



Remembering Southie’s WWI Heroes. A Magnificent Tribute

By Staff

Wonderful, Inspiring, Patriotic, Proudful, Beautiful. Every one of these words would qualify as a

description of what was called the ‘100th Anniversary Commemoration of South Boston’s Sacrifice During the Great War’ – the spectacular event that took place last

Saturday morning.

It began in the school yard of Excel High/South Boston High School at 10am. There was an authentic WW I tank on display with reenactors dressed in official uniforms of the era mingling in with the gathering crowd. They were joined by the Excel Jr. ROTC and US Coast Guard members also smartly dressed in their military uniforms. In addition, on location was the Boston Fire Department’s ladder truck and crew from Ladder 19 there to hang the huge American Flag. The Boston Police SWAT Team truck also was there. At 10:45am, the crowd began to flow into the school’s auditorium for the program set to go off at exactly 11am. And what a program it was.

There to pay tribute to and to honor the memories of South Bos-

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EDITORIAL

So Far – No Soccer Stadium in Boston

It looks like Boston won't be getting a Major League Soccer stadium in the area anytime soon. There have been 5 attempts so far by Robert Kraft and his organization to locate such a stadium in or near this city. The latest try was at the old Bayside Expo Center near Kosciuszko Circle on the South Boston/Dorchester line. The land, which is currently owned by UMass Boston, was being seriously considered for a time, but it seems those talks are going nowhere fast and sources have suggested the plan is dead.

Opposition, some of which came from Dorchester elected officials citing traffic concerns and lack of public input, according to a story in the Boston Globe, was also expressed by many South Bostonians. Residents had expressed fear that an already burdened neighborhood,

with ever increasing congestion on the area's streets and roadways, would get even worse. It would make it harder than it is now to come and go during games and other events that would be scheduled at the stadium.

That attempts had also been made and gone nowhere in Revere, Somerville, Roxbury and on the South Boston/South End border near Widett Circle does not bode well for the future of a Major League Soccer stadium to be built anywhere even close to our community. This pleases some while disappointing others. But what it says is that without proper planning and the legitimate and meaningful input of those residents, who will be most impacted by a stadium built to accommodate tens of thousands of people, the potential for fierce opposition to such plans can always be expected.



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A Boring News Media Dinner or a Lively, Fun Rally? What to Choose?

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“I could not possibly be more thrilled than to be more than 100 miles away from Washington’s swamp”. Of course, this quote came from President Donald Trump to a rally of thousands of Supporters last weekend and it was directed at the organizers and many of those attending the annual White House Correspondents’ Dinner (WHCD) in Washington DC. This statement and some of the others he made at the rally pretty much guarantees that the war between the president and the press will continue indefinitely and has put members of the media on notice that they are not the center of the universe as many of them believe they are and that the direction of the United States of America will follow into the future will not be determined by them. They don’t like it but it was music to the ears of millions of Americans.

The president seemed pleased and quite at home and comfortable to be among the real Americans gathered to hear him speak at his rally rather than attend what he called that boring dinner filled with the phony dispensers of ‘Fake News’. And let’s be honest. The media hates the guy and take every opportunity to not only attack him; which is fair game sometimes. He is after all the president and a public figure, but also makes it a habit of going after his family members with insults and cruel jokes – even his children; one of which is just 12 years old. So the question to be asked is would you rather be among a crowd of hateful enemies consisting of some of the most petty, arrogant and self-absorbed egotists on the planet, which is what the gathering at the WHCD

is made up of or hard working throngs that really do make America great? While some might choose to be with the former, it’s a no brainer for me.

Granted, some can say that he is the president and should have attended the dinner to honor protocol that is customary for every Commander in Chief no matter how much of a snooze fest and how distasteful the event is. But as we all know, Donald Trump is not a prisoner of such protocol which is refreshing to so many. These are people who have shown the guy absolutely no respect; only contempt for him and his family, so in response he gives them no respect.

I watched the Trump rally live, as most of you probably figured but also viewed video after the fact, of the dinner. My take on both for what it’s worth is this: The rally was packed with enthusiastic, flag waving Americans who love the country, work hard, are family oriented and want to see this nation’s greatness returned. The dinner was filled with conceited, pompous narcissists who really believe the world revolves around them and that they should be running the country because the American people are not smart enough to think for themselves.

The rally was raucous, loud and a heck of a lot of fun. The dinner was a bunch of insufferable glitterati congratulating each other for being what they believe are the ‘elite’ of human kind and shining examples of what all men and women should strive to become. The way I see it is the biggest accomplishment by those attending the dinner was that the entire room didn’t fall asleep ten minutes into

the night. The most amusing part of the dinner wasn’t the lame comedians up on stage insulting the president and who often pick on his family and look down on everyday Americans, it was that the speakers at the podium had to insist and demand that they are NOT fake news and NOT the enemy of the American people’. They are on the defensive like never before and panicking as their credibility among voters dissipates faster than a smoke signal in a hurricane sent out by Elizabeth Warren.

I’ll close with a comment on the border wall that will eventually be built even though the flood of illegals has finally been slowed to a trickle. Texas Senator Ted Cruz has come up with a brilliant idea to pay for the cost of the wall. He is moving to have the billions of dollars and assets confiscated from the captured Mexican Cartel leader known as ‘El Chapo’ used to cover the cost. It’s the perfect solution in the eyes of most Americans according to surveys and oh so satisfying.

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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.

Is the supervised injections idea headed to further-study oblivion?

There are two ways to look at the Beacon Hill response the Massachusetts Medical Society's call for new clinics where opioid addicts could shoot up under medical supervision: 1.) State House leaders are cautiously open to the idea and want to study the issue more or 2.) They're not open to the idea and likely will shuffle it off to further-study oblivion. Based on today's story by the Globe's Michael Levenson and Joshua Miller, we get this distinct impression it's the latter, though SHNS's Andy Metzger's piece at the Telegram strikes a slightly more optimistic tone.

As Walsh pans independent pot

commission idea, DeLeo offers up hybrid proposal

Mayor Marty Walsh is joining those criticizing a State House push to create an independent commission that would oversee marijuana matters in Massachusetts, rather than handing over regulatory authority to Treasurer Deb Goldberg, reports the Herald's Matt Stout and Dan Atkinson. "I'm concerned about creating another bureaucracy," Walsh said. "There's no need to create another board and entity to regulate this issue." Meanwhile, House Speaker Robert DeLeo emerged from a leadership meeting yesterday suggesting that some sort of compromise "almalgamation" idea might be in the works, reports Katie Lannan

at SHNS (pay wall). The Globe's Joshua Miller has more on the pot-commission wrangling.

Foxboro voters approve pot ban

Voters in Foxboro added that town to the growing list of communities that have banned recreational pot shops, Bera Dunau reports in the Sun-Chronicle. The outright ban passed by a margin of 681 to 415, with less than 10 percent of the town's voters going to the polls in an election that saw just one contested race for selectman. Meanwhile, besides electing new selectmen, Groveland voters overwhelmingly rejected a plan to locate a medical marijuana cultivation center in an industrial zone, according to an Eagle-Tribune report.

The Moulton White House Watch

The Globe's Jim O'Sullivan delves into the growing speculation that U.S. Rep. Seth Moulton has his eye on a possible White House bid in 2020, a move that might generationally pit him against another state pol believed to be angling for a presidential run: U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren. Moulton's communications director is flatly stating that he's "not running for president," but the speculation genie is now out of the bottle, thanks to a NYT report on Monday that said Moulton "has not ruled out running in private conversations."

MBTA missing repair goals

The MBTA is falling far short of its own capital spending targets to repair buses, trains, subway cars and other key systems at the T, Bruce Mohl at Commonwealth magazine reports.

Meanwhile, Boston Properties to pony up \$6M for Kendall Square transit projects

The item above is technically not connected to this transit-related item. Then again, maybe they are connected, in a way: Under a deal tentatively reached with city and state officials, Boston Properties, a private real estate development firm,

would set aside \$6 million for transit improvements in Cambridge's booming Kendall Square area, reports the Globe's Jon Chesto.

Highway chief undergoes emergency surgery for brain aneurysm

Here's hoping for a speedy recovery for state highway administrator Thomas Tinlin, who administration officials said yesterday had to undergo emergency surgery related to a brain aneurysm, as reported by SHNS's Colin Young.

VA bumbling, Part II

The Herald's Jack Encarnacao has another piece in the paper's ongoing series on medical screw-ups by the Veterans Administration. Today's installment: How the VA apparently missed brain damage to U.S. Marine combat vet Brian Callahan of Dracut.

High lead levels in hundreds of Mass. schools

From the Globe's Matt Rocheleau: "Water testing at more than 1,000 Massachusetts schools found that a majority had at least one sample showing lead levels above regulatory limits, and in a few cases results rivaled or exceeded levels measured during the crisis in Flint, Mich. In many of the worst instances, school officials said that the source of the water had not been used for years. They have taken steps to address cases of high lead levels and have notified parents of the results."

Poll: Voters looking to Baker to keep fed funds flowing

Maybe this is why Gov. Charlie Baker isn't so eager to bash away at President Donald Trump. A new poll by the Novus Group shows that voters are looking to Baker, a Republican, to protect federal funds flowing to Massachusetts while the Republican Trump is in the White House, reports Gintautas Dumcius at MassLive. Voters have higher expectations for Baker on this score than for U.S. Sens. Elizabeth Warren and Ed Markey, both Democrats, the poll shows.

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Persons With Disabilities Have A Champion In Representative Collins

House Budget to Require Employment of Persons with Disabilities on State Contracts

In an effort to mitigate the staggering rate of unemployment for adults with disabilities in the Commonwealth, the Massachusetts House of Representatives, under the leadership and sponsorship of State Representative Nick Collins inserted language into its version of the state's FY'18 budget that will require state sub-contractors to employ at least 10 percent individuals with disabilities.

State Representative Nick Collins (D- South Boston) has spent the last four years crafting a solution that would address this economic disparity

for more than 300,000 of the Commonwealth's citizens who receive some form of disability assistance from the state or federal government but would rather be employed. The language was heartily endorsed by House Ways and Means Chairman Brian Dempsey and other members of the Legislature.

The unemployment rate for SSDI recipients in Massachusetts, according to the most recent figures compiled by the Social Security Administration, was 80.7 percent. "That is much too high, and it's an economic inequity that we cannot let stand" said Rep. Collins. "This bill is step one in correcting the disparity; creating economic mobility for the disability community, generating significant economic impact, and securing Massachusetts' leadership in economic opportunity for all its residents."

The language calls for state sub-contractors working in the areas of janitorial and custodial services, landscaping services, mailroom support, culinary arts, fleet management, manufacturing; trash removal, document destruction, electronic scanning of documents, facility management and other services to meet a threshold of 10 percent employees with disabilities upon being awarded a contract by a state agency.

"Any effort that levels the playing field for individuals with disabilities who can, and are most importantly, able, to engage in full-time employment is a positive for the state," said Christine Griffin, executive director of the Disability Law Center in Boston. "People should not be discriminated against from work opportunities just because they have a disability. That is wrong and we should not allow it to happen as a society."

The Senate now crafts its version of the budget, and then the legislature sends a final budget to the Governor for his signature. Continued efforts will be made to include is important legislation in the final version.



12th Annual Marian Manor Classic Golf Tournament May 9th

SBT Staff Report

It seems like it took forever to get here but Spring is well upon us, finally. With the arrival of spring golfers, both the fanatical and the casual, turn to well, golf—of course. One of the most anticipated golf tournaments in the area is the annual Marian Manor Classic Golf Tournament which will be held this year on Tuesday, May 9th. This year will be the 12th annual event and the previous eleven were not only big and successful but they were sellouts.

It will once again be held at the beautiful 18 hole Wollaston Golf facility in Milton and features 6,748 yards of golf. The course boasts tall pines, a few ponds on the front nine with the back nine having a much more open feel to it. The Wollaston course has played host to a number of championships over the years. This is a course set up for the enjoyment of seasoned golfers as well as beginners. Regardless of your skill level, a great day is in store for every participant this year. And in addition to having a good time, just ask anyone who has taken part in previous years, you'll be helping a wonderful cause and one of South

Boston's most valuable resources that has helped thousands in need of care for more than 60 years – The Marian Manor.

So, what are the details? There is a full day planned for Marian Manor Golf Classic on Tuesday, May 9th. It begins with a Continental Breakfast/Registration at 7am, the Shotgun start at 8am, followed by a dinner buffet for all. The outing comes complete with carts, gift giveaways and prizes for those with special skills (or a lot of luck). The outing includes prizes for the longest drive and closest to the pin for both male and female golfers. All golfers will have a chance to DRIVE away in a new car provided by Expressway Motors on the 'Hole in One' contest.

If you are interested in being a participant this year, you are requested to respond ASAP as the date is fast approaching. For information and details please contact Sister Margaret Therese by phone at 617-268-3333 or by email at srmargaret@marianmanor.org

Get ready for a day of great golf, a lot of fun and support for a wonderful cause – The Marian Manor. But remember, please sign up now.



Councilor Michael Flaherty Calls For IPOD

Dear BPDA Director Brian Golden,

I write you with respect to the new South Boston zoning enacted last November. The expansion of Article 68 to all of South Boston was intended as a way to codify new development rules that would be fair to neighborhood residents, property owners, and developers alike. The goal, which BPDA staff worked so hard towards achieving, was to advance the City's housing creation goals within a zoning code framework respectful of the day-to-day living conditions of South Boston residents, who have been significantly impacted by an unprecedented period of neighborhood development and residential expansion.

The new zoning was intended to level the development playing field by regularizing the rules to allow for reasonable growth, while at the same time

eliminating the need to resort to variances and the unpredictability of the zoning appeal process. To a great extent, the new rules did solve many of the problems associated with the antediluvian zoning scheme they replaced. Under your guidance and leadership, reasonable growth limits were put in place and arcane loopholes were closed. Required off-street parking associated with new residential development, possibly the single most important issue to me and my South Boston neighbors, was moderately increased.

While the new zoning is certainly an improvement of what had been in place, it is not perfect. Article 68 eliminated minimum lot size requirements and replaced previously existing low-density use restrictions (3F and R districts) with a single all-encompassing multifamily (MFR) district. The result is that large

lots, where development had been limited by use or minimum lot size requirements, may now become the sites for development projects wholly inappropriate to the character of the immediately surrounding neighborhood.

No zoning is perfect, and it is typically only through trial and error that any regulatory scheme, including zoning, can be improved. Flaws can be identified and corrected, while strengths can be enhanced and expanded. Given the level and intensity of frustration of my neighbors in South Boston, as voiced to me on an almost daily basis, I think we must take this opportunity to learn from the identified shortcomings in the expansion of Article 68, as well-intentioned and hard-worked as that effort was.

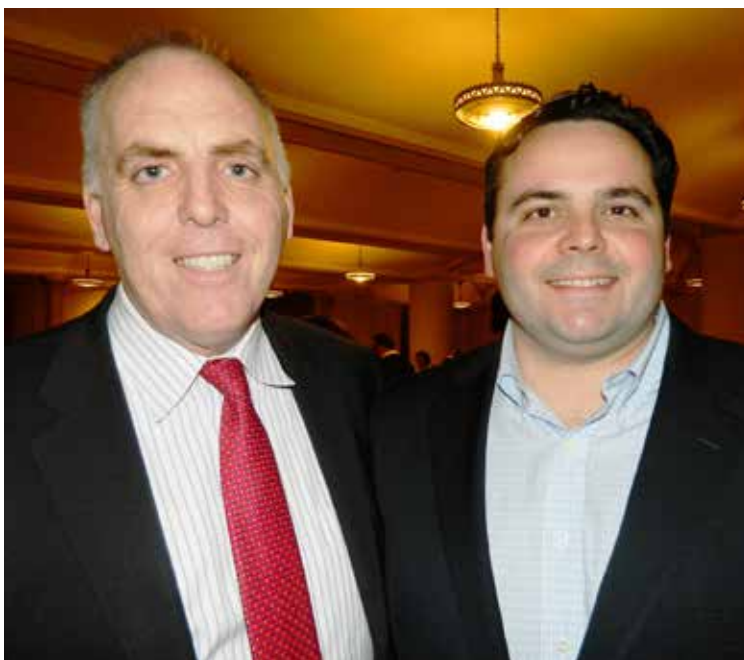
Accordingly, I am requesting that the BPDA initiate the implementation of a new South Boston Interim Planning Overlay

District, to remain in place for no more than one year, in order to subject certain higher unit count proposed projects to increased public review, while your staff assesses the strengths and weaknesses of Article 68 as implemented. In this way, technical corrections to South Boston's zoning regulations can be carefully considered and drafted for future enactment, while IPOD protections will in the meantime ensure necessary scrutiny of projects that, while perhaps zoning compliant under the current scheme, may not be appropriate to immediately-surrounding neighborhoods.

Please know that the hard work of BPDA staff in this effort, your leadership at the helm of the agency, and your and the Mayor's commitment to improving Boston's neighborhoods while growing our city's housing sector, are acknowledged and greatly appreciated. Under the direction of your staff, and with the continued participation of members of the South Boston community, I am confident we will achieve a better South Boston zoning blueprint that will allow for reasonable and responsible growth, while preserving what makes South Boston such a special and unique place to live.

Very truly yours,
Michael F. Flaherty

STATE REP. NICK COLLINS ENDORSES EDWARD FLYNN FOR CITY COUNCIL



South Boston lawmaker cites Flynn's work on jobs, public safety, and housing issues.

State Rep. Nick Collins (D-South Boston) has endorsed his longtime friend and colleague Edward M. Flynn for the District 2 Boston City Council seat.

"Through his work in the courts, Ed has been a soldier in the fight against opiate abuse, helping countless people with addiction issues to get into treatment," Collins said. "And as a tireless community advocate,

Ed has proposed connecting residents of District 2 to the jobs and benefits resulting from the district's economic development boom. He has been steadfast in his support for our seniors and veterans and has called for more affordable housing. Most recently, I stood with Ed as he worked to ensure that LGBT veterans could march in the St. Patrick's Day parade. I also applaud his support for new historic preservation rules that will require community review of small-scale developments on

historic sites."

Collins, a lifelong South Boston resident and graduate of Boston Latin School and Babson College, is in his fourth term representing the Fourth Suffolk District in the Massachusetts House of Representatives. He serves as vice-chair of the Legislature's committee on economic development, and is a member of the committees on veterans affairs, housing and telecommunications and energy.

Collins has worked
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Investing in South Boston

This month, I am proud to put forth a budget for the City of Boston that will make Boston a better place to work, live, and raise a family. At City Hall, we've created a plan for our City that will keep Boston financially sound, while making targeted investments towards achieving a thriving, healthy and innovative Boston. Boston's operating budget totals \$3.14 billion, which represents an increase of \$143.7 million (or about five percent) over last year's budget.

What does this mean for you, your friends and family? When we proposed the City's budget, we did so knowing many in our City rely on the services we provide, whether it's senior luncheons, homebuying workshops, recovery services or after-school programs for kids. We also funded projects to enhance our culture and identity such as increasing library services in neighborhoods and the Boston's Artist in Residence program, which brings art to unexpected corners throughout Boston. Our budget

continues to invest in Boston's strongest asset: our people.

The City's budget is big -- that's why I want to explain how it will affect your neighborhood.

We know what an asset the BCYF Curley Community Center is to the South Boston community. So in fiscal year 2018, we're launching a major renovation to the center. The building, which spans just under a quarter mile on the South Boston beachfront, needs a major change to its outdated layout. A study for the project will launch this year to begin the \$15 million project.

Parks and open space are another area of major investment. A \$2 million park renovation is slated for the Medal of Honor Park and Lee Playground for lawn improvements, pathways and infrastructure upgrades as well as new play equipment.

In honor of Martin Richard, Martin's Park will also be created using a \$1.5 million investment from the City, along with state funds and private donations. It will be a universally

accessible park and playground located near the Children's Museum in the Seaport District.

Soon, construction will begin on a \$715,000 project to improve Flaherty Park featuring a play lot, pathways and passive areas. A \$150,000 investment this year will lead to the development of a Moakley Park Master Plan that will determine the optimal use of space within the whole park.

The South Boston Branch Library is getting a huge makeover with a \$100,000 investment in fiscal year 2018 for landscaping and exterior improvement to make the backyard usable and accessible. Summer Street is also getting a major facelift with a \$1.4 million investment that will leverage \$6 million of state funds for reconstruction between the Fort Point channel to Boston Wharf Road. Improvements include reworked roadways, sidewalks, new street lighting and a new cycle track. The Northern Avenue Bridge project will also benefit from a new design and engineering work through a \$1.5

million investment in FY18.

It's our goal that our local improvements tie in to our ultimate goal of improving the safety, accessibility and sustainability of our city while also making it an enjoyable and affordable place to live and work. The short and long term investments are intended to lift up our neighborhoods in ways that take into account the needs and wants of the community. With this budget, we're preparing our city for the next year, and the years forward.

What's the next step for the budget? This month, I submitted the City of Boston's budget to the Boston City Council, where your City Councilor will review the proposed budget. Once the budget is approved, it will go into effect. This is the budget for fiscal year 2018, meaning the budget will take effect in July 2017, and run throughout the next 12 months.

I hope you'll take a few minutes to look through the budget proposal, online at budget.boston.gov. Together, I look forward to investing in our neighborhoods, and our people.



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closely with Flynn on many neighborhood issues over the years, including public safety, schools, economic development and housing. "I'd welcome the opportunity to work even closer with Ed and to have such a strong neighborhood advocate as a partner at Boston City Hall," Collins added.

Flynn, 48, has enjoyed strong support from elected officials, residents and businesses in the district, as he embarks on his campaign for the District 2 city council seat. A lifelong resident of South Boston and 25-year veteran of the United States Navy, Flynn has built a strong coalition of supporters across the entire district, including in the

South End, Chinatown, Bay Village and South Boston.

"Rep. Collins is a great friend and a passionate advocate for our district," Flynn said. "To have his support means so much to me and my campaign as he's shown, through his hard work and leadership, how we can make our district and our city a better place to live, work and enjoy with our families."

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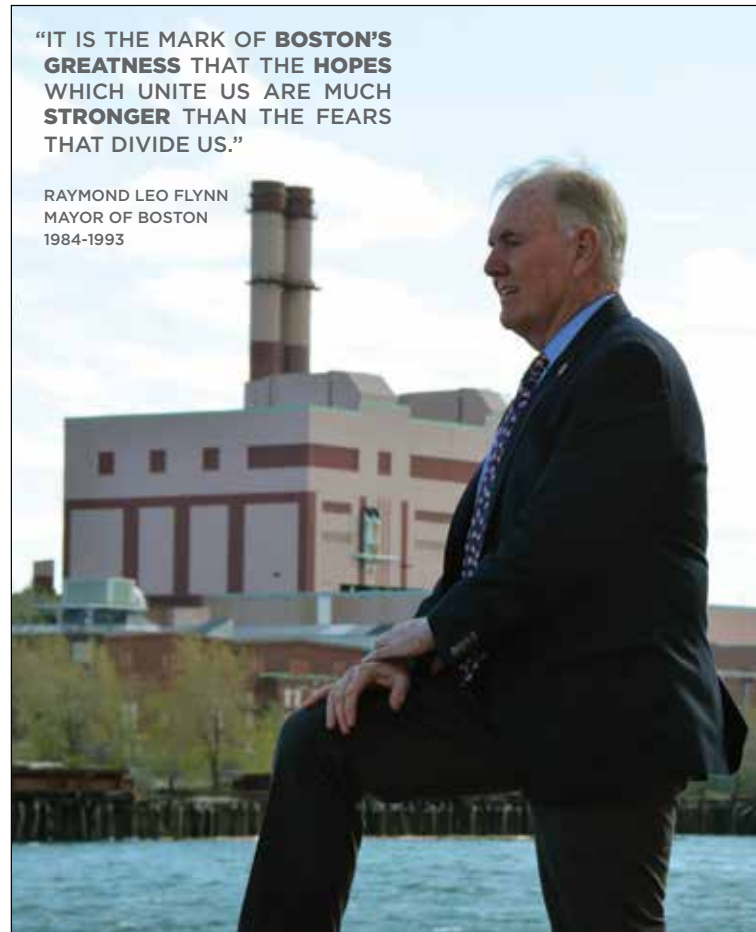
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WHEN: Saturday, May 6, 2017

WHERE: Day Boulevard will be closed from Kosciusko Circle to Farragut Road from 8:30 am to approximately 10:30 am. There will be no parking on Day Boulevard from I Street to Farragut Road from Friday, May 5th at 10:00 pm through Saturday, May 6th at 10:30 am.

Temporary overnight parking for residents with a valid City of Boston South Boston Resident Parking Sticker will be provided at the angled parking spots located between Shore Road and the Castle Island parking lot beginning Friday, May 5, 2017. This temporary parking area will be staffed and vehicles will be checked for resident parking stickers.



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tonians who 'gave all' during WWI which the United States entered in 1917, the crowd of several hundred people was not disappointed in what was to follow. As people began to file into the auditorium to take their seats, 'The Harmaniacs', the excellent band from the South Boston Boys and Girls Club made up of Amanda Talbot, Sarah Mogan, Matt Walsh and Mark Walsh and under the direction of Dawn Marie Salmons was already on stage playing patriotic songs such as 'Over there', Yankee Doodle Dandy and other songs that have stood the test

of time with popularity.

They remained on stage during the 'Presentation of Colors' performed by the Excel Jr. ROTC and the reciting of the 'Pledge of Allegiance'. Suffolk County Clerk of Court Michael Donovan was the MC and kicked off the official start of the program. Everyone respectfully and proudly stood up and remained standing for the singing of the National Anthem. Father Casey, Pastor of Gate of Heaven/St. Brigid and St. Augustine Chapel then delivered the Invocation. South Boston Congressman Stephen Lynch took the podium, welcomed the crowd to the event

and delivered remarks regarding the historical importance of WWI and the contributions that the more than 100 South Bostonians, members of the military, had made during that conflict.

Mike Donovan then introduced National Honor Student Molly Nickerson, who spoke of the important contributions made by women for the war effort.

Next up was Mary Ryan, who together with Kevin Conroy and an outstanding committee which included members of the Thomas Fitzgerald Post organized this event. Mary spoke eloquently about the memorial portraits of the

service members, who lost their lives in that war that have been prominently on display in the corridors of South Boston High for generations, which was one of the main objectives of the commemoration – heroes all. Following Mary Ryan's words, Rick Winter-son did a beautiful recitation of 'In Flanders Fields'; the famous poem by Canadian physician Lt. Colonel John McCrae.

The highlight and most solemn part of the program would now commence with the reading of the names of South Boston's WWI fallen heroes read by former US

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Marine and current US Army Staff Sgt. Joseph Lee, Major James Colvin- US Marine Corps and US Navy Petty Officer First Class Edward Flynn (ret).

As the reading commenced, it was accompanied with drum rolls by Westwood Fire Captain Bob Valuzzi. With each name that was read, Brian Mahoney Jr., who was running the power point slide show, projected the photo of the hero whose name was being read. After the final name, the audience was asked by MC Hon. Mike Donovan to remain standing for a moment of silence, followed by the playing

of TAPS by Tommy Florentino. The program was then concluded with a Benediction by Rev. Burns Stanfield Pastor from the 4th Presbyterian Church.

What made this event so successful was the dedication of so many people working together putting their hearts and souls into an event that shows that even after a hundred years passes, South Boston still honors its military heroes regardless of the era they served this country. The volunteers helped put it all together such as Megan Lee, who handled the graphics and design, Luanne O'Connor, who worked

with the local businesses including Doughboy Donuts, Stop and Shop and Cumberland Farms that generously supplied the food and refreshments, Lew Kneeland from the Fitzgerald Post, who made sure the Post's sound system was in place, the Collings Foundation that brought in their WWI Tank and so many others all contributed to the great success of this day.

Once again, fitting words to describe it all are wonderful, inspiring, patriotic, prideful and beautiful. And one more that can certainly be added is the word Perfect. "Always Remember". Only in South Boston.





Sail Boston Unveils Transportation & Viewing Access Plan

Restricted vehicular access and enhanced screening on Parade of Sail day will help ensure public safety and enjoyment

The long awaited Grand Parade of Sail, featuring over fifty magnificent ships from more than a dozen countries, will mark the official start of Sail Boston 2017. This free celebration of maritime culture and history unfolds in and around Boston's waterfront from June 17 – 22, and the Parade of Sail on June 17 kicks off the five-day event in grand style.

In anticipation of over 1 million spectators along Boston's waterfront, the City's Police and

Transportation Departments, along with the Coast Guard, Massport, MBTA, and representatives from Sail Boston, recently completed a series of public briefings in those communities that will experience the greatest influx of attendees to watch the Parade of Sail. To ensure everyone's safety and maximize enjoyment of this stunning spectacle, a number of measures will be implemented, mostly on Parade of Sail day only, to limit vehicular access as well as implementing

stadium style screenings.

These security protocols are very similar to those employed in recent years by the organizers of the Boston Pops July 4th celebration on the Esplanade, as well as the Boston Marathon from Kenmore Square to the finish line in Copley Square. Measures include street closings, restricted vehicular access and parking, and screening entry points along the Boston waterfront from Castle Island in South Boston, to Charlestown Navy Yard, and in East Boston as well. Several items will not be allowed past screening points in the viewing areas along the entirety of the harbor's waterfront. These include backpacks, coolers on wheels, bicycles, pets, cans, drones, and obviously weapons of any kind. For details visit sailboston.com/

Significant vehicular restrictions will also be in place on Saturday June 17 in the high impact areas that include the South Boston Waterfront, particularly on Day Blvd. and Northern Ave in the Seaport District; in the North End/Waterfront along Atlantic Ave and Commercial St.; Charlestown Navy Yard and adjacent

residential streets; and in East Boston from LoPresti Park on Summer Street to the Navy Fuel Pier on Marginal Street. For complete, and constantly updated details, visit sailboston.com

For those who wish to maximize this rare experience, Sail Boston has released a limited number of tickets available for purchase to the general public. These coveted vantage point seats, located along the façade of the Fish Pier in the Seaport District, will provide unparalleled panoramic viewing of the ships as they sail into the inner harbor. The grandstand compound includes narrated commentary, live entertainment, handicap-friendly accessibility, opportunity to purchase food and beverage, restrooms, and covered patio seating. Tickets are priced at \$125 and are available at <https://paradeofsail.eventbrite.com>

For More Information

Visit www.sailboston.com for a complete list of events, participating ships, and latest updates, or follow on Facebook, @SailBoston2017 on Twitter, or @SailBoston on Instagram and join the conversation using #SailBoston.

Shop, Save, Sip & Savor, at the South Boston Spring Stroll

Celebrate Spring! South Boston Neighborhood Development Corporation and the South Boston Chamber of Commerce present the 3rd Annual South Boston Spring Stroll, Thursday evening May 11th starting at 5pm. Come on out and stroll the neighborhood with your friends and family for an enjoyable evening, while supporting your favorite local South Boston businesses. This is a great time to start your Mother's Day shopping!

Shoppers can leisurely stroll along East and West Broadway and enjoy fabulous discounts, refreshments, and other promotions from unique boutiques, salons, and local artists. Start or end your evening with a bite to eat or beverages at one of your favorite restaurants or taverns.

This one-night event begins at 5 pm outside of the Library with a Dixie Land Band who will be strolling along

East and West Broadway – ending on the West Side (Municipal Parking lot area). Beverages and snacks will also be served outside of the Library as well as the Municipal parking lot area.

East Boston Savings will sponsor a balloon twister from 305 pm at their East Broadway Branch. Complimentary Pedicabs will be available from 6 - 9pm, to whisk you along East and West Broadway –to and from your favorite shops, salons, boutiques and restaurants, compliments of Dedham Savings.

The South Boston Neighborhood Development Corporation and the South Boston Chamber of Commerce invite all of our friends and neighbors to enjoy an evening of shopping, dining, music, and art– while supporting the local business community.

This year's evening event boasts over thirty participating businesses from the East and West Broadway shopping district!



Erin McDonough and Patrick Curtin exchanged their wedding vows on Saturday, April 22, 2017 at Gate of Heaven Church with the reception following at the Hyatt Boston Harbor Hotel. Best wishes to the newlyweds!



Opening Day for Little Leaguers

By Ray Flynn

Speaking at the opening baseball game of the South Boston Little League on Sunday, I told the young players that these ball fields are where they will learn life's valuable lessons of sportsmanship, teamwork, loyalty and friendship. Many of the kids I played Little League baseball right here with or basketball at the Boys Club with have remained

true friends with over these many years. Yes, times have changed, some of my former teammates and friends have passed away or moved out of Southie, but I have fond memories of all of them, which neither time or death can take away.

Kids that I played ball with right here at Columbus Park almost 70 years ago, I see their grandchildren wearing a baseball uniform today

with that same look of pride and enthusiasm on their faces. I see coaches here who are as committed in helping these kids as our coaches were.

These players, coaches and parents were the main reasons why we were able to grow up in such great family neighborhoods in Boston. We may not have taken trips during the Summer to Cape Cod or had swimming pools,

but we had loyal friends and people who cared and great sports programs to keep us busy.

While chasing fly balls in right field during batting practice, I overheard coach Bill Collins tell one of the young players while pointing out to right field, "That's Mayor Flynn out there. He was quite an athlete." But a few minutes later, when the ball went right between my legs for an error, I saw the same young boy looking at me and probably thinking to himself, what's so special about him.

Yes, the town has changed, our society has changed, but I saw something on that Little League field in South Boston that will never change. The dream and determination of a young boy and girl wanting to play baseball with other kids. These baseball fields are where kids learn valuable lessons about life.

After the game, I walked along the beach to attend a party at the South Boston Yacht Club. The walk gave me a lot of time to think back over the years about growing up. Family, friends, neighbors and sports. And watching these kids play baseball today or coaching Special Needs kids in the Challenge Baseball League and seeing all these dedicated coaches makes me believe that the future of our communities and country is indeed very hopeful and bright.

Ray Flynn is the former Mayor of Boston and U.S. Ambassador to the Vatican

3rd Annual South Boston Spring Stroll - Book Sale

Thursday Evening May 11, 2017, 5pm

As you stroll the neighborhood with your friends and family for an enjoyable evening, you can shop at our Friends Book Sale!

Buy Mom a book for Mother's Day!
South Boston: A History in Maps
Lecturer: Ed McCarthy
MONDAY, MAY 15, 2017, 6 – 7:45PM

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The South Boston Branch's
37th Annual Marjorie M. Gibbons Memorial Lecture

presents Ed McCarthy, who will speak on South Boston: A History in Maps. Originally used as a pasture for residents of Dorchester, annexed to Boston and used as a place to contain less desirable city institutions, South Boston developed an insular and somewhat defensive attitude toward the rest of the city. Often considered a separate socio-religious enclave by the predominantly Irish Catholic immigrants who came to settle there, South Boston has a fascinating story all its own. Through a series of maps he has created, Mr. McCarthy, an amateur historian, will tell this

story and explain the factors that led up to its evolution into the vibrant community it is today.

Friends' Spring Book Sale
BEACH READ

Summer is coming-be ready!!!
On Saturday, May 20, 2017, 10 am to 3 pm, The Friends of the South Boston Branch Library will host their monthly book sale. May's sale will feature a wide selection of

Beach Read!!
at steep discounts.

In addition to the theme of Beach Read, we have a vast selection of gently used hardcover and paperback books: fiction, non-fiction, travel, health, biographies,

children's books, coffee table books, DVDs, CDs all at excellent prices.

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Here are some ways:

- Join Friends of the South Boston Library. Message us on Facebook or complete a simple form found at the Circulation desk at the Library
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YOUTH SOCCER REGISTRATION May 8 - 13

This year we have launched a WEB site for all info. It is www.southbostonyouthsoccer.com. We are also on facebook .

You can get a registration form for players and coaches on line AND PRINT IT OUT, but you must bring them to the Curley Recreation Center after you fill them out and pay your fee. You cannot register online, because we do not want this personal info about the kids online.

Registration for the fall season of the South Boston Youth Soccer will be held the week of MAY 8 through 12 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm and 9 am to 12 noon on Saturday the 13th at the Curley Recreation Center on Day Blvd. (L. Street Bath House) in the seniors' card room.

Children from the age of 3 and up to 12 are invited to register now for the fall program. A new division of 3 and 4 year old children has been

added to the program. Birth years for age groups this season are as follows as of September 1st,.

4 and under- 2013,2014

6 and under- 2011,2012

8 and under- 2009,2010

10 and under- 2007,2008

12 and under- 2005,2006

New players to the program must have copy of birth certificates to produce and proof of residency in order to play in the program. Anybody who does not sign up at this time will be put on a waiting list with no guarantee that there will be a place for them in the program.

There will be no other registrations held. This is the only one we will be holding so if you want your child to play in the fall program than you must sign them up NOW. The fee for this year is \$30.00 per player. As usual we need coaches to make the program work and this year we

will be holding a mandatory coaching clinic for all coaches in order to improve the quality of play by the kids. The dates, location and time of the clinic have not been set yet and we will publish them in this newspaper when they are set up and send an e-mail to all coaches.

We also are in need of referees, so if you have the time and would like to help the kids out than you should come down and register also there is no fee for coaches or referees but you must fill out a CORI background check form to be allowed to coach or referee.

The season is scheduled to open on Thursday September 7th with our annual "PARADE OF CHAMPIONS" and the games will start on Saturday September 9th with the under 10,12, age groups schedule. The under 4, 6 and 8 age groups will be starting play on Sunday September 10th. Of course,

all of this happens only if we have the people to coach and referee the games. You do not have to have a child in the program to coach or referee.

We need all the help we can get. The banquet location has been shifted to the Boys and Girls Club at 230 West Sixth St. for Sunday November 19th. You can check our new web site: www.SOUTH-BOSTONYOUTHSOCCER.COM and Facebook

So, remember tell all your friends and anybody else you want to for the dates for soccer registration so that they will not lose out on the fun of playing in the program. Remember the whole idea behind the soccer program is for the kids to have "FUN,FUN,FUN" .See you at registration and if you have any questions or would like to sponsor a team or help out in anyway at all you can call me Billy Baker at 617-269-7930.

SOUTH BOSTON SR BABE RUTH TRYOUTS

Tryouts for the 2017 Sr Babe Ruth Baseball team will begin on Sunday May 14th and Tuesday May 16th at 6pm at Fitzgerald Field at Moakley Park. If either tryout gets rained out there will be an additional tryout on May 17th at 6pm.

Those who have turned 16 years old before May 1st of this

year through those that turned 19 after Dec 31st of 2016 are eligible to play.

The team is a member of the South Shore Sr Babe Ruth League and plays a 16-18 game regular season schedule (Half Home/Half away) throughout the month of June and early July with playoffs to follow.

There are multiple openings on this year's roster, all we ask is that those trying out be able to commit to the majority of the games and practices as forfeits have become an issue over the last few seasons. Anyone with questions may contact team GM and South Shore League President Buddy Lane at 617-269-1091.





This week, Danny talked with Comcast SportsNet Patriots insider Phil Perry:

DANNY PICARD: The NFL Draft has come and gone. The Patriots made just four selections, making it the smallest draft class in franchise history. The biggest storyline though is that there was no Malcolm Butler trade and no Jimmy Garoppolo trade. Given everything we heard going into the draft about these two, did you expect them both to stay put, or are you surprised that neither of these two players got moved?

PHIL PERRY: I'm actually not really surprised that they didn't get moved, given how I felt going into draft weekend. I think if one of the two was going to go, it would have been Malcolm Butler, just because I felt like the Patriots had prepared themselves to move on from Butler by signing Stephon Gilmore. And if they could have got something back that they felt was commensurate value, they would have done that. Now, was it No. 32 from the Saints? Was it 42? Was it 42 and something else? I don't know. But they really only had one potential trade partner, it felt like, in New Orleans. And as we got closer to the draft, I think what happened with New Orleans was that they fell in love with the cornerback class, which was renowned for being as deep as

it's been in a long, long time. The fact that the consensus top corner fell to them at the No. 11 overall pick -- which they never expected was going to happen -- made it even less likely that a deal would happen for Butler. And then when it comes to Garoppolo, I just feel like the Patriots believe he's too valuable from an insurance policy, right now, to deal him. Even if it's going to get you a first and a second. Who knows. Even if it's multiple firsts. I think they're just so set on the fact that they have a Super Bowl roster right now, and if they were to trade Garoppolo right now and then something were to happen to Brady, that, in my opinion, is the only thing that could derail a potential Super Bowl run.

DP: Where do you stand on Tom Brady's future, seeing that Garoppolo is still going to be a Patriot? Because I'm sort of confused. I don't think Brady is done after next year. I think he's still going to be playing at a high level for the next three seasons. Which means that you can't keep Garoppolo around, because I don't think he's going to want to stay around as a backup QB after next season.

PP: No, I think you're right. And I understand why there is confusion. It's hard for us to figure out exactly how the Patriots are feeling about this situation because it's so foreign. The fact that you have Brady playing at the level that he's playing at, at the age he's at. Meanwhile, you have a backup quarterback and the contract situation he's in, who you feel could be a starter on a whole lot of other teams. It makes for sort of a perfect storm of strangeness, at least as far as Patriots organization is concerned. What I said after they drafted Jacoby Brissett last year in the third round, which is a valuable draft pick, I said, "Ok, that's probably the end of Jimmy Garoppolo here." But it doesn't feel like that's going to be the case here. I think what will happen, if we're just going to look at it in terms of what's most likely to happen, I would say it's most likely that Tom Brady plays another season and stays healthy and continues to play well. I would also expect that Garoppolo sticks the season out with the team, and they say, "Let's franchise Garoppolo before he hits free agency, then let's trade him." I think you then go into 2018 with Brady and probably Brissett as your backup. That's all speculation on my

part, but that's how I feel this will all play out.

DP: Be honest. Would you consider this a good draft for the Patriots?

PP: I think it was. I think, given where they were with their first pick not being until the third round, and they had more picks than they ended up with, but they ended up making some trades. I think they came away filling needs that they wanted to fill. And they were perfectly happy watching the rest of their draft board slide away. Going into the weekend, I felt like their only obvious need was at defensive end. You had three players: Rob Ninkovich is going into a contract year, Kony Ealy is going into a contract year, and Trey Flowers, who's one of the best players on this defense, in my opinion. You needed another body there right now for 2017. And you definitely need a body or two in 2018 and beyond. And they were able to draft two guys who I felt like were good fits and I think have the potential to be much better than where their draft pick would indicate they're going to be.

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