BOSTON POLICE COMMISSIONER WILLIAM EVANS TESTIFIED TUESDAY THAT HE HAS THE POWER TO ASSIGN BODY CAMERAS TO A GROUP OF OFFICERS AFTER NONE VOLUNTEERED TO WEAR THEM, BUT UNION OFFICIALS INSISTED THAT SUCH A MOVE WOULD VIOLATE A RECENT AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY.

“I think it is my lawful authority as a police commissioner,” Police Commissioner William B. Evans said at a hearing in Suffolk Superior Court on a lawsuit filed by the Boston Police Patrolmen’s Association to delay the

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EDITORIAL

If You Forget My Death, Then I Died In Vain

This inscription aptly applies to the horror of 9/11, as it has to memorialize the tragedy of losing so many young Southie Boys in Vietnam. It seems strange that we honor these young men for the 35th year, while we also honor those innocent Americans for the 15th year. A different enemy, but the same cause. Freedom and Democracy.

The behaviors of the presidential candidates, Clinton and Trump, underscore the anger and outrage of a majority of Americans. What is the reputation of the United States among world powers? What is our government doing to protect us from within, as well as from outside forces? Technology has both sensitized us to instant communication, and desensitized us to the danger from easy access to that communication.

We are fighting a dirty war every day. Police are pitted against defenders of criminal behavior under the guise of transparency and accountability. Our soldiers are fighting an enemy overseas that they can’t define or see, other than that they practice a different type of religious worship.

In the end, what the Southie Boys and 9/11 victims died for must be at the heart of political leadership. In 1992, “it is/ was the economy stupid!” In 2016, “it’s our freedom, stupid!”

“We Will Remember Every Rescuer Who Died In Honor. We Will Remember Every Family That Lives In Grief. We Will Remember…” - George W. Bush

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In South Boston, whether you’re still residing here or have moved away, you know there is a special bond among most of the people that is often the envy of folks who do not live here and never have. The bond is called friendship and that bond is cemented in with loyalty. It’s often been said that when you make friends in South Boston those friendships last forever and even beyond our lives here on Earth. And there is perhaps no better example of that loyalty and forever friendship than that on display each September by Southie’s version of the ‘Band of Brothers’ who served together in our nation’s armed forced during the Vietnam War. This year the South Boston Vietnam Memorial located at Medal of Honor Park at M Street will once again be rededicated on Sunday, September 18th in what’s always an emotional but oh so uplifting weekend of remembrance.

I had the honor to speak with Tommy Lyons last week about the upcoming ceremonies. As most know, Tom is the spokesperson for the South Boston Vietnam Memorial Committee which is the group of veterans who so many years ago, worked so long and hard to create and build the beautiful memorial at the park; the first one in the nation. The veterans on that committee served with the nearly 2 dozen South Bostonians who lost their lives fighting in that war in defense of freedom. Tom asked me the following: “John, can you believe we’ve been doing this for 35 years?” Yes, these annual memorial ceremonies will mark their 35th year on the 18th of this month and there is at least as much enthusiasm this year as there was at the very first one.

Nowhere in the world could there be a more impressive example of loyalty between friends than what’s on display at this event each and every year. The surviving South Boston veterans from that war vowed long ago that they never would allow their fallen brothers to be forgotten and they have kept that vow faithfully just as they promised. I said to Tom Lyons that this was an incredible display of friendship, loyalty, dedication and determination that never, ever seems to fade no matter how many years pass. He agreed and added that a true testimonial to that loyalty is the size of the crowd that turns out to be part of it each year. South Bostonians; those still living here and those returning in droves for the memorial; veterans and non-veterans alike and large numbers of people from every age group proudly gather to show their appreciation in remembrance of the fallen heroes as well as for the heroes on the South Boston Vietnam Memorial Committee who have continued to keep a promise made and to honor those who never returned. Only in South Boston. More info on this in next week’s SBT.

Something else South Boston is famous for is faithfully doing our civic duty and voting in every election. There is an election today – Thursday, September 8th. And there is a man running for the office of Register of Deeds that should need no introduction to the people of this community whether you’re a longtime resident or new to our town. Stephen Murphy has been a loyal and hardworking elected official and has served residents here well for many years as a Boston City Councillor. He has been on the front lines for issues important to the neighborhood consistently and can always be counted on to take a stand on behalf of South Bostonians.

He now wants to take his expertise and dedicated work ethic to the Suffolk County Register of Deeds office and will need our votes to do so. This office is of the utmost importance to people who own a home, want to own a home at some point or may want to sell their home and want to protect that home. The Registry of Deeds is the place where some of the most important records you will ever need are kept on file for you; records that must be accurate and accessible for you at all times. It’s also an agency set up to protect us all from untrustworthy sources and scams of which there are plenty out there. This is an important agency and must be overseen by a competent and experienced expert.

Steve Murphy is the only candidate running for this office with a record of public and constituent service and the only candidate that has experience working at the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds. If you are able to vote in the Democratic primary today, Thursday, September 8th, you may want to consider casting a vote for Stephen Murphy for Register of Deeds. This is an important job and if you’ve watched him in action on behalf of South Bostonians and in fact people in all of Boston’s neighborhoods over the past 18 years as our city councilor, you know he is more than capable of doing an outstanding job.

The Information Center

SB Vietnam Memorial September 18th – Loyal Friends Forever

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Paltry turnout seen for rare Thursday primary

Fewer than 20 percent of Massachusetts registered voters are expected to turn out and cast ballots on Thursday in the state’s primary elections, Jessica Trufant of the Patriot Ledger reports. Although there are numerous contested races across the state—including some bizarre ballot lineups on the South Shore and heavily contested sheriff’s races in Hampden and Essex county—the fact that the election is being held on a Thursday is expected to help depress turnout. “People are used to Tuesday traditionally being an election day, so having it on a Thursday will add confusion,” UMass Boston political science professor Paul Watanabe tells the Patriot Ledger.

Spoiler alert: The Johnson-Weld ticket is polling rather well

They’re not going to win the presidential election, but the Libertarian ticket of former New Mexico Gov. Gary Johnson and former Massachusetts Gov. Bill Weld seem poised to serve as potential spoilers in the race, with the duo polling at 8 percent, according to the most recent Franklin Pierce/Boston Herald survey. They’re obviously gaining traction because of widespread voter discontent with GOP presidential nominee Donald Trump and Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton, who holds only a slim 3 percent edge over Trump, despite his recent bombastic stumbles, according to the same poll, reports the Herald’s Joe Battenfeld. We have our doubts about whether the national race is really so close between Clinton and Trump, particularly after you break down polling results in key swing states. But there’s no doubt about widespread voter discontent this year.

Bill Clinton was paid how much for ‘honorary’ post at for-profit college?

U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren is absolutely right to demand more information from Donald Trump about a whole host of issues, including his shady business dealings over the decades and his failure to release his tax returns. But just when Trump is thrown on the defensive (again), along comes another revelation about Hillary Clinton, whether it’s about her emails or the Clinton family’s foundation fundraising, etc. etc. This morning, the Washington Post reports that a for-profit college signed Bill Clinton, the former president, to a “lucrative deal as a consultant and ‘honorary chancellor,’” paying him $17.6 million over five years until the contract ended in 2015 as Hillary Clinton launched her campaign for president.” And, yes, there is a State Department fundraising angle to the story. Hillary Clinton should be pulling away with this election and yet?

Warren readies veto list of Clinton appointees

Assuming Clinton wins in November, Sen. Elizabeth Warren and her allies are said to be preparing a list of would-be appointees they would seek to block in a would-be Hillary Clinton administration, Patrick Temple-West reports in Politico. Some Warren allies have found their way onto the Clinton transition team but tension remains among various factions within the Democratic party and Warren is signaling she will use her sway in the Senate to fight appointees she sees as too cozy with Wall Street or big banks.

Walsh: Privatizing T bus drivers is a ‘dangerous way to go’

Marty Walsh, a former union boss before becoming mayor of Boston, is hitting the brakes on preliminary talks of possibly privatizing MBTA bus and maintenance operations as a way for the cash-strapped agency to save money, the Herald’s Matt Stout reports. “It’s a slippery slope. It’s a dangerous way to go,” Walsh said yesterday after speaking at the Greater Boston Labor Council’s annual Labor Day breakfast. “When you talk about privatization, in an initial contract, it always seems like it’s going to save money. Long-term it doesn’t save money; the costs go up. I’ve had some conversations with the governor about this. ... I think it’s a mistake. Privatizing the whole MBTA is not the way to go.”

Walsh’s reaction came after the Herald’s Stout reported over the holiday weekend that the T’s control board is seriously considering plans to privatize bus and maintenance services that now employ more than 1,700 full- and part-time bus drivers and 390 machinists. The Herald reports the idea was contained in a 17-page report sent to lawmakers late last week, usually a good time to dump controversial news heading into a weekend, let alone a long holiday weekend.

DCR’s party guest list includes who’s who of Baker staffers and GOP honchos

State House News Service’s Colin Young got hold of the official guest list (pay wall) for the Department of Conservation and Recreation bash that ultimately led to the suspension of the department’s top two officials. It’s a veritable who’s who of the local Republican establishment. Following is a sampling of some of those invited, with two caveats: 1.) Not everyone invited attended. 2.) Some of the names are appar-
The day began outside St. Patrick’s Cathedral. Standing among hundreds of uniformed men and women, some police, mostly fire fighters, unable to fit into the Cathedral, we all came to attention to the strains of bagpipes. The massive doors opened and yet another widow. This one pregnant, surrounded by her children, emerged to say, her final goodbye to her firefighter husband.

Along with Police Officer Jackie Loan, we had arrived by Amtrak that morning to pay our respects and offer whatever comfort we could. Within a couple of blocks of Ground Zero, the streets are blocked off. At one of these blockades, after identifying ourselves, 4 or 5 of us were escorted to Ground Zero. As a police officer who has worked in Washington, D.C. and Boston, I have seen my share of horrific crime scenes. But no words or pictures could express the devastation. A detective told us his story of how they had arrived by Amtrak that morning, and from Berkeley to Mass. Ave. Then we got a ride to police headquarters. The future will always be bright and full of promise at our new South Boston branch. See for yourself at our Grand Opening celebration. Enjoy complimentary refreshments, pick up your free sunglasses* and see just how cool banking on the sunny side of the street can be.

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Dear Friends & Neighbors,

It’s election season and although I am not facing a challenger this cycle, I am asking for your vote this Thursday Sept. 8th.

It’s been another highly productive session in the Legislature and I’m proud to have supported a number of key measures that address several core issues that I support.

Among this session’s important achievements:
- We passed a landmark energy bill that will diversify the state’s portfolio, save ratepayers money, increase our usage of clean energy and require upgrades to our aging infrastructure;
- The Legislature was able to maintain its record-high investments in local aid through increases to both local education funding and Unrestricted General Government Aid (UGGA), boosting UGGA by 4.3 percent. We provided $55 in per-pupil-aid, more than doubling the FY16 expenditure, and fully funded the Special Education Circuit Breaker.
- We continue to focus on fighting the opiate epidemic and this year passed a measure criminalizing the trafficking of fentanyl, a deadly prescription drug that has contributed to escalating overdoses;
- We also overhauled the state’s public records laws for the first time in 40 years, in an effort to improve transparency and streamline the dissemination of public information; and
- This session we also took measures to build upon Massachusetts’ legacy as a leader in civil rights and social equality. The Commonwealth’s nationally-lauded pay equity law provides tools to help ensure that men and women receive equitable compensation for comparable work; and
- Increased the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) without implementing new taxes or fees. For low-to-moderate households, EITC rose to 23 percent in January, 2016. Increasing this credit is an effective way to fight stagnant wages and lift working families out of poverty.

It remains an honor for me to represent you and the 4th Suffolk District in the Massachusetts House of Representatives. It’s a seat I am proud to hold and I look forward to serving another term as we seek to improve the quality of life for all of us in the district and everyone across the Commonwealth.

I humbly ask for your vote so I can continue to champion the issues on Beacon Hill that are so important to you, our communities of South Boston and Dorchester and the Commonwealth. So please remember to get out and vote this Thursday Sept. 8!

Sincerely,

Rep. Nick Collins
South Boston Street Festival September 17

The South Boston Chamber of Commerce, working in conjunction with South Boston NDC – is pleased to announce that the 17th Annual South Boston Street Festival will take place on Saturday, September 17, 2016 from 11:00am to 4:00pm on East Broadway between I Street and L Street. Over the past sixteen years, the festival has grown significantly and has become South Boston’s most highly anticipated events, attracting over 8,000 residents and visitors.

This year’s festival will once again feature “The Best of South Boston” including over 100 merchants, restaurants, artists and community organizations, which will fill East Broadway from 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Live performances will take place on two stages providing festival goers with live entertainment throughout the day.

Call the Southie Shuttle for FREE transportation within South Boston, to and from the Festival.

This year’s entertainment highlights include:

- Thomas Park – Lead by front man Paul Eastman, who himself is a South Boston small business owner along with drummer Joe Tobias, will performing a wide range of music that includes classic rock, dance, R&B, and top 40.
- Matt Heaton & The Outside Toys – Their songs are a mix of rockabilly, surf, american roots and Irish traditional music, delivered with a wry sense of humor and a sincere sense of fun. Whether you call it children’s music, family music, kindie or toddlerbilly it’s sure to please listeners of all ages.
- The Royal Furs – playing contemporary country hits.
- Diamond Dogs – The Ultimate of David Bowie

There will also be performances by: The Peggy Wood’s School of Irish Step Dance, Miss Linda’s Dancers, Ultimate Self Defense. And much more! FREE – Children’s activities include face painters, balloon twisters, and street performers, Be sure to keep an eye out for a band of Pirates that we are told may be roaming the festival site throughout the day.


Shop until-you-drop – enjoy outstanding savings from local retailers including; Bringing Up Baby, Covet, Habit, Ku De Ta, Pretty Reckless, Southie’s Own, and Wears + Wares, to name a few.

Beauty & Fitness – on site will be: The Beauty Bar, Nutrition Day Spa, and Ultimate Self Defense & Performance Center. Be sure to visit the many booths of South Boston’s and the areas vital non-profit agencies.

For up to date information visit www.southbostonstreetfestival.com
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Massachusetts Fallen Heroes (MFH), an organization dedicated to honoring the Fallen, assisting families of the Fallen and empowering veterans, is teaming up with the sponsors of Mass Save for a special fundraiser to benefit MFH initiatives. As part of a special LED light bulb sale, 50 percent of proceeds will go directly to MFH to support its mission of assisting Gold Star families and empowering veterans.

Now through Veteran’s Day, the sponsors of Mass Save, which include Cape Light Compact, Eversource Energy, National Grid and Unitil, will be selling packs of ENERGY STAR® certified LED light bulbs at various pop-up shops throughout Massachusetts and online. The ENERGY STAR certified LED light bulbs come in packages of 6 light bulbs and can be purchased for $10.00. For every pack of light bulbs sold, $5.00 will benefit MFH, with an overall goal of raising $25,000 for the organization.

“The mission of Mass Save and its passion to inform customers about how to use energy efficiently is admirable, which is why we believe the partnership is a perfect fit for Massachusetts Fallen Heroes,” said Dan Magoon, executive director of MFH. “The sponsors of Mass Save work with such a large client base across Massachusetts and we look forward to increasing awareness of our organization while supporting Gold Star families and veterans.”

“We’re proud to work with Massachusetts Fallen Heroes and support the invaluable services they provide local Gold Star Families and veterans,” said Penni Conner, Senior Vice President and Chief Customer Officer at Eversource.

“Massachusetts Fallen Heroes serves a deeply meaningful mission and we’re pleased that the energy efficiency services we offer as a sponsor of Mass Save can benefit their efforts through this campaign.”

For a list of Mass Save pop-up shops and when and where you can purchase the light bulbs to benefit MFH, please visit: www.masssave.com/mafallenheroes

About Massachusetts Fallen Heroes - Established in 2010 by Boston firefighters, local Veterans, Gold Star Families, Police Officers and other patriotic citizens, Massachusetts Fallen Heroes is committed to honoring the Fallen and providing advocacy services for local veterans and Gold Star families. The Massachusetts Fallen Heroes’ Memorial in Boston’s Seaport serves as a public tribute to those who have gave their lives serving in the Global War on Terrorism since 2001.

Massachusetts Fallen Heroes has evolved from a charity geared towards building a tribute honoring fallen heroes to a multifaceted organization. Massachusetts Fallen Heroes also acts as a liaison in acquiring educational, employment, medical, legal, financial and numerous additional services for local military veterans, their families, and families of the fallen. Massachusetts Fallen Heroes is initiating new programs to raise awareness and to provide aid, support and scholarships.

For more information or to donate, please visit www.massfallenheroes.org

BCYF Tynan Community Center Happenings

Afterschool Program: The Complete after school program will be taking registration on September 12th starting @2:30pm. This program is supported by the BCYF Core Grant. The program starts on September 19 and runs until the end of the school year, Monday thru Friday. Participants must be at least 6 years old to start. They will receive tutoring and help with homework, Physical and athletic activities in the gym. Arts and crafts, movies and board games. Some field trips will be added! A daily healthy snack will be served. The fee is $20.00 per week.

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.
SOUTH BOSTON—Representative Nick Collins married his fiancée, Dr. Olivia J. Liff, in a wedding ceremony at Gate of Heaven Church on August 13, 2016. The ceremony was officiated by the Rev. Joseph M. White.

When they met, Olivia was living in her home neighborhood of Jamaica Plain and was in midst of her medical residency at Boston Medical Center. The clinical part of her work took her to the South Boston Community Health Center and the Marian Manor.

Rep. Collins had this to say about his bride, “I knew right away Olivia shared my values of family and helping others. When she was working at the health center and Marian Manor she was caring for the same people I care about. I couldn’t be happier.”

A reception with family and friends was held at the University of Massachusetts Club in Boston. The newlyweds enjoyed a honeymoon in Bermuda following their wedding.
September Events at the South Boston Branch Library

The Friends of the South Boston Library, 646 Broadway, will host A Mini Book Sale on Monday, September 12, 5:30-7:30 pm.

We have a vast selection of books at extremely reasonable prices. All proceeds go directly to programs offered by the library. Please support these efforts.

Want to become more involved in the library?

Here are some ways:
- Join the Friends of the South Boston Library. Complete a simple form found on our Facebook page and at the Circulation desk at the Library.
- Friend us on Facebook: South Boston Branch of the Boston Public Library or Friends of the South Boston Branch Library
- Support our book sales
- Donate your gently used books and CD’s to our sales

Join us also at the Library for the Annual South Boston Street Festival South Boston Branch Library, 646 Broadway on Saturday, September 17, 11-4 pm.

The Friends of the Library will also host:
- Book Sale. This is our biggest book sale of the year. There will be a special incentive to purchase books (TBD).
- Children’s Books are also for sale and there will also be giveaways for children.
- This year, there will be a RAFFLE of goods and services, all to benefit the library.
- Join us and support the services that the South Boston Branch Library provides to everyone from toddler to adult!

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MAYOR WALSH’S MOVIE NIGHTS RETURN TO BOSTON COMMON

Mayor Martin J. Walsh’s Movie Nights, part of the Boston Parks and Recreation Department’s ParkARTS program, give residents and visitors the opportunity to enjoy popular films under the night skies in city parks. The 2016 series wraps up with three movies at the Frog Pond on Boston Common.

All shows begin at dusk and are sponsored by the Boston Parks and Recreation Department and Northeastern University in partnership with the Skating Club of Boston and the Mayor’s Office of Tourism, Sports, and Entertainment with media support by the Boston Herald and HOT 96.9. Additional support is provided by Verizon Fios. Free popcorn will be provided by AMC Loews Theatres.

Dates and movies for the Frog Pond series are as follows:
- Friday, September 9 “Minions”
- Friday, September 16 “Ferris Bueller’s Day Off”
- Friday, September 23 “Star Wars: The Force Awakens”

For more information, please call (617) 635-4505 or visit the Boston Parks and Recreation Department online on Facebook or at www.boston.gov/parks.

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Kenny Chesney ROCKED ‘Country Fest’ at Gillette Again

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY - By Jessica Grande – SBT Entertainment Writer

The biggest show of the summer has come and gone and in its wake, tens of thousands of Country Music fans were left quite satisfied and with ear to ear smiles. I’m of course talking about ‘Country Fest 2016’ headlined by the great superstar Kenny Chesney and his ‘Spread the Love’ tour. And once again, South Boston was well represented among the crowds for both last Friday’s and Saturday’s sold out performances. Yes, once again the Southie crowd travelled to Foxborough’s Gillette Stadium by buses, shuttles, limos, private cars and there was even talk of a few locals actually hitchhiking to get there in the hopes of getting rides home from returning neighbors. It was hot and it was humid but the fans just took the weather in stride.

This is my 3rd time covering Country Fest for South Boston Today and I must say it never gets old. It just gets better each year. In the lineup with KC this year were the outstanding Country sounds of ‘Old Dominion’, ‘Sam Hunt’ and of course the great ‘Miranda Lambert’.

Old Dominion opened with some of their biggest hits followed by Sam Hunt and then Miranda came out on the huge stage to wow the crowd with ‘White Liar’, ‘Rock and Roll Hoochie Koo’, ‘That’s the way the World goes Around’ and so many more, both old hits and new. Lambert, known as a shot gun toting, pickup truck driving true rowdie country girl can have the crowd up on their feet with her rowdy, hard driving hits yet calm them down right away with her sweet slow ballads and soothing voice.

When it was time for the show’s biggest act to come out, the openers had the crowd pumped up and ready and the party continued. Ken Chesney is often a blur of movement as he races from one end of the stage to the other, back and forth constantly as he sings, plays guitar and fires up the fans even more than they were already. With hits like ‘Beer in Mexico’, ‘Summertime’, ‘Pirate Flag’, ‘How Forever Feels’ and at least 17 other of his greatest crowd pleasing hits, Gillette was alive like few other performers could make it. When he went in to ‘No Shoes, No Shirt, No Problem’ the whole place was out of their seats dancing and singing along with every word to every song. This continued for the duration. In fact, the whole show was 6 hours long and by the reaction of those in the stands, it would have been just fine if it went on forever.

Kenny Chesney has a reputation for putting everything he’s got into every performance. He believes in giving his fans their money’s worth and it was obvious there were no complaints from the masses this day. But when he has backups and opening acts the caliber of Old Dominion, Sam Hunt and Certainly Miranda Lambert it definitely turns out to be one of the greatest shows on earth.

Country Fest is one of the most anticipated concerts and festivals of the summer all across the country. It’s that good so it’s no wonder it sells out well over a hundred thousand tickets at Gillette Stadium each August and does so in a matter of hours. It’s one great big party. From the tailgating in the parking lot to the actual show inside, it not just a concert it’s an experience people return for each and every year. I look forward to covering it each year for SBT. I LOVE this job.

‘COUNTRY IN THE CITY’, FREE CONCERT ON CITY HALL PLAZA

Mayor Martin J. Walsh’s Office of Tourism, Sports and Entertainment in partnership with Country 102.5 FM radio today announced the Eli Young Band will headline the inaugural “Country in the City” concert taking place on Thursday, September 15, 2016 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. The concert is free and open to the public.

“I am excited that the City of Boston will host its first-ever Country in the City concert on City Hall Plaza this September,” said Mayor Walsh. “I want to thank Country 102.5 and the Eli Young Band for working with us to bring this idea to reality.”

The Eli Young Band is famous for the hit songs “Crazy Girl”, “Even if it Breaks Your Heart”, “When it Rains”, and their new hit single “Saltwater Gospel.”

“Our music focuses on subjects that everyone can relate to, from heartbreak to first love,” said Mike Eli, lead singer. “We are so excited to bring our music to Boston for everyone to enjoy, whether you are Mayor Walsh or a college student new to town.”

“Country 102.5 is excited to partner with Mayor Walsh and help bring country music in the city of Boston to life,” said Mike Brophey, 102.5’s program director. “We are always enthusiastic about spreading the message of great country music…and now it’s The Eli Young Band on City Hall Plaza! How cool!”

2016 will mark the inaugural year for Country in the City.

About the Mayor’s Office of Tourism, Sports and Entertainment

The Mayor’s Office of Tourism, Sports and Entertainment is committed to producing fun, free public events for Bostonians and visitors to the city, and is proud to collaborate with Country 102.5 as our partner for Country in the City.

For further information please call 617-635-3911, visit @VisitBoston on Twitter, or Boston City Tourism on Facebook. City Hall Plaza is accessible by MBTA via Haymarket (Orange and Green), State Street (Orange

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SOCCER PARADE TONIGHT AT THE STADIUM

Tonight Thursday September 8th at 6:00 p.m. the South Boston Youth Soccer League will be holding its annual “Parade of Champions” at Moakley park in the Paul Saunders Stadium. This is the official kickoff for the fall season in which over 800 of Southie’s finest – it’s kids, will participate in a fun filled opening night parade. Coaches don’t forget to have signs with the team name and sponsors name on them and remember to dress the kids in costumes that go with the sponsors name.

City Councilor Billy Linehan will be the Master of Ceremonies and he will provide all of us with a fun filled night of merriment with his wit. The Boston Parks and Recreation Department will be providing the marching music for the kids. The Boston Police Honor Guard will lead the slowest parade in town as they lead the kids on their route around the track. Some of the officers have been involved with this parade for over 32 years and tell me that this is the one event they look forward to every year where they get to be right up close with all the kids.

All players should be at the stadium by 5:30 and line up with their team for the start of the parade. Look for the age group and team number on the signs on the fence outside the stadium. Any player who registered but has not been contacted by a coach and does not know their team should go to the clubhouse at 4:30 where an information table has been set up.

Please do not come down on the night of the parade to register your child, as we will not be taking any applications at all. Coaches should be at the clubhouse at 5:00 pm to pick up their jerseys and line up with their teams and have their team sign all set and great costumes on the kids.

So if you want to have some fun and cheer on the kids then make it a point to be at the stadium Thursday September 8th at 6:00 pm for the “PARADE OF CHAMPIONS”

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and Blue), or Park Street (Green and Red).

About Eli Young Band

Eli Young Band kicked off summer with brand new music, marking their first single on The Valory Music Co. and continuing their evolution with Big Machine Label Group. Their last album 10,000 TOWNS ranked #1 on the Billboard Top Country Albums chart, landed a coveted Top 5 spot on the Billboard 200 and claimed the top spot on the iTunes Country Albums chart. EYB’s hit singles have been awarded Billboard’s #1 Country Song of the Year and ACM Song of the Year, in addition to garnering EYB numerous nominations from GRAMMY, CMA, CMT, ACA and Teen Choice Awards. For tour dates and more, visit EliYoungBand.com. About Country 102.5

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South Boston Pop Warner
Wins 2 Of 3 In Season Opener

The first game was at 10:30 AM with our A (Unlimited weight) team vs. Portsmouth Rhode Island. The E team played a strong game on both sides of the ball. On offense the team was led by quarterback Nathan Martin and Zach Mitchell. Mitchell had three touchdowns and over a 150 yards rushing.

Nick Vadala also ran for two touchdowns and over 100 yards. The defense played great all day.

Here is a list of the A team players: Joseph Alves, Wellington Arias, Adam Bouababana, Tariq Charles, Emmanuel Disla, Aidan Fitzgerald, Isaiyha Gomez-Reed, Devin Gunn, Adonye Jamison, Patrick Kelley, Sean Manning, Nathan Martin, Zach Mitchell, Connor Strickland, Liam Thomas, Nick Vadala, Shen Wallace, Thomas Walsh, Declan Walsh, Michael Whalen, and Christopher Yah-Valdez.

The D team played at noon vs Randolph. This was a defensive battle all day. The score was 0-0 at halftime. South Boston offense struggled in the second half with their starting quarterback Noah Vadala out of the game. Randolph had one short drive after an interception to get on the board. The final score was 6-0 with Randolph getting the victory.

Here is a list of the D team players: Brian Allen, Simon Andrade, Michael Bailey, Tyson Barnes, James Broome, Mullen Bryne, Atticus Colon, John Finn, Keegan George, Mario Gregorio, Geovani Juliano, Casey Kelley, Ryan MacDonald, Sonny McColgan, Ryan McGarrell, Patrick Mellace, Lah’ Mai Miller-Johnson, Michael Mullay, Patrick O’Hagan, Michael Quiones, John Reidy, Ronnday Sanford, Dhruv Soni, and Noah Vadala.

The E team played the final game of the day at 1:30 PM vs. Randolph.

Quarterback Aidan Colton lead the offense with 4 quarterback sweeps for touchdowns. Colton had over a 150 yards rushing. Derek Austin, James Possiel and Aidan Kineavy were the leaders on the defense keeping Randolph to only two scores. The final score was 25-13 with South Boston getting the victory.

Here is a list of the E team players: Matteo Albano, Derek Austin, John Britt, Brayden Buckley, Liam Colton, Aidan Colton, Nathan Colvin, Christian Devlin, Thomas Michael Gillis, Aidan Kineavy, Daniel Magoon, Eric Manning, Ronan Manning, Joel Moschella, Michael Moya, James Neff, Jonathan Neff, Zaidin Pickup, Evan Pierce, James Possiel, Robert Rehm, and King Torres.

The cheerleaders did a great job keeping the fans into the games.


And here’s the D squad cheerleaders: Karen Allen, Chloe Barton, Margaret Curran, Elizabeth DeMaria, Isis Gomes-Reed, Neve Greene, Madison Jones, Giavanna LaMonica, Breanna Lauro, Grace Luxton, Reilly Nee, Marielle Rehm, Talia Scott, Ashley Shaw, Jordan Spencer, Fiona Sullivan, and Erin Walsh.

This Friday night, we will be having our annual Pep Rally at 6:30 PM at the Pop Warner field. After the Pep Rally, the South Boston Fighting Irish F Teams made up of 5 and 6 year olds, will play their first game. It will be South Boston White vs. South Boston Blue teams.

And on Saturday, we have three home games.

The E team will play at 4:00 PM vs Carver, the D team will play at 5:30 PM vs Carver and the A team will play at 7:00 PM vs Foxboro. Come down to the field and cheer the kids of the neighborhood and watch some great youth football games.
This week, Danny gave his 2016-17 NFL season predictions:

**AFC SOUTH:** Indianapolis Colts
- Houston won this division last year with just a 9-7 record. And even though the Texans believe they’ve found their franchise quarterback in Brock Osweiler, Andrew Luck only played seven games last year due to injury, and should be able to lead the Colts to at least two more wins than their eight wins last season. Expect Luck to get Indy back to the top of the South while he feels the need to live up to the huge contract he just signed.

**AFC WEST:** Kansas City Chiefs
- It’s not the Broncos’ division anymore. At least, it shouldn’t be. Denver won the division last season with 12 wins and was the No. 1 seed in the AFC. The Broncos ended up going back to Peyton Manning in the playoffs, and won the Super Bowl, thanks to a ferocious defensive attack. Well, Denver still has a pretty good defense this year, but with Manning retired and Osweiler in Houston, the Broncos’ quarterback is a kid who has never even attempted a pass in the NFL. Look for Kansas City to make the playoffs once again. This time, as a division champ.

**AFC WILD CARDS:** Cincinnati Bengals, Oakland Raiders
- This is the “anything goes” division. Usually, every team in the East is still alive by Week 14, because it seems nobody likes to run away with it. Look for all four teams to beat up on each other once again, but don’t expect a new champ. The Redskins are poised to repeat as kings of the East, who may even finish with 10 wins this season. Had Tony Romo not got injured in the preseason, I would have gone with the Dallas Cowboys. But I’m just not sold that Dak Prescott can take Dallas from 4-12 to 12-4.

**NFC NORTH:** Green Bay Packers
- How can you not go with Green Bay to win this division? Minnesota won the North last year, but after Teddy Bridgewater’s season-ending knee injury, I think that gives the Packers an edge. The Vikings traded a first-round pick to Philadelphia for Sam Bradford, which is a mind-boggling trade because the only thing Bradford has done in the NFL is either get hurt or disappoint. I’m not sold that Bradford can do what Bridgewater did last year, and that’s not turn the ball over in big spots. And oh yea, Jordy Nelson is back for Green Bay after missing all of last season. Expect the Packers to win 13 games.

**NFC SOUTH:** Carolina Panthers
- The defending NFC champs only lost two games last year — one in the regular season, and the Super Bowl. I don’t see any reason why Carolina can’t win at least 12 games this year. Heck, all the Panthers had to do last year was win nine games to win this division. Expect some improvements from teams like New Orleans and Tampa Bay, but Matt Ryan is still Matt Ryan in Atlanta. So Carolina should be able to snag a first-round bye in the playoffs once again.

**NFC WEST:** Seattle Seahawks
- This is no knock on the defending division champion Arizona Cardinals. But don’t you just get the sense that Carson Palmer is due to miss time with an injury? I’m not rooting for that to happen. I’m just telling it like it is. And while they have a nice little team over in Arizona, I’m going to put Seattle back on top of the West because I feel Russell Wilson is going to build off his strong second half last year. Expect to Seahawks to make some serious noise.

**NFC WILD CARDS:** Arizona Cardinals, New York Giants
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