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## Veterans Prevail In Court As Parade Tradition Is Upheld

This couldn't have been about politics, because it made no sense to disrupt what amounted to low key parade planning by the Allied War Veteran's Council. Furthermore, Mayor Marty Walsh has enjoyed support in South Boston and his Police Commissioner grew up and still lives here. Apparently, the Mayor and the Commissioner just thought they had a practical solution to an annual public

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## “The Law Always Trumps Politics”

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY -By Staff

An old expression states “The only time the Irish stand together is during the last Gospel”. It seems especially true around parade time. It would have been nice if just once, over the last quarter of a century, we could have celebrated a parade without controversy or court action, particularly this year, because this year’s parade is dedicated to Wacko Hurley, without whom there might not even be a parade. It’s time for a truce.

We all want the same thing – a safe and fun parade that honors the heritage, the history and the tradition that gives context to the principles of freedom and community and to the place that Dorchester Heights, now South Boston,

has in the founding of America. Sprinkled with the sacred dust of Saint Patrick, you have one ‘heckuva’ celebration.

Last Friday, parade organizers and veterans met with city officials. Organizers stated it was important to recognize and march by the Heights, Wacko’s house and the Gold Star Mothers reviewing stand. The city held fast to their altered route and the Veterans took the only course available to them, since no political solution was in sight.

So, Congratulations to the Allied War Veterans Council for staying true to its principle and may the patriotic spirit of John Wacko Hurley shine down on his beloved South Boston.



“A government big enough to give you everything you want is strong enough to take everything you have” - Thomas Jefferson

### Final Poll Results Choose Your 2016 Parade Route

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## Like Turkeys Campaigning for Thanksgiving

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY  
John Ciccone

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A major issue in the presidential campaign this year is of course – immigration. Most Americans have no problem with legal immigration. Most of us can remember family members, who came here from another country to make a better life. But no poll ever taken has said that the majority of Americans are in favor of illegal immigration. On the contrary, the overwhelming number of US citizens want the border secured and strongly believe that only those who came here legally by putting their name on a list deserve to be here.

Yet, here in Massachusetts, we have some liberal legislators once again pushing to give drivers licenses

to illegals. It’s funny how some politicians feel its ok to ignore the laws that they don’t like, and then advocate for the rewarding of those who break those laws. But try telling them you’d like to ignore the laws that require you to pay taxes, and they threaten you with arrest.

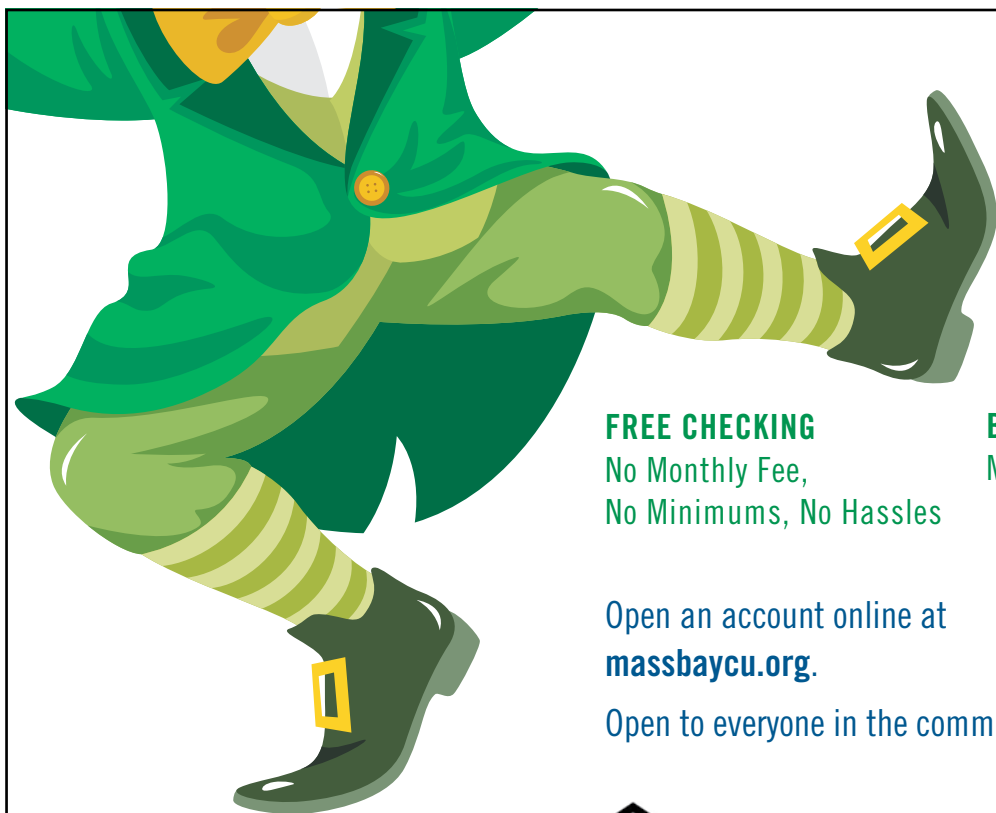
In the State of California, which is becoming the nut farm of the nation, some college students, backed of course by their nutty leftist professors, are demanding that The US Border Patrol be banned from recruiting on campus, because it makes enrollees who are illegal, as in not even supposed to be in the country, feel nervous and unsafe and traumatized. Can’t hurt the frail sensitivities of these

little darlings now can we? They are demanding that their campuses become ‘Safe Zones’ for these illegal students. In fact, as far as these students, the professors and many Democrat politicians in California are concerned, those who have sneaked across the Southern border should be left alone and be free to roam the country as they please with tax payer benefits and all. They are even advocating that those who have been imprisoned for felonies be let out of jail and allowed to stay in the US. And wouldn’t you know it, they are getting their way, because of a subdued, sheep-like electorate that just sits back and takes it.

According to the Border Patrol and ICE officials as confirmed by

a report released on Monday, 124 illegal alien felons recently released from prison in that state have committed 138 murders between them. Many people, when they hear reports like this, instantly blame the Border Patrol, ICE and other law enforcement agencies for allowing this to happen. But, according to officials of these agencies, who are finally starting to speak out, they want to enforce the law of the land as it pertains to border security, violent crime and immigration, but are being prohibited from doing their jobs. Border Patrol agents are being told by the Obama Regime not to arrest border jumpers, or they could be fired. ICE agents, in many

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# New Report On Boston's Labor Market

A new labor report, commissioned by Mayor Martin J. Walsh's recently restructured Office of Workforce Development (OWD), shows that many Boston families continue to struggle, despite an economic boom that has seen unemployment rates drop to 4.3 percent.

The OWD partnered with the Boston Redevelopment Authority's (BRA) Research Division to produce the report, "Boston's Workforce: An Assessment of Labor Market Outcomes and Opportunities," in order to determine the extent of economic need in the city and to identify the most promising methods for increasing access to living wages.

Their findings show that a quarter of the city's fully employed workers and just under half of all labor force participants earn less than \$35,000 a year. The median wage of Boston residents, \$35,273, has remained the same, in real terms, for nearly three decades.

"As mayor, I have made confronting income inequality a cornerstone

of my citywide economic agenda," said Mayor Martin J. Walsh. "A first step to effecting meaningful change is to collect good data. This report gives us an early roadmap for expanding access to the city's prosperity."

The report, released today, comes on the heels of a recent Brookings Institution study that named Boston the most income-unequal major American city. Indeed, the BRA-authored report finds that although roughly 10,000 jobs a year have been created since 2010, many of these jobs have been added to low-paying industry sectors that rely heavily on part-time labor. The increase in the city's part-time jobs, prompted by the 2008 recession, has not subsided with economic recovery.

Reflecting national trends, Boston's low-income jobs fall disproportionately to people of color, immigrants, and non-native English speakers. The city's average Hispanic worker, for example, earns less than half as much as the city's average Non-Hispanic

White worker. BRA researchers also discovered income disparities between Boston's resident and non-resident workers. After controlling for demographic differences between the two groups, they found that those who commute into the city for work make 8 percent more than Boston residents working in the city.

The report predicts the importance of education will only grow. By 2022, 41 percent of Boston jobs are expected to require a bachelor's degree (compared to 27 percent nationally), and 36 percent will be available to those with a high school degree or less (compared to 50 percent nationally).

For those without college degrees, the report predicts that Boston's growing construction, healthcare and social assistance sectors will offer greater opportunities for job entry, advancement, and wage growth.

The report is a component of a

three-phase process to maximize the efficiency of the city's workforce development programs. Operation Exit, a recent initiative managed by the OWD's Youth Options Unlimited Boston program and the Mayor's Office of Public Safety Initiatives, is just one example of a promising approach to greater economic inclusion. The initiative, which prepares high-risk and court-involved youth for construction and other trade union apprenticeships, has placed 87 percent of its graduates – all formerly under- or un-employed members of low-income households – into jobs and apprenticeships paying at least \$18 per hour, well above the city's living wage. Another recipient of OWD funding is YouthBuild Boston, a program that has helped this year's participants increase their annual income from an average of \$3,000 to nearly \$35,000 with benefits.



National Emerging Infectious Diseases Laboratories

## We're Seeking Input from Our Community.

The National Emerging Infectious Diseases Laboratories (NEIDL) is seeking applications for new members for its Community Liaison Committee (CLC). The CLC was formed to facilitate communication between the NEIDL and the community and to ensure transparency in the activities of the NEIDL.

The mission of the CLC is to promote a continuing conversation between the community and the NEIDL about the NEIDL's activities and research. This dialogue must be an honest and respectful exchange of information, questions, and concerns intended to build trust and understanding.

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Individuals interested in becoming members of the committee may apply online at [www.bu.edu/NEIDL](http://www.bu.edu/NEIDL) or by contacting Valeda Britton, Executive Director, Community Relations/Boston University Medical Campus; email: [neidl@bu.edu](mailto:neidl@bu.edu); phone: 617-638-1911.

All applications must be received by April 1, 2016.

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cases are being ordered to set many of those already in prison free. So as it turns out, those charged with the task of keeping our borders secure and keeping dangerous illegal felons in prison have their hands tied by an administration that is determined to fill America with as many illegals, even violent criminals as it possibly can, before they leave federal public office after the next election. And as far as presidential candidates Bernie Sanders, Hillary Clinton and even John Kasich are concerned, we may as well not even have borders, if any of those three are elected.

Staying on immigration: As we all know, protests are being held around the country by many liberal college students and a number of politicians, who are demanding that thousands of 'refugees' from Syria and other terrorist infested counties be allowed to come to the US without being vetted with thorough background checks. The new pretty boy leader of Canada has promised to take in 25,000 of them without even looking into their backgrounds. Said one radio talk show host in response: "These protestors and the Canadian prime minister are like turkeys campaigning to make every day Thanksgiving." That about says it all.



# Reading Between The Lines

## “St. Patrick’s Day”

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY  
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**E**vacuation Day is the official name and recognition of this day. St. Patrick’s celebration is a creation of the Boston Irish in general but the South Boston community in particular. Unlike these celebrations in other cities, the anti-Irish discrimination in Boston for many years prevented that.

The military event itself was 239 years ago, but this is only the 108th observance. The root of this disparity goes back to the Emerald Isle itself. The Irish, of course have never accepted the occupation or partition of their country by the English. The history of that ongoing struggle is well documented and won’t be recounted here; however, while the discrimination faced by the Irish elsewhere was of the variety that all strangers and newcomers had faced in Boston, it is a continuation of the Irish-English feud brought to America.

As such the Brahmin establishment was the political and business power, the Irish existed as servants, maids, and laborers. The wave of immigrants in the late 1840’s had two effects. The slow but steady rise of political power for the Irish and the immediate creation of the anti-Irish, anti-immigration and anti-Catholic political organization named the “Know-Nothing” party, so called because of their secret meetings and the “I know nothing” response when asked. In fact, they were more powerful here than anywhere else in the country. The influence was felt in all municipal precincts. Their advocates on the Boston

alderman council introduced an ordinance designed to keep the Irish immigrants in the sprawling Fort Hill Ghetto (Purchase Street and Atlantic Ave. area) out of the abutting Beacon Hill Brahmin enclave by creating a night patrol wagon to take into custody and remove “vagrants and undesirables” in that area after dark.

Everyone knew its true purpose and it soon was called the “Paddy Wagon”, an insult if directed at any other community that would have the “politically-correct civilian police” up in arms. When challenged, we were told, “don’t be so sensitive”. That insult is still in common usage. As the Irish began to assert themselves in business and politics, a middle and upper class, eager to build their social and religious culture, began to emerge.

St. Patrick’s Day had been observed intermittently as far back as 1736 by Protestant Irish British soldiers. St. Patrick’s Day is a shared day ever since King Henry VIII created the Church of England. In 1847, a group of Irish business men had a small procession to a religious service and then to a banquet at one’s home. They were reluctantly tolerated and the gatherings on St. Patrick’s Day were small and scattered.

The Civil War and the large Irish contribution, particularly from Boston, created a greater sense of the Irish accepted as citizens. Also, the first generation of the great immigration of the 40’s was coming of age. One of the great Irish benefactors, Andrew Carney, made an investment that would

prove crucial. The Purchase St. Unitarian Church of Fort Hill had been built in 1821 on the spot where British troops had huddled in 1776 against a March “hurricane” preparing to assault Dorchester Heights. With the influx of Catholic Irish they moved out and abandoned their church. In 1848, using a third party straw, Carney purchased the church and it was reconstructed as St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church. This Church christened, married and buried more Irish Catholic

immigrants than any church in existence today. It became virtually the only church for the teeming waterfront immigrants.

In 1871 Fort Hill residents learned of a plan to demolish the neighborhood called “America’s first ghetto”. The parishioners of strong faith disassembled the church, put it on barges and floated it across to what is now the area of “E” and Third St. where it stands today. Its dedication in 1872 joined Saints Peter and Paul, St.

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sons. Art work, influenced by these stories, were completed by the students utilizing sensory activities, counting, and simple shapes and are currently proudly displayed in the school hallways for everyone to enjoy! To end the week's fun learning activities, the teachers and students dressed up as their favorite characters to celebrate a week of whacky and creative influences with a meal prepared by both the student and teachers of green eggs and ham!

**Submitted by**  
**Toddler Program Teachers: Tia DiRienzo and Keleigh Loan Kelly**  
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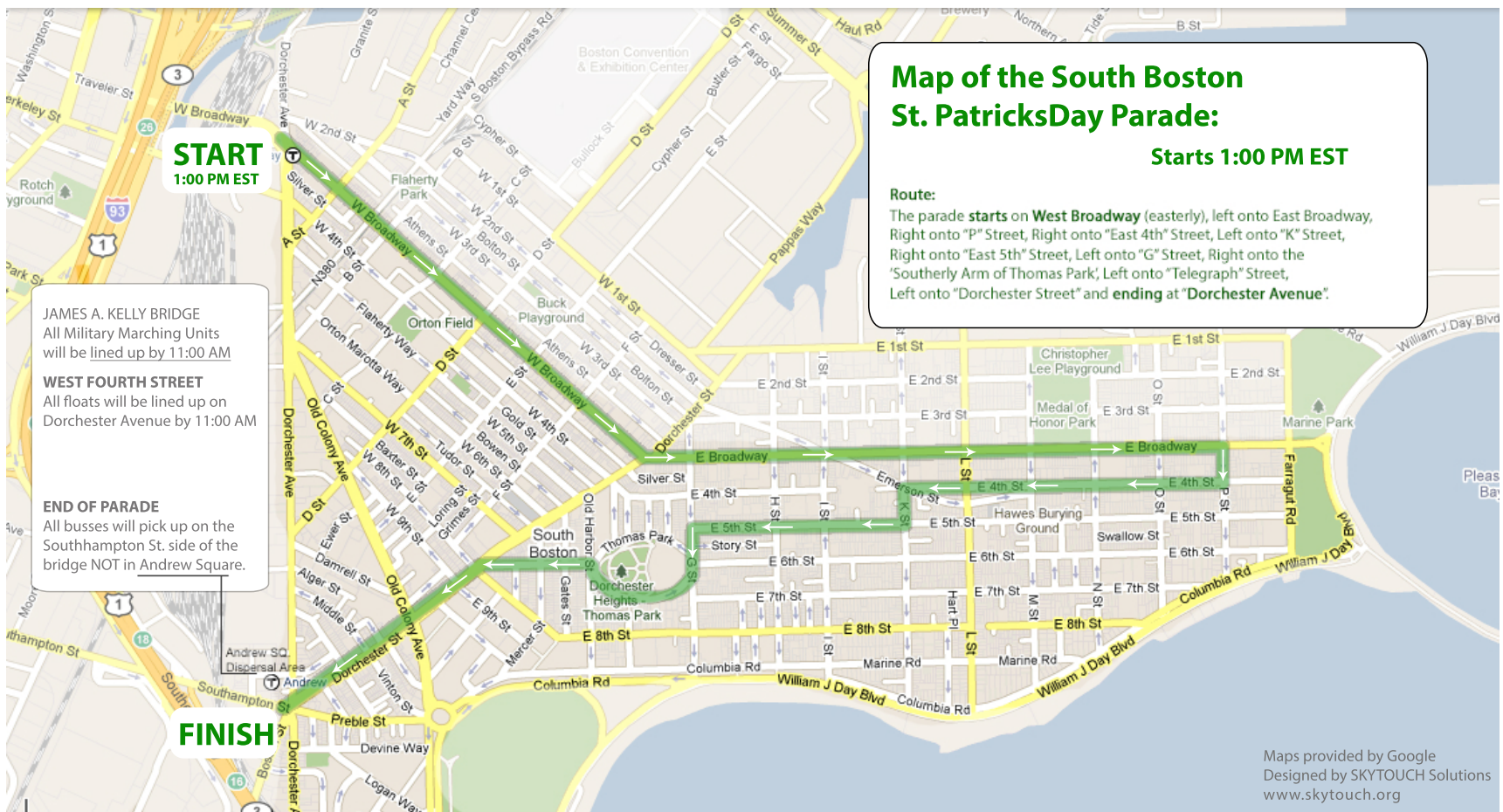
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Armed Forces, The South Boston Allied War Veterans  
And The Good People Of South Boston**







# What Does South Boston Have That Everyone Wants? - A Sense Of Place -

When you think of South Boston, what comes to mind is an innate sense of security in all of its synonymous forms – refuge, sanctuary, protection, defense, safe harbor, shelter, retreat, fortification, well-being, safe-keeping. This sense of security comes from an even stronger ‘sense of place’. This strong sense of place comes from a feeling of belonging to a neighborhood and a way of life. The sense of neighborhood comes from a belief that there is a social structure rooted in a blend of traditions, values, struggles, triumphs, tolerance, acceptance, ecumenism, loyalty, charity, principle, and patriotism.

Could this be why so many people, from so many ethnic cultures, from different generations, from different economic backgrounds, from different sexual orientation, from so many religions, and with varying talents, opinion and capabilities, flock here? If so, then why do we need selfish, dogmatic, intolerant, divisive and exploitative organizations to tell us there is something

wrong with us?

Moving on to the real point of this commentary, the attraction of South Boston is as puzzling, as it is obvious. Long a place where blue collar Irish, Italians, Lithuanians, Albanians and others worked the Commercial Waterfront, the Fish Pier, the Edison Plant, the Transit Authority, Construction Trades, the Police and Fire Departments, its proximity to downtown Boston, its accessible beach front, and the oases known as the Harbor Islands were taken for granted. Its reputation as depicted in Hollywood movies is as mythical, as it is deserved. Legendary characters and their stories are embellished, as much by ill-informed newcomers, as by those who actually knew them.

As a necessary backdrop to the point of this, the impact of forced busing in the 70s is as real, as it is ancient history. Its storyline and imagery continues to be referenced whenever the daily press is looking to sell newspapers. You see, South Boston is a victim of its own strong sense of place. Its success as a community has

become a double-edged dilemma for the families who fought hard to preserve the neighborhood and its way of life. Back then, they fought the law not because they were bigots, but because they wanted to send their children to a school near their home, where they knew they’d be safe. This adage is as poignant as it is complex – the more things change, the more they remain the same.

Fast forward 40 years and the people who are now moving into South Boston and other neighborhoods around the City want the very same thing, a school close to home where their child is safe and they have an opportunity to be involved – the essence of quality education. It is in some way a vindication, but those insatiable critics, who maligned the good people here for defending themselves back then and who are the very ones who are cashing in on what was preserved, will never admit it. It would make for classic satire, if it weren’t true.

Apparently, the plundering of South Boston is not complete. It is not enough that South Boston

is no longer affordable to the sons and daughters of those blue collar fishermen, dockworkers, telephone linemen, tradesmen, cops and firefighters. Instead, in the name of the next issue for political activism, they have found a new emotional wedge to continue their assault on the community. To be charitable, those, who join the chorus of demagogues in portraying the defenders of this community as unenlightened, may actually believe they are promoting a noble cause. However, they mistake a passionate defense of principle for narrow-minded intolerance, disrespect, and in some cases, bigotry.

What those who challenge this community must acknowledge above all else is that a strong ‘sense of place’ is the foundation of a neighborhood upon which values and traditions flourish and cause growth and change to happen at a pace that is agreeable to everyone who make up the fabric of this community. The test of a neighborhood is measured by how it treats its own. Visitors are always welcome, especially on Saint Patrick’s Day.



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I WAS BORN DOWN ON A STREET, RAISED UP ON B STREET  
SOUTHIE IS MY HOME TOWN. THERE’S SOMETHING ABOUT IT  
PERMIT ME TO SHOUT IT, WE’RE THE TOPS FROM MILES AROUND  
WE HAVE DOCTORS & TRAPPERS, PREACHERS & FLAPPERS  
MEN FROM THE OLD COUNTY DOWN  
SAY THEY’LL TAKE YOU & BREAK YOU BUT NEVER FORSAKE YOU  
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I HAD AN ARGUMENT THE OTHER DAY WITH A GUY FROM OSCALOO  
HE WAS BRAGGIN BOUT HIS OLD HOME TOWN SAYS I TO HIM WHAT TO DO  
I GOT HOT RIGHT UNDER THE COLLAR TO THAT SCHOLAR I DID HOLLAR  
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# St. Patrick's Day Facts

What do you know about St. Patrick's Day? Here are some interesting facts:

St. Patrick's Day was set aside to honor St. Patrick but was not on his birthday. It was on the day of his death.

Besides being a Religious holiday, it has also come to be thought of as the first day of spring to some. Cattle were led to pastures and Irish farmers planted grain.

In Ireland, St. Patrick's Day often features the old Gaelic sport of hurling. It is something like our field hockey.

The day's symbol is of course a green shamrock. It looks like a clover with 3 small leaves and is often called a 'trefoil'.

There is a town in Florida named Shamrock. Every year people send letters and cards there to be postmarked.

What is a "Shillelagh"? It is an Irish symbol and word for a short, fat oak club.

Why picture an Irishman wearing a top hat and swinging a cane? Irish countrymen used to wear a jaunty hat with a high crown, and white socks below tight knee britches.

Below are some Irish American traditional dishes:

1. Corned Beef and Cabbage
2. Irish Stew
3. Irish Soda Bread
4. Mulligatawny Soup
5. Mashed Potatoes with shredded Cabbage (Colcannon).

The Leprechaun legends are fascinating. Most leprechauns are said to be rich and have bad tempers. They don't want to live near humans but if you happen to capture one – don't let him out of your sight. Why not? As a ransom, he might tell you where his pot of gold is buried.

Of course, it's all in fun so make a fun day of it! Happy Saint Patrick's Day!

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# Some Irish Humor Collected From Our Readers

*Paddy was driving down the street in a sweat because he had an important meeting and couldn't find a parking place. Looking up to heaven he said, 'Lord take pity on me. If you find me a parking place I will go to Mass every Sunday for the rest of melife and give up me Irish Whiskey!'*

*Miraculously, a parking place appeared.*

*Paddy looked up again and said, 'Never mind, I found one.'*

Father Murphy walks into a pub in Donegal, and asks the first man he meets, 'Do you want to go to heaven?'

The man said, 'I do, Father.'

The priest said, 'Then stand over there

against the wall.'

Then the priest asked the second man, 'Do you want to go to heaven?'

'Certainly, Father,' the man replied.

'Then stand over there against the wall,' said the priest.

Then Father Murphy walked up to O'Toole and asked, 'Do you want to go to heaven?'

O'Toole said, 'No, I don't Father.'

The priest said, 'I don't believe this. You mean to tell me that when you die you don't want to go to heaven?'

O'Toole said, 'Oh, when I die, yes. I thought you were getting a group together to go right now.'

*Paddy was in New York.*

*He was patiently waiting and watching the traffic cop on a busy street crossing. The cop stopped the flow of traffic and shouted, 'Okay, pedestrians.' Then he'd*

*allow the traffic to pass.*

*He'd done this several times, and Paddy still stood on the sidewalk.*

*After the cop had shouted, 'Pedestrians!' for the tenth time, Paddy went over to him and said, 'Is it not about time ye let the Catholics across?'*

Gallagher opened the morning newspaper and was dumbfounded to read in the obituary column that he had died. He quickly phoned his best friend, Finney.

'Did you see the paper?' asked Gallagher. 'They say I died!!'

'Yes, I saw it!' replied Finney. 'Where are ye callin' from?'

*An Irish priest is driving down to New York and gets stopped for speeding in Connecticut. The state trooper smells alcohol on the priest's breath and then sees an empty wine bottle on the floor of the car.*

*He says, 'Sir, have you been drinking?'*

*'Just water,' says the priest.*

*The trooper says, 'Then why do I smell wine?'*

*The priest looks at the bottle and says, 'Good Lord! He's done it again!'*

Walking into the bar, Mike said to Charlie the bartender, 'Pour me a stiff one - just had another fight with the little woman.'

'Oh yeah?' said Charlie, 'And how did this one end?'

'When it was over,' Mike replied, 'She came to me on her hands and knees.'

'Really,' said Charles, 'Now that's a switch! What did she say?'

She said, 'Come out from under the bed, you little chicken.'

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*In early March of 1776, Continental troops managed to move heavy cannon to the top of Dorchester Heights. When the British realized what had happened they knew they could no longer hold the capital and were forced to evacuate Boston.*

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## Legend of the Celtic Cross

Standing stones have long been the main points of solar cults throughout Europe before the advent of Celtic Christianity. Their shape meant to suggest that they were meant to represent trees which were held in great esteem by the early Celts. The Christianization of the stones by carving crosses on them, a custom said to be introduced by St. Patrick was the start of the Christian presence in Ireland.

It has been said that the most important achievement in the history of Irish sculpture is the Celtic High Cross. These crosses can be identified by a large stone circle intersecting the arms and the upright shaft. From the early days of Irish Christianity, crosses had been set in slabs as symbols of the faith and put up in monastic settlements.

The predecessors of the Irish crosses were possibly the stone crosses erected in North Umbria in the late 7th Century. Figured sculpture became a major element of the crosses. In the early pieces, hunting scenes, with a moral message appeared only on the substantial bases as at Ahenny. In the style of transitional, shafts became covered with relief panels as in the South Cross, Clonmacnois. The use of human figures on the Irish crosses may have been influenced by English ivories. The Columban monastery of Kells, Co Meath, has a transitional cross that being of St. Patrick and St. Columba early

9th century which indeed carries a number of Biblical scenes. The area around Kells appears to have been vital in the development of later high crosses in eastern and Northern Ireland.

The group of central figures of scriptural high crosses has a set religious subject which is based on the themes of Gog's grace to man's and the links between events in the Old and New Testaments. There, ideas relate to the Reformist Celi D movement, with its new great interest in the Scriptures. There crosses look forward to the Irish Romanesque Art Movement and the Celtic culture in general. The best example is the Cross of Muiredach and the West Cross of the Scriptures of Monasterboice in Co Louth. The figures are in this instance cut in sandstone. Figured panels are on the base of the shaft and ornamental panels the narrow face. There is generally a Crucifix on one side with the New Testament scenes in panels beneath; on the other face are the Last Judgment and Old Testament scenes.

The terrible Viking attacks appeared to have stopped the carving of high crosses in the South of Ireland, and later some crosses were erected in the North.

This great development of the Irish Cross indicates the deep and solid Christian faith which the Irish people had and continue to have to the present day.

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## Who Was John Thomas?

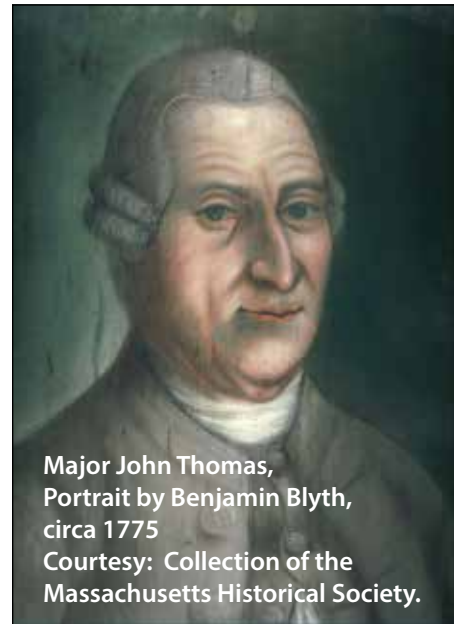
In the middle of our neighborhood sits Thomas Park, surmounted by the elegant Dorchester Heights Monument. We know, if we read the signs, that this oval is named for General John Thomas, who oversaw the fortification of the Heights in March 1776. But who was John Thomas? Why was he overseeing the operation? And what happened afterward?

Thomas had been a doctor in Kingston for fifteen years when he heard the news of Lexington and Concord; he immediately left his wife and three children to join the American forces around Boston. He came with great military experience—in fact, more than any other American-born officer in the fledgling Continental Army.

At age 22, in 1746, he had served as a surgeon and a junior in the Nova Scotia campaign; when he was 31 he was both a company

commander and a surgeon in the siege of the French fortress at Beauséjour, on the Chignecto isthmus connecting Nova Scotia to New Brunswick. After seizing the fort (and renaming it Fort Cumberland), Thomas was part of the force that roused the Acadians from Nova Scotia. By age 35 he was a Colonel, recruiting troops in Boston and Plymouth for Sir Jeffrey Amherst's campaign to take Montreal in 1760. In eight years, Thomas had fought in eight campaigns, becoming an experienced combat officer under the supervision of British officers. He returned home after the war, married Hannah Thomas—no relation, but the daughter of Lieutenant Colonel Nathaniel Thomas of Plymouth, who had died in the 1745 siege of Louisbourg.

John and Hannah Thomas settled in Kingston, where their daughter



Major John Thomas,  
Portrait by Benjamin Blyth,  
circa 1775  
Courtesy: Collection of the  
Massachusetts Historical Society.

and two sons were born. John Thomas practiced medicine, owned a small trading boat, invested in local industries, and served on the Board of Selectman, as town moderator, assessor, and justice of the peace. Then he heard the news of Lexington and Concord, and came to the scene, where he was put in charge of the forces in Roxbury. He made his headquarters in the

First Church parsonage, on a hill overlooking Boston Neck, the only road in and out of Boston (now Washington Street). The house still stands—the Dillaway-Thomas House, in Roxbury Heritage State Park. While much of the army camped in Cambridge, this southern wing was crucial to keeping the British army besieged. Thomas's skill as both a commander and medical officer showed.

Thomas's "merits in the military way have surprised us all," James Warren wrote to John Adams.

"I can't describe to you the odds between the two camps in Cambridge and Roxbury". The camp in Cambridge, in and around Harvard, was "spiritless, sluggish, confused, and dirty," while Thomas's camp in Roxbury "spirited, active, regular and clean." Thomas himself "appeared with the dignity and abilities of a General."

The Massachusetts Committee of Safety commissioned him a

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## The Claddagh Ring



The Claddagh ring is named after an old fishing settlement on Galway Bay. Here in The Claddagh, the people elected their own king refusing allegiance to any other.

It is believed that Mr. Joyce, a Galway goldsmith made the first Claddagh rings around 1730. Later, Queen Victoria had a Claddagh ring specially made for her. King Edward the 7th wore one when he visited Ireland. In days gone by, Galway forged strong trading links with Spain, so it is thought that the original Claddagh design is Spanish.

Claddagh rings are also popular outside of Ireland, highly prized in Brittany; they are used as wedding rings.

The joined hands on the Claddagh ring denote friendship; the human heart, charity. And when lovers exchange Claddagh rings it means: "With these hands I give you my heart and crown it with all my love."

Not surprisingly, during the Famine, many people sold their Claddagh rings for cash. But as the Claddagh ring wasn't as fashionable then as it is today, many were sold for scrap.

Sadly, hundreds of these beautiful old Irish Claddagh rings simply ended up in the melting pot.



# Boston's First Evacuation Day

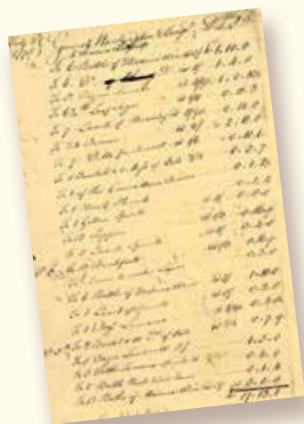
*On March 17, 1776 British troops evacuated the town of Boston, under threat from cannons on Dorchester Heights. It was General George Washington's first victory in the war for American independence.*

## George Washington in Massachusetts

The Revolutionary War started with the Battles of Lexington and Concord in April 1775. In Philadelphia, the Second Continental Congress met in a crisis atmosphere. Delegates selected Virginia's George Washington to lead an American army and force the British from Boston.



*George Washington by Charles Willson Peale*  
*This 1772 portrait shows Washington as a young man — as he may have appeared during his time in Massachusetts. He wears the uniform of a Virginia militia colonel. Courtesy of Washington and Lee University*



**Bill from a Springfield Tavern Keeper**  
*Boston was a long way from Philadelphia. Along the route Washington stopped at Springfield, Massachusetts. His tavern bill remains in the Massachusetts Archives. "6 bottles of Madeira wine, 5 dozen lemons, 7 quarts of brandy." Massachusetts Archives*

**A View of Part of the Town of Boston in New England and British Ships of War Landing their Troops! 1768**  
*Paul Revere depicted the landing of British troops to quell disorders in Boston. General Washington would force them out in 1776. Massachusetts Archives*





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# Seizing the High Ground

Washington quickly saw *the advantages of fortifying Dorchester Heights (in present day South Boston.) Cannons mounted there could “annoy the town” in the words of British General Gage. They could also threaten the British fleet at close range.*

## A Noble Train of Artillery

General Washington dispatched 25 year-old Henry Knox to retrieve British cannons captured by Ethan Allen at Fort Ticonderoga in New York. In an epic journey Knox used oxen and horses to drag the cannons 300 miles over snow and ice to Washington’s headquarters in Cambridge. Knox’s “noble train of artillery” arrived in January 1776.



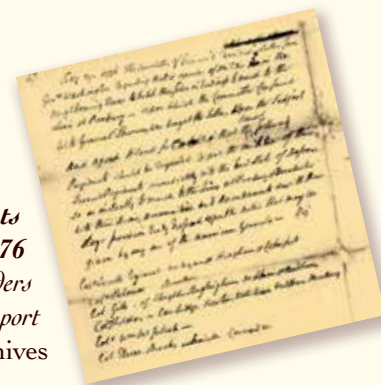
*The Noble Train of Artillery*  
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**Henry Knox by Gilbert Stuart**  
*Genial and portly (his weight sometimes exceeded 500 pounds) Henry Knox was a Boston bookseller. He ordered artillery manuals from London, read them eagerly, and lost two fingers experimenting with cannons. Deposited by the City of Boston, 1876  
Courtesy of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston*

### Washington’s Orders for Dorchester Heights March 1, 1776

*In this historic document, General Washington orders militia units from surrounding towns to move up and support the taking of Dorchester Heights. Massachusetts Archives*







# Happy St. Patrick's Day



Senator Linda Dorcena Forry

"Grant me a sense of humor, Lord, the saving grace to see a joke, to win some happiness from life, and pass it on to other folks."

-An Irish Blessing

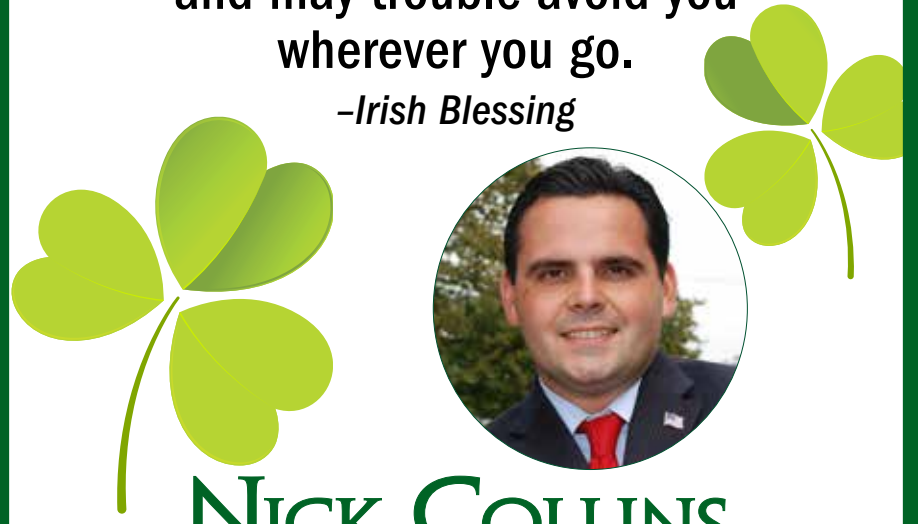


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# “St. Patrick” was the Password

*On the night of March 4-5, 1776, 3,000 soldiers constructed forts on Dorchester Heights. British officers were astonished the next morning. An admiral warned that his ships “could not possibly remain in the harbor under the fire of the batteries from Dorchester Neck.”*

## Evacuation

British General William Howe believed that honor demanded an attack on the rebel forts. Embarking by boat, his soldiers were blown off course by a violent storm. Realizing that the forts would grow stronger each day Howe ordered preparations for the evacuation of Boston.



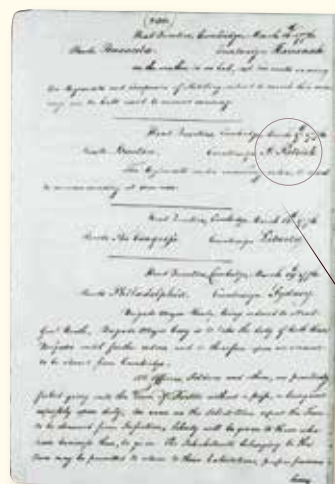
**General Howe Evacuating Boston**  
Courtesy of the Bostonian Society

For days an east wind and heavy rain pinned the British fleet in the harbor. Finally on March 17, 1776 — Saint Patrick’s Day — the fleet sailed. Washington selected the phrase “Saint Patrick” as the password that day.

### *Washington on Dorchester Heights* by Gilbert Stuart

*This famous portrait was painted after Washington’s death. It shows Washington as Stuart remembered him, a much older man than during the siege of Boston. Art critics are divided on the merits of the horse.*

Deposited by the City of Boston, 1876  
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St. Patrick

*The password “St. Patrick” appears in George Washington’s papers for March 17, 1776.*  
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**Who was John Thomas cont.**

Lieutenant General in May. He oversaw the fortification of Roxbury to prevent the British from either coming out by land, or taking Dorchester Neck. The British attack at Bunker Hill on June 17 was just the first part of a longer campaign to clear the rebel camps from Cambridge and Roxbury—but the colonists inflicted so much damage in Charlestown the British did not venture further.

But while Thomas was fortifying Roxbury, and the Cambridge forces were holding the British in Charlestown, Congress acted to turn these militia men into a Continental Army. They commissioned George Washington as commander in chief, and also named eight brigadier generals to assist him. When Washington arrived in early July, he brought with him commissions for eight brigadier generals. Thomas was not on the list, but two men he

commanded were. This snub was apparent, as by now the other officers regarded Thomas as one of the cause's most capable officers. Abigail Adams worried that "If Thomas resigns, all his officers resign," and Washington wrote Congress that the "much esteemed" Thomas would find it difficult to take orders from men who were his subordinates.

Though Thomas said nothing, other than that if he resigned from the army, he would come back to serve as a volunteer, Washington and the Massachusetts delegates to Congress secured him a commission as brigadier general. He continued in command of the Roxbury forces, preventing the British from leaving by way of Boston Neck in 1775 and early 1776.

On the evening of March 4, Thomas led three thousand men from Roxbury to secure and fortify Dorchester Heights. He had 360 teams of oxen carrying cannon as well as lumber to

build defense works. Then as now, the ground was frozen; the men could not dig, but had to cut down the fruit trees in the orchards of Dorchester and Roxbury to make their barricades. They began at eight in the evening; by ten their fortifications could withstand musketry and grapeshot; by dawn they had placed the cannon and had the British fleet in range. Though General William Howe ordered an attack on March 5, a storm dissipated it, and the British began their process of evacuation.

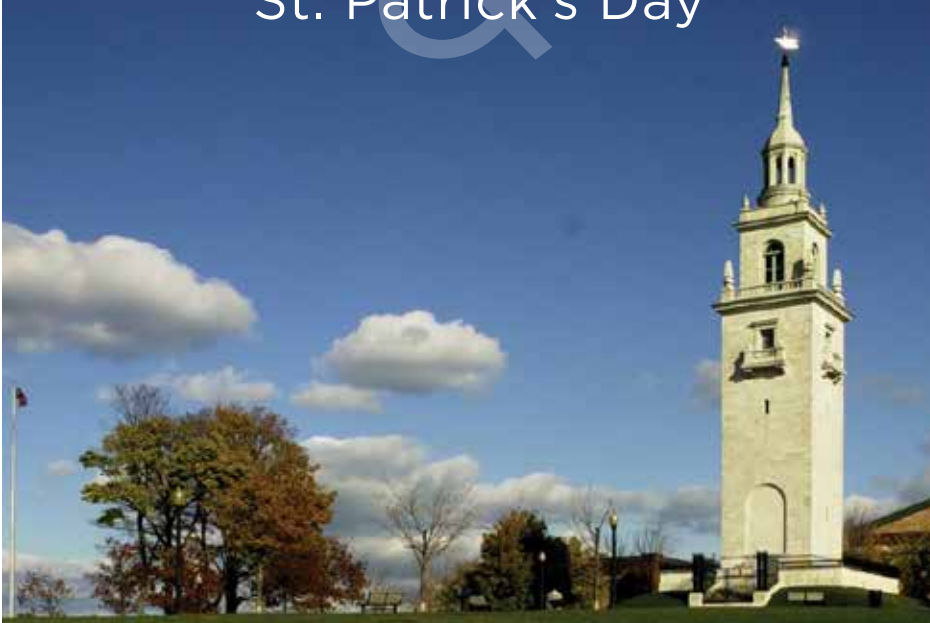
Though Thomas would be crucial to the British evacuation, he would not stay long in Roxbury. With the British army pinned down in Boston in 1775, Congress had authorized an invasion of Canada; Robert Montgomery had taken Montreal in November, and Benedict Arnold led a force to take Quebec. The Quebec campaign failed.

Robert Montgomery died and Arnold was badly wounded in the siege; Congress commissioned Thomas a major general on March 6 and ordered him north to lead the campaign. He sent his son John, who had run off from Kingston to join his father in Roxbury and Dorchester Heights, back to Kingston and made his way to Canada.

Congress also sent a delegation including Benjamin Franklin and Father John Carroll—later the first American Catholic Bishop—to bring the Canadians into the cause. They failed, and Thomas found the American forces outside Quebec badly organized. More than nine hundred of the two-thousand American s were ill, many with smallpox, and only five hundred were fit for duty, as they tried to besiege a city of five thousand defended by sixteen hundred soldiers, and a British fleet was making its way up the St. Lawrence.

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Thomas ordered a retreat on May 5, and led his suffering army—those not too ill to travel—up the St. Lawrence and then the Richelieu River toward Lake Champlain. There at Fort Chambly he fell ill on May 19, just two months after the evacuation of Boston. Though Dr. Thomas had treated many cases of smallpox, he had neither contracted the disease nor been inoculated. Now he had it, and on June 2 died. That same day he was buried in an unmarked grave with other soldiers struck by the virus.

The army lost one of its most capable officers—an officer with more military experience than Washington. His memory lives on in South Boston.

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## Evacuation Day and Memorial/ Historical Exercises on March 17th

South Boston Citizens' Association will be conducting the Annual Memorial/ Historical exercises on Thursday, March, 17th. A Mass will begin the celebration at St. Augustine's Chapel, the oldest Catholic Church in Boston, and will be celebrated by Father Joe White at 9:00AM. Margret Lynch is the Honorary Chairperson for the Mass.


The exercises will then proceed to the foot of Dorchester Heights (top of Telegraph St.) Approximately 10:00A.M., to observe and celebrate the British evacuation of Boston in 1776 – the first Colonial victory of the Revolutionary War. Henry Knox, a Colonial Colonel at the time, brought



the British cannons from Fort Ticonderoga in upstate New York. State Representative Nick Collins, Senator Linda Dorcea-Forry, Past SBCA President Bernie O'Donnell and South Boston Historical Society's Bob Allison will chair the event.


The Association encourages all to

attend (and bring a friend) to this important part of American History, as they will announce the poster and essay contest winners. Due to conditions at the Heights, the plan is to present awards at the Chapel after Mass. Clerk of Court Maura Doyle will chair the awards presentation.




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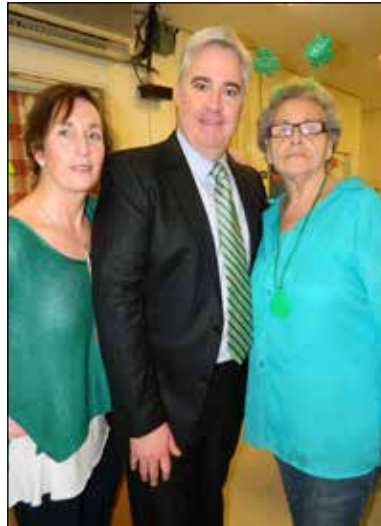
SOUTH BOSTON TODAY -By Staff

The City of Boston's Condon Community Center and the Condon Council hosted a fantastic and very lively St Patrick's Day celebration to honor the neighborhood's senior citizens this week. The happy sound of Irish

music could be heard throughout the event as nearly 100 attendees enjoyed delicious food and desserts and drink and got in the spirit of the coming holiday. In attendance to greet and serenade the seniors were State Representative Nick Collins, as well as City Councilors Michael Flaherty, Bill Linehan, Annessa Es-

saibi George and Council President Michelle Wu. Also on hand to greet the enthusiastic crowd were BHA Director Bill McGonagle and South Boston Neighborhood Liason John Allison. Bill McGonagle and PAL's Bill Stoddard as well as The Boston Beer Garden donated the excellent selection of food on hand.

There were raffle prizes donated by Councilor Mike Flaherty, Mark McGonagle and 'Foodies' and Mayor Martin Walsh made sure there were plenty of beautiful Shamrock plants on hand. And what would a true Irish party be without green paint, generously donated by Sherwin Williams Paint? Jim Flaherty saw to it that



there were plenty of decorative St. Patrick's Day draping's.

It was a first class, top shelf gathering that brought smiles to the faces of all and it reminded everyone that was there just why St. Patrick's Day holiday in South Boston is so special. With good people gathered to have a great time in each other's company, which is tradition and so common in our neighborhood, it makes memories that will last forever.



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## What caused the American Revolution?

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY - By Robert J. Allison

Levi Preston was twenty-four years old when he left Danvers on the morning of April 19, 1775 for the “Concord fight.” Nearly seventy years later, in 1841, a young historian interviewed him. What made him go to Concord?

The old man sat up straight and turned to the young man.

“What did I go for?”

“Yes. My histories all tell me you men of the Revolution took up arms against intolerable oppression. What was it?”

“Oppression, I didn’t feel any that I know of.”

“Were you not oppressed by the Stamp Act?”

“I never saw any stamps and always understood that Governor Bernard put them all in Castle William. I am certain I never paid a penny for them.”

“Well, what about the Tea Act?”

“Tea tax. I never drank a drop of the stuff; the boys threw it all overboard.”

“But I suppose you have been reading Harrington, Sidney and

Locke about the eternal principles of liberty?”

“I never heard of these men. The only books we had were the Bible, the Catechism, Watts’ psalms and hymns, and the almanacs.”

“Well, then, what was the matter?”

“Young man, what we meant in going for those redcoats was this: we had always governed ourselves, and we always meant to. That didn’t mean that we should.”

It is too easy in explaining the Revolution to use abstract ideas like “liberty” and “freedom,” which have different meanings for different people. They might be eternal principles, but what do they mean? We all like liberty and freedom. Preston, and the men manning Dorchester Heights, were not thinking of these eternal principles, but of specific powers. The New England towns had the power to govern themselves—more power over their own affairs, in fact, than any other communities in the British Empire. This meant that people in the towns would disagree, they would argue

with their neighbors, but ultimately they, not a distant force, would how to run their town.

The army occupying Boston had come to put a stop to this local control. The forces of progress in the British Empire would now govern the colonies more efficiently and effectively, bringing the towns of Massachusetts, where people relied on “the Bible, the Catechism, Watts’ psalms and hymns, and the almanacs” for their world view, into step with the enlightened metropolis of London.

The people of South Boston have inherited the responsibility of telling this story, every year with our commemorations of Evacuation Day. Other communities in the country have single observances of Revolutionary events—Lexington and Concord, Charlestown, Washington’s crossing on the Delaware. Only South Boston makes a month of it.

What if the British army had not left Boston? Men like Preston, who had marched to the war in April 1775, were already going home. Washington had to recruit a new army in December 1775, as the first rush of troops decamped. He had to do this without tipping off the British that his men were leaving and he was desperately enlisting new ones. Could he replace these new recruits and maintain a longer siege? Or would this army, encamped in an arc from Prospect Hill (in what is now Somerville) to the shore of the South Bay in Roxbury and Dorchester, simply go home? What then?

The war would be over. People would not be happy with conceding to the British Parliament the power to govern them, but would concede that Parliament had more power than they did to enforce its will. There would be grumbling, but what choice would these deluded people have? Preston, and Washington, and the other men in the army, recognized that this was their only chance to preserve their power to decide for themselves how they would live. For Washington, getting artillery to Dorchester Heights was not just a tactical move to force the British out of Boston; it was an essential step to preserving independence, not of the

country, but of the individual citizens of Massachusetts.

John Adams, in Congress at Philadelphia, received Washington’s report of the British evacuation on March 24. The next morning, while British warships still anchored in Boston’s harbor awaiting a favorable tide, Adams proposed that Congress present a gold medal to Washington commemorating this signal victory. Adams, John Jay of New York, and Stephen Hopkins of Rhode Island were the committee to oversee the medal. Adams conferred with a Swiss-born artist, Pierre Eugene du Simitiere, who was also designing a great seal for the United States. In the design, Liberty leans on Washington as the British fleet sails away. Neither the artist nor the design were used for the medal. Congress paid du Simitiere \$32 for his trouble.

By the time Adams and Thomas Jefferson arranged for the medal to be struck, the war was over. This one, done in France, shows Washington and his officers on Dorchester Heights. He points to the evacuating British fleet, or to Castle Island. At their feet are four cannon (the artist, Pierre Simon Benjamin Duvivier, inscribed his name on one), representing the artillery Henry Knox brought from Ticonderoga. Above their heads is the Latin motto, *Hostibus Primo Fugatis*, or, “For the first time the enemy flees.”

Perhaps it was best that Washington receive the medal after the war, as there was no certainty in March 1776 that the enemy would flee again. The British would occupy New York until 1783 (New York has an Evacuation Day on November 25), and during the war would hold at different times Philadelphia, Newport, Charleston, and Savannah. But Washington, and the men who served in the Boston campaign, understood that their military task was not to hold cities or fight armies. Instead, their task was to maintain the support of the American people, and to ensure that those men and women continued to have the power to govern themselves.

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## Beef and Guinness Stew

Guinness Stout adds lots of flavor to this hearty beef stew. Use round or lean chuck in this recipe. It's a great stew to serve when celebrating the Parade! Enjoy with crusty rolls or biscuits and a salad.

Yield: Serves 6 to 8

Ingredients:

- 3 thick slices bacon, diced
- 2 pounds lean stew beef, round or lean chuck, cut in 1-inch cubes
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 2 large onions, chopped, about 2 to 3 cups
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 2 to 3 cups diced or sliced carrots
- 1 1/2 cups Guinness stout
- 1 cup beef broth
- 2 tablespoons tomato paste
- 2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
- 1 bay leaf
- 1/2 teaspoon dried leaf thyme
- 2 to 3 cups diced potatoes
- 2 tablespoons fresh chopped parsley
- salt and pepper, to taste

Preparation:

In a large saucepan or Dutch oven over medium heat, cook the bacon, turning, until lightly browned.

In a food storage bag, combine the flour, 1/2 teaspoon of salt, and pepper. Add beef cubes and toss until well coated.

Add the beef and onions to the bacon and continue cooking, turning frequently, until beef and onions are browned. Add the garlic and cook, stirring, for 1 minute longer. Add the carrots, stout, and broth. Stir in the tomato paste and Worcestershire sauce. Add the bay leaf and bring to a boil. Reduce heat to low, cover, and cook at a low simmer for 1 1/2 to 2 hours, or until beef is very tender.

Add the thyme and potatoes to the beef mixture and bring to a boil. Cover, reduce heat, and simmer for about 30 minutes longer, until potatoes are tender.

Stir in the parsley and add salt and pepper, to taste. Cook for 5 minutes longer.

Serve with crusty rolls, biscuits, or slices of freshly baked Irish soda bread.

Serves 6.



## Irish Hot Cross Buns

Hot Cross Buns are traditionally eaten on Good Friday in Ireland. The cross on the top symbolizes the Cross Jesus was crucified on.

There are superstitions in Ireland related to Hot Cross buns and Good Friday for example:

Hot Cross Buns made on Good Friday, have magical powers, they will not go moldy, but if you keep a Hot Cross Bun from one year to the next your house will be protected from fire.

Ingredients for making Hot Cross Buns

- 1lb plain flour
  - 2 oz caster sugar
  - 1 oz fresh yeast or 1 level tablespoon dried yeast
  - 1/4 pint lukewarm milk
  - 1 level teaspoon salt
  - 1 level teaspoon mixed spice
  - 1 level teaspoon cinnamon
  - 4 oz currants
  - 2 oz chopped mixed peel
  - 2 oz butter, melted and cooled
  - 1 beaten egg
- For the Glaze:
- 2 oz granulated sugar
  - 3 tablespoons milk
- For the cross:
- 2 small strips of short crust pastry per bun

How to make Hot Cross Buns

Sift 4 oz flour into a bowl and add 1 teaspoon of sugar.

Blend the yeast with the milk and water.

Add to flour and sugar. Mix well and leave for 30 minutes or until frothy.

Sift remaining flour, salt and spices into another bowl.

Add the rest of the sugar, currants and peel. Toss lightly together.

Add to yeast mixture with butter and beaten egg.

Mix to a soft dough that leaves the sides of the bowl clean.

Turn on to floured board and knead for 5 minutes (or until the dough is smooth and no longer sticky).

Cover and leave to rise until double the size.

Turn onto floured board and knead lightly, divide into 12 pieces.

Shape into round bun.

Stand well apart on floured baking tray.

Cover and leave for another 30 minutes.

Cut a cross on top of each bun with a sharp knife and lay strips of pastry in each cut.

Bake in a hot oven (220 degrees C / 425 degrees F) for 20 – 25 minutes. Transfer to wire rack.

Brush twice with glaze, made by dissolving sugar in milk and boiling for 2 minutes.

Serve warm with lashings of butter

Makes 12 buns



## First St. Patrick's Day Parade Held In 1737

The first meeting of Irishmen on American soil to honor St. Patrick took place in Boston on March 17th, 1737. The first St. Patrick's Day parade was held in New York in 1762. Curiously enough, before marching caught on, St. Patrick's Day was celebrated with huge breakfasts, held around 2pm held in local taverns.

Some of these breakfasts were private affairs...others were hosted by the newly formed Irish Friendly Societies. Often, forty of fifty toasts were made in one sitting! A report in the American

newspaper 'The Gazette' in 1766 states: "St. Patrick's Day was ushered in with fife and drum. This produced a very agreeable harmony before the doors of many gentlemen of the Irish nation."


The general tradition of organizing St. Patrick's Day parades originated in the nineteenth century. After New York, Boston had its first parade in 1812. And by the late 1860's, over a dozen American cities had large St. Patrick's Day parades. Just 10 years later, the Irish were the majority in population in New York.

Not surprisingly, it's largely due to the American example that St. Patrick's Day is celebrated throughout the world – even in places where the Irish connection is slight, like New Orleans and Puerto Rico.



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# The Centenary of the 1916 Easter Rising

As with most major political issues or historical events, plans to commemorate Easter 2016 have produced splits in how Ireland remembers and interprets the revolt. Sinn Féin has decided to organize its own series of events independent of the government's official program. The party is behind a major exhibition about the Easter Rising in a former cinema north of O'Connell Street. Dissident republicans, meanwhile, have coalesced under the proliferating 1916 Societies, which observers of republicanism believe is a nascent political movement for all those opposed to peace and power-sharing in Northern Ireland.

A former Provisional IRA prisoner and head of its Derry Brigade during the Troubles, Danny McBrearty, a member of the Derry 1916 Society, said the societies have created a new all-Ireland network of republicans, who regard the Good Friday agreement as a sellout.

"The 1916 Societies is an Irish separatist organization that emerged in 2009. Since then it has spread quietly but rapidly, establishing a presence throughout Ireland," he said. "In East Tyrone it is supported by the vast majority of the families of the IRA 'roll of honor'. Elsewhere, as local Societies multiply, they are becoming the 'go-to' organization for families of fallen IRA volunteers seeking to commemorate their loved ones."

Ireland did not achieve its independence in 1916. The executions of the rebel leaders, the imposition of conscription and British military actions – including the deployment of the semi-irregular Black and Tans – pushed the majority of the population in the 26 counties of what is now the Irish Republic into the arms of the IRA and Sinn Féin. Yet, when the war of independence ended, Ireland was partitioned, the province of Northern Ireland established and an even more bloody civil war was fought between the majority of those, who backed

that Anglo-Irish Treaty of 1921 and the diehards who opposed it.

The commemorations will take place on Easter Sunday only a few weeks after the general election. If the pollsters are correct, Enda Kenny, the current Taoiseach, will take the salute, as thousands of troops file past the GPO. Kenny is the leader of Fine Gael, the party directly descended from Michael Collins and his faction of the IRA, which accepted the 1921 treaty and which, ironically, for decades since, has been accused by generations of republicans of betraying the legacy of 1916.

## THE ROAD TO IRISH INDEPENDENCE

1914 Outbreak of first world war delays the implementation of Home Rule legislation.

1915 Military Council of the Irish Republican Brotherhood forms and takes control of planning the Easter Rising.

24 April 1916 The rising begins on Easter Monday. Irish Republicans fight British forces over six days in an attempt to end British rule, but are forced to surrender.

3-12 May 1916 Leaders of the rising are executed by firing squad.

1919 The nationalist movement, Sinn Féin, sets up Dáil Éireann, which proclaims Irish independence.

1920 Government of Ireland Act creates two governments, in Belfast and Dublin.

6 December 1921 The Free State, independent and self-governing, is established by the Anglo-Irish Treaty. Northern Ireland remains part of the United Kingdom.

1922 The treaty is ratified but civil war breaks out between anti-treaty forces and the new Irish government. It lasts until 1923.

1932 Éamon de Valera the only surviving leader of the rising, and his new party, Fianna Fáil, enters government.

1937 Bunreacht na hÉireann, the Irish constitution, is enacted and proclaims Ireland as a sovereign state.

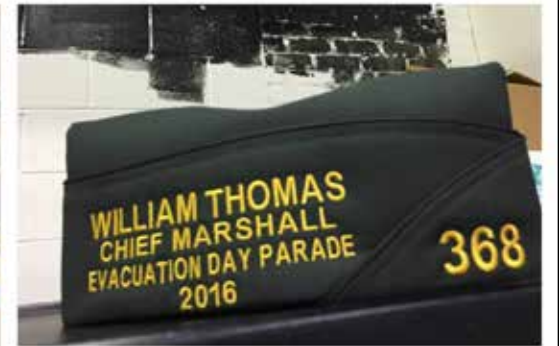




**D**ave Moynihan and the talented team from 'Southie Shirts' and 'The Spot' have been making the special hats for the Chief Marshall for the St. Patrick's Day/Evacuation Day Parade for the last four years and they're glad to do it and proud to do it. They were especially happy this year when it was announced that their longtime friend Billy Thomas was chosen to be this year's Chief Marshall. Said Dave Moynihan: "Bill is a great guy and deserves the honor of being selected to be this year's Chief Marshall."

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# My First Parade

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY -By Brian Wallace

**M**y father Coleman "Bubby" Wallace was Past Commander of the Martin F McDonough Post in 1956 when he proudly asked me to march with him at the head of the parade. At the time, it wasn't the first thing on my list to do that day but I knew it meant a great deal to him, which in turn meant a great deal to me. So I told him I would march as my older brother ran out of the room. No way was he marching. He was hanging with his buddies Ronny Lescinskas, Tommy Conley, Vinny Crowley, and Walter Ambrose. That night at dinner, my mother told me how happy my father was that I was going to march with him.

"Try this on." She said as she reached into an old Bay View Men's shop bag and produced a green scally cap. It was ugly and cheap

and I balked.

"I said I would march but I didn't say I would wear that thing," My mother tried another tactic.

"It is supposed to rain and you will need some kind of hat," she said.

"Yeah that is some kind of hat." I laughed

On the day of the big parade, my mother, as usual was right. It was pouring cats and dogs.

"Is the parade called off?" I asked anxiously at breakfast.

"We marched in a lot worse weather than this in the big one," my father smiled. We headed out. The BIG ONE WWII. I didn't how much the BIG ONE meant back then when I was six years old. I do now and I greatly respect all of the men and women who fought in that war of all wars. My father had a special bond with the members of the McDonough Post and it was

because each could relate what they all went through back in the early 40's. It was quite an honor for my father to be selected as Post Commander back then, but what did I know. I just didn't want any of my friends to see me with the stupid hat. I would never live it down. And I knew my brother and his friends were out there somewhere on the parade route waiting to ambush me. That was what I was thinking as we headed down to Andrew Square where the Parade started back then.

When we arrived my father was treated like a dignitary and was immediately escorted to the front of the parade and I right along with him. The rain was coming down in buckets and it was getting cold. I just wanted this whole thing to be over with as the Chief Marshall blew his whistle and we were off.

"What do I do Dad?" I asked. I really wasn't parade savvy. I would get there, but not at six years old.

"Just wave to the people," my father beamed.

"But I don't know them. I shot back.

"Today is a special day. We know everyone and they know us. Now just wave and don't forget to smile. Smile too? With this hat on?"

We made our way up Dorchester Street and around the Heights when I noticed that instead of waving to me, people were pointing and laughing at me.

"Dad, these people are laughing at me. What is so funny?"

"They just love seeing someone as cute as you. That's all, nobody is laughing," my dad said looking down at me... I might have been six, but I wasn't stupid. The pointing and the laughing continued as we made our way down Broadway. Then I saw my brother and his gang. Oh no! They were holding their sides laughing and calling me a leprechaun. I wanted this parade, this day, to be over.

We finally got to Broadway Station and I told my father I had to go to the bathroom.

"I will meet you up the McDonough Post," he said as he accepted hugs and handshakes from friends and strangers alike. I had to go, so I sprinted up Broadway, climbed the hundred or

so stairs to the McDonough Post and ran into the bathroom. When I looked in the mirror I almost fainted. My face was as green as the fields of Ireland. My hat was pure white. I knew it was a cheap hat. All of the rain washed the color off the hat and on to my face. No wonder people were laughing. I had these huge glasses. I stood about three and a half feet tall and I had a green face. Not patches of green, all green. I did look like a leprechaun. It took me a while to live it down and some of my oldest friends still call me "The Leprechaun". At least I made my Dad happy and in the end that is really what counted the most.

Many years later as I walked up Broadway as South Boston's State Representative I stopped in front of the McDonough Post and gave a salute. Most people didn't know what I was doing, but my dad did from where he was watching the parade. "Happy St. Patrick's Day Dad".

**Happy St. Patrick's Day!**

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## Danny Boy Lyrics

Oh Danny boy, the pipes, the pipes are calling  
From glen to glen, and down the mountain side  
The summer's gone, and all the flowers are dying  
'Tis you, 'tis you must go and I must bide.  
But come ye back when summer's in the meadow  
Or when the valley's hushed and white with snow  
'Tis I'll be here in sunshine or in shadow  
Oh Danny boy, oh Danny boy, I love you so.

And if you come, when all the flowers are dying  
And I am dead, as dead I well may be  
You'll come and find the place where I am lying  
And kneel and say an "Ave" there for me.

And I shall hear, tho' soft you tread above me  
And all my dreams will warm and sweeter be  
If you'll not fail to tell me that you love me  
I'll simply sleep in peace until you come to me.

I'll simply sleep in peace until you come to me.

## The Wearing Of The Green Lyrics

O Paddy dear, and did ye hear the news that's goin' round?  
The shamrock is by law forbid to grow on Irish ground!  
No more Saint Patrick's Day we'll keep, his color can't be seen  
For there's a cruel law ag'in the Wearin' o' the Green."  
I met with Napper Tandy, and he took me by the hand  
And he said, "How's poor old Ireland, and how does she stand?"  
"She's the most distressful country that ever yet was seen  
For they're hanging men and women there for the Wearin' o' the Green."

"So if the color we must wear be England's cruel red  
Let it remind us of the blood that Irishmen have shed  
And pull the shamrock from your hat, and throw it on the sod  
But never fear, 'twill take root there, though underfoot 'tis trod.

When laws can stop the blades of grass from growin' as they grow  
And when the leaves in summer-time their color dare not show  
Then I will change the color too I wear in my caubeen  
But till that day, please God, I'll stick to the Wearin' o' the Green.

## The Irish Emigrant Lyrics

I'm sitting on the stile, Mary, where we once sat side by side  
On a bright May morning long ago, when first you were my bride  
The corn was springing fresh and green, and the lark sang loud and high  
And the red was on your lips, Mary, and the love light in your eyes.  
'Tis but a step down yonder lane, the village Church stands near  
The place where we were wed, Mary, I can see the spire from here  
But the graveyard lies between, Mary, and my step might break your rest  
Where I laid you darling down to sleep with a baby on your breast.

I'm very lonely now, Mary, for the poor make no new friends  
But oh they love the better still the few our Father sends  
For you were all I had, Mary, my blessing and my pride  
And I've nothing left to care for now since my poor Mary died.

Yours was the good brave heart, Mary, that still kept hoping on  
When the trust in God had left my soul and my arms young strength had gone  
There was comfort ever on your lip and a kind look on your brow  
And I thank you Mary for the same though you cannot hear me now.

I'm bidding you a long farewell, my Mary kind and true  
But I'll not forget you, darling, in the land I'm going to  
They say there's bread and work for all, and the sun shines always there  
But I'll ne'er forget old Ireland, were it fifty times as fair.

And often in those grand old woods I'll sit and shut my eyes  
And my heart will wander back again to the place where Mary lies  
And I think I'll see that little stile where we sat side by side  
In the springing corn and the bright May morn' when first you were my bride.

## The Wild Rover Lyrics

I've been a wild rover for many a year  
And I spent all my money on whiskey and beer,  
And now I'm returning with gold in great store  
And I never will play the wild rover no more.

chorus: And it's no, nay, never,  
No nay never no more,  
Will I play the wild rover  
No never no more.

I went to an ale-house I used to frequent  
And I told the landlady my money was spent.  
I asked her for credit, she answered me "nay  
Such a custom as yours I could have any day."

chorus

I took from my pocket ten sovereigns bright  
And the landlady's eyes opened wide with delight.  
She said "I have whiskey and wines of the best  
And the words that I spoke sure were only in jest."

chorus

I'll go home to my parents, confess what I've done  
And I'll ask them to pardon their prodigal son.  
And if they caress (forgive) me as oft-times before  
Sure I never will play the wild rover no more.

chorus



## Grasshopper Shakes

### Ingredients

- 2 quarts vanilla ice cream
- 1 carton (8 ounces) frozen whipped topping, thawed
- 3/4 cup green creme de menthe
- 3/4 cup creme de cacao

### Directions

1. In a blender, cover and process the ingredients in batches until blended. Stir if necessary. Pour into chilled glasses; serve immediately. Yield: 10 servings (2-1/2 quarts).



## Irish Coffee

### Ingredients

- 2 teaspoons sugar
- 2 ounces Irish whiskey
- 2 cups hot strong brewed coffee (French or other dark roast)
- 1/4 cup heavy whipping cream
- 1 teaspoon green creme de menthe

### Directions

1. Divide sugar and whiskey between two mugs; stir in coffee. In a small bowl, beat cream and creme de menthe until thickened. Gently spoon onto tops of drinks, allowing cream to float. Serve immediately. Yield: 2 servings.

## I'll Tell My Ma Lyrics

### Chorus

I'll tell my ma when I go home  
 The boys won't leave the girls alone  
 They pulled my hair, they stole my comb  
 But that's all right till I go home.  
 She is handsome, she is pretty  
 She is the bell of Belfast city  
 She is counting one, two, three  
 Please won't you tell me who is she.  
 Albert Mooney says he loves her  
 All the boys are fighting for her  
 They knock at the door and they ring at the bell  
 Sayin' "Oh my true love, are you well?"  
 Out she comes as white as snow  
 Rings on her fingers and bells on her toes  
 Old John Murray says she'll die  
 If she doesn't get the fellow with the roving eye.

### Chorus

Let the wind and rain and the hail blow high  
 And the snow come tumblin' from the sky  
 She's as nice as apple pie  
 She'll get her own lad by and by.  
 When she gets a lad of her own  
 She won't tell her ma when she goes home  
 Let them all come as they will  
 For it's Albert Mooney she loves still.

Chorus (twice)





## Evacuation Day Washington's First Victory

The 11-month siege of Boston ended when the Continental Army, under the command of George Washington, fortified Dorchester Heights in early March 1776 with cannons captured at Ticonderoga. British General William Howe, whose garrison and navy were threatened by these positions, was forced to decide between attack and retreat. To prevent what could have been a repeat of the Battle of Bunker Hill, Howe decided to retreat, withdrawing from Boston to Nova Scotia on March 17, 1776.

The British evacuation was Washington's first victory of the war. It was also a huge morale boost for the Thirteen Colonies, as the city where the rebellion began was the first to be liberated.

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**AND THROUGH THE GOOD ST. PATRICK**  
**MAY YOUR HOME AND LIFE BE BLESSED**  
**WITH ALL THE SPECIAL FAVOURS**  
**THAT MAKE YOU THE HAPPIEST.**

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**MAY THESE WALLS BE FILLED WITH LAUGHTER,**  
**MAY IT REACH FROM FLOOR TO RAFTER,**  
**MAY THE ROAD KEEP OUT THE RAIN,**  
**MAY SUNSHINE WARM EACH WINDOWPANE,**  
**AND MAY THE DOOR BE WIDE OPEN,**  
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176 Gold St UNIT 176	\$1,035,000	1/15/16	6	2.5	1500
591 East Third St UNIT 5	\$870,000	1/19/16	7	2.5	1833
415 K St UNIT 1	\$810,000	1/22/16	7	2.5	1711
844 East Fourth St UNIT 4	\$799,000	1/21/16	4	2	1310
293 K St UNIT 2	\$729,000	1/21/16	6	2.5	1350
62-1 Gates St UNIT 1	\$727,000	1/15/16	9	2.5	2057
591 East Third St UNIT 3	\$675,000	1/19/16	6	2.5	1107
321 West Third St UNIT 8	\$645,000	1/15/16	5	2	1206
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13 Mercer St UNIT 2	\$499,000	1/20/16	4	2	951
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188 West Ninth St UNIT 3	\$466,000	1/11/16	4	1	892
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## PUBLIC MEETING

# SOUTH BAY

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30**  
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

**PROJECT PROPONENT:**  
Allstate Road (Edens), LLC


**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**  
Allstate Road (Edens), LLC proposes to construct a new mixed use, transit oriented development called South Bay (the "Proposed Project") on largely vacant, commercial/ industrial land and surface parking lots to the south of the existing South Bay Center. The Proposed Project will consist of the construction of approx. 113,000 square feet of retail and dining space, a 12 screen cinema, approx. 475 residential units, a hotel with approx. 130 rooms, and associated structured parking. Additionally, the Proponent is also seeking approval of a proposed Development Plan for Planned Development Area No.103.

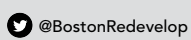
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Monday, April 11, 2016





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## PUBLIC MEETING

# 410 WEST BROADWAY

**TUESDAY, MARCH 29**  
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

**PROJECT PROPONENT:**  
Douglas George


**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**  
Developer Douglas George is proposing a mixed-use, 36,913 SF project located at 410 West Broadway containing 24 condominium units, a commercial/retail space and 28 parking spaces.

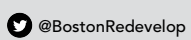
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Teresa Polhemus, Executive Director/Secretary

# 14th Annual Taste of South Boston to be held at the Seaport Hotel on Sunday April 3, 2016



The South Boston Neighborhood Development Corporation (South Boston NDC) will hold its 14th Annual Taste of South Boston on Sunday April 3, 2016, from 6 - 9 p.m. at the Seaport Hotel. This event has become one of the city's premier food events, enjoyed by 500 attendees. For an entrance fee of \$50 in advance (\$60 at the door), attendees can sample

food and beverage offerings from 30 local restaurants while enjoying live jazz music and bidding on outstanding silent auction items and raffles.

This year's event boasts a large number of participating restaurants, from the traditional South Boston neighborhood, the South Boston Waterfront and the Fort Point areas, including newcomers: Committee, Coppersmith, the Maiden, Moonshine 152, Outlook Kitchen and Bar, the Spirit of Boston, and Worden Hall. Returning again this year: American Provisions, Amrheins, Barking Crab, Bastille Kitchen, Café Porto Bello, Cranberry Café, Empire, the Juice Box, Legal Harborside, Lincoln, Local 149, Loco Taqueria and Oyster Bar, Lucky's Lounge, Miami Miami Macaronerie, No Name Restaurant, Stephi's in Southie, Sweet Tooth Boston, Tamo Bistro & Bar, Temazcal

Cantina, Trade, and the Water Cafe at the ICA. Al's Liquors will be serving wine, and Harpoon Brewery will be pouring samples of their latest brews.

South Boston NDC is a recognized 501c(3) that has successfully developed over 180 units of affordable housing in the community. Proceeds from the evening's event support the South Boston NDC's mission to provide affordable housing for working people, families, elderly and veterans in the community. South Boston NDC also provides support to the South Boston Street Festival and Christmas Stroll, Southie Trees and the South Boston Farmers' Market.

Tickets can be purchased online at: [www.tasteofsouthboston.com](http://www.tasteofsouthboston.com) or at the office of South Boston Neighborhood Development Corporation, 365 West Broadway, South Boston. For general inquiries, email us at: [info@tasteof-southboston.com](mailto:info@tasteof-southboston.com) or call 617-268-9610.

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### PARADE TRADITION UPHELD CONTINUED FROM front page

safety challenge.

In late February, long after parade planning had begun to wrap up, he and Commissioner Bill Evans cited public safety and the cost of police overtime as practical reasons to short change the Evacuation Day Parade Permit, as well as require an insurance binder and entertainment license for the first time. In any event, the Mayor's mistake - shortening the parade route in a way that eliminated the very landmarks that highlight the heritage being celebrated - was that he created a problem where there really was none.

When community backlash reared its head on social media and letters to the editor in the local newspapers, and an online poll by this newspaper, South Boston Today, that was trending dramatically against his decision, he received a direct plea from the parade organizers not to change the route. He reached out to the South Boston elected officials, but, even then, chose not to heed the advice of Congressman Stephen Lynch and Representative Nick Collins, who argued for the traditional route. He decided to dig his heels in, perhaps out of loyalty to his commissioner.

The spirit of the late John 'Wacko' Hurley loomed large. His home happens to be on Fourth Street, near where two veteran's posts (Perkins and Fitzgerald) are headquartered. It was overheard that his widow, Molly, expressed to her friends her stunned sadness at the news that the parade, named in her husband's honor, would not go by their home this year. With that as backdrop to the theater playing out, the Veteran's Council voted to file a lawsuit against the City of Boston in federal court, citing its violation of the parade organizers first amendment rights.

In further defense of his landmark 9-0 Supreme Court decision in Hurley vs. GLIB in 1994, the aging but still feisty Attorney Chester Darling rose to the occasion to protect the Veteran's Council's First Amendment rights one more time. He once again prevailed.

In granting the parade organizers' request for a temporary restraining order against the city, US District Court Judge Richard Stearns said he recognized the legitimate public safety concerns that were raised by Commissioner William Evans and Superintendent Bernard O'Rourke, who oversees planning and the deployment of officers for the parade. But, the judge found that the city's concerns would be better addressed by restricting the sale of alcohol along the route, or taking other public safety measures.

When asked, Tim Duross, lead parade organizer, stated, "One thing the Mayor needs to learn is when Southie people are pushed, we push back. He disappointed a lot of people over here that helped him get elected. When you come right down to it, messing with the Evacuation/St Pat's Parade, really? What was he thinking?"

The Michael J. Perkins American Legions Post # 67 posted on their facebook page a "sincere thanks to the people of South Boston for their strong efforts and support helping us restore the traditional parade route. Have a safe and Happy St. Patrick's Day week!

When all is said and done, 80 or so hours from now the 2016 Evacuation Day and Saint Patrick's Day Parade will be in the history books. As Winston Churchill said, "Those who fail to learn from history are doomed to repeat it". There are lessons to be learned from this experience, especially about the power of the First Amendment.



# The Senior Connection

By Lu O'Brien

**W**e turned the clocks forward...spring is in three days and it's Evacuation Day/St. Patrick's Day in Southie. We say good bye to winter for a while...it was not a bad winter after all compared to last year. Again, not much going on in the senior world right now. With spring-time coming, I'm sure news and events will pick up. Last Wednesday, March 10 a Senior Luncheon was held at the Condon Community School. It was an afternoon of celebration with friends and neighbors singing Irish songs, reminiscing old times, sharing pictures of grandkids and eating a wonderful meal. The local politicians came with greetings from the mayor, Bill Linehan sang some Irish songs, Mike Flaherty & Nick Collins stopped by to say hello, we met Michelle Wu the new city council president and Annisa Essaibi George city councilor at large from Dorchester. Bill McGonagle from Boston Housing stopped in for a quick hello. All in all everyone have a great time. We would like to thank Joe, Barbara, Debbie, Bill and Jerry for being such wonderful hosts and hostesses for this event. You all put your heart and souls into this event to make it such a success. THANK YOU!!!

On Saturday, March 12 the Senior Salute took place at St. Monica's Church hall. The hall was all decked out with Irish colors and the seniors were too. Our elected officials came and sang songs, Irish dancers came and did a jig, the clergy gave a blessing. On the menu was a traditional corned beef dinner with all the fixings. There were raffles with some very nice prizes and the music kept us toe tapping all day long. Thank you to

the South Boston Citizen's Association, The City of Boston Elderly Commission for hosting this event. To the volunteers who took care of each and one of us. To the musicians, the people who cooked the dinner and to St. Monica's for letting us have the space for this event. THANK YOU!!!

**Blood Pressure Screenings:** Screenings will be held at the following locations for the month of March. March 16-Flaherty Apts. 120 H Street from 10:30-11:00  
March 17-Castle Co-Op Apts. 225 W. 2nd Street from 12:00-12:30  
March 23-Bellflower Apts. 24 Bellflower Street from 10:30-11:00  
These blood screenings are provided by the Visiting Nurses of Partners Healthcare at Home.

Neighborhood House is also looking for people interested in cribbage or whist players. This will be for bragging rights only. Interested??? Call Carole Sullivan

*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 & Happy St. Pat's Day*



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The MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY (Authority) is soliciting consulting services for **MPA CONTRACT NO. M524-D1, BERTHS 11 & 12 PILES, BULKHEAD & APRON REPAIRS, CONLEY CONTAINER TERMINAL, SOUTH BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS.** The Authority is seeking qualified multidiscipline consulting firms/teams, with proven experience to provide professional services including planning, design, construction and resident inspection related services. The Consultant must be able to work closely with the Authority and other interested parties in order to provide such services in a timely and effective manner.

A Supplemental Information Package will be available starting **March 23, 2016 at 10:00 AM** on the Capital Bid Opportunities webpage of Massport <http://www.massport.com/doing-business/layouts/CapitalPrograms/default.aspx> as an attachment to the original Legal Notice, on COMMBUYS ([www.combuys.com](http://www.combuys.com)) in the listings for this project. If you have problems finding it, please contact Susan Brace at Capital Programs [SBrace@massport.com](mailto:SBrace@massport.com). The Supplemental Information Package will provide detailed information about the Scope of Work, Selection Criteria and Submission Requirements.

In recognition of the unique nature of the project and the services required to support it, the Authority has scheduled a **Consultant Briefing to be held at 10:00 AM on March, 31, 2016** at the Capital Programs Department, Suite 209S, Logan Office Center, One Harborside Drive, East Boston, Massachusetts 02128. At this session, an overview of the project will be provided, the services requested by the Authority will be described, and questions will be answered.

By responding to this solicitation, consultants agree to accept the terms and conditions of Massport's standard work order agreement, a copy of the Authority's standard agreement can be found on the Authority's web page at [www.massport.com](http://www.massport.com). The Consultant shall specify in its cover letter that it has the ability to obtain requisite insurance coverage.

This submission, including the litigation and legal proceedings history in a separate sealed envelope as required shall be addressed to Houssam H. Sleiman, PE, CCM, Director of Capital Programs and Environmental Affairs and received no later than 12:00 Noon on **Thursday, April 21, 2016** at the Massachusetts Port Authority, Logan Office Center, One Harborside Drive, Suite 209S, Logan International Airport, East Boston, MA 02128-2909. Any information provided to the Authority in any Proposal or other written or oral communication between the Proposer and the Authority will not be, or deemed to have been, proprietary or confidential, although the Authority will use reasonable efforts not to disclose such information to persons who are not employees or consultants retained by the Authority except as may be required by M.G.L. c.66.

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# TYNAN HAPPENINGS

## INSTRUCTIONAL BASKETBALL 5-7 YEAR OLDS

Registration for the 5-7-year-old Instructional Basketball Program will take place on Friday, March 18th and Monday March 21st 3-6 pm at the Tynan Gym. This is an eight-week program geared towards basic fundamentals, such as shooting, passing and dribbling. The Tynan gym is equipped with lower rims for this specific age group. Classes will be held on Tuesday and begin March 22nd from 3:45-5:00pm. A Tynan membership of \$5 is required. Space is limited.

## BOYS AND GIRLS IN-HOUSE BASKETBALL LEAGUE 8-11 YEAR OLDS

The Tynan In-House Basketball League will have registration on Friday, March 18th and Monday March 21st 3-6 pm in the gym. We will conduct a 2/3-week clinic/instruction followed by a Spring League. This is opened for boys and girls between the ages of 8-11. We anticipate 4 teams. This program will be held on Friday afternoons 3:45-6 pm beginning on March 25th.

## INDOOR GOLF CLINIC FOR ADULTS & YOUTH

The Tynan Community Center will be hosting an Indoor Golf Clinic for Youth and Adults on Wednesday evenings. The youth session will be 6-7 pm (ages 7-17) followed by the Adult session 7-8 pm. This is a six-week program which begins on Wednesday, March 30th. Equipment is provided but you may bring your own clubs. Clinicians are highly qualified golf instructors. You may register at the Tynan Community Center Monday through Friday 3-8 pm in the Gym. Registration is first come first served with a maximum of 25 people per session.

## GIRLS GET FIT

Certified Fitness Instructor, Christine Noonan, will be starting strength and conditioning for high school females at the Tynan Community Center. Classes are held on Mondays, starting March 21st from 5:30-6:30. Please contact Youth Worker, Katie O'Connell, to register @ (617) 635-5110. You must have a Tynan Membership to participate.

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Augustine and Gate of Heaven in placing an Irish Catholic Church on South Boston's four points and were virtually all Irish Catholic.

St. Patrick's Day celebrations again began occurring in greater numbers throughout Boston which the Brahmin continued to squelch. Finally, the Catholic and business community began a concentrated but fruitless campaign to circumvent resistance by celebrating Evacuation Day coincidentally with the day of St. Patrick's Death.

Authorities were always fearful of large numbers of congregating Irish and always resisted the remembrance of the Evacuation for just that reason. However, prompted by the lobbying effort of the South Boston Citizen's Association, Commonwealth and private funds were allocated for constructing Dorchester Heights Monument and in 1902 the first real Evacuation Day was held after the monument's dedication.

Except for stoppages at points

in WW I and II, and the protest cancellation of the 1994 Evacuation Day officially and St. Patrick's Day unofficially has been held ever since. "Irish Need Not Apply" signs were still being displayed publicly through at least 1920 and are still alive and well, it seems based on yet another attack this year.

Critics maintain that we in South Boston don't understand and appreciate the religious struggle in Ireland. On the contrary, we understand all too well. It is the critics who are ignorant. The Irish were never denied the right to practice the Christian religion, as long as it was the government approved religion. Practice the Catholic Christian Religion and they were hung.

Those same critics tell us we have the First Amendment and Freedom of Speech in South Boston, except that it's the politically correct and government kind. If not, then we can't use our parade to speak or express our message.

Believe me we know what's going on and Happy St. Patrick's Day.

**Take care till next week.**

# SPRING IS IN THE AIR!

South Boston Little League Baseball • 2016 Registration:

Registration is for Boys & Girls (Baseball Only) • Ages 4- 12 yr olds born between May 1, 2003 & August 31, 2012.

Baseball Fees: \$55.00 (1) child, \$95.00 (2) children, \$125.00 (3 or more children).

## Registration Locations & Dates

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6-7pm  
6-7pm

Thur 3/17  
Thur 3/24

6-7pm  
6-7pm



**Murphy Rink –**  
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Wed 3/23

4:30-6:30pm  
5-6:30pm

Tue 3/22  
Thur 3/24

4:30-5:30pm  
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4 YR OLD TBALL- Every Sunday Starting May 8th – June 26th 930am  
We will need volunteer coaches for this 4-year-old division for it to start May 8th

5 YR OLD ROOKIE BALL- Every Sunday Starting May 8th – June 26th 1030am • 6 YR OLD ROOKIE BALL- Every Sunday starting May 8th – June 26th 1130am

MINORS 7- 11yr old & MAJORS 10-12yr old

If you may need extra registration forms, or maybe interested in volunteering.

Please visit our website at [www.SouthBostonLittleLeague.com](http://www.SouthBostonLittleLeague.com) and you can download the forms. Please send completed registration form(s) along with payment, payable to South Boston Little League: PO Box 143 South Boston Ma, 02127 Any questions you may have, please contact us at: [SBLL1952@OUTLOOK.COM](mailto:SBLL1952@OUTLOOK.COM)



## South Boston Shamrocks 1 - New England Predators 0.

Last Sunday the newly renovated Murphy Skating Rink was the scene of some of the finest hockey talent played anywhere. As part of Ice-o-Rama, which is one of the many Evacuation Day events sponsored by the South Boston Citizens Association, (the Ice O Rama is co-sponsored by DCR) two power house youth hockey all-star teams faced off for a battle that tested the awesome defense of both the home team: The South Boston Shamrocks and the visiting team called the New England Predators. The final score brought a 1-0 victory for South Boston and both teams deserve high praise for the talent displayed and the great sportsmanship throughout the game.

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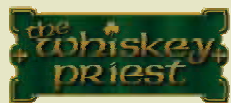
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