to that pain of losing and how hard it was just to get that opportunity. This year, as we were going through it, the memories started to come back, and you realize that it was a lot of fun getting to that point.

DP: The reason I ask you about last year's Stanley Cup Final is because I'm wondering if you go into this one with a better sense of what it will take to win the whole thing. What's the biggest thing that you learned in last year's Cup Final that you will take into this year's Cup Final?

BB: I think we all knew that it was going to take a great effort, and then you kind of see where the pieces fall. Last year we got hosed on a call on one of the goals that went in and it shouldn't have counted. We lost a couple games in overtime, and that's it, we lose in five to a great team. [The Los Angeles Kings] obviously

deserved to win. I'm not taking anything away from that. But the margin for error is so small. And I think you kind of know that, going into it. And then when you experience it, it's something you become accustomed to. You realize that sometime the boring play is the right play. Making high percentage plays is imperative, and understanding that the ultimate goal is to win the game, and that's the only objective. It doesn't matter who gets the goal or who has their name in the paper about contributing. We've all contributed to this point, and we've got to understand that losing is a terrible, terrible feeling, and it's even more so now. Hopefully winning that ultimate prize is unlike anything we've ever felt before.

DP: Tyler Johnson enters the Stanley Cup Final with the postseason lead in points and goals. When you signed with the Lightning last summer, did you see Tyler Johnson having this type of postseason? And can you believe this is a kid who went undrafted?

BB: It does not surprise me in the least. And I say that because I get to be around him everyday. But if you

had asked me this in the summer, ya it would have surprised me.

DP: And Johnson had six goals in that Detroit series. I go back to that Game 6 in Detroit in the first round, where you trailed the series 3-2, is it fair to say that that win kind of set the tone for this playoff run for you guys?

BB: Yeah, and you need contributions from everyone, and Bishop had some huge games in that series as well, but if [Johnson] doesn't play like that, I don't know if we're here today, right? It's kind of like, okay, we're a resilient group, this guy picked us up this game, and then you see [Stamkos] take off later in round two and round three. You need that, you need contributions from everybody. Our backs were against the wall in Detroit. You get through that, you come out of that alive and you realize, okay, we've got something pretty good here, we're pretty resilient. I think we're better for it, in terms of our mentality and staying calm.

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