

Housing Crunch Affecting South Boston School Enrollments

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY
Maura Barrett

Housing demand is up 17.2 percent in South Boston since 2000, but these homes are filled with single, young professionals instead of families, forcing educators to consolidate or discontinue their programs due to declining enrollment. South Boston, commonly referred to as “Southie,” is popularly known in the past as a crowded working class Irish American area of the city. However, gentrification in recent years is challenging this image, as young professionals move in and families with children are forced to seek housing options with more space in more affordable areas.

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Whether it is 300 feet or 40 feet state law grants “legal standing” to property owners and residents living within that range of a development proposal. This is recognition of the reality that these folks are the most impacted. Recently, the local major media front paged the “Grand Prix” proposal. It seemed the media presented it as a “surprise” proposal and that it was another tax boondoggle

being proposed.

Obviously, anything involving public money has to be publicly examined. However portraying it as a “surprise” does a disservice to proponents, community organizations and public officials charged with following process.

In August 2014, at the request of Eric Prentiss of the Mayor’s Office of Neighborhood Services, the St. Vincent’s Lower End Neighborhood Association (SVLENA)

hosted a meeting that included representatives of Grand Prix CEO Mark Perrone. Also in attendance were representatives from Fort Point, West Broadway, Cityside and “D” Summer Street community organizations.

If it is a good or bad idea was voted neither up nor down, it was simply discussed. A proposal of this magnitude will certainly not be determined by those organizations alone. How-

ever just as the Olympic volley ball games on the Boston Common were quickly shot down by Beacon Hill Civic Groups, it is obviously imperative and legally required that the real “host” community be supportive. The first and correct step in the process was followed.

Perhaps the “big time” reports should tear themselves away from ‘Google’ and get out on the streets to find out what’s going on.



“Socialism is the philosophy of failure, the creed of ignorance and the Gospel of envy” Winston Churchill

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Comparing Some American 'Progressives' to Baby Harp Seals

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY

John Ciccone

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There was a lot going on in the world and in particular in our own country last week. The Papal visit put Religion back in the forefront once again. There was a visit by the leader of China, as well as the gathering at the UN of most of the world's leaders. Europe and the Middle East were and still are in turmoil, because of the vast migration of refugees fleeing the ongoing war in Syria and surrounding countries.

Some words about the refugee issue that are sure to rub some people the wrong way, but here they come anyway. The vast majority of refugees flooding Europe are said to be young able men of military age. Questions are being asked such as: Are these men cowards to leave their women and children behind and flee to Europe to escape the invading hordes of ISIS? Are some of them terrorists using the confusion to infiltrate Europe and bring their sick 'Jihad' to that continent and later make their way to America for the same purpose? Why, if they are seeking refuge and the protection and generosity of Europe are many of them, as soon as they arrive, demanding to be treated better than the Europeans, who are hosting them?

There are some in America, admittedly aware of the probability that many of these refugees could be terrorists coming to attack our country, who just are not concerned and are willing to take the chance for the sake of some notion of compassion. These are some of the same people demanding that we keep our southern border wide open, even though they know members of cartels, known violent criminals, and

terrorists are using it as an easy access point to get here to do us harm. The progressive or liberal mindset as always is throwing caution to the wind and all but ignoring the safety of our nation and its people in the interest of being 'progressive'. They are blindly accepting of everyone, no matter how much danger they may pose.

I'm not saying this country shouldn't help those in need. We are the most generous nation on Earth and always have been. But with thousands of homeless veterans, countless American children living in poverty, and senior citizens in need of care, we have an obligation to take care of the home front first.

To better understand and explain the liberal mindset that plagues some in our country, especially in regard to their apparent need to invite the whole world to resettle in America, let me use the following analogy. At least once a year, a slaughter of baby harp seals takes place in the Arctic. Tens of thousands of these small helpless creatures are literally clubbed to death by hundreds of humans in a brutal hunt that takes no skill or courage. Most people over the years at one point or another have seen the video and news clips of this taking place. The cruelty is numbing to watch. Efforts have been made in the past to end this brutality, but it continues. The humans arrive by the boat loads and plane loads and begin bashing the heads of these seals. They don't shoot the animals because they kill so many, the cost of bullets would be huge, so they use clubs. The seals are not intelligent enough to understand what

is happening to them. They cannot comprehend that the seals to the left and right of them are being killed and that they will be next. Because they don't understand the danger, they don't try to defend themselves or even flee to safety. They just sit there, oblivious to the carnage and passively wait their turn to be killed.

These helpless and clueless baby harp seals in a way are similar to so many of our American liberals.

Powerful, deadly, cunning and well-armed terrorist organizations have made no attempt to hide the fact that they plan to come to our country and kill as many Americans as they can, using whatever methods and weapons they can. They brag that they will infiltrate our borders and attack us at every opportunity. They've proved that they can do this and yet, we have liberals among us who are opposed

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Senator Linda Dorcea Forry and Representative Nick Collins joined their colleagues in the Massachusetts Legislature to pass a \$38.1 billion state budget for Fiscal Year 2016 (FY16). The spending plan reaffirms a commitment to public health and safety, education, and family and youth services, especially in the areas of substance abuse treatment and prevention.

"I am proud of the results that Representative Collins and I were able to achieve on behalf of the South Boston community," said Senator Linda Dorcea Forry. "These state funds will allow neighborhood programs to thrive and continue to serve residents of South Boston and provide an opportunity for a better future."

"Many dedicated groups and advocates worked very hard to secure support in this year's budget. Nothing is ever guaranteed and

it takes strong advocacy in the House and Senate to deliver for our community, especially when there is a budget deficit," said Rep. Nick Collins. "Senator Forry and I are pleased to have obtained funding to ensure our community will have the services necessary to maintain a high quality of life in our neighborhoods for all citizens."

With youth development a key priority on their agenda, Sen. Forry and Rep. Collins secured funding for the South Boston Community Health Center's Youth Ambassador Program and the South Boston Leadership Initiative, which provide leadership development programs for local youth.

To address important family service needs, Sen. Forry and Rep. Collins secured funding in the FY16 budget for agencies that have demonstrated measurable impact on the South Boston community. The budget includes funding for

Julie's Family Learning Center which provides services to families and single mothers, helping them break the cycle of poverty. The FY16 budget also allocates funding for the Labouré Center's Recovery Connections Program which supports children and families affected by substance abuse.

With substance abuse at crisis levels across the Commonwealth, particularly relative to the opiate epidemic, Sen. Forry and Rep. Collins were able to secure state funding for the Gavin Foundation, the South Boston Collaborative Center and the Answer House to provide critical substance abuse prevention and treatment services to those in need.

Always considering public safety a priority, Sen. Forry and Rep. Collins also restored funding for dedicated police patrols along Day Boulevard.

With South Boston's legacy as a

community that honors its veterans, Sen. Forry and Rep. Collins worked to secure authorization and funding to build the Massachusetts Iraq & Afghanistan Fallen Heroes Memorial on the South Boston Waterfront. The Memorial will honor all post-9/11 military service members of the Commonwealth who died while serving in Iraq, Afghanistan and other operations across the globe.

Additionally, in order to support services and programs for the City of Boston, Sen. Forry and Rep. Collins helped secure roughly \$174 million in unrestricted general government state aid for the City of Boston and an additional \$212 million in Chapter 70 funding for the Boston Public Schools.

The budget passed with overwhelming support in both the House of Representatives and the Senate has been signed into law by the Governor.



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to securing our borders and feel we should take in hundreds of thousands, even millions of refugees from the Middle East. They feel this way, even though it is well known that it is impossible to stop an influx of terrorists coming in with the flow. This will greatly raise the odds of more successful attacks on our homeland in the future, but this is a chance many libs are more than willing to take in the name of misplaced compassion (and perhaps the registration of future voters).

Like the baby harp seals, these people would make no attempt to combat those coming to kill us. They'd prefer to pretend there is

no danger. Am I saying that all refugees trying to come to America are terrorists? No. But anyone who doesn't think that there will be some in the mix is dangerously naïve.

In the interest of national security, it would be wise not to allow any vast migration of refugees fleeing known terrorist countries to come here, unless there is a failsafe method in place where we know the background and intentions of every one of them. We are not baby harp seals, we are Americans and as such, we have the right and the duty to make sure that, first and foremost, the safety of our people is a priority, whether some of those in Washington and others also blinded by liberal ideology like it or not.



Reading Between The Lines

It Wasn't Pretty, But...

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY
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(Ed. Note: This article first appeared July 17, 2014. Due to lateness of the Veterans return after press time, a new article preparation about the trip was impossible. An apology is offered with the hope readers find this column still relevant on a different topic.)

The recent attempt by some of this community's most esteemed leaders to meet with and convince the movie makers not to sensationalize painful historical events should be applauded and supported. Frankly, there are enough true horror stories to have to make them up. Logic would ask what school business has to do with a criminal who corrupted the FBI? Maybe asked of the director himself. The heart, however, would know that the sensational will win out over fact, in Hollywood, every time.

So far the turned up leather, white t-shirt and dungaree look by Johnny Dep seems more like a cross between "Rebel Without a Cause" and Pirates of the Caribbean", than an update of "Good Fellas".

For what it's worth and those who might be interested in the facts, a little history. In 1967, in a classic case of "Limousine Liberalism" a bill was proposed for a "study" on race and education.

As is usually the case, a group of, perhaps, well intended people looked around and didn't like what they saw, but not because of anything they did, oh no. It was usually those "big city ruffians" who created society's problems.

After two years of study a bill was put forward that would

identify school districts that were over or under represented by minorities in any particular school. "Education Parks" would be established where partnerships with colleges and those underperforming schools were formed. However, the bill discussed in public was not the one voted on. The fix was in. Similar to "Obamacare" everybody else had to pass it before what was in it was known. To hide their actions it was passed on "voice vote".

What it commanded was "remedial action" for school districts of a certain size, translation, only Springfield, Worcester and Boston. The suburbs weren't included. How convenient. Then, it was a simple matter to find "plaintiffs" to bring suit and arrange to have it heard by Kennedy appointee and judicial scoundrel Judge W. Arthur Garrity. He decided force, as in forced busing, was the "remedial action".

It should be noted that parents fighting for better education for their children deserve the highest praise. That praise extends both ways. It extends to those parents who fought for the right to choose where to send their children. That right does not belong to the government. It should also be noted the resistance was not about who is coming in, it was about sending their children out!

Supposedly, the scene on busing in the movie is the first day. If that is true, I witnessed the event. There were no racist signs, or clubs, or rocks, or bottles. In fact there were few signs at all. The crowd was large, at least a thousand, but not violent. When the buses pulled up there were

some shouts. Again, not racist, but more like "we should block the buses", or "we should block the school doors", but just talk at that point. Then one leather lung began yelling the cops were "selling us out".

Police training today might yield a different result, but an officer, identified as from South Boston, didn't like the yelling and waded into the crowd and grabbed the individual. This was the first interaction between the police and citizens during busing. The

old Boston Phoenix captured the moment on its front page. The revealing fact is that the cop is wearing a regular soft cap or hat. After the first day it was riot helmets only and you didn't see a soft hat for years. The last sight I remember was Commissioner Joe Jordan heave a trash can down "G" toward 7th Street at some citizens. For my money, the first day was a police riot.

As stated earlier, there were many times after that when it was
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Gate of Heaven Neighborhood Association Sues City, Developer

As reported in the Globe September 17th, by Jack Newsham, the Gate of Heaven Neighborhood Association has sued the City's Zoning Board of Appeals and the developer, Michael Moore of Oranmore, over plans to turn the old Gate of Heaven School into condos. The suit accused the city of "gross negligence, bad faith, or malice" for approving the project.

The President of the Gate of Heaven Neighborhood Association, Kevin Lally, filed suit in Suffolk Superior Court on September 10th. The complaint said the city ignored the procedures it is obliged to follow before granting a variance that allowed the project to go forward.

There have been a number of public meetings since 2012 where it was very clear to the develop-

ers, the BRA and the City's Board of Appeals that the vast majority opposed this plan. Neighbors have expressed anger that their voices have not been heard. At the Zoning Board of Appeals hearing on June 23rd, most of our elected officials supported the neighbors in opposition: City Councilors Michael Flaherty, Michele Wu and Steve Murphy, Senator Linda Dorcea Forry, State Representative Nick Collins, Suffolk Superior Court Clerk, Michael Donovan along with 45 neighbors. Only City Councilor Bill Linehan and Mayor Walsh supported the luxury condo proposal. The opposition also presented over 2,000 signatures against the proposal, the developer turned in 45 signatures in favor.

The church has added 39 condos across the street in the church hall and rectory sites, but neighbors

say enough is enough. The site has been a school since 1922 and the neighborhood needs the building to remain a school to help families stay in the neighborhood when their children are school aged. The developers claim that this is a reasonable proposal because there are 40 parking spots for the 26 units. They ignored the fact that the neighbors use these 40 spots on a nightly basis and will be displaced and when you realize the 26 units will include 62 bedrooms, 40 spots doesn't sound as reasonable.

The church cannot afford to give up these spots as they operate the church that holds 1200, during weekend masses, funerals and weddings. There's no telling how long the court process will take, but no building permits will be issued as long as the lawsuit is pending.

Harbinger Gets Tentative Designation For Marine Industrial Park Hotel

The South Boston Waterfront, already a hotbed of development activity, received another boost as the board of the Economic Development and Industrial Corporation (EDIC), the BRA's sister agency, granted tentative designation to Harbinger Development to construct a 405 room hotel in the Boston Marine Industrial Park. The project, which is still in the early stages, would be built on a 51,000 square foot parcel located off of Summer Street. The hotel would include over 6,500 square feet of restaurant and retail space, 4,000 square feet of function space, and an indoor pool. Harbinger is in talks with Hilton Worldwide to operate the hotel. Perkins + Will is the project architect.

Known as Parcel A, the site is one of two locations in the industrial park that is not limited to either maritime or industrial use. The developer proposes to lease the land under a 70-year agreement with EDIC. Harbinger has developed several hotels in Boston, including the Aloft and Element, which are expected to open in early 2016 across from the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center, Hotel Buckminster in Kenmore Square, and the Ames Hotel downtown.

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the residents rioting, so why make things up? Obviously, Hollywood is not going to portray how black and racist the hearts of the pointy headed liberal phonies really are. If minority schools were inferior, why not send the funds needed to upgrade? After all, we spend about 40 million a year now on busing.

It was the liberals who felt minorities could only learn if seated next to white people, a pretty racist idea when you get down to it. Why should that really surprise anyone? It's always the same. When buses from Roxbury had to skirt Brookline to reach Southie, a prominent resident of that town was Gov. Mike Dukakis. You can be sure Brookline was one of the strongest supporters of forced

busing, as long as it didn't affect them.

The biggest Liberal supporters always live in the whitest areas. The most liberal state in America, Vermont, is the 3rd whitest. They have a socialist U. S. Senator. You would think they'd be clamoring for their share of the criminals swarming our borders. You would be wrong. You can be sure though an "open border" policy has no

bigger supporters than Vermont.

The ironic twist to this whole mess is that black inner city youth are going to be the first victims, as these youth cartel members and MS-13 take over the drug trade by force. Liberals will then scream about the police neglecting inner city violence, as they scurry back to their safe, expensive, exclusive, white towns to talk about us.

Take care till next week.

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Mayor Walsh Announces 1st Annual 'Women Entrepreneurs Boston'

Mayor Martin J. Walsh announced Women Entrepreneurs Boston (WE BOS), a new City of Boston initiative that will advance Boston's women entrepreneurs by providing the skills, technical assistance and network women need to launch and grow their business.

"We know that women led businesses continue to face challenges including limited funding, challenges in scaling, and finding mentors and networks to support them as they grow," said Mayor Walsh. "I am proud to kick-off WE BOS to better address these challenges and promote economic equity in Boston."

Kara Miller, a South Boston resident, will be managing the new initiative. Kara has spent the last two years building the Women on Main program and will expand its work through WE BOS.

In partnership with the Mayor's office of Women's Advancement and Office of Business Development, WE BOS will support all women entrepreneurs, including startups, home-based businesses and the established brick-and-mortar mainstays of Boston's

neighborhoods, with the goal to increase the number of well-established women entrepreneurs in the City of Boston and to strengthen and grow Boston's existing women-owned businesses.

To begin its work in these areas, from October 12-16, WE BOS will bring together leaders in Boston's entrepreneurial ecosystem to launch Boston's first-ever Women Entrepreneurs Week. During this week, Boston's women entrepreneurs will have the opportunity to attend events throughout the City featuring high-profile speakers, skill-building workshops, roundtable discussions, and networking opportunities to help women entrepreneurs build their networks and learn new skills to build and scale their businesses.

Women make up more than half of Boston's residents, yet only 1 dollar of every 23 dollars in conventional bank loans and less than 3 percent of venture capital funding is allocated to women-owned businesses.

"I am thrilled to expand our reach to women owned businesses through WE BOS," said Kara Miller, WE BOS program manager.

"I am proud to live and work in a city that understands how important women entrepreneurs are to our economic ecosystem."

"Launching WE BOS is critical to the Mayor's commitment and vision for the women of Boston. Mayor Walsh understands that this is not only the right thing to do, but it's also important to the vitality and economy of our city as a whole." Megan Costello, Executive Director of the Mayor's Office of Women's Advancement. "We are excited to partner with skilled women who are shaping the course of our city."

The largest event of WE BOS week will be the Women Entrepreneurs Evening, hosted by Innovation Women, on Wednesday, October 14th from 6:00 - 8:30 pm at District Hall. At this expo, attendees will have the opportunity to meet representatives from Boston's top organizations that support women entrepreneurs. The night will also include Mass Innovation Night's second annual Women Founders night.

For a complete list of events happening throughout Women Entrepreneurs Week, visit www.we-bos.com or follow @we_bos on twitter.

Today in Boston, 18,709 women-owned businesses employ 26,209 people. These businesses account for more than \$4 billion in sales and contribute almost \$7.6

billion to the Gross City Product. Women-owned businesses also increase consumer spending by \$1.4 billion and provide more than \$208 million in tax revenue. In spite of this, women owned businesses receive less bank, venture capital, and angel funding than their male counterparts. To guide its work, WE BOS will be working in three priority areas: funding, scaling, and mentoring and networking.

WE BOS is the next step in the Walsh Administration's commitment to supporting the success of Boston's women entrepreneurs. WE BOS builds on the success of the City's Women on Main initiative, which has assisted more than 700 women entrepreneurs since its inception. Women on Main has partnered with Babson's Center for Women's Entrepreneurial Leadership, and their Women Innovating Now (WIN) lab. Each year five Women on Main Fellows are selected to participate in the WIN lab, an incubator that helps women entrepreneurs take their business from idea to launch. In addition, the Women on Main initiative has hosted an array of events including the Women's Business Accelerator, which brought together 100 women, and was presented in partnership with The Center for Women and Enterprise, Babson, and the Boston Women's Entrepreneurial Council.

Kids Really Rock, and Really Help Community

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY
Maura Barrett

The sun shone over what organizers estimated to be over 3,000 people Saturday at the Lawn on D for the success of the second annual Kids Really Rock festival. Originally started as the One Family Music Festival in an attempt that organizer Karen Kalafatas described as “a way to bring families together and reclaim the city for our kids” following the tragic Boston Marathon bombings in 2013. The first time around, everything from musicians to supplies to event space was made possible through donations and volunteers.

For this and last year’s festival though, the Massachusetts Convention Center Authority stepped in and

made it possible for nationally recognized artists to be paid and covered the expense of the event space to ensure a great event for everyone attending. Among swings, food trucks, arts and crafts tables, and expansive space on the lawn, kids were able to dance and sing along with musicians such as Grammy Nominee Alastair Moock and Friends, Parent’s Choice award winners Ben Rudnick and Friends and Karen K and the Jitterbugs, plus many more throughout the day on two separate stages from 11am to 6pm.

Standing apart from other music festivals, Kids Really Rock aims solely to benefit a charity each year. 2015 is dedicated to the nonprofit, Room to Grow, an organization that works with and helps babies born into poverty. Bibs and books filled up bins around

the lawn, as the event was organized as a drive where these items will be donated to those children.

“There might be over 3,000 people here now and each of them walk in with a bib and book and put it directly in a bin,” Kalafatas described the process, “The kids learn about giving back and that not everyone is as fortunate as we are.”

Room to Grow serves about 500 families in Boston, supplying them with basic needs. The organization also pairs families with a social worker, who they meet with every three months and receive the support they need for their child to thrive through their developmental years.

Festival organizers also partnered with We Art Boston for the third time, an organization similarly founded following the Boston Marathon bombing. Fifteen artists and illustrators volunteered their time throughout the day, sketching and painting children’s stuffed animals. The activity was over-

whelmingly popular, with over an hour wait time in the early afternoon.

“If we only could meet all of the demand, it’s been great. Kids get really excited about seeing their stuffed animals come to life on the pages,” said co-founder Susan McKendry. She founded the organization with her husband, Joe, a children’s book illustrator, and it has become a family project; they have recruited their own children to help out at the events.

As for the future of We Art Boston, Joe said, “We want to keep this going as sort of a good vibe thing, to give back. This is a great way for artists to give back to the community.”

Kalafatas was ecstatic about the turnout and the overall success of the day. “I think that anyone who has a child in their life should be here, whether they bring the child or not. It’s a fantastic way to celebrate the power of music, love, and kids! It’s been a great day to celebrate the city and the community,” she said.

HOUSING CRUNCH CONTINUED FROM front page

“Usually you wait until your kids are about 3 or 4 years old, and then you move out,” said Damien Carthy, father of 18-month-old twins. “Unfortunately, that’s what everybody has to do because the (public) schooling is not good.”

Francis Francis, the librarian at the South Boston Branch of the Boston Public Library, grew up and attended school in South Boston, but she says some schools that she would have recognized, like Middle School Academy, are closed now. She remembers a time when the library would be crowded with school-age children after school hours. Now, the situation is different. “A ton of toddlers come through our children programs at the library,” said Francis, “But we don’t see them as they enter school-age, because the families usually move to the suburbs at that point. You see a lot of young, single people in the neighborhood, then they get married and have kids and then they’re gone. There aren’t as many kids in grade 6 to high school at all anymore.”

The phenomenon of disappearing families is not an illusion for community members; from 2000 to 2010 there was an 11 percent drop in residents under 18 years old, despite the

12 percent growth of general population in South Boston, according to figures the Boston Redevelopment Authority compiled from the U.S Census Bureau data.

South Boston Monument High School merged with Excel High School in 2011, due to low enrollment, but their numbers are still significantly lower than other neighborhoods’ high schools. According to enrollment data from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Excel High School currently educates 538 students from grades 9 through 12. This number is in comparison to 1,522 high schoolers at East Boston High School, 972 at Brighton High school, 962 at Charlestown High School, and 921 at Madison Park High School.

The Communications Central Office of Boston Public Schools was contacted without response regarding what actions the superintendent might be implementing to entice families to stay in the neighborhood. Public schools are not the only ones affected by low enrollment. The current South Boston Catholic Academy was formed in 2007 when the former St. Bridgid and Gate of Heaven schools combined because of a steady decline in enrollment at Gate of Heaven. “When the archdiocese of Boston and their campaign for

Catholic schools came on board to help with the collaboration, we conducted a lot of research looking ahead on the neighborhood’s population and how it was changing,” Principal Nancy Carr said. “We know that it was mainly people moving out of the area.”

However, unlike the South Boston public high school, enrollment at the Catholic Academy has increased steadily in the past seven years, according to Carr. This is due to the fact that they have students coming from neighborhoods outside of South Boston, such as East Boston, Stoughton, Quincy and the Seaport district.

Saint Peter Academy, a private independent community based school, which emerged upon the closing of the Catholic Archdiocese Saint Peter School on East Sixth St. (now a high end condominium complex), has embarked on an expansion and refurbishing effort in its facility. Year round programming is designed to support families in the community and it offers high quality toddler, prekindergarten, after-school programs and a summer adventure program to complement its highly regarded Kindergarten through Grade 8 curriculum. Principal Andy Dilba said, “We are dedicated to advancing St Peter Academy’s mission to provide an exemplary education to

its family of students in a small, nurturing and safe environment and expand enrichment services to engage students in structured fun learning opportunities beyond the traditional school day in order to augment the daily stress of working families in our community.”

Both public and private schools, along with neighborhood community centers, have increased resources for the students and families that do remain in the area. Francis noted that a bulk of children, who still go to school in the neighborhood, go to after school programs because both parents work. Both elementary schools, the Tynan and James F Condon, offer before and after school programs. The South Boston Catholic Academy does as well, where Carr estimates about a third of the students take advantage of the program.

The housing boom in South Boston shows no signs of slowing down, with construction and development constantly present and costs of living rising accordingly. This combined with the addition of upscale boutiques and markets can only add to the economic value of the neighborhood, but residents and neighborhood associations will soon have to decide whether devaluing education for their children and pushing the middle class out is a cost that they’re willing to accept.



NEW CHURCH IN SOUTH BOSTON

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY
Matt King

Hub Church is a new Christian church in South Boston. You may have recently joined in for their movies on the beach, seen their booth at the street festival, or run into them picking up trash and landscaping different properties around the neighborhood this summer. Or perhaps, you've met some of their members in the midst of everyday lives at local restaurants, praying and studying the Bible in various parks and coffee shops, or tossing a Frisbee around on the beach.

The church began out of a partnership with Brookline's 'City on a Hill' Church when a group of families and young professionals, moved to South Boston together. Out of a love for the neighborhood, the intent of these individuals has been simply to follow Jesus, in the context of a community that lives out an everyday faith, and

further contribute to the wonderful South Boston faith and culture that attracted them here in the first place.

Hub Church Pastor Charlie Dunn says, "Jesus' life, death and resurrection not only saves those who trust in him from God's judgment, it gives us a truer freedom and rest. And in having that freedom and rest, we're empowered to not only joyfully serve others, in real spiritual, and physical ways, we're able to simply enjoy life well!"

Earlier this month, Hub Church launched a new, weekly Sunday Gathering at 444 D Street (the side entrance of the Westin hotel). Gatherings begin at 10:30am, are very casual, open to all, and offer childcare. The intent of these Sunday Gatherings is to worship God and grow closer in relationship to Him through teaching of Bible, song, and communion.

Pastor Charlie says, "In a city of non-stop busyness, we want to rest and give others an opportunity to ex-

perience the deeper rest that comes from being close to Christ together, rather than constantly striving in our own efforts. For that reason, our Sunday Gatherings are low-key, unabashedly rooted in Scripture, and focused on the relationship Jesus affords us with our Heavenly Father, rather than being an over-hyped event, led by a staff of 'professional Christians.'"

Beyond Sundays, the life of Hub is Church is lived out during the week in the context of small communities of Biblical grace and truth, they call Missional Families. These Missional Families are open to all; they are where relationship with God the Father is cultivated, community with others is built and deepened, and service to neighbors and the neighborhood is extended, as an expression of how God has first loved and served us in Christ.

While the form of Hub Church might look different than other



churches with which you might be accustomed, there's no question that the church bases everything it does on the life, death and resurrection of Jesus as described in the Bible...an "ancient" account they believe has something profound and even transformative, to say for our "modern" lives!

Join the Hub Church community on Sundays at 444 D St @ 10:30. Or For more information about Hub Church, including their mission, vision, beliefs, and community structure, check out HubChurchSouthie.com and follow them on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram @HubChurchBoston.



The Best Fall Foliage: Where and When to Go

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY
SBT Staff Report

The passing of summer sometimes brings a bit of sadness to people who really enjoy spending their free time outdoors. We tend to get used to the easy living and all those activities that the warm months encourage. The good thing is, to many, that sadness doesn't last all that long because once late September hits and especially when we roll into October, New England explodes into a kaleidoscope of magnificent colors as the leaves turn into one of nature's wonders and we still have a good dose of nice weather. That's right, it's fall foliage time and 'leaf peepers' are in their glory.

The Northeastern part of the United States is among the most picturesque areas in the world this time of year. When peak foliage hits, and it comes in waves; depending on what part of the area, enjoying one of the season's best features is anywhere from a 20 minute drive to the edge of the Blue Hills just outside of Boston to a weekend getaway to the Maine Wilderness; whatever makes you happy. While some have their favorite spots to view autumn's splendor, others are always looking for suggestions as to where they can see the best colors and really get into the spirit. For those of you who DO want some suggestions, South Boston Today might be able to help. The following locations are said to be some of the best places to see the brightest colors of the season.

Baxter State Forest, Maine: If you like long drives into some of north east's true wilderness, and it's soon you want to make the trip, Baxter State Forest in the state of Maine is one of the finest locales around for early leaf watching. It's a long drive; between 5 and 7 hours; not something you'd want to try on a day trip. This requires at least two days; preferably a full weekend or more. There are many package deals and bus trips that will make it a great vacation destination. This is also a good place to view wildlife as the area is teeming with moose, deer and black bears. It's a great place to watch birds as the eagle and hawk populations there are thriving. And the scenery is breathtaking. Thick forests, rivers and lakes fill thousands of square miles of beauty. And the colors; in early October are incredible. The area peaks early. Now is the time to go.

White Mountains, New Hampshire: As the calendar pushes deeper into October, New Hampshire's White Mountains come alive with brilliant red, orange and yellow trees looking almost like a sunburst. Many believe this area is by far the best in the entire United States for viewing foliage. This is a trip that can be made in just 3 hours to get the best effect. The ride up along Rt. 93 will show some great color once you get into the higher elevations. But if you want to see the White Mountain's color at its

absolute best, take some of the smaller country roads and really be impressed. The small towns along the way will often have Fall Festivals to add to the experience and this is an area too where the odds of seeing deer and other wildlife are very good. The best time for foliage viewing in the White Mountain's area is usually around the Columbus Day weekend.

Woodstock, Vermont: Peak viewing for the Woodstock, Vermont area is probably also right around the Columbus Day weekend. Here the Billings Farm and Museum gives an added attraction. You not only get to see the autumn leaves in all their glory but you get a taste of the Revolutionary War era culture that still holds on here. Old farm houses and country stores make you feel like you're visiting a bygone era. A drive through the forest lined roads leading to and from Woodstock can put you in awe of nature and make you forget the fast pace of the city while you're there. And yes, here too, wildlife is abundant but you also get to see many horse and dairy farms as well.

Berkshire Mountains, Western Massachusetts: You don't have to travel north to see the sights of the season. A trip west, here in the Bay State will bring all the colors and festive autumn feel as the northern states do. The drive or bus trip a few hours along Route 2 heading west in mid to late October is absolutely beautiful. The farther west

you go the higher the elevation becomes until you are in the Berkshire Mountains with all its scenic views. If you travel far enough you'll come to the Mohawk Trail area known worldwide as a destination to many tourists looking for that special fall atmosphere with all its history even before the American Revolution. This is an area rich in farmland and dotted with lakes and ponds. The apple picking is excellent here. Orchards are everywhere and the sweet aroma from those apples will make you want to bite into one.

Blue Hills, Canton/Milton, MA: And finally, if you want to get to see the fall foliage but really don't want to spend too much time getting to where the peak sights are, as we mentioned early on, there is always the **Blue Hills**, just a 20 minute trip from Boston. The colors in the Blue Hills peak late in the season, so when other more distant areas have become past peak and faded, the Blue Hills, especially along Chica-tawbut Rd. are still bright and fresh. In fact, some years you can still see great foliage in the Blue Hills as late as Halloween and beyond.

Well, there you have it folks. **South Boston Today's** picks for fall foliage viewing in 2015 for those who love being outdoors and seeing Mother Nature at her best this time of year. We hope these tips are helpful and that if you go, you have a great time. Oh, and be sure to bring a camera.



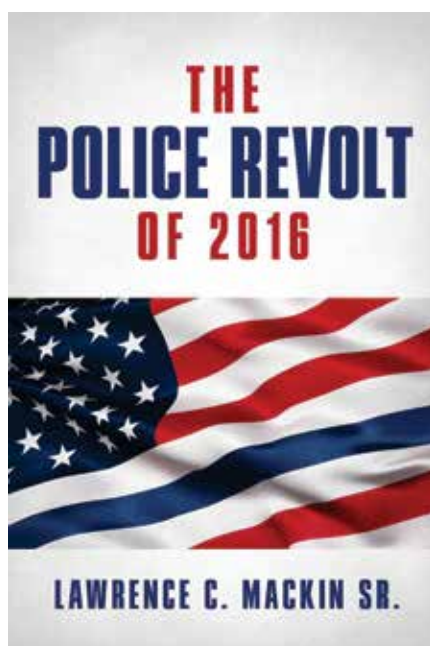
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The visiting crowds with their Red Solo Cups may have gone home for the season but a hearty local kayaker and his dog enjoy the last rays of summer sunshine and the cool clean water at Southie's M Street Beach."

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5pm: Design Showdown with Design New England

October 8

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4pm: Wired & Inspired: Behind the Scenes of a Virtual Showhouse-Designers of BDC's Dering Hall digital show house discuss inspiration found online and IRL

5pm: New England Design Hall of Fame Inductee Unveiling Party: Join New England Home and the BDC as we announce the 2015 New England Hall of Fame inductees.

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Boston's Mayor Marty Walsh found his marble at the End of Summer Beach Party at the BCYF Curley Community Center at M Street Beach in South Boston - find your marble - or buy one online - for a chance to win two free round trip flights on JetBlue!

Save the Harbor's "Simply Marble-ous" Treasure Hunt for JetBlue Flights Is On!

If you find a marble on a Boston area beach from now until October 31st, you could win two round-trip flights for you and a friend to any domestic destination JetBlue serves from Boston's Logan Airport*.

The 4th annual Save the Harbor / JetBlue "Simply Marble-ous" Treasure Hunt is free and easy to enter. If you find a marble on your favorite beach from Nahant to Nantasket, just take a photo of yourself with your marble, post it on Save the Harbor's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/savetheharbor and email the photo with your contact information to info@savetheharbor.org and you could be this year's winner.

If you don't find a marble on the beach, you can still join in the fun by buying a "Virtual Marble" online for just \$10 at any time before October 31st.

The funds we raise will support free youth and beach programs from Nahant to Nantasket. You can find out

more about the contest and buy your marble today at www.blog.savetheharbor.org.

The "Simply-Marble-ous" Treasure Hunt began in 2012 at a beach cleanup led by JetBlue crewmembers and Save the Harbor/Save the Bay. The more than 100 participants spent the day doing 5 weeks worth of maintenance to DCR's Carson Beach Reservation in South Boston. When they were finished, they released marbles into the water for Boston beach-goers to find – starting a tradition that continues to this day.

More than 100 pounds of marbles – 1,000 marbles – have been released so far on Boston area beaches from Nahant to Nantasket, so start hunting!

We will announce the winner on November 1, so be sure to follow [savetheharbor](http://www.blog.savetheharbor.org) on Facebook and Twitter.

*Though the fun is unlimited, some restrictions apply. Visit www.blog.savetheharbor.org for details.

2015 South Boston Pop Warner Game Schedule

WEEK 5

- 10/2/15 F Friday @ South Boston 6:30 PM Home
- 10/4/15 Unlimited Sunday South Boston @ Mansfield 10:30 AM Mansfield HS
- 10/4/15 C Sunday South Boston @ Lower Cape 10:30 AM Away
- 10/4/15 D Sunday South Boston @ Lower Cape 12:00 PM Away
- 10/4/15 E Sunday South Boston @ Lower Cape 1:30 PM Away

WEEK 6

- 10/8/15 F Thursday @ South Boston 6:00 PM Home
- 10/10/15 E Saturday Norton @ South Boston 2:30 PM Home
- 10/10/15 D Saturday No. Attleboro @ South Boston 4:00 PM Home
- 10/10/15 C Saturday Canton @ South Boston 5:30 PM Home
- 10/10/15 Unlimited Saturday Stoughton @ South Boston 7:00 PM Home

WEEK 7

- 10/17/15 F Saturday @ South Boston 1:00 PM Home
- 10/17/15 E Saturday Ashland @ South Boston 2:30 PM Home
- 10/17/15 D Saturday Ashland @ South Boston 4:00 PM Home
- 10/17/15 C Saturday Ashland @ South Boston 5:30 PM Home
- 10/17/15 Unlimited Saturday Ashland @ South Boston 7:00 PM Home

WEEK 8

- 10/25/15 Unlimited Sunday South Boston @ Mansfield 9:00 AM Mansfield HS
- 10/25/15 C Sunday South Boston @ Bellingham 10:30 AM 130 Blackstone Street
- 10/25/15 D Sunday South Boston @ Bellingham 12:00 PM 130 Blackstone Street
- 10/25/15 E Sunday South Boston @ Bellingham 1:30 PM 130 Blackstone Street

SOUTH BOSTON YOUTH SOCCER

What a great weekend! Just a couple of reminders before we begin a recap of last week's games.

COACHES: Remember it is important to turn in score sheets and make sure you list your sponsor and team name on the sheet. If you do not pass one in there will not be any write up for your team and that is not fair to the children who show up week after week or the Sponsors. Remember all score sheets must be turned in by Monday morning at the latest. Also please fill all score sheets out correctly. If a coach is having a parent help them out every week, then that person must fill out a CORI form. For the coaches who have the last game in the Under 8 Division on Sunday, please remember to put the equipment away and that also goes for the Under 10 division on Saturdays.

PARENTS: Remember all children need to wear shin guards. If your child does not have them, they cannot play. No hats, or jewelry can be worn while playing – this is for the safety of the children.

NO SMOKING IN THE STADIUM. IF YOU FEEL YOU NEED TO HAVE A CIGARETTE FOR THE HOUR YOU ARE THERE, YOU NEED TO BE AWAY FROM THE FIELD. Also, if you have any problems at the field, please see one of the officers of the league and we will take care of all concerns immediately. All parents should be on one side of the field and the players on the opposite side.

LOST & FOUND: Some items have been found down at the field such as keys, baby stuffed toy, etc. If you have lost something, please contact Billy Baker he might have them locked up in the trailer.
SNACK BAR: Please patronize the snack bar. All monies that are brought in at the snack bar go right back to the local sports teams that use the park, which helps defray some of the expenses to the league.

...And now on to a recap of the games:

UNDER 4 DIVISION:

LEPRECHAUNS

TIGERS

The Leprechauns sponsored by Councilor

Bill Linehan were victorious with the great playing of Brady Robbins who scored three goals and Devin Rotoni with a single goal that also when playing goalie made some outstanding saves. Brendan Nee was great on defense and had some great breakaways. Kailyn Curry did a great job sharing the duties of goalie and defense. Owen Missett was the most improved and was outstanding on offense. Victoria Sullivan also did an exceptional job on defense and Matthew Brooks was superb on offense.

The Tigers sponsored by South Boston Today played a very good game. William Grant Howes V and Sean Bianchi scored the goals for their team. Marc Brunnick, Taylor Anagnos, Sienna Nyeko, Corey Rodzik, Alexander Hapaoja, Madison Prouty and Gigi Bianchi did an excellent job bringing the ball up and down the field. At the time of print no scoresheets were available the teams sponsored by Sullivan's at Castle Island, Congressman Stephen Lynch, John Hancock Insurance and the Boston Police Athletic League (PAL).

UNDER 6 DIVISION:

SILVER SHARKS MONSTERS

The Silver Sharks sponsored by J. F. O'Brien & Sons played to a tie with goals by Ian Baella, Kyle Greeley and Angel Rodriguez. Bobby McEachern, Tiara Horne and Joseph Levin played a hard game and kept the pressure on their opponents.

The Monsters sponsored by Metro Energy kept the game even with two goals by Liam Long and one by Angel Zenelaj. Outstanding goaltending by Sophia Osche. Jacob Baldwin was amazing on defense. Brendan Picard had a bunch of great turnarounds, playing with lots of heart. Great job to Kiera Woods for giving it her best. Avery Pino and Clarrie Leahy played a great game as did Hannah Deady and John McCarthy. Way to go Monsters!!!

YELLOW JACKETS

GATORS

The Yellow Jackets sponsored by The

Martin F. McDonough Post Women's Auxiliary shut out their opponent with two goals kicked in by Ray Polena and single goals by John Jankowski, Nicholas Miani and Thomas Quinlan. Ronnie Colvin, Hailey Alexander and Ryleigh Clapham played an outstanding game.

The Gators sponsored by City Councilor Michael Flaherty did not score but it was not from lack of trying. All the players turned in a great performance.

FIREBALLS

MONEY ROLLS

The Fireballs sponsored by the South Boston Firefighters Credit Union were victorious this week.

The Money Rolls sponsored by East Boston Savings Bank did not score but played a super game. Sean Costello, Colm Darcy, Andrew Missett, Maeve Houlihan. And Cormac Ryan did a terrific job on the field.

UNDER 8 DIVISION:

GREEN MONSTERS

LEMON SHARKS

The Green Monsters sponsored by Boston Home Inspectors beat out their opponent with goals by Bobby Rehm, Cole Ratican, Nathan Colvin, Dimitri Markos and Mia Rivera. The entire team turned in a stellar performance.

The Sharks sponsored by Billy Flaherty's Gang played a tough opponent but gave it their all until the final whistle. Jonathan McCarthy, Ella Leeman, Emily Ramirez, Rocco Blasi, Conor Smith and Mairin Condon played an awesome game.

At the time of print no score sheets were turned in for the teams sponsored by Donahue & Associates and Joe Pace & Sons.

UNDER 10 DIVISION:

PATRIOTS 2

STAPLETON FLORIST

The Patriots sponsored by the Michael J. Perkins Post A.L. #67 kept up their winning ways with Erik Dharmo scoring a goal assisted by Eve MacLelland and Millie Hynes. Terry Markos also kicked one in with the assist of Riley Joyce and

Brennah Hynes. Megan Harrison played an unbelievable game as goaltender. The team sponsored by Stapleton Florist played a great game and kept the pressure on their opponents. All the players did a good job.

ADJUSTERS 6

SHAMROCKS 1

The Adjusters sponsored by O'Connell Insurance were unstoppable today when Dylan Picard scored a pair of goals and single goals were scored by Jerry O'Neil, Sophia Lange, Stephen Flynn and Ryan McDonald.

The Shamrocks sponsored by Southie's Own had their lone goal scored by Joseph Green. All the players did a great job.

UNDER 12 DIVISION:

YAH RIGHT 3

BUILDERS 0

The Jimmy Cahill "Yah Right" team shutout their opponent with Jack Harrison scoring a pair of goals and a single goal by Henri Pulake. William Ahern did a fabulous job manning the net. Abigail Gwynn and Alex Lysakowski were awesome on defense. Pat Harman played a great two-way game at midfield.

The Builders sponsored by Abacus Builders did not score but it was not from lack of trying. A great game by all the players.

SALSA'S 5

S.B. DENTAL 0

The team sponsored by Salsa's played to a shutout with four goals scored by Patrik and a single goal by Ethan. Mark, and Kellin played an outstanding game and did not let anything by them.

The team sponsored by South Boston Dental did not score but played hard until the final whistle.

UNDER 18 DIVISION:

Due to not having enough players the 12 o'clock game did not take place. The teams were merged and the played at 1 p.m. All Under 18 games will be played at 12 noon from now on. Due to lack of players the teams will be merged.

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