Curley Community Center And All Of South Boston In Mourning

By now, all of South Boston must know about the tragic drowning of 8-year-old Kyzzr Willis of Dorchester, who was a popular camper at the Curley Community Center’s summer program. Kyzzr, who was discovered missing at approximately 2pm on July 26, was found by a dive team several hours later, not too far from the L Street Bathhouse where the program is held. Counselors, fellow campers...
"Is Transparency A Flexible Term?"

Transparency or is it Full Transparency?
The only important word here is Transparency. The notion of pledging transparency is a double-edged sword, especially with respect to government policy decision making that likely affects thousands of citizens.

Some internal discussions and brainstorming sessions that result in the assessment and distillation of thoughts, ideas and proposals, and are, for better or worse, shared in emails or written drafts, can be seized upon by critics and exposed out of context to advance the critic’s agenda. That serves limited public purpose – that is, limited to the advantage of the critic.

Media outlets have a responsibility to dig as deeply as possible into the basis for the policy-crafting efforts of bureaucrats. Bureaucrats have the obligation to be sensitive to the need for the public to be informed and told the truth. Appointed working groups, charged with the responsibility to offer recommendations and advice to decision makers, must set up acceptable rules by which they follow. That includes drafting its report(s) such that the person, who will bear ultimate responsibility for the public policy, can communicate openly with all of the stakeholders involved. It’s a tough job but progress demands it and the citizenry deserves it.

Weekly Quote

“No one’s going to give a damn in July if you lost a game in March” - Earl Weaver

"Boston Public Schools Exam Schools Issue"

The Boston Public Schools Department has requested that we print the following response to the July 21st front page story on the Boston Exam Schools.

The Boston Public Schools (BPS) does not have a report, in draft or final form, entitled ‘BPS Strategic Implementation Plan 2016/Opportunity and Achievement Gaps Taskforce’ The article issued by WGBH is false. There are no proposals to prevent any student from enrolling into the district’s three exam schools. BPS is disappointed that the media outlet that reported this erroneous information did not attempt to verify any facts with the school district before posting the article.

Editor’s Note:
South Boston Today is in receipt of a report titled “Phase One of BPS ‘Opportunity and Equity’ Report” – a unifying document to shape the next ten years. This report was on the BPS website last week and still appears as of July 25. In this report, on page two, under ‘Access To Educational Opportunity And Attainment’ and, among other items, under a subsection titled ‘Other Recommendations Will Require Broad Community Conversation’, a further subsection stated: “Restrict Exam School Enrollment To Students Who Were Enrolled In BPS In The Fifth Grade”.

South Boston Today relied, in part, on this document to assume that the WGBH report, which is in dispute now, was accurate to our satisfaction. In the editing of the article, attribution to the WGBH report was inadvertently deleted. South Boston Today apologizes for this error.
When the news broke last weekend that the head of the Democratic National Committee, Debbie Wasserman Schultz was caught and forced to resign over yet another scandal - this time for a stealth campaign to undermine the candidacy of Bernie Sanders and throw the nomination to Hillary Clinton - few Americans were surprised. Factor in the insulting, bigoted and just plain racist emails that were part of this scheme to rig the whole process, and it was typical of what people have come to expect of party politics.

I admit, I didn’t and wouldn’t vote for either Sanders or Clinton. And I’m definitely not watching the convention. One hour into it and the average person’s IQ would drop by ten points. But you have to feel bad for Sanders and his supporters, who in many cases were too trusting and most likely a bit too naïve to expect a fair contest would be held. But trust is no longer an option in far too many political circles, as it becomes more apparent with each passing year that you have to watch these people like hawks. Yes, the DNC issued an apology, but many think it was more because of the embarrassment of getting caught rather being legitimately sorry. And wouldn’t you know it, as soon as Debbie Wasserman Shultz got the boot as DNC head, she was scooped right up by Hillary Clinton’s campaign to go to work for them. This makes perfect sense. Wasserman Shultz seems to possess the skills and the morals and the ethics that will fit right in with her new boss and her operatives. Corruption is definitely a plus.

And I can’t resist commenting on Secretary of State John Kerry’s latest brilliant proclamation. While at yet another Climate Change/Global Warming gathering in Europe, a conference attended by a whole herd of the world’s so called elites who travelled there in their pollution spewing fuel guzzling private jets, Kerry announced that because of the chemicals used in refrigerators and air conditioners, they pose as much danger to humans as do the ISIS terrorists. This prompted one syndicated radio talk show host to ask “Should I get rid of my refrigerator before it starts beheading people?” Kerry and the rest of his climate change alarmist buddies still haven’t gotten the message that more people every day just aren’t buying the scare tactics of the global warming crusaders. And who can blame them?

When expeditions to Antarctica by full sized ice breakers filled with scientists seeking UN funding and grants to study the disappearing ice caps continue to get stuck in the ice there, people find it comical. When more than 400 scientists have signed a letter saying the whole human-caused climate change scare is a hoax, folks begin to get skeptical. And when it’s learned that, contrary to what’s being reported, the number of ‘endangered’ polar bears is actually increasing in the Arctic rather than declining, well, it’s no wonder few people even listen to the rantings of Kerry, something that this guy just doesn’t understand.

And finally for this week, we have another fragile college student story to share. Last week during the Republican National Convention held in Cleveland, students at the University of Cleveland signed petitions demanding that ‘safe spaces’ be provided for them, because the presence of all the extra police being housed on that campus was traumatizing to them. In addition to the space spaces, students wanted trauma councilors to be brought in to calm their fears and pretty much coddle them. Now certainly, not all students on that campus are that wimpy. But the number of what’s now classified as the ‘fragile snowflake element’ was significant enough to make the news and embarrass the rest of the students, who are getting tired of the silliness.
Window Into The State House

President Obama delivers a prime-time speech tonight at the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia, as he tries to bolster support for presidential nominee Hillary Clinton.


Baker and Healey spar over assault weapons crackdown

Is it 2018 already? We’re asking because you have to wonder if we’re currently witnessing a preview of a possible gubernatorial showdown between Gov. Charlie Baker and Attorney General Maura Healey two years from now. Yesterday, Baker, who initially seemed OK last week with Healey’s crackdown on “copycat” assault weapons, asked for yet more clarifications on her gun-control edict, saying its “ambiguities” are causing concerns and confusion, reports the Globe’s Joshua Miller. Baker’s public safety secretary, Daniel Bennett, said in a separate letter that the AG’s fiat wasn’t clear whether the crackdown might apply to pistols, not just rifles.

Healey’s camp didn’t seem impressed with the administration’s inquiries, saying that Healey’s office consulted state public safety officials about the weapons notice in advance and that the new inquiries were a surprise, reports the Herald’s Matt Stout and Kathleen McKiernan. “Many of the questions raised in the letter mirror statements by the gun lobby,” said a Healey spokeswoman.

The sparring comes as Baker, a Republican, indeed feels escalating pressure from gun enthusiasts to act and as Healey, a Democrat, touts her anti-assault-weapon credentials at the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia.

Police tracking cell phones without warrants

Boston police have deployed controversial cell phone tracking technology 11 times since 2009 without first obtaining a warrant, according to a report from the New England Center for Investigative Reporting that was also published in the Globe. The department also used the trackers another 11 times in support of other agencies’ investigative efforts, but has not released details on those cases. The BPD says the trackers are used without warrants only in cases of emergencies, which it says is consistent with Police Commissioner William Evans’ comments on the use of the so-called StingRay technology. Baker adds unions to the disclosure list of those paying for political mailings

Reacting to concerns expressed by fellow Republicans, Gov. Baker has added unions to a list of people, companies and institutions that potentially must be disclosed if they contribute money for political mass mailings and other ads, reports SHNS’s Katie Lannan. Baker shipped the proposed amendment late last week to lawmakers, who earlier passed legislation requiring that political mailers and billboards include a list of the top five donors to the organization that paid for them. The bill was widely seen as aimed at the conservative-leaning Massachusetts Fiscal Alliance, which sends mailers critical of Democratic candidates. Baker’s recommended language would apply to communications “made by an individual group, association, corporation, labor union or other entity,” and replacing a reference to “group or association” with “group, association or labor union.”

New Massachusetts bar exam will make it easier for lawyers to practice in other states

Massachusetts is switching to a new “uniform” bar exam that will make it easier for law school graduates to practice in other states, the Boston Business Journal is reporting. The state’s top judges have endorsed a recommendation to implement the uniform examination, which is currently used by 23 states and the District of Columbia. Bar applicants will still have to be tested on laws specific to Massachusetts, but the overall 2018 exam switch should benefit young attorneys eyeing jobs in multiple states. “The idea that bar exam results would be portable from one state to another has got to be a good thing,” said Jeremy Paul, dean of Northeastern University’s School of Law “It shouldn’t be easier for someone from France to practice law in Italy than someone from New York to practice law in New Jersey.”

National Convention bedlam in Philly

So much for Bernie Sanders and Elizabeth Warren unifying Democrats last night, as near “political bedlam” broke out yesterday at the Democratic National Convention, reports the New York Times. Both Sanders and Warren tried gallantly to rally the Dem troops, but many of Bernie’s backers were in no mood for their prime-time unity calls, adds the Globe’s Annie Linskey and Victoria McGrane. You know it was a rough night when even Warren, the darling of the progressive left who nevertheless has endorsed Hillary Clinton, couldn’t get through her speech without some hecklers chanting “We trusted you! We trusted you!”
“Southie”

I love South Boston, I always will because South Boston gives me such a thrill.” Growing up every man, woman and child, knew the lines from the song. I love this town. I really do. No matter how far away the old friends and times seem to have drifted, there is always somebody or something stepping forward to bring those memories flooding back.

Such was the scene last Saturday down at E and 5TH Street, where the Paul Lamonica basketball courts were dedicated. Check out the Paul Lamonica photos inside. Bob and Kelly O’Shea were there along with Paul’s boyhood friend Jackie Mullen and wife Chrissy. Rick Joyce, Senior and Junior, were in the crowd. Patti McCormack and Noreen Rosner and Jack Keefe too. All were from undoubtedly busy lives. All to pay tribute to the memory of a man, who during his busy life, found the time to show that special Southie quality of caring and trying to make life better for everyone around him.

Southie cousin and our Mayor Marty Walsh was there, as were Rep. Nick Collins and Clerk Mike Donovan to honor Paul’s memory with heartfelt words. No words, however, were more poignant and moving than the words of Tracy Lamonica. More than one had a lump in the throat as her words transported the crowd to yesteryear. The sun and weather were the crowning glory for this beautiful dedication.

A few days later another side of Southie was exposed as Kevin Lally of the Gate of Heaven Neighborhood Association was able to convince enough of his friends and neighbors to meet at the Tyran on a sweltering night to discuss a project. No, everybody didn’t agree but the meeting ended on a genial note and Kevin was able to demonstrate that organizing is the only way to have a voice.

That our tradition and culture of service and involvement continues, we need only look at the Allison family. Phyllis is known throughout town for her involvement in charitable causes, while husband Bob is President of The South Boston Historical Society. In the midst of our development onslaught, son John serves as the Mayor’s Neighborhood liaison to South Boston, making sure everyone knows what’s going on and has an opportunity to speak. A very busy job with the never ending construction.

While John watches out for our interests at home, younger brother Phil has taken the oath to defend you and me against, “all enemies, foreign and domestic”. My wife and I had the honor last week of joining with Phil’s family and friends to wish him well, as he begins service with the U. S. Coast Guard. Steady readers might remember a story on Phil a few years back. If you know Phil, you’ll understand when as a student he basically took over Lynn University in Florida and arranged to have a 2012 Presidential debate held there. Well the adventure continues and apparently Phil wants to bring us along for the ride.

I received a letter from Phil with a few requests: “as you have heard Phil Allison (that weird guy who tells jokes that aren’t funny and stories with no point) went and signed up for the Coast Guard and shipped out to boot camp at Cape May, New Jersey”? He goes on to note he is cut off from phone, newspapers, internet and all communication. Next he writes, “picture me on bended knee begging you to write a letter sometime in the next several weeks”. He asks that if writing only use plain white envelope please.

Here is where he made his mistake. At the end of his letter he writes, “Please feel free to share this address with anyone you think would be interested in writing to me: the more the merrier”? Why not everyone in Southie?

SR Allison, Phillip D.
Recruit Company Foxrot 193

USCG Training Center
1 Munroe Ave
Cape May, NJ 08204-5083

Now if you write Phil be sure and put little messages on the back of the envelope. Messages like, “Hey Phil is your drill instructor as dumb as you say” or something else to catch the officer’s eye. Phil will appreciate it. These are just some of the reasons to love this town that just like the Energizer Bunny keeps on “going and going”.

Take care till next week.

TRAFFIC & PARKING NOTICE

There will be no parking on Day Boulevard from I Street to the Farragut Statue at East Broadway and Shore Road Saturday, July 30, 2016 at 10:00 pm through Sunday, July 31, 2016 at 12:00 Noon

WHAT: On Sunday, July 31, 2016, the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) will close William J. Day Boulevard in South Boston to all traffic to accommodate the Boston Triathlon on William J. Day Boulevard. All four lanes on Day Blvd will be used for the race. Traffic will be detoured to adjacent roadways: Columbia Road, Farragut Road and Shore Road will serve as a route to and from Castle Island. Parking will be prohibited along Day Boulevard and Shore Road.

WHEN: Sunday, July 31, 2016

WHERE: Day Boulevard will be closed from Kosciusko Circle to Shore Road approximately 5:30am – 12 Noon.

ADDITIONAL RESIDENT PARKING

Temporary overnight parking for residents with a valid City of Boston South Boston Resident Parking Sticker will be provided at the angled parking spots located between Shore Road and the Castle Island parking lot on Saturday, July 31 at 10pm. This temporary parking area will be staffed and vehicles will be checked for resident parking stickers. There will not be any parking allowed on Shore Road.

If you would like to be added to an email list to receive DCR announcements, or if you have questions or wish to report a concern, please contact: mass.parks@state.ma.us or Dept. of Conservation & Recreation, Office of Community Outreach, 251 Causeway Street, Suite 600, Boston, MA 02114; Tel: (617) 626-4973.
Who’d Have Thunk It One Year Ago

During The Republican Presidential Convention in Cleveland Ohio last week, Donald Trump, billionaire businessman, and political outsider, defied the odds that many embarrassed political pundits pegged at a billion to 1, and shook up a still reeling Republican Party Elite Corps, while exciting millions of voters to his Republican Party. As of July 19 2016 he is the 2016 GOP presidential nominee.

The Republican National Convention became an historic moment in the annals of modern U.S. political history and validates a campaign that shattered every rule of the political handbook. Touchingly, and knowing Trump, it was orchestrated as such, his son Donald Trump, Jr., cast the votes for the New York delegation that put his Dad over the top of the 1,237 delegates he needed to clinch the nomination, as any talk of disruptive protest votes or walkouts dissipated.

“It is my honor to be able to throw Donald Trump over the top in the delegate count tonight with 89 delegates,” Donald Jr. said, surrounded by three of Trump’s other children -- Ivanka, Eric and Tiffany. “Congratulations Dad, we love you.” An emotional Ivanka Trump told CNN’s Dana Bash immediately after her father was confirmed as the Republican nominee, “It’s unbelievable, it’s surreal, I am so proud of my father.” “I have never underestimated my father, ever,” Eric Trump said.

Donald Jr. was tearing up when he told Bash that putting his father over the top was “one of the more surreal moments of my life, other perhaps than the birth of my children. To be able to do that is historic, it’s awesome.” Trump himself is scheduled to address the convention tonight but was quoted after the vote, “Such a great honor to be the Republican Nominee for President of the United States. I will work hard and never let you down! AMERICA FIRST!”

Hillary Climbed Rocky Road To The Democratic Presidential Nomination

Reality TV Or Hollywood – Take Your Pick. Among a bevy of Hollywood supporters and most of the veterans of Democratic Party politics, and challenged by the die-hard Bernie Sanders brigade, Hillary Clinton became the first women in history nominated for President by one of the two major parties. To quote the Virginia Slims cigarette tag line – You’ve Come A Long Way Baby. She did so during a roll call vote on the second day of the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia.

Casting 10 votes for Bernie Sanders and 15 votes for Hillary Clinton, the South Dakota delegation pushed the former Secretary of State past the magic number of 2,383 to formally become the Democratic nominee for President of the United States. After passing on their alphabetical turn, the Vermont delegation closed out the roll call vote by casting 22 votes for Sanders and 4 for Clinton. Immediately after, Sanders himself took the microphone to call for nomination for acclamation. “I move that all votes cast by delegates be reflected in the official record, and I move that Hillary Clinton be selected as the nominee in the Democratic Party for president of the United States,” Sanders said.

Massachusetts gave Hillary Clinton 68 Votes and Bernie Sanders 47. Earlier Illinois delegates cast 74 votes for Sanders and 98 votes for Clinton. The Illinois votes for Clinton were cast by Betsy Eberling, one of 10 childhood friends of Clinton’s. Eberling and Clinton became friends in Park Ridge, Ill., in sixth grade. Eberling was joined by other former Park Ridge classmates who have stayed in contact with Clinton for more than 50 years.

Indiana delegates cast 43 votes for Sanders and 48 votes for Clinton, and added a little zinger for GOP nominees Donald Trump and Indiana Gov. Mike Pence as well. “On this episode of the Apprentice we can say last week they conspired, but their ideas misfired. Their bigotry is tired, their attacks are uninspired, so Mike Pence and Donald Trump, you are officially fired,” said Rep. Andre Carson, who announced the delegation’s votes.

Monday night, two female speakers - First Lady Michelle Obama and Senator Elizabeth Warren - took up most of the convention’s primetime hour. “Because of Hillary Clinton, my daughters and all our sons and daughters now take for granted that a woman can be president of the United States,” Michelle Obama said. With women estimated to be 53 percent of American voters, many Democrats believe their nominee’s gender could be her trump card.
Phoenix Revolution

Boston-based green technology company, Phoenix Revolution, Inc., conducted a test of their Ocean Pure Water System (OPWS) on the Thompson Island Outbound Pier in South Boston, MA, in front of a delegation from Nepal. The demonstration showed the effectiveness of the OPWS by making contaminated Boston Harbor water cleaner than Boston tap water in less than 45 seconds.

Rudra Prasad Gautam, Chief of the Urban Development Division of Nepal, flew to Boston, specifically to discuss the OPWS technology and to witness a demonstration of its effectiveness.

After the demonstration, which was also attended by Rep. Nick Collins from South Boston, everyone present was amazed at the speed, efficiency and effectiveness of the OPWS.

“Consider me now, your technical ambassador to Nepal,” Mr. Gautam said after the demonstration and after drinking the water. Mr. Gautam said he wants to facilitate a deal to bring Phoenix Revolution and their OPWS to Nepal.

Mr. Gautam was not alone in his praise for the OPWS.

“Are you kidding me?” Nepal’s Consular General Pralhad K.C. said, after tasting the water produced by the OPWS. “I’m going to take some with me. This is incredible technology.”

Mr. Dixit also added that the water was “very good…this technology needs to be deployed in India.”

Rep. Collins told Mr. Lacey that “this was exceptional technology that is desperately needed.”

The Ocean Pure Water System (OPWS) uses modern and proven water desalination and decontamination processes in a new innovative way to reduce power consumption and upfront costs, while maximizing water production. The system’s viability comes from using a technology that has been employed in the water industry for decades. Using desalination and purification techniques based on reverse osmosis (RO), the OPWS does not innovate on the removal of dissolved solids, but on the ability to supply water to the system. The outcome of the OPWS is that it drastically reduces the significant costs associated with desalinating, purifying, and pumping to the surface fresh water, from major water sources such as: oceans, seas, rivers, lakes, ponds and aquifer. And due to the OPWS’s modularity, the system is rapidly scalable to provide any amount of water desired.

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and their families and staff are reeling from the outcome of this ordeal.

Kyzr’s mother, Melissa Willis, whose family roots were on West Second Street, is naturally devastated. Her son, whom she described in interviews as being “athletic and daring, knew how to swim, and knew to follow directions from staff. He wouldn’t wander off.”, was a joy.

Many questions will be asked about the circumstances of that day and the operation of the program. Counselors were ordered to meet with the Boston Police Department for interviews about their activities and what they each know. Those questions and the police investigation is certainly necessary and, once all of the information is gathered, it will yield the fair and fact based report. Daily newspapers will scrutinize not only the Curley Community Center, but likely all of the city programs where children are being supervised to ensure that safety and supervisory protocols are in place. The Curley has an excellent track record of safety in that it has not had a tragedy like this in recent decades, according to a brief review of history and conversations with active South Boston residents.

What also must be noted is that it seemed that all of South Boston had joined in the search for Kyzr. Lifeguards formed a human chain as they search the water. BCYF staff and counselors anxiously searched the area under obviously stressful conditions. Many residents and concerned citizens left their homes - and in some cases jobs - to search the beaches and side streets. The Boston Police Department was out in force and the Coast Guard both in the air and on the water, as well as the State Police helicopter and boats, worked as quickly as possible to try to find this precious boy. Mayor Marty Walsh cut his stay short at the Democratic Convention to return to console Kyzr’s parents and family.

It is likely that the memory of Kyzr Willis will be in the psyche of this community for a very long time. Although this heartbreak is raw and fresh and the investigation process will take time, it will also be an important time to rally around the family and help start the transition process. South Boston knows how to do that.

The South Boston Today family extends its deepest sympathy to City Councilor Michael Flaherty, Judge Michael Flaherty Sr. Clerk Peggy Flaherty Albertson and John Flaherty and the Flaherty families on the passing of the matriarch Margaret “Peg” Flaherty. Known to all as a fierce defender of South Boston and our way of life, she was also known for her loyalty to her family and friends. St. Brigid’s Parish was the beneficiary of her time and generosity and her memory will live on because of her good works.

Peg will be waked this evening Thursday July 28 at O’Brien Funeral Home 146 Dorchester Street from 3-8PM. Her funeral will be Friday at St. Brigid Church at 11AM. Remembrances may be in the form of a donation in Peg’s honor to Boston College High School 150 Morrissey Blvd., Dorchester, MA 02125 or Montrose School, 29 North Street, Medfield, MA 02052.
The Port of Boston is thriving. Boston’s 6th largest employer with more than 7,000 direct jobs contributes $4.6 billion annually to the Massachusetts economy. Every day, the Port of Boston is making a difference in people’s lives; the shoes we wear, the furniture we sit on, the cars we drive, the oil we heat with, the toys our children play with all travel through the Port of Boston. Massport’s Conley Container Terminal processed a record 221,014 containers in 2015.

Massport is working hard to balance our roles as an economic engine, a good neighbor, and an environmental steward.

In 2015, Conley Container Terminal received a national Breathe Easy Leadership Award for reducing harmful diesel emissions beyond what is required by law, and promoting clean transportation in the Northeast. Particulate matter at the Conley Terminal has declined 20% since 2011.

**Clean trucks** We replaced 60 old drayage trucks with clean diesel trucks at a cost of $3 million funded by Massport, truck owners and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). As a result, nitrogen oxides, particulate matter, hydrocarbons, and carbon monoxide have all been significantly reduced.

**Clean cranes** We’re using EPA funding to retrofit five diesel-powered rubber tire gantry cranes used to load and unload trucks and reposition containers within the yard at Conley Container Terminal. The retrofitted cranes will conserve fuel, reduce noise and significantly reduce emissions.

**Dedicated freight corridor** We’re investing $75 million to create the Thomas Butler Freight Corridor which will eliminate 400-500 trucks through the neighborhood each day, create a sound barrier, and a 4.5 acre Memorial Park.

As the Port of Boston - the second oldest port in the nation - continues to benefit the Commonwealth’s innovation economy and all of New England, Massport will continue to invest in environmentally friendly technology.

For more information visit www.massport.com
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DISCO NIGHT WITH STARDUST AT CITY HALL PLAZA AUGUST 10

The Dorothy Curran Wednesday Night Concert Series continues on August 10 with Disco Night featuring City Hall Plaza favorites Stardust playing dance floor hits from the 60s, 70s, and 80s.

The series is presented by Mayor Martin J. Walsh, the Mayor’s Office of Tourism, Sports, and Entertainment, and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department in partnership with title sponsor Bank of America. Additional support is provided by media sponsor the Boston Herald and Polar Beverages. All shows begin at 7 p.m.

The always popular Stardust is a local super-group formed by gathering some of the most talented and experienced musicians in the entertainment industry and honed by over a decade of active rotation. The band is in high demand and performs regularly at fine venues and hotels throughout the country.

Led by bandleader Keith Kostick and singers Cecilia Colucci and Charles Clark, Stardust packs the dance floor at corporate events, weddings, and City Hall Plaza where revelers of all ages get to get up and boogie under the summer sky. Stardust’s popularity at private events means that public appearances are limited, so this Disco Night is a rare treat for both the band and its fans.

Now celebrating 44 years as Boston’s longest-running free outdoor concert series, the Dorothy Curran Wednesday Night Concert Series brings four summer nights of great entertainment to this unique venue located in the heart of Boston. The series closes August 24 with the classic Philly soul of Harold Melvin’s Blue Notes.

For more information, please call the Boston Parks and Recreation Department at (617) 635-4505, visit www.facebook.com/bostonparksdepartment, or go to www.boston.gov/parks.

Community Overdose Prevention Trainings at Firehouses

The Mayor’s Office of Recovery Services and the Boston Public Health Commission’s Recovery Services Bureau are partnering with the Boston Fire Department to hold community overdose prevention trainings in neighborhood-based Boston firehouses.

Overdose prevention trainings are routinely conducted by Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) outreach professionals to help community members better understand the scope of Boston’s opioid epidemic, recognize the signs and symptoms of opioid overdoses, and learn how and when to use the life-saving overdose reversal drug naloxone (Narcan). The firehouse trainings will expand the outreach in our neighborhoods.

WHEN: Thursday, July 28, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.
WHERE: South Boston Fire Station, Engine 39, 272 D Street, South Boston
WHO: Director Jen Tracey, Mayor Martin J. Walsh’s Office of Recovery Services and Commissioner Joseph E. Finn, Boston Fire Department

About the Boston Public Health Commission

The Boston Public Health Commission, the country’s oldest health department, is an independent public agency providing a wide range of health services and programs. It is governed by a seven-member board of health appointed by the Mayor of Boston. Public service and access to quality health care are the cornerstones of our mission - to protect, preserve, and promote the health and well-being of all Boston residents, particularly those who are most vulnerable.

The Commission’s more than 40 programs are grouped into six bureaus: Child, Adolescent & Family Health; Community Health Initiatives; Homeless Services; Infectious Disease; Recovery Services; and Emergency Medical Services.
300 SUMMER
Exhibition: Mon, August 1 – Thursday, August 25, 2016
Opening Reception: Thursday, August 4 at 5:30pm
Music by John Cremona and Larry Plitt: 5:30-6:30pm

The Fort Point Arts Community Gallery is pleased to announce 300 SUMMER, an exhibition of paintings, photographs, works on paper and new media by residents of The Artist Building at 300 Summer Street, one of Boston’s first live-work artist cooperatives. Resident musicians, John Cremona and Larry Plitt of the Squeezebox Stompers, will perform live blues, R&B and ballads at the opening celebration on August 4 from 5:30-6:30pm, to be followed by a reception with the artists.

The artists at 300 Summer Street provide an important cultural resource for the Fort Point neighborhood and beyond. For over 20 years, the resident artists have created their work in a wide range of media. Among its members are recipients of prestigious awards, including Guggenheim and Fulbright Fellowships. They have exhibited locally, regionally, nationally, and internationally.

The Artist Building at 300 Summer Street is a vibrant live-work artist community comprised of 48 live-work spaces and a dozen art-related businesses. The FPAC Gallery, housing the organization’s main office, was part of the coop development to serve as an asset to Fort Point artists and the neighborhood. Structured as a limited equity cooperative, the building is owned and managed by its residents. The goal was to create permanent affordable artist live-work space. Price increases are capped to ensure that the units will be affordable for artists in perpetuity. The productivity and activity of the artists at 300 Summer Street and at the two other Fort Point artist buildings, 249 A Street Cooperative and Midway Studios, are major assets to Boston’s cultural life.

The 9-story, 100,000-square-foot building is located in the historic Fort Point neighborhood. Designed by the key architect of the neighborhood, Morton D. Safford, in the Classical Revival style for wool merchant, Jeremiah Williams & Co., the 1898 building was renovated in 1995. The renovating architect was Lajos Heder. The entrance area features an art-in-architecture artwork, a recycled steel canopy by Mags Harries.

Resident Artists in 300 SUMMER Exhibition
Dirk Ahlgrim, Ellen Altman, Linda Brown, Carolyn Callahan, Katharina Chapuis
Lisa Damtoft, Jesseca Ferguson and Mark Pevsner, Lisa Greenfield, Jennie Griffith, Jeff Heyne, Joanne Kaliontzis, Kelly Kerrigan, Andrew Klein, Mario Kon, Christina Lanzl, Jennifer Moses, Jenifer Mumford, Andrew Neumann, Estate of Rob Reeps, Jose Santos, Pierre Schiepers, Gustavo Soto-Rosa, Christine Vaillancourt, Daniel van Ackere, Dorothea Van Camp, Meg Weed, Judith Ziegler

Fort Point Arts Community (FPAC) Gallery

South Boston Students Win BC High Awards

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Boston College High School is a Jesuit, Catholic, college-preparatory school for young men founded in 1863. The school enrolls approximately 1,600 students from more than 100 communities in eastern Massachusetts. For more visit: http://www.bchigh.edu
O'Hara reminds Massachusetts employers and workers to protect against excessive heat

With temperatures of 90 degrees predicted for much of New England this week due to the heat dome, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration is reminding employers to protect their workers from heat illness.

Heat illness can be deadly. Three simple words can mean the difference between life and death: Water, Rest and Shade.

To prevent heat related illness and fatalities:

- Drink water every 15 minutes, even if you are not thirsty.
- Rest in the shade to cool down.
- Wear a hat and light-colored clothing.
- Learn the signs of heat illness and what to do in an emergency.
- Keep an eye on fellow workers.
- “Easy does it” on your first days of work in the heat. You need to get used to it.

For more information about OSHA’s Campaign to Prevent Heat Illness in Outdoor Workers, visit www.osha.gov/heat.

If you wish to interview an OSHA representative about the heat campaign, please contact Ted (fitzgerald.edmund@dol.gov) or Jim (lally.james.c@dol.gov).

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Residents can sign up for Alert Boston with the city’s emergency notification system, to receive emergency alerts by phone, email or text. Residents are also encouraged to call 311 with any questions about available city services.

The Mayor issued the following heat safety tips for all members of the public:

- Adults and children should use sunscreen containing an SPF-15 or higher and wear protective, loose fitting clothing, including long sleeve shirts and hats.
- The elderly, young children and those with chronic medical conditions, especially respiratory conditions, are more susceptible to the effects of heat.
- Check in on the elderly and family or neighbors who may be at risk of heat exhaustion or heatstroke as temperatures climb.
- Children and pets should never be left alone in vehicles, even for short periods of time.
- If you become lightheaded, confused, weak or faint, stop all activity and immediately find shade or a cool area to rest. If symptoms persist, call 911 immediately.
- Limit outdoor activity to morning and evening hours. Rest often in shady areas and be extra cautious from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., when the sun’s UV radiation is strongest.
- Drink plenty of fluids regardless of activity level. Avoid alcoholic beverages and liquids high in sugar or caffeine.
- Homeless individuals can become dehydrated rapidly due to a lack of access to water or shelter from the heat. If you observe someone who appears to be in distress, call 911 immediately.
- If you have a child in your home, use child window guards in addition to screens on any open window on the second story or above. Falls are the leading cause of injury for children under the age of six.
- Secure all window air conditioner units according to the manufacturer’s specifications.

Playground Safety:

- Children should always wear shoes on playgrounds because surfaces can become extremely hot and cause burns, even splash pads and spray decks.
- Outdoor Fires and Grilling:
  - No outdoor fires are allowed in Boston, including fire pits, chimneys and bonfires.
  - Charcoal grills must be on the ground and away from buildings. Keep in mind the wind and never leave unattended. When done, dispose of the ash in a metal container once completely out.
  - Propane tank grills are only allowed on first floor porches with steps to the ground. Do not place propane tank grills near air conditioners or up against a building. Make sure all connections are tight and never carry propane tanks into a home.
  - Grills should always be used in a well-ventilated area.

MOSQUITOES AND TICKS:

- Mosquitoes and ticks:
  - If you are in a grassy or wooded area, apply a DEET containing repellent that will protect against mosquitoes AND ticks. Always check yourself, children and pets for ticks after returning indoors and remove attached ticks immediately using tweezers. Mosquito bites can spread West Nile virus (WNV) and Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE), while attached ticks can spread Lyme disease.

- Wear long sleeve shirts, long pants and socks to prevent mosquito bites. Limit your time outdoors between dusk and dawn when mosquitoes are most active and apply an approved mosquito repellent.

To prevent mosquitoes from breeding, residents should limit places around the home where standing water can collect. People should turn over unused flower pots, buckets, wheelbarrows, and garbage cans; remove leaves and other debris that can clog gutters and trap water; dispose of or cover old tires; and cover swimming pools when not in use.

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The Gathering of Family and Friends for the Paul La Monica, Jr. Basketball Court Dedication
Unity In The Community

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SOUTH BOSTON TODAY - By Sarah A. Smegal, SBBGC Advisory Board Member

The “Southie Supports: Unity in the Community” school supplies drive is a joint collaboration among the Edgery Family, South Boston Boys & Girls Club, the South Boston Neighborhood House Ollie, the BCYF Condon Community Center and the Tierney Learning Center at Old Colony Housing Development. The drive will run through Aug. 26th. Many Southie families live paycheck to paycheck and, by assisting them with the purchase of school uniforms and required supplies, we’re ensuring those families aren’t choosing between school items and other necessities in the household budget.

We have a community with diverse economic backgrounds and we’re hoping those with a little more will step up to help those with a little less. We, as a society, benefit from well-educated and motivated children who dream and set goals for themselves. There’s no easier way to help Southie students achieve those goals than by sending our kids back to school with the supplies they need to succeed!

Businesses in Southie will host donation boxes with lists of suggested donation items posted on the sides of the boxes. Please patronize these businesses and fill the boxes! There are fantastic back-to-school sales going on right now at Staples, Office Max, Office Depot, Target and Wal-Mart where you can find everything our kids need! Uniform separates can be purchased at Old Navy, Target and Wal-Mart. To make gift card or cash donations, please contact Pattie McCormick at the Boys & Girls Club (617-516-5442), Barbara Caputo Kelly or Debra Flaherty at the BCYF Condon Community Center (617-635-5100) or Cheryl Itri at the SBNH Ollie (617-268-1619). We are seeking to add more businesses, but confirmed at this time are: Amhreins/Beauty Bar/Boston Bagel/ Boston Beer Garden/Citizens Bank/Cosmopolitan Realty Advisors/Cranberry Café/Eastern Bank/Foodies/Ironworkers Local 7/L Street Tavern/Lincoln Tavern/Peter Welch’s Gym/SB Post Office/Rooney Real Estate/Sidewalk Café/Stephi’s/The Club by George Foreman III

Pictured assembling donation boxes are Sarah Smegal (SB Boys & Girls Club), Patty McCormick (SB Boys and Girls Club), Barbara Kelly (Condon Community Center) and Debbie Flaherty (Condon Community Center). Not pictured is Cheryl Itri (SBNH, The Ollie)

Kids Day at the South Boston Farmers Market

The South Boston Neighborhood Development Corporation (SBNDC), the sponsor of the South Boston Farmers Market, will hold a Kids Day celebration at the market on August 1st from 1-4pm. The market will run as usual from 12 - 6 pm, with regular vendors Freitas Farm, Wenger’s Farm, and this year’s new bakery vendor, PB Boulangerie.

In addition, ‘More Than Words’ will be selling books and ‘Tea is the Way’ specialty tea. We will be hosting students from the UMass Extension program providing food samples from 12-4. There will be live music from 12:30-3:30pm, balloon twisting (and bunny petting!) from 1:30-3:30, a tide pool exhibit from 2-5pm, free bike repair education through the Boston Bicycle Union’s ‘Bike to Market’ program from 3-6pm. Local organizations will host info tables with various fun filled kid’s activities, crafts and giveaway from 1-4pm. Look out for a special appearance by the BPD ice cream truck!

We invite all Southie families and summer programs to come and have fun at our Kid’s Day Market Day! The South Boston Farmers Market accepts EBT/ SNAP, WIC and Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Coupons. Boston Bounty Bucks are available for EBT/SNAP users. For more info go to http://www.sbndc.org.
DANNY PICARD: With training camp beginning this week, all eyes will be on the Patriots’ quarterback situation. And we’ll get to that, but first, what was your reaction to Tom Brady giving up the fight and accepting the four-game DeflateGate suspension?

MIKE GIARDI: I guess, immediately, I was surprised because I think like most, I thought he was just going to take it to the end. I thought that’s why he brought on Ted Olson to the legal team. Once it got to that point, I just never really considered the potential for him to stand down. But I guess there is something to it that makes sense, in the sense that he was afraid that, even if they did get as far as they wanted to, if the thing got upheld again, and he was suspended after getting a stay, that suspension could come at any point during the year. And if that happened in December, then you’re talking about playoff football, or you’re talking about meaningful games in December that could shape home field. And maybe that’s the reason why. I don’t think we really have a definitive explanation, and I’m not really sure we’re ever going to get one.

DP: And during that suspension, Brady cannot be at the stadium, he can’t be with teammates, he can’t be at the facilities, he can’t even have contact with players or coaches during the first four weeks of the regular season. So what do you do? Can you get around that? How do you handle this if you’re Brady, but also the Patriots? What are they going to do with Brady in those first four weeks?

MG: The go-by-the-rule-book-guy would say that you should abide by all the rules the NFL set down. But, I’ve dealt with some league people here and some people in the Player’s Association over the last week-and-a-half, trying to find out exactly what he can and cannot do, which I posted on CSNNE.com. Some of these things, I think they’re very hard to enforce. So I think if they really wanted to get around — not necessarily coming into the facility — but somehow getting him tape of games and breakdown of players and things of that nature that they get on a daily basis in Foxboro. I think that would be pretty hard to enforce. And I’m not sure after the players practice that they want to go to Tom’s compound and run routes for him in his backyard — and that’s illegal, they’re not supposed to do that — but I mean, what’s to stop them? Are going to tail Julian Edelman to Tom Brady’s house? Are you going to have a camera on the light post outside of Tom Brady’s driveway, to make sure certain guys aren’t coming in and out? I mean, I think some of this stuff is, if they really wanted to, I think they could get around some of it.

DP: So as we get ready for training camp this week, this is the top story to watch, how they use these quarterbacks. How do you expect them to use Brady and Jimmy Garoppolo, when it comes to playing with the ones. Because we know now that Garoppolo is going to be playing the first four games of the season. So how do you expect the Patriots to use these two guys in training camp and in the preseason?

MG: I think we see a similar approach that we saw last year. I think at that point, Brady was still under possible suspension, and even though they thought there would be a chance that the suspension was going to be overturned, they were still going into the year with Garoppolo as the guy. And I think you saw, last year, Garoppolo get a fair amount of reps with the ones, but Brady still had a lion’s share early on, and I think they’re going to do something similar. Because they have to do everything they can to put Brady in the best possible position, in terms of the number of reps early in camp. And I think as you shift into the latter part, the second half of camp, that Week 3 Preseason game, then more and more attention will have to be focused on Garoppolo and getting Garoppolo ready. But, look, with all the stuff that they have to do nowadays, we talk about building chemistry, all these little catch phrases and key words and narratives that we use in sports media, they spend so much time doing stuff year-round now. Whether you’re working out at the facility, or you’re in LA and playing catch and running routes out there, I think some of that stuff can be overstated. I think really what it comes down to is — when they actually start playing — Garoppolo’s grasp on the offense, his ability to change things on the fly, his ability to adjust when defenses adjust to him, I think those are the things that we’ll be looking for. And even to that degree in the preseason, you don’t necessarily see, because people don’t ramp it up to 100 percent with their preseason schemes and what they’re trying to bring to the table, come Week 1. Really, we’re going to learn the most about Jimmy Garoppolo when he steps under center on Sept. 11 in Arizona. Listen to the entire conversation and every episode of “The Danny Picard Show” at dannypicard.com, iTunes, Google Play Music, and wherever podcasts are available.
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