



Zoning Continues to be the Bane of South Boston

City Councilor Michael Flaherty has proposed an IPOD to deal with the concerns of residents of South Boston over the consequent effects of the expansion of Article 68 to all of South Boston.

Residents recently expressed their dislike for Article 68 as written and recently interpreted in a developer's proposal to demolish a single family home at 202 M Street and replace it with 5 condominium units as an 'as of right' project.

The Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) defines the Interim Planning Overlay District as 'short-term zoning codes adopted by the City

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EDITORIAL

Resident Parking for our Local Merchants?

Resident Parking, some like it, some don't. But in some cases, it can be a problem for business owners, many of whom may not be South Boston residents but have been with us for years and have generously supported our community. The resident parking rules as they stand now have been detrimental to some of them. For example, local business owners, especially along Broadway, who have been here for decades or lon-

ger constantly get ticketed and fined for not having a resident sticker on their vehicles. These are folks who own stores and shops, pay taxes to the city but still get penalized, sometimes daily, for not having that sticker on their window.

Perhaps City Hall could look into the possibility of coming up with parking waivers in the form of a placard for our loyal local merchants, even if it's just for the hours that they are open for busi-

ness. Realistically, local shop owners could, if they wanted to, open their stores in other town,; but instead, choose to bring their business here, often providing jobs to residents. Allowing them to at least park here while they're working (if they can find a spot) without getting that bright orange poke in the eye could be a nice gesture. It might be at least something to consider. Tell us what you think. Info@southbostontoday.com



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The Information Center



News Media Can't Understand Why Few Trust It

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY
John Ciccone

Note: talk back to John Ciccone by email at jciccone@southbostontoday.com

College graduations were mentioned in this space last week. If you remember, Liberty University was praised for holding a magnificent graduation ceremony that would make any student and their parents proud, while Harvard University was chastised for allowing a segregated graduation to take place. But this being the graduation season, I'll comment on the one that made the biggest news over the weekend which of course was Notre Dame, where Vice President Mike Pence gave the commencement speech.

Most Americans are wise to the news media's tricks and the coverage they gave to what happened at Notre Dame was just more of the same. The video clips that most of the networks ran showed a few dozen snowflake students walking out in protest as the

Vice President began to speak. The headlines screamed 'Student Protest of Pence at Notre Dame, Students Walked Out during Speech' This is something we've all come to expect from CNN, the most distrusted network in the country, but some of the other ones were just as bad on this story. The goal was to attempt to convince the viewing public that students walked out en masse. But you can easily bring up the YouTube video of the entire speech and you can see for yourself that what the networks would have us believe wasn't even close to being how it really was.

As we said, a few dozen walked out, but thousands more students and their parents stayed and listened intently to the words of Mike Pence. He was often interrupted by applause and when finished, he received a stand-

ing ovation. In fact, as the snowflakes walked out, they were booed by the other students who were disgusted at the ignorance and disrespect they showed to the Vice President.

Lessons learned: The media cannot be trusted and they get worse with each passing day. And, the snowflakes and the crazy professors that indoctrinate and herd them like flocks of sheep are irrelevant and no one needs them around anyway.

Other crazy things in the news - and it doesn't get much crazier than California - is the feud boiling over in that state between the governor, Jerry Brown, also known out there as Governor Moonbeam, and a growing number of frustrated taxpayers. As Governor Moonbeam and his legislature, made up of a majority of liberal Democrats, continue to

raise taxes on everything nonstop, those who actually pay those taxes are saying 'enough'. In response, the governor called them 'freeloaders'. This enraged what's left of the working families in California even more and here's why. These California politicians are deliberately flooding the state with illegal aliens and giving them free benefits, even though the state is broke. Then, they are raising taxes on the workers to pay for these benefits AND spending millions of those tax dollars to defend them in court and protect them from being deported. So, who are the free loaders? The people who pay for all these tax hikes imposed by the governor there or those getting all the perks as reward for sneaking over the border?

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IMAGINE BOSTON 2030



Draft Of Imagine Boston 2030 Released

Mayor Martin J. Walsh announced the release of the last draft of the Imagine Boston 2030 Plan, a framework for Boston's growth to expand opportunity, increase affordability and improve quality of life in the City based on the input of over 14,000 residents from every neighborhood. The release of the draft plan kicks off a month-long comment period before the final Imagine Boston plan is released in the summer 2017.

"Imagine Boston 2030 takes a holistic approach to our planning efforts to ensure that our City grows in an equitable and sustainable way," said Mayor Walsh. "I am proud to share this next iteration of the plan, which incorporates the feedback from thousands of residents who helped refine our shared vision for the future of Boston. From Suffolk Downs to Readville, Franklin Park to Sullivan Square, we're shaping the City's future together -- every corner, every neighborhood -- and I look forward to seeing how Boston will grow and thrive."

Boston is experiencing an economic and population boom, and with that brings an opportunity to provide new and additional pathways for economic mobility and avenues to improve quality of life throughout the City, while boosting affordability and resiliency. Imagine Boston identifies five action areas to guide Boston's growth,

enhancement and preservation:

- **Enhance neighborhoods:** Improve urban vitality and affirm each neighborhood's distinct identity by investing in the public realm, strengthening neighborhood services and connectivity, and encouraging opportunities for development.
 - o For example, in Upham's Corner, the City will strengthen the community's historic main street fabric, emphasizing economic mobility and local innovation, fostering local arts, preserving affordability, and preventing displacement.

- **Encourage a mixed-use core:** Encourage a dense, walkable core in our job centers where more people live, work and gather.
 - o For example, in the Shawmut Peninsula, historic preservation, strategic growth, and public realm investments can support an active mixed-use vision, including developing a Shawmut Peninsula 2100 Plan that considers major infrastructure projects, land use, and policies.

- **Expand neighborhoods:** In six transit-accessible areas at the edges of existing neighborhoods, guide new housing and commercial growth, supported by public realm and climate investments. Plans for each of the expanded neighborhoods will integrate land use regulations and capital investments and will be guided by community planning processes:

- **Sullivan Square:** A walkable, mixed-use center for the innovation

economy that builds on momentum of nearby economic activity and transit access.

- **Newmarket and Widett Circle:** An area where critical industrial uses will be preserved and strengthened, while transit-oriented job and housing growth will strengthen connections to neighboring areas.

- **Fort Point Channel:** An active, urban waterfront where mixed-use development and a vibrant public realm transform how Downtown and the South Boston Waterfront meet and how Bostonians interact with the water.

- **Suffolk Downs:** A lively, mixed use community, including quality transit and open space that responds to the surrounding marsh and river environment.

- **Readville:** A center for 21st century manufacturing that creates quality jobs, and encourages transit-oriented development.

- **Beacon Yards:** A new transit hub and center for innovation, research and housing that expands the boundaries of the core west.

- **Create a waterfront for future generations:** Create a waterfront for all Bostonians by activating open spaces, connecting neighborhoods to the waterfront, creating sustainable funding models, and investing in proactive climate planning and infrastructure.

- o Imagine Boston will do this by activating an urban waterfront in Fort Point Channel and South Boston waterfront, support large

connected open spaces at Beacon Yards, foster signature open spaces such as Suffolk Downs, connect neighborhoods to the waterfront through the completion of the Emerald Necklace, encourage a modern, industrial innovation district at Raymond L. Flynn Marine Park, and develop climate resilience plans.

- **Generate networks of opportunity in the Fairmount Corridor:** Expand access to opportunity and reduce disparities in the neighborhoods along the Fairmount Corridor through coordinated investments in transportation, neighborhood vibrancy and education.

- o The plan identifies ways to invest in enhanced neighborhood Main Streets and transit station areas, improve transportation connections, frequency and experience along the Fairmount/Indigo Line to increase access for residents, support job growth and training in transit accessible areas, invest in quality pre-K and K-12 education for the growing school-aged populations in the corridor, invest in Franklin Park and Columbia Road, and implement anti-displacement policies to ensure that existing communities benefit from investments.

Initiatives: The final plan is supported by guiding principles and initiatives that bring together and build on the City's planning efforts, including Boston Creates, Go Boston 2030, Climate Ready Boston, Housing a Changing City: Boston 2030, BuildBPS, Economic Equity Agenda, Age Friendly Boston, Vision Zero, Boston's Resilience Strategy and more. The initiatives outline commitments around anti-displacement, immigrant advancement, climate planning and flood protection, universal pre-kindergarten, community planning and land use, and more.

The full report is available at imagine.boston.gov. The City of Boston welcomes public comment, edits and feedback including via email to imagine@boston.gov. A copy of this document will be available for the public to access at each branch of the Boston Public Libraries. All public comment should be submitted by June 19.



Tim Cook Memorial Scholarships Presented Last Sunday

SBT Staff Report

The annual presentation of scholarship awards in Memory of the late Tim Cook, who of course was a beloved member of the community and a United States Navy hero, took place last Sunday. These awards were given to 3 worthy young South Bostonians currently attending Boston College High School. Senior Eric Lopes and Juniors Tom Casper and James McDonnell were presented with \$1000 each that will help pay for their continuing education when they graduate from BC High. The presentation ceremony took place in the lower Church at St. Brigid which was preceded by the 8am Mass in the upper church in Tim's memory.

The senior among them, Mr. Lopes will be attending Holy Cross beginning the fall semester of this year. These three outstanding young men have worked hard on their academic accomplishments to be selected by the Tim Cook Scholarship committee and are well deserving

of the awards.

As the crowd filled the room, Tim's sister, Meghan Cook Murphy and his Dad, Joe Cook prepared to hand out the awards. Megan made a beautiful presentation highlighting some of the history that her late brother had with the United States Navy and why he was considered such a good man and hero by both military personnel and civilians. This was a man who touched the lives of many in the most positive of ways and gave hope and assistance to those in need.

The crowd of people in the room for this inspiring event was made up of family, friends and neighbors there to honor the memory of Tim Cook and to congratulate the three deserving recipients: Eric Lopes, Tom Casper and James McDonnell whose family and friends were also in attendance to wish them well and show them how proud they were. It was a beautiful gathering for all involved and keeps the memory of a great man fresh in the minds of all.

1. I-r Young Braden, Ray Flynn, James McDonnell, Tom Casper Jr., Eric Lopes, Joe Cook, Meghan Cook Murphy and Cathy Flynn.
2. I-r Joe Cook, James McDonnell, Meghan Cook Murphy
3. I-r Joe Cook, Tom Casper Jr., Meghan Cook Murphy
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Faith, Patriotism, Courage On Display Sunday

We often hear it said, “That our culture and times are changing and we have to accept it.” Yesterday, after all the Masses, we heard Fr. Frank Daly say goodbye to the

Catholic parishioners of South Boston as he left for a new assignment as Pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows in Sharon. When he delivered his farewell comments to the people, you could see many of the people wiping their eyes with tears of sadness. In such a short time, he made a big impact on people. Father, who had been previously married, joined the priesthood after his wife and mother of his children, passed away. The community got to love his homilies about the challenges of raising families, but also hearing that with prayer and God, all things were possible. Yes, our society and culture may be changing, but our family values continue. But Fr. Daly’s emotional farewell to parishioners at St. Brigid and Gate of Heaven Church would not be the only event that made us all proud to be a Boston Catholic.

Yesterday after the 8 o’clock Mass at St Brigid Church, the 4th. anniversary of the passing of Navy Lt. Tim Cook was held in the church hall where 3 deserving young residents were recipients of part scholarships to Boston College High School. We witnessed all that is still great about our town and country. Tim was a graduate

of B.C. High and U.S. Naval officer who after combat duty in Iraq, returned home, only to face new health challenges and passed away in 2014. But his life inspired his family, friends and neighbors to establish a scholarship in his memory. The Church community all took part in the special memorial Mass and ceremony which reminded us of Tim’s patriotism, friendship and contributions to others. It also inspired Veteran champion U.S. Congressman Steve Lynch and Fitzgerald VFW Post Commander Ed Flynn to keep fighting and advocating to help our veterans. But our day was not yet over, in his homily, Monsignor Liam Bergin, told us a story about a young Iraq man named Ragheed who he first met studying for the priesthood at the Irish Pontifical College in Rome in 1996. A college where I took many visitors from Boston at about the same time, when I was Ambassador to the Vatican and living in Rome and knew all the students. Fr Ragheed was brutally murdered by ISIS terrorists in a Mosul Chaldean Catholic Church because he refused to close his Church. He became known as “Fr Ragheed of the Eucharist.” Iraq, once had 1.2 million Catholics, but today only has 400,000.

The 3 deserving young scholarship recipients, Tommy Casper, Eric Lopes, and James McDonald will continue to carry on our great traditions. Yes, our city and culture is changing, but we still know where to go to be reminded about all the great people who work hard and sacrifice every day to help keep our neighborhoods safe and happy places to raise families. As I said today to Jimmy Donovan, “a Southie legend” whose an usher and volunteer at the Church, maybe these special events we saw here today is the reason why we never move and so many others want to move in. “A community is still about people who care and people we love.”

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



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For more information please visit sailboston.com



What Memorial Day Means in South Boston

SBT Staff Report

What special meaning and significance does the Memorial Day weekend hold for people would probably depend on who you asked. Surely, it signals what many consider the unofficial start to the summer season. Weather permitting, folks look forward to it as a time to maybe get away for the long weekend on a trip to the beach or the mountains. Back yard family barbecues and cookouts are always popular as are gatherings with friends for parties etc. Perhaps you'll stay local and relax at home and catch a game or two on TV and enjoy that much deserved extra day off on Monday.

To a lot of South Bostonians, it could be one or more of the above. To us, and people who live in other traditional, what most would consider patriotic communities around the country it means all of the above yes, but something else as well. It means something far more important than our own personal creature comforts and fun.

Memorial Day is set aside to remember and to honor America's heroes who served in our country's armed forces and put their lives on the line and often lost those lives so that all of us could enjoy the freedom and liberty that our Nation's Founding Fathers

envisioned for us when they drew up that amazing document called the Constitution of the United States. South Boston has many sons and daughters who never returned from fighting our country's battles. On a per capita scale, there may not be another community anywhere that had more. Many people will this weekend make that solemn journey to a cemetery where a family member is buried and place a wreath or some flowers at a grave site. Others will attend a special Church Service, proudly display Old Glory or attend a Memorial Day dedication or parade. All the other activities that come with warm weather and sunshine are part of the tradition as well of course. But as Americans, at least in the opinion of South Bostonians, remembering and honoring our veterans; especially those who are no longer among us should always remain the most important reason for this holiday. We owe it to those heroes to never forget the sacrifices made on our behalf. It makes us proud that so

many of our neighbors never have and never will forget.

Traditional South Boston Memorial Day Ceremonies

This year, as is the case every year on Memorial Day members of our local Veteran's Posts will be out and about during the weekend placing wreaths at all the memorial squares that have been named in honor of the fallen. This is a combined effort of the Saunders Post, the Fitzgerald Post, the McDonough Post and the Perkins Post. These active members will be working hard to make sure that every memorial square is remembered.

Memorial Day at the Thomas Fitzgerald Post: On Memorial Day itself, this Monday, the public is invited to join with local veterans as they gather at the Fitzgerald Post on East Fourth Street. They will assemble at 9 am and march to Medal of Honor Park at M Street where they will place the ceremonial wreath at the South Boston Vietnam Memorial. Then it's back to the post for brunch. All are invited and welcome.

"I am thankful for the dedication of our community's veterans and appreciate the sacrifices they have made for all of us as we honor them on this Memorial Day."

- Rep. Nick Collins



NICK COLLINS
State Representative

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JFK Centennial Weekend Celebration

The John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum today announced that it will host a five-day celebration over Memorial Day weekend to commemorate the centennial of President John F. Kennedy, who was born in Brookline, Massachusetts on May 29, 1917. Events and activities include the opening of a new exhibition, JFK100: Milestones & Mementos, and special programs highlighting President Kennedy's legacy as a champion of peace, inclusion, public service, science and innovation, and the arts. The weekend celebration is part of the JFK Library's year-long centennial initiative aimed at inspiring new generations to find meaning and inspiration in the enduring values that formed the heart of the Kennedy presidency.

Detailed JFK Centennial Celebration weekend schedule.

Download the centennial press kit with archival material spanning JFK's life.

Download JFK100: Milestones & Mementos exhibit press kit.

The centennial weekend celebration is sponsored by OMEGA, Martin Richard Foundation, Blanche and Irving Laurie Foundation, and Liberty Concepts.

JFK Centennial Weekend Celebration
May 26-29, 2017

• May 25: Kennedy Library Forum with David McCullough
6:00pm – 7:30pm. Smith Hall, JFK Library

Pulitzer Prize winning historian and recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom, David McCullough, discusses his new collection of speeches, "The America Spirit: Who We Are and What We Stand For." Former ABC News reporter and anchor Charlie Gibson moderates. Note: This forum is currently at capacity. It will be livestreamed at: www.jfklibrary.org/webcast. Members of the media wishing to cover the forum may contact Rachel.Flor@jfkfoundation.org.

• May 26: Opening of New Special Exhibit, JFK 100: Milestones & Mementos
10:00am – 11:00 am. Press Tour with Museum Curator Stacey Bredhoff
11:00am – 5:00 pm. Exhibit open to the public, JFK Library
The Kennedy Library's new special exhibit, JFK 100: Milestones & Mementos, features a compelling selection of 100 original artifacts, documents, and photographs, revealing the arc of President Kennedy's life and political career. Historical items like a baby picture from his first formal photo session, notes for his 1956 book, Profiles in Courage, and his Cabinet Room chair, put visitors in touch with the man who occupied the office. A selection of his personal belongings – his sunglasses, neckties and gifts from his small children – are displayed here for the first time.

Note: A separate media advisory will be issued for the press tour. Media

wishing to attend can RSVP to Rachel.Flor@jfkfoundation.org.

• May 26: Red Sox Pre-Game Ceremony Honoring President Kennedy

6:45pm. Fenway Park

Leading into the matchup between the Boston Red Sox and Seattle Mariners, the Red Sox, in partnership with the JFK Library Foundation, will hold a pre-game ceremony celebrating President Kennedy's life and the ideals he championed. Special guests that represent key tenets of the Kennedy administration – peace, public service, inclusion, innovation, and the arts – will be introduced on the field in honor of President Kennedy's commitment to those values.

Tickets can be purchased through the Red Sox or where Red Sox tickets are sold.

• May 27: JFK 100 Centennial Commemoration for the Peace Corps Community
2:00pm – 5:00 pm. Smith Hall, JFK Library

The JFK Presidential Library and Museum is proud to partner with the National Peace Corps Association and Boston Area Returned Peace Corps Volunteers to host the Peace Corps community at a centennial commemoration of President Kennedy.

• May 28: JFK 100 – Space Exploration Discovery Day: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow
12:00pm – 4:00pm. Smith Center, Learning Center, Museum Galleries, JFK Library
To commemorate JFK's challenge to land a man on the Moon, the Kennedy Library is hosting an afternoon of activities and guest speakers for kids, families and adults focused on Space. Featured presentations by NASA astronaut Christopher Cassidy and Spacesuit Engineer Su Curley will highlight space exploration and equipment, including what it's like to live and work on the International Space Station.

View detailed schedule and registration.

• May 29: JFK Centennial Celebration
9:00am – 5:00pm. JFK Library
A fun-filled day of celebration on President Kennedy's 100th birthday, featuring performances by the U.S.

Navy Band, the Boston City Singers, a ceremonial cake cutting, and a flyover performed by the U.S. Navy. Admission to the JFK Library and Museum will be free and open to the public all day.

Detailed JFK Centennial Celebration weekend schedule.

About the Centennial Celebration

The John F. Kennedy Presidential Library's Centennial Celebration is presented in partnership with the National Archives and Records Administration, which administers the presidential library system, and features collaborations with a number of institutions including the U.S. Navy, Peace Corps and National Peace Corps Association, John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, United States Postal Service, Smithsonian American Art Museum, White House Historical Association, John Fitzgerald Kennedy National Historic Site, and John F. Kennedy International Airport. Centennial collaborators across Massachusetts include the Massachusetts State House, City of Boston, Town of Brookline, John F. Kennedy Hyannis Museum, Boston Red Sox, Massport, Massachusetts Convention Center Authority, University of Massachusetts Boston, Brandeis University, Downtown Boston Business Improvement District, and TEDxBeaconStreet.

By the conclusion of the centennial weekend celebration, over 100 events will have been held across the country and the world in honor of the 100th anniversary of the birth of President John F. Kennedy.

About the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and John F. Kennedy Library Foundation

The John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum is one of 13 presidential libraries administered by the National Archives and Records Administration. It is supported, in part, by the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation a 501(c)(3), non-profit organization. The Kennedy Presidential Library and the Kennedy Library Foundation seek to promote, through educational and community programs, a greater appreciation and understanding of American politics, history, and culture, the process of governing and the importance of public service.

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299-301 Silver Street Single Family	\$915,000	4/28/17	10	2	1885
346 Congress St UNIT 516 Condo	\$718,000	4/25/17	3	1	790
847 East Fourth St UNIT 1 Condo	\$665,000	4/28/17	4	2	1288
97 P Street Single Family	\$660,000	4/28/17	6	2.5	1848
237 Dorchester St UNIT 1 Condo	\$639,000	4/27/17	7	2	1368
595 East Third St UNIT 2 Condo	\$630,000	4/28/17	5	1	950
20 Knowlton St UNIT 4 Condo	\$615,000	4/28/17	4	2	1051
160 West Broadway UNIT 205 Condo	\$599,999	4/28/17	4	1	772
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772 East Fourth St UNIT 2 Condo	\$497,000	4/28/17	3	1	651
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Public Meeting

INTERIM PLANNING OVERLAY DISTRICT (IPOD)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Boston Planning & Development Agency is proposing to institute an Interim Planning Overlay District (IPOD) within South Boston (Article 68). Please attend to comment and have questions answered.

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MassDOT Announces Safe Streets Smart Trips/High School Video Contest

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) today announced the fourth annual statewide high school video contest - Safe Streets Smart Trips. The contest serves as an initiative within the Massachusetts Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) to promote safe walking, bicycling, and driving behaviors within the Commonwealth. The contest began three years ago to encourage high school students to take the lead in showcasing an understanding of roadway safety across travel modes in an effort to decrease pedestrian and bicyclist injuries and fatalities – a trend that has not followed the Commonwealth’s downward shift in traffic-related incidents over the past few years.

“The transportation choices we make on a daily basis have consequences associated with them, whether they are environmental, health, or safety related,” said MassDOT Secretary and CEO Stephanie Pollack. “The Safe Streets Smart Trips high school video contest is an excellent way to engage students across the Commonwealth to critically think about how their transportation decisions can impact their own lives, the lives of their peers, and their local community.”

The video contest is open to all Massachusetts high school students and features a freshman/sophomore category and junior/senior category. Students are asked to submit a one minute public service announcement video regarding

safe behaviors across three modes of transportation—driving, walking, and bicycling—while focusing on the dangers that distractions from technology can pose. Contest guidelines are being sent now to high schools and may also be found at Mass.gov/massDOT/RoadwaySafetyVideo. A grand prize and runner-up will be chosen for each category by a MassDOT panel in September 2017. Winning videos will be screened at MassDOT’s annual active transportation conference, Moving Together, where their creators receive their prizes. This year prizes include a tablet computer, \$300 cash prize, and a sponsor prize pack.

The Safe Streets Smart Trips video contest is designed to make travelers aware of how their roadway behaviors impact others and how to exercise care and caution with respect to other travelers. The contest will also draw upon healthy and active transportation benefits.

To learn more about the Safe Streets Smart Trips high school video contest, visit Mass.gov/massDOT/RoadwaySafetyVideo or contact Becca Cyr at Rebecca.Cyr@dot.state.ma.us or 857-383-3805.

For more information about the 2017 Moving Together conference, visit <http://www.umasstransportationcenter.org/assnfe/ev.asp?ID=2778>.

For transportation news and updates visit MassDOT at our website: www.mass.gov/massdot, blog: www.mass.gov/blog/transportation, or follow MassDOT on twitter at www.twitter.com/massdot.

PARKARTS WATERCOLOR WORKSHOPS RETURN IN JUNE



Budding artists ages nine and up are invited to join the Boston Parks and Recreation Department for its popular summer series of ParkARTS Watercolor Painting Workshops during the month of June at five Boston locations. The series of free workshops is just one of the many offerings of the annual ParkARTS program sponsored by Holly and David Bruce.

The workshops welcome artists of all skill levels to create their own greenspace-inspired masterpieces with instruction and materials provided. Juleen Jones returns as this summer’s featured instructor. Ms. Jones has a BFA in Fine Art from Montserrat College of Art as well as a custom painting business called The Artist Touch where she transforms rooms with faux and specialty painting, murals, hand painted furniture, refinishing, and more.

All classes are held from 12 noon

to 2 p.m. weather permitting. Dates and locations for the workshops are as follows:

Saturday, June 10
Jamaica Pond Boathouse, 507
Jamaicaway, Jamaica Plain
Sunday, June 11
Allandale Woods, 79 VFW Parkway,
West Roxbury
Sunday, June 18
Winthrop Square, 25 Winthrop
Street, Charlestown
Saturday, June 24
Savin Hill Park, 25 Caspian Way,
Dorchester (meet at Caspian Way
entrance)
Sunday, June 25
Chandler Pond, Brighton (meet near
Lake Shore Road entrance)

For further information on the workshops and other ParkARTS programs, please call (617) 635-4505 or visit the Parks Department online at www.facebook.com/bostonparksdepartment or www.boston.gov/departments/parks-and-recreation.

PARKS DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES SOUTH STATION TREE REMOVAL HEARING

In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 87, the Boston Parks and Recreation Department will hold a public hearing on Thursday, June 1, at 1 p.m. on a request to remove seven public shade trees in the South Station area.

The hearing will be held by the City of Boston’s Tree Warden (or designee) in the 3rd floor Conference Room of the Boston Parks and Recreation Department at 1010 Massachusetts Avenue, Roxbury.

The request is for the removal of seven locust trees measuring between 8” and 10” dbh (diameter at

breast height) due to construction at 650 Atlantic Avenue.

Public testimony will be taken at the hearing, or may be provided prior to the hearing in writing to the Tree Warden, Boston Parks and Recreation Department, 1010 Massachusetts Avenue, 3rd floor, Boston, MA 02118 or by emailing parks@boston.gov with “South Station Tree Hearing” in the subject line.

A final decision regarding the request will be made within two weeks of the hearing. For further information, please contact the Tree Warden at (617) 635-7275.



Compassion and Respect for our Seniors

When the temperature reached almost 100 degrees last week, residents at the 376 West 4th Street elderly development were without air condition in their apartments. Many of the elderly residents also have health

related issues and it was a public health emergency. Residents contacted Ed Flynn, a neighbor on Gold Street, and he met with the residents on site and toured the development. Flynn brought several cases of water for the residents and immediately called the

company that manages the property.

The company, a privately-owned enterprise, informed Flynn that the air condition can't be turned on until June 15. In one apartment on the 3rd floor, the thermostat read 96 degrees, and the resident in that

apartment was over 80 years old and with health issues. Many were struggling with ongoing breathing issues. Flynn immediately reached out to City Councilors Flaherty and Linehan and Representative Collins, and our elected officials were also in contact with city and state officials about the issue. Calls were also placed to city officials, including Boston's Inspectional Services Department, and an inspection was conducted promptly. The inspector was polite and professional.

Although the temperatures have cooled off in recent days, it is critical that we stand up for our elderly when they are not treated fairly. Our seniors helped build this neighborhood and our country and we must never allow any company or organization to treat them with disrespect. A task force of residents was recently formed and the residents are now seeking to meet with the management company on June 8th to discuss this public health emergency. Let's stand with our residents when they are treated unfairly.

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Thank you!



On May 11th, friends of the Gavin Foundation and Creative Office Pavilion joined together at the Innovation and Design Building in South Boston for the Road to Recovery Gala; a Benefit for the Gavin Foundation hosted by Creative Office Pavilion.

We thank those in attendance for joining us; we are grateful you came to celebrate Recovery and raise awareness and funds for the Gavin Foundation programs. If you missed us this year, we hope to see you soon, and are grateful to have you as part of our community. We appreciate your recognition and support; you make fulfilling the mission of the Gavin Foundation possible. It is truly amazing to see how much we can accomplish when we all work together.

More information and event photos available at
www.gavinfoundation.org/gala2017



Come out and celebrate the opening of our 15th season of the South Boston Farmers Market, 446 West Broadway (in front of the municipal parking lot), on Monday, June 5, 2017, 12-6pm

The South Boston Neighborhood Development Corporation (SBND), sponsor of the South Boston Farmers Market, will hold an Opening Day Celebration at the market on June 5th.

Get some early spring vegetables, such as **asparagus, lettuce, herbs** as well as **potted flowers**, from our returning Massachusetts based **Freitas' & Wenger's Farms**. Try local and fresh meat, like **grass-fed beef** and **naturally raised pork** from **Shamrock Hives Farm** this season!

For Opening Day, specialty vendors like **'More Than Words'** (non-for-

profit book sale) and **'Tea is the Way'** (special Nepalese tea) will be selling their products. The SBND will give away **\$2 coupons** to its market shoppers, valid for fresh and healthy market products (as long as supplies last). Come to the market manager's tent to get the coupon and our new **loyalty market card!**

This year's opening day theme is "Health and Wellness" and related activities will be happening from 12-3pm: **South Boston Yoga** with a **gift card** raffle, a **Mini Boot Camp** led by **Motivated Fitness**, **Blood pressure** screening by the **South**

Boston Community Health Center, subsidized **Hubway bikeshare membership sign-ups** and **Re-Think Your Drink presentations** (check out their infused water!) by the **Let's Get Healthy Boston** Southie Community Champions and an array of give-aways. Check out what **WIC**, the **Boston Medical Center Health Plan** and **Tufts Health Plan** have to offer you.

Our sponsors, **East Boston Savings Bank** and **Tufts Medical Center** will be present as well.

Of course, there cannot be an opening day without **live music** by

our favorite market band, **Jan and Lou Borelli** from 12-3:00 pm.

Last but not least, the **Boston Cyclist's Union** will come out with their 'Bike To Market' program from **3-6pm**. The program teaches young and old alike the basics of bike repair. Just bring down your bike and learn!

The market season begins on Opening Day on June 5th and will go through October 30, and will be held every Monday from 12-6pm at 446 Broadway, on the sidewalk in front of the municipal parking lot.

The South Boston Farmers Market accepts EBT/SNAP, WIC, and Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Coupons, and has the Healthy Incentive SNAP match program (HIP) available for EBT/SNAP users.

If you're interested in joining the farmers market committee or are looking for more information about vendors, programming, or sponsorship, please visit our website: <http://www.sbnndc.org/south-boston-farmers-market/> or find us on Facebook- South Boston Farmers Market- and Twitter at @SBFarmersMkt_

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Zoning...

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for a specific geographic area, which is undergoing a longer-term planning or rezoning process. An IPD ensures that development projects seeking approval in the near term will meet the goals of the longer-term planning or rezoning process, rather than continuing current, likely outmoded, development patterns'.

The BPDA operates under its own set of rules, empowered by the Massachusetts Legislature in 1957, when it enabled the formation of its predecessor, the Boston Redevelopment Authority. At that time, the agency began overseeing development that was previously led by the Boston Housing Authority and its oversight was expanded to include development beyond public housing. The agency's redevelopment stewardship includes the jurisdiction to buy and sell property, acquire property through eminent domain, and grant tax concession to encourage commercial and residen-

tial development under Massachusetts General Laws chapter 121A.

In 1960 by another act of the Massachusetts Legislature set forth in the Massachusetts General Laws chapter 652, section 12, the City Planning Board was merged with the BRA.

The BPDA expansion of its relatively unchecked power aside, there is more clinical, or rather less political, evidence of the use of this broad power by many other jurisdictions in Massachusetts. In order to understand this approach to planning, here is a brief and generic primer on the basics of Overlay Districts in Massachusetts.

An Overlay District is a type of land use zoning district that "lies" on top of the existing zoning and potentially covers many underlying districts. The use of Overlay Districts provides communities with an opportunity to meet the unique needs of geographic areas that may either require higher levels of protection – or - may not be reaching

their fullest development potential.

Overlay Districts provide one of the most flexible means to alter zoning, as they can impose either greater restrictions or more flexible provisions depending on the goals for the district. Examples of typical overlays that are more restrictive include those for sensitive resources such as flood plains or aquifer protection districts. Examples of typical overlays that are more flexible include those for village centers or other areas designated for higher levels of density and economic development.

Overlay Districts are specified by statute and can be established with either optional or mandatory requirements upon the underlying land. Generally, once an Overlay District is established, the requirements of that district supersede provisions in the underlying zoning where standards and procedures are different.

One characteristic of Overlay Districts that is very appealing is the geographic focus of this technique. In many com-

munities, the unique needs of a specific area emerge over time, perhaps through the comprehensive planning process, and it may be challenging to alter the zoning in that area for two reasons.

First, the area of interest may cover portions of several existing zoning districts and it may be politically and administratively difficult to develop a new district for that area. Second, changing provisions to the underlying zoning may affect other areas of the community that do not share the same needs. The Overlay approach, therefore, represents one of the most effective ways to tailor zoning regulations to a specific neighborhood or environmental resource.

Councilor Flaherty has created a forum for this important matter which will have long lasting effects on South Boston. The BPDA has scheduled a public meeting on Councilor Flaherty's proposal next Wednesday May 31 at 6pm at the Tynan Community Center. Have your opinions heard and attend the public meeting next Wednesday!



ED FLYNN CAMPAIGN HOLDS 'DAY OF ACTION'

Ed Flynn and a team of 50 volunteers hit the streets of South Boston and the South End over the weekend, taking the District Two City Council candidate's unifying message to thousands of residents.

"This election is an opportunity for the city of Boston to elect leaders who will work collaboratively to ensure the city continues to thrive economically while creating new opportunities for

all residents," Flynn said. "I am that type of leader and look forward to reaching out to all corners of Boston to address the important issues impacting all of our lives: economic development, jobs, public safety, housing, schools and transportation. Our district is leading the way on these issues, and I'm eager to get to work to improve Boston for all residents and businesses."

Flynn and his volunteers hit the streets and went door-to-door,

sharing his ideas on these and other issues. In total, the campaign knocked on more than 3,000 doors over the weekend. The Flynn campaign staged the event out of the Iron Workers Local 7 Union hall in South Boston.

Flynn was the first of any candidate in the city's upcoming elections to be certified for the November ballot. He also recently announced 10 major labor union endorsements, in addition to several

endorsements from elected leaders, including state Rep. Nick Collins, Councilor Michael Flaherty, SJC Clerk Maura Doyle and Suffolk Superior Court Clerk Michael Donovan.

A lifelong resident of South Boston and 25-year veteran of the United States Navy, he has built a strong coalition of supporters across the entire district, including the South End, Chinatown, Bay Village and South Boston.

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Massachusetts are well aware of the fact that we have politicians here too that are working hard to do the same thing in the Bay State as is happening in California. Too many of our pols look upon taxpayers as their per-

sonal ATM machines to fund their pet project,s then insult us if we complain.

I'll close this week with the mention of yet another example of why fewer people than ever bother showing concern about the Global Warming/Climate Change alarmists. Gore, Di-Caprio, Streisand, Kerry and so many

other Climate Change scolds demand that the rest of us stop driving cars and burning pollutant fuels, because they say we are destroying the environment. Yet, everything they tell us we must stop doing, they are guilty of ten and twenty-fold. Obama is just as bad. Even though he's out of office, he

continues to lecture us about the environment. Last week again, he flew in a pollution spewing private jet and a 15 car (giant SUV) motorcade to give yet another speech about the dangers of manmade climate change. Soon, the only people that will be taking them seriously are themselves.



BREAKOUT COUNTRY STAR CHRIS LANE TO GET HIS “FIX” AT FENWAY PARK (7/7)

Romantically-Charged Single “FOR HER” Top 25 And Climbing At Country Radio

Nashville, Tenn. (May 22, 2017) – Big Loud Records’ breakthrough star Chris Lane will bring his high-energy show and falsetto-infused jams to FENWAY PARK in Boston, MA on July 7 opening for Florida Georgia Line’s THE SMOOTH TOUR alongside Nelly and Backstreet Boys. Lane has captivated audiences across the country sharing the stage with heavy hitters including Rascal

Flatts, Kelsea Ballerini, Dustin Lynch, Lee Brice, Nelly, Jerrod Niemann and more.

“...Chris Lane did not hold back as he took the stage with a full-throttle band and full-throttle energy.” - CMT

“...his live show will only leave fans more excited about what he has to offer in the future.” – Taste of Country

“...Lane showcases his ability to

branch out and make every song — even a cover — his own.”

- Sounds Like Nashville

“...very energetic on stage and is able to keep the crowd entertained whether he is singing country ballads or uptempo pop tunes.” - CMChat

Breaking records out of the gate, Lane’s vibrant single “Fix,” scored him his first #1 on the charts, accumulated the most first

week single adds from a debut male artist in Country Aircheck history and has notched over 33 million streams on Spotify. “Fix” shaped Lane’s sonic direction and he went on to make his late night debut performing the smash on Late Night with Seth Meyers.

His debut album *GIRL PROBLEMS*, produced by superstar studio ace Joey Moi (Florida Georgia Line, Jake Owen), was released in 2016 to rave media reviews applauding his jaw-dropping falsetto vocals mixed with a smooth R&B-meets-country vibe. He performed his follow up single “For Her” on the current season of ABC’s *The Bachelor*. It then skyrocketed to #1 on the iTunes Top Country Songs chart and #9 on the all genre Top Songs Chart.

ABOUT CHRIS LANE

Chris Lane rocketed onto the country music scene with his irresistible, #1 GOLD-certified smash debut “Fix.” Surpassing an impressive 33 million streams on Spotify and 8 million views on Vevo, “Fix” serves as the lead track for his debut album *GIRL PROBLEMS* released on Big Loud Records this summer and produced by superstar studio ace Joey Moi (Florida Georgia Line, Jake Owen). Media has applauded his jaw-dropping falsetto vocals mixed with a smooth R&B-meets-country vibe. After starting his career selling out club shows in his hometown of Kernersville, NC, before going on to open for Dustin Lynch’s sold-out HELL OF A NIGHT TOUR and spending his summer on Rascal Flatts’ RHYTHM & ROOTS TOUR, Lane has won shout-outs from massive industry names like Bryan Cranston (*Breaking Bad*), Selena Gomez, Florida Georgia Line, Lucy Hale, Daughtry and more. His second single, “For Her,” is currently climbing the country radio charts and the music video, featuring a romantic, real-life wedding proposal, was released September 17 with an exclusive CMT world premiere.

For more information, visit iamChrisLane.com.

Reach out to him on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube.



This week, Danny reacted to the NBA Lottery, and was joined by comedian Will Noonan:

DANNY PICARD: What was your reaction to the NBA Lottery? I saw some reactions from people on twitter that were so stupid. I loved that the Celtics got the No. 1 overall pick, but I was not jumping for joy in my undies in the living room, ok. I was excited, but that's that. It's not like this draft is the "Kevin Durant" year. Markelle Fultz, he could be a very nice player, but here's the thing that I can't get over with Fultz. Everything I hear about him, it's that "he's as close as you can get to the sure thing." Well, that's not what I'm looking to hear, to be honest with you. I'm looking to hear that he is the sure thing. But the C's get the No. 1 overall pick, and Fultz is the projected No. 1 overall pick. What's your reaction to the Celtics getting the ping pong balls to fall their way?

WILL NOONAN: I usually watch the NBA Lottery, and I love all the little tweaks, but I've always thought it was rigged against the Celtics. I was watching to prove to my buddy Paul who was watching it with me, I was like, "We will not

get the No. 1 pick. We'll get No. 2 or 3 because that pretty much has to happen, but we are not going to get the No. 1 pick." So, I was just shocked that we actually got it. I saw Wyc Grousbeck, and he looked surprised, and I was surprised, but I had the same thought as you, I was like, there's nobody out there in this draft that I'm like, "We have to get him." Even Greg Oden, I was a total mark for. I was like, "Oden's going to be the next Shaq. He's going to be better than Shaq. He's going to be like Hakeem." You know what I mean? So I was excited about that year with him and Durant. But I'm not that excited about Lonzo Ball or anyone really.

DP: If you're the Celtics, realistically, you should be talking to the Lakers and saying, "Hey, trade with us to move up to No. 1 or we're either going to take Ball or trade the pick to someone else who will take Ball. So you give us No. 2 overall and we'll give you No. 1 overall, but we also want you to give us Julius Randle too." Try to work out something like that. I just think the Celtics right

now are in position to -- look, the No. 1 overall pick is a great prize. If they end up making that pick and getting Fultz, it's going to be very exciting and I'll be very interested to see what this Celtics team does with that. The problem the Celtics have is a great problem to have. Either keep the pick or trade the pick. What do you want them to do with it?

WN: I think they have to keep the pick. We never get the No. 1 pick. We have to use it. We might never get it again. It could be 75 years. Make the pick, get Fultz or Ball. Draft somebody No. 1 overall for the Boston Celtics, I think. It never happens, and now it has to happen. People say Fultz is great and him and Isaiah Thomas are best buddies and he could fit in great with the system.

DP: Well here's the deal then. If you draft Fultz, you're going to have to trade Isaiah Thomas. You know why? He's not going to want to stay.

WN: You don't think so?

DP: When I put myself in Isaiah Thomas' shoes -- and undoubtedly he was frustrated in the days and

even weeks after this year's trade deadline when the Celtics didn't make a move to improve this team. If you're Isaiah Thomas, you say, "Do you know what we could get for this No. 1 overall pick, and get a return to help us beat Cleveland next year, and the year after that?" If you're Isaiah Thomas, you have to be thinking of that. People keep telling me that Isaiah and Fultz can play together. Those people might be right. Here's the problem, Isaiah Thomas has a decision himself to make. He only has one year left on his current contract. He does not have to re-sign in a place that would essentially be saying, "We're going with the kids, and not only are we going with the kids, we're going with the kids at your position." If I'm Isaiah, I would not be happy if they take Fultz. So I think that if you take Fultz, if you're the Celtics, you're then going to have to trade Isaiah Thomas.

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