



## Compromise On Opioid Legislation

State House News reports that Dr. Dennis Dimitri, the President of the Massachusetts Medical Society, after initially resisting Governor Baker's 3-day supply limit on a doctor's discretion in prescribing narcotics to first time patients, stated that the physicians group was "willing to be compromising" on a seven-day limit proposed by the House of Representatives.

"I think it's fair to say we recognize there are too many opioids circulating in the community at large. One of the ways to address that is to take a look at the volume of prescriptions at the front end. We

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# EDITORIAL

## “Equality”

**N**ow would be a good time to demonstrate that everyone is equal under the law and that in America no one is above the law. Do you think an administration that would weigh in on a disturbing-the-peace arrest in Cambridge and about many other police actions at the street level over the last seven years will take the opportunity to uphold the “equality” principle or look the other way for one of the “beautiful people”?

The opportunity, of course, is out-spoken America-hater Sean

Penn and his questionable and perhaps criminal liaison with wanted murderer and drug dealer “El Chapo”. Wasn’t it just last week Catherine Greig was back in court because she knew where Whitey was and didn’t tell the Feds? Wasn’t El Chapo also wanted by the Feds? In fact, we’re attempting to extradite him back to America.

Whitey was a murderer, but according to Sean Penn El Chappo doesn’t hurt anybody. Only those people who “interfere with my business”. What are the odds Cathy stays in jail and Penn never gets a visit from the Feds?



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## Some 'Adults' Say the Strangest Things/ Powerful Letter Going Viral

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Many years ago, there was a popular Art Linkletter TV show called 'Kids Say the Darndest Things'. It was a series based on the off-the-cuff and cute utterances you'd never expect from children, and when you're never really ready for when they'd blurt them out. In response to some of the statements made by a number of celebrities in recent weeks, one reader wrote to us saying she felt that maybe a new show should be created and could be called 'Adults with the Minds of Small Children Say the Strangest Things'. This peaked our interest here at SBT and we made a list of recent statements that could be featured on such a TV show. We'll share a few suggestions below.

Joy Behar, the co-host of The View last week proclaimed to her dwindling audience that she would vote for a rapist running for president or for any office probably, as long as the rapist was a liberal.

The brooding actor Mr. Sean Penn, who never misses an opportunity to bash, scold and lecture America about how evil and terrible a country we are, out did himself this week. Pictured shaking hands and with his arm around the world's biggest and most infamous Mexican drug cartel leader 'El Chapo', Penn said the plague of drug violence isn't his pal El Chapo's fault at all, it's America's fault. El Chapo, by the way, boasts with pride that he is responsible for supplying more heroin and other

deadly drugs to Americans than anyone else in the world.

Then there were the rabidly anti-gun actors and actresses, who constantly insist that Americans give up their Second Amendment rights, on parade at the Golden Globe Awards. These anti-gun 'activists demanded that in addition to their own personal armed security (yes, armed with guns), the organizers of the event hire and deploy additional security and carry automatic weapons so that the Hollywood royalty felt safe.

The new mayor of Philadelphia tripped over himself getting to the TV cameras to proclaim and insist that the man who shot one of that city's police officers more than a dozen times through the cop's

cruiser window last week had nothing to do with Islam. It didn't matter to the mayor that the assailant stated loudly, proudly, and many times over that yes, he tried to assassinate the officer in the Name of Islam and that he is a devout Muslim and follower of Allah. It also didn't matter to the mayor, who it seems was getting his talking points from the White House, that his own police brass stated that the assailant was indeed an Islamic extremist.

In Cologne, Germany in response to the sexual assaults by an estimated 1,000 Middle Eastern males - many of them recently arrived refugees - on hundreds of German women on New Year's Eve, there was a news

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## Window Into The State House

Window Into The State House provides our readers a synopsis of important issues of interest, past and current, that are being proposed, debated or acted upon by the Massachusetts Legislature. Many issues that are not related to local city government services are acted upon and have a direct impact on daily life. They are tax policy, transportation infrastructure, judicial appointments, social services and health, as well as higher education. We will excerpt reports from the gavel-to-gavel coverage of House and Senate sessions by news sources focused on this important aspect of our lives. These sources include a look ahead at the coming week in state government and summaries and analyses of the past week, re-caps of a range of state government activity, as well as links to other news.

### Senators to leave for fact-finding trip on marijuana

A group of eight senators will travel this week to Colorado to explore the ramifications of legalizing marijuana. "There may also be particular provisions in the ballot question where lawmakers have concerns," state Sen. Jason Lewis, the leader of the trip and chairman of the Senate special committee on marijuana told the Globe's Joshua Miller, "and may want to at least debate a different approach." A referendum question to legalize marijuana appears destined to be on this fall's ballot. Other members of the committee include Senators John F. Keenan, of Quincy Democrat; Linda Dor-

cena Forry of Dorchester; Richard J. Ross, of Wrentham; James T. Welch, of West Springfield; Michael O. Moore, of Millbury; Viriato M. deMacedo, of Plymouth; and Michael J. Rodrigues, of Westport.

**Mark your calendars:** Walsh's State of the City address is scheduled for Jan. 19 at Symphony Hall. Baker's State of the Commonwealth address will be Jan. 21.

**Mayor to back lobbying rules** Boston Mayor Marty Walsh says he is going to propose regulations for lobbyists at City Hall that could require more transparency to the public. "If you came into this building and you're repre-

senting anybody -- whether it's McDonald's or CVS or a developer -- you're going to have to register as a lobbyist to do business," Walsh said to the Globe. Walsh said the restrictions would model state lobbying laws, which require lobbyists to disclose what they are lobbying on and who their clients are. He said he will file his plan next month.

### Mayor Walsh now says texts are public record

Boston Mayor Marty Walsh has shifted his stance and now says texts sent to and from his work phone are public records, WCVB's Mike Beaded reports. Walsh had previously deleted messages sent to his work phone, making it impossible for the city to respond to public requests for them. Walsh's new stance is also a contrast with Gov. Baker's, whose office has insisted texts are not subject to the state's public records law.

### The Friday news dump, revisited: Bigger holes await

The Baker administration announced cuts and other maneuvers to close a \$320 million budget gap minutes before 5:00 pm on last Friday. The late Friday afternoon news dump feels like an anachronism, dating back to when people got their news in print and would ignore the Saturday paper. The bad news inspiring the Friday treatment was the \$50 million in direct budget cuts, with dozens of cuts getting reduced or eliminated, including a reduction in transitional aid to families with dependent children (\$750,000) and a Big Data Innovation and Workforce Fund (\$1.5 million). The administration plans to close the bulk of the gap with revenue gains through the rest of the year. The commonwealth already is \$114 million ahead of plan in tax revenue. Bigger problems await

however -- about a \$1 billion budget gap forecast for Fiscal Year 2017. It's from a structural imbalance, fancy words that indicate the state budget is built to spend more than it takes in. A billion is a big number, and perhaps it will inspire another Friday evening news dump.

### Will Pike condition keep tolls in place?

The western end of the Massachusetts Turnpike is supposed to go toll-free early next year as the agency pays off long-term bonds. But officials say the Pike's overall condition and need for repairs may mean the tolls stay in place longer, the Telegram reports.

### Delivery problems persist for Globe

Thousands of Sunday papers went undelivered as the Boston Globe's delivery problems persisted and more newsroom personnel were called to help deliver the paper yesterday.

### Why does John Q. Public bear the cost of enforcing our public records law?

In most states, if a court finds that you were unlawfully denied access, you recoup your legal fees as a matter of course. It's an incentive for agencies to follow the law, and a consequence if they don't. Without that guarantee, defending the public's right to know is too expensive a gamble. Agencies will still feel they can ignore the law.

### Derailment raises safety questions

Last week's derailment of a commuter rail train in Andover raises larger questions about the safety of railroad tracks in the Merrimack Valley which are used not only by MBTA trains but by locomotives hauling crude oil and other hazardous materials, Christian Wade reports for the

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# Reading Between The Lines

## “The Evil King”

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Originally, a proclamation was the form that government used to communicate information to the governed. Usually, a Town Crier would read the proclamation in the town square or it would be nailed to a tree. A proclamation wasn't a newspaper to disseminate information. It was primarily an order from the king or dictator telling the people the way it was going to be.

In America, we have a rule book called the Constitution that specifically states only Congress can make the law. We do, however, have a provision, intended for use in emergency or national defense, called an executive order. This provision can only be used by the President. It was intended for emergency use at a time when travel and communication were in its infancy in our country. Those factors no longer exist, but an executive order still has its place in imminent need, not however, to set social agenda.

For instance, in 1952 Congress passed a law allowing the President to designate “any immigrant class or group or ethnicity or from a specific region or country to be barred by Presidential Proclamation” (executive order).

This law was passed by a Democratic Congress including, (as pointed out by the intrepid Howie Carr) Congressman John F. Kennedy who voted in favor. Due to the turmoil in Eastern Europe, many immigrants were fleeing to the west and the fear was that Communist agents, spies and saboteurs would be among them.

So today's Syrian situation has a precedent, and Donald Trump's

suggestion to put a hold on Syrian immigration is not a new idea. And, it's only as racist as the Democrats who wrote and passed it in 1952. For those who insist on seeing racism everywhere, it's worth noting that the 1952 law was written to stop an influx of blond, blue eyed Caucasians.

President Obama has taken a page from the French monarchy. “Let them eat cake”, is his response to Congressional complaints he is overstepping his authority. He seems to be saying, “damn the law I'll write my own rules”. Remember who can write the law? Despite existing law, Obama, by executive order, re-wrote immigration law allowing thousands upon thousands of illegals to flood across our borders.

Our nation has spent untold blood and treasure removing the killers of Americans from the battlefield. Despite those sacrifices, and again by executive order, Obama frees these killers and will close Gitmo.

Any change in our Constitution requires an almost insurmountable process. However, it can and has been done. Obama can't be bothered with the rules. He'll just issue an executive order in attempt to put illegal restrictions on the 2nd amendment in a further phony attempt to “protect” the public. Seven years of. re-released illegal immigrant rapists and murders and murdering Muslims, whose name he will not say, tells us all we need to know about the sincerity of our American Hater-in-Chief. His only interest in the 2nd amendment is to render Americans completely defenseless.

Background checks? How's this for a statistic: 0.07 of all gun crimes are committed by suspects

with a background check The San Bernardino shooters were given their guns from a legally purchased, background checked source, while the Charleston Church shooter whose uncle gave him a gun as a gift. The Sandy Hook School shooter was given guns by his school teacher mother in the hope he would stop acting weird. How can you prevent those?

There is, however, no need to re-invent the wheel. There are laws already in place against illegal immigration and for deportation.

Enforce them. There already is a law halting immigration from dangerous countries and areas like Syria and the Mid-East. Enforce the laws.

Both the shooter of Police Officer. Stokinger in Boston and the shooter of Officer Hartnett in Philadelphia were criminals with gun charges and convictions. Why were they back on the street? Enforce existing law.

Unfortunately, our “leader” seems to be working for the other side and he's still got a year to weaken us further.

*Take care till next week.*

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## Review Of Boston's Ward and Precinct Lines Completed

**T**he Boston Elections Department has concluded its six month, comprehensive review of the ward and precinct assignments and precinct lines across the entire City of Boston. As a result, an additional 370 addresses, representing 850 registered voters, need to be corrected.

The corrections were accepted by the Board of Election Commissioners during a meeting this morning, Tuesday, January 12 at 10 a.m. in City Hall. The addresses that are impacted are in the neighborhoods of Allston, Brighton, Dorchester, Hyde Park, Mattapan, Roslindale, Roxbury and South End.

"These corrections are not only necessary, but they bring our ward and precinct assignments up to speed with our modernizing City," said Dion Irish, Commissioner of the Election Department and Chair

of the Board of Election Commissioners. "We believe that many of these re-assignments will make voting more convenient for our constituents, but most importantly their addresses are now correctly assigned. I thank the staff of the Election Department, the Law Department and the Department of Innovation and Technology for their hard work on this months-long process that will benefit our city and voters for years to come."

This comprehensive review began in August 2015, when errors made in the 1960s caused the incorrect assignment of five addresses in the Lower Mill Section of Dorchester. Following the discovery of these errors the Department and the Massachusetts Secretary of State's Office agreed that a comprehensive review of all address should be conducted to ensure that voters were able to correctly exercise their voting rights. Prior to the municipal election on November 3, 2015, all address assignments were reviewed and corrected for geographical consistency with city council districts.

Following the election, the review continued with a focus on all of the other aspects of our electoral boundaries. In conducting the review, the Elections Department found that it was necessary to make changes to the legal descriptions and lines of certain precincts to conform to the changing physical condition of the City of Boston. Unlike other cities and towns, the City of Boston is not subject to state laws that require wards and precincts to be divided every ten years. As a result, many of the

City's precinct descriptions became outdated. For example, a description may reference a "railroad line" as a precinct boundary, but the railroad line no longer exists. In addition, three precinct lines need to be changed so that they are consistent with new residential development. One precinct line split a residential development so that residents had to vote in two separate locations.

Furthermore, during the review, the Elections Department discovered certain addresses that had been listed in the wrong precinct or ward due to past legislation. Following the 1990 census, the Massachusetts State Legislature found it necessary to balance population in districts by drawing congressional, representative and senatorial district lines using U.S. Census Voting Tabulation Districts ("VTDs") rather than existing municipal precinct lines. After the redistricting process was complete, it became apparent that, in some cases, there were discrepancies between the VTD lines and the existing municipal precinct lines, creating what were referred to as "hidden split precincts" in the City of Boston. Addresses that were located in a VTD and thus a particular district under the legislation were located in a different district on city maps.

In order for city maps to be consistent with the newly created congressional, representative and senatorial districts, the City was required to move certain addresses from one precinct to another in the same ward, and, in some cases, from one ward and precinct to another ward and precinct. It appears

that these changes were made administratively and not by a special act of the legislature (for ward line changes) or by vote of the Board of Election Commissioners (for precinct line changes). As a result, the legal descriptions of wards and precincts maintained by the City did not change. Voters, however, were assigned to their new wards and precincts and have been voting in those locations ever since.

After the 2000 census, the Legislature started a new redistricting process which only referenced wards and precinct boundaries rather than VTDs. As a result, congressional, representative and senatorial districts were created in 2002 using original ward and precinct lines. At that point, the administrative changes made by the City in 1992 were obsolete, because the hidden split changes that were created by the 1992 legislation no longer existed. In consultation with the Secretary of State's office, the City has determined that, absent proof of legal authority, the City's original designation of wards and precincts must govern. Therefore, the City now needs to move those addresses back to their proper ward and precinct assignments, in keeping with the City's official descriptions.

The Elections Department will be reaching out to all impacted addresses in the coming weeks to ensure that all voters are notified before the March 1 federal primary. Once the changes are approved by the state, they will be uploaded to the voter database and available to voters online.

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Eagle-Tribune. Officials believe the track in Andover was damaged by cold temperatures, which led to last Tuesday's early morning derailment of a nearly empty commuter train that caused no injuries.

### Pro teams back transgender rights bill

Supporters of a bill to extend anti-discrimination protections to transgender individuals say all five professional sports teams in the city now back the measure

before the legislature, the Globe reports. The Red Sox had previously backed the bill and now the Patriots, Revolution, Bruins, and, Celtics will come out in favor of its passage, possibly increasing the pressure on Gov. Baker, who is widely expected to veto the bill. **Trump's Mass. office vandalized** Vandals struck Presidential candidate Donald Trump's new Massachusetts office over the weekend, the Herald reports. The office in Littleton was defaced with graffiti calling the controversial candidate a "Nazi" and "pig."

### Toll change revives license plate debate

A measure that would require Massachusetts to issue easier-to-read license plates may get new life as the Mass Pike makes the shift to open-road tolling, the Herald's Hillary Chabot reports. The EZ-ID plate legislation was first filed more than a decade ago to help make plate numbers easier to remember but has never advanced.

### Feds make Mashpee tribe's status official

Federal officials finalized their

recognition of the Mashpee Wampanoag tribe on Friday, clearing the way for the tribe to begin work on a Taunton casino as soon as this spring, the Cape Cod Times reports. The tribe noted that the publication of its federal recognition in the Federal Register comes after no legal challenges were filed to its efforts to take 321 acres of land in the state under its control. "This cements our right to self-determination now and for future generations," tribal council Chairman Cedric Cromwell said in a release.



## Think it's Quick and Easy to Legally Purchase a Gun? Think Again

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY - By Staff

There have been quite a number of confusing statements and reports the last few weeks about the difficulty or lack thereof to legally purchase a firearm. The president recently indicated it was much too easy, certain Hollywood celebrities have also misspoken, as they so often do and it has carried down to some average everyday citizens. To listen to some in the media, you would think that all one need do is walk in to a gun store, take a shopping cart and go up and down the aisles, grabbing weapons and ammo off the shelves, bring it to the cashier and lug it all home. At the request of many of our readers, below is the step by step procedure to apply for a gun permit in Boston and buy firearms. Hopefully, this information will answer any questions you might have.

The Permit Process:

-You must apply in person at Boston Police Headquarters. The fee to

apply is \$100. It's nonrefundable whether you are approved or not. On this application, you fill out all of your personal information. You must be photographed and finger printed.

-A complete background check is then done by Boston Police, State Police and the FBI. All of them must be passed. Your background is checked for any prior arrests and convictions. If you have a felony on your record or have a record of violence where you were found guilty you are denied. If you have a current restraining order or a record of domestic violence you are denied. If you have a history of emotional or mental stability you are denied. They may even look into medication lists you have been prescribed to see if that will have any effect on behavior.

-3 character references vouching for you must be given and checked; none of them can be a relative. If/when you have passed the background checks and found to be a le-

gal citizen of the United States you are not done yet.

-You must possess a certificate stating that you have taken and passed a sanctioned and approved firearms safety course; the average cost is \$250. These courses are tough and intentionally difficult to pass.

Once all of the above steps have been taken and satisfactorily completed there is STILL more. You must make an appointment through police headquarters for a firing range shooting test given by Boston Police firearms instructors. At this test you must display your knowledge of gun safety and the ability to accurately shoot and fire no less than 25 rounds of ammunition under the watchful eyes of the instructors. If you do not perform to their satisfaction, you fail and are denied your permit. When all steps have been completed, approval for a gun permit can take 6-8 weeks or longer.

To Buy a Gun:

Once all of the above steps have been successfully completed its time to make your firearms purchase. And it's anything BUT, quick

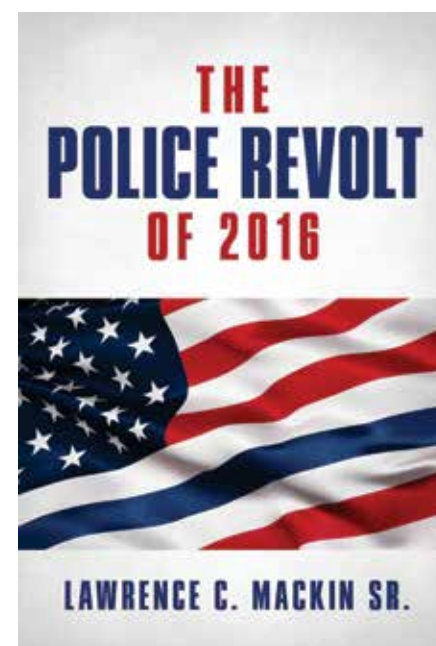
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## Sheriff Tompkins Applauds Vote To Repeal License Suspension Law

**S**uffolk County Sheriff Steven W. Tompkins today commended members of the House of Representatives for voting to reverse the law that calls for the suspension of drivers li-

censes for offenders convicted of drug crimes.

“I applaud State Representative Liz Malia and the members of the House who voted to overturn the license suspension law today,” said Sheriff Tompkins. “Restoring the right to drive for ex-offenders is a significant step along the road to successful reentry for many of the men and women who are looking to turn their lives around post-incarceration.”

Under the now twenty-six year-old law, people convicted of drug offenses are stripped of their licenses, even in cases in which the charges didn’t involve a motor vehicle. In some cases, people who have completed their sentences and returned to the community still face license suspensions that can last up to five years. Coupled with a reinstatement fee of \$500, the potential to recidivate looms larger on the horizon for many.

As a vocal advocate of the movement to reverse the law and staunch

supporter of Rep. Malia’s bill – as well as the similar senate bill put forth by Senators Harriette Chandler and Sonia Chang-Diaz – Sheriff Tompkins spoke about the powerful effect that its passage would have on those formerly incarcerated and the community that welcomes them back.

“Reinstating the ability of former offenders to lawfully drive to work sites, recovery treatment, educational programs and other opportunities that can help them to continue making positive changes in their lives is a no-brainer if we want to keep our neighborhoods safe and our citizens out of prison.”

The Massachusetts Senate voted to repeal the law this past September and now, with the House vote, the bill will move on to the desk of Governor Charlie Baker to be signed into law.

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See you Thursday, January 14, 11:30am-1:30pm at the Condon! Mark your calendars today!



## The Condon “Can”

**T**he BCYF Condon Community Center staff, members and DYEE Teens Kathryn, Kianna and Joe joined with Mayor Martin Walsh to pitch in and make the 29th Annual Boston CANshare Campaign a great success. This drive will provide food and raise funds to support programs that enable low income people in the city to have access to healthy food. CANshare began in 1986 as a can drive to restock food pantries after the Thanksgiving. This campaign helps to fight hunger and increase access to healthy food in Boston, so every Boston resident can live a healthy lifestyle. #TeamCondon



# Recent South Boston Real Estate Sales

Property/Type	Price	Sale Date	Rooms	Baths	Sq Ft
1826 Columbia Road Two Family	\$1,500,000	9/18/15	20	2	4047
101 Dresser St UNIT 101 Condo	\$929,000	9/25/15	8	2.5	1700
103 Dresser St UNIT 103 Condo	\$920,000	9/25/15	8	2.5	1700
881 East Second St UNIT 2 Condo	\$899,000	9/11/15	4	2	1233
81 Dresser St UNIT 81 Condo	\$895,000	9/10/15	7	2.5	1932
141 West Second St UNIT Condo	\$849,000	9/8/15	4	2	1543
141 Dorchester St UNIT 511 Condo	\$781,500	9/8/15	2	1	1032
474 East Third St UNIT 2 Condo	\$780,000	9/25/15	5	2	1300
585 East Seventh St UNIT 1 Condo	\$740,000	9/15/15	5	2	1346
185 West Eighth St UNIT 1 Condo	\$695,000	9/25/15	5	2.5	1722
41 L St UNIT 6 Condo	\$690,000	9/18/15	4	2	1350
655 East Second St UNIT 203 Condo	\$686,000	9/25/15	5	2	1092
15 Preble St UNIT 7 Condo	\$609,000	9/25/15	5	2	925
349 Silver St UNIT 1 Condo	\$599,000	9/10/15	5	1	1078
116 F St UNIT 1 Condo	\$595,000	9/17/15	7	2	1330
342-346 Dorchester St UNIT 1 Condo	\$581,000	9/25/15	5	2	1400



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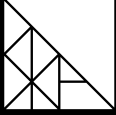
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**MCM PROPERTIES**

917 East Broadway, South Boston

**617-268-5181**



**BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

**PUBLIC MEETING**

## 69 A ST.

**MONDAY, JANUARY 25**  
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

**200 D ST.**  
*Condon School Auditorium  
South Boston, MA 02127*

**PROJECT PROPONENT:**  
69 ASTMA Owner, LLC


**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**  
The proposed project consists of the renovation, expansion and mixed-use commercial conversion of an existing three-story brick and beam factory building and related demolition of a two-story former catering and office structure that is approximately 17,749 square-feet of land on three combined consolidated lots. This proposal will create five (5) levels of approximately 51,700 net square feet of commercial office space and approximately 12,000 net square feet of ground level retail and fitness/gym space on the lower levels, with an on-site garage containing 18 parking spaces at the center of the project site.


**MAIL TO:** EDWARD M MCGUIRE III  
Boston Redevelopment Authority  
One City Hall Square, 9th Floor  
Boston, MA 02201

**PHONE:** 617.918.4251

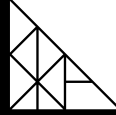
**EMAIL:** Edward.McGuire@boston.gov

**CLOSE OF COMMENT PERIOD:**  
Friday, February 5, 2016





Teresa Polhemus, Executive Director/Secretary



**BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

**PUBLIC WORKSHOP**

## PLAN: SOUTH BOSTON DORCHESTER AVE

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27**  
5:30 PM - Open House  
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Workshop

**147 WEST FOURTH ST**  
*Mass Bay Credit Union  
South Boston, MA 02127*

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**  
The **PLAN** initiative is an opportunity to think strategically about the types of uses and scale of development best suited for the future of the South Boston Dorchester Avenue transit corridor. The goal of this study is to create a vision, with the community, and to establish guidelines that will result in a comprehensive plan that informs new zoning to guide future development.

The Workshop on January 27 will be a **Placemaking & Mobility Workshop**. The workshop will focus on the future character of the study area and various components of the emerging **PLAN**.


We look forward to having you join us at the **Placemaking & Mobility Workshop**.

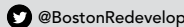
For more information please visit: [bit.ly/PlanDotAve](http://bit.ly/PlanDotAve)

**MAIL TO:** MARY KNASAS  
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Boston, MA 02201

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Teresa Polhemus, Executive Director/Secretary



# The Senior Connection

By Lu O'Brien

## Happy New Year!!! I wish everyone a healthy and wonderful 2016.

The year did end off with a New Year Bash at the Seaport Trade Center hosted by Mayor Marty Walsh and the Elderly Commission. Can I just say there were over 3,000 seniors to revel in the new year! I saw new faces as well as old...and saw people from Southie. We all had a wonderful time. Thank you Mayor Walsh and Elderly Commission and we shall see you for the next year's bash. A special thank you to all the volunteers who served the turkey dinner and took very good care of us and to the sponsors for their time and donations. THANK YOU!!!

**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 donation only fee for this service. Typically, it is \$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 in advance to make your reservation. Seniors are always asking "how come there is a fee???" The answer is this is a private company not a city program...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. No service on Sunday.

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

**City Hall To Go:** The city hall to go van will be at the Condon School today Jan. 14 from 11:30-1:30 pm and on January 28 from 3:00-6:00 pm. If you have any city business that needs to be addressed or payments to the City of Boston, this is the way to go. It is saving you a trip to city hall. Check it out...you might enjoy this experience.

**Comcast:** On Wednesday, January 27, Tim Kelley, Director of Government Affairs from Comcast will be at the South Boston Neighborhood House, 136 H Street at 10:00am to talk about the senior discount with Comcast. Any senior who has Comcast and is NOT happy with the service and the payment for this service should come and let Mr. Kelley know how unhappy you are with Comcast. We

are hoping for a good turnout for this event.

**Blood Pressure Screenings:** Screenings will be held at the following locations for the month of January. Friday-January 15 Curley Recreation Center from 11:30-12:00 Wednesday-January 20 at Flaherty Apts. 120 H Street from 10:30 -11:00 Thursday-January 21 Castle Cove 225 W. 2nd Street from 12:00-12:30 Wednesday-January 27 Bellflower St. Apts. 24 Bellflower Street from 10:30-11:00

Thursday-January 28 Msgr. Powers Apts. 120 L Street from 12:00-12:30 People are always asking me if I can help them getting shower chairs, rollators, commodes, canes or wheelchairs. I never say NO... I have decided to add another service to this column. If anyone has any handicapped equipment that they would like to pass on, just let me know. Call me, Lu O'Brien at 617-464-1910...thanks!!

### HAPPENINGS AT SOUTH BOSTON NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE

#### MONDAY

Swimming/Aerobic at BAC at 9:30 am  
Exercise at 10:00 am  
Knitting/Crocheting and Sewing from 9:00-2:00  
Kit Clark lunch at 12:00  
Bingo at 12:45

#### TUESDAY

Swimming/Aerobic at BAC at 9:30 am  
Yoga at 10:00  
Bowling at 10:00 am  
S.B. Healthy Diet at 10:00  
Kit Clark lunch at 12:00

Trivia at 1:00

#### WEDNESDAY

Swimming/Aerobic at BAC at 9:30 am  
Exercise at 9:15  
Computer Tech from 10:00-12:00  
Bingo at 12:45

#### THURSDAY

Swimming/Aerobic at BAC at 9:30 am  
Kit Clark lunch at 12:00  
Cards from 12:00-3:00  
Yoga at 1:00

#### FRIDAY

Swimming/Aerobic at BAC at 9:30  
Swimming/Aerobics at BAC 9:30  
Exercise at 9:15  
LCR game at 10:30

#### 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 afternoon. Hours are 1:30-3:00 and 3:30-5:00 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

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**THE SENIOR CONNECTION**  
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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.

near Andrew Station Red Line/St. Monica-St. Augustine

Friday's 2:00-3:00pm

If you have an ongoing food need, please contact Luis Blanco at 617-464-8591

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**FRIENDLY REMINDERS:**

**Fair Foods:** Every Tuesday, 115 Orton Marotta Way. \$2.00 for a bag of food. Please bring bags with handles because fruits and veggies are heavy are heavy to carry. The hours are from 1:00-3:00. Everyone is welcome.

**The Curley Center/BCYF:**

Is serving Kit Clark 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

My name is Lu O'Brien. I can be reached at 617-464-1910 OR email me at obielu-lu@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.*

**The Fort Point Arts Community Gallery is pleased to announce an exhibition of work by mixed media and assemblage artists Robert Maloney and Chelsea Revelle.**

*The exhibition was juried by acclaimed documentary filmmaker and Emerson College Professor John Gianvito.*

**Building Stages**

Exhibition: January 12 - February 18, 2016

Opening Reception: Thursday, January 21, 2016 from 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Artist Talk: Friday, February 5, 2016 from 5:30 - 6:30 pm

Assembling a wide range of materials in various stages of construction, **Maloney and Revelle** explore concepts of memory as it is recalled over the passage of time. Their works reveal peeling layers, overlapping imagery and discarded remains that are meant to provoke the viewer. What appears to be abandoned urban architecture and domestic dwellings sets the stage for past or future narratives.

The work on display is a mixture of prints on paper, modular structures, shadow boxes, installation and digital projection that together balances and challenges our perception and the role we play both inside and outside of community.

Maloney's exteriors evoke the grid-like structure of the city as well as the layers of memory, as they are in the process of atrophy while Revelle's interiors reflect the complexity of feminine ideals confusing our sense of real and depicted space, seemingly setting a stage for the viewer to play.

**Robert Maloney** makes 2D and 3D constructions that incorporate elements of the urban landscape, typography, topography, architecture, and deteriorated portraits. His pieces straddle the line between a structure being torn down and a structure being erected. He thinks of his work as a 21st-century archeological dig where decades of imagery and information accumulates and deteriorates at various stages of recognition. Maloney combines layers of paint, found and created textures, screen-printed patterns, digital elements and three dimensional structures to create works evocative of crumbling walls, discarded billboards, and old warehouses. Building Stages will showcase Maloney's recent work that incorporates various stages of portraiture into the layers that dissolve into the architectural detritus. Features appear and become embedded into the structures in the same way that we excavate the memories of the individuals and dwellings of our past.

**Chelsea Revelle** makes box constructions from actual deconstructed dollhouses that reveal discarded materials and evoke thoughts of childhood or domesticity in the viewer by preserving various remains. These intimate spaces focus on the interior home and respond to the memories of childhood play, challenging our imaginative role as adults. Saturated colors and juxtaposed wallpaper patterns are unified within the shallow surface to emphasize the ambiguity of scale. Human characteristics remain personified through chairs, folded into fabrics, and scuffed into cracked paint.

For more information about the artists' work, please visit their websites:

Robert Maloney: [www.robert-maloney.com](http://www.robert-maloney.com)

Chelsea Revelle: [www.chelsearevelle.com](http://www.chelsearevelle.com)

Gallery hours: Mon-Tue: 7:00 am-3:00 pm, Wed-Fri: 7:00 am-6:00 pm, and by appointment

Exhibition website: <http://www.fortpointarts.org/posts/building-stages-robert-maloney-chelsea-revelle/>

FPAC website: [www.fortpointarts.org](http://www.fortpointarts.org)

**About FPAC Gallery**

FPAC Gallery is operated by the Fort Point Arts Community, Inc. of South Boston. (FPAC), a non-profit community organization founded in 1980. FPAC's mission is to promote the work of our artists to a broad and diverse audience; to preserve the artists community in the Fort Point Channel area; to ensure the continuance of permanent, affordable studio space; to build community; and to increase the visibility of the arts in Fort Point.

Fort Point is home to over 300 artists who produce work in a wide array of media. It is recognized as one of New England's largest artists' communities. The historic warehouse buildings of Fort Point house painters, photographers, sculptors, designers, ceramicists, performance artists, jewelers, book artists, digital media artists, and more.

# Happy New Year!

## Youth Ambassador Spring Semester Meetings Begin!

The South Boston Community Health Center is pleased to announce that the first Youth Ambassador meeting of the spring semester will be held Tuesday January 19, 2016 from 5:30 to 7:00p.m. The location of the meeting is the South Boston Community Health Center, 409 West Broadway 3rd Floor. Youth ages 12 - 16 are encouraged to join the Youth Ambassador group to become involved with health related trainings, community service projects and art based activities that engage youth in the life of the South Boston community.

The Youth Ambassador meetings will be held every Tuesday. January - June, 2016. This year Youth Ambassadors will be involved in a wide variety of activities and trainings to promote a healthier and more fulfilling life including the Hearts of Kindness Project in February, Community Day in May and ongoing Youth/Adult Dialogues about Substance Abuse in partnership with other South Boston youth serving agencies.

Applications to become a Youth Ambassador will be accepted for two weeks, at the January 19th and 26th meetings.

If you would like more information about the Youth Ambassador program please contact Mayra Rodriguez-Howard (617) 464-7423 or Linda Doran (617) 464-7463, at the South Boston Community Health Center.



## Councilor Linehan recruits Jack Kelly to join his Council staff

*Focus will be on Substance Abuse Addiction and Recovery*

**B**oston City Councilor Bill Linehan announced that Jack Kelly has joined his staff of for the new term of 2016-2017.

Kelly worked for the Menino administration as the Mayor's Neighborhood Services coordinator for Charlestown for five years, where he was instrumental in developing partnerships and programs to address the impacts of addiction on those who lived and worked in his neighborhood. He has extensive experience in

City Hall as well as working with health service delivery organizations. Kelly serves on a variety of boards and task force panels, including Governor Baker's Health Care Transition Team.

Kelly is the Founder and CEO of iRecover, an app dedicated to helping people with substance abuse issues. The app connects people in need with services and support.

"Jack will be a great addition to our staff. He will help lead the initiative to develop a strategy to raise revenue to combat the devastating effects of addiction," Councilor Linehan said. "Given his experience in this field, he will help garner support and develop proper policy to help current efforts across the city and state."

"The effects of substance abuse in Boston are crippling local neighborhoods and placing economic burdens on several resources, including public safety systems, police, fire, EMS services, and hospital emergency rooms," Linehan

added. "Boston needs a comprehensive coordinated effort develop solutions to address the situation."

"I'm joining this initiative because I believe that it is important to raise revenue," Kelly said. "Without revenue, many of the good faith efforts by the Governor, the Mayor, and the Legislature may prove challenging to successfully achieve our mutually shared goals."

"Additionally, as Founder and CEO of a mobile app to help combat addiction, it's imperative that this issue is incorporated into digital health initiatives that both the Governor and the Mayor are pioneering," Kelly added. "I see this revenue generating proposal as a positive health care solution to a negative and destabilizing health crisis."

A native of Charlestown, Kelly is a graduate of Matignon High School. He received his Bachelor of Science in Political Science from the University of Massachusetts in 2013.

### CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, S5-304

Docket No. SU15P0860GD  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court

In the matter of: **Richard D Mallard**  
Of: **South Boston, MA**

RESPONDENT  
Alleged Incapacitated Person

Suffolk Probate and Family Court  
24 New Chardon Street  
Boston, MA. 02114

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Richard D Mallard, Sr. of Monponsett, MA

in the above captioned matter alleging that **Richard D Mallard** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Richard D Mallard, Sr. of Monponsett, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

**You have the right to object to this proceeding.** If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **1/21/2016**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

#### IMPORTANT NOTICE

**The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.**

Witness, Hon. Joan P Armstrong,  
First Justice of this Court.

December 21, 2015  
Felix D Arroyo Register of Probate  
January 14, 2016



## Mayor Launches Pilot Website Looking For Resident Feedback

Mayor Martin J. Walsh announced an important step in the redesign of the City of Boston's website - the launch of the Boston.gov pilot site (pilot.boston.gov). The pilot site provides a preview of the new design and encourages feedback as the broader Boston.gov site is developed.

"This is an exciting chapter in the redesign of the City's website," said Mayor Walsh. "We want to give the people of our City a look at the work we're doing and a voice in the process as we continue to build a more welcoming and useful website."

At the start of the project, the City spoke to constituents who shared valuable feedback about how to improve the city's website. This feedback process will continue throughout the duration of the pilot, and residents are encouraged to share their thoughts on the redesign through the feedback

navigation on the pilot website.

An audit of the more than 20,000 indexed pages illustrated the need to make it easier to find information. The goal of the redesigned City website is to help users navigate the many resources provided by the City in a way that is simple and intuitive.

In a step toward that goal, the pilot site previews a new way of organizing content through "topics." Topic pages feature curated content based on how a residents think about an issue, such as owning a car or winter preparedness.

"We heard from residents who mentioned how difficult it can be to search through departments and find the right information on the current website," said Chief Digital Officer Lauren Lockwood. "By pulling content from various departments into Topic pages, we're able to organize resources

in a more intuitive way."

While the pilot site focuses on topic pages as a new way to discover tools and resources, the redesigned City website will eventually include additional ways for residents to easily find the content they need, including a more robust menu and navigation bar.

The pilot website is a work in progress and will continue to grow and change in the coming months with an expected full launch of the new Boston.gov site later in 2016. In the meantime, the current website (www.CityofBoston.gov) will operate as usual.

The effort is being led by the City's Digital Team in partnership with IDEO, an award-winning global design firm, and Boston-based Acquia, a leading local technology provider. To receive updates on this project, sign up at Next.Boston.gov.

### About the City of Boston's Digital Team

The Digital Team is part of the City's Department of Innovation and Technology and focuses on delivering digital services that are welcoming, highly useful, and designed around the needs of the Boston community.

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING ON SITE CLEAN-UP ACTIVITIES

### On-Terminal Areas

900 East First Street, South Boston

MassDEP RTN 3-00257

Former Owner: Coastal Oil of New England (CONE)

Current Owner: Massachusetts Port Authority  
(Massport)

**Tuesday January 26, 2016**

As part of the Public Involvement Process for the site at 900 East First Street, Massport will host a public information meeting about the remediation and assessment activities for this site. The site is tracked by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) under Release Tracking Number (RTN) 3-00257. The purpose of this meeting is to provide information on the continued cleanup of the site pursuant to the Massachusetts Contingency Plan (MCP).

The meeting will be held in the Senior Lunch Room of the Curley Community Center located at 1663 Columbia Road, South Boston, on Tuesday, January 26, 2016 at 7:00 PM. Please use the M Street entrance.

Copies of the assessment and remediation documents are available for review at the South Boston Public Library and MassDEP, Northeast Regional Office, 205B Lowell Street, Wilmington, MA 01876 or on-line at <http://public.dep.state.ma.us/wsc/viewer/>.

Interested parties may also submit written questions or concerns to Erik Bankey at Massport's Environmental Management Unit Office, One Harborside Drive, East Boston, MA 02128 or by [e-mail at ebankey@massport.com](mailto:ebankey@massport.com).



**Compromise On Opioid Legislation**  
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think that looking at a seven-day initial limit as was mentioned in the House bill is a reasonable compromise,” Dimitri said. Suggesting

there was a lack of evidence to support the effectiveness of any limit on prescription size in combating abuse, Dimitri said he would like to see “some sort of consideration for a sunset provision” if the limit

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blackout by the press and liberal German officials, who tried to bury the story. When the story finally did break, the assaulted women were the ones scolded by these same German officials, who pretty much blamed the women for being in the wrong place at the wrong time.

So yes, the reader might be on to something here. Adults with the minds of children really do say the strangest things. Her idea for a TV show just might work.

I’ll close this week with a letter to the editor that appeared in the Boston Globe this week and has since gone viral on social media all across the country. Many of you may have read it. Those who haven’t should really check it out.

“To the man I sat next to on the train, I am the gun owner you hate: When I boarded the commuter rail to Boston you were already in the midst of a spirited phone conversation and didn’t seem to care about how loud you were talking. You were talking to someone about the Paris train attack and the growing epidemic of gun violence in America. You spoke about the “murderous NRA” and the “blood thirsty gun nuts” that were causing our schools to “run red with blood.” You spoke profanely about the Republicans who opposed President Obama’s calls for “sensible gun control” and you lamented about the number of “inbred red neck politicians” who have “infiltrated Capitol Hill.”

proves ineffective or detrimental to a doctor’s ability to treat a patient. “In an ideal world we really think that physicians should be allowed to apply their clinical judgment, their expertise, their learning. But we realize there’s also a very specific crisis situation that we’re in right now so we are willing to be open-minded and somewhat compromising on this and put a number out there to make physicians stop and think,” he said.

House leaders outlined a bill that House Speaker Robert DeLeo described as necessary to fight the “public health crisis” of opioid addiction, proposing steps to reduce the number of opioids being prescribed and ease the path for addicts seeking to access treatment. Baker called for a three-day supply limit of opioids for first-time patients, but the House bill slated to surface for debate this week would extend the limit to a seven-day supply for first-time adult patients and all prescriptions for minors. Baker, while preferring his proposal which is consistent with the Centers for Disease Control recommendations, in his comments recognized that even a seven-day limit would be a “material change from the status quo.”

“Our goal with this legislation is to create a safety net, a new standard in acute care settings, a new best practice designed to ensure the proper assessment and discharge of

patients who seek voluntary treatment and I am confident that our plan is a balanced, pragmatic approach to addressing patient care and ensure that our most vulnerable populations have the access to treatment that they need,” said Rep. Elizabeth Malia, the House chair of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Committee.

Massachusetts Hospital Association President Lynn Nicholas called the House Bill an effective and responsible way to attack opioid misuse on several fronts and further supported the change in requiring substance abuse evaluations within 24 hours before discharge of any patients presenting with an overdose or signs of addiction. This differs from the Governor’s version which allowed doctors to hold patients involuntarily for up to 72 hours to try and get them into treatment.

The Senate will take up the bill after the House passes its version. There are likely to be several differences in its version, but reports are that the two branches do agree on a number of key issues. These include extending civil liability protections to first responders that administer Narcan, requiring insurers to report all denied claims for substance abuse treatment to the Health Policy Commission and requiring doctors to note in medical charts why certain high-risk drugs were prescribed instead of a drug with a lower risk of abuse

I found myself amazed at the irony of the situation. While you were spewing your venom, I sat quietly next to you with my National Rifle Association membership card in my wallet and my 9mm pistol in its holster. You were only 12 inches away from my semi-automatic pistol. I suppose I didn’t look like the “blood thirsty gun nut” you thought I should be. It apparently didn’t register to you that I could so cleverly disguise myself by wearing a fleece coat, a Patriots hat and khakis.

So, to the angry liberal who sat next to me on the commuter rail: I don’t hate you. I don’t have any ill feelings toward you. I don’t wish to do you harm and I don’t regret sitting next to you. On the contrary, I feel bad for you. It must hurt car-

rying that much hate inside of you. You obviously have strong opinions about this hot topic. So, let me say this as plainly as I can: If a bad guy with a gun had decided to walk onto that train and start shooting people, I would have been prepared and able to use my gun to defend my own life and the lives of everyone on that train, including yours.

Although you may hate me, a gun owner, I would risk my life for you. Opinions and ideologies make a pretty thin shield against the bullets of a madman. Your liberal self-righteousness and ignorance may have made you feel superior and comfortable, but during that 40-minute train ride to Boston, my gun kept you safe. Signed: A. Linden from Dighton, MA

This pretty much says it all.



L to R: Greg Janik, EATA President-Elect; Jennifer Brodeur, EATA President; Brian FitzGerald, Governmental Affairs Chair of the Athletic Trainers' of Massachusetts; Representative Nick Collins; Dominique Ross, President of the Athletic Trainers' of Massachusetts, and Bob Colandreo, Governmental Affairs Co-Chair/President-Elect of the Athletic Trainers' of Massachusetts

Representative Collins addressing over 1600 athletic trainers at the Eastern Athletic Trainers' Association at Sheraton Boston for the 68th Annual Eastern Athletic Trainers' Association Meeting and Clinical Symposium.



This past weekend, January 8-11, 2016, the Eastern Athletic Trainers' Association (EATA) held its 68th Annual Meeting and Clinical Symposium at the Sheraton Boston Hotel. This event brought approximately 1700 athletic trainers, athletic training students, and sports medicine related vendors to the city. This is the EATA's largest educational event each year.

On Saturday morning, to open formal programming, EATA was honored to have State Representative Nick Collins (D-Boston), a supporter of the athletic training profession,

welcome conference attendees to the City of Boston. Representative Collins is lead sponsor of HB 819 An Act Promoting Consumer Choice in Health Care and is a co-sponsor of HB 1912 An Act Relative to the Practice of Athletic Training.

For more information please contact ATOM President Dominique Ross at (617) 243-2413 or dross@lasell.edu.

The Athletic Trainers of Massachusetts (ATOM) is a not-for profit professional organization representing over 1200 athletic trainers and athletic training students in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. ATOM is committed to ensuring quality healthcare to the state's student-athletes and physically active residents.

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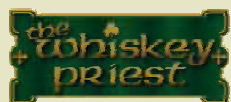
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