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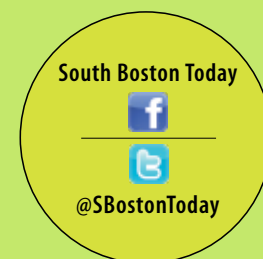
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EDITORIAL

Sometimes, Storms Bring Out The Best In People

Having good neighbors is often like having an extended family with members of that family you can depend on. With the arrival of the year's first plowable snow fall, it was apparent that here in South Boston, we have an abundance of neighbors, who are quick to jump in and lend assistance, if they see a fellow resident in need of an extra pair of hands or two.

This was the case on nearly

every residential street in the community during this past weekend. Instances of picking up a shovel and clearing the walks or stairs of the fallen white stuff for a neighbor, even if not too familiar with each other, especially if that neighbor wasn't able bodied, were happening all over town and it was a beautiful thing.

Though it wasn't all that big of a storm – South Boston certainly got off easy

this time - it was the thought that counted and people were more than willing to help move the accumulating snow for a fellow South Bostonian without giving it a second thought. In most cases, people didn't even have to be asked. It was a reflex action. It just seemed to be the right thing to do. It's so nice to see the spirit of cooperation that has always been strong in this neighborhood is still very much alive.



“While I relish our warm months, winter forms our character and brings out our best” - Tim Allen

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Dear Hollywood Celebs: No one cares what you think

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY
John Ciccone

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Let's have a show of hands. How many readers out there have had enough of Hollywood's so called elites and their preaching speeches during their award shows? From the feedback we get here, the thousands of postings flooding social media sites all over the country, and in public forums pretty much everywhere, it seems the number of Americans who are tired of it grows every day. That literally millions of people are being turned off by people like Meryl Streep, Barbara Streisand and the rest of them is now beyond dispute. And then of course there are the likes of Rosie O'Donnell and Michael Moore, who are in a league of their own as far as being clownish.

The latest example of how out of touch Hollywood performers are came from Ms. Streep during what's called the Golden Globe Awards last weekend. Yes, there are viewers that still tune in and watch these shows, but the number gets smaller all the time. And the most amusing thing is, those getting the awards haven't got a clue as to why the audience is shrinking faster than a woolen sweater in a clothes dryer set on hot. If this keeps up, the only people who will care who gets which award will be the people getting the awards and those actors upset because they didn't.

As many have now heard, Meryl Streep went into one of her typical scolding political tirades. She made it clear that she thinks that Americans who like football, mixed martial arts and probably NASCAR, rodeos, hockey etc. are not in the same league with the royalty that is Hollywood and the phonies that get paid outrageous sums of money for pretending to be someone else. You see, they know so much more than real Americans and are so much better than we 'common

folk' that they feel an obligation – a duty if you will - to show us the way. Americans who don't follow the advice of these 'special people' are of course deplorables, racists, bigots and rednecks and need to be on the receiving end of their infinite wisdom and guidance.

Hollywood and many in the music industry have become so out of touch with real Americans that they are not even close to being in a position to relate to regular working people. They live in a fantasy world – a bubble which insulates them from reality. They keep company only with others who think and live like they do and have no understanding of what it's like to live in the real world. And why would they? Their careers, in fact their entire lives, consist of playing roles on screen or on stage. They no longer have the ability or yes, even the intelligence to truly understand what life is really about. This makes it even more insulting to the real people, the segment of the population that these elites consider the 'little people', when they constantly lecture the country about how we should think and vote, what can be said and pretty much live our lives. It's getting old and tiresome and each time one of these 'stars' does it, more Americans get turned off.

Now it is coming as a shock to many of them as they are finding out that most people, a growing number of people in fact, couldn't care less what Meryl Streep, Bruce Springsteen, Alec Baldwin or Amy Shumer or most other 'celebrities' think, say or want. In fact, a statement from one of the saner people among them, Mark Wahlberg, in a message to his fellow Hollywood entertainers said that maybe actors should just shut up about politics. He went on to say the

following: "No one cares about your opinions. They might buy your CD's or watch your movies but you don't put food on their tables, you don't pay their bills. A lot of Hollywood is living in a bubble. They are out of touch with common people who are out there out there providing for their families." Another actor, Scott Baio who has been all but black listed for supporting Trump but doesn't care said this just this week in response to Meryl Streep's meltdown on stage: "Just keep talking the way you're talking and keep putting

down everyone who disagrees with you and you'll continue to lose support. You are part of the reason that Donald Trump won the election."

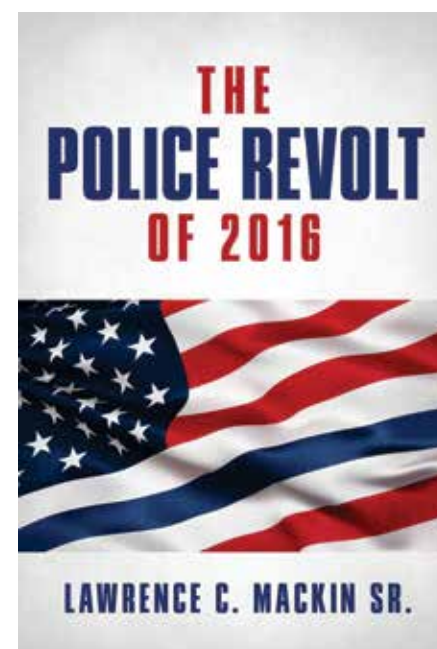
If those in Hollywood, so intolerant of any view that differs from theirs, are smart, they may want to listen to Wahlberg, Baio and a few others like Clint Eastwood, James Woods and a handful of other proud American actors. But the odds are they won't. They are just a little too arrogant, self-centered and tone deaf.

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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. We will excerpt reports from the gavel-to-gavel coverage of House and Senate sessions by news sources focused on this important aspect of our lives. These sources include a look ahead at the coming week in state government and summaries and analyses of the past week, re-caps of a range of state government activity, as well as links to other news.

No goal for Kraft's soccer stadium

Robert Kraft's dream of building a new soccer stadium near UMass Boston may have the backing of Gov. Charlie Baker, Mayor Marty Walsh and UMass president Marty Meehan. But it's the Boston Teachers Union that appears to have killed the idea. The Globe's Shirley Leung has the details.

Photos of prison-riot aftermath, weapons and gang scrawlings

Inmates were "getting ready for war" when prison guards decided to use pepper spray to quell a near riot at the Souza-Baranowski Correctional Center in Shirley, according to Secretary of Public Safety Daniel Bennett, as reported at WBUR.

What started out a fight among two inmates quickly escalated and posed a direct danger to correctional officers, Bennett said. "You had 47 inmates ready to take on those COs and they had armed themselves with knives, bats and iron pipes, and they were going to go after the COs."

Michelle Williams at MassLive has more on the major disturbance, including a photo slide-show, courtesy of state officials, of the aftermath of the near riot, including shots of some pretty nasty looking homemade weapons and gang-related scrawlings

Just say 'no' to millionaire tax

Edward M. Murphy, a former top-level commissioner at a number

of state agencies, writes in Commonwealth magazine that he favors a progressive tax system for Massachusetts, but he's no fan of the proposed constitutional amendment that would hike taxes on millionaires: "There are rational arguments on both sides, but a detached examination suggests that the proposed tax does not accomplish the goals it purports to achieve. There is no guarantee that the new money will go to education and transportation as claimed; it risks driving some top taxpayers out of state; it fails to mitigate the state's regressive tax system; and it seeks to embed unprecedented language in the state's constitution. It is an initiative that ought not to pass."

Battle escalates between CJP and newspapers

The publisher of the Brookline and Newton Voice newspapers, Joshua Resnek, is calling on the chairman of the Combined Jewish Philanthropy, Neil Wallack, to resign and calling on the group's CEO, Barry Shrage, to return a \$1.3 million retirement bonus given to him by CJP. The newspapers also ran a front page story on how Shrage has effectively blocked access to his Twitter and email accounts to and from Voice personnel.

Partners CEO: ObamaCare repeal was not on Trump's meeting agenda

Scott Brown, are you aware of this? The CEO of the state's largest health system says his meeting at president-elect Trump's Mar-a-Lago resort last month was not focused on repealing Obamacare, but instead was a chance for health industry leaders to provide input on cabinet picks, Jessica Bartlett of the Boston Business Journal reports. Dr. David Torchiana of Partners HealthCare said Trump sought input on who he should appoint to head Veterans Affairs and the Na-

tional Institutes of Health. Input on Veterans Affairs?

Dems plan 'First stand' rally this weekend at Faneuil Hall

From Alison Bauter at the Beacon Hill Patch: "Massachusetts Senators Elizabeth Warren and Ed Markey are among the elected leaders at the head of the fight against Republican plans to roll back key parts of the Affordable Care Act, and they're taking the battle back to their home turf with a rally planned this Sunday in Boston. Along with Boston Mayor Marty Walsh and members of Massachusetts' congressional delegation, Warren and Markey will host a rally they're calling "First Stand: Save Health Care," from noon until 3 p.m. outside Faneuil Hall."

From the BBJ's Catherine Carlock: "Combined Jewish Philanthropies of Greater Boston Inc., the largest nonprofit organization in the state, is renovating its longtime headquarters in downtown Boston, a \$15.6 million project funded in part through a \$10 million gift from New England Patriots owner Robert Kraft. The renovation of the 55,226-square-foot office at 126 High St. started this summer and is targeting a fall completion, CJP spokesperson Julie Somers said. After work is complete, the nine-story office will be known as the Kraft Family Building at Combined Jewish Philanthropies."

Janey's in

Community organizer Kim Janey has formally announced she will seek the Roxbury District 7 Boston City Council seat currently held by potential mayoral challenger Tito Jackson, Adam Gaffin of Universal Hub reports. The Globe had earlier reported Janey's interest in the seat, which onetime state representative hopeful Rufus Faulk has already declared he would seek. Others are also eyeing a run.

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Linehan, Forry and Collins Deliver Real Estate Tax Relief



Governor Baker signed into law a bill that grants property tax relief to homeowners throughout Boston. The petition was presented by City Councilor Bill Linehan and was approved by the City Council, then carried through the state legislative process by State Senator Linda Dorcea-Forry and State Representative Nick Collins.

The law establishes property tax deferrals for long-term residents over the age of 55 who meet certain income requirements. This deferral allows long-time residents to stay in their homes despite the burden of rising property taxes, deferring payments on their property tax until the sale of the property.

“Thanks to our friends in the Legislature for adopting this petition and passing it this session,” said Councilor Linehan. “Thank you to Governor Baker and Mayor Walsh for their support so that long time home

owners with fixed incomes have an option to stay in their homes for as long as they wish.”

“While the real estate industry in Boston is booming, many long-time residents are suffering with higher real estate taxes,” said Senator Linda Dorcea-Forry. “This tax deferral will allow Bostonians to remain in their homes and cherished communities that make our city so vibrant,” concluded Sen. Forry.

“There are many residents of our city who are on a fixed income and are struggling to keep up with rising housing costs,” said Rep. Collins. “This new law provides much need relief to long-term homeowners so that they can live comfortably in their beloved homes and contribute to the fabric of our neighborhoods.”

The real estate tax deferral program will be administered by the City of Boston with documents from the deferral recorded at the Registry of Deeds.

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an attempt to turn around the small ball reputation Boston and the Commonwealth endures.

The University of Massachusetts system is in need of millions of dollars to sustain its growth, Santander Bank, while not complaining about its valuable property on Morrissey Boulevard, is looking to leverage that site as it competes for attention with every major bank in the market and then there is the Boston Teachers Union, sitting pretty, right smack in the middle of it all. Talk about David and the Goliaths.

But don't forget the neighborhoods. Columbia Point itself and the other residential properties owned by Corcoran Jennison has a stake and Dorchester itself stands to be more dramatically affected by the prospects of a sports facility at the doorstep to their community. South Boston is in the mix of course but the history of South Boston and Kraft Enterprises always looms large, notwithstanding the great efforts of Josh Kraft, the Executive Director of the Boys and Girls

Clubs, who has enhanced the quality of his organization immensely.

The Players: Mayor Walsh, UMass President Marty Meehan, Robert Kraft, Gov. Charlie Baker, Chancellor Keith Motley, Cong. Stephen Lynch, Sen. Linda Dorcea Forry, Rep. Nick Collins, Rep. Dan Hunt, BTU leadership, Santander CEO Roman Blanco, Corcoran Jennison Executives, Citizens of Boston.

Is Columbia Point the best site in Boston for a stadium facility such as this with promised multi-use commitments to the University and the City of Boston. Can Kosciusko Circle actually accommodate the traffic even if it gets fixed. Or is Suffolk Downs or White Stadium, or Newmarket Square or others just as viable?

The reality is that the Columbia Point site has a deep and broad economic value that poses opportunities and challenges to all of those players mentioned above. The community process that engages citizens is critical to the outcome of this high stakes game. All the players need to be open and transparent or else the fallout, both political and economic, could be unpleasant, to say the least.



Public Meeting

L STREET POWER PLANT PLANNING INITIATIVE

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

22 DRYDOCK AVE.
RAY FLYNN MARINE PARK
22 Drydock, 3rd Floor Conference Room
South Boston, MA 02210

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Boston Planning & Development Agency will be holding an open house the evening of January 18th to begin a planning initiative for the L Street Edison Power Plant site in South Boston, located at 776 Summer Street. Earlier this year Exelon sold the property to Redgate/Hilco who intend on redeveloping the 15 acre site with a mix of uses and new open space.

This initiative is intended to engage the South Boston community and determine their interests and aspirations related to housing, transportation, public realm improvements, cultural facilities and placemaking. The process will inform the development plan for the site and future zoning.

More details and the planning schedule will be discussed at the open house event on the 18th.

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REPORT ON THE GENDER WAGE GAP

Mayor Martin J. Walsh and the Boston Women's Workforce Council (BWWC) announced the release of its 2016 gender wage report. Continuing Mayor Walsh's mission to close the gender wage gap in Boston and create a more equitable city, the report is the first in the nation to use real wage data, self-reported by businesses in the Greater Boston area. The report harnessed a software program that anonymizes and aggregates data from individual organizations: data was collected from more than 112,000 employees, representing 11 percent of the Greater Boston workforce and \$11 billion in

annual earnings. Using this data, the City of Boston and the BWWC created a comprehensive look into the gender wage gap in Boston, and set a baseline for future progress.

"Women make up the majority of Boston, but like most cities, companies and nations around the world, women -- especially women of color -- are

underrepresented and underpaid in our workforce," said Mayor Walsh. "Our business, academic and civic leaders are working together to fix this, and to create an equitable Boston that has opportunity for all. I'm proud Boston is leading the conversation on how to address the gender wage gap, and this report is another step forward in our mission."

The gender wage gap report found a 23-cent wage gap, meaning women make on average 77 cents for every dollar a man earns in Greater Boston. The average total annual compensation for women was \$78,954, while the average total annual compensation for men was \$103,155.

The gender wage gap varied by job category: the highest earnings parity was in the Mid-Level Worker and Administrative Worker job categories, where on average women earned more than their male counterparts.

In addition, the report found men's pay was composed of more performance pay: men's total pay was 88 percent annual compensation and 12 percent cash performance pay. In comparison, women's total pay was 95 percent annual compensation, and five percent cash performance pay.

The report would not be possible without the support from the business community. 179 companies have signed on to the 100% Talent Compact, committing to report wage data anonymously and to discuss best

practices to retain and promote women in the workforce. Included in that number are five lead sponsors: Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company, Partners HealthCare, Putnam Investments, State Street Corporation and Vertex Pharmaceuticals.

"As an inaugural signatory of the 100% Talent Compact, State Street is proud to be involved with the BWWC and this report," said Alison Quirk, executive vice president and chief human resources and citizenship officer at State Street. "State Street's continued participation in the Compact underscores our commitment to working to address the root causes of wage disparity in Boston so we can continue to build the diverse and sustainable talent pipeline we need for our future success."

"MassMutual is honored to support this important effort, standing with other companies that share our belief that gender should not impact compensation," said Eddie Ahmed, Head of Human Resources for MassMutual Financial Group. "We have a longstanding commitment to making sure our employees are compensated fairly for their work, and that salary differences are based on role, performance and merit alone."

Through this report, the BWWC has created a baseline wage gap estimate for the greater Boston workforce using two unique data sets. The BWWC created a data

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Public Meeting

33-39 WARD STREET

MONDAY, JANUARY 23

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

PROJECT PROPONENT:

Transcend, LLC

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Transcend, LLC proposes to construct a five-story, residential development totaling approximately 26,548 square feet. The proposed project will have sixteen (16) condominium units including two (2) IDP Units. In addition, the development will have at-grade, garage parking for up to seventeen (17) spaces.

An alternate date of Monday, January 30 at 6:30 PM is scheduled in the event of inclement weather on January 23.

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25 MPH SPEED LIMIT IS HERE

Mayor Martin J. Walsh is reminding drivers the default speed limit on City of Boston streets will be reduced from 30 miles per hour

(mph) to 25 mph effective now. If no sign is posted, 25 mph is the maximum speed limit on that street. Drivers are advised to watch for posted signs that indicate a modification to the speed limit, such as in School Zones where the speed limit may be lower than 25 mph. State owned roadways in the City of Boston will not be affected by this new law.

“Reducing the default speed limit will create safer roads for all, and I’m pleased our hard work and commitment to safer roads has created this new standard,” said Mayor Walsh. “This is an important milestone for Vision Zero, the City’s commitment to bringing the number of traffic-related deaths to zero. With our new 25 mph speed limit, we are one step closer to achieving our goal.”

“No one wants to be involved in a serious traffic crash and slowing down vehicles can help to keep us all safe from harm,” said Boston Transportation

Commissioner Gina N. Fiandaca. “People who drive, walk and ride a bike in Boston are all asked to be aware of others sharing the roadway and to travel on our streets with caution.”

The speed limit is being reduced from 30 mph to improve safety for all users of Boston’s roadways. Studies show that the likelihood of a pedestrian suffering a fatal injury as a result of being struck by a motor vehicle decreases from 20 percent when the vehicle is traveling at 30 mph, to 12 percent when the vehicle is traveling at 25 mph. Slower speeds make it easier for drivers to stop when necessary. It also increases a driver’s field of vision making it more likely for the driver to see a pedestrian in the roadway.

The City of Boston is committed to providing local streets that are functional and safe for all users. New bicycle infrastructure, leading pedestrian intervals programmed into traffic signal timing, prominent

pavement markings, speed radar boards, curb extensions, yield to pedestrian signs, and other traffic safety tools are all being used to meet this goal.

Reducing the default speed limit to 25 mph will help to keep resident and visitors from being involved in serious crashes in the City. Boston drivers are asked to travel responsibly and voluntarily comply with the speed limit to preserve the safety of Boston’s residents, daily commuters and visitors.

The implementation of the reduced default speed limit in Boston is a key accomplishment of the City of Boston’s Vision Zero agenda aimed at eliminating fatal and serious crashes in Boston by 2030. More information on Vision Zero may be found at www.visionzeroboston.org.

For more information on the 25 mph default speed limit and to download informational material in a variety of languages, please visit www.boston.gov/departments/transportation/25-boston.

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set of wages consisting of all U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) filings in 2015, and compared this data to anonymously collected salary data from Compact signers in the same zip codes so that they could compare how representative their sample was.

Building off its commitment to investing in long-term solutions, the BWWC also announced today its new academic partnership with Boston University, where the BWWC will now have its office. The BWWC will be hosted at the Hariri Institute for Computing.

“This partnership is a natural outgrowth of our collaboration with the BWWC to develop the software platform for privacy-preserving analytics used in the 2017 gender wage report. It also underscores the importance of connecting computer scientists with social scientists to pursue innovative data-driven research,” said Azer Bestavros, Professor of Computer Science and Founding

Director of the Hariri Institute for Computing at Boston University. “Working alongside researchers on Boston University’s campus will allow the BWWC to expand its mission by developing more sophisticated analytics that identify the root causes of pay disparities as well as quantify the impact of best practices used for mitigation purposes. Together, we can make the necessary progress on closing the wage gap in our data-driven economy.”

About the Boston Women’s Workforce Council

The Boston Women’s Workforce Council is a public-private partnership between Mayor Walsh and the Boston Business Community to close the gender wage gap and make Boston the premier place for working women. So far 179 companies have signed on to the 100% Talent Compact, committing to report wage data anonymously and discuss best practices to retain and promote women in the workforce. To learn more about the council please visit www.bostonwomensworkforcecouncil.com.

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736 East Sixth St UNIT 3 Condo	\$699,000	12/1/16	4	2	1124
488 Dorchester Ave UNIT 3F Condo	\$669,000	12/1/16	3	2	1010
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192 Athens St UNIT 1 Condo	\$585,000	12/1/16	6	2	1527
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31 West Fifth St UNIT 1 Condo	\$382,500	12/2/16	4	1	706

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING ON SITE CLEAN-UP ACTIVITIES

On-Terminal Areas
 900 East First Street, South Boston
 MassDEP RTN 3-00257
 Former Owner: Coastal Oil of New England (CONE)
 Current Owner: Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport)
Tuesday January 24, 2017

As part of the Public Involvement Process for the site at 900 East First Street, Massport will host a public information meeting about the remediation and assessment activities for this site. The site is tracked by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) under Release Tracking Number (RTN) 3-00257. The purpose of this meeting is to provide information on the continued cleanup of the site pursuant to the Massachusetts Contingency Plan (MCP).

The meeting will be held in the Senior Lunch Room of the Curley Community Center located at 1663 Columbia Road, South Boston, on Tuesday, January 24, 2017 at 7:00 PM. Please use the M Street entrance.

Copies of the assessment and remediation documents are available for review at the South Boston Public Library and MassDEP, Northeast Regional Office, 205B Lowell Street, Wilmington, MA 01876 or on-line at http://public.dep.state.ma.us/wsc_viewer/.

Interested parties may also submit written questions or concerns to James Stolecki at Massport's Environmental Management Unit Office, One Harborside Drive, East Boston, MA 02128 or by e-mail at jstolecki@massport.com.

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Lifeguards Olivia Fenton, Tara Murphy and Shannon McGonagle pose for a photo with State Representative Nick Collins, Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) Secretary Matthew Beaton and Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) Commissioner Leo Roy, holding citations thanking them for heroic actions in the performance of their duties. Throughout the 2016 summer, the South Boston lifeguard team experienced multiple saves, medical events and searches. The team worked together, whether it was a medical event, a rescue, or a search. The head lifeguards that represent South Boston are Shannon McGonagle, Tara Murphy, Meghan Keough, Kerstin Kostigen, and Will Conroy.

Governor Honors State Lifeguards for Heroic Actions

At a Massachusetts State House ceremony, the Baker-Polito Administration today honored lifeguards stationed at Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) managed beaches and pools throughout the Commonwealth for their heroic efforts to assist others in need during the agency's 2016 summer swimming season. In several instances, DCR lifeguards, who receive extensive training leading up to the summer months, reacted quickly to assist individuals under extreme duress.

"Today we honor state lifeguards for their brave actions in critical situations," said Governor Charlie Baker. "On behalf of the Commonwealth, thank you for performing your duties at an exceptional level in order to protect the public."

"The lifeguards we honor today are truly dedicated to ensuring the public stays safe at DCR managed facilities, and will serve as excellent

role models as the agency continues to recruit and train guards for the upcoming 2017 swimming season," said DCR Commissioner Leo Roy. "The Baker-Polito Administration is extremely proud of their efforts, and it is my hope that many lifeguards will return to state waterfronts and pools again this year."

"Massachusetts is blessed with some of the finest public beaches in the nation. Our residents and tourists alike can visit these DCR waterfronts knowing that skilled, brave lifeguards are on hand to ensure their safety," said House Speaker Robert A. DeLeo (D-Winthrop). "As the representative for two coastal communities, I thank the honorees for their quick thinking and actions and salute them for their efforts in keeping people safe."

Local lifeguards who were honored during today's recognition event:

- South Boston Team - Throughout the summer, the South

Boston team experienced multiple saves, medical events and searches. The team as a whole worked together, whether it was a medical event, a rescue, or a search. The head lifeguards that represent South Boston are Shannon McGonagle, Tara Murphy, Meghan Keough, Kerstin Kostigen, and Will Conroy.

"I am very proud of these brave young men and women for their selfless commitment to their communities" said State Representative Nick Collins (D-South Boston). "As a former lifeguard, I know first-hand the risks and rewards of the job, and I commend this group for their exemplary actions and lifesaving decision making in emergency situations."

"The gallantry of rescuers like Janel, Medhi, and Jessica emphasize the invaluable role of lifeguards in the Commonwealth," said State Senator Joseph Boncore (D-Winthrop). "Our beaches are the treasures of each individual

community and the selfless bravery of these lifeguards ensures the public has safe access to the Commonwealth's waterfronts."

Additionally, the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation has officially kicked off its recruitment campaign, and is currently seeking lifeguards and head lifeguards to serve at the agency's many pools and inland and ocean beaches across the Commonwealth. Candidates may submit applications at DCR's website. DCR lifeguard testing and CPR certification dates have already been scheduled throughout the winter and spring at Connell Pool in Weymouth, Madison Park High School in Roxbury, and the Somerville YMCA. Similar dates have been set at the Holy Cross Pool in Worcester and the Worcester YMCA. Furthermore, in Springfield, classes will be available at Springfield Central High School. Candidates interested in applying can also call 617-626-1224 for more information.



All In for Local Art at St Peter Academy

Submitted By SPA Middle School Teacher, Ms. Charlyn Cuffey

St. Peter Academy students in grades two through eight in December, appreciated, pondered and marveled looking at artwork in the Fort Point Arts Community. The inquisitive students spent the day looking at the exhibitions *Materials Witness* at the Atlantic Wharf and *Unearthing* at the FPAC Gallery with FPAC Executive Director Emily O'Neil acting as our tour guide. SPA students also had the pleasure of viewing the public art piece *SOS* (Safety Orange Swimmers) with the artists Ann Hirsch and Jeremy Angier who talked to the students about their public art piece and why they created them. We also had the pleasure of entering and viewing the live workspace of artist Jennie Griffith.

In *Materials Witness* students observed artwork based on common materials. They viewed many different pieces in many different forms such as sculptures, videos, installations, and assemblages. Many of the works displayed confused the students and made them wonder is this really art, this is, until Ms. O'Neil's conversations about each art piece.

After viewing the exhibit, we were very fortunate to meet the artists who created the public art piece *SOS* and learn about their process behind their work, and the meaning behind the piece as well. While looking at

the public installation in the water students asked questions about its construction. They learned that the piece was about Syrian refugees and the reasons behind the form and color of the installation. One student referenced the exhibit to a book their class had been reading which was based on the story of Vietnamese Refugees. The students interacted and learned a lot from the artists and gained a wonderful experience.

After meeting the artists and listening to their discussion on their art piece we gathered together to view the exhibit *Unearthing* by Page Pearson Railsback and Barbara Leiner. The students were fascinated with the exhibit because of the colors used in the paintings. They also felt that they could comprehend more about this particular exhibit because it was in the form of paintings which they were more familiar with. The teachers asked the students which paintings they appreciated and why. Many students chose the abstract paintings due to the different layers of colors being used in them.

After viewing the exhibit we departed and met artist Jennie Griffith in the space she utilizes as a studio & home. Students were able to see and hear about her art process and also view her studio space. They were able to learn about her work creating dog portraits. The students

were intrigued by the artist's process of creating such portraits because many of them are pet owners. They also learned about another series of work that she was creating that was separate from her dog portraits. Through this they were able to learn that artists do not always have to focus on one way of working and many artists are always exploring and developing their artwork.

Overall, the students had a wonderful experience meeting the artists, expanding their views of art, and seeing art in their own community. It was wonderful because this artistic collage of artists and their artwork was not portrayed in a museum or on canvas. Instead it was a close up look at the creative process, created by artists who live and work in the community and displayed in galleries that are in the community. It allowed the students to see that art is not just in museums but also all around them and even where they live. They were able to view art which made them question and wonder about their artistic views in regards to the renaissance of art. With the inspiration that they gained viewing all the art pieces and meeting the artists, students began to collect material to create their own sculptures or assemblages using household items or recycled materials in their own artwork in

class. St Peter Academy students will slowly create their own work, and perhaps in the future their work will be hung in galleries for people in their community to see and be inspired by.

Meet the exemplary teaching staff of St. Peter Academy at their Winter Open House on Tuesday January 24 from 9:00-11:30 am and 3:00-6:00pm. Can't make the open house but want to learn more – Private tours are available upon request.

St Peter Academy, an independent community based private school, is South Boston's only Toddler through Grade 8 School. It is privately funded, enriched with extended learning hours and summer programs, and fosters a nurturing, safe and individualized environment. The student/teacher ratio is 6:1 which is ideal for creating exemplary instructional models filled with interactive learning opportunities. The school is located at 371 West Fourth Street and is currently accepting applications for the year round toddler program and 2016 school year – To learn more about the school and all programs visit www.stpeteracademy.com or schedule a private tour by contacting Ms. Doreen Brown or Ms Maria Blasi at 617-268-0750 or email SPA@StPeterAcademy.com.



TURFMUTT URGES EVERYONE TO ‘BONE UP’ ON WISE WEATHER PRACTICES

As snow and ice storms hit this winter, environmental superhero and real-life rescue dog, TurfMutt, urges everyone to “bone up” on wise wintertime practices to keep everyone safe during snow and ice removal and times of falling temperatures. First, when Old Man Winter comes calling, TurfMutt reminds everyone that pets feel the cold as easily as humans despite their fur coats. Reduce outdoor activities when temperatures dip low and keep them inside during severe weather.

Remember in most jurisdictions, homeowners are required to clear sidewalks and walkways in the event of a snowstorm. When using a snowthrower to clear driveways and sidewalks, keep kids and pets away from the equipment. But TurfMutt and his pet friends thank you for remembering to make a path to your pet’s bathroom area. “Snowthrowers make quick work of an arduous

task so everyone can go about ‘their business’,” says Kris Kiser, president and CEO of the Outdoor Power Equipment Institute and TurfMutt’s guardian and rescuer. “But remember never to put your hand in the chute or auger to clear a blockage. Always use a clean-out tool.”

Once sidewalks, driveways and other outdoor areas are cleared and useful again, remember that pets require special care in freezing temperatures.

TurfMutt’s Pet-Friendly, Wise Winter Tips:

- Forgo pet haircuts and let winter coats protect them against the elements.
- Check ears, paws and tails for signs of frostbite or getting raw from ice and snow.
- Wipe down your pet’s belly, legs and paws to remove ice-melting chemicals, which can irritate and cause serious illness if licked or swallowed.
- Change your antifreeze. Due to

the sweet smell and taste, pets will link or drink antifreeze if found puddled on sidewalks or garage floors. But anti-freeze is toxic to cats and dogs. Clean up spills and consider using a brand made from propylene glycol instead.

- Keep the water flowing. Dry winter weather can be dehydrating, not to mention freezing. Break up ice in your pet’s water bowl and be sure they have regular access to clean, fresh water.

“After I rescued Lucky, a.k.a TurfMutt, from an Indiana highway years ago, he donned his superhero cape and has worked hard to ‘paw it forward’ by issuing seasonal tips regularly,” Kiser says. “Every pet can be a TurfMutt hero, but only if we keep them safe and happy during all kinds of weather.”

The TurfMutt environmental education and stewardship program was created by the Outdoor Power Equipment Institute’s (OPEI) Research and Education

Foundation and has reached more than 62 million children, educators and families since 2009. Through classroom materials developed with Scholastic, TurfMutt teaches students and teachers how to “save the planet, one yard at a time.” TurfMutt is an education resource at the U.S. Department of Education’s Green Ribbon Schools, the U.S. Department of Energy, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Green Apple, the Center for Green Schools, the Outdoors Alliance for Kids, the National Energy Education Development (NEED) project, Climate Change Live, Petfinder and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

About OPEI

The Outdoor Power Equipment Institute (OPEI) is an international trade association representing more than 100 power equipment, engine and utility vehicle manufacturers and suppliers and is the advocacy voice of the industry.



First Snow Storm of 2017: A Piece Of Cake

By Jessica Grande/SBT

The first snow storm of 2017 has come and gone. Total accumulation amounts varied. The Town of Rockland reported 17 inches and parts of Duxbury got 20 inches. Depending where you are in Plymouth and Carver, you may have received as much as two feet. And the Cape and Islands, according to several people we spoke to and using their own words, “got hammered”. But here in Southie, all things considered, our first storm of the year wasn’t bad at all.

It was actually a fun day for many people, who got some good fresh air and exercise shoveling and sometimes merely brushing or “brooming” the 4 to 6 inches of fluffy powder that fell on us from mid-morning Saturday into the evening hours. Often entire families could be found out there together with the kids having a blast and the adults seeming to enjoy it as well. It was the type of snow fall that if it came just 3 weeks earlier, would have made a beautiful storybook

Christmas Eve.

Now, we don’t want to jinx the rest of the winter, so we’re knocking on wood as we say what a big difference from 2 years ago, when as we all remember, by this time we had snow piled up everywhere like small mountain peaks and with a new storm seeming to arrive every few days. How can anyone forget the Mayor needing to send out a request, almost a plea, to Boston residents to kindly refrain from jumping out second and third floor windows? Yet, the reality of the situation was that in some situations, people actually HAD to jump out of a window, into a waiting snow bank because there was too much snow blocking their doors and the window and was the only way out until March if no one shoveled. Even snow lovers were saying ‘Uncle’ by mid-February that year.

But that was then and this is now, so keep your fingers crossed that this winter is a lot tamer than some others have been. Was it cold after and during the storm last weekend? Sure. The term bone chilling would

be accurate until the sun slowly began to warm things up but Sunday afternoon. But the cold is nothing really. Hey, we’re New Englanders and frosty temperatures invigorate us and keep us awake – right?

So, the first storm of 2017, whether it was just a warm-up or a prelude for bigger ones to come, or an indication of a relatively calm rest of the winter, was taken in stride and for the most part provided some pretty nice activities. Sledding for

the kids was one of the chief among them. And though Boston getting off easy this time may have irked some of our friends and family members from those hard-hit areas of the South Shore, we deserve a break from getting ‘dumped on’ like there was a target hanging over us like we have so often had happen in the past while our neighbors to the south just coasted through the winter. It’s our turn to get a snow storm that is a relative ‘piece of cake’.



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Providence College Hockey Game at Fenway Park

Boston Mayor Martin Walsh and former Mayor of Boston Ray Flynn start historic hockey game at Fenway Park by dropping ceremonial puck. Walsh is the first B.C. graduate to be elected Mayor of Boston and Flynn is first Boston public high school graduate since the 1950's to be elected Mayor of Boston. He is also a former All American Academic basketball player at Providence College.



Kids Coat Drive

Kids Coat Drive – Commerce Bank recently donated warm coats for children of all ages to the Boston Police Athletic League (P.A.L.) for their coat drive. Through their partnership with the Boston Housing Authority, P.A.L. distributed the coats to children in need.

Pictured, from left to right, are: Bill Stoddard, Executive Director of the Boston Police Athletic League; Nate Pusey, Managing Director/Boston Market Leader of Commerce Bank; and Greg Davis, Director of Family Services for the Boston Housing Authority.

Youth Ambassador Spring Semester Meetings Begin!

The South Boston Community Health Center is pleased to announce that Youth Ambassadors Program meetings for the spring semester will begin Tuesday January 17, 2017 @ 5:30 p.m.! Youth ages 12 and older are encouraged to attend the meetings to learn more about participating in

community service projects, health related trainings and art based activities that engage youth in the life of the South Boston community. Applications to become a new Youth Ambassador are being accepted for two weeks, at the January 17th and 24th meetings.

The Youth Ambassador meetings

will be held every Tuesday January – spring 2017. This year Youth Ambassadors will be involved in a wide variety of activities and trainings to promote a healthier and more fulfilling life. Meetings are held every Tuesday evening from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. The location of the meetings is the South Boston

Community Health Center, Dental and Eye Care building – 386 West Broadway 2nd floor.

If you would like more information about the Youth Ambassador program please contact Mayra Rodriguez-Howard (617) 464-7423 or Linda Doran (617) 464-7463, at the South Boston Community Health Center.



This week, Danny gave "Pic's Picks" for the Divisional Round of the NFL Playoffs:

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS (+4.5) over Atlanta Falcons

-It's been a nice little season for Matt Ryan and the Atlanta Falcons. But I'm afraid we're about to see the real Matty Ice on Saturday afternoon. And that's the Matty Ice that soils himself in a big spot. The pressure will be on a Falcons team that finished the regular season with an 11-5 record, winning the NFC South and clinching a first-round bye in Week 17 as the No. 2 seed. Atlanta has to be thrilled that it doesn't have to go to Seattle for this one, but it's still not a matchup they prefer, seeing that the Seahawks' defense allows just 18 points-per-game, which ranks third in the NFL. The No. 3-seeded Seahawks have already beaten the Falcons once this season, back in Week 6 in Seattle, 26-24. Ryan threw an interception late in the fourth quarter, and the Seahawks ended up kicking a game-winning field goal on the ensuing drive. Ok, so I trust Atlanta's offense much more in its own building. But not to the point where I trust Ryan to protect the football when the game is on the line. I expect Seattle's physical defense to keep this one close throughout. So I like the points here. But I also like the Seahawks to force a couple big turnovers and advance to the NFC Championship.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS (-16) over Houston Texans

-You know how I feel about double-

digit spreads in the NFL. I don't like them, especially when it's over 14, like this one on Saturday night. The Patriots already beat the Texans 27-0 this season. That was back in Week 3 at Gillette Stadium. Tom Brady didn't even play. He was still serving his four-game Deflategate suspension. And Brady's backup — Jimmy Garoppolo was hurt too. So it was New England's third-string quarterback — Jacoby Brissett — who made the start. My question is, if Brissett can lead the Patriots to a 27-0 win over the Texans in Foxboro, what can Brady do to them? The Pats finished the regular season with the best record in football at 14-2. They are the No. 1 seed in the AFC. And they're clearly on a mission. So while the spread is the highest playoff spread since 1998, it's certainly justified when you compare the two teams. I expect this one to come down to the quarterbacks. It's been Houston's biggest issue over the years. They paid Brock Osweiler to be the guy that gets them over the hump, but how confident can the Texans be in him if he was benched late in the regular season for a guy named Tom Savage. Osweiler got his job back in Week 17 because Savage suffered a concussion. Houston might have a false sense of confidence coming off a Wild Card win over an Oakland Raiders team that started a rookie quarterback and

has a brutal pass defense. I just don't see how the Patriots lose this one. And I also don't see how Brady doesn't put up at least 35 points at home. The back-door cover scares me a bit, but I'm willing to risk it.

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS (-1.5) over Pittsburgh Steelers

-I'm assuming that the popular opinion from NFL analysts will be to fear the Pittsburgh Steelers because of their scary offensive weapons. You saw those weapons on full display in an easy win over the Miami Dolphins in the Wild Card Round last weekend. It won't be as easy on Sunday afternoon in Kansas City against the No. 2-seeded Chiefs. Pittsburgh whooped Kansas City back in Week 4 in Pittsburgh, 43-14. The Steelers are one of the hottest teams in the league, so rolling with them to the AFC Championship wouldn't be the worst bet in the world. But this rematch will be in Kansas City, which, especially in the playoffs, is one of the toughest buildings to play in. The Chiefs won their division at 12-4 and earned a first-round bye with some help from Derek Carr's injury that clearly affected Oakland's season. I think KC will benefit from the bye week and the home-cooking against a Steelers defense that isn't anything Alex Smith should fear. Plus, when it comes to trusting coaches, this isn't the game to trust either Andy Reid or Mike Tomlin to make the right decision. But

I guess, if you put a gun to my head, I'll trust the coach that has the home field. Chiefs win by a field goal.

DALLAS COWBOYS (-4) over Green Bay Packers

-In my original playoff predictions last week, I had the New York Giants defeating the Packers at Lambeau. I was wrong, therefore, Green Bay heads to Dallas for perhaps the most anticipated Divisional showdown of the weekend. Aaron Rodgers is red hot, but he may be without Jordy Nelson, who suffered two fractured ribs in the Wild Card win. And Dallas is the No. 1 seed in the NFC. You don't need me to tell you about the Cowboys' offense. But I guess I just wonder how much the playoff experience will factor into this game. I think you'll see a lot of people picking the Packers because of Rodgers. But Dallas already beat Green Bay this year, in Green Bay, 30-16. Rookies Dak Prescott and Ezekiel Elliott both had big games. But again, it's that word "rookie" that I'd be concerned about, if I were a Cowboy fan. For me, as a non-Cowboy fan, I wouldn't be concerned just yet. That concern would come in the NFC Championship if they have to play a defense like Seattle's. You have to get there first. But I expect that the Cowboys will. Dallas by 10.

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