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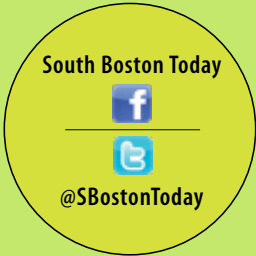
The City Hall To Go Truck was on hand, along with Mayor Marty Walsh, several of his top staff and local elected officials, to mingle with, take questions from, try to solve problems for and provide important information to the many residents who showed up on a beautiful spring day to greet the Mayor, who was warmly greeted by the crowd in attendance.

Overseen by City Hall’s Chief of Staff for Civic Engagement Daniel Manning and South Boston’s community liaison, John Allison, the event featured Transportation Department Commissioner Gina Fi-

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# EDITORIAL

## *The Mayor Got It Right*

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY -By Staff

It's a bit ironic (and perhaps even hypocritical of the commenters) that Mayor Walsh is being criticized and even lampooned for listening to the residents and small business owners, when it came to siting a Starbucks at L St. and Broadway. This newspaper and myriad online media posts have been scolding City Hall's prior administration for the nearly two decades of running roughshod over South Boston and ignoring the citizen voices.

The Mayor appoints thoughtful

people with solid credentials to the city boards, but it is his right to express his interest in the outcome of decisions, because, as the CEO of the city, he wears them, not the appointees. There are some occasions where we might prefer that he wield a little more influence than he does, when it comes to some of the social and quality of life issues of the neighborhoods, be it the types of businesses, the number of liquor and package stores, the late night entertainment licenses, the density of housing and parking options.

Amusingly, in an attempt to

question the Mayor's motives, it has been suggested that, in promoting attendance to his Tuesday morning coffee hour at M St. Park, Dunkin Donuts was prominently featured, signaling some notion of favoritism towards the brand. It is simply common knowledge that John Gillespie, a prominent local DD franchisee has been a longstanding and generous donor of his products to many South Boston based activities. If there is a signal, it's that stepping up when asked is a virtue.

As the Mayor's website prominently states – "...I am listening. I will keep on listening".



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## John Kerry's Borderless World/Nix New Tax Hikes

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY

John Ciccone

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Who caught Secretary of State John Kerry's speech at Northeastern University last week? Unless you were part of the graduating class and were stuck in your seat and really didn't have a choice, I'm guessing most people would rather watch paint dry than suffer through one of his droning sleep fests. But, the transcript of what he said is causing a furor nationwide as millions of Americans are asking themselves – did he really just say that? Well folks, yes he did. Mixed in with all the boring liberal pandering, dreaming and fantasy was a telling message that pretty much exposes the Democrat Party's agenda for the future. And just as December brings wishes for a white Christmas, Kerry and his crew long for a world without borders,

specifically, an America without borders. He said so to the thousands of graduates asleep in front of him. He would like nothing better than for this country to be overrun with illegals. It's why his boss in the White House has all but thrown open our southern border and threatens border patrol agents trying to do their job with being fired if they do.

Over the years, John Kerry has been pretty clear about his feelings toward America. He's no big fan; never has been. Why else do you think Obama picked him to fill his current job? They think alike. He feels Europeans are superior to Americans. He turned on his own troops in Vietnam, and he is close friends and soulmates with the other notorious traitor, Jane Fonda. Let's not forget how hard he worked

to broker a deal with Iran that will put our nation in nuclear peril in a few short years. The truth about this Iran deal and the hoax perpetrated on the American public and the Congress, in order to get it passed, was exposed last week by former White House confidants. And now he openly advocates for an America without borders, knowing full well that, without borders, there would soon be no America at all. A quote by the great Andrea Tantaros in response to Kerry's anti-border rhetoric hits the mark perfectly: "There is nothing more un-American than refusing to keep the country safe, out of fear of hurting someone's feelings."

Secretary Kerry has always given off the arrogant attitude that he is better than the rest. From the time he

had the fire hydrant removed from the front of his Boston home so he could more conveniently park his SUV, to the well-known episode of hiding his multi-million-dollar yacht built with foreign labor in Rhode Island so he wouldn't have to pay the taxes that he demands everyone else pay, to the disgraceful speech where he insulted as being less than intelligent, the patriotic young members of our country's armed forces. To call this man an out of touch snob would be an understatement. To question his patriotism would be very legitimate. Yet there he was, chosen as the commencement speaker for Northeastern University. The only reason he should be recognized at all or invited to speak anyplace is as an example of

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

### How politically liberal are Massachusetts' colleges?

Crowdpac has an interesting chart on how liberal or conservative American colleges are based on the political donations of the people working at them. Some of the state's highest profile institutions – Harvard, MIT, Tufts, Northeastern and BU – are considerably less liberal than other area schools. We're tempted to say their strong science, engineering and grad schools keep their liberal scores in check. But that doesn't explain why Worcester Polytechnic and Clark University rank so high. Anyway, below are area schools cited by Crowdpac and their national "liberal" rankings:

#8 Amherst College; #13 UMass Amherst; #14 Worcester Polytechnic; #15 Clark University; #16 Wellesley College; #18 Williams College; #23 Brandeis University; #40 MIT; #43 Tufts University; #44 Northeastern University; #47 Boston University; #55 Harvard University; #101 Boston College

### While crushing Trump in Massachusetts, Hillary veers to the center

In one of the bluest of blue states, it should come as no surprise that Hillary Clinton is crushing Donald Trump by 24 points in Massachusetts, according to the latest Suffolk University/Boston Globe poll, the Globe's Jim

O'Sullivan reports this morning. The only minor surprise: Clinton's poll numbers are not above the 60 percent mark.

Not to harp on the point, but Clinton's strong numbers here can't be good news for Massachusetts Republicans' down-ticket candidates.

BTW I: Gov. Charlie Baker's positive polling numbers continue to defy gravity, the Suffolk/Globe poll finds. His job approval rating: 71 percent.

BTW II: Did you notice the NYT weekend story on how Clinton is veering toward the center, almost giddily calling on Republicans to join her against Donald Trump? The idea she needs to shore up her left, perhaps by selecting someone like Elizabeth Warren as a running mate, is just loony. Clinton knows better.

BTW III: Warren and Trump's ongoing Twitter war is showing no signs of abating, reports the Herald's Brian Dowling.

### Silverglate: Carmen Ortiz's 'tyranny' over local politicians may be over soon

Civil liberties attorney Harvey Silverglate says a case now before the U.S. Supreme Court could lead to limits on federal prosecutors' ability to press "anticorruption" charges against local pols – and he writes at WGBH that such a development would be most welcome:

"Depending on how the court rules, the ability of U.S. Attorneys such as Carmen Ortiz to send public and quasi-public figures to jail could be seriously restricted. This, likewise, could force changes in how the media, including The Boston Globe, reports on cases purportedly involving corruption, such as the apparently ongoing Ortiz probe into alleged union wrongdoing into which Boston Mayor Marty Walsh may or may not figure. The hope—at least for

civil libertarians—is that clear and reasonable standards will be established that differentiate between truly corrupt and illegal behavior and run-of-the-mill political conduct—even if tawdry or distasteful."

### Wynn ready to build in Everett

Steve Wynn expressed confidence to his investors that construction will begin this summer on Everett resort casino project, with a challenge from Somerville over an environmental permit likely the last, Bruce Mohl of Commonwealth Magazine reports. Wynn also revealed on an earnings conference call that Suffolk Construction, which won the contract to build the \$2 billion casino, recently sent its management team to Wynn Las Vegas for a retreat, on their own dime.

### T prays for fed 'yes' on Green Line extension

In the end, state transportation officials' vote yesterday to cautiously proceed with the controversial Green Line extension was a near classic case of "loss aversion" decision making.

Basically, MBTA and DOT officials were faced with calling it quits and losing \$700 million already spent on the project – or taking a gamble that the feds will effectively approve the project's scaled-back \$2.3 billion budget and hopefully kick in extra funds to pay for some of the cost overruns. As most other people would do, officials opted for the latter – and now the loss-aversion ball is in the feds' court.

Sound familiar? It should. It's what happened on the Big Dig project.

In an editorial, the Herald is somewhat reassured that the Baker administration can still pull the plug on the project if the numbers don't add up later. "For those of us who live in fear of a Big Dig redux we suppose there is some comfort in knowing that the officials in charge of this project live in fear of it, too."

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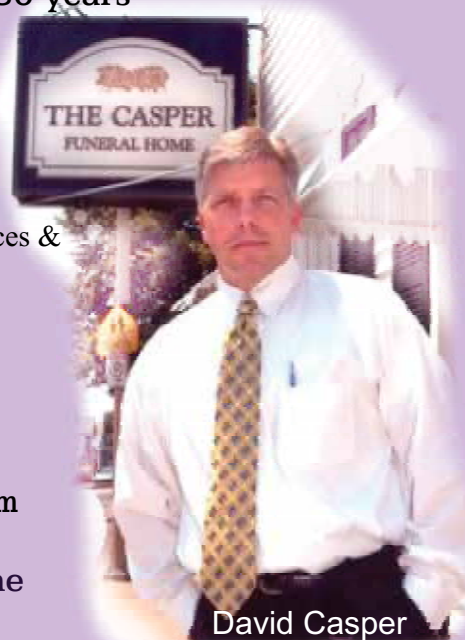
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# Reading Between The Lines

## “Benefits?”

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY  
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A few columns back it was mentioned that about 2,500 community meetings have been attended over the last 20 years. Actually, as another birthday approaches, it seems that was a conservative number. The birthday observances of reaching the 30's have now given way to the realization of entering the 60's.

The time frame for me and the community should really begin with the Williams Tunnel. That is the true engine that drove the development of our waterfront. In that time, our community has, of course, gone through some major changes. Many of those organizations and people who were once our watchdogs on community affairs have, sadly in many cases, passed or moved away. Spring reminds us, however, that life moves through cycles and one of them is renewal.

So it is in our town. City Point and Gate of Heaven Community Groups have been rejuvenated. St. Vincent's has been joined by Cityside, West Broadway, Fort Point and Seaport Assoc. civic groups. All of them, new and old, realize the special place that South Boston is and determined to help shape its future. None of them with a NIMBY (not in my back yard) attitude.

We merely have to look back at the BCEC, the largest building in the six state New England region, to realize we are not against development and the future. We do, however, demand to be part of it. That demand includes the right to publicly meet and weigh in on development issues and discuss height, density, parking, traffic patterns being created and what the tangible benefits are for the

“impacted” community. The word “impacted” is used because the law allowing waterfront development and BCEC construction specifically identifies South Boston as the “impacted” area to be given special consideration.

With all that being said, the future continues. On Tuesday, May 17th, 6:30 P.M. the St. Vincent's Lower End Neighborhood Assoc. (SVLENA) will hold their monthly meeting at the Lithuanian Club 368 West Broadway. Mr. Anthony Guerrero of Mass Port will begin the conversation of a number of Mass Port proposals. Anthony has the impossible task of replacing Tommy Butler and as Tommy's assistant he learned from the master. He will be presenting an update on the Butler Park taking shape on First Street and Conley Terminal Roadway.

Across from the Music Pavilion Tent is parcel K and someone will be presenting a development proposal. Along Summer Street phase two of Waterside Place will be discussed. Next to the BCEC, (on the South Station side), a 2nd Headquarters Hotel will be sited and also discussed. As stated and proven we are not a NIMBY community and look forward to shaping the future and all members of the community are invited to attend.

However as pointed out earlier and as law states we are “impacted” and have the right to demand how this development benefits us. Beyond the rising value of our homes and the rising taxes that come with it. Past experience justifies our demand.

The most glaring example of that experience is “The Lawn on ‘D’”. Prior to BCEC construction the then Governor, Mayor and South

Boston elected officials appointed a group of residents to the Design Committee, (DAC), to design with officials, the Convention Center and early stages of the Waterfront and, later, hotel developments. From the outset DAC asked, What's in it for the community? What are our benefits? Obviously a benefit could not be a swimming pool for the Mahoney house or something just for St. Vinny's. It had to benefit the whole community. DAC pushed for a park. After all, the BCEC sits on land that originally was a 45-acre

public park called Commonwealth Park built in 1895. The BCEC agreed and the very first community benefit promised to the community was a permanent park on “D” Street.

Then the BCEC was built and yet no park - all the development that we've witnessed over the last 14 or 15 years, and still no park. At nearly every meeting at the BCEC during that time, the question was asked. Then director Jim Rooney's stock answer was “the BCEC didn't have any money”. Weren't we all

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# Americans Are Simply Fed Up

In attempting to be viewed as the 'steady hand' of the Republican Party, shepherding its party regulars back onto a path of small government, social conservatism and market-driven economic principles, not only has Mitt Romney become the poster child for the elite establishment of the party that 'doesn't get it', the sheep are running wild.

Donald Trump defeated every one of the 16 challengers that he faced by breaking every rule in the political handbook and tapping into America's discontent and dissatisfaction with the direction of government, and focused his angry-toned message on the hot-button issues of immigration, terrorism, trade and jobs.

Striking further fear into both Parties, a new Quinnipiac poll has Trump and Hillary Clinton tied in each of the three key swing states of Ohio, Pennsylvania and Florida. The breakdown in Florida reveals how truly close the race is. As Politico puts it, Clinton has a 13-point advantage among women, 48 percent to 35 percent, while Trump's lead among men is also 13 points, 49 percent to 36 percent. Each gets 39 percent of independent voters, while Trump wins big among whites, and Clinton wins big among nonwhites. The candidates have identical net negative approvals of minus 20 points, 37 percent to 57 percent. The poll also shows that Bernie Sanders does better against Trump than Clinton and Sanders winning the West Virginia primary on Tuesday has sent Democrat consultants scrambling to spin the media toward the end game despite Sanders frequent upsets.

Defections of Big-Name Republicans from Trump say as much about their disconnection from real Americans, as their narrow quest for ideological superiority. If Trump had been dependent on the support of Mitt Romney or Sen. Lindsey Graham or assorted pundits and donors, he never

would have gotten 10 million primary votes. Endorsements are generally a good thing for candidates, and party unity is usually regarded as an essential starting point. But the claim that Trump must conform to all the traditional norms flies in the face of the political reality that Trump represents, and the appeal that he has simply because he has shaken up the status quo.

On the other side of the aisle is the unanticipated staying power of the Sanders movement. If nothing else, it would seem to highlight the reality that the Democratic base is no longer in sync with the Barack Obama directed status quo that Clinton is trying to maintain, albeit with a tweak or two here and there. The focus, for example, on gender and income equality meant to secure women and minorities is proving elusive, as exit polling consistently reveals. Women and minorities are as interested in the issues that Trump espouses on immigration, terrorism, trade and jobs as any other.

In order to get to a general election pivot, Clinton has to stop the whipped up base from defecting, once the primary season winds down to the convention. She tries to do so by putting Trump on the defense with nonstop attacks on his character and lack of government experience, but his counter punches are fierce and stinging. It has been noted in a New York publication that Trump is 'a phenomenon, much as Barack Obama was in 2008, and he could do to Clinton what Obama did to her then. Obama was fresh, and she was tired. Now Trump is fresh, and Clinton is even more tired'.

That may just be the case and, meanwhile, the Republicans just may smarten up and join the independents and disaffected democrats who may stay with Trump despite his crass and crude twitter posts. As another columnist in Boston wrote, 'the Constitution will keep Trump in check'.

# Rep. Collins Votes FY17 Budget With No New Taxes Or Fees



State Representative Nick Collins joined his colleagues in the Massachusetts House of Representatives to pass its FY17 budget which emphasized support for local aid and programs to help those battling addiction and homelessness.

The spending bill, approximately \$39.5 billion, highlights the House's ongoing commitment to balancing fiscal prudence with targeted social service investments, a practice that has resulted in Massachusetts retaining its AA+ bond rating, the highest in the state's history.

The budget includes no new taxes or fees and reduces the Commonwealth's reliance on one-time revenue sources. For the second year in a row, it does

not withdraw any funds from the stabilization fund.

"I was happy to work with my colleagues in the House of Representatives to ensure that the Commonwealth does its part to support our local municipalities. This year's house budget debate was particularly successful for the City of Boston," said Rep. Collins.

The budget extends the House's longstanding reputation as a champion of municipalities. With increases in both local education funding and Unrestricted General Government Aid (UGGA), this budget raises local aid by \$159 million from FY16. It provides \$55 in per-pupil-aid, more than doubling last year's expenditure, and fully funds Special Education Circuit Breaker. Under the FY17 House budget, the Boston Public School system will receive \$216 million in Chapter 70 funding with the City of Boston set to receive an addition \$182 million in Unrestricted General Government Aid.

"I hope that the City can use this funding for its highest budget priorities, including the Boston Public Schools," continued Rep. Collins. "We hope that this increased level of funding finds its way into the classroom, where it is most needed."

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shocked and saddened when it was revealed the BCEC had contributed over 30 million dollars to an unregulated Gov. Patrick's "travel fund" during the same period that Jim cried poor mouth.

Finally, a few years ago, the "Lawn on D" was created. There is no denying it's well kept, is an asset and many enjoyable events have been held thus far. Unfortunately, instead of a permanent public amenity, as promised, we are told the park is only temporary, likely until the next design proposal and then it will be given the hook. Even now it is used for special and, many times, ticketed for profit events, as if it belonged to the BCEC. If that is the case, where is our promised public park as a community benefit?

Before this community supports further impact on its quality of life, we demand this benefit and more importantly, when do we get it?

*Take care till next week.*



## Youth Ambassadors Community Day A Great Time!

The South Boston Community Health Center's Youth Ambassadors put on their 11th annual Community Day on Saturday, May 7th at the Iron

Workers Hall. There were lots of fun games, activities, music, and opportunities to learn about resources in the community.

There were representatives from the South Boston

Community Health Center, the Gavin Foundation, the South Boston Action Center Youth Council, the South Boston Farmers Market, the South Boston Neighborhood

Development Corporation, and Rev. Burns Stanfield's Fourth Church Musical Theater Program who participated in the event. A great time was had by all who attended!

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what does not make and never has made America great.

A message to John Kerry: The borders protecting America will remain whether you or Obama - both of whom will be gone in a few months - like it or not. And who knows, there just might be a wall to go along with that border very soon.

Moving now to taxes: Certain elected officials in this city still haven't given up on the idea of raising the property taxes on homeowners. Soon we'll see a push, complete with slick advertising, about how much that one percent property tax hike will be good for us. They want it on the November ballot and will pull out all stops to 'con' voters into going for it. Like sharks in a feeding frenzy, we have far too many politicians who can never get enough when it comes to reaching into the pockets of working families.

This time they say it's to pay for 'affordable housing'. In this city, is there still such a thing? The "affordable" units they speak of will be anything but for most current residents which is probably the idea anyway. A few months back, it was an additional

tax on alcohol. Each time we're told it's no big deal. It's just a small amount extra that people will have to pay for good causes. A small amount here, a small amount there adds up very quickly. Everyone has a good cause it seems, and there is no problem getting others to pay for it as far as some of our pols and activists are concerned. It always comes with the promise that there will be no more new taxes or tax hikes to follow, if we just ok this one. But we all know from experience that there will always be another one and another and...?

So let this week's column be the first volley fired in an anti-tax hike campaign with the goal of defeating the coming attempt to raise our property taxes, which, by the way, will be immediately followed by rent hikes, in order for home owners to pay for it. Add this to my other anti-tax hike rants if you want. The endless increases are one reason so many of us around here left the Democrat party years ago, never to return. Whether it's the mayor, at-large city councilors or the media pushing it, it's time to 'just say no' and to vote it down when this latest attempted money grab is on the November ballot. It's never too early to start.

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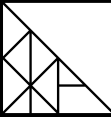
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The PLAN: South Boston Dorchester Avenue initiative is an opportunity to think about what to “preserve, enhance, and grow” in the study area.

Working with the community, over the past nine months, the City planning team developed a vision and framework for new types of uses, improved mobility and connectivity, and scale of development best suited for the future of this transit corridor. The outcome of the planning initiative is a Strategic Plan outlining guidelines to be used towards zoning that will be presented for community feedback.

May 19 is an OPEN HOUSE to celebrate this phase of the planning process. At this event, all are invited to review and comment on the Strategic Plan, its guidelines and recommendations.


We look forward to having you join us on Thursday, May 19 at the Mass Bay Credit Union. In addition, there will be opportunities to make further comments about the Strategic Plan on the website.

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Teresa Polhemus, Executive Director/Secretary



**Congratulations to the following youngsters who made their First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 7, 2016 at Gate of Heaven Church.**

Riley Anglin, Derek Austin, Jackson Ballard, Nora Banks, James Barrett, Patrick Brunner, Sean Buchanan, Janek Buczkowski, Ryan Collins, Stella Cote, Duncan Crowley, John Daley, Stella Dearden, Joseph DiBlasi, Brigid Fitzgerald, Samuel Flood, Jean Derisme, Lindsay Fox, Edward Gwynn, Reese Hamilton, Jake Harper-Coughlin, Sebastian Hichos Rubio, Jack Hynes, Kyle Lange, Clara Long, Elliott Lopez, Grace Luxton, Elizabeth Nee, Jack Nee, Reilly Nee, Jake O'Connell, Alexis Prakapas, Angelica Rodriguez, Clara Ryan, Luke Seecher, Isabel Sheppeck, Rory Shields, Conor Smith, Audrey Tallent, Adrian Whiteknact, Anderson Wisniewski, Kevin Zimmer.



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# The Raccoons Are Back – With Friends

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY - By Staff

The number of calls and complaints continues to rise about the masked prowlers sneaking around the back yards of South Boston. Most of the time it's after the sun goes down but lately, so brazen are these prowlers that broad daylight no longer seems to be a deterrent to them. Home invaders? Burglars? Neither one. Raccoons. Yes, they're back; maybe in even larger numbers than in previous years.

Reports are coming in from nervous neighbors about raccoons so big and so fat that they sometimes get mistaken for large dogs. Some residents say it's beginning to look like an invasion there are so many and "They are Huge" said one emailer to South Boston Today. Other reports tell of an entire family, mother, father and 4 little cubs that have taken up residence in a back yard shed. The cubs are "adorable" we're told, but they cause quite a mess as they rummage through every set of trash barrels within a 6 block area. South Boston has been sharing its space with raccoons for many years but now it seems that the 'coon' population is exploding, probably because the pickins' are so plentiful; especially on trash pickup days.

Adorable or not, these raccoons can pose a problem and not just the mess they make. Some can carry diseases and in extreme cases it's possible that one or more could become rabid and dangerous. Usually raccoons will not bother people or even pets. But if a pet gets aggressive raccoons are capable of returning that aggression 2 fold. Pet owners are advised never to let their dog or cat tangle with a raccoon as they can be formidable brawlers and seriously injure and even kill a pet.

South Boston Today contacted some experts in the field of wildlife control to find out the

best advice to give to our readers on how to deal with raccoons if they become a nuisance. There are humane methods to use without having them exterminated. Below are some suggestions about what to expect and what to do if you find our masked friends closing in on you. First, be aware that raccoons can actually take up residence in your home. Perhaps they will find a way into your basement or your attic. If your dog or cat has one of those pet doors they can use to come in and out you can be sure a raccoon can figure out how to use it as easily as your Beagle or Lab. You may want to secure it; especially at night. Never feed raccoons or leave food in areas of your yard where they can get at it or where it might attract these critters. Yes, they might be cute, but once you feed them they will keep coming back for more and they just might bring the whole family with them and consider themselves your permanent guests.

There are non-lethal traps you can buy to capture a raccoon or a possum etc., but be aware; these traps can also capture skunks and do you really want what comes with a frightened skunk? The choice is of course yours but give this one some serious thought. There are products you can buy that will actually repel raccoons and other pests so they will leave your area. Putting ammonia or even mothballs in your garbage cans often works to keep them away too. But if all else fails, if repellents aren't doing the trick and if making sure you leave nothing around your property for them to eat there is one almost surefire way to get rid of this problem.

You can call the City of Boston Animal Control Unit. These are the experts and can pretty much handle any animal problem you might have. Their number is 617-635-5348. Whether it is raccoons,

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## This past Monday, Joe Cook dropped off a scholarship check to B.C. High for the Tim "Doc" Cook Memorial Scholarship. The funds will benefit four local BC High South Boston Students.



L-R is Bobby Ferrara (Scholarship Committee), Joe Maher (Asst. Director of Development) and Joe Cook, the proud father of Tim Cook.

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possums, skunks etc. give them a call, explain the problem and they can either advise you on what to do or perhaps come and take care of it for you.

As city dwellers, many residents are not prepared to deal with

wildlife problems. But as the natural environment of wild animals shrinks, it becomes more common place that we wind up sharing the same area with them. It could be worse. So far, the bears have not yet begun to wander our streets. If that happens, we really will have a problem.



## 150 Trees Available

Is there a place in front of your home or business that looks like a good location to plant a tree? If so, the Boston Parks and Recreation Department is reaching out to constituents to help locate planting sites for 150 surplus trees in their spring planting cycle ending July 1.

The Parks Department is accepting tree planting requests for the current spring cycle through Friday, June 3. Requests received after that date will go into the fall planting cycle beginning in September.

"This is a great opportunity for residents," remarked Boston Parks Commissioner Chris Cook. "We have the trees and our team is

ready to go out and inspect the sites that are suggested. If they meet all the parameters outlined on our webpage, those locations will have beautiful new trees by July 1."

Any resident of Boston can request to have a street tree planted on the sidewalk in front of their home or business whether or not there is an existing tree pit if the location meets the tree planting requirements spelled out at [www.cityofboston.gov/Parks/StreetTrees/seasonal.asp](http://www.cityofboston.gov/Parks/StreetTrees/seasonal.asp).

Tree planting requests can be made utilizing the BOS:311 app or webpage ([www.cityofboston.gov/doit/apps/311.asp](http://www.cityofboston.gov/doit/apps/311.asp)) or by calling 311 or the Park Line at (617) 635-PARK (7275).

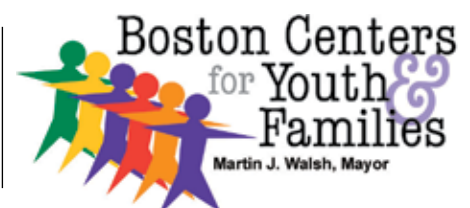
## BCYF-TYNAN COMMUNITY CENTER 2016 FUN-IN-THE- SUN SUMMER CAMP

On-Site 7 week program for children ages 7-13, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Activities include: arts & crafts, recreational activities, daily Condon pool swim, board games, various off-site field trips, as well as weekly special events. Program provides campers with the opportunities for growth and development in physical, educational, social and cultural skills. Program begins July 5th through August 19th.

**PROGRAM FEE:** \$300 (1/2 PRICE FOR EACH ADDITIONAL SIBLING) FOR THE (7) WEEKS. PAYMENTS CAN BE MADE WITH CASH, CHECK, OR MONEY ORDER.  
NO TRANSPORTATION AVAILABLE.

**Registration:** will begin in may 16th and will be on-going. Must have a completed application and a copy of the child's current immunization record.

TYNAN COMMUNITY CENTER  
650 EAST 4TH STREET  
SOUTH BOSTON, MA. 02127  
PHONE: (617) 635-5110







**MAYOR WALSH COFFEE  
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andaca and Inspectional Services Commissioner William Christopher, the heads of two busy and important departments, Mark McGonagle from the BRA, as well as the new District C-6 Captain Joseph Boyle.

As part of his effort to listen to community concerns, these coffee hours have been an important part of engaging with the neighborhoods. By including local elected officials, there is an atmosphere of seeing and feeling government in action up close and personal with hands-on problem solving and issue discussion.

City Councilors Michael Flaherty





and Annissa Essaibi-George, Legislators Senator Linda Dorcea Fory and Representative Nick Collins and their staff were fielding questions from the many senior citizens and other residents in attendance, who enjoyed fresh fruit and pastries donated to Parks & Recreation by Whole Foods, along with the coffee and donuts donated by John Gillespie from his Andrew Square Dunkin Donuts.

Emergency Management handed out gift bags with bottled water, a flash drive with important information on it and other goodies. A group of seniors were overheard singing the Mayor's praises. The Parks and Recreation Department handed out one last parting gift to the attendees, bright yellow potted plants, which were a big hit with everyone. Youngsters and their counselors and teachers from the Ollie and Julie's Learning Center enjoyed a beautiful morning outside with the Mayor and the community.



# BOSTON WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION HONORED DURING NATIONAL WATER WEEK

**BOSTON** - Wednesday, May 11, 2016 - In recognition of the Boston Water and Sewer Commission's (BWSC) long-term quality and reliability of water and sewer services in the City of Boston, the Commission last week received two awards from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) in celebration of National Drinking Water Week.

The BWSC was awarded the Regional Recognition Award for outstanding performance and

achievements in 2015 for being a model public water agency that puts forth exemplary efforts in every area of water treatment and distribution, including the Lead Service Replacement Program. The BWSC also received the Citation for Consistent Performance for continued excellence in delivering safe drinking water in 2015, a first-time award from MassDEP.

"The Boston Water and Sewer Commission has the important task of ensuring long-term quality

of our water and sewer services, and they continue to perform this task with excellence," said Mayor Martin J. Walsh. "With their recent expansion of services to promote the health and safety of our water services, the Commission continues to provide the very best services for our residents and I look forward to continuing our efforts towards creating a safer and healthier city." Building on the Administration's commitment to protecting the health and safety of Boston's residents, Mayor Walsh in April

announced the expansion of the BWSC's Lead Replacement Incentive Program to encourage Boston's property owners to replace private lead water service at their property. The program expands eligibility to properties of all types including commercial properties with lead service lines two inches or smaller. The expansion doubles available financial assistance in the form of a credit of up to \$2,000 to property owners who utilize a BWSC  
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## Boston Air Pollution Control Commission

Notice is hereby given that the City of Boston Air Pollution Control Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, June 9, at 11:00 A.M. in Room 900 of Boston City Hall, Boston, Massachusetts. The Commission will consider the proponent's request for a parking freeze permit for 171 spaces in an underground parking structure to be located at 150 Seaport Boulevard, Boston, MA, pursuant to the Procedures and Criteria for the Issuance of Parking Freeze Permits adopted under M.G.L. Chapter 111, Section 31C. The proposed permit involves:

171 spaces in a three-level underground parking garage to serve an approximately 323,000 square foot, 22-story, mixed-use building with residential and restaurant/retail uses, to be located on the site currently occupied by the Atlantic Beer Garden and The Whiskey Priest. 30 commercial parking spaces would be for restaurant patrons, and 141 residential parking spaces would be for 124 residential condominium units. Because residential spaces provided at a ratio higher than 1:1 must come from the parking freeze bank, 17 spaces would be bank spaces, for a total of 47 spaces requested from the parking freeze bank.

Sign language interpreters will be provided upon prior request.  
A copy of the application is available for public inspection at  
Boston City Hall, Room 709.  
Questions should be directed to: Haidee.janak@boston.gov or  
[APCC@boston.gov](mailto:APCC@boston.gov) or 617-635-3850

For the Commission,  
Haidee Janak, Parking Freeze Program Manager  
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327 spaces in a three-level underground parking garage on the property at 130 Northern Avenue to provide public parking and serve an office and restaurant/retail building, the exact size of which is still to be determined. Another 291 spaces are proposed within the same garage on the property at 140 Northern Avenue to serve a mixed-used building with residential and restaurant/retail uses, which is currently in the design phase, as well as the office building and public parkers. The garage will be operated as a single garage, although the proposed projects are owned separately and would each have their own parking freeze permit. All of the proposed spaces would be allocated to the site from an existing permit for the entire Pier 4 property. There would be no spaces allocated from the parking freeze bank.

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## BCYF Snap Shot Teen Photography Program

**M**ayor Martin J. Walsh is encouraging Boston youth ages 16-18 to apply now for Boston Centers for Youth & Families (BCYF) Snap Shot Teen Photography Program. This unique summer job program is made possible via a partnership between BCYF and the John Hancock MLK Summer Scholars Program. The BCYF Snap Shot program teaches youth about photography while they explore Boston's neighborhoods, museums and historic sites. The young people also photograph many BCYF community centers, programs and events.

"This is a great summer employment opportunity for teens who are interested in learning photography while exploring our City and making new friends," said Mayor Walsh. "Thank you to John Hancock's MLK Scholars Program for

supporting this program."

A professional photographer teaches the program. Participants learn about different techniques, equipment and concepts. They are also introduced to a variety of professional photographers through books, websites and exhibitions in art galleries and museums around Boston. The program also includes field trips to different neighborhoods in Boston. At the end of the summer, their work is showcased at an exhibition.

The program will run from Tuesday, July 5 through Friday, August 19. Participants will work 20 hours each week. Interested young people can apply by visiting [Boston.Gov/BCYF](http://Boston.Gov/BCYF) and clicking the "summer" link for the application. Deadline for applying is May 20. For more information, contact [Donna.Reeves@Boston.Gov](mailto:Donna.Reeves@Boston.Gov).



## SENIOR BABE RUTH TRYOUTS

**T**he South Boston Senior Babe Ruth will be holding tryouts this coming weekend. The dates are Sunday May 15 and Monday May 16. They will be held at King Field in Moakley Park from 5 PM to 7 PM. To be eligible to play you must be a resident of South Boston or the section of Dorchester that borders South Boston.

You must be 16 years old before May 1. You also may play if you turn 19 this year. Of course 17/18 are able to play. This is the 56th year of baseball for this age bracket in Southie. We, as always, need help coaching this travel team and if you're interested, please come down to the tryouts. Coach Connor would like all of last year's player to come to the tryouts as well, to be sure you are returning this year.

The season begins on June 6 and ends about July 30 including playoffs and all-star. Any graduated players are asked to drop off their uniforms at the tryouts. See you at the field.

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contractor to replace lead pipes on their property. Another incentive includes an interest free loan for up to 48 months for eligible property owners.

"This award is a reflection of the unwavering leadership, direction and support that the Commission

receives from Boston Mayor Martin J. Walsh and of the tireless work performed by the employees of the Commission, enabling us to provide quality services to over 1.2 million people every day," said Henry F. Vitale, Executive Director of the BWSC.

To learn more, please visit [www.bwsc.org](http://www.bwsc.org)

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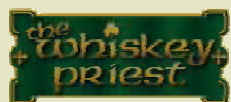
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