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The Vietnam Memorial 'Wall that Heals' at Medal of Honor Park Sept 17th-20th

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"Patriots' Night"

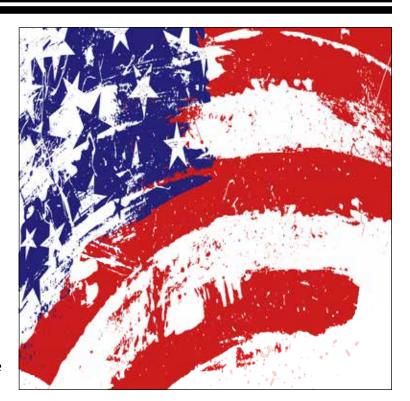
inally the day we've been waiting and planning for has arrived - Thursday September 11. Although, actually, we should be calling it Patriots' Night not Patriots' Day. A lot of hard work has gone into tonight's presentation. Now you the people will get an opportunity to share in the glory that these Patriots have won for all of us. The red, white and blue have been freshened up and the colors will be on full display. This is your chance

to celebrate being a Patriot. Starting at 6:00 and running until 9:00, the Thomas Fitzgerald Post at East Fourth Street will be having an open house,

Long known among veterans for the military murals that adorn the walls, the Fitz Post is opening its doors for a public open house to allow residents to come inside for the first time. The great Norman Crump has put his talent to work re-creating these heroic mural scenes. Manage-

ment and staff of Lincoln Tavern have supplied a delicious sampling of their menu for the open house.

It is free and open to all. Donations are accepted and will be used to send our remaining WWII veterans on a memorable trip to Washington D. C. September 25. So please make every effort to attend. The Thomas F. Fitzgerald Post is located at 715 East Fourth Street. By the way there is some other group of Patriots who will be on TV after the event ends.



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A growing Majority Now Says: **Build that Border Wall**

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the calendar says it's here until Southie word of mouth method, the to getting rid of the drug dealers muggers and the burglars that hit September 23rd this year. From the police alerts, our local newspapers we have roaming our streets preytalk around town, after last winter, and all the new social networking ing on our young people. There is ing with the police, we should be some people wouldn't mind if this sites we have now, the awareness a heroin epidemic taking its toll of able to do the same with the heroin summer lasted 6 months more. But rose to the point where virtually lives all over the country. Police dealers. There may not be too much how did we do in South Boston everyone was on the lookout for and FBI data says it's flowing over we can do to assist the rest of our during the warm months as far as suspicious activity. When you co- the Mexican border like a flood and country with this same problem; public safety and crime? Well, if ordinate that type of cooperating making its way to every corner of they'll have to go after their own we compare ourselves to other sec- among residents who are willing to America. Overdoses are becoming dealers themselves, but we should tions of Boston as we often do as a make those calls to the very good a common occurrence in so many gauge, not bad at all.

problems. At least 2 reports of much stopped and this town once this poison are just as much an en- flowing over our southern border women walking at night being as- again became probably the safest emy of Americans as are terrorists along with many criminals, potensaulted; once in July and once in neighborhood in the city. Over all because they are killing our kids. tial terrorists and people breaking June shook things up. Then, there - well done.

any, maybe most, con- were several house B&Es reported. crew of police we have working places - cities, suburbs and even going on in our own community. True, early on there were some our streets, the incidents pretty rural areas. The people dealing

Again, it's my opinion but these CONTINUED ON page 10

For the benefit of all, what needs dealers deserve no sympathy, no sider the Labor Day Not acceptable. But being a neight to be done; at least in my opinion second chances and no mercy. In weekend to be the unof- borhood where news travels fast, is maintaining the same degree of South Boston, if we can muster the ficial end to summer even though using a combination of the famous alertness but also direct our efforts same effort to rid this town of the our town in early summer; workbe able to make a big dent in what's

As mentioned above, heroin is



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MAYOR WALSH SIGNS SMOKELESS TOBACCO ORDINANCE

Courtesy Photos: City of Boston Mayor's Office.

BOSTON - Wednesday, September 9, 2015 - Mayor Martin J. Walsh today signed an ordinance to prohibit the use of smokeless tobacco and other tobacco products at baseball parks, including Fenway Park. The ordinance also bans smokeless tobacco or any other tobacco product at event sites for professional, collegiate, high school or organized amateur sporting events, including baseball, softball, football, basketball, hockey, track and field, field hockey, lacrosse and soccer; and any other event involving a game or other athletic competition organized by a league or association.

"I commend the Boston City Council on passing the ordinance banning smokeless tobacco at sports venues in Boston," said Mayor Walsh. "I'm proud to sign this ordinance today. If we continue to take action steps such as these, Boston will be on its way to becoming a healthier City, full of positive examples for our young people to follow. The consequences of smokeless tobacco are real and can be devastating. We're doing the right thing for our children and I look forward to continuing on the path to making Boston a leader in healthy and active living."

September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. The National Cancer Institute states that chewing tobacco and snuff contain 28 cancercausing agents and the U.S. National Toxicology Program has established smokeless tobacco as a "known human carcinogen." While cigarette smoking in the U.S. has been on the decline, smokeless tobacco among youth has remained steady since 1999. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) finds that nationally 14.7 percent of high-school boys and

8.8 percent of all high-school students reported using smokeless products in 2013 and each year about 535,000 kids ages 12-17 use smokeless tobacco for the first time.

"Smokeless tobacco" refers to any product that contains cut, ground, powdered, or leaf tobacco and is intended to be placed in the oral or nasal cavity, including, but not limited to, snuff, chewing tobacco, dipping tobacco, dissolvable tobacco products and snus.

"With this decisive action, Boston hits a homerun for baseball, cancer prevention and public health," said Dr. Howard Koh of the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. "We thank Mayor Walsh and the Boston City Council for their leadership in setting a historic example for the country."

Those managing the event sites will be primarily responsible for maintaining compliance with the ordinance. Signs should be clearly posted at entrances to sites as well as dugouts, bullpens, training and locker rooms and press boxes. Any person found in violation may be fined \$250 per offense. The prohibitions and requirements will become effective on April 1, 2016.

"With Boston playing a leading role, from coast to coast, city by city, we are getting tobacco out of baseball once and for all," said Matthew L. Myers, President of the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids. "Mayor Walsh's signature on this law means Boston is a national leader in reducing the number of young people using smokeless tobacco. Our national pastime should be about promoting a healthy and active lifestyle, not a deadly and addictive product.

More information on this ordinance can be found at http://ow.ly/RWpTg.



ReadingBetween The Lines

"Are You Kidding?"

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY

Brian R. Mahonev

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s has become increasingly evident law enforcement is a very tough job. Any job dealing with the public: cashier, cabbie and many others, requires patience. Penalizing a member of the public by arrest or citation, naturally, causes resentment and therefore, sometimes, requires even greater patience.

This is all part of the teaching and training needed to be a member of law enforcement. Along with firearms, hand to hand, defensive driving, police regulations, first aid, state and city law and constitutional law. After learning how to use these tools the key becomes when to use each tool. One of the keys learned is "the letter of the law and the intent of the law".

A simple example would be "jaywalking". Believe it or not in Boston you are required to cross only at crosswalks or intersections. Crossing in the middle of the block is illegal. If the police wanted to they could start issuing tickets and in some cases arrest. The intent of the law is to keep traffic and commerce flowing without running down the customers. It is not to tie up the cops having them chase jaywalkers.

When enforcing the law it quickly seems like the officer has heard every excuse and reason possible. Nevertheless patience must be exercised and the officer has to listen to yet another excuse because sometimes it's legitimate. We've all seen or heard of the police chasing and stopping a dangerous, erratic speeding car only to discover its panicked husband with a wife in labor. Even though technically speeding,

laws have been violated or broken. A ticket is usually not given which makes sense. That's part of the equation; use the law in a way that makes sense.

Recently, on my street, an elderly woman was coming home from 5:00 Mass. My street is very stable in the respect that most houses are still occupied by families who, generationally, go back in some cases to the 1900's. Obviously those who span that length have for the most part, sadly, passed on. There are, however, a few guiding lights remaining who have been looked up to by succeeding generations on my street. This church going woman is one of them.

On this particular night as her doting nephew parked with his flashers on, a traffic enforcement car was a half block away checking parked cars as it slowly came up the street. The nephew, meanwhile, had helped his aunt from the car with her walker and she was moving with the stingy step gate common to older folks. The nephew waved down to the traffic car, still 10-15 car lengths away and motioned to indicate he would be just a minute. His business was obvious. Up the five or six steps and into the parlor, get auntie are, however, a few guiding lights remaining who have been looked up to by succeeding into a chair and back out to move the car only to find a ticket on the windshield.

The moral is that the people in Millis held a rally to show the police despite the actions of that balloon headed nut who faked a shootout. This doesn't compare in severity and we don't need a rally but if the job has made that traffic officer so cynical that they can no longer understand when and how to apply the law in a reasonable and intended manor, maybe they should look for a different job instead of tainting the image of those who understand and apply the law logically and fairly.

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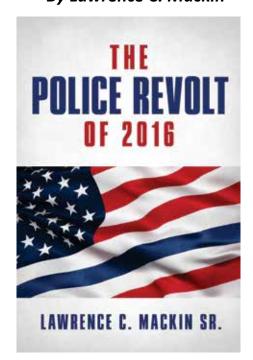


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Bail Revoked for Alleged Hit-and-Run Driver

From DA Office

man on probation for one OUI case and in default on another will be held without bail for at least 60 days after allegedly striking a woman with his car and speeding away from the scene, Suffolk County District Attorney Daniel F. Conley said.

William D. Watson of South Boston was arraigned in South Boston Municipal Court today on charges of operating with a suspended license, leaving the scene of a collision causing injury, and the civil offense of failing to stop at a crosswalk. The charges stem from a collision yesterday evening in which he allegedly hit a 60-year-old South Boston woman on William Day Boulevard.

Assistant District Attorney Ian Leson recommended that Watson's

bail be set at \$20,000 cash and that his open bail on a February case charging operating under the influence of drugs be revoked. Judge Michael Bolden set bail at \$10,000 and revoked Watson's open bail.

Leson told the court that State Police on routine patrol responded to the scene of an apparent hit and run a short distance from the South Boston barracks at about 7:50 pm. A motorist who had witnessed the incident followed the suspect vehicle, spotted a trooper's cruiser, and began leaning on her horn to get his attention. When the trooper approached her car, she pointed out the suspect vehicle and said it had just hit a pedestrian and "took off."

The trooper began pursuit of the red Toyota sedan, which had by this time passed the cruiser, and stopped it in the area of the onramp to I-93 northbound. Watson was alone in the vehicle. When the trooper asked if he had hit a pedestrian, he allegedly stated, "I think so."

Watson was arrested and booked at the barracks, where he allegedly stated he had taken suboxone and gabapentin, both controlled substances. A State Police drug recognition expert evaluated Watson and found that he was not currently intoxicated.

Witnesses to the collision told State police that Watson's red Toyota approached the crosswalk between Moakley Park and Carson Beach at a rate of about 35 mph and did not slow down. One witness sounded her horn to warn the victim, who was crossing the street, but to no avail: the Toyota struck her and the impact threw her about 15 feet.

Boston EMS responded to the scene and transported the woman to Tufts Medical Center with injuries to her head and hip, which she is expected to survive.

At the time of his arrest, Watson was on probation for operating under the influence of liquor as a first offense out of Lynn District Court and was in default for operating under the influence of liquor and operating with a suspended license out of Dorchester Municipal Court.



SOUTH BOSTON VIETNAM MEMORIAL 34th ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2015 MASS: 10:30 AM ST. BRIGID CHURCH REDEDICATION CEREMONY: 11:30 AM MEDAL OF HONOR PARK GUEST SPEAKER VIETNAM MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENTS

he South Boston Vietnam Memorial Committee extends an invitation to the South Boston Community and friends to attend the Thirty-Fourth Anniversary of the South Boston Vietnam Memorial on Sunday, September 20, 2015. We dedicate this year's ceremony to the 40th Anniversary of the ending of the Vietnam War.

Thirty-Four years ago, the promise we made to the Twenty-Five of our fallen friends and to the community as a whole, were realized. The people of South Boston were among the very first to recognize the sacrifice the Vietnam Veterans made in the name of freedom. We will forever

be proud of this.

The people of South Boston built that monument. Building it, however, was only half of the pledge we made to ourselves. The other half is inscribed across the face of the memorial: If you forget my death, then I died in vain.

The days' activities will begin with a Memorial Mass at St. Brigids Church at 10:30 am followed by the rededication ceremony at Medal of Honor Park at 11:30 am. Our special guests will be a number of Vietnam Medal of Honor recipients along with Governor Charlie Baker and Mayor Marty Walsh.

Please join us on this special day of remembrance



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MASSPORT SUMMER JOBS

320 high school and college students earned a paycheck this summer through our Community Summer Jobs Program. We funded summer jobs in 34 neighborhood organizations including Harborside Community Center in East Boston; Chelsea Boys and Girls Club; Charlestown Boys & Girls Club, Revere Recreation Department; South Boston Neighborhood House; the Town of Winthrop; and the City of Worcester. For many young people, these summer jobs marked the start of an educational path and a career.

MASSPORT SCHOLARSHIPS

Three 2015 high school graduates from East Boston, South Boston and Hyde Park will start their college education with a Massport Memorial Scholarship named in honor of Thomas J. Butler, Lowell L. Richards and Donna Rauseo - three public servants who made extraordinary contributions to the community through their years at Massport. In addition, two other graduating seniors received Massport's Diversity STEM Scholarship for college.

BACKPACKS FOR HOMELESS CHILDREN

Nearly 40 homeless children ages 4-17 at Crossroads Family Shelter in East Boston and St. Ambrose in Dorchester started school with a new backpack full of school supplies and new clothes for the first day of school. This summer marked our 8th year of collaborating with Ropes and Gray LLP to help make the start of school a little better for homeless families.



For more information on Massport's commitment to our neighboring communities visit

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Condo 158 M Street	\$753,000	6/25/15	7	3.5	2109
Single Family 655 East Second St UNIT 101	\$715,000	6/25/15	6	2	1570
Condo 691 East Seventh Street	\$705,000	6/25/15	7	2	1812
Single Family 198 West Third St UNIT 2	\$545,000	6/26/15	4	1.5	860
Condo 6 Gates St UNIT 2	\$508,000	6/25/15	4	1	875
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Condo 60 H St UNIT C	\$425,000	6/25/15	4	1	824
Condo 754 East Fourth St UNIT 4 Condo	\$380,000	6/26/15	3	1	605



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WHAT: On Sunday, September 13, 2015, the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) will close William J. Day Boulevard in South Boston to all traffic to accommodate the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition 5k Race. All four lanes on Day Boulevard will be used for the race. Traffic will be detoured to adjacent roadways: Columbia Road, Farragut Road and Shore Road will serve as a route to Castle Island. Parking will also be prohibited along Day Boulevard.

WHEN: Sunday, September 13, 2015

WHERE: Day Boulevard will be closed from Kosciousko Circle to Farragut Road from 9:00 am to approximately 11:30 am. There will be no parking on Day Boulevard from I Street to Farragut Road from Saturday, September 12, 2015 10:00 pm through Sunday, September 13, 2015 at 11:30 am. Temporary overnight parking for residents with a valid City of Boston South Boston Resident Parking Sticker will be provided at the angled parking spots located between Shore Road and the Castle Island parking lot beginning at 10:00 PM on Saturday, September 12, 2015. This temporary parking area will be staffed and vehicles will be checked for resident parking stickers.



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The Notre Dame Education Center in South Boston recently graduated the first group of students in its new Office Skills and Technology Training course, part of the Center's Workforce Readiness Program. From left are Leah Moschella, Workforce Readiness Initiative Manager; Ben Havumaki, STEM Avancement Specialist; graduates Anthony Cherrington of Dorchester; Paulette Sparks and Robin Suarez, both of South Boston; and Rola Abou Taha of Mattapan; Mary Rose Durante, Executive Director and CEO of NDEC; Sister Paula Jurigian, Program Director; and State Sen. Linda Dorcena-Forry, who was the featured graduation speaker. A new six week OST&T course will start on Sept. 28. Registration deadline is Sept. 18. Call Leah Moschella, NDEC, (617) 268-1912, Ext. 222, or email her at Imoschella@ndecboston.org.

NOTRE DAME EDUCATION CENTER GRADUATES OFFICE SKILLS COHORT

he Notre Dame Education Center recently graduated the first students in its innovative Office Skills and Technology Training course, part of its Workforce Readiness Program.

The graduates are Anthony Cherrington of Dorchester; Paulette Sparks and Robin Suarez, both of South Boston; and Rola Abou Taha of Mattapan.

"We are so proud of these four students," said Mary Rose Durante, Esq., NDEC's Executive Director and CEO. "In the short space of six weeks, they've learned the kinds of skills that will make them successful in any office or business environment."

The Office Skills and Technology Training course included topics such as computer skills, customer service, office management, career planning, and job search skills. Students completed internships with local companies such as Julie's Family Learning Program, the Career Collaborative, and the North American Indian Center of Boston. NDEC partnered with Dress for Success for business clothing. The Fenway Health Center and Carewell Urgent Care conducted mock interviews and offered employer presentations.

Workforce Readiness Program Manager Leah Moschella said, "Tangible, real-world office experience is key for our students. It boosts their confidence, builds their resumes, and prepares them for successful careers."

A new six-week Office Skills and Technology Training course will begin Monday, Sept. 28. Registration deadline is Sept. 18.

For more information, contact Leah Moschella, Workforce Readiness Program Manager, at (617) 268-1912, Ext. 222, or lmoschella@ndecboston.org.

Founded in 1992, the Notre Dame Education Center is a South Boston-based 501(c)(3) non-profit community-based organization offering the following four programs: Workforce Readiness and Career Pathways; Adult Basic Education/HiSET Preparation; English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL); and the Alternative High School Diploma. In addition, NDEC is the hub for distance and online learning for ESOL students. The Center also offers citizenship preparation. A variety of customized counseling and support complements and strengthens these programs and services.

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and flaunting our laws entering illegally. Obama and the weak kneed leaders in congress are doing nothing to stop it. The public knows this and they want it stopped. How? According to the latest polling, by building that much talked about wall. The media would have us believe that there is very little support for building a wall along the Mexican border. But the people aren't falling for it. Results of the polling show that more than 64% of Americans now want a wall built. That number is up from 59%. The media would also have us believe that only White Republicans want a wall. Wrong.

Now a majority of every single 'sub group' agrees. Today, more Democrats support the wall than oppose it. A majority of women support it, as do a majority of African Americans. And here's the kicker that the press and congressional leaders really are stunned by. 49% of Hispanics favor building the wall and only 38% oppose it. So the hand wringers in Washington, the professional open borders activists and yes, those who are depending on voter fraud to help win upcoming elections by registering illegals to vote may want to come up with new arguments on why we should not build a wall and finally secure that border. Because their tired old liberal rhetoric, calling everyone a racist, implying that Americans are heartless and overall whining about how cruel people who want our borders secure clearly is no longer working. Call it the 'Trump' factor or the spike in crimes being committed by those entering illegally or both, whatever is causing the shift in thinking it is definitely taking hold.



BILLY HIGGINS HONORED FOR QUIET LEADERSHIP

he People In Neighborhoods Can Help (PINCH) Foundation is pleased to announce that South Boston's Billy Higgins will be honored with the 2015 Jack Leary "Quiet Leadership" award, during the non-profit organization's annual fundraiser and awards ceremony, Friday evening, September 25, 7:00 p.m., to midnight, at the West Roxbury Elks.

PINCH Foundation Executive Director, Frank Sullivan, said, "We are privileged and honored to present the 2015, Jack Leary Quiet Leadership award to Billy Higgins.

"Jack Leary would, without hesitation, approve and be proud of such recognition for Higgins, a most deserving honoree. From South Boston to Southill, Limerick, Ireland, from Florian Hall to Farragut Road, Billy Higgins' life mirrors Jack's many values and attributes. Noteworthy is Billy's daily willingness to com-

passionately, honestly, selflessly and generously give to others."

Sullivan said, "Billy Higgins has been a kind, faith-filled and caring blessing to so many children and adults from Boston to Ireland and beyond and to his lifelong friends and neighbors. Most importantly, Billy's good-natured, humble, dignified and respectful manner are his 'quiet leadership' character traits."

There is a raffle, live auction, entertainment and a buffet. This annual event is jam-packed with those from Boston and beyond whose purpose is to help others! Tickets are \$35 at the door.

For more information, or if you wish to donate a highly sought after live auction item, such as Patriots, Bruins, Celtics tickets, Concert tickets or autographed memorabilia, to help others, call Frank Sullivan (617) 838-7362.

South Boston Students Win BC High Awards

illiam J. Kemeza, President of Boston College High School, is pleased to announce that the following students from South Boston received special awards at an end of the year assembly to honor BC High undergraduates.







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The Highland Street Foundation, the Boston Red Sox and the City's Parks and Recreation Department, announced the second annual "Out of the Park" event, a free, family-friendly program that will transform a busy corner of Boston Common into Fenway Park. On Sunday, September 13, "Out of the Park" will present the Red Sox/Tampa Bay Rays away game live on a big screen while recreating the excitement of Yawkey Way and Fenway Park for the community with food, fun and activities available at no cost to participants.

"Out of the Park brings the electrifying atmosphere of a Red Sox game to one of the city's most treasured public spaces, allowing fans of all ages to enjoy game day," said Boston Mayor Martin J. Walsh. "I encourage city and state residents of all ages to spend the afternoon on the Common, take in the game and enjoy the camaraderie and spirit associated with Fenway Park."

Out of the Park attendees will get a chance to meet Red Sox mascot Wally, savor Fenway Franks and other ballpark treats, hear from the Hot Tamales Brass Band, and enjoy activities like face painting, caricatures, balloon art, and even participate in a Steal Home Challenge. The event will be located at the corner of the Common where Charles and Beacon Streets meet.

"We are honored to partner with the Boston Red Sox and City of Boston for a one-of-a-kind event that allows people of all ages and incomes to experience our beloved ballpark and home team," said Blake Jordan, Executive Director of the Highland Street Foundation. "Out of the Park reflects our Foundation's commitment to enriching the lives of local families with access to popular destinations and cultural experiences all across Massachusetts."

This spring, Highland Street teamed up with the City of Boston Parks and Recreation Department and the Red Sox to renovate ten youth baseball fields for the start of the season. Each field received fresh clay, privacy screens on backdrops, sod cutting for edges, lining and a few of the parks received replica Green Monster walls.

"The Red Sox strive to create memorable experiences for our fans in the community," said Adam Grossman, Senior Vice President of Marketing & Brand Development for the Boston Red Sox. "We are honored to partner with the Highland Street Foundation and the City of Boston to recreate the sights, sounds and feel of a Fenway Park game day to the Boston Common.

To learn more about Out of the Park and the Highland Street Foundation, visit

www.highlandstreet.org and connect with us on facebook.com/ HighlandStreet and Twitter @ HighlandStreet.

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so famous for, perhaps more than any other place in the world, is the tribute we pay and the honor we hold our military veterans in and always have.

This month on September 20th, the South Boston Vietnam War memorial will be rededicated. This has been a proud tradition since the memorial was first dedicated 34 years ago. For nearly 3 and a half decades, the people of South Boston have turned out to reconfirm the respect and high esteem they hold this towns Vietnam Veterans who gave all.

This year will be different than most. Yes, the 10:30am Mass at St. Brigid Church will be held in honor of those who died in battle in the war as well as the many who returned home and show up each year to honor their fallen comrades. As always, this will be followed by the procession to Medal of Honor Park for the rededication of the Memorial itself. But on September 17th, the travelling 'Wall that Heals' will be on display at Medal of Honor Park at M Street as well. The Wall that Heals is a huge scale replica of the Massive Vietnam Memorial on display in Washington DC. It contains the names of every one of the more than 58,000 service members who lost their lives during that conflict and it will be open to the public from the 17th to the 20th of September.

South Boston Today had the honor to speak with our good friend Tommy Lyon, a Vietnam Veteran and a former United States Marine who along with the dedicated members of the South Boston Vietnam Memorial Committee has been one of the driving forces and organizers not only in getting the South Boston memorial built more than 34 years ago, but also has worked hard to keep alive the memories of those who gave their lives

in defense of our freedom. We asked Tom his thoughts on this tradition that endures here and is so well attended each and every year. Tom had the following to say: "It's a tribute to the character of the people of South Boston; both current and former residents who turn out each year in such large numbers to honor our vets. The crowds are as large now as they ever were. This out pouring of support is appreciated and means so much to these veterans. It's all about sacrifice, and honor and it's healthy to see the support they still to this day receive and it's also about never apologizing for their service." Lyons went on to say that South Boston honors it's veterans of every war and those veterans who served in time of peace as well. It's tradition and it's a wonderful thing."

Tom Lyons wants all to know that the public is more than welcome to stencil the names of loved ones and friends that they remember on a piece of paper if they choose just like they do on the memorial in Washington. And this year, Boston will once again be hosting the Medal of Honor Recipients and the Medal of Honor Society. This will be the 3rd time Boston will be honored with hosting this event and it's the first time that any city has been the host three times.

Again, the list of events in South Boston is as follows: The Wall of Healing will be open to the public from Thursday, September 17th through Sunday, September 20th. The Memorial Mass at St Brigid Church will be at 10:30am on Sunday, September 20th, with a special appearance by the famous Irish Tenor John McDermott, immediately followed by the procession across the street at Medal of Honor Park. Here the rededication will take place with guest speakers, honor guard and ceremony. South Boston Today will post reminders and updates as well as other information of this great traditional weekend each week as the dates get closer.





St Peter Academy Opens The School Year with Happy Faces and Exciting New Programs!

t Peter Academy students are geared up for a robust year of interactive learning! The first day of school was met with enthusiastic smiles from students, teachers and families. The Board, School Administration, Teachers, Education Consultants, Home and School Association and Community Volunteers worked together productively and established a dynamic agenda for the 2015-2016 school year.

Highlights of the agenda include: Longer School Day: The governing board, with family and faculty support, voted to increase the instructional school day to 7 hours. The plan calls for 10 minute increases over the next 2 years.

Formative & Summative

Assessments: September assessment of all children that will be compared to Spring 2015 data and analyzed to inform our faculty, students and families. The data collected will be utilized to create student and classroom achievement plans for the 2015-2016 school year. Student assessments will continue throughout the school year to measure student progress and note any areas that would benefit from additional support. Faculty and consultants will focus on

creating a consistent, nurturing, safe and collaborative school climate through daily classroom schedule refinement, setting standards and policies that reflect the school's mission of developing the "whole person" and fostering student centered, collaborative learning classroom environments.

Expanded Title I Support:

Opportunities through new funding will expand direct student services to include reading and newly established math support.

Before School Program is established in response to the work and school scheduling conflicts some families are faced with on a daily basis. The program runs from 7:00 to 7:50 am and begins on the first day of school.

Extended Learning Clubs
are FREE to students in grades
2 through 8. Clubs are held
Tuesdays, Wednesdays &
Thursdays from 2:30 to 5:30
pm. Students will complete their
homework and progress on to a
selection of extended learning
opportunities such as the Math
Olympiad Club, Robotics Club,
STEM Club, Book Club, Computer
Club, Writers' Club, Political
Science Club, Board Game Club,
as well as other clubs established





from learning domains that interest SPA students.

Apple Technology will be evident in every classroom this year. Through a generous donation made possible by the Electricians Union IBEW Local 103 and LAN-TEL Communications, the school was totally wired with the latest CAT system and attending wireless signal hardware. A generous grant from Massport followed and this allowed for the purchase of iPads and Apple TV for the classrooms. This platform will put Apple technology in the hands of every St Peter Academy student for the 2015-2016 school year! The school's technology expansion efforts will continue with the support of the grants, development and finance committees.

Extended Day Program will continue to be available Monday through Friday for grades PreK – 6 from 2:35 to 6:00 pm and begins on the first day of school. New enrichment opportunities are available in the Extended Day Program.

Free ISEE Intensive for St Peter Academy Students Grades 5 through 8 will commence on Tuesdays and Wednesdays starting on September 15 and ending on November 3. Mr. Dilba and Miss Chapin will teach the ISEE Intensive and each has more than 10 years of ISEE instruction experience.

Enrichment Curriculum: Instruction in Art, Music, Fitness &





Movement has been added to every grade level this year, toddler through grade 8. SPA is delighted to support the core curriculum in ways that expands our students' knowledge, creativity and individuality!

Instructional School Day Hours:
SPA is pleased to announce that
St Peter Academy exceeds the
Massachusetts Instructional Hours
Standard of 900 hours per school
year for grades PreK through 5 and
990 hours for grades 6 through 8.
St Peter Academy PreK through
5 students receive 1020 hours of
instruction and grades 6 through
8 students receive 1100 hours of

New Toddler Early Education Program: Talented early education teacher, Ms. Tia DeRienzo is leading the toddler program ages 18 months plus - The youngest SPA members will be nurtured and educated under Ms. Tia's loving, patient and skilled guidance!

instruction.

Family Involvement - Family participation continues to be a cornerstone of the organization and a key to the school's continued success. The school was founded in 2004 by families who felt that access to a quality education for their children in a safe and nurturing environment was worth the effort to sustain and support family life in the community. The school calendar boasts many family events and gatherings.

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2015 South Boston Pop Warner Game Schedule

_	Date	Team	Day	Location	Time	Field
Week 1	9/5/15	E	Saturday	Parkway @ South Boston	2:30 PM	Home
	9/5/15	D	Saturday	Parkway @ South Boston	4:00 PM	Home
	9/5/15	С	Saturday	Parkway @ South Boston	5:30 PM	Home
	9/5/15	Unlimited	Saturday	Mansfield Jr @ South Boston	7:00 PM	Home
Week 2	9/12/15	All Teams	Saturday	Pep Rally @ South Boston	12:00 PM	
	9/12/15	F	Saturday	@ South Boston	1:00 PM	
	9/13/15	E	Sunday	South Boston @ Falmouth		Away
	9/13/15	D	Sunday	South Boston @ Falmouth		Away
	9/13/15	С	Sunday	South Boston @ Franklin		Away
	9/13/15	Unlimited	Sunday	South Boston @ Braintree	9:00 AM	Braintree HS
Week 3	9/18/15	F	Friday	@ South Boston	6:30 PM	Home
	9/20/15	Unlimited	Sunday	South Boston @ Ashland	9:00 AM	Away
	9/20/15	С	Sunday	South Boston @ Carver	10:30 AM	Carver Middle School
	9/20/15	D	Sunday	South Boston @ Carver	12:00 PM	Carver Middle School
	9/20/15	Е	Sunday	South Boston @ Carver	1:30 PM	Carver Middle School
Week 4	9/26/15	F	Saturday	@ South Boston	1:00 PM	Home
	9/26/15	E	Saturday	Hyde Park @ South Boston	2:30 PM	Home
	9/26/15	D	Saturday	Taunton @ South Boston	4:00 PM	Home
	9/26/15	С	Saturday	Norton @ South Boston	5:30 PM	Home
	9/26/15	Unlimited	Saturday	Easton @ South Boston	7:00 PM	Home

SOCCER PARADE TONIGHT AT THE STADIUM

onight Thursday September 10th at 6:00 p.m. the South **Boston Youth Soccer** League will be holding its annual "Parade of Champions" at Moakley Park in the Paul Saunders Stadium. This is the official kickoff for the fall season in which over 600 of Southie's finest -its kids, will participate in a fun filled opening night parade. Coaches don't forget to have signs with the team name and sponsors name on them and remember to dress the kids in costumes that go with the sponsor's name. City Councilor Bill Lineman will be the Master of Ceremonies and he will provide all of us with a fun filled night of merriment with his wit. The Boston Parks and Recreation Department will be providing the marching music for the kids .The Boston Police Honor Guard will lead the slowest parade in town as they lead the kids on their route around the track. Some of the officers have been involved with this parade for over 30 years

and tell me that this is the one event they look forward to every year where they get to be right up close with all the kids. All players should be at the stadium by 5:30 and line up with their team for the start of the parade. Look for the age group and team number on the signs on the fence outside the stadium .Any player who registered but has not been contacted by a coach and does not know their team should go to the clubhouse at 4:30 where an information table has been set up. Please do not come down on the night of the parade to register your child as we will not be taking any applications at all .Coaches should be at the clubhouse at 5:00 pm to pick up their jerseys and line up with their teams and have their team sign all set and great costumes on the kids .So if you want to have some fun and cheer on the kids then make it a point to be at the stadium Thursday September 10th at 6:00 pm for the "PARADE OFCHAMPIONS".

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independent community based private school, is South Boston's only Toddler through Grade 8 School. Privately funded to foster a nurturing, safe and individualized environment. The student/teacher ratio is 7:1 which is ideal for creating individualized instructional models filled with

interactive learning opportunities. The school is located at 371 West Fourth Street and is currently accepting applications for the 2015-2016 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 or Ms Maria Blasi at 617-268-0750 or email SPA@StPeterAcademy.com.









