



Hypodermic Needle Sightings - A Rising Concern

The discarding of used hypodermic needles in several locations in the community is becoming a hot button issue among residents. This has been an ongoing problem, but seems to be getting worse.

This week, it was reported by active and concerned locals that at least 14 such needles were found in a number of places, including at Moakley Park, where so many of South Boston’s families with children go to relax and participate in sports activities. It is not confined to that park. Sightings have occurred up the Point and elsewhere, as well. They are being found along South Boston’s three

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EDITORIAL

"Just Stay Away" SOUTH BOSTON TODAY By Staff

There can be no greater condemnation of President Obama's recent callous words and actions than the joint public statement from law enforcement, business leaders, public officials and citizens' organizations that the President is not welcome in Roseburg, Oregon. He is not welcome to use their grief to push a political agenda as he used the, still unidentified, bodies of their loved ones to play politics, while

police were still securing the scene. Holding back crocodile tears, he stated he was "numb" with the constant repetition of gun violence, using a "breaking news" incident to grab headlines.

The 6,000 shootings just in Chicago since 2012 don't seem to cause the same degree of numbness. Chicago isn't even the worse. Percentage wise St. Louis, Baltimore and New Orleans all have more shootings per every 100,000 resi-

dents than Chicago.

Apparently the "breaking news" aspect and the "numbing repetition" instincts in the President aren't aroused with weekly reports, from every state, of murderous atrocities committed by illegal aliens who have been deported multiple times. Illegal aliens, who are permitted to return because of Presidential intentional failure to enforce the security of the border or immigration law as constitution-

ally required. An intentional failure designed to do nothing more than advance the President's Anti-American philosophy that operates under the credo, "never let a crisis go to waste".

The good people of Roseburg, in their grief, have exposed the President for the second rate charlatan he always was and have dismissed his false silky smooth words of sympathy as they would a snake oil salesman. He should just stay away.



"And close at hand, the basket stood with nuts from brown October's wood" John Greenleaf Wittier

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Oregon Shooting: Madmen Prefer Their Victims Disarmed

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Let's look at the reality of the situation in regard to the latest mass shooting; this one at Umpqua Community College in Oregon. It happened in yet another 'Gun Free Zone'. Even the security guards were not allowed to be armed. Sorry, but a can of Pepper Spray doesn't make it in the real world. Will they ever learn? Question: Why are mass shootings always in Gun Free Zones? Answer: Because madmen prefer their victims disarmed.

And yes, once again, before the names of the victims were even known or the bodies even had time to cool, the banshees took to their podiums and soapboxes to make political hay for their agenda. And of course the biggest banshee of all was Obama.

What he didn't say and has refused to say in the months leading up to last week was more revealing than what he did say. It spoke volumes about his priorities and his goals. Of course it was a tragedy that 9 were killed and 9 more wounded. And it was also a disgrace that the administrators at that college saw fit to only provide signs that read 'Gun Free Zone' as protection for these kids, when time after time it has been proved that these signs and these fairy tale zones are what attracts the crazies.

Here are the hard facts that Obama, and his stooges in the main stream media and on the left side of the Congress, deliberately don't acknowledge.. In the 2 weekends prior to last week's campus shooting, and in the

city with the toughest gun laws in the country, 111 people were shot. This goes on nonstop there. Yet the press and the Democrats in Congress pretend it doesn't. They say nothing. Chicago is a place where law obeying good citizens are not allowed to own guns, so they become the victims of the street gangs, drug dealers and other criminals who have guns, will always have guns and use them to terrorize the defenseless and unarmed populace. When Obama took to the podium he was predictable in not mentioning that the Oregon shooter was hunting Christians in his attack, yet as we've all come to know, if it were Muslims being singled out for their faith, he would again be screaming about 'Islamophobia' and railing

about the Crusades of 700 years ago.

Obama and the like want to get rid of the Second Amendment so badly they are having meltdowns because they can't. Yet, if there were no Second Amendment, Americans would be even more vulnerable to the dangerous place this president is turning the country into. In the states of Arizona, California, Florida, New York and Texas alone, more than 5,400 Americans have been killed by illegal aliens. He never mentions this statistic and we can all be sure he won't anytime soon. It is he, after all, who is most responsible for throwing our southern border wide open and encouraging a never ending flow into our country.

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Reading Between The Lines

“Mission Completed”

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Final mission wouldn't be the right term because there will be other "missions" most of these folks will undertake in the future. Mission completed is much more accurate as each member of the group had a personal and a collective "mission". The mission to bring a group, primarily composed of WWII Veterans, to Washington, D. C. to view the decade old WWII Memorial that most had never seen, would never have left the planning stage if not for the generosity of South Boston citizens and businesses and beyond.

Today's technology allowed sending out photos as they were taken, which we were told made viewers feel "part of the trip".

To expand that and share the experience with our readers we begin at South Station where we were dropped off on Friday morning at 5am, courtesy of the Southie Shuttle. Then, through the efforts of Amtrak from the top level to ticket agents, our trip couldn't have run smoother and our Veterans treated more respectfully. Amtrak

even ordered the train pulled by a specially painted locomotive to honor Veterans. Southie resident, Veteran's friend and Amtrak manager Rich Adams must be cited for his tireless efforts. Amtrak became part of the mission.

Upon arrival we were whisked to the Pentagon for an after hours tour that brought us to the exact spot of the deepest point of impact on 9-11. Guided by a Pentagon official, who hails from Southie, he explained the sobering reality of what had occurred on this spot that now has an adjoining chapel. Moving on, we arrived at one of the few spots cameras are allowed, the Hall of Heroes, listing recipients from all branches of the Congressional Medal of Honor. Departing from the Pentagon, a quick arrival at the Gaylord Hotel gave us time to prepare for our first group dinner, which, as you might imagine, turned into a rollicking affair.

The four young military Pentagon escorts, Justin, Ashley, Brendan and Duncan accepted our dinner invitation and couldn't get over the

joined singing of "Southie Is My Hometown", despite the maitre'de's futile efforts to quiet us.

On Saturday, it became our Memorial Day. Beginning with a motorized tour to view the Presidents' memorials we arrived at the Korean War Memorial. Almost immediately, a special emotion seemed to fall over all as strangers began thanking various members of our group, who were Veterans. We next made our way to the monument that doesn't celebrate, but memorializes, those who gave their lives during Viet-Nam. Lost in our own thoughts, we came back together as a group to make our way to the WWII Memorial. One of the most pleasant and moving experiences awaited us. There on a pathway to the Pacific entrance to the Memorial sat Former Senator Bob Dole.

The Senator, now retired, lost use of his right arm in attacking and destroying a machine gun at Anzio, Italy. As a WWII Veteran, on his own, Bob Dole, every Saturday, greets, welcomes and thanks WWII

Veterans and visitors. The Senator remarked we had brought some good-looking women, who promptly showered him with hugs and a peck on the cheek. In the Memorial itself, our Vets, in answering a stranger's question, found themselves holding court to nearly a hundred admirers.

Lunch and then on to Arlington National Cemetery for the changing of the Guard, a ceremony of honor, no matter how often seen, always causes a moistening of the eyes. Sunday morning, it was Mass at St. Matthews Cathedral, followed by a final museum tour and the takeover of the hotel bar to cheer on the Patriots. The fates were with us on our last dinner, a cruise on the Potomac River under a lunar eclipse causing a "Blood Moon".

Except for an emergency delivery of the train tickets, mistakenly left in the Hotel room, the return trip went off without a hitch back to South Station by 8:00 Sunday night.

Again, acting superbly, Amtrak put us in a car, private, except for a woman and little girl who boarded in Baltimore. It was this little girl,



who epitomized the meaning of the trip. Picture a 4 year old “Annie” with big brown eyes, little cowboy boots, brown leggings, Irish-knit sweater and a mop of blond curls. Shy at first, she soon captured every eye and heart running up to visit the senior Vets, getting a piece of candy and disappearing down the aisle. Her pure innocent joy, when she was able to jump up to reach the door-opening panel, elicited the biggest cheer of the trip and brought home why citizens serve, why we build memorials, and what we defend.

To all who participated you became part of the mission and have the Veterans and their families’ eternal thanks. Take care till next week.



Window Into The State House

Window Into The State House provides our readers a synopsis of important issues of interest, past and current, that are being proposed, debated or acted upon by the Massachusetts Legislature. Many issues that are not related to local city government services are acted upon and have a direct impact on daily life. They are tax policy, transportation infrastructure, judicial appointments, social services and health, as well as higher education.

We will excerpt reports from the gavel-to-gavel coverage of House and Senate sessions by news sources focused on this important aspect of our lives. These sources include a look ahead at the coming week in state government and summaries and analyses of the past week, re-caps of a range of state government activity, as well as links to other news.

Boston puts more police on bikes

Boston has put more police on bikes in tougher neighborhoods of the city and is reporting positive results. "We are the front lines in any crowd-control situation," Lieutenant David C. Murphy, who heads the unit, said to the Boston Globe. "We put out fires. We go wherever they need us." Their presence has led to a decrease in crime. So far, there has been a 15 percent decrease in Dorchester and Mattapan and a 5 percent decrease in Roxbury. "In the past year the bicycle unit has recovered six firearms. In a three-month period officers working the Hospital District -- where drugs have been a major problem -- have made 70 arrests for drug dealing and outstanding warrants," the Globe reports.

Driving while impaired: Time to take

the texting epidemic seriously

Texting while driving increases the risk of crashing by a factor of over 20, according to a UMass study. The data didn't seem to have reached a young woman I was driving behind on Beacon Street yesterday afternoon. She was rolling her car at 15 mph in the middle lane, obviously out of tune with the rest of the traffic. It wasn't until I passed her that I realized her head was down, staring at her phone. (It's times like these that I am momentarily tempted to make a citizen's arrest. But of course I would be arrested for making a citizen's arrest.) She wouldn't have been less alert if she had just consumed three gin and tonics. Were she pulled over for that, she would lose her license for six months. Lawmakers have soft-peddled the distracted

driving epidemic, passing a texting law that is difficult at best to enforce. No one wants Big Brother telling us how and when to use our phone. But on Beacon Hill yesterday, the overwhelming evidence of multi-tasking motorists, and the tragic dangers that they risk to themselves and others, absorbed the attention at a hearing of the joint Committee on Transportation, where advocates pushed for a hands-free driving bill -- no phones to the ear or texting on one's lap. Distracted driving accounts for 3,000 to 4,000 deaths across the country annually, according to the American Automobile Association's Mary Maguire. Committee co-chair Sen. Thomas McGee said he thinks "maybe the timing is right" to get a tougher bill through the Legislature.

The politics of weather: A mild December coming?

We learned last winter how dreadful weather can turn into dramatic politics. So when reports come out predicting the winter weather, however undependable, it's political news. A mild December is predicted, but: "We will have our chances for snow and even significant snow, and we think that will be more prevalent the latter part of the winter," said Bob Smerbeck, senior meteorologist at AccuWeather.com, told the Boston Globe. Don't forget, we hardly had any snow last winter until late January.

Alcohol ads on T will face high-profile foes

The MBTA will likely face a bruising battle with high-profile foes if it reverses a three-year-old ban on alcohol ads on the T, the Globe reports, including Boston Mayor Marty Walsh and former first lady of the Commonwealth, Kitty Dukakis. "It's just sad that we have to spend so much time fighting this, when it's just so crystal-clear to many of us that they shouldn't do this," Dukakis tells the Globe.

Goldberg has designs on lottery fantasy Treasurer Deborah Goldberg says the Massachusetts lottery should establish its own sports fantasy operation, tell-

ing the Herald the lottery already has safeguards in place to prevent the kind of insider activity now roiling the major private sites. The move would also expose the state lottery to an entirely new demographic. "We have to look at markets that have never been ours," she tells the tabloid.

Health care costs by the numbers

In honor of the two-day Health Policy Commission hearing kicking off this morning, here's a quick look at health care costs in Massachusetts, by the numbers:

- Total health care spending in Massachusetts, 2014: \$54 billion
- Massachusetts' national rank as the most expensive state for individual health care premium costs: 3rd
- Massachusetts' national rank as the most expensive state for family health care costs: 5th
- Total health care average health care premium for an average Massachusetts family in 2014: \$17,702
- Increase on prescription drug spending in Massachusetts, 2013-2014: 13 percent

Clinton nets at least \$500K in MA

Three fundraising events Thursday -- in Holyoke, Boston and Belmont -- netted presidential candidate Hillary Clinton at least \$500,000, the Springfield Republican reported Friday. A campaign spokesman said Clinton had more than \$32 million on hand as of Sept. 30.

Tolls for NH commuters?

New Hampshire commuters should pay for the privilege of using Massachusetts highways, writes Meredith Warren, a Republican consultant, in her Globe column. She cites census data that say 85,000 Granite State residents commute to Massachusetts. "With all of the serious work that needs to be done to fix our infrastructure, why should our neighbors to the north get a free ride? Why should Massachusetts taxpayers be on the hook to pave and plow the path from New Hampshire into Boston for free?" Interesting idea,

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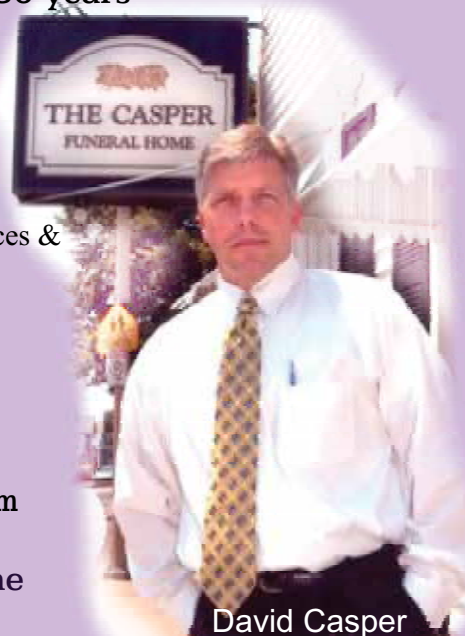
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Collins Goal: Create Jobs By Bringing Pre-Broadway Productions Back To Boston

State Representative Nick Collins testified at the Massachusetts State House in support of House Bill 2471, An Act regarding pre-Broadway productions, which would bring pre-Broadway productions back to the Massachusetts stage. The bill was filed by Collins and Rep. Paul McMurtry (D-Dedham).

Historically, Massachusetts was home to high-profile theater productions before those shows moved on to Broadway. However, more and more states, such as Illinois, Rhode Island and Louisiana have established lucrative tax credits for live theater production. Officials from those states have credited an increase in their entertainment industries to those credits.

“The Commonwealth has lost an increasing number of large theater productions as more and more companies are taking their shows to those states offering these tax incentives, resulting in lost revenue and fewer jobs,” said Rep. Collins. “This legislation will allow Massachusetts to compete with those states and bring pre-Broadway theater productions back to our state, thereby creating badly needed jobs in our creative economy and tourism industries.”

If enacted, the bill would establish



a live theater credit for pre-Broadway theater productions in Massachusetts. Pre-Broadway productions run for 10 weeks at a time, unlike traditional theater productions that last only a few weeks. Due to this longer running time, the theater productions have a magnified economic impact on the local economies.

Last year, the bill was approved by both House of Representatives and the Senate before being vetoed by Governor Patrick. The bill is currently being considered by the Joint Committee on Revenue.

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but of course, New Hampshire residents pay Massachusetts income tax, which they might feel is a reasonable user fee for commuting on Massachusetts' highways.

Patrick Kennedy's good reviews
Some members of the Kennedy family may not be happy about Patrick Kennedy's book, "A Common Struggle," and appearance on "60 Minutes." And his mother Joan Kennedy contradicted Kennedy's claim that he consulted with her about the book, as the Globe's

Frank Phillips reports today. Yet the media are rallying behind the former Rhode Island congressman, who details his substance abuse and mental illness battles and his father, Ted Kennedy's, drinking issues. "It can't be easy to break the silence and confront the secrets, given the longtime effort to control extended-family mythology," writes the Globe's Joan Vennochi. Kevin Cullen also weighs in, writing, "Patrick Kennedy's book challenges and frankly dismantles one of the great myths in America, that the Kennedy family is monolithic. No family is."

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The Senior Connection

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY by Lu O'Brien

Hello Seniors! I am very excited to bring you this column. I am very passionate about the senior set and want to make sure that the seniors of South Boston are informed about what's going on with activities and services that are provided for you.

Transportation -

The City of Boston Senior Shuttle: This is a FREE shuttle service of the Elderly Commission. You have to be 60 years of age and a Boston resident. This shuttle is mainly for medical appointments. Medical appointments are a high priority. When you get a doctor's appointment, you are asked to call the shuttle right away for a reservation. Due to high volume of users, seats are limited. The number for the shuttle is 617-635-3000. Hours of service are from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm Monday through Friday. The shuttle also has handicapped vehicles. If you need a handicapped vehicle, tell the

receptionist when you call for your reservation.

Southie Shuttle: There is a fee for this service but it is currently a 'donation only' fee. The typical cost is \$3.00 one way, \$5.00 round trip including to Boston Medical Center or Tufts Medical Center. Some seniors choose to pay a little more when traveling in town. After 5pm, it is a FREE service IF you are going to one of the shuttle's restaurant sponsors. You can find the Southie Shuttle Sponsors on the back of the South Boston Today newspaper or online at www.southieshuttle.com. You are asked to call the shuttle at least the day before you to make your reservation. Seniors are always asking "how come there is a fee? This is a private company that is not subsidized by public funds. The owners, for the time being, have been providing this service as a benefit to our resident seniors. Any

money helps to defray the cost of gas, routine maintenance as well as, of course, the driver. Hours of operation for seniors are 10am - 3pm, Monday through Friday.

The T Ride: Call the Eligibility Center at 617-337-2727 for more information.

Senior Advocacy -

South Boston has an advocate that comes directly from the Elderly Affairs Commission at Boston City Hall. Her name is Lorna Heron. She visits South Boston every other month at the following locations:

- The 2nd Wednesday at the South Boston Neighborhood House, 136 H St. from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm. If you need more information, call Carole Sullivan at 617-269-1610.

- The 2nd Thursday at the Tierney Center, 125 Mercer St. from 9:00 am - 12:00 noon.

Lorna can help you with services that are provided by the city, such as applying for food stamps, taxi coupons, insurance questions and any other question you may have. You must be a Boston resident, 60 years of age and have some form of identification with you when you sign up for taxi coupons. What you get is 2 books of coupons for 1/2 price. The cost of 2 books is \$10.00 and there are 10 coupons in a book. Lorna will gladly sign you up, so you can buy coupons.

Every Tuesday, the Fair Food Program is at the West Broadway Task Force located at 115 Orton Marotta Way. Everyone is welcome. The cost of a bag of food is \$2.00. Bring bags with handles because you get fruits and vegetables and they are heavy. Hours are 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm.

Also the Fair Shoes program is on that day. This program is for diabetics who have MassHealth & Medicare. You can get a pair of shoes fitted for your feet. The process is quite simple. Ask for Anne Brennan for more information.

BINGO!!! Bingo is at these locations:

- Castle Cove Co-Op, 225 W 2nd Street. When: Wednesday night from 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm

- St. Vincent Church. When: Saturday night from 6:30 pm - 10:00 pm.

Senior discounts are offered at the following locations: Foodies 10%

on Tuesday, Molly Moo's \$1.00 for a small coffee and \$5.00 for an ice cream sundae (one size only), Pat's Kitchen free coffee with any item on the menu, Dewberry Dogs 20% off dog services and \$5.00 to have your kitties nails cut and i Service Computer Repair 10% for all services... not on parts.

Flu Shot -

It's that time of year again...get your flu shot. Shots are available at the Rite Aide Pharmacy, 710 E. Broadway, CVS Pharmacy 444 W. Broadway and the South Boston Health Center 409 W. Broadway..

Neighborhood House -

Events & Services going on at the South Boston Neighborhood House located at 136 H Street (corner of H & 5th St.) October 14 will be blood pressure screening at 10:30 am. These screenings will take place every 2nd Wednesday of the month.

October 14. Rob Consalvo from Boston Home Center will speak about the City of Boston/Boston Redevelopment Authorities lending for repairs and first time home buyers program. The presentation starts at 10:00 am.

Computer classes are on Tuesday & Thursday from 9:00 am - 10:30 am. They also have a computer tech on Wednesday from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm. The tech will show you how to navigate through your cell phone, kindle, and iPad. Bring these devices with you and Amanda will teach you how to use them.

Starting on October 15 through December 7th, there will be the open enrollment for your health insurance. Ask about this when you are at the Senior Center. Most of the senior centers in Southie will have people from all the agencies that assist seniors with their insurances. The main agencies that South Boston works with are: Senior Whole Health and SHINE. If you would like another agency to come to Southie, get in touch with me and i will invite them to come for a presentation.

Voting Absentee -

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446 East Sixth St UNIT 1 Condo	\$520,000	7/15/15	5	1	875
149 G St UNIT 3 Condo	\$498,000	7/15/15	5	1	800
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State House Senior Fair –

October 27, 2015 there will be the Senior Health & Wellness Fair. This will be hosted by State Senator Linda Dorcea Forry. If you would like to go, you must RSVP by Friday, October 9th. This will hold your reservation for a seat on the bus & your lunch. There is limited spacing on the bus and this is why Sen. Forry has asked for RSVP's. Please call me, Lu O'Brien at 617-464-1910 or Carole Sullivan at the South Boston Neighborhood House at 617-269-1610.

Some of the events at the fair will be flu shots, Senior ID/Photo Cards, compliments from the Sherriff's Department, health screenings, educational exhibits and representatives from various health companies in the Commonwealth. There will be door prizes and guest speakers. The time for this is event is 9:00 am - 12:00 pm. Pick up times and locations for the bus will announced in this column the week before the event.

Again, my name is Lu O'Brien. I can be reached at 617-464-1910 OR you can e-mail me at obielulu@yahoo.com. If you can't reach me, call Anne Brennan at 617-464-1910. Leave a message with Anne, and I will get back to you.

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Pictured L-R PINCH Foundation Executive Director, Frank Sullivan, honoree Billy Higgins, his wife, Rachel, Lisa Sullivan and Mayor Marty Walsh.



Honoree Billy Higgins pictured with all his grandchildren along with Mayor Marty Walsh and PINCH Foundation Executive Director, Frank Sullivan and his wife Lisa.

SOUTH BOSTON BILLY HIGGINS HONORED FOR QUIET LEADERSHIP

The People In Neighborhoods Can Help, PINCH Foundation is pleased to announce that South Boston's Billy Higgins was honored with the 2015 Jack Leary Quiet Leadership award, during the non-profit's annual fundraiser and awards ceremony, Friday evening, September 25,

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 willingness to day in and day out, compassionately, honestly, selflessly and

generously give to others."

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

Mayor Announces Capital Upgrades to Elderly And Disabled Public Housing

Boston Housing Authority to Improve Common Areas at 22 Elderly and Disabled Developments Throughout City

Mayor Martin J. Walsh announced \$3 million in capital upgrades to 22 elderly and disabled public housing developments throughout the City of Boston. The Boston Housing Authority (BHA) is providing the upgrades to common areas of the developments to create a warmer and more welcoming environment, and an improved quality of life for residents.

"All of our residents deserve to live in a clean, welcoming environment," said Mayor Walsh. "I am proud to announce these improvements which will improve the quality of life for so many of our elderly and disabled residents."

The upgrades to the developments will include newly painted common areas and hallways, new common area flooring, new ceilings and updated furniture for community

rooms and spaces. Residents will have the opportunity to provide input in choosing the color scheme for their development.

"Our elderly and disabled residents, sometimes by necessity, spend a considerable portion in the community spaces of their buildings," said BHA Administrator Bill McGonagle. "We're pleased to be able to provide an updated and more enjoyable environment for our elderly and disabled residents."

Work has begun at the Peabody/Englewood and Foley sites and a schedule will be developed for the remaining sites in the coming months.

The local developments that will receive the upgrades are:

- Foley Apartments in South Boston
- West Ninth Street in South Boston
- Bellflower Street in Dorchester

DISCARDED NEEDLES CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE

mile stretch of beach, in various playgrounds and on sidewalks and even the backyards of residential homes. Recent reports of needles on our Pop Warner Football field have also come in.

The danger is obvious. These needles often carry diseases and could cause serious illness and in the worst scenario, death. This puts residents of all ages at risk and yes, even dogs that might accidentally come in contact with them. It is illegal to leave these discarded needles around and can and should result in the arrest and prosecution of those caught in the act.

If you should come in contact with a discarded hypodermic needle you are advised to make a call to report it. Removing it yourself could be risky. Two suggested options when reporting discarded needles are:

1. Call the main number at Boston City Hall if it's on City of Boston property at 617-635-4000 and ask to be connected with the proper department or call 911.
2. If they are on state or DCR patrolled property such as along our beaches or at Castle Island start by placing a call to the Old Colony Division Police Station at 617-740-7710.

The efforts of several residents, who have taken the time to bring attention to this issue are commendable. It helps bring awareness to the existence and to the danger posed by these discarded needles. The more awareness there is, the better the chances that this problem will be properly dealt with.



Cumberland Farms Helps Kids with Cancer

Donates Over \$127,300 with Cups for Kids Program at Tufts

Cumberland Farms (CF), a name well known for its good products, friendly service and convenience in many states has been a good neighbor in South Boston for decades. Located at the corner of L and E. Fifth Streets it's been a stopping point for everything from coffee, to groceries and household goods to newspapers and lottery tickets. But what many people may not know about 'Cumbys', as its affectionately known around town, is that it is a sponsor of one of the greatest and most humane programs anywhere with the goal of helping children with Cancer.

The 'Cups for Kids' program has been around for more than a dozen years. This is a program that works with hospitals in many states to help kids going through the trauma of fighting cancer in their young lives by giving them much needed support, care and a whole lot of love and attention. It provides activities to keep them busy in ways that are not only constructive, but a lot of fun as well. It also sends them to summer camp for an unforgettable experience that has won rave reviews from the kids, as well as their appreciative parents.

South Boston Today had the pleasure of speaking with Cumberland Farms Marketing Brand Associate

Bryan Pierce, who filled us in on what the Cups for Kids program is all about. Bryan, who is understandably proud to be part of a company that is doing such good work for children in need, explained that CF has been involved in the program for more than 4 years. In fact, for the entire month of August this year at its stores in Massachusetts and Rhode Island, for every iced coffee, slushy and soda sold, 5 cents was donated to the Cups for Kids program at the Tufts Floating Hospital for Children in Boston. This effort raised more than \$127,300 for the program at Tufts. The same efforts were made at their stores for local hospitals in the states of Connecticut, Maine, in the Albany New York area and other locations.

The Cups for Kids program has a special meaning to Daryl Hull, the popular manager at the South Boston Cumberland Farms store. Daryl has a beautiful and sweet daughter named Ashlynn. Ashlynn, now 11, was diagnosed with a form of cancer called 'medulloblastoma' when she was just 2 years old and has been battling it ever since. Asked to describe the Cups for Kids program and how it has helped his daughter and other children, Daryl says, in a word – "astounding". He is so impressed by the way the dedicated and professional

staff at the Tufts Floating Hospital for Children involved in the program are able to keep his Ashlynn and all the other kids occupied and constructively busy, while they undergo their treatments which are not easy at any age, but especially for children so young. Daryl says, "They make it fun for all, while providing hands on personal care and most of all, sincere caring and love." For this he is so grateful. Ashlynn, in addition to her time spend in the program at the 'Floating Hospital in Boston, joined other kids at the summer camp located in the Berkshire Mountains and had the time of her life. And it gives Daryl and the other parents even more peace of mind knowing that doctors and nurses are on call and available 24/7 while there.

Ashlynn Hull is able to attend school every day and enjoys life very much thanks to the Cups for Kids program and for the important treatments she is getting which include chemotherapy. But there is something else special in Ashlynn's life. She is an avid Boston Bruins fan and has personally met every member of the team. They know her

name and consider her a friend. How cool is that? She has developed great friendships with Patrice Bergeron, as well as goalie Tukka Rask and others. And this makes Ashlynn and her loving Dad very happy. It's not something a child will ever forget when they get visits in the hospital from their pro hockey heroes.

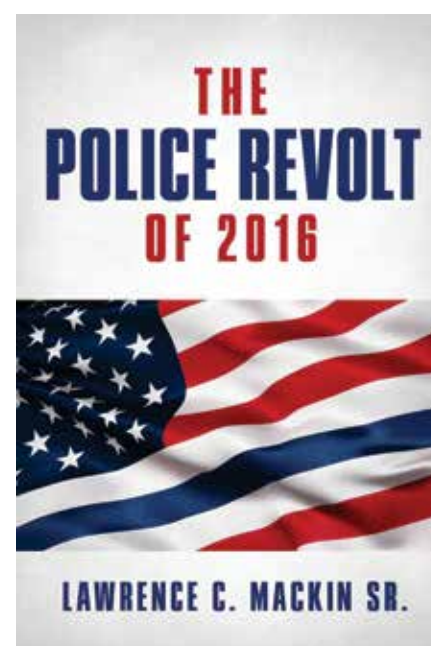
Daryl Hull is grateful for the Cups for Kids program and all the help and hope it gives young Ashlynn and so many other children. He is also thankful to Cumberland Farms CEO and President Ari Hasiotes and the other wonderful people at the company for their willingness to have Cumberland Farms participate in such a worthwhile program.

From the entire South Boston Today team, we wish Ashlynn Hull and her family and all the other children involved in the Cups for Kids program the best of luck for a healthy and happy future. We commend the Cumberland Farms company for their generosity and for the concern they show for the children who are benefitting so much from these efforts.

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South Boston Senior Walk at Moakley Park

This past Tuesday, Moakley Park was the site and starting point for the South Boston Senior Walk. Under the huge tent set up, it was estimated that about 700 senior citizens attended this fun and information filled event hosted by the City of Boston Elderly Affairs Commission and supported by Massachusetts state agencies. The goals were to promote a healthier life style for our

seniors and provide information on programs and benefits available to them. It included a 1.04 mile walk around the area in the effort to promote walking as a fun and easy fitness activity which provides a multiple of benefits.

Also provided was counselling and assistance for insurance issues and information on prescription drug programs. The Boston Public Health Commission was also there





to provide information about Influenza, pneumococcal disease as well as shingles.

On hand mingling with the crowd and available to answer questions from the crowd and offer support were Mayor Marty Walsh, as well as At-Large Boston City Councilors Michael Flaherty and Stephen Murphy, who are always available to residents of South Boston on important issues within the City of Boston.

The weather cooperated nicely, as mild temperatures and brilliant sunshine added to the relaxed and pleasant atmosphere. The day started with an instrumental version of our National Anthem, lunch was served and entertainment was provided by DJ Jim Hilsop. For the walk itself, there was a warm-up and stretch period for preparation, and the activity was followed by the traditional cool down.

This event was a fun filled success and provided much needed information and some great exercise for our seniors, as well.





Gotcha! Michael O'Connor Surprised With A Big Birthday Bash

Boston Fire Dept. Lieutenant, US Coast Guard Chief and South Boston Native Michael O'Connor was thrown a surprise 40th birthday party by his family and attended by a couple hundred of his closest friends recently. The party took place at Florian Hall and featured some great music, dancing, great food and drink and a whole lot of celebrating.

Mike's wife, Tracy LaMonica O'Connor, along

with their 2 daughters Caitlyn and Micayla took great pains and weeks of preparation to make sure he never even got a hint that he would be walking into his own surprise party. It seems their preparations and good planning worked and paid off. The expression on Michael's face when he walked through the door said it all: He never suspected a thing. Happy Birthday Mike!!

Eleventh Annual Fall Fair at the Library October 10

Come and celebrate the season with us at the South Boston Branch Library at our Eleventh Annual Fall Fair on Saturday, October 10 from 12 to 3 p.m. Signs of autumn will abound in our beautiful leafy garden as

we present an afternoon of entertainment for kids. This family-friendly event will include pumpkin-decorating, face-painting, and storytelling. Come and join in the fun! The South Boston Branch is located at 646 East Broadway in South

Boston. This special event is made possible by the generosity of the Friends of the South Boston Branch Library. The Fall Fair will be held rain or shine. For more information, please call the Library at 617-268-0180. We hope to see you there!

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Docket No. SU15P2407EA
Commonwealth Of Massachusetts
The Trial Court

Probate and Family Court

Estate of: Dorothy Flaherty

Also known as: Dorothy A Flaherty

Date of Death: 08/17/2015

Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street,
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To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by

Daniel P Flaherty of Weymouth MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that:

Daniel P Flaherty of Weymouth MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **an unsupervised** administration

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 10/29/2015. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you. UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC) A

Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Joan P Armstrong
First Justice of this Court Sept.. 29, 2015
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate
October 8, 2015

TYNAN HAPPENINGS

Complete After School Time(C.A.S.T.)

The Tynan Community Center C.A.S.T. Program has begun for children Grades K-5 (child needs to be at least 5 years old). There are still slots available for anyone interested in registering. The program begins at 2:30 pm and ends at 6:00pm, Monday through Friday. It offers homework help, recreational activities, arts & crafts, and a nutritional snack on a daily basis at a cost of \$20 a week. It is geared towards working parents looking for an affordable after school structured program. If interested or for further information please stop by the community center office or call us @ (617) 635-5110.

R.A.D.

The Tynan Community Center was privileged to have two members of Boston’s Finest

(BPD), Jacqui McHale Sellon and Rich Litto, come and facilitate a self-defense course call R.A.D. Rape Aggression Defense. We are lucky to have a strong relationship with our local neighborhood police. Youth Worker, Katie O’Connell, and a group of teen girls gained substantial tactics and techniques that they will carry with them for life. We would also like to thank City Councilor, Bill Linehan, for his generous contribution to our course completion celebration. The food was delicious!!

GYM NOTES: TOTS GYM

There are still slots available for the Tots Gym Program held on Monday and Thursday afternoons, from 3-4 p.m. The class is designed for boys and girls ages 4-6. They will enjoy some free play time followed by

recreational group games that will keep them physically active and help in the development of their motor skills.

JUNIOR GYM

Junior Gym has slots still available for boys and girls 7-11. Program is on Monday and Thursdays from 4-5 p.m. The children will enjoy meeting new friends while learning various recreational games that will keep them busy and active.

FLAG FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Flag Football will begin practice sessions on Tuesday afternoons for boys and girls ages 7-11. Anyone interested in participating should come by the gym to register. Practice sessions will continue through October, teams will be formed in November, and the league will begin at this time.

FLOOR HOCKEY LEAGUE

The Floor Hockey League will be held on Fridays from 3:30-5:00 p.m. We will conduct practice sessions and form teams by the end of the month. Any boy or girl 7-11 interested should stop by and see Robbie Walton or Sherike Morris to register.

ADULT COED VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

It’s that time of year again to begin the Coed Volleyball League. We will have the net set up on Thursday October 15th and October 22nd for practice time and for anyone interested in joining a team form 7-9 p.m. There are teams that are looking for players. It is a recreational league that many enjoy. Player abilities and skill level vary on each team. If interested, please stop by the gym on the above nights to practice and register or contact the Community Center office for further details @ (617) 635-5110.

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In every tragedy, the odds are good that one or more people will stand out for acts of heroism in the face of danger. This time it was US Army veteran Chris Mintz, who threw himself in front of targeted students and took seven bullets in order to save the lives of others. Yet Chris Mintz, from his hospital bed openly wonders why campus police are not allowed to be armed, because he knows it could have pre-

vented what happened. But along with the heroes there are sometimes, for lack of a nicer term, idiots, who make the dumbest statements over and above even what the politicians and the media say. One such idiot is the father of the shooter, who doesn’t blame his son for the shooting. He blames the gun he used and of course the NRA. I’m thinking that most people would disagree with that father.

There is a Twitter exchange going around between a liberal and a con-

servative that has gone viral since the shooting with millions of hits. Sarah Mariano, the liberal, tweeted the following: “Can we all just go form a human blockade around the NRA Headquarters or something?” To which Michael Deppisch, the Conservative responded: “Unlike your beloved Planned Parenthood, everyone who enters the NRA headquarters comes out alive.” Not a bad comeback.

Each time there is a mass shooting, followed by the hysterical anti-gun

ownership rants from the press and the president, surveys show that it results in even more Americans becoming supporters of the Second Amendment and more people signing up for gun safety courses, applying for firearms permits and buying guns. And yes, it also results in even more people becoming NRA members. This is not the desired results of the media and agenda driven politicians, which shows that Americans can see right through the propaganda and hype and are more in tune with reality than we are given credit for.

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