Andrew Square Neighborhood As You’ve Never Imagined It

Andrew Square at Old Colony Avenue and Dorchester Street will be dramatically transformed and many say for the better, especially those from that area.

The developers proposing a massive mixed-use residential village in South Boston have filed additional documentation with the city, and included in the document is a first look at the project’s vision and design. Boston-based developer DJ Properties LLC, led by David Pogorelc, Jan Steenbrugge and Tim Mackie, has proposed an 894,600-square-foot mixed-use project called Washington Village with 8 buildings.

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Halloween Tips

We all know how candy can get in between teeth. Here are a few tips to follow...

1. Brush twice a day. This will help in removing all external germs and bacteria from your teeth.
2. Floss daily. Flossing removes food particles from between your teeth and under the gum line, where a toothbrush cannot always reach.
3. Rinse your mouth after every meal, especially after you eat sticky foods/candy.
First the nail was lost. That caused the horseshoe to fall off, which made the horse lame and unable to continue. This meant that the rider could not deliver the King’s message calling for reinforcements. All of which caused the Kingdom to be lost.

A few days ago a 6 year old in Chicago shot and killed his baby brother. The gun belonged to his father. The father carried the gun for protection from the “Latin Kings”, a gang he was once a member of. This gang is comprised mostly of illegal aliens and is fighting black gangs for control of the Chicago drug trade. The illegals are the result of President Obama’s suspension of border and immigration enforcement.

Our “Kingdom” is in trouble.

“Gun ownership is a great American tradition”. “And you know I grew up watching the Rifleman TV series” - Tom Selleck

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Most Americans are fond of the traditions that made our country great. Time tested, many of the customs that have been passed down from generation to generation make us proud and happy. But what is alarming to a lot of people are the efforts taking place both on large and small scales to do away with much of what we as a nation hold dear to our hearts. We’ve seen the ongoing campaigns by groups and organizations over the last decade to try to dilute Christmas into a meaningless secular holiday. To this day, there are those who would eliminate it altogether, if the backlash against them was not so fierce.

Most recently, Columbus Day has come under attack, as does Thanksgiving because we’re told that American Indians are opposed. In point of fact, surveys show that most Native Americans enjoy celebrating these holidays along with the rest of America. But opponents continue their efforts, both openly and covertly, because there are a disgruntled few, who feel that anything that offends them must be done away with.

Recently we’ve heard rumblings that some in the media would even like our country’s National Anthem changed. The current anthem is too warlike we are told, and should reflect a kinder, gentler, more relatable people, therefore it has to go. Just last week, we read that some even want to change the flag of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Why? Something to do with the motto referring to using swords or some other such drivel.

And, in some cases, the malcontents and haters of American tradition actually succeed in these efforts either because of apathy or lack of will to stand up to these people on the part of the overwhelming majority.

Here’s how it works and how they sometimes win. I’ll use as one small example, the case of banning plastic water bottles in a couple of Massachusetts towns. A handful of busy bodies that make it their goal to try to regulate the lives of everyone else decided they don’t like plastic bottles - bad for the environment they insist. So they go to meetings, raise a ruckus and demand that elected officials ban plastic bottles. Some elected officials tend to run scared and do the bidding of the loudest people in the room. Hence, the screamers and whiners intimidate elected officials into putting a ban in place. Now the thousands of other residents learn after the fact that they can no longer buy bottled water at their local stores because a handful of self-styled environmentalists decided they must be banned. It’s what happens when people are too busy working and taking care of their families to attend all these meetings. A small group of radicals can take over and dictate to everyone else.

One small case in point was a letter this newspaper received last week from a woman that illustrates the mindset of some people, many of whom are the overly sensitive and those who want to ban things for the sake of being ban-worthy.

Note: talk back to John Ciccone by email at jciccone@southbostontoday.com

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Meaningful fantasy sports regs may come from feds

Attorney General Maura Healey has again declared the fantasy sports operation DraftKings to be legal, saying there is nothing explicit in the law that prohibits fantasy sports activity. That, of course, is a matter of opinion. The law that ushered in casino gambling in Massachusetts defined gambling as: “dealing, operating, carrying on, conducting, maintaining or exposing any game for pay.” A game for pay: Isn’t that the fundamental exposure any game for pay.” A game for pay: Isn’t that the fundamental model of fantasy sports?

Healey is expected to release some meaningful fantasy sports regulations. The more pressing regulation is consumer protection provisions, states. Without a taxing mechanism can streamline a process to funnel back some of the fantasy fees to the states. Without a taxing mechanism on fantasy sports, states will continue to risk the impact of tax-free gambling on their bottom lines.

Galvin calls out Baker team on budget numbers

With political candor that few can match, Secretary if State Bill Galvin called out what he claims were inflated revenue expectations for his office, numbers he says never should have been used to build the budget in the first place. A recent Administration and Finance update said his office would come $35 million short of its target, a figure Galvin says was obviously unrealistic to meet. “I don’t know where this all came from because everyone now disowns it,” Galvin told Matt Murphy of the State House News Service. “Why should we start with erroneous numbers?” Galvin goes on to suggestion the Baker administration is manufacturing a budget crisis.

Globe review: Trump speaks at 4th grade level

The Boston Globe ran the campaign rhetoric of the presidential candidates through a program that analyzes their words and syntax for grade-level ranking, finding that Donald Trump’s language is the simplest. He’s speaking at a 4th grade level. “By every criteria in the algorithm, Trump is speaking at the lowest level. He used fewer characters per word in his announcement speech, fewer syllables per word, and his sentences were shorter than all other candidates.”

Ed Commissioner Chester seeks middle road in test debate

To the ongoing test controversy -- MCAS or PARCC -- State Education Commissioner Mitchell Chester says there’s a third option: an updated MCAS, using PARCC. “It’s got to be a next generation assessment for the Commonwealth, a next generation MCAS. The question in my mind is to what extent can we take advantage of the development that’s been done with PARCC to take us down that road,” Chester said yesterday. Michael Jonas of CommonWealth Magazine has more:

Alcohol ads banned on T, but not alcohol delivery ads

A Boston startup that makes alcohol deliveries has an ongoing ad campaign on the T, reports Boston.com’s Adam Vaccaro. Drizly has an app that enables home delivery of alcohol, and its advertising falls with the T’s no-alcohol guidelines. T officials were weighing eliminating the alcohol ban as a way to boost revenue, an idea that has some prominent opponents, including Mayor Marty Walsh.

Developer alert: 40 state-owned properties on the market

“A roughly 3,000-square-foot parcel in Boston’s North End, one acre below Interstate 391 in Chicopee, and 32 acres in the town of Washington, in the Berkshires, are among the more than 40 properties marketed Monday for business opportunities,” reports the State House News Service’s Andy Metzger. Gov. Baker emphasized the land sales weren’t so much about price but the beneficial use of the parcels.

Regulate street performers?

Apparently “unruly, loud, and bullying” street performers at Faneuil Hall may mean regulation for all of them, reports the Herald’s Donna Goodison. Boston councilors Sal LaMattina and Bill Linehan want to use a Cambridge permitting model and that ultimately would allow police and public works to regulate the time and places of performances.

Child advocate backs bill for more autonomy

Newly appointed Child Advocate Maria Z. Mossaides will testify today in favor of legislation that would make her office more independent from the governor, who currently appoints the position. The bill would require the attorney general, state auditor, and governor to jointly appoint the child advocate to a fixed five-year term. “What they’re trying to do is to ensure that there’s not the possibility of any inappropriate intervention,” Mossaides told the Globe.
In the early 1960’s, 16 teams made up South Boston Little League. Tryouts back then lasted over two weeks because so many kids tried out. By 2005, the number of teams had been reduced to eight. Today there are 4 teams.

South Boston High Hockey holds the state record for consecutive playoff appearances. Beginning in 1967, the team made the tournament every year until 2011. That year Southie High was slated to play for the City of Boston Championship. Sadly, that game was a forfeited because Southie didn’t have enough players.

South Boston vs East Boston is the fourth oldest Thanksgiving rivalry in the state. This year Southie’s football team has had to forfeit their last three games because of too few players. This year’s Thanksgiving game is doubtful.

This past Wednesday night, a meeting was held at the Boys and Girls Club to discuss the opioid crisis sweeping our city. While attendance was respectable, the large number of parents expected did not materialize. There are many thoughts as to why this is so, but perhaps part of the reasoning is that there are just not enough families. Now why that is so is probably a separate discussion.

Development, of course, is the major factor. What average family could afford to live here? Parents with two or three children mean 3 or 4 bedrooms are needed. Considering a newly constructed 2 bedroom condo average price is $550,000 it’s not surprising that very few can afford it. This seems to suit many just fine. If the pace keeps up, South Boston soon will be a town that only the rich can live in. Again, many people think is just great. However, it is not only those troublesome, lifelong residents, who are being forced out. There are no new families able to move in.

Whatever happened to diversity? For years, we here in South Boston have been criticized as NIMBY’s (not in my backyard), if we oppose 9 units where a three-decker once stood. Even though this community approved the largest building in New England with hotels to go with it, we still are told our opposition to overdevelopment is “anti-progress”. It seems that more bars, excessive heights and anything creating a town of single young people or well off “empty nesters” are given a pass and anyone speaking up for quality of life issues are neglected or cursed.

At the Zoning Board of Appeals, where developers apply for permits for their proposals, a little remembered issue was raised. A citizen speaking in opposition asked “when will it end?” The citizen was referring to affordable component in development. This refers to city requirements mandating every development of 10 units or more set aside 15% of those units as affordable - theoretically creating housing affordable to average income people. This, of course, would promote society’s call for diversity” - people of different backgrounds living together and learning about each other. Sounds like a noble goal.

What the citizen was asking is, “where is it?” He then pointed out that a developer will build 3 nine-unit townhouses for a total of 27. However if each townhouse is 9 units, no “affordable” units are created. Another trick is to create 1900 Sq. ft. apartments for a total of nine. If the units were 1,000 sq. ft., which is the average size of 1 floor of a 3-decker and the city standard for one unit, between 6-8 additional units would be created. This would then create “affordable housing”. Developers don’t want the chance of some “dirty-neck South Bostonian” living there and perhaps affecting their sales, so they create these artificial oversized units to avoid creating “affordables”. “How long before this game is ended and affordable units are rightfully created?” the citizen asked.

A town, state or country needs all of its citizens to prosper. Not just benefits for a select few. You might say benefits have to be “diversified” among all the people.

Take care till next week.
State to Again Allow Deer Hunting in the Blue Hills

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY Staff Report

For the first time in generations, deer hunting will be allowed in the Blue Hills State Reservation. The decision to allow this special ‘controlled hunt’ was made after several public meetings with residents of surrounding towns, as well as representatives from environmental groups, including ‘The Friends of the Blue Hills’.

What led to the decision to once again allow deer hunting in an area that has prohibited it for so long was the exploding deer population? The population has grown so big, because of an absence of hunting, that it is having a negative effect on vegetation, other animal species and is thought to possibly lead to negatively affecting the deer and human populations as well. Typically, in forested areas where deer live, the deer population averages between 6 and 10 animals per square mile. This number is the right size to sustain a healthy herd. In the Blue Hills now, it is estimated that there are approximately 85 deer per square mile. Spokes people for The Massachusetts Energy and Environmental Affairs Department (EEA) and The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) have stated that this will be a well monitored hunt with Environmental Police in the area to help ensure the safety of all.

Hunting will be allowed on four dates only: November 30th and December 1st, 7th and 8th and will be limited to designated areas of the Blue Hills Reservation. Special permits must be applied for, as well as the possession of a regular Massachusetts Hunting License. Because the area for the hunt will be restricted to certain locations, the rest of the forest will still be open for other recreation activities.

When asked to give specifics as to what some of the negative impacts of the growing deer population is having in the area or could have if left unchecked, among the problems stated were endangerment to the long term health of the forest and it’s ability to regenerate, an increase risk of wildfires and a decrease in species diversity. So many deer in the area also has a negative impact to the health of the deer themselves. Other controlled hunts have often been conducted at the state run Quabbin Reservoir and the results have been beneficial for everything and everyone concerned.

For more information on deer hunting in the Blue Hills State Reservation you can log onto mass.parks@state.ma.us or call 617-626-1250.

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spanning six blocks, starting at 5 stories high at Dorchester and Old Colony, graduating to a 20 story tower on Damrell. The project’s architect is Cambridge-based Prellwitz Chilinski Associates and Halvorson Design Partnership Inc. is the landscape architect.

The 4.89-acre project site would include 656 residential units, 98,600 square feet of retail space, 440 below-ground garage parking spaces and 120 surface parking spaces, 42,500 square feet of open space and new streets, pedestrian paths, plazas and landscaped open spaces.

“The project will transform a mostly vacant, underutilized site into a vibrant mixed-use village that will be a natural extension of the surrounding South Boston neighborhood,” DJ Properties LLC wrote in its filing to the BRA. “The nature of the project will improve the quality of life for existing residents by providing a variety of neighborhood retail stores and a range of complementary housing options.

The project’s housing component is intended to provide a diversity of options for a variety of income levels, including local residents seeking to downsize but stay within the South Boston neighborhood, as well as new renters and/or buyers seeking to establish roots and be a part of the Andrew Square community.”

Retail is expected to include grocery store, neighborhood convenience retail, such as a pharmacy, full-service restaurant and cafe uses with outdoor seating.

The buildings planned are:

• Building A: 64 units, 25,800 square feet of retail
• Building B: 60 units, 11,300 square feet of retail
• Building C: 205 units, 19,000 square feet of retail
• Building D: 249 units, no retail
• Building E: 46 units, 36,000 square feet of retail
• Building F: Eight units, 2,900 square feet of retail
• Building G: Six units, no retail
• Building H: 18 units, 3,600 square feet of retail
Rep Collins Pushes For Transportation Improvements

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State Representative Nick Collins is advocating for an exploration of ways to improve Kosciuszko Circle, a major artery at the junction of South Boston and Dorchester. Rep. Collins’ efforts coincide with Capital Conversations, a series of public forums hosted by the MassDOT, which seek community input into the wider conversation of transportation improvements across the Commonwealth.

“While the Olympic bid is over, it was a catalyst for innovative discussions that we desperately need to continue” said Rep. Collins. “Some intriguing and possibly transformative proposals were presented and we should continue working to make Boston’s transportation network more effective, reliable, and safe. I am happy to work with Mass DOT in reaching out and soliciting community engagement and dialogue. It is important that all citizens have an opportunity to contribute to the planning and long term priorities of our transportation system and our city.”

MassDOT will continue holding Capital Conversations all over the Commonwealth in the coming weeks.

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them liberals who think that if they don’t like or agree with something it must be done away with. The letter was in response to an editorial we wrote and then posted on the SBT Facebook page and on Twitter, which rubbed this person the wrong way. But instead of expressing her point of view and difference of opinion she stated that the post bothered her and wanted it taken down immediately.

Now, judging by the feedback we get, this particular editorial was well received and had the support of most of our readers. Didn’t matter, it bothered this woman, so therefore it must be removed – now. Of course we didn’t and because we didn’t she let us know how offended she was. Oh well. She would probably get along good with students at an out of state college last month who said the portrait of Thomas Jefferson in the school lobby made them feel ‘oppressed’. Naturally, they wanted it removed too.

Isn’t it time that Americans, in much larger numbers than is the case so far, start standing up to the whiney yet precious snowflake students on college campuses, to the busy body screamers who haunt town meetings and want to regulate the private lives of their neighbors, to the agenda driven organizations that try to ruin and eliminate our country’s most cherished holidays and to all the other politically motivated progressives, who are determined to remake the United States of America in the image of some politically correct Socialist dictatorship?

To them I say: you need to learn that the rest of us don’t much care what offends you or what makes you feel ‘oppressed’. It’s time for you to toughen up or take the next boat to Cuba. Many of the ideas you espouse and certainly your political viewpoints don’t just offend the rest of us, they tend to turn our stomachs. The difference is that we recognize your right to hold those views. I would strongly recommend you do the same with others, because we have no intention of changing to please you. Oh, and don’t even think about messing with our National Anthem.

The Book that has people talking and is making waves from the Streets of Boston to the Halls of Congress.

Action packed intrigue – a page turner from start to finish

The Police Revolt of 2016

By Lawrence C. Mackin

Mayor Martin J. Walsh recently announced the creation of the Mayor’s Housing Innovation Lab, co-led by Susan Nguyen and Marcy Ostberg, to bring design thinking and innovation into solving Boston’s middle income housing challenge.

“Maintaining a strong middle class is critical to ensuring that Boston continues to be a thriving, diverse city where people want to live and employers want to locate,” said Mayor Walsh. “Having Susan and Marcy in place to lead the i-team will help ensure that Boston remains a city that is affordable to people at all economic levels. No city in the United States has solved the middle income housing challenge yet; I want Boston to be the first.”

The initial work of the Lab will be funded by a grant from Bloomberg Philanthropies. In December 2014, Bloomberg Philanthropies announced grants to 12 US cities to set up “i-teams” in their City to bring innovative thinking to challenging issues. For the next 18 months, Boston’s i-team, a part of the Mayor’s Office of New Urban Mechanics (MONUM), will lead the Mayor’s Housing Innovation Lab in collaboration with the City’s Department of Neighborhood Development (DND).

The development of the Housing Innovation Lab will require the i-team to explore ideas that will potentially drive down the cost to build, buy, and own homes in the City of Boston. The team will be actively seeking input from internal and external housing experts as well as from Boston residents to gather and generate potential ideas to solve this issue. Ideas that are both high-impact and highly feasible will be deployed as prototypes on an experimental basis throughout the City. Successful prototypes that indicate improvements in housing affordability will be brought to scale and will help inform the City’s continued focus on middle income housing creation. The Lab will continue to gather ideas throughout the entire 18-month innovation program.

As outlined in the Walsh administration’s “Housing a Changing City: Boston 2030” plan, demographic projections show Boston’s workforce growing by 26,600 households between 2010 and 2030 - a nearly 13 percent increase over the next 20 years. However, in today’s housing market, it can be extremely challenging to construct moderately-priced housing. To meet this growing demand, the Mayor’s Housing Innovation Lab will examine how to best and most efficiently create the 20,000 workforce housing units called for in the plan by 2030.

For more information and to contact the Housing Innovation Lab: http://newurbanmechanics.org/boston/bostons-i-team

Biographies of Housing Innovation Lab Members

Susan Nguyen, Program Co-Manager

Susan is the Program Co-Manager for the i-team. She develops new methods to gather and generate potential ideas from internal and external housing experts as well as from Boston residents to lead the i-team. She develops new methods of innovation to deliver quality products and services to residents and visitors.

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Cumberland Farms, Inc. will be holding an informational community meeting to present the results of response actions conducted to date at the referenced MCP Site.

Meeting Date/Time
Thursday, October 29, 2015 6PM – 7:45 PM

Meeting Location
South Boston Branch Library 646 East Broadway – S. Boston

TOPIC:
The referenced location is a former retail gasoline service station that is being assessed and remediated under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 21E (M.G.L. 21E and the Massachusetts Contingency Plan (MCP). A Permanent Solution has been drafted and the anticipated submittal date is mid-November 2015.

Interested parties may view information relating to this project at the established information repository located at the South Boston Public Library, 646 East Broadway, South Boston, MA

For further information on this project please contact John Harvey, Environmental Compliance Services, 10 State Street, Woburn, MA, 781-246-8897, jharvey@ecsconsult.com.
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Boston's Archaeological Program To Survey on Boston Common

The City of Boston’s archaeological program within the Environment, Energy, and Open Space Cabinet will oversee an archaeological survey on Boston Common Monday, October 19th and Tuesday, October 20th, creating a unique opportunity for important archaeological findings. City Archaeologist Joe Bagley, who requested the archaeological survey, will be present throughout the duration of the work.

“This is an amazing opportunity for Boston history fans,” said Bagley. “We not only have the chance to find new information about Boston’s native past and the lives of Boston’s native people, but this is also where one of the best preserved Revolutionary War sites in Boston exists.”

Previous archaeological surveys in the area have identified a Revolutionary War-era British troop encampment dating between 1768 and 1776 found directly over a Native American site that is between 400 and 1000 years old.

The survey will be conducted by Pawtucket, RI-based Public Archaeology Laboratory ahead of a proposed critical Eversource project. The utility project is close in proximity to a small portion of the previously identified archaeological sites, which accelerated the request for archaeological documentation and data collection within the area.

Boston Common received landmark status by the Boston Landmarks Commission (BLC) in 1977. As a landmark, the BLC and its staff, including the City Archaeologist, review most projects in the Boston Common. Boston's Parks and Recreation Department also reviews all work done in City parks.

“The Boston Landmarks Commission, Parks and Recreation Department, and Eversource have worked extremely well together to make this project proceed smoothly,” said Austin Blackmon, the City’s Chief of Environment, Energy, and Open Space. “I look forward to seeing the results of the dig.”

Boston Common has remained relatively undeveloped since 1630 and contains rich archaeological resources first encountered during excavations for the large underground parking garage on the lower end near Charles Street. More extensive surveys conducted by private archaeology firms and the City’s archaeologist program in the 1980s identified several intact archaeological sites including two Native American habitation areas, the 1706 powder house located near the Soldiers and Sailors monument today, and a Revolutionary War encampment among other sites.

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BPL Associates To Host Hundred-Year Retroactive Book Award of 1915

Following a brief Annual Meeting, the Associates of the Boston Public Library will conduct its Hundred-Year Retroactive Book Award competition, weighing the enduring literary merits of best-sellers published in 1915. John Buchan’s The Thirty-Nine Steps, P.G. Wodehouse’s Psmith, Journalist, and Ford Madox Ford’s The Good Soldier. The books will be defended by Peter Keough, James Parker, and Alan Andres respectively. WBUR’s Meghna Chakrabarti will moderate the irreverent debate, after which Mr. Keough is a contributing writer to The Boston Globe. He was previously the award-winning co-host of Radio Boston, WBUR’s acclaimed weekly show with a focus on news, in-depth interviews, and analysis on issues that have an impact on Boston and beyond. Before taking the helm at Radio Boston in 2010, she produced and directed WBUR’s national news and talk program, On Point.

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October is flying by...the apples are plentiful and delicious and the World Series is getting closer.

By Lu O’Brien

CORRECTION: The dates for the Halloween Party at Castle Island were wrong. The new dates are Saturday, October 24th & Sunday, October 25th and the time is 12:00-4pm. Sorry for the error.

Can You Outsmart A Con Artist???

AARP will also hold a Free Shred-Day. Saturday, October 29, 9:00 am - 12:00 noon at the Stop & Shop at 950 American Legion Highway in Roslindale. Join us to shred all your documents and files to be shredded. This event is free and open to the public. Please bring bags with handles because fruits and veggies are heavy to carry. Hours are from 1:00PM-3:00PM. Everyone is welcome. Fair Shoes is also on that day. If you have the chance to change your health insurance changes. From October 15 to December 7, you have the chance to change your insurance or to take the opportunity to find a plan that is better to suit your needs. If you are interested, call Carole Sullivan at 617-269-1610. Carole will take care of seniors on the east side of Dorchester Street and me, Lu O’Brien at 617-464-1910 on the west side of Dorchester Street. The main agencies that South Boston works with are SHINE and Senior Whole Health. If you have another carrier that you are interested in, let Carole or me know and we will gladly look into locating a person to come and speak.

Again, my name is Lu O’Brien. I can be reached at 617-464-1910 a.k.a. 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.
Local Community Hero Awardees To Be Feted at ABCD Celebration

A ward-winning screenwriter, activist Gregory Allen Howard is featured speaker, State Street’s Jay Hooley will receive the Corporate Champion Award and Grammy-winning R&B group Tavares will shake it up post-dinner!

Action for Boston Community Development rolls out the festivities on November 6 in a gala celebration of 18 outstanding neighborhood volunteers who selflessly give back to their communities, as well as private sector members whose steadfast support makes all the difference for low-income families and neighborhoods.

All his life, ABCD Honoree Daniel Brown has given of himself, cooking and serving meals for sick children, families living in shelters, the elderly, and others in need. For the past two years, as part of the “Southee Snow Patrol,” his contributions to the ABCD Winter Emergency Campaign in South Boston have had broad impact. The effort provides low-income families with food, heating assistance, and joy - toys for children during the holidays. “Despite all the growth and development in South Boston, there are still so many in need!” Daniel said. He is motivated and gratified by the way the community comes together to give back. “Celebrating our blessings while lifting up neighbors who are not so fortunate - that could turn a family’s life down a much better path.”

When she moved to the Harbor Point apartment community seven years ago, ABCD Honoree Betty White did what she had always done: she reached out to her neighbors. A volunteer with Project Care and Concern, an organization that responds to the needs of low-income families, youth, and elders, Betty is a vital member of the outreach team. This mother of eight and grandmother of 10 is a shining example of compassion in action. She packages food for the Wednesday bread and pastry program, and she also finds time to work alongside volunteer students from the Campus Kitchen at UMass-Boston who prepare and serve meals every Wednesday throughout the year.

In addition, ABCD will honor Joseph L. “Jay” Hooley, Chairman & CEO, State Street Corporation, with the ABCD Corporate Champion Award for his tireless support of youth initiatives and neighborhood programs. Among other community commitments, Hooley serves on the board of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston. For many years, State Street Foundation has provided $250,000 annually to the ABCD SummerWorks youth jobs/education program, with the funds targeted to neighborhoods with a high incidence of violence. For many years ABCD ran joint training programs with State Street, leading to employment of thousands of inner-city residents in upwardly mobile positions at the bank.

Featured speaker and Hollywood screenwriter Gregory Allen Howard received national acclaim with his script for “Remember the Ti- tans,” a 2000 film starring Denzel Washington about the high school football team that integrated Alexandria, Virginia in 1971. Howard, who also scripted “Ali,” has won two NAACP Image Awards and a Christopher Award, which honors work that “celebrates the humanity of people in a positive way.” Current projects include “Freedom Fire,” the Harriet Tubman story.

“ABCD is proud to honor our community volunteers and others who go above and beyond to help those in need,” said ABCD President/CEO John J. Drew. “We thank Jay Hooley and State Street Corporation for their ongoing support of at-risk youth and other community initiatives. We’ll also enshrine two highly dedicated supporters into the ABCD Hall of Fame. For well over a decade, their remarkable commitment to Boston’s low income youth, elders and families has had tremendous and lasting impact. They are always there when we need them. ABCD couldn’t be a force for good all these years without everyone pitching in, and we are grateful.”

The 18 community volunteers to be recognized for their tireless efforts to address the plight of Boston’s underprivileged residents and communities are: Julio Perdomo, Allston/Brighton; Stephen Kunian, Asian American Civic Association; Rachele Gardner, Dorchester; Amy Lima, East Boston; Carol Stamper, Elder Services; James A. Owens Jr., Elm Hill; Katharine Handy, Head Start & Children Services; Jennease Hyatt, Health Services; Betty White, JP/Project Care & Concern; David Flanagan, John F. Kennedy Center; Magalis Troncoso Lama, Jamaica Plain/Boston Hispanic Center; Cassandra Cato Louis, Mattapan; Pamela Donahue, North End/West; Daniel Roman, Parker Hill/Fenway; Daniel Brown, South Boston; Mary Manuel, South End, Velma DuPont, Women’s Service Club of Boston, and Sharon Burton of Mystic Valley.

WCVB-TV anchor Randy Price will serve as master of ceremonies, and Grammy Award winning R&B, funk and soul music group Tavares will heat up the ballroom after dinner with “Check it Out,” “Heaven Must Be Missing an Angel” and other top of the chart hits. Of Cape Verdean de scent and hailing from nearby Rhode Island and New Bedford, the group started performing in 1959 as “Chubby and the Turnpikes.” Several reincarnations later, they are still rocking it out! Shake it up with Tavares at the ABCD Community Heroes Celebration on November 6!

For more information, please contact Amelia Aubourg at 617-348-6238 or amelia.aubourg@bostonabcd.org.
Castle Island Halloween Mystery Walk this Saturday and Sunday

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY Staff Report

Ok, so maybe Disney World in Florida has the biggest Halloween celebration in the world and possibly Salem, Massachusetts is a bit better known for Halloween festivities than most other places. But here in South Boston, right down at Fort Independence at Castle Island we too can boast one of the biggest and yes, best, and even one of the most famous Halloween themed events anywhere. We’re talking about the annual Castle Island Halloween Mystery Walk - of course.

It will be held this coming Saturday and Sunday, October 24th and 25th; both days from noon till 4pm and, as always, admission will be free.

Each year, thousands of folks come from miles around to delight in the spooky happenings put together by the hard work and creativity of the Castle Island Association volunteers, who have become highly skilled and talented in the art of making this holiday spectacular not only unique but fun for the whole family. People of all ages get to see, enjoy and explore the decorated inside of the fort, which some say really IS a haunted castle and marvel at the transformation. It’s a tradition that many families won’t miss, no matter how often they’ve been because it is an awesome display and it always seems to get better every year.

What better way to get into the spirit of the season than to be part of the fun and excitement of the annual Castle Island Halloween Mystery Walk? Dress the kids in their scariest outfits and parents can feel free to come in costume too. It makes it all the more festive. The lines are long, but they move fast and once inside both in the Fort itself and out in the court yard as well, the fun will be nonstop. So whether you’ve been to the Mystery Walk many times before or this will be your first visit; a spooktacular time will be had by all.

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Fr. Eric Bennett, Ambassador Ray Flynn, Grand Knight Steve Greig, Braeden O’Doherty, and Ray Flynn Jr. at the Gate of Heaven Church in South Boston. Money collected in the back of the Church goes to help handicapped children.

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Marcy Ostberg, Program Co-Manager

Marcy is thrilled to join Boston’s i-team as a Program Co-Manager, bringing her background in civic innovation, urban policy and education. She previously worked as a Strategic Project Manager at the Right Question Institute advancing a question formulation strategy used for problem solving in innovation, critical thinking in education and self-advocacy in social services. Previously she worked as a High School Biology Teacher at the Boston Day & Evening Academy. Her experiences as an urban educator drove her to explore innovative solutions to systemic and complex problems that face low-income families. Marcy holds a MA in Urban and Environmental Policy and Planning from Tufts University, an MEd in Secondary Biology from Franklin Pierce University, and a BS in Kinesiology from Gordon College.

Sabrina Dorsainvil, Civic Designer

Sabrina Dorsainvil is a Boston-based designer and illustrator whose work ranges from playful drawings to the development of strategic, human centered design solutions used to address complex issues such as housing, healthcare and human rights. She is fascinated by people; the way they move, speak, touch, interact and experience environments, objects and each other. She has worked with community based organizations, large corporate institutions, and international projects on issues regarding social, spatial and environmental justice. Her role as i-team civic designer will employ human centered design to assist in addressing the mayoral challenge of keeping Boston affordable to middle income families. Sabrina holds a BFA in Industrial Design for Massachusetts College of Art and Design and an MS in Design and Urban Ecologies from Parsons the New School.
SOUTH BOSTON YOUTH SOCCER

What a great weekend. Can you believe we are already at the halfway point of the season? It is unfortunate that there is not much of a recap of the games because we are not getting all score sheets turned in. It is important that you turn in your score sheets at the clubhouse before it closes on Sunday or to 373 West 2nd Street by 10:00 a.m. Monday morning.

COACHES: Please fill all score sheets out correctly. 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 on the field such as keys, baby stuffed toys, 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.

BANQUET: It has been confirmed that the banquet will take place on Sunday, November 22nd at the South Boston Boys & Girls Club, 230 West 6th Street. Under 4 will be at 12 noon, Under 6 at 1 p.m., Under 8 at 2 p.m. and Under 10, 12 & 18 at 3 p.m.

This week’s recap:

UNDER 4 DIVISION:

PAL LEPRECHAUNS

The team sponsored by PAL beat out their opponent with Devin Rotondi and Sienna Holzmueller each scoring goals. Jake LaMonica was great on defense. Donald Hatem did a super job on offense along with Jack Hughes. Jackson Spitz, Sloane Picciano and Brady Robbins made some great saves while sharing the goaltending duties.

The Leprechauns sponsored by Councilor Bill Linehan turned in a terrific performance. At the time of print no score sheets were available for the teams sponsored by Sullivan’s at Castle Island, Congressman Stephen Lynch, John Hancock Insurance and the South Boston Today.

UNDER 6 DIVISION:

YELLOW JACKETS

The Yellow Jackets sponsored by McDonough Post Women’s Auxiliary kicked in one better than their opponent for the victory. Roy Polena scored two goals and Thomas Quinlan kicked in a single goal. All the players did a great job.

The Jumping Jacks sponsored by Boston Firefighters Credit Union just came up short with two goals by Will Reidy. Charlotte Barrett, Conal Martin, Jeremy Bradley, Max Alexander and Stella Slater played an outstanding game.

SILVER SHARKS

GATORS

The Silver Sharks sponsored by J.F. O’Brien & Sons were back on the victory track with Kyle Greetley scoring a pair of goals and Grant Sullivan and Danny Lee each scoring a single goal. Donovan Lombard did a super job while manning the net. Joseph Levin and Noelle Haddad did a great job running the ball up and down the field. Liam Nagle made some great passes.

The Gators sponsored by Councilor Mike Flaherty played a tough opponent but hung in their until the final whistle.

MONSTERS

BULLDOGS

The Monsters sponsored by Metro Energy played a fearsome game today with goals by Jack Kelly (2) and Henry DiNatale (1). Selina Shepeck was unstoppable in net. On defense, Jakob Baldwin and Angel Zenelaj were ferocious. Great effort also on the field by Marion Smith, Liam Long, Dylan Kelly and Claire Leahy. Avery Pino, Eva Germain, Keira Woods, Sophia Osche and Damien Doocy also had an awesome game. Go Monsters!!!

The Bulldogs sponsored by East Boston Savings Bank just came up short with goals by Trey Miller and Sean Costello. This was truly a team effort, we played without subs for most of the game and everybody played hard. Andrew Missett, Shane Collins, Colm D’Arcy along with Ellie, McKenzie, John and Josiah who contributed to a great game.

UNDER 8 DIVISION:

GREEN MONSTERS

SHARKS

The Green Monsters sponsored by Boston Home Inspectors beat out their opponent with James scoring two goals and Bobby and Gerard each scoring a single goal. James and Nathan were the MVP’s. The Sharks sponsored by Billy Flaherty’s Gang did not score but it was not from lack of trying. Rocco and Connor played an outstanding game.

BRUISERS

PURPLE PEOPLE EATERS

The Bruisers sponsored by Joe Pace & Sons shut out their opponent with four goals scored. The Purple People Eaters did not score but played a great game.

UNDER 10 DIVISION:

PATRIOTS 1

STAPLETON FLORIST 0

The Patriots sponsored by the Michael J. Perkins A.L. Post #67 played a tough opponent but came out on the winning end with a goal scored by Brennah Hynes assisted by Riley Joyce and Michelle Hynes. Kayleigh O’Connor Grace Zenelaj, Michael Davis and Alexandria Davis were unstoppable bringing the ball up and down the field.

The teams sponsored by Stapleton Florist did not score but never gave up until the final whistle blew. At the time of print no score sheets were available for the teams sponsored by Southie’s Own and O’Connell Insurance.

UNDER 12 DIVISION

YAH RIGHT 4

FANGS 4

The Yah Rights sponsored by the Jimmy Cahill Club kept the game even with Evan Markos, Patrick Harman, Jack Harrison and Thomas Harman each scoring single goals. Andrew Menjin, Kevin Ndika and Christian Cintor played a great two-way game.

The Fangs sponsored by South Boston Dental Associates played to a tie. All the players turned in a terrific performance.

HOT TAMALEs 6

HAMMERHEADS 2

The Hot Tamales sponsored by Salsa’s were victorious with Patrik, Delli and Keylla each scoring two goals. The team played hard and did an outstanding job. The Hammerheads sponsored by Abacus Builders scored two goals. The entire team gave it their all.

UNDER 18 DIVISION:

At the time of print no score sheets were available for the teams sponsored by Iron Workers Local #7, Massport, Yankee Bus Line and Deco Leasing.

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Docket No. SU15P2430EA

Commonwealth Of Massachusetts

The Trial Court

Probate and Family Court

Estate of: Ann M Ford

Date of Death: 01/29/2015

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 Ann Marie Flaherty of South Boston 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:

Ann Marie Flaherty of South Boston 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 11/05/2015. 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 do not 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

October 06, 2015

Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate October 22, 2015
With all of the offseason splurges the Red Sox made on the hot stove of 2014-15 offseason, you would surely think that some good would come from the upcoming season. It has, but not in the way you would think. Not in the immediate future like the organization has hoped, but rather for years to come.

Yes, the Red Sox finished last in the AL East again, but there is more hope than what last year’s team had to offer at the end of the year. There is more optimism about the future of the Red Sox.

In what seems like more of a young man’s game these days with the likes of Trout, Harper dominating the MLB among other young players, the Red Sox have a few young stars of their own in Betts and Bogaerts. At the age 22 (Bogaerts just turned 23 on October 1st) they have both arguably been the best player on albeit, a sub .500 team.

In a way, it was a blessing in disguise that the Red Sox played poor for as long as they had. Sure, it was frustrating to see them lose the amount of games they did after the high expectations of the offseason, especially early on into mid-July. But if you had to pin-point some of the guys who helped them out of the trenches, who would it be? Well, it starts with the young guys who had been playing consistently on both sides of the ball. That would be Mookie Betts and Xander Bogaerts.

Betts was one of the better players across the league this year, finishing 7th in the AL in WAR (6.0). Mookie was also the most complete player at the plate (.291 BA, 18 HR, 77 RBI, 21 SB and 92 R) on the Red Sox. He finished third in the AL with 42 2B and in the top 10 in extra base hits. He also hit .333 with runners in scoring position with 54 RBI.

Bogaerts blossomed into one of the best contact hitters in baseball this season- something that not many anticipated him to become. Scouts pegged him as a power-hitting shortstop, but with 7 HR on the year, he was anything but that…at least this year. Still, there lots to boast about including stellar gold-glove caliber defense at shortstop and a .320 batting average to pair with it- good for 2nd in the American League.

It was these two that helped lead the team at a very young age, no matter how bad the team is, it’s still a great thing. These two will spearhead the Red Sox lineup for years to come at the lead-off spot and three-hole. Fans, however disappointed in the record of the team this year, should know that they are in better hands for the future. It appears the baton is starting to be passed next season. What a refreshing and exciting thing.

Fighting Irish Battles Against Ashland

Hot cocoa flew from the concession stand last Saturday evening as the South Boston Fighting Irish Unlimited Team took on the town of Ashland in their last home game of the regular season on their own turf at McCarthy Rosher Field. South Boston Pop Warner has been playing at their field for over 18 years and always brings excitement and fan loyalty to each game. In a game with numerous lead changes, injured players on both teams being carted off, and just hardnosed football, Southie emerged victorious in a 28 – 24 battle.

The team will meet Mansfield II this weekend for the last game of the regular season. If the Fighting Irish Unlimited can capture a win, they will proceed to playoffs. Good Luck Boys!
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