



## The Boston City Council Has Two New Members And A Lot To Do

With Boston’s turnout low (under 14%), contested races in Districts 3, 4, 5 and 7 and none in Districts 1,2,6,8 and 9 had a direct effect on the order of finish in the At-Large race. Additionally, the press coverage of the vote by incumbent Councilors on their pay raise just before the election may have given the voting public a reason to send a message to those who voted for it. The two new members, who are women, may play an interesting role in electing a Council president come January.

Ayanna Pressley topped the ticket for At Large City Council, followed

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# EDITORIAL

## “A Fond Farewell”

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY By Staff

“A good guy to know”. That seems to be the most common phrase people use when asked to describe their memory of Bobby “Skip” Scaro. It seems that every community has someone who is “a good person to know”. Skip was ours. A haircut was always more than a haircut with Skip.

Perhaps, it was a fond remembrance of an aged local athlete’s former glory. Another time, he would recount how the bartender at the Old Bay View Pub next door was called upon to perform an emergency tooth extraction, or when the bar was the best place for a deal on Thanksgiving

turkeys or Christmas clothes and toys. He could also comment seriously on the changing culture.

Skip did it with the experience and grace of someone, who witnessed much over the years and knew the value of never judging anyone too harshly. A loving son who followed his father’s profession;

a reliable brother; a successful husband and father. He always said one of his biggest regrets was selling his house on “G” Street and moving.

However he never really left, operating his shop on Dorchester Street until the end. As long as people remember Southie, Bobby, you will never be forgotten. Rest in Peace.



*“The questions asked in this debate illustrate why the American People don’t trust the media” - Senator Ted Cruz*

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## Offensive Costumes? /Europe's Dilemma/Poor Quentin Tarantino

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY

John Ciccone

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Like most holidays in these times, a degree of politically correct silliness from the disgruntled, frustrated and weird among our population comes along with the regular celebrations enjoyed by normal Americans. And yes, once again, this year Halloween was no exception. I'll mention just a couple this week. The Offensive Costume Police: This is a relatively new development, practiced primarily on liberal college campuses where a list is made of all the costumes students are told that they are not allowed to wear because it could offend one group or another. They print out lists so long that it would be much shorter to name the costumes that are acceptable to the busy body students led

around by the nose by their wacky professors and school administrators.

One student reported that he went dressed as a cardboard box and was told he was being insensitive to the Amazon rain forest, which is being stripped and destroyed by human expansion since cardboard comes from wood. Others report that Angel costumes were offensive to atheists and should be discouraged. The term 'Moonbats' comes to mind. But, like all attempts to regulate the personal choices of free citizens, a backlash soon follows. In response, many who ordinarily wouldn't go out of their way to make a statement, turned their efforts to finding the most offensive costumes they could think of. News reports told of one West Coast Col-

lege where a student actually rented a horse, dressed as Confederate General Robert E. Lee and galloped around the campus grounds carrying a rebel flag all night long to the cheers of hundreds of other partying students and to the horror of outraged professors.

To coincide with Halloween, the federal government felt the need to release a claim that Jack o Lanterns cause global warming. It never stops with these people. In response, a clearly bemused Oklahoma Senator, James Inhofe released the following statement: "Whenever Americans find something they enjoy and consider to be fun, there will be a liberal somewhere who will blame it for Global Warming".

Moving from national to international events, as we all know, Europe is in turmoil over what's being called the massive invasion of thousands of Muslim refugees. There are already riots in the streets as many of the newcomers are destroying property, assaulting people and threatening to rip apart the societal fabric of the host nations. News reports say fear is gripping the European populations and there is now a desperate effort on the part of the natives to buy guns. But, unlike America, some European countries don't allow their citizens to be armed and there is nothing resembling our Second Amendment. This, by the way, is the same Second Amendment that the elitist Europe-

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# Suffolk Prosecutor Receives “Major” Recognition

**A** Suffolk County prosecutor who also serves in the Army National Guard was promoted to the rank of major today during a ceremony at the Boston Veterans Treatment Court, District Attorney Daniel F. Conley said. Assistant District Attorney Brett D. Walker, a two-time recipient of the Bronze Star Medal and veteran of active duty in Iraq and Afghanistan, was formally elevated from his prior rank of captain this morning alongside defendants currently obtaining treatment and services through the Veterans Court. A Suffolk prosecutor since 2013, Walker is one of two combat

veterans assigned to the program, which provides supervision to veterans who are charged with low-level criminal offenses in the City of Boston. “Veterans are at greater risk of suicide, unemployment, substance abuse, and untreated mental health issues,” said Conley, who attended the ceremony. “Brett is a key partner in balancing accountability with treatment to bring these men and women back to stable, productive lives, and I couldn’t be prouder of him.” The ceremony was held following the weekly Veterans Court session at the Edward Brooke Courthouse in downtown Boston. During the

course of that session, the presiding judge inquired of each defendant as to how they were progressing along their treatment plan. One by one, they informed her of their progress, then turned to shake Walker’s hand and congratulate him. The Veterans Court “has definitely helped me turn around about 180 degrees,” one man said. “And I wanted to congratulate Mr. Walker. He’s a good guy, a solid guy, a stand-up guy.” Colonel James Vallee of the Massachusetts National Guard promoted Walker. Walker’s wife and children presented him with a pair of shoulder boards embroidered with oak leaves

signifying his new field grade rank. Unlike most court sessions, in which defendants leave after their cases are called, Veterans Court participants remain in the session together – a requirement meant to recall the camaraderie and team-based support of military service. The session ends with the recitation of the Boston Veterans Treatment Court Creed, which Walker created. It begins, “Vigilantly I commit to improving myself and my community.” Veterans Court opened about a year and a half ago. Like the Drug Court, Mental Health Court, and Homeless Court to which Conley has assigned Suffolk prosecutors, it is a problem-solving specialty court open to qualifying defendants – in this case, those whose offenses stem from a service-related substance abuse or mental health issue. It is strictly voluntary and entails a screening process that rules out sex offenders and violent career criminals. Those who take part can generally have their cases resolved without incarceration if they remain out of trouble and comply with the court’s orders during a 12- to 24-month period of sobriety, treatment, and supervision. Veterans Court began about a year and a half ago and is overseen by Boston Municipal Court Judge Eleanor C. Sinnott, herself a US Navy veteran. About 20 former service members are currently enrolled in the session.

## CITY COUNCIL CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE

by Michelle Wu, Michael Flaherty and newcomer Annissa Essaibi George, who edged out longtime incumbent Stephen Murphy for the 4th spot. Flaherty and Murphy voted for the pay raise. Pressley and Wu voted against it. Pressley, Wu and Essaibi George appeared to benefit from the higher turnout in contested districts. Flaherty fared well across the city and kept pace at the top. Another newcomer Andrea Joy Campbell defeated 32 year

incumbent Charles Yancey in the District 4 race. All other incumbents, including Bill Linehan (unopposed) of South Boston, won handily. Political pundits and Boston based elected officials are likely busy analyzing and cross tabulating the voting demographics, turnout by neighborhood and other specifics to assess voting trends, as well as identifying which issues and messages resonated with the voters. In 2016, with commercial construction projects still underway at a break neck pace and middle

income and workforce housing still a challenge, public policy questions will be debated and will need working cooperation between the Council and Mayor Marty Walsh to move them forward. Add to that, the concern over quality schools,

highlighted by the ongoing debate over charter schools, and it looks to be a very busy year. CITY COUNCILLOR AT LARGE  
Total Number of Precincts - 255  
Total Votes – 131,229  
Turnout – 13.63%

AYANNA S PRESSLEY*	31,768	24.21%
MICHELLE WU*	28,891	22.02%
MICHAEL F FLAHERTY*	26,463	20.17%
ANNISSA E GEORGE*	23,439	17.86%
STEPHEN J MURPHY	19,538	14.89%
*elected		





# Reading Between The Lines

## “30 Pieces of Silver”

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Despite genocidal famine in their native land, forced to live in rat and disease infested squalid hovels on the Boston waterfront, assailed by racist “know-nothing” political parties and ridiculed, then and now, by local newspapers, the immigrant Irish were determined to proudly assert their race and religion and take their rightful place in the American melting pot. There is no symbol or place that depicts that struggle more than Saint Vincent de Paul Church. After fending off centuries of hate and discrimination, it would be beyond disgraceful if it is the hand of the Archdiocese of Boston that holds the assassin’s blade.

The Purchase Street Unitarian Church was an imposing granite structure built in 1821 on what was then Purchase Street and the Long Wharf. The Rose Kennedy Greenway, at that time, was an array of docks with Boston Harbor beyond. By 1841, 30% of Boston’s population was immigrant Irish, who all seemed to live in Fort Hill. By the 1840s, the parishioners of that church had abandoned it and Fort Hill in the face of the tidal wave of Irish.

Enter Andrew Carney, founder of Carney Hospital, who used a “straw buyer” to buy the Church. The “straw” was needed because the Protestants would not sell to an Irish-Catholic. After the sale was completed, the Church was consecrated and named, not for an Irishman, but for a Frenchman who gave his life and possessions in caring for the poor, Vincent de Paul.

It became the center of all activity for the burgeoning Irish population and a cause for concern for city leaders alarmed at the growing numbers and unity that the Irish

were beginning to display. Initial attempts to disrupt Church activity by dispatching city “inspectors” to find code violations were met by compliance instead of hostility and thus were not effective. Instead the decision to confine this population to the Fort Hill area was the chosen strategy and the Alderman (City Council) created the “night patrol wagon” which basically would nab any who strayed too close to adjoining Beacon Hill after sunset. Those nabbed were primarily Irish, resulting in the racist, insulting name still in use today of “Paddy wagon”.

The immigrant wave continued and the city fathers solution to saving “good” people from the “heathens” was the elimination of the entire residential area of Fort Hill. So, in 1870, Fort Hill was the first American “ghetto” and slated for demolition or “urban redevelopment” in 1872. By now, however, the Irish had begun to gain city work, and thus information, so the city decision did not catch them unprepared.

In 1870, parish members purchased land across the harbor in South Boston at E and West Third Streets. At that time, the shoreline was up as far as E and Second Street. All the South Boston waterfront that exists today came later. Once the land was owned, St. Vinny’s in Fort Hill was dismantled, brick by brick, beam by beam, loaded on barges and floated across the harbor to E and Second St. and re-assembled. Their faith and love for their church was so great, it was fashioned in the style of churches common to Southern Ireland. This increased the size of the church, requiring Roxbury Puddingstone on the Bolton Street side to complete the expanded edifice. The church was re-dedicated in July of 1872. Four

months later, the entire Fort Hill neighborhood was destroyed in the Great Boston Fire of 1872.

Today, more Irish Catholics have been christened, married or buried from St. Vinny’s than any other church in America. One hundred years later, the Archdiocese, in yet another miscalculation, sold St. Vincent’s rectory on West Third Street in the mistaken belief that the Church would soon close. Its priests took up residence in St. Peter and Paul rectory only to have St. Peter and Paul Church close 3 years later. This created St.

Vincent’s rectory at A and Broadway, but their church at E and Third Street.

In 1997, the archdiocese “suggested” that St. Vinny’s package the rectory in a deal with St. Peter and Paul Church. St. Vincent’s demanded and received a share of the total sale. This was approximately \$1.6 million.

With their share St. Vinny’s purchased a new rectory on West Third Street, re-pointed the entire granite structure, power washed the entire exterior, removed, re-leaded and re-installed the stained glass

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# 'The Wristwatch'

Special Screening of the new film 'The Wristwatch' will be held on November 10th at 7pm at the AMC Theater on Boston Common. Two local men, Patrick Fitzpatrick (Pat Fitz) and Bill Porter will not only be hosting the screening but also play major characters in the film. Admission is \$10 and proceeds go to support Veterans Housing in South Boston.

## VETERANS DAY SPECIALS

In honor of Veterans Day, veterans will receive free admission at Franklin Park and Stone Zoos

**WHAT:** To honor the service of all veterans, Franklin Park and Stone Zoos will offer free admission to veterans on Wednesday, November 11, 2015. This is a wonderful opportunity to spend a memorable day with family and friends while learning about fascinating wildlife from all over the world and exploring all that the Zoos have to offer.

**WHEN:** November 11, 2015  
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Please note: Last admission will be at 3:30 p.m.

**TICKETS:** Admission to both Franklin Park Zoo and Stone Zoo will be FREE for veterans. For general admission prices, please visit [www.zoonewengland.org](http://www.zoonewengland.org)

**WHERE:** Franklin Park Zoo  
One Franklin Park Road  
Boston, MA 02121

Stone Zoo  
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97 years ago, on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, World War I came to an end and hundreds of thousands of citizen soldiers began the long voyage home.

Today, we offer our heartfelt remembrance as well as our sincere reverence for all the veterans of the United States both young and old.



**Nick Collins**  
State Representative

## Remembering Our Veterans

As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.

*- John Fitzgerald Kennedy*



**Bill Linehan**  
President  
Boston City Council  
District 2





## Veteran's Day has a Special Meaning to South Bostonians

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY Staff Report

**N**ext Monday is Veteran's Day. An official federal holiday, it is celebrated all across America with memorials, parades, religious services and family gatherings. Its purpose is of course to remember and honor all of our nation's military personnel. In 2014, as it does every year, Veteran's Day has a deep and emotional meaning for most South Bostonians.

A brief history of the day shows us that Veteran's Day, once called Armistice Day was first celebrated in 1919. This followed the previous year, 1918 when the Armistice Treaty to end World War I was signed. Initially, it was only to honor and remember veterans, who fought in that war, but later was expanded to honor all of America's veterans from the founding of our country, up to the present day and into the future.

Here in South Boston, it has always been and still is a strong tradition to pay tribute to all of this community's many veterans. It can be said that nowhere are veterans and military personnel held in higher esteem than in this town. We have active and thriving veteran's organizations,

posts and monuments that neighborhood people worked diligently to create and maintain. All of them are a source of great pride to residents here. Many locals will visit cemeteries, where family members who served are buried and lay wreaths and flowers. Often, families will gather for dinner with the many veterans of all ages, who are with us today.

Since Veteran's Day is one of this nation's most cherished holidays, government buildings, schools and banks will be closed. Restaurants, stores and other business will remain open, depending on the owners. This is also considered a good day to shop as Veteran's Day sales and discounts are usually pretty tempting. But, here in South Boston, the shopping, sale, discounts and all the other entertainment that might come with this special day is fine, but has always takes a back seat to the real priority for South Bostonians - honoring our veterans and showing them they are appreciated. They make us all proud, as they put their lives on the line to preserve America's freedom and way of life.

From the entire South Boston Today team, Happy Veteran's Day 2014 to all.

## Fitzgerald Post's 64th Memorial Day Service Nov 10th

**T**he Thomas F Fitzgerald Post, Number 561, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States will hold its 64th Annual Veteran's Day Memorial Service this coming Wednesday, November 11th, Veterans Day. All are invited. Post Adjutant John Dave Falvey has given South Boston Today the order of events.

They are as follows:

There will be an assembly at the

Post at 9:15am, which is located at 715 East Fourth Street, which is directly across the street from the Stop & Shop parking lot. From there, at 9:40am, the procession will march up to St Brigid's Church Chapel on East Broadway where the Memorial Mass will begin at 10am.

Also on November 11th, the flag retirement ceremony will be held at 10am on the parade grounds inside Castle Island. All who have a worn or damaged flag are invited to bring it for consignment to honorable rest. This is a long standing tradition to honor all veterans and as always, this event will take place rain or shine. Everyone is welcomed and encouraged to attend and to be part of the morning's activities; whether veterans or not to show support.



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# Minor Injuries at Msgr. Powers Apartment Fire

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY Staff Report

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Last Sunday night, a 2 alarm fire did tens of thousands of dollars' worth of damage to parts of the Monsignor Powers Senior Apartments at 120 L Street and near East Fifth Street. The area around the housing complex was filled with smoke as firefighters were quick to respond and

worked hard to get everything under control, preventing what could have been even more extensive damage.

Ladder trucks from area fire houses quickly responded and were on the scene and went right into action. One firefighter had to be treated for lac-



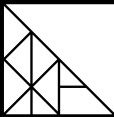
for treatment. His injuries were not life threatening. Two residents of the complex were also treated for minor injuries and later released.

Boston Fire Department personnel later told South Boston Today that the cause of the fire was most likely do to an unattended cigarette, accidentally put down by one of the residents in a bedroom in one of the apartments. The fire was contained to one apartment, but residents in close proximity were evacuated as a precaution. Most residents were allowed to go back into their homes, but four have been temporarily displaced. While the incident



is thought to be an accident, currently there is a routine investigation as to the exact cause. The professionalism of the Boston Fire Department was once again on full display. The situation was brought under control in an organized manner and gathering crowds of resident spectators cooperated by staying clear so the firefighters could do their jobs unhindered.

South Boston is fortunate to have the needed equipment and the skilled personnel always at the ready when a fire or other emergency occurs and residents are in need of a quick response by these very capable first responders.



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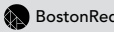
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**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**  
The proposal at Washington Village a/k/a 235 Old Colony Ave submitted by DJ Properties LLC, includes approximately 656 residential units, approximately 98,600 square feet of retail space, approximately 560 parking spaces, and approximately 42,500 square feet of new open space and a total of approximately 2.4 acres of new public realm. The proposal contemplates a phased development of eight (8) new buildings on six (6) distinct City blocks. The approximately 4.89-acre site is located at the intersection of Dorchester St and Old Colony Ave, in very close proximity to the Andrew Square MBTA station. DJ Properties is seeking the BRA's approval for Article 80 Large Project review and a Planned Development Area.


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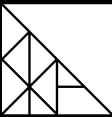


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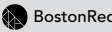
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724 East Second St UNIT 3	\$840,000	8/5/15	6	2	1725
112 West Ninth St UNIT 2	\$690,000	8/4/15	6	2	1450
112 West Ninth St UNIT 1	\$670,000	8/4/15	6	2	1450
120 G St UNIT 2	\$632,000	8/5/15	8	2	1559
5 Mohawk UNIT 3	\$589,000	8/3/15	4	2	1000
681-681-R East Fifth St UNIT	\$580,000	8/3/15	5	1.5	928
1306 Columbia Road UNIT 3-E	\$545,000	8/5/15	4	2	1174
2-3 Newhall Place UNIT 1	\$545,000	8/5/15	5	2	1000
100 Old Harbor St UNIT 1	\$430,000	8/3/15	5	1	941
505-R East Fifth St UNIT 2	\$422,500	8/3/15	4	1	701
17 Burrill Place UNIT 3	\$380,000	8/4/15	3	1	539
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Sign language interpreters will be provided upon prior request.  
A copy of the application is available for public inspection at  
Boston City Hall, Room 709.

Questions should be directed to: [APCC@cityofboston.gov](mailto:APCC@cityofboston.gov) or  
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# Conley Terminal Wins Environmental Award

*The Clean Truck Program has proven successful in improving area air quality*

The Massachusetts Port Authority's (Massport) Paul W. Conley Container Terminal received a 2015 Breathe Easy Leadership Award for making significant contributions to reducing diesel emissions and promoting clean transportation in the Northeast. The award was given to Conley Terminal by the Northeast Diesel Collaborative (NEDC)—a cooperative consisting of state environmental agencies, the regional Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and private sector companies—with the objective of reducing diesel emissions, improving public health, and promoting clean diesel technology.

"One of our priorities is to be a good neighbor to the communities that surround Massport properties, namely Conley Container Terminal,"

said Massport CEO Thomas P. Glynn. "We have a responsibility to both these communities and the environment while we support a thriving shipping terminal and we will continue to do all we can for cleaner air now and cleaner air in the future."

The award is given to individuals and organizations whose efforts best reflect the NEDC's goals and have taken steps to reduce diesel emissions beyond what is required by law. Some of these include the promotion of alternative fuel use like biodiesel and natural gas, retrofitting and upgrading existing or replacing and retiring diesel engines and vehicles, reducing idling, reducing emissions from diesel exhaust, creating new partnerships and programs to reduce emissions, and educating the public and policymakers about the im-

portance of and strategies for reducing diesel emissions.

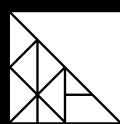
In 2011, Massport received a \$500,000 Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA) Grant to replace 20 older drayage trucks that routinely service Conley Terminal with trucks that met or exceeded the EPA 2007 heavy duty diesel emission standards. Massport's Maritime Department successfully petitioned its board for an additional \$1M for their Clean Truck Program. This additional funding allowed for 40 more drayage trucks that service Conley Terminal to be replaced by trucks with cleaner diesel engines. To date, the program has replaced the initial 20 trucks funded by the EPA's DERA Grant as well as 20 additional trucks funded by Massport directly. As a result, nitrogen oxides have been reduced 28.7 tons per year, annual particulate matter has been reduced by 1.4 tons, hydrocarbons have been reduced by 1.2 tons annually, and carbon monoxide has been reduced by 8.51 tons per year. Through the implementation of the Clean Truck Program, Massport

has not only helped to significantly improve air quality at the shipping terminal, but also in the parks and neighborhoods in the South Boston community.

"Massport continues to work to make significant reductions in diesel engine-related air emissions in South Boston and to reduce the environmental impacts of operations at Conley Terminal," said Massport Acting Port Director Lisa Wieland. "The Clean Truck Program is just one example of Massport using its limited capital budget to effect reductions in air emissions in the South Boston community."

The Breathe Easy Leadership Program began in 2010. Awards were given in 2011 and 2013. This year's awards were the collaborative fourth round. Eight entities were recognized this year, with Massport ranking in the top three.

Each year, more than one million tons of cargo pass through the Paul W. Conley Container Terminal, which provides the shipping facilities New England needs to be a major international trader.



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75 RB Hotel Management, LLC, is proposing to construct a five-story, 60 guestroom addition to its existing building which currently contains 114 rooms located at South Bay. In addition, the development will increase its parking from 162 to 181 spaces.

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windows with protective exterior glass, restored and repainted our 100+ year old stations of the cross, repainted the mosaic nave, replaced 12 pews, replaced the main front doors and most significantly ripped off and replaced the entire roof. This last project exposed the beams down to the ceiling. There was no rot and the beams were and are as solid as the day they were erected. None of this was done without structural engineers including Archdiocese engineers. It could not be done without Archdiocese approval.

The only significant piece not restored was the 150 year old horse hair plaster ceiling. That's it. There are no other problems.

In 2007, Fr. Jim DiPieri reported a piece of plaster had fallen prior to a Sunday night service. Despite concerns by the maintenance staff, the Pastor, at the time, decided it was not a major issue. When plaster fell again in 2008, the pastor announced, then cancelled, a Parish meeting to discuss the situation. Instead nets were spread above the congregation to protect them and catch any falling plaster.

Reportedly, an archdiocese facilities

chief named McDonough stated the ceiling replacement would cost \$50,000.00 but they were afraid of "what might be beneath" the needed ceiling repair. The Archdiocese already knows the answer. They knew it back in 2002 when they inspected and when the ceiling was open. Nothing. That was the answer now and then. There is nothing wrong. Other than loosened plaster from the pounding of a new roof and the 50 years of trucks rumbling by.

At last check St. Vincent's had \$200,000.00 on account with the archdiocese from their original \$1.6 million share from the rectory sale. We don't want any more than what is needed for our church ceiling, nothing more.

Our new pastor Fr. Madden deserves the chance to add his ministry to the distinguished record of previous Pastors and not the stigma of closing the most historically significant Catholic Church in Boston after only two month in residence. Just because that church occupies a prime piece of land, it also occupies the heart of our history and shouldn't be exchanged for 30 pieces of silver.

**Take care till next week.**





# The Senior Connection

By Lu O'Brien

## **The City of Boston Senior Shuttle:**

This is a FREE shuttle service with 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 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 is 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. \$3.00 for local, \$5.00 to Boston Medical Center or Tufts Medical Center and FREE if you are going to one of the shuttle's sponsors. You can find the Southie Shuttle Sponsors on the back of the South Boston Today newspaper. You are asked to call the shuttle at least a day in advance to make your reservation. Seniors are always asking "how come there is a fee? The answer is that the Shuttle is a private company... the money goes toward the gas and maintenance of the vehicles. "I thought this was free?" The FREE part is if you are going to one of the sponsors. Hours of operation is 10:00 am - midnight Monday through Saturday. Limited service Saturday day and No service on Sunday day.

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

## **HAPPENINGS AT SOUTH BOSTON NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE**

### **MONDAY:**

Swimming/Aerobic at BAC at 9:30 am  
Exercise at 10:00AM  
Knitting/Crocheting and Sewing from 9:00AM-2:00PM  
Kit Clark lunch at 12:00PM  
Bingo at 12:45PM  
**TUESDAY:** Swimming/Aerobic at BAC at 9:30AM  
Yoga at 10:00AM  
Computer Class from 9:30AM-10:30AM  
S.B. Healthy Diet at 10:00AM  
Kit Clark lunch at 12:00PM  
Trivia at 1:00PM

**WEDNESDAY:** Swimming/Aerobic at BAC at 9:30AM  
Exercise at 9:15AM  
Computer Tech from 10:00AM-12:00PM  
Bingo at 12:45PM

**THURSDAY:** Swimming/Aerobic at BAC at 9:30AM  
Computer class from 9:30AM-10:30AM  
Kit Clark lunch at 12:00PM  
Cards from 12:00PM-3:00PM  
Yoga at 1:00PM

**FRIDAY:** Swimming/Aerobic at BAC at 9:30AM  
Exercise at 9:15AM  
LCR game at 10:00AM

**New parent-child playgroup:** Any parent, guardian or **grandparent** who would like to partake in physical activities, art, science, circle time and snack time with their child are invited to this program.

The Child's age must be from 1 yrs. to 5 yrs. The play group is held on Thursday afternoons. Hours are 1:30PM-3:00PM and 3:30PM-5:00PM at West Broadway Housing Development, 115 Orton Marotta Way, South Boston. This is a FREE program. For more information, please call Cheryle at 617-756-9650

## **Free & Reduced Cost Food Options In South Boston**

### **St. Monica's Food Pantry**

617-268-1230  
331 Old Colony Ave.  
Every 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month from 2:00-4:00pm  
Requirements: Proof of South Boston residency with an ID or a bill in your name.

### **St. Vincent DePaul Parish Food Pantry**

617-268-8100  
363 E Street  
Every Thursday from 1:00-3:00pm  
Requirements: Proof of Boston Residency with an ID or mail in your name.

### **Fourth Presbyterian Church**

617-268-1281  
340 Dorchester Street  
Every 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month from 8:00-11:00am  
Requirements: Bring a photo ID.  
**South Boston Community Health Center**  
617-464-7482  
409 W. Broadway  
Tuesday & Wednesday from 10:00am-2:00pm  
Requirements: Must be a patient of the South Boston Community Health Center.  
\$2.00 A Bag Sites

## **Mary Ellen McCormack**

345 Old Colony Ave.  
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If you have an ongoing food need, please contact Luis Blanco at 617-464-8591

## **SENIOR DISCOUNTS:**

Foodies 10% on Tuesday  
Molly Moo's: \$1.00 for cup of coffee OR \$5.00 ice cream sundae (one size only)

Pat's Lunch: free cup of coffee with any item on menu

Dewberry Dogs: 20% off on all dog services and \$5.00 for kitties nail cut

I Service Computer Repair: 10% for all computer service. Not on parts.

Bringing Up Baby: \$10.00 off your purchase of \$50.00 or more off of full priced merchandise  
South Boston Animal Hospital: 10% off on all animal services

## **FRIENDLY REMINDERS**

**Fair Foods:** is every Tuesday, 115 Orton Marotta Way. \$2.00 for a bag of food. Please bring bags with handles because fruits and veggies are heavy to carry. Hours are from 1:00-2:00. Everyone is welcome.

**Fair Shoes:** is also on that day. If you have MassHealth/Medicare and you are a diabetic, you may be eligible for a pair of shoes. For more information on Fair Shoes, ask for Anne Brennan.

## **The Curley Community**

**Center/BCYF:** is serving Kit Clark hot lunches on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 11:30 - 12:30. A \$2.00 donation is appreciated.

## **BINGO!!!**

**Castle Cove Co-op.** 225 W. 2nd Street. Wednesday night from 6:30-9:00

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

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

Have a wonderful week...





## Halloween in Southie: Like Every Year, it was a Blast

SBT Staff Report by Jessica Grande

Halloween in South Boston proved once again to be among the most popular times of year. There was so much to do and most of it family oriented. Sure, there were the house parties for the adults, but it was the kids who had the most fun and all of it was in a happy, safe and supervised environment. Really, there are fewer and fewer places anywhere where that is the case but fortunately it can still take place here.

In this neighborhood, the Halloween fun doesn't just happen on one day. Oh no, not here. It started a week early at the Annual Castle Island Mystery Walk; one of the finest and most impressive haunted castles anywhere. Once again, praise and many thanks should be given to the great volunteers of the Castle Island Association who work so hard to make everything just perfect. Later in the week, young students could be seen heading to and from schools in their scariest costumes.

On Halloween Eve, the annual, very impressive and always successful 'Trick or Treat on Broadway' brought out hundreds of kids; with parents in tow to help themselves to the goodies that our very generous business owners and their staffs have waiting for them as all the ghosts, goblins and super heroes trekked from store front to store front with bags opened wide in anticipation of sugar treats; lots and lots of sugar treats. And when 'Trick or Treat on Broadway' ended at 6:00pm, well it was of course much too early to head home so off to the St. Peter Academy 'Spooktacular' Children's Halloween Eve bash held at the Lithuanian Club so the fun could continue.

Finally, on Saturday, the big night had arrived and thousands hit the streets all over the neighborhood for the traditional door to door visits where haunting, lots of fun and laughter and of course, yet even more candy was to be had. In many locations neighbors were out on their front stairs; tables of goodies set up, with colorful





decorations adding to the festive atmosphere waiting to welcome the young visitors with smiles and encouragement.

For hours it went on. Some houses reported giving out as many as 700 pieces of candy. They had that many kids come by. Wave

after wave of costumed celebrants were out and about with most accompanied by watchful parents. Many families, pushing decorated carriages with the smallest members of the family inside, also in costume were having as much fun socializing with neighbors as they

were receiving the treats.

So Halloween in South Boston, 2015 is now in the history books and once again we can all be thankful that just as it always has, everything went well. To all the adults, the parents, the business owners, the neighborhood groups

and everyone else who got into the spirit and did their part to make this an enjoyable and memorable season – well done.

And to all the Trick or Treaters, you really outdid yourselves this year with some of the most impressive and creative costumes ever.





**D**o you believe this will be the last weekend of games for the regular season? Hope everyone found it enjoyable, especially the children. As far as a recap of last week's games, I apologize as I did not pick up whatever score sheets were at the clubhouse and therefore I will do a recap of last week and this week's game next week.

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

**LOST & FOUND:** Some items have been found down at the field

such as keys, baby stuffed toy, etc. If you have lost something, please contact Billy Baker he might have them locked up in the trailer.

**SNACK BAR:** Please patronize the snack bar. All monies that are brought in at the snack bar go right back to the local sports teams that use the park, which helps defray some of the expenses to the league.

#### **PLAYOFF GAMES**

The Playoff games will take place next weekend for the Under 10, 12 & 18 Division. Your coaches should have the time your team will be playing and who is

your opponent. Good luck to all the players and remember just enjoy and have fun.

#### **BANQUET: (PLEASE NOT CHANGE IN DATE)**

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. Please be on time as we keep to the schedule. We would ask that parents donate some sort of dessert for your division. You can drop it off when you arrive.

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ans have for years ridiculed Americans for being so protective of and is now something they so much wish they had. But it's too late for them.

What's happening in Europe has many American watching very closely and nervously. Because here, we have a president in the White House and Democrats in Congress clamoring to bring thousands of these refugees from terrorist dominated countries to settle in our own homeland. These same politicians have also been doing all in their power to take guns away from law obeying Americans and to get rid of our Second Amendment. It's incredible that we actually have some in power attempting to unleash on America the same thing that's happening to Europe, while at the same time

trying to disarm us. This is causing even more people to become more determined than ever to never let that happen here. That determination was reflected in the results of recent polls that show that the National Rifle Association, so often a target of Obama, the Clintons and others, has a much higher favorability rating than the top Democrats holding and running for public office. The old saying "Some people never learn" seems to run true on this issue. Because what so many elections have proven is, it seldom goes well for politicians running for office to attack the Second Amendment OR the NRA. You can ask Al Gore, and countless other who have tried, how it worked out for him.

And finally for this week, there is a nationwide movement being organized for by law enforcement groups

and police unions to boycott film director Quentin Tarantino's new movie titled 'The Hateful Eight'. Tarantino, famous for making some of the most bloody, violent films has been appearing at rallies referring to police officers as murderers. He has joined the ranks of the vile group that calls itself 'Black Lives Matter'. Black Lives Matter has been advocating violence towards members of America's law enforcement. One of the more colorful chants this group uses in its demonstrations is this gem: "Pigs in a Blanket, fry 'em like bacon". And then there is this classic: "What do we want? Dead Cops. When do we want it? Now". These are the people Tarantino has thrown himself in with.

The police boycott of his films has spread like crazy with now more than a thousand law enforce-

ment organizations joining in and more expected to sign on. But it's not just the police themselves. Civilians by the millions are expected to show support for police and stay away from Tarantino's films as well. This has Tarantino and a large part of the Hollywood cartel worried and outraged at the same time. They are fuming and shout that Tarantino has the Constitutional right to speak his mind. And yes, he certainly does. But so too do the American people, in solidarity with law enforcement have the Constitutional right to choose not to see his films, now and in the future. Both sides can play that game and we will see how Tarantino and so many other anti-American types in Hollywood like being hurt in their wallets.





## What to Expect From The Celtics This Year

The Celtics have started out the young season 1-2, and although there is some talent and a lot of depth on this roster, there are still questions that remain to be answered. Frankly, we may have to wait to get some

of those answers.

After an unexpected late-season push, the Celtics found themselves finishing 7th in a weak Eastern Conference under coach Brad Stevens, only to get bounced out of the first round by the Cavaliers,

who made it to the finals last year. The mid-season acquisitions of Jae Crowder and Isaiah Thomas proved to be helpful in the short term last year.

The Celtics retained many of their pieces from last year. With a busy offseason, the team has re-tooled for the 2015-16 season. Off-season newcomers David Lee and Amir Johnson are two big-men that can rebound with the best of them - something the C's desperately lacked last year, particularly during the playoff series with the Cavs. Lee and Johnson are two veterans that can help lead this young team; and a team more experienced than it was a year ago.

So where does that leave expectations for the Celtics this year? On paper, they should be better than they were last year but it might be more complex than that.

The Celtics have a roster that does not have much separation among starters and bench players across all

positions. Some joke that the Celtics roster has "every team's 7th best players", which seems to be a bit of an exaggeration, but at the same time it's a statement is not too far off from the truth. The Celtics figure to be a very average team talent-wise in the league with a positive of having a deep bench, but a negative of not having a cornerstone franchise player.

Based on the state of the roster, Stevens will be a busy man this year. He will be tasked with determining the best starting lineup, bench play, minutes, late-game lineups, and the list goes on. With 12 player qualified to see playing time, it's no easy task. As the season progresses, lineups and player roles will be changing as Stevens finds his feel on which lineups work best in given situations. Stevens has been well known to favor how well a lineup plays together over the talent-level of a lineup, so there is a fat chance this will play a part in the lineups he will choose.

Unfortunately, the issue of having a team structured like that of the Celtics is that it could take a while for this team to form an identity. The roster has a certain nebulousness to it and it is unclear when the team will find its optimal lineups. Chances are, it may take a while. Luckily, this team is talented enough to skate for a bit on not knowing what exactly they need to become to win. But we do know that they are capable enough to make the playoffs under Brad Stevens. Much like the familiar saying goes for Bill Belichick and Patriots Nation, "In Brad Stevens, We Trust".

**Please join the Ladies Auxiliary for a hot dog and some fun!!**

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**Saturday, November 7, 2015**

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