MassPort Pledges Commitment And Communication

On Monday evening, Executives from Massport conducted another in a series of public meetings to keep local residents informed about the waterfront development plans that are underway, as the Authority attempts to generate maximum revenue and improve economic development on their properties on and around the Boston Harbor and adjacent parcels.

Monday’s topic was the South Boston Waterfront Transporta-
“Who is Dangerous?”

The nation and the world were told throughout the Clinton-Kerry leadership of the State Department that Iran only wanted to conduct nuclear research to create “clean energy”. All of us have learned from Hillary herself that, “no confidential material” was on her e-mails.

Sadly, we have also learned that, in fact, her e-mails were hacked and some of them contained the name of an Iranian nuclear scientist, who was communicating information on the Iranian Nuclear Program to the United States. Sunday we learned the scientist was hung and executed at sunrise.

We know America is “The Great Satan”, but why would they execute him if, as Clinton and Kerry have assured us, he was only working on “clean energy”? And they say Trump is dangerous.

“The summer night is like a perfection of thought” - Wallace Stevens
As most know, three of Boston’s police unions are pushing hard to acquire some new equipment, including upgraded, more powerful weapons, as well as better armor protection and communications. Among the list of new equipment being sought are long rifles, extra loaded magazines, ballistic reinforced helmets etc. There is resistance to the weapons upgrades from higher ups and at City Hall, as well as some in Boston’s neighborhoods. Both sides have their reasons for taking the positions they have.

Some of the criticism being directed at the requests by the unions is that police equipped with long rifles, particularly the AR-15, will send the wrong message and may not be the image Boston wants to show the rest of the country. Having a police force looking increasingly militarized isn’t the sign of a peaceful stable city, as Boston is compared to many other large metropolitan areas around the nation. But the police in the field, many of the rank and file feel they are no longer properly equipped to handle the new reality that is taking hold, and where law enforcement is coming under increasing attack. Many cops believe they have targets on their backs and a review of recent events show that their concerns are certainly justified.

The point of view from many of the police in the streets each day is as follows: Boston police are armed with a Glock model 22, 40 caliber handgun. It’s standard issue. The Glock is a good reliable firearm, but like any handgun has its limitations – specifically range and accuracy. Times have changed dramatically from a decade ago or more.

Today, terrorism has come to our homeland and we’ve seen foreign inspired terrorists, Islamic terrorists in particular, specifically target US military and law enforcement here in America. Add to this, the home-grown radicals who are also shooting our police in the streets just for being cops, and we have our law enforcement increasingly under siege. But when you factor in the high powered weaponry that these terrorists are using against police, it’s no wonder law enforcement is feeling out gunned by the bad guys.

What is a Boston police officer to do if there is a sniper on a roof well over a hundred yards away shooting at them or civilians with a rifle? While they can easily hit their targets, they are safely out of range of a patrolman on the ground and his or her handgun. In cases like this, police in Boston just don’t have the weapons needed to deal quickly with this and the chances increase for a large body count. They feel they need more effective weapons to be able to effectively deal with today’s threats and protect innocent citizens AND themselves and they just don’t have them.

It should be noted that Attorney General Maura Healy can attempt to mandate all the new gun restrictions imaginable, but these restrictions would only affect the law abiding gun owners, who are clearly not the one’s doing the shooting. The terrorists and other criminals will always be able to get high powered rifles, whether through foreign sources or home grown smugglers and street thugs.

Since the Marathon bombing, Boston has been relatively lucky. This city hasn’t experienced the brutal attacks on the public and on our police that radicals and terrorists have unleashed in other cities, but police know that this could change at any time and they want to be able to deal with it if and when it comes. What they are asking for and what they are saying is that they don’t want to become a ‘militarized force’, they are not soldiers, but they need to be provided with the proper equipment to defend the public and themselves against today’s threats when they arise. They make a good point. These are dedicated public servants who have sworn an oath to serve and protect us and they do it well. Many citizens believe we owe it to these courageous and dedicated professionals to make sure they are given what it takes to defend us and protect themselves from harm.

Most Americans believe that we should never send our military into battle without the proper equipment to get the job done and come home safely. Most also believe that our police, as well should be given the same consideration so that they too can protect the public from harm and come home to their families safely at the end of their shift. I’d be interested in hearing how our readers feel on this issue. Let us know what you think.

The Information Center

More Powerful Weapons for Police:
Your Thoughts?

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY
John Ciccone
Note: talk back to John Ciccone by email at jciccone@southbostontoday.com
Gov. will veto ‘miles-driven’ tax study

Gov. Charlie Baker plans to veto a provision within a highway funding bill that calls for a pilot program to test a system that would tax motorists by the miles they drive per year, reports MassLive’s Shira Schoenberg.

A miles-driven tax, also known as the Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) tax, has been touted as a way to replenish state transportation funding bill that calls for a pilot program to test a system that would tax motorists by the miles they drive per year, reports MassLive’s Shira Schoenberg.

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Window Into The State House

Window Into The State House provides our readers a synopsis of important issues of interest, past and current, that are being proposed, debated or acted upon by the Massachusetts Legislature. Many issues that are not related to local city government services are acted upon and have a direct impact on daily life. They are tax policy, transportation infrastructure, judicial appointments, social services and health, as well as higher education.

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Furniture companies are holding their own ‘sales tax holidays’

With the Legislature refusing to authorize a state “sales tax holiday” this month, many retailers, especially furniture store owners, have simply created their own versions of a sales tax holiday, slashing prices by the amount or more of the 6.25 percent state tax, reports Consumer World founder Edgar Dworsky. Among the retailers pushing the unofficial holiday this month are Bernie & Phyl’s, Boston Interiors, Cabot House, Cardi’s Furniture Chair Fair, Circle Furniture Jordan’s Furniture La-Z-Boy Marty’s Furniture, Rotmans and Sleepy’s.

“Retailers know that shoppers hate paying sales tax on large purchases, so it can be a big lure for many to offer savings equivalent to the sales tax,” said Dworsky. “Nonetheless, in a world where 30, 40, and 50 percent off sales are commonplace, I still shake my head when shoppers pack the stores to get a mere 6.25 or 12.5 percent off.” He may shake his head, but not us. Consumers save an estimated $26 million during tax-holiday weekends. That’s a lot of savings – and it’s a savings, it should be noted, the state doesn’t think it can afford.

Warren calls DNC email leaks an ‘embarrassment to the nation’

U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren isn’t happy about the email leaks that rocked the Democratic National Committee last month, on the eve of the party’s presidential convention in Philadelphia, reports The Hill’s Rebecca Savransky. To the Massachusetts Democrat, many of the emails, some of which targeted presidential candidate Bernie Sanders in pretty ugly language, should never have been sent in the first place. “It is an embarrassment to the party and it is an embarrass-

ment to the nation,” Warren said during an interview on WCVB-TV in Boston on Sunday. In addition, Warren said she didn’t understand why Hillary Clinton gave former DNC chairwoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz a job on her campaign after the email flap.

Meanwhile, Warren takes aim at Washington think tanks

Elizabeth Warren was busy on another media front yesterday, criticizing Washington think tanks that sometimes wield enormous influence over public policy issues on behalf of corporate donors, as reported by Eric Lipton and Brooke Williams at the New York Times. “This is about giant corporations who figured out that by spending, hey, a few tens of millions of dollars, if they can influence outcomes here in Washington, they can make billions of dollars,” said Warren, a long-time critic of Wall Street donations to think tanks.

Baker charms and schmoozes his way to the Beacon Hill top

A week after the close of the legislative session, the Globe’s Frank Phillips has a good story this morning looking at how Gov. Baker, a Republican, has figured out how to get what he wants from a Democratic-controlled Legislature: “With no bold agenda but with a potent combination of high-level government experience, a strong grasp of complicated public policies, and just plain charm, Baker has emerged, according to close observers of the State House’s inner workings, as the dominant figure on Beacon Hill. ‘He’s worked the Legislature as well as anyone I’ve ever seen,’” said state Rep. Ron Mariano, the House majority leader. “He values opinions, he’s called me a couple of times, wanting to get a sense where I am and where the membership is going.”
The Marques of Queensberry rules are named after the English Noble, who advocated for a code of rules governing fair play in a boxing match. They are not taught in any law enforcement academy anywhere in the world. Nor do officers sign up to fight every punk, who invariably will say, “you wouldn’t be nothing without that badge and gun”. Their job is not to go one on one to prove who is the toughest. The rules they follow is the law and the job is to enforce it as safely as possible. That includes their own safety as well as the public.

There’s a reason the Boston Police are the biggest gang in the city. Officers are taught that, when time and situation allow, overwhelming response is the safest for all. The suspect becomes less belligerent, more compliant and, if force is needed, it can be effected quickly and usually injury free. That’s how it works. Sort of a swarm technique. People and society need to grow up and see reality instead of snippets of visuals edited in the worst light possible for police.

The police are in a real war. Art, however, does mimic life and, for once, Hollywood provides a “teachable moment” reference point. The movie “Heat” with Robert DiNiro and Al Pacino depicting a L.A. shootout during a North Hollywood bank robbery led to a chase ending in a national forest and multiple casualties. Like the L.A. incident years later, they too had to get long rifles from a local gun shop to overpower the criminals.

The world changes and law enforcement has to change and adapt also. Think back to the horror of Columbine High School and the lessons learned. In that case, first arriving officers set up a perimeter and waited. The teenage killers used the time to methodically execute fellow students. After that, most police departments instructed first arriving officers to take aggressive action. As tragic as Sandy Hook Elementary was, it could have been worse, but the first arriving officer immediately entered the school and the killing was stopped.

Talk of “militarization” of the police is just incorrect. No one is talking about helmeted, machine-gun toting patrols on the street except alarmist critics. Every member of the Police Force should be trained in the use of all weapons in the arsenal in the privacy of the Police Range. Every district during every shift should have one cruiser, perhaps a Sergeant Supervisor, designated to carry one long gun. When minutes, if not seconds, means life or death the wait for sufficient fire power can mean death.

An expression exists that bears repeating. “It’s better to have a gun and never need it than to need it and not have it”. Sometimes things are that simple. No one is envious of the task before the Mayor and Police Commissioner of keeping the public and the officers that protect the public safe. That job has to be weighed against the daily life of the city. That task is more constant and extends far beyond any weekly column.

Our leaders need all the support they can get from us in helping them reach a decision. Along with that support they need our honesty. Truthfully, if some members of the Police Department appear with long guns is a Police-State takeover imminent? History reminds us the Titanic went to sea without enough life boats, because the owners didn’t like the way it looked and reminded passengers of the possibility of sinking. However, everyone knew that danger didn’t exist.

Take care till next week.

More Info: HubChurchSouthie.com

2nd Annual M St Family Beach Summer Movie Series
Free for All • Popcorn & Drinks
7:45pm @ BCYF Curley Comm Center
Councilor Michael Flaherty Endorses Sheriff Steve Tompkins

Boston City Councillor Michael Flaherty endorsed Sheriff Tompkins’ candidacy to continue serving as Suffolk County Sheriff.

“Since assuming office in 2013, Sheriff Tompkins has focused on utilizing community programs to keep our youth on the right path. His continued involvement with neighborhood organizations and school programs provides an avenue for at-risk individuals to make positive decisions and break the cycle of recidivism. I am thrilled to support Sheriff Tompkins during his reelection and look forward to his continued leadership in our community.”

“I’ve known and worked with City Councilor Mike Flaherty for a number of years and I’ve found him to be a concerned and committed representative of the people of the City of Boston,” said Sheriff Tompkins. A strong proponent of public safety, Councilor Flaherty has also been at the forefront of social issues, pushing for equality for all citizens, consumer protections, and affordable housing, among others. He has been both an ally and a friend, and I am happy to have his endorsement for my reelection.”

Appointed to the position in 2013, Sheriff Tompkins won election in 2014 as a first-time candidate with over 83% of the vote. As the Sheriff of Suffolk County, Tompkins manages all operations at the Suffolk County House of Correction, the Nashua Street Jail and the Civil Process Division. In addition to providing care, custody and rehabilitative support for inmates and pretrial detainees, Tompkins also oversees a management, security and administrative staff of over 1,000. Sheriff Tompkins holds a Bachelor’s Degree in Communications from Boston College and a Master’s Degree in Public Affairs from the University of Massachusetts.

Councilor Linehan Update On Veteran Housing Opportunity

Councilor Linehan is excited to announce that the South Boston Neighborhood Development Corporation, located at 365 West Broadway in South Boston, will be distributing applications for Patriot Homes, beginning August 15, 2016 through September 9, 2016 from 9:00am to 4:00pm and on Saturday, August 27, 2016 from 12:00pm to 4:00pm. They will also be distributing applications the evenings of Friday, August 26, 2016 and Friday, September 2, 2016 from 9:00am to 8:00pm.

Patriot Homes will be accepting applications from September 12, 2016 through September 16, 2016. In addition, informational sessions will be held at the South Boston Branch Library located at 646 East Broadway, South Boston on Monday, August 22, 2016 at 6:00pm and the West End Library, 151 Cambridge Street, Boston, Thursday, September 1, 2016 at 6:00pm.

Patriot Homes development is a redevelopment of a City of Boston public facility that has gone underutilized in our community for many years. Working with fellow elected officials and veterans in the neighborhood, South Boston Neighborhood Development Corporation is now ready to disperse applications. Please make sure that all veterans in the impact community, who meet the financial guidelines, apply. “It’s important that every veteran in the neighborhood and family members know of this opportunity and participate in this lottery” says Councilor Linehan. For further questions call John Ulrich in Councilor Linehan’s office @ 617-635-3203 or South Boston Neighborhood Development Corporation @ 617-464-2483.

Farewell to Jim DiPerri

South Boston – Jim DiPerri was known around his native South Boston and beyond as a true gentleman who greeted friends and strangers alike with a sincere smile and genuine warmth.

It was pretty easy to feel at home in his company . . . he was a man of unquestioned integrity, was never afraid of hard work and was possessed of a kind spirit . . . the sort of guy you just knew could be relied on for help if you needed it.

Mr. James S. “Jim” DiPerri died Thursday, August 4, 2016 following a period of declining health.

He was born in South Boston, a son of the late Anthony and Charlotte (Brady) DiPerri and had been a lifelong resident. On September 13, 1953 he married the love of his life, Mary T. Curran, and the couple made South Boston their lifelong home.

After high school he served with the Massachusetts National Guard’s Yankee Division from 1946 to 1956. Jim worked for nearly twenty years for White Fuel Company in South Boston.

He later began a forty year career working at the Massachusetts State House, first as a court officer and worked to become the first assistant to the Sergeant-at-Arms of the Massachusetts Legislature.

As a humble son of South Boston he worked hard to support his family, including his mother who became disabled when Jim was a teenager. He was involved in his community and was on the short list of people who got the call when things needed to be done for family, a neighbor, at the yacht club or in the parish.

He was a long-time parishioner of Saint Brigid Church where he was an usher. Jim was also a lifelong trustee, chairman and past commodore of the Boston Harbor Yacht Club. He also belonged to the “Barn Boys” in South Boston, the South Boston Residents Group and the Commodore’s Club of America.

He loved his family and he loved life’s simplest gifts . . . waking every morning to the salt air flowing in the window and a view of Castle Island across the cool blue waters of Pleasant Bay in the distance . . . a glimpse of heaven on earth.

Jim would tell you that among his most treasured gifts were his Catholic faith that he passed on to his family . . . his beloved wife, Mary, with whom he shared a lifetime of joy . . . and his children and grandchildren of whom he was extremely proud . . . all the while trusting that God was at the helm.

He had a keen interest in history and cherished the study of Irish culture that he inherited from his mother, a native of Queenstown (Cobh), Ireland and the Italian heritage he took from his Sicilian father. He likely was the only man of part Italian ancestry in South Boston that was nearly fluent in the Gaelic language.

In addition to his wife of sixty-three years, Mary, he leaves his children, Rev. James M. DiPerri, Pastor of Our Lady’s Church in

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Youth Beach Bash & Splash at DCR’s Carson Beach

350 kids from across the city and around the region, including groups from South Boston, Dorchester, the South End, Jamaica Plain and Lynn made a very big splash on the beach last Friday at Save the Harbor’s 6th Annual Beach Bash and Splash at DCR’s Carson Beach.

Among the groups that took part this year were the South Boston Neighborhood House and St. Peter’s Youth Beach Bash & Splash at DCR’s Carson Beach Academy from South Boston, the St. Peter’s Teen Center, GRASP, Inc. and Greenwood Shalom from Dorchester, Youth Enrichment Services from the South End, the BCYF Hennigan Community Center and the BCYF Curtis Hall Community Center from Jamaica Plain and the LEO program in Lynn.

The kids spent the morning in healthy outdoor activities including fishing, clamming, aquatic instruction, kayaking and stand up paddle-board lessons, as well as Storytelling by the Sea and Arts on the Shore. At noon, under the watchful eye of 14 lifeguards from DCR and the YMCA, they took a quick dip in the cool, clean water, and then enjoyed a cookout on the cleanest urban beach in America.

“What a great way to celebrate clean water and beat the heat,” said Bruce Berman, of the Boston Cruise Company, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts, The Boston Foundation, The Coca-Cola Foundation, Distrigas/ENGIE.

A Funeral Mass will be offered at 10 a.m. on Saturday morning in Our Lady Comforter of the Afflicted Church, Waltham. Jim’s son and namesake, Father Jim DiPerri will be principal celebrant. Burial will be in Saint Bernard’s Cemetery, Concord.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Our Lady Comforter of the Afflicted Parish, 920-R Trapelo Road, Waltham, MA 02452 or to Saint Brigid’s Parish, 845 E. Broadway, South Boston, MA 02127.

“We have the opportunity here to do more than just a garage.”

The project could cost as much as $90 million. The Boston Redevelopment Authority is also advancing plans for a garage in the marine industrial park nearby, to augment the one that’s there now. Massport will try to ensure the project doesn’t become another “gray cement box.” That could include planning for a cafe off World Trade Center Avenue, for example, or a tourist information center and with local input try to do something that’s a little more interesting from a design perspective.
MASSPORT REPORT TO OUR COMMUNITY

FUTURE GREEN SPACE FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Since the post-World War II era, South Boston residents have been accustomed to living near a busy industrial maritime area. Massport’s Conley Container Terminal processed a record 221,014 containers in 2015 and business is on pace to set another record this year. This month, the Journal of Commerce (JOC) ranked Conley Terminal #1 in North America for improved efficiency.

The historic Port of Boston has been and continues to be one of our greatest and most treasured assets. Most importantly, it’s part of the rich fabric of the South Boston community, and is Boston’s 6th largest employer with more than 7,000 direct jobs contributing $4.6 billion annually to the Massachusetts economy.

Massport is working hard to balance our dual roles as an economic engine and a good neighbor. That’s why we’re investing $75 million to create the Thomas Butler Freight Corridor which includes state-of-the-art security and will take 400-500 container trucks off of East First Street each day.

In collaboration with the South Boston buffer committee, we are creating much-needed green space. The 4.5 acre Thomas Butler Memorial Park which is slated to open in 2017, includes a:

- sound barrier;
- lighted paths for walkers and runners;
- interpretive history panels;
- bike racks;
- a new dog park;
- 95 on-street parking spaces along East First Street and;
- A widened sidewalk along the north side of East First Street

Like many Boston neighborhoods, South Boston is experiencing rapid growth and change. Massport has a long history in South Boston as an employer. We share the community’s respect for the past and are committed to work together for the future.

For more information on Massport’s commitment to our neighboring communities, visit www.massport.com
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### General Electric Headquarters Project

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM**

**280 CONGRESS STREET**

**Atlantic Wharf, Fort Point Room**

**Boston, MA**

**PROJECT PROпонENT:** General Electric

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

On August 1, 2016, a joint Expanded Environmental Notification Form/Expanded Project Notification Form (“EENF/EPNF”) was submitted pursuant to Section 80B-5 of the Code by General Electric to the Boston Redevelopment Authority. The EENF/EPNF describes the construction of the GE Headquarters project (the “Project”) in Boston.

The Project will include the rehabilitation of two historic brick buildings at 5 and 6 Necco Court (the “Brick Buildings”), the connection of those buildings by a shared lobby, the construction of a new 12-story building that will be connected to the Brick Buildings by a pedestrian bridge and walkway and the construction of public realm buildings, including Harborwalk improvements, green space, interpretive signage, and amenities. Additional public meetings will be held on September 7, 2016 at Atlantic Wharf, 280 Congress Street from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. and on September 21, 2016 at a location to be determined from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

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**EMAIL:** Sonal.Gandhi@boston.gov

**CLOSE OF COMMENT PERIOD:**

Friday, September 30
Sealed General Bids for MPA Contract No. AP1710-C1, FY 2017-2019 TERM CONTRACT FOR ABATEMENT AND REMEDIATION, ALL MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY FACILITIES, BOSTON, BEDFORD, AND WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS, will be received by the Massachusetts Port Authority at the Capital Programs Department Office, Suite 209S, Logan Office Center, One Harborside Drive, East Boston, Massachusetts 02128-2909, until 11:00 A.M. local time on WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2016, immediately after which, in a designated room, the bids will be opened and read publicly.

NOTE: PRE BID CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD AT THE CAPITAL PROGRAMS DEPARTMENT (ABOVE ADDRESS) AT 8:30 AM. LOCAL TIME ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2016.

The work includes ABATEMENT/REMEDIATION OF ASBESTOS AND ASBESTOS CONTAMINATED MATERIALS, PCB BULK PRODUCT/ EXCLUDED PRODUCT, MICROBially-IMPACTED/WATER-DAMAGED MATERIALS, LEAD-BASED PAINT COATED/CONTAMINATED SURFACES AND GUANO-COVERED/CONTAMINATED SURFACES; REINSULATION, REPLACEMENT, REPAIR AND REFINISHING IN CONJUNCTION WITH THIS WORK.

Bid documents will be made available beginning WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31, 2016.

Bid Documents in electronic format may be obtained free of charge at the Authority’s Capital Programs Department Office, together with any addenda or amendments, which the Authority may issue and a printed copy of the Proposal form.

In order to be eligible and responsible to bid on this contract General Bidders must submit with their bid a current Certificate of Eligibility issued by the Division of Capital Asset Management and an Update Statement. The General Bidder must be certified in the category of ASBESTOS REMOVAL. The estimated contract cost is FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS ($500,000.00).

Bidding procedures and award of the contract and sub contracts shall be in accordance with the provisions of Sections 44A through 44J inclusive, Chapter 149 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

A proposal guaranty shall be submitted with each General Bid consisting of a bid deposit for five (5) percent of the value of the bid; when sub bids are required, each must be accompanied by a deposit equal to five (5) percent of the sub bid amount, in the form of a bid bond, or cash, or a certified check, or a treasurer’s or a cashier’s check issued by a responsible bank or trust company, payable to the Massachusetts Port Authority in the name of which the Contract for the work is to be executed. The bid deposit shall be (a) in a form satisfactory to the Authority, (b) with a surety company qualified to do business in the Commonwealth and satisfactory to the Authority, and (c) conditioned upon the faithful performance by the principal of the agreements contained in the bid.

The successful Bidder will be required to furnish a performance bond and a labor and materials payment bond, each in an amount equal to 100% of the Contract price. The surety shall be a surety company or securities satisfactory to the Authority. Attention is called to the minimum rate of wages to be paid on the work as determined under the provisions of Chapter 149, Massachusetts General Laws, Section 26 to 27G, inclusive, as amended. The Contractor will be required to pay minimum wages in accordance with the schedules listed in Division II, Special Provisions of the Specifications, which wage rates have been predetermined by the U. S. Secretary of Labor and/or the Commissioner of Labor and Industries of Massachusetts, whichever is greater.

The successful Bidder will be required to purchase and maintain Bodily Injury Liability Insurance and Property Damage Liability Insurance for a combined single limit of $1,000,000. Said policy shall be on an occurrence basis and the Authority shall be included as an Additional Insured. See the insurance sections of Division I, General Requirements and Division II, Special Provisions for complete details.

No filed sub bids will be required for this contract.

This Contract is also subject to Affirmative Action requirements of the Massachusetts Port Authority contained in the Non Discrimination and Affirmative Action article of Division I, General Requirements and Covenants, and to the Secretary of Labor’s Requirement for Affirmative Action to Ensure Equal Opportunity and the Standard Federal Equal Opportunity Construction Contract Specifications (Executive Order 11246).

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MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY
THOMAS P. GLYNN
CEO & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Watching the Summer Olympics coming to us from Brazil wasn’t the only place to see some impressive athletic talent. South Boston’s own Carson Beach was recently the site of some of the best performances around, as The Department of Conservation and Recreation lifeguards held their statewide competition on one of the rare cloudy and rainy days that we have had this summer. But even the inclement weather couldn’t dampen the enthusiasm and the incredible skill on display for this very prestigious event.

Teams arrived for the contests from locations as far away as Horse Neck Beach and as close as the Melnea Cass Pool in Roxbury and, of course, our own South Boston beach. Other locations represented were Nantasket, Revere, Constitution and Lake Wyola beaches and the Clinton and Milford Pools. And every guard to a person, which included both male and female competitors, came to compete to win and to give 100%. Yes, they were enjoying themselves, but were all business, once the starting whistles were sounded.

The events included Tube Rescue, Paddle Board Rescue, the Run/Paddle/ Swim Relay, Paddle Board Race – Male and Female, Run/Swim/ Run – Male and Female and the Beach Flag Relay competition. Each category went off perfectly and was a confirmation of the speed, strength, endurance and skill possessed by each and every competitor.

When the dust and sea spray settled and all the contests were completed, the overall standings were as follows: Overall winner was the team from Horse Neck Beach. The most points scored went to the Nantasket Beach Team. But every team and every

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MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY
NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed General Bids for MPA CONTRACT NO. H209-C1 REHABILITATE ENTRANCE ROAD, REPAIR, AND REPLACE PERIMETER FENCING, L.G. HANSCOM FIELD, BEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS, will be received by the Massachusetts Port Authority at the Capital Programs Department Office, Suite 209S, Logan Office Center, One Harborside Drive, East Boston, Massachusetts 02128-2909, until 11:00 A.M. local time on WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2016, immediately after which, in a designated room, the proposal will be opened and read publicly.

NOTE: PRE BID CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD AT L.G. HANSCOM FIELD, 200 HANSCOM DRIVE, CIVIL AIR TERMINAL, SUITE 315 AT 11:00 AM LOCAL TIME ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 25, 2016.

The work includes PAVEMENT MILLING, PAVEMENT RECLAIMING, UTILITY ADJUSTMENT, FINE GRADING, WARM MIX ASPHALT PAVING, PAVEMENT MARKINGS OF APPROXIMATELY 1/2 MILE OF HANSCOM DRIVE; UTILITY DUCTBANK INSTALLATION; AND REPAIR, REPLACEMENT AND INSTALLATION OF WILDLIFE SKIRT ON UP TO 5100 LF OF PERIMETER FENCING, INSTALLATION OF NEW SWING GATES.

Bid documents will be made available beginning TUESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2016.

Bid Documents in electronic format may be obtained free of charge at the Authority’s Capital Programs Department Office, together with any addenda or amendments, which the Authority may issue and a printed copy of the Proposal form.

The estimated contract cost of the Base Bid is ONE MILLION DOLLARS ($1,000,000). The estimated contract cost of Add Alt. 1 is SIXTY-THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS ($63,000). The estimated contract cost of Add Alt. 2 is ONE HUNDRED SEVENTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS ($117,000).

A proposal guaranty shall be submitted with each General Bid consisting of a bid deposit for five (5) percent of the value of the bid; when sub bids are required, each must be accompanied by a deposit equal to five (5) percent of the sub bid amount, in the form of a bid bond, or cash, or a certified check, or a treasurer’s or a cashier’s check issued by a responsible bank or trust company, payable to the Massachusetts Port Authority in the name of which the Contract for the work is to be executed. The bid deposit shall be (a) in a form satisfactory to the Authority, (b) with a surety company qualified to do business in the Commonwealth and satisfactory to the Authority, and (c) conditioned upon the faithful performance by the principal of the agreements contained in the bid.

Bidders must submit a Buy American Certificate with all bids or offers on AIP funded projects. Bids that are not accompanied by a completed Buy American Certificate must be rejected as nonresponsive.

The successful Bidder will be required to furnish a performance bond and a labor and materials payment bond, each in an amount equal to 100% of the Contract price. The surety shall be a surety company or securities satisfactory to the Authority. Attention is called to the minimum rate of wages to be paid on the work as determined under the provisions of Chapter 149, Massachusetts General Laws, Section 26 to 27G, inclusive, as amended. The Contractor will be required to pay minimum wages in accordance with the schedules listed in Division II, Special Provisions of the Specifications, which wage rates have been predetermined by the U.S. Secretary of Labor and/or the Commissioner of Labor and Industries of Massachusetts, whichever is greater.

The successful Bidder will be required to purchase and maintain Bodily Injury Liability Insurance and Property Damage Liability Insurance for a combined single limit of $5,000,000. Said policy shall be on an occurrence basis and the Authority shall be included as an Additional Insured. See the insurance sections of Division I, General Requirements and Division II, Special Provisions for complete details.

This contract is subject to a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise participation provision requiring that not less than ELEVEN PERCENT (11%) of the Contract be performed by disadvantaged business enterprise contractors. With respect to this provision, bidders are urged to familiarize themselves thoroughly with the Bidding Documents. Strict compliance with the pertinent procedures will be required for a bidder to be deemed responsive and eligible.

This Contract is also subject to Affirmative Action requirements of the Massachusetts Port Authority contained in Article 84 of the General Requirements and Covenants, and to the Secretary of Labor’s Requirement for Affirmative Action to Ensure Equal Opportunity and the Standard Federal Equal Opportunity Construction Contract Specifications (Executive Order 11246).

The General Contractor is required to submit a Certification of Non Segregated Facilities prior to award of the Contract, and to notify prospective subcontractors of the requirement for such certification where the subcontract exceeds $10,000. A Contractor having fifty (50) or more employees and his subcontractors having fifty (50) or more employees who may be awarded a subcontract of $50,000 or more will, within one hundred twenty (120) days from the contract commencement, be required to develop a written affirmative action compliance program for each of its establishments.

Compliance Reports - Within thirty (30) days of the award of this Contract the Contractor shall file a compliance report (Standard Form [SF 100]) if:

(a) The Contractor has not submitted a complete compliance report within twelve (12) months preceding the date of award, and
(b) The Contractor is within the definition of “employer” in Paragraph 2c(3) of the instructions included in SF100.

The contractor shall require the subcontractor on any first tier subcontracts, irrespective of the dollar amount, to file SF 100 within thirty (30) days after the award of the subcontracts, if the above two conditions apply. SF 100 will be furnished upon request. SF 100 is normally furnished Contractors annually, based on a mailing list currently maintained by the Joint Reporting Committee. In the event a contractor has not received the form, he may obtain it by writing to the following address:

Joint Reporting Committee
1800 G Street
Washington, DC 20506

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MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY
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Four Alarm Fire On East Fourth Street

The peace of a warm summer late night of watching the Rio Olympics was shattered around 10:30PM Monday with the scream of responding fire trucks, police and ems from throughout the city.

The first firefighters on scene arrived within forty seconds from the “K” Street station after the alarm was sounded and found 3 structures fully engulfed. The fire quickly went to 4 alarms. Our first responders worked cohesively and quickly knocked down the fire. The Boston Fire Department showed their skill, bravery and professionalism in South Boston that night. They were able to minimize damage and control the fire from spreading up the block to other residences.

It has been reported that the fire started when oily rags at the building site combusted from heat. Estimates of damage exceed a million dollars, as the accompanying photos demonstrate. No injuries were reported and that’s a blessing.

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single competitor put on a display of talent that would have made the judges at the Summer Olympics sit up and take notice. They were that good.

As you’d expect, with the amount of physical effort that was put into the intense contests, a large appetite was developed by all the young competitors. Not a problem. Following the event at the beach, everyone involved made their way to the Murphy Skating Rink where a hearty BBQ with plenty of delicious food was provided for all. It was perfect way to end a very successful day.
5th Annual BEACH JAM this Thursday!

Grab your beach chairs and flip flops, round up the kids and get ready to dig your toes into the sand as you sit back and relax and enjoy an amazing night of LIVE music.

Beach Jam 2016 is this Thursday night, August 11th, at the BCYF Curley Community Center’s Family Friendly “M” Street Beach. The doors open at 5:30pm - the show starts at 6pm.

The concert will be hosted by Kennedy, from MIX 104.1’s Karson & Kennedy Morning Show and will feature National Recording Artist and Boston Music Award winner Louie Bello, the amazing talents of up and coming pop superstars 3D, and many more incredible artists.

There will be special guest appearances, a Meet & Greet, face painting, popcorn, hot dogs, ice cream and refreshments guaranteeing one of summer’s biggest nights brought to you by The Boston Centers for Youth & Families, MusicBall, and Save the Harbor/Save the Bay.

The best part about it? Everything is FREE! This is a FAMILY event and ALL are welcome.

See you on the sand!

YOUTH SOCCER COACHES’ MEETING
AUGUST 18

There is a coaches meeting Thursday August 18th at 6 pm at the Curley Recreation Center in the seniors’ card room at the M. Street entrance to hand out rosters for the 2016 season. All coaches must attend. At this time coaches will receive their team rosters for the upcoming season. Remember the season starts on Thursday September 8th with the “PARADE OF CHAMPIONS” and the games start Saturday September 10th AND Sunday September 11th.

Any questions 617-269-7930 and leave a message.

Gatey Update

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY - By Kevin Lally, Gate of Heaven Neighborhood Association

Just a further update on the Gate of Heaven School Building. This past Wednesday, August 3rd I along with Sean Monahan, Rich Evans, Touchie McDonough and Bobby Ferrara met with Father Casey, Martin Keogh the Facilities Manager for Gate of Heaven, Paul Christian, a member of the Finance Council for Gate of Heaven and Dennis Donovan a representative from the Archdiocese Real Estate Division.

I thought it was a very productive meeting and I want to thank Father Casey for meeting with us. As was stated in the parish bulletin the building will be going out for what is anticipated to be a long term lease. It was stated that the Archdiocese no longer wishes to sell property, especially in the greater Boston area. The Archdiocese anticipates that they will advertise for the lease of the building shortly after Labor Day. They will need to clean up the building beforehand but the major renovations will most likely be done by whoever leases the School. Father Casey also stated that he would like to keep as much of the parking as possible for the parish.

While there is no guarantee as to who will lease the building, we have spoken with and do know that at the present time there are schools and an elderly housing developer that are interested. And as of today the building is still zoned as a school building and any change to that will have to go before the Zoning Board of Appeals. We will hold public meetings before the developer presents to the Board of Appeals.

Also, we dismissed our legal case, with what is called “Without Prejudice”, which means that we can go right back into court where we left off. I do not anticipate this happening though. Our lawyer, Glen Hannington has been fantastic. (I highly recommend him if anyone ever needs assistance).

Finally, with any endeavor such as this there is always a financial cost to it. Having said that, we will be starting a Go Fund Me Page later on today and will have a building event sometime in late September or early October. I will keep you posted. If anyone has any question that I can answer, please feel free to contact me at lallycompound@aol.com

Thanks to all

Kevin
Danny Picard: Last weekend, this Hall-of-Fame game debacle, with the paint on the field forcing them to cancel the game. Are you as confused with this situation as I am? Like, how do we even get to the point where that happens? Mike Giardi: It’s like that saying, “You have one job,” and you couldn’t get it done. It’s staggering, the incompetence. And you start to think of the fallout. Think of all the people who traveled there, not just for the Hall-of-Fame inductions, but to see a football game. Think about the revenue stream that gets brought to Canton, Ohio for that event. And right now, the NFL is saying they’re only willing to pay back some tickets, and that means they’re probably going to be headed to court. Because people are going to line up and say, “We bought this package, and you couldn’t even deliver on the finale, and that’s seeing a football game.” DP: The Patriots and Saints play their first preseason game on Thursday night after their joint practices at Gillette Stadium. What do you look at most with these joint practices? We obviously know the Patriots’ quarterback situation. But is there anything else you look at specifically? What do you look at with these joint practices every year? MG: I think what you want to see right now, is how this offensive line holds up. Because, obviously we saw how the latter part of last year played out, and certainly how the AFC Championship game played out. I think that contributed largely to their inability to run the football. You want to see those guys get after it. You want to see them stand up against a new-look Saints defense that has completely been revamped. Look, it’s preseason and it’s training-camp practice, but the Saints’ first-team defense picked off Drew Brees four times the other day. Brees said that’s the worst practice he’s ever had. So, let’s see what this new-look Saints defense looks like. The level of competition is going to ramp up here heavily. Offensive line is just one of the spots where you have to look and see how they hold up and how the fare against this Saints D.

DP: The quarterback situation, we know what Brady’s situation is, which means Jimmy Garoppolo is playing the first four weeks of the regular season. So far, over 10 practices in, and as we get set for the first preseason game, have the Patriots been using Garoppolo with the ones the way you expected them to, or has it been a little bit different? How have you seen Garoppolo and his work so far with the ones?

MG: I would say that over the last couple of days, Brady has had a little bit more work with the ones. And I anticipated that, especially based on how last Friday’s scrimmage went, where Brady was a perfect 25-for-25. Read into those numbers how you want, but he was putting the ball where he needed to, and Garoppolo was sort of up and down. I don’t know that I’d call it subpar, but it’s bordering on subpar. And you try to distance yourself from comparing him to the other guy and how the ball comes out of the other guy’s hands and the command of the offense that he has. But, [last weekend], you’re seeing some hesitancy, you’re seeing a little bit of a difference in accuracy. I don’t feel like he let it rip [last weekend], and he was over the first six or seven days. I think that has to change, and I think [the Saints joint practices] will be a very good test for him to see where he’s at. How he does will shape, I think, how Bill Belichick approaches the next week, in joint practices with the Chicago Bears, and the rest of the preseason schedule, in general. Garoppolo has to take that step forward, and then he’s got to stay forward. He’s got to trust his eyes. He’s got to throw to guys who are open. He’s got to let it rip.

DP: Let’s say Garoppolo does have some steps back. And let’s say he’s failing to the point where everybody in the organization will suddenly become concerned with the position the first four weeks of the regular season. What would the move be? Is it Jacoby Brissett? Is it bringing somebody else in? What is the move?

MG: No, Garoppolo is still your quarterback. You’re riding or dying with him for the first four weeks. Quarterback. You’re riding or dying with him for the first four games. Look, Jacoby Brissett is so far behind Jimmy Garoppolo right now to even consider that.

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