Mayor Marty Walsh committed his administration to reviewing the old Boston Redevelopment Authority inside and out. He went about it the right way. He didn’t blow the agency up, but he did light a match near it, either to shed light or ignite its abolition. The Mayor wisely authorized an audit. The audit exposed many flaws that had crept into this “authoritarian” organization that had served many purposes that are hard to reconcile in retrospect, except that the construction trades flourished and that was a good thing. Well-heeled developers were also the beneficiaries of an autocratic decision-making process. However, no one, including the local press, had ever really challenged the late Mayor Tom Menino’s modus operandi because, well because, they just didn’t.

The Boston Redevelopment Authority, the quasi-public agency whose 60-year history has been marred by accusations of cronyism, starting with the razing of the entire West End, now has a new identity. “Let’s face it. ‘Authority’ is so authoritarian,” BPDA director Brian Golden told reporters Monday. “It’s not just a word. It does create a meaning.”

The BPDA hopes to improve its “legitimacy and credibility” amongst Boston residents, after its previous incarnation developed a stubborn reputation as a rubber
EDITORIAL

“Crazy Parking”

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY - By Staff

An important meeting on re-zoning will be held tonight. There are many aspects to be concerned about. Parking, naturally, is one of them. It is not, however, simply a case of numbers, operation is a prime concern. A particular concern are cars parked the wrong way creating a dangerous condition. Parking is tough all over. Unless one owns a driveway or garage, everyone faces the same dilemma.

More than a few complaints and letters repeat the same scenario. A driver looking to park, spots a space on the other side of the street. Fearful of losing the space to another the driver cuts across, going the wrong way in order to claim the spot. Besides the initial danger of a head-on crash, when hours or the next day later, the car is used again the unsuspecting motorist going the right way suddenly has a car pull out and come, the wrong way, head on.

BTD does not have to see a car in the process of parking, they simply have to see a car parked the wrong way to take action. It is an action they should take to stop a potential tragedy.
The issue of vote tampering and voter fraud is popping up and it’s rearing its stealthy head all over the country. More people than ever are starting to pay attention to this threat, as the election gets closer. To say it’s causing concern as of late is putting it mildly. Have you been watching the reports of all the revelations just this week? Meet 19-year-old Andrew Spieles, a Virginia college student organizing a Democratic Party registration drive in that state for other students. Nothing wrong with that you might say – right? But young Andrew is special. He made the news over the weekend, when he was caught allegedly committing the felony of voter fraud. It seems among those he registered, he’s accused of putting at least 19 names of dead people on the rolls to vote for Hillary. Just two days before that, all over the national news, stories told of the World War II veteran who passed away in 2014 but somehow re-registered to vote just this past September. Can you guess as a member of which party? And the vet isn’t alone by a stretch.

But these two cases are like grains of sand in the Mohave Desert. It must be a miracle, or a scene from the TV series ‘The Walking Dead’, but the deceased are somehow winding up on the voter registration rolls and they’re voting – early and often everywhere. It’s now being said that the number of non-citizens illegally voting in our elections is staggering. Ballot Boxes have been discovered being stuffed with thousands of illegal votes in Nevada, Colorado and Ohio among other states…and yes, mostly for Hillary. People have been taken to court for voting numerous times in past elections and some of them proudly boast of planning to do it again with early voting ballots for this coming presidential contest.

Some of these fraudulent vote casters are then honored and praised by party officials. And yet we’re told by Hillary, Elizabeth Warren, Barack Obama, Eric Holder and so many others that there is no need for ‘voter ID laws’ because voter fraud is just a figment of the combined imaginations of paranoid American citizens. These citizens, by the way, are in favor of Voter ID laws by nearly 80%. But, voter ID laws are racist and discriminatory we’re being told.

Well imagine that. Let’s take a look at a partial list of what photo ID’s must be shown for: to purchase alcohol, tobacco, guns, ammo; to buy or rent a house or condo; to drive, buy, rent or register a car, rent a hotel or motel room; get on a plane at the airport; buy an ‘M’ rated video game; apply for food stamps, welfare, Medicare, Social Security, a job, a mortgage, unemployment, a hunting license, a fishing license; to donate blood, open a bank account and the accompanying transactions; pick up a prescription; adopt a pet and to get married to name just a few.

Yet, the only thing that so many of our politicians and activist groups say is racist and discriminatory is when someone is asked for an ID before being allowed to vote. Now, why is that you might ask? Well, no one’s even asking that question any longer. People are pretty sure they know the answer. The object is to be able to steal elections, especially this one – plain and simple. In so many cases, the offenders are getting away with it even when caught.

The American people for the most part are not stupid. They can see what’s going on. This current leadership has thrown our southern border open and is allowing tens of thousands of illegals to flood in and who are looked upon as future voters. When the Border Patrol is not being overwhelmed by the onslaught, they are often told to stand down. Just 2 weeks ago we all learned that, in the southern Border States, there is a frantic effort by federal government officials to rush through the citizenship process as fast as possible, with the next step being to move them right onto the voting rolls.

The White House is ignoring the Congress, the courts, the Constitution and the will of the American people and bringing in thousands of unvetted Syrian refugees and others from countries also dominated by Islamic terrorists with the goal of loading up our homeland with as many as they can in case Trump wins the election. Hillary has stated that she will bring even more in if she wins, but the liberal Democrats don’t want to take the chance that she might lose. The Governor of California, Jerry Brown – aka Governor Moonbeam - just signed an order to have the felons in the state’s prisons vote right from their cells. The Governor of Virginia is registering as many convicted felons as he can even against the direct order from the courts. Does anyone else see a pattern...
For Hillary, Walsh to boldly venture beyond Route 128

As the Globe’s Meghan Irons notes, Mayor Marty Walsh has gallantly offered to travel to New Hampshire and even Dorchester to campaign for Hillary Clinton. But Walsh is now headed to Pennsylvania and Ohio? Whoo. This is big time. “I’m going to be going around the country to certain swing states to advocate on behalf of Secretary Clinton – talking to Rahm Emanuel, then chief of staff, and Jim Messina [then deputy chief of staff] and saying, ‘Okay, explain to me how this happened.’ It was at that point that I learned that our candidate, Martha Coakley, had asked, rhetorically, ‘What should I do, stand in front of Fenway and shake hands with voters?,’ and we figured that wasn’t a good bellwether of how things might go.” The NY mag piece, via the Globe, has other choice quotes by the president.- New York Magazine

Middleboro selectmen to DOT: A little common courtesy would be appreciated

Middleboro selectmen are a little miffed that they weren’t on the invite list for a recent hearing on the proposed South Coast Rail extension that would go right through their town and feel they’re in the dark in general about the project, reports the Enterprise’s Eileen Reece at Wicked Local. The board has voted unanimously to send a letter to MassDOT stating they want to be kept better informed about the multibillion-dollar rail project.-Wicked Local

Quincy to replace lead water lines

Quincy will use an interest-free loan from the MWRA to replace about 140 privately owned water lines that contain lead, Patrick Ronan of the Patriot Ledger reports. The city expects to use the $1.5 million loan to replace lines at a cost of $7,000 to $10,000 each. Once the project is completed, the city’s water system will be entirely lead-free, officials say.

O’Brien bows out of Dem chairman race

Democratic national committee member David O’Brien has pulled out of the race for chairman of the state Democratic party, leaving three candidates vying for the post, SHNS’s Michael Norton reports. O’Brien cited his commitments to an “international client experiencing a just now currently critical challenge.” Still standing are former lieutenant governor nominee Stephen Kerrigan, Suffolk County Sheriff Steve Tompkins and Democratic national committeeman Gus Bickford.-SHNS

AFL-CIO: ‘Top Chef’ case could have chilling effect

The Massachusetts AFL-CIO is seeking permission to argue for the dismissal of federal corruption charges against members of the unaffiliated Teamsters, in the Top Chef case that has already engulfed Boston City Hall, Laurel Sweet and Antonio Planas of the Herald report. The AFL-CIO argues that prosecuting the four Teamsters opens up the possibility that others who are “engaged in lawful peaceful picketing” will be subject to charges in the future.

Charlie Baker, GOP savior?

Writing in the October edition of Boston Magazine, David Bernstein asks whether Gov. Charlie Baker can save the state’s Republican party by molding it in his own pragmatic, get-things-done image amid a surge of burn-it-all-down, anti-establishment ire fueling Donald Trump’s prez candidacy—and possibly Curt Schilling’s future Senate candidacy. Bernstein cites data showing the party’s difficulty in finding a foothold beyond the governor’s office and recalls some of the GOP’s past high-profile in-fighting. “For shorthand, think of it as Baker versus the Trumpians,” he writes.

Miss Universe and sabotaged mics get swept aside by Trump’s tax return tsunami

Donald Trump can talk and tweet all he wants about the former Miss Universe and sabotaged debate microphones. But when the NYT reports that Trump declared a $916 million loss on his 1995 income tax returns -- a tax deduction that could have allowed him to legally avoid paying federal income taxes for up to 18 years -- that’s going to drown out other issues for a while, don’t you think?

The Herald’s Kimberly Atkins reports how Republican strategists say Trump can “flip the narrative” on the tax returns story, noting he...
When the word “beachcomber” is used, it usually conjures up an image of cut off shorts, Hawaiian shirts and maybe a metal detector. It actually goes back to a time when local inhabitants would go down and search the “combs”. The “combs” was that curving area of the seashore where salvageable items would come to shore. On our own Carson Beach, looking from “H” Street toward the McCormack Bath House, the “combs” is very distinctive.

There is no denying that nature has smiled on our beautiful land of South Boston, but previous generations have shaped our town also. Around 1840, a series of docks extended from the lot (just before the bath house) through today’s Babe Ruth Field, past the Preble Street rotary and right up to Andrews Square MBTA Station. The rest of today’s beach and Moakley Park was either swamp, marsh, creeks or underwater. Pretty much an unattractive “no man’s land”.

It was also a dumping ground for a serial child killer. Jesse Pomeroy was 11, when he moved from Charlestown to South Boston. He had already done time in a reform school for abducting and stabbing other children. The isolation of the Old Harbor marshes was perfect for the deprivations of this young monster. When a 4 year was found stabbed and tied to a post there, police quickly focused on Pomeroy. Sentenced to death at 14 years old, (the youngest before or since) he claimed 27 victims between Charlestown and Southie, but authorities were only able to confirm 14. There’s more, but you’ll have to buy the book. Besides, today’s story is the beach itself.

After this incident, in 1876 attention and public demand led to the usual “committee” to discuss the future of this area. Back then, like now, changes occurred at glacial speed and it wasn’t until the near end of the century the area began its transformation we’re familiar with today. The docks, long in disuse, were buried under tons of landfill. The park was drained, landscaped and named after Congressman McNeary and thus created McNeary Park. Later re-named Columbus Park and today re-named again to Congressman Moakley Park.

The beach, though, was the object of creation that drew the most intense interest. For years, mud flats and derelict pilings had deterred all but the hardiest from frequenting this area. Hardest, though, included young kids from Southie and Dorchester, whose neighborhoods bordered the area. Today, it seems obvious where Southie ends and Dorchester begins. Back then, however, it wasn’t quite so obvious. Old Colony Ave, Day Boulevard, the Park and Stadium itself, the rise of the land to Kosciuski Circle, none of it existed. Even today South Boston election wards go almost as far as St. Margaret’s Church.

The citizens of the day determined a complete renovation of the area was needed to activate and make it inviting. Draining and filling began in the park - The Strand Way, which was replaced by today’s Marine Road and Day Blvd. Old pilings were cut off at the low tide mark. Fill and grading occurred next and the “combs” we see and enjoy today was completed. After tons of sand the beach was completed and lacked only beachgoers and a name.

Naming rights initially were confined to big name possibilities. Lincoln or Washington Beach were among suggestions. Then, in an unusual burst of common sense, it was suggested that maybe the kids, who this was all being created for, decide the name. It was then decided a contest between the kids, who had always frequented the area, be held. A swimming match was decided on. Just over the line in to Dorchester was Sydney Street, Crescent Street and Carson Street. Around Old Harbor in Southie, the kids were called the “Willows”. On a beautiful June day, the new beach was packed. The exact course has been lost to history. The excitement of that day was passed on to Ricky Cashins, great grandson of one of the Willow swimmers, who recalls his great grandpa telling the story. Ironically, long before today’s inclusiveness, merit was the measuring yardstick, which was

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Mayor Martin J. Walsh has announced that the annual Fall Pumpkin Float returns to the Boston Common Frog Pond on Sunday, October 23, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Hundreds of illuminated jack-o’-lanterns will be floated on the water accompanied by spooky family activities.

Attendees are asked to bring 8-inch or smaller carved pumpkins that will be lit and then floated on the Frog Pond for a dramatic early evening display. In addition, attendees are invited to view creatively carved and decorated jack-o’-lanterns from various local sports teams and organizations. Adults and children are encouraged to wear Halloween costumes and participate in a wide range of fun activities. Children are invited to decorate luminary bags which will be displayed and illuminated along the edge of the Frog Pond. Test your courage and problem-solving skills in our haunted zombie maze.

The Fall Pumpkin Float is presented by the Boston Parks and Recreation Department in partnership with the Skating Club of Boston. Lead sponsors are IKEA and Capital One Café. Media sponsors are the Boston Herald and Magic 106.7. Additional support is provided by HP Hood LLC, the Floating Hospital for Children at Tufts Medical Center, the EZ Pass Van, DAVIDsTEA, Boston Cares, and Mass Farmers Markets.

This free family-friendly event will also include a magician, a visit from the L.L. Bean Bootmobile, children’s crafts, an IKEA selfie booth with LAT-TJO costumes and sweet treats to try, games and giveaways by Magic 106.7, and scarley delicious snacks and refreshments provided by IKEA, Capital One Café, HP Hood LLC, and DAVIDsTEA.

A monster mash of science activities presented by the Parks Department’s ParkSCIENCE program will include Science on the Street, the Massachusetts Horticulture Society, giant bubbles with the “Bubble Guy” Jim Dichter, and Halloween giveaways. All pumpkins will be donated to The Trustees of Reservations after the event for composting.

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

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Early 7:00 am and Extended 6:00 pm Hours Available
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SPA@StPeterAcademy.com

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Fort Point Arts Community Fall Open Studios

October 14, 15 + 16, 2016
Friday Preview 4:00-7:00 PM, Saturday and Sunday noon-6:00pm

Fort Point Arts Community features the work of over 150 artists, craftspeople, and designers. Works are on view in artist studios in our historic warehouse buildings, in galleries, on the streets, and in the water around Fort Point.

FLOATING ART FOR FALL OPEN STUDIOS: SOS (SAFETY ORANGE SWIMMERS)

SOS (Safety Orange Swimmers) is composed of 20+ figures painted in “Safety Orange” and swimming with salvaged black inner tubes used as personal flotation devices. SOS (Safety Orange Swimmers) is a project by A + J Art + Design, a new, multidisciplinary collaboration between local artists Ann Hirsch and Jeremy Angier, who share a commitment to site-specificity, interactivity and community engagement.

PARKING IS FREE!! Central Parking Lot across from 249 A St, access via Binford Street

A Sampling of Programming:

OPEN STUDIOS
Buildings: 300 Summer Street, 249 A Street Cooperative, 315 A Street, 50 Melcher Street (Boston Button Factory), and Midway Studios at 15 Channel Center Street, and

Friday Preview, October 14, 4:00-7:00 pm: preview studios open are marked with a *on FPAC web listing and directories

Saturday + Sunday, October 15 + 16, 12 noon to 6:00 pm

MADE IN FORT POINT
FPAC’s store and gallery sells and exhibits: paintings, jewelry, prints, photography, ceramics, furniture, lighting, artists’ books, wearables, greeting cards, and more, all made by Fort Point artists. Best of Boston Award for Best Neighborhood Store! Made in Fort Point, 315 A Street, Boston, MA. Open during all Open Studios hours

GALLERIES SHOWING FPAC ARTISTS *Open for Friday Preview

FPAC Gallery, 300 Summer Street
*Open Studios Group Show
Open studios kickoff reception: Thurs., Oct. 13, 6-8 pm

The Gallery at Atlantic Wharf, 290 Congress Street
*Materials Witness
Materials Witness presents thirteen Boston-based artists.

Fight Gallery, Everybody Fights Seaport, 15 Channel Center Street
Artwork from local artist and EBF Fighter, Brian Sage

FP3 Gallery
*People and Places: New works by Amy Baxter MacDonald
Opening reception: Thursday, Oct. 13, 7-9pm

Gallery at the Boston Children’s Museum, 308 Congress Street
*All Things Animal
All Things Animal invites visitors to observe, identify, walk, talk, and play like the animals.

Midway Gallery at Midway Artist Studios, 15 Channel Center Street
*Open Studios Group Show
Work by Midway artists including painting, sculpture, photography, jewelry, and more!
Every year, the Port of Boston contributes $4.6 billion to the region’s economy, generating more than $300 million in Federal, state and local tax revenue, and supporting 50,000 total jobs. Massport’s Conley Container Terminal processed a record number of containers for the last two years.

As a result of the Panama Canal expansion, Boston and other east coast ports must accommodate larger container ships that are the new standard in the industry. The facts are:

- These “big ships” carry 8,000 -13,000 containers
- The bigger ships are already here. Conley Terminal is now serving – with operational restrictions – 8,500 TEU sized vessels
- Container business and jobs at Conley will be in jeopardy if Boston is not able to effectively and efficiently handle the bigger ships
- Work in the Port of Boston will be lost to other port cities which are already making their ports “big ship” ready

Massport, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and state government are investing in modernizing the Port of Boston in order to compete in the 21st Century by:

- Dredging the Harbor, including constructing a CAD (Confined Aquatic Disposal) Cell to dispose of soil from the harbor bottom
- Planning and permitting the construction of one new berth to accommodate “big ships” and revitalizing two other berths at Conley Terminal
- Making plans to add new cranes to load and unload the bigger and wider container ships
- Building a secure, dedicated freight corridor to take 400-500 trucks off of East First Street
Recent South Boston Real Estate Sales

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South Station Air Rights Project

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

290 CONGRESS STREET
Fort Point Room
Boston, MA 02210

PROJECT PROPOSENT:
South Station Phase I Owner LLC

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:
The Project will be similar to the previously approved project, as it will continue to include three buildings with a mix of residential, office, retail, and/or hotel space. The Project continues to include three phases, of which only Phases 1 and 2 are changing. Phase 1 calls for the construction of a 640-foot tower consisting of approximately 711,000 sf of office use and approximately 321,000 sf of residential space. Phase 2 calls for an approximately 314-foot building totaling approximately 438,000 sf. Phase 3 calls for a 212-foot building totaling 511,000 sf.

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CLOSE OF COMMENT PERIOD:
10/21/2016

South Boston Rezoning Initiative

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

200 D STREET
Condon Community Center Cafeteria
South Boston, MA 02127

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:
At this meeting the Boston Redevelopment Authority will present the proposed new zoning for South Boston that will go before the Boston Zoning Commission.

MAIL TO:
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A Sincere Thank you from NOCC

On behalf of the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition – Massachusetts Chapter, we wish to extend our thanks to everyone who came out on Sunday, September 11, 2016 to Mother’s Rest on Carson Beach to participate in our 18th Annual 5K Run/Walk to Break the Silence on Ovarian Cancer.

What an amazing turnout we had! More than 1,000 people came out that day, many of whom ran the race in record time. The wind and rain may have dampened T-shirts, but it did not dampen spirits! Your dedication and commitment to our cause is demonstrated at this event which continues to grow each year.

Guest Speakers in attendance were Dr. Michael Birrer, Director of Medical Gynecologic Oncology at MGH, Dr. John Schorge, Chief of Gynecology and Gynecologic Oncology, also from MGH, and Joyce Kulhawik, Emmy award-winning art and entertainment critic, as well as 2x ovarian cancer survivor!

This event raises awareness and promotes education of the signs and symptoms of ovarian cancer, celebrates survivors, and remembers those lost to the disease. There is currently no detection test for ovarian cancer. Pap tests do not detect ovarian cancer and until there is a test, the key to early diagnosis is early awareness and knowing the subtle symptoms! Ovarian cancer symptoms may include: bloating, trouble eating and feeling full quickly, pelvic or abdominal pain, feeling the need to urinate urgently or often.

TEAL is the color that represents ovarian cancer and as we come to the end of September’s Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month, we urge every woman to Take Early Action and Live!
Blue Cross Blue Shield Volunteers Help Save the Harbor

On Wednesday, Sept 28, 67 volunteers from Blue Cross Blue Shield MA partnered with Save the Harbor/Save the Bay and the MA Department of Conservation and Recreation to clean up Carson Beach in South Boston. Undeterred by inclement weather, the spirited volunteers removed weeds and overgrowth, painted shade shelters and cleared sidewalks and pathways from the McCormack Bathhouse to Pleasure Bay.

The “Blue Crew” began the day with trash bags, shovels and rakes, removing invasive Sumac, weeds and debris from Carson Beach to Pleasure Bay. Additionally, four teams of volunteers painted 15 shade shelters and the doors and trim of the McCormack Bathhouse. In the afternoon, the enthusiastic volunteers cleared sand-filled pathways along the Harbor Walk near Mother’s Rest. They also cleared an entrance ramp at the N Street Beach to improve access for a handicap neighbor.

“Making these beaches inviting and accessible for everyone to enjoy is rewarding and important,” said Save the Harbor Vice President Susan Woods. “Save the Harbor, DCR and all the residents of South Boston who use these beaches all year round really appreciate our hard work.”

The BC/BS Carson cleanup also contributed to the health and wellness of the participants. By the end of the day, volunteers had logged approximately 15,000 steps, which is equivalent to over 7 miles, according to Woods.

“Effective stewardship of our state parks requires a partnership between the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation and its friends and volunteer groups, who consistently bring their spirited approach to all park functions, including important clean-up efforts,” said DCR Commissioner Leo Roy. “I thank Save the Harbor/Save the Bay and Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Massachusetts for once again joining us to improve South Boston’s beaches so residents and visitors may continue to enjoy this beautiful natural resource all year round.”

Bruce Berman, Director of Strategy, Communications and Programs at Save the Harbor, echoed Roy’s sentiments. “These beaches are important recreational assets for the region’s residents, especially to those in South Boston,” Berman said. “Thanks to our partners at Blue Cross Blue Shield and the terrific staff at DCR for getting them in shape for the fall.”

Save the Harbor/Save the Bay is a non-profit, public interest harbor advocacy organization made up of thousands of citizens as well as civic, corporate, cultural and community leaders and scientists. Our mission is to restore and protect Boston Harbor, Massachusetts Bay, and the marine environment and share them with the public for all to enjoy.

To find out more about Save the Harbor/Save the Bay, visit our website at savetheharbor.org and follow ‘savetheharbor’ on Facebook and Twitter.
South Boston Branch Library

OCTOBER EVENTS

Fall Fair
October 8, 2016, 11 am to 2 pm
Children (Ages 0-5), Children (Ages 6-12), Families
Come and celebrate the season with the Friends of the South Boston Branch Library as they present their Twelfth Annual Fall Fair, featuring pumpkin-decorating (limit: one pumpkin per child), face painting, and a magic show. Signs of autumn will abound in our lovely leafy garden on an afternoon of fun family-friendly entertainment.

South Boston Branch Friends Book Sale
October 22, 10 am to 3 pm
Join the Friends of the South Boston Branch at their fall book sale, featuring pumpkins decorating (limit: one pumpkin per child), face painting, and a magic show. Signs of autumn will abound in our lovely leafy garden on an afternoon of fun family-friendly entertainment.

South Boston Branch Library

South Boston Neighborhood Poetry Reading
Saturday, October 22, 1:30 -3:30 pm
The South Boston Arts Association proudly presents a South Boston Poetry Reading, open to all adult and high school age poets. Participants may read their own poetry, or a favorite poem; limit 5 minutes per presenter. Come to read, or just to listen and enjoy an afternoon of poetry. Refreshments will accompany the program.

Trick or Treat on Broadway
October 31, 4-6 pm
The South Boston Chamber of Commerce members and many other local participating businesses invite the neighborhood children in costumes to “Trick or Treat on Broadway” Participating establishments will be clearly marked with an orange and black poster inviting the children to stop in for a treat. The South Boston Chamber of Commerce has been hosting this event that allows families with children to stroll safely along Broadway for a fun and enjoyable Halloween.

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stamp for high-profile developers, while community concerns fell on unsympathetic ears. “We do planning and development, and we’re doing it for the benefit of the people of Boston,” Golden said. “It’s more than a name change. It’s about a cultural change within the organization and how we interface with the people of Boston in their neighborhoods.”

The Boston Redevelopment Authority is reinventing itself, debuting a new look and name that the agency’s executive director says more accurately reflects its mission.

The BRA, which has been overseeing development in the city since it was created in 1957, will begin calling itself the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) as of Tuesday.

“We think that by highlighting the actual functions of the organization, we’re contributing to a broader public understanding of what it is that we do,” Executive Director Brian Golden went on to say.

Boston Mayor Marty Walsh’s administration had begun overhauling the agency after the 2014 audit. Golden says, “For the last two years, we’ve spent a lot of time on internal, operational reforms,” Golden said. “The BRA had substandard business systems, and we’ve spent a lot of time fixing those over the past two years.” Golden says it’s important to the agency and Mayor Walsh that the Boston Planning and Development Agency do a better job fixing its relationships with the neighborhoods and the people of Boston.

“There are still far too many people, far too many community organizations that view the organization negatively, and we think that by emphasizing planning, by being in the neighborhoods talking about planning, receiving meaningful input from the people of Boston, and adopting planning documents that can accommodate quality future development, we will have greater public support, greater legitimacy and greater credibility,” Golden said.

Add to that policy statement a real and unfettered commitment to workforce and middle income housing support at the City, State and Federal levels, and Boston neighborhoods will once again be a safe and promising hub of economic opportunity for all.
‘Get your Rear in Gear’ Race/Walk for Colon Cancer
Billy Hartford Remembered

On a late September Saturday and a bright and beautiful day it was too, a huge crowd gathered to participate in the Annual ‘Get your Rear in Gear Race/Walk to benefit the Colin Cancer Coalition. It took place at Carson Beach in South Boston with the meeting place right at Mother’s Rest. The goal was to raise $75,000 for this worthy cause which will be used to help combat this disease that has taken far too many lives. But the enthusiasm was such that this goal was easily surpassed and more than $86,000 was raised. This year had an additional meaning to it as some family and friends of well-known and beloved South Bostonian William ‘Billy’ Hartford once again took part in the event in Billy’s memory. Bill lost his courageous and hard fought battle with Colon Cancer at far too young an age but his memory lives on and always will in the hearts and minds of so many.

Among the family members and many other participants at the race/walk was Billy’s Mom, South Boston native Beverly Alcione Jacobs; who travelled back to Southie from the New Hampshire White Mountains; a 150 mile trip to take part as well as Beverley’s daughter-in-law Mary Blakeslee who came in from Marshfield, Massachusetts. And family friend, Carol Ciccone; on site to take photos at the event joined Bev and Mary in the race as well and all three helped bring in money for the cause by working hard to get sponsors to pledge. Though the event was for a very worthy and serious cause, it was a fun filled day as well, as the participants; including quite a few young children focused on reaching that finish line. Everyone in the race took great pleasure in the festive atmosphere and the tremendous comradery that filled the air throughout the duration. In fact, people of pretty much every age group turned out to be part of this upbeat event. And to be sure, there were smiling faces everywhere.

Billy Hartford will always be remembered in South Boston for his friendly disposition and kindness toward others and this was very much in evidence last Saturday by the attendance of so many of his good friends who miss him very much and have worked hard since his passing to keep the memory of this good man alive since his passing. Well done to the organizers and to all those who took part. Helping such a good cause as is the Colin Cancer Coalition is certainly a positive effort and combined with such a beautiful day as this day’s weather was, well, it just doesn’t get much better than that.

Registration Open For Mayor’s Cup Soccer

Registration is now open for the 2016 Mayor’s Cup Soccer Tournament hosted by Mayor Martin J. Walsh and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department with support from the US Soccer Foundation.

The Mayor’s Cup Soccer Tournament will be held on October 29 and 30 at Millennium Park in West Roxbury and Moakley Park in South Boston with the championship games at Moakley Park November 5 and 6.

The Mayor’s Cup Soccer Tournament provides local youth soccer programs with the opportunity to compete for the chance to be called “the best in Boston.” The program divisions this year will reflect changes implemented by US Youth Soccer with divisions grouped by grade. This year’s divisions are Grades 3/4 (U10), Grades 5/6 (U12), and Grades 7/8 (U14). There are divisions for boys and girls.

Register your team online at http://tinyurl.com/2016MayorsCupSoccer. Registration is open now through Friday, October 14. For more information, please contact Woodley Auguste at woodley.auguste@boston.gov or call (617) 961-3084.
South Boston Pop Warner Weekend Update - Week 5

It was another good weekend for the Fighting Irish. The A Unlimited team started the day looking to keep their undefeated season going. This weekend’s opponent was undefeated Mansfield. South Boston’s defense was too strong for Mansfield’s offense as South Boston came away with shutout.

The A team’s offense was firing on all cylinders scoring twice and also a 75-yard punt return for a touchdown. The final score was South Boston 18-0.

The D team played next against the Ashland Clockers. The offense was able to score twice with the final score South Boston 12-0.

The E team was up next against the Ashland Clockers. South Boston was looking to keep their undefeated season going. Ice again the E team was up to the challenge. The defense came away with another shut out. The offense moved the ball all day scoring four touchdowns. The final score was South Boston 26-0.

This weekend the A team will travel to Brockton to play the Brockton Boxers, another undefeated team Saturday night at Brockton High School’s Rocky Marciano stadium. The game starts at 7:00 PM.

The D and E teams will travel to Canton on Sunday. The D game starts at 9:00 AM and the E team starts at 10:30 AM at Canton High School.

SOUTH BOSTON YOUTH SOCCER

Can’t believe we are at the halfway mark in the season. The kids seem to be having a great time.

WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 24TH & 25TH
UNDER 4 DIVISION: COUNCILOR BILL LINEHAN DRAGONS

The team sponsored by Councilor Bill Linehan was victorious. All the players turned in a super performance.

The Dragons sponsored by Boston Police Athletic League (PAL) came up short with single goals by Tommy Chatfield and Aidan Hartman. Savy Colon, Oliver Colon, Mac Angotto, Greta Scott, Eloise Eagleton and Paul DiMaggio did a super job bringing the ball up and down the field.

At the time of print no score sheets were available from the teams sponsored by: Sullivan’s at Castle Island, John Hancock Insurance, South Boston Today, Lovey’s League, The Matthew Coyne Club, and Congressman Stephen Lynch.

UNDER 6 DIVISION: COUNCILOR MIKE FLAHERTY SHARKS

The team sponsored by Councilor Mike Flaherty shut out their opponents when Kyle Greeley was unstoppable kicking in several goals. Also scoring was Kieran McGarry. Nolan Brock-Toland and Andrew McGonagle were dazzling on defense.

The Sharks sponsored by Joe Pace & Sons did not score but it was not from lack of trying. Brendan Picard, John Brooks, Sienna Holtzmuller and Ella Pristawa were the MVP’s for their team.

AQUA SHARKS BOSTON HOME INSPECTORS

The Aqua Sharks sponsored by Martin F. McDonough Women’s Auxiliary were victorious this week. Sebbie Slater scored a hattrick and Gianna Tassi kicked in a single goal. Mia DiMaggio played a great all around game.

UNDER 8 DIVISION: GREEN MACHINE PERKINS POST #67

The Green Machine sponsored by Southie’s Owen beat out their opponent with goals by Isabel Sheppeck and Thomas Quinlan. Joe Wallace and Emily Ramirez played a spectacular game.

The team sponsored by Michael J. Perkins Post #67 kept the game within reaching distance but just could not get one by the goalie. Isis Reid and Henry DiNatale played a great game.

UNDER 10 DIVISION: BLUE TORNADOS 3

The Blue Tornados sponsored by the Jimmy Cahill Club kicked in one better than their opponent for the win. Iris Gjoka scored a pair of goals and Aiden Martin kicked in a single goal. Ryan McGarrell played a super game in net. Paul Downy and Jonathan McCarthy were awesome on offense.

UNDER 12 DIVISION: SHAMROCKS 3

The Shamrocks sponsored by Stapleton Florist shut-out their opponent with two goals by Ramey Torlbo-Rosario assisted by Josie Correia and Jerry O’Neil and a goal by Alex assisted by Rainey Torlbo-Rosario. Outstanding defensive plays by Lylie Austin and Lydon McGarrell.

The Red Rockets sponsored by Deco Leasing turned in a great performance. They played a tough game and never gave up until the final whistle. Kathryn Baszkiewicz and Tegan Fitzgerald were the outstanding players for their team.

REVS 3

KNIGHTS 2

The Revs sponsored by Massport played a great game and just squeaked by with a win with the help of Stephen Flynn scoring a pair of goals and Kevin Ndrekas scoring a single goal. The defensive line of Madison O’Brien, Lia Blythe and Molly Keenan played a terrific game.

In the third game of the season the players have begun to show their soccer skills and the rust has worn off. The Yankee Bus Line “Knights” lost a very well played game. Meghan Harrison played goalie the first half for the Knights and she was excellent only allowing one goal then in the second half Meghan made some great plays on the field. There were no subs on the bench for the Knights and all the players played the entire game with no rest and they played great the entire game. Bella Thomas, Aidan Young and Eric Dhamo all took turns playing goalie in the second half. Aidan and Eric each allowed one goal, but all three made some terrific saves as well. The Knights defense pairing of Jack Downey and Declan Donoghue played a fantastic game working well together and they both made some big plays. In midfield Dylan Bednarik played a very good game and made some nice plays with the ball. Aidan Young played a great game up and down both ends of the field and he scored one goal on a great individual effort and also did a good job defending the other team’s key players. Bella Thomas scored the second goal after receiving a beautiful pass from Aidan Young. Bella used her head to settle the ball and made a nice rush around a defender and beat the goalie on a perfectly placed kid from five yards out. The game was well played by both teams and after the Knights tied the game both teams had some chances to score the winning goal, but with only several minutes left in the game the oppositions forwards were able to score on a rebound after Eric Dhamo made a great save on the initial shot on goal. Both teams showed great sportsmanship after a tough fought game.
AL Wild Card:
TORONTO BLUE JAYS over Baltimore Orioles
-I made my Postseason picks on Monday’s podcast, so as I give you these picks and write this piece before deadline, it’s a ballys move to predict that my Wild Card winner will make a serious playoff run. Especially when you don’t even know who Toronto’s starter will be in that one-game playoff. But that’s exactly what I’m doing with the Blue Jays. When the Boston Red Sox weren’t able to eliminate them from postseason contention in the last weekend of the regular season, I felt somewhat uncomfortable. I said it then, and I’ll say it again: as long as the Blue Jays have a pulse, they’ll be the most dangerous team in the postseason. Expect them to be alive and well once they defeat the Baltimore Orioles at Rogers Centre, and advance to the ALDS.

NL Wild Card:
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS over New York Mets
-The New York Mets’ pitching staff is all banged up. But Noah Syndergaard is all they’ll really need for a one-game playoff at home. Unfortunately, for everyone in New York, the guy on the other side owns the Mets. San Francisco Giants ace Madison Bumgarner is 5-0 with a 1.80 ERA in six career starts against the Mets. And in the postseason, Bumgarner is 7-3 with a 2.14 ERA in 12 starts. As for the one-game Wild Card, Bumgarner is 1-0, throwing a complete-game shutout in 2014 against Pittsburgh. I’ll put my money on him and the Giants to advance to the NLDS.

ALDS:
BOSTON RED SOX over Cleveland Indians
-For all the question marks surrounding David Price’s postseason career, perhaps the most overlooked storyline in this series is what the Cleveland Indians will be without. Two of Cleveland’s best starters — Danny Salazar and Carlos Carrasco — will miss the entire series with injuries. Combined with the fact that Cleveland’s Game 1 and 2 starters — Trevor Bauer and Corey Kluber — have never even pitched in the postseason, it makes for an interesting postseason for a 94-win Indians team that would otherwise be one of the favorites to win it all this year. Sure, the Red Sox aren’t happy that they lost out on home field advantage while losing five of their final six games in the regular season. But momentum is as good as your Game 1 starter. And potential Cy Young winner Rick Porcello on the mound to begin the series, isn’t the worst thing in the world for Boston. I expect the Sox to finish this series back at Fenway, in four games.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS over Texas Rangers
-Again, don’t let the Blue Jays win this series, or they may be unstoppable. It’s a rematch of last year’s ALDS. You know, the Jose Bautista bat flip heard ‘round the world. Well, Toronto won last year’s series in five games, but they may win this one in four. Not only can the Blue Jays mash with a lineup that knows what it takes to get to the ALCS like they did last year, but they can also pitch. Their rotation — top to bottom — might be the best in the American League, yet, it’s always Toronto’s offense that gets the attention. For good reason, of course. Still, the Blue Jays are just too good all-around to not advance.

NLDS:
LOS ANGELES DODGERS over Washington Nationals
-The loss of Stephen Strasburg to an elbow injury is a huge blow to a Washington Nationals team that is going to need all the pitching it can get in a shortened series against Clayton Kershaw and company. Kershaw cleansed himself of the postseason demons last year, and seems poised to lead his Dodgers to the NLCS. Last year, LA ran into a smoking hot Mets ball club in the NLDS, and while the Nationals are a damn good 95-win team this season, it just feels like this Dodgers team — especially with Kershaw looking to build on a solid postseason last year — is too good to lose its third straight NLDS series. I’ll take Kershaw on the road to win Game 5.

CHICAGO CUBS over San Francisco Giants
-Will this be the year for the Cubs? You’ll have to keep reading to find out. But put it this way, they aren’t losing in the first round. The Giants have no shot in this one. It could be a clean sweep. Chicago is just too good. There’s really not much else to say about this one. Cubs in three.

ALCS:
TORONTO BLUE JAYS over Boston Red Sox
-I hope I’m wrong. But my biggest fear could play out right in front of my eyes in a few weeks: Rogers Centre is bumping. Koji Uehara on the mound in the 8th. Josh Donaldson and the boys just start crushing 86 mph meatballs and flat splitters. When the Blue Jays took two-of-three at Fenway last weekend, it was no fluke. They got it all. Pull out the check list, and put a check next to every category under “Toronto.” Again, I hope I’m wrong here. But if you’re asking me to bet with my mind and not my heart, I’m putting my money on the Blue Jays to win a crucial Game 5 in Toronto (it’s a 2-3-2 series) and then finish off the Red Sox at Fenway in Game 6.

NLCS:
CHICAGO CUBS over Los Angeles Dodgers
-The Cubs got swept by the Mets in last year’s NLCS, and I will guarantee the Dodgers don’t do the same thing this year. Los Angeles will give Chicago a better series than San Francisco did, but that doesn’t mean it will be good enough to crush Cubs fans’ hopes and dreams. Jon Lester will be the best player in the series, leading the Cubs to the World Series for the first time since 1945.

World Series:
TORONTO BLUE JAYS over Chicago Cubs
Remember what I said about the most dangerous team in the postseason? That’s Toronto. Expect the Blue Jays to make Cubs fans cry. Edwin Encarnacion is your MVP.

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