





## New BTU President Jessica Tang Is A Collection Of Firsts

At age 35, Jessica Tang, who is Chinese-American, a member of the LGBT community, and Harvard educated, has become the first person of color to lead the Boston Teachers Union in its 52-year history — and the first woman in more than three decades. Tang’s election also means that two of the city’s most prominent education posts will be held by Asian-Americans. The other is Superintendent Tommy Chang.

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# EDITORIAL

## Charging Drug Dealers As Murderers? Why Not

Some of our neighbors to the North are frustrated with and furious about the opioid epidemic that has been ravaging their beautiful state as of late. They have come up with an idea to try to combat it. Members of the New Hampshire State Legislature last month proposed a bill that, if it were to become law, would charge with second degree murder any drug dealer, who was found guilty of selling or providing drugs such as heroin or fentanyl to a person who overdosed

and died as a result.

South Boston has over the years mourned the loss of far too many of our residents, who died because they overdosed on poisons cavalierly pushed by drug dealers preying on the mostly young. Had Massachusetts had such a law as the one proposed by those Granite State lawmakers, perhaps at least some of these predators would have chosen another line of work and lives may have been saved in our neighborhood, as well as so many other communities where this crisis has

reached epidemic proportions.

Most agree that those addicted to deadly drugs need help and help should be available. But those making a living from selling the substances which they know are killing people and destroying families need to be held accountable for their actions. If facing murder charges will discourage some of them and gets others off our streets by sending them to prison and throwing away the key, it sounds like a plan worth serious consideration and definitive action.



*“Tyranny is defined as that which is legal for the government, but illegal for the citizenry” - Thomas Jefferson*



## Elected Officials To Host Convention Center Meeting

On Wednesday June 21 from 6-8pm at the Condon School, a community meeting sponsored by the South Boston Elected Officials, the St. Vincent's Neighborhood Association and Fort Point Neighborhood Association will be held to discuss:

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- Ongoing safety and environmental concerns related to the Cypher Street/ South Lot remediation
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# The Information Center



## *A Sanctuary State? Are they Serious or Delirious?*

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY  
John Ciccone

*Note: talk back to John Ciccone by email at [jciccone@southbostontoday.com](mailto:jciccone@southbostontoday.com)*

This week starts off with a couple of comments brought up by the readers. A large percentage of you got tickets for last week's gigantic near record setting Powerball lottery jackpot. With nearly a half billion dollars to be had by the winner, why not go for it since you can't win if you don't play? Though the odds are millions to one to win, many people had dreams of how they would spend the money if their numbers were selected. It's ok to dream – right?

Unfortunately, it wasn't a South Bostonian that won. In fact, there was one winner and the ticket was bought by a California resident. Now, you almost have to feel sorry for people who live in that state, or any state run by liberal politicians. And California is among the worst for taxpayers. This prompted one of our regular readers to opine that with the tax burden in that state, the winner, after paying the taxes from those winnings, would be lucky to have enough left to buy a 6-inch sandwich from Subway with a small drink. No chips with that.

Speaking about our friends on the 'progressive' side of the political divide, another reader offered her opinion about how they (progressives) tend to react to terrorist attacks, when they occur anywhere in the world. They seem to follow the same pattern, which goes something like this: Organize a peace march, send thoughts and prayers to the victims, hold candle light vigils, change the accompanying flag on Face book pages to the banner from the country most recently attacked to show that you care, never jump to conclusions that it was Islamic terrorists who did it, demand that everyone show compassion and try to understand why the terrorists hate us, wait for the next attack and repeat the process again. Yeah, that pretty much sounds right.

It also reinforces the saying that 'the definition of insanity is to do the same thing over and over again and expect a different outcome'.

And now for the latest from the Massachusetts State House: That we have a few state legislators that would propose making Massachusetts a 'sanctuary state' isn't surprising in and of itself. We all know we have a few taking up space on Beacon Hill that hate the fact that America even has borders at all. But the idea that this proposal is actually being debated and discussed and given serious consideration boggles the mind. For those who may not have heard, both the Massachusetts State Senate and House of Representatives are taking up what's cunningly and cleverly titled the "Safe Communities" bill. If passed and signed into law, this would prohibit state funding to be used for law enforcement to assist ICE agents in identifying and apprehending illegal immigrants, including the hardened criminals among them. It could also negate the cooperation that now exists between the state and the feds.

Fortunately, and so far at least, Governor Charlie Baker has come out in opposition to this bill put forth by a couple of Democrat members of the Legislature. That's good news if he sticks by that position and then vetoes it if it receives enough votes to actually pass. Some say making Massachusetts a sanctuary state is far too crazy and irresponsible an idea to get enough legislators to approve such a thing. Oh really? Have you forgotten which state we live in? I know, I often bring up the follies and lunacy that goes on in the state of California as I did this week already. But this is an idea that politicians in that state are all for. One only has to look at the economic conditions and crime rate that dominates that west coast nut farm. Why would we want to

emulate anything they do out there?

Common sense tells thinking people that if a city, state or county heralds itself as a sanctuary, which will protect illegal activity, it makes those locations magnets for criminals. It stands to reason that they will take up residence in places where their safety is pretty much assured. Yes, most of us understand this, but it makes no difference to the open borders crowd, the more illegals the better. Their motives are clear.

Here again, we have certain elected officials and special interest

groups that want to be able to pick and choose which laws should be obeyed and which they should be able to ignore. Let's hope there are enough members of the legislature that have the courage to stand up to the bullying tactics and the politically correct pressure from their misguided colleagues and a news media that, more so than ever, does not have the safety and security of the American people as their goals. Safe Communities? No, Sanctuary State. Just call it what it is and stop trying to con the public.

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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.

### Will incoming General Electric CEO actually shore up company's ties to Boston?

Considering how recently General Electric moved its headquarters to Boston, it's somewhat understandable that some are left nervous by yesterday's news that chief executive Jeff Immelt, the corporate driver of the GE relocation, is stepping down later this summer. But the Globe has an excellent package, via columnist Shirley Leung and its team of business reporters, about how John Flannery's elevation to CEO may actually bode well for GE's commitment to the city, especially its booming health-care business now headquartered in the health-care R&D capital of the nation, if not the world. WGBH's Marilyn Schairer has more on the same angle, quoting Shirley Leung quite extensively.

Though Mayor Walsh admits he was "caught off guard" by Immelt's announcement, the Herald's Dan Atkinson is reporting that Walsh isn't worried at all about GE's commitment to Boston. The BBJ has a "seven things you should know" piece about Flannery, including the fact that he vacations on Nantucket, acting as sort of local anchor keeping him here, we presume. He's also a huge Red Sox fan and his parents and grandparents grew up here, according to published reports.

### The Question 4 overhaul, unveiled

As expected, the planned legislative overhaul of the Question 4 initiative legalizing marijuana is pretty extensive, with lawmakers proposing to double the total tax on pot sales, giving local boards and councils more power to ban marijuana shops and stripping Treasurer

Deb Goldberg of sole responsibility for regulating the pot industry in Massachusetts. The Globe's Joshua Miller and the Herald's Matt Stout and Commonwealth's Jack Sullivan have comprehensive takes on the legislation that committee members plan to vote on today and that House members will vote on tomorrow.

The proposed 28 percent tax rate, frankly, is a surprise, seeing how many lawmakers, including Sen. Pat Jehlen, chairwoman on the Marijuana Policy Committee, have warned that the tax rate should be kept relatively low to discourage the emergence of a marijuana black-market. But it seems a majority of the commission are going for broke on the tax-rate issue. Needless to say, Question 4 backers are furious over the legislative plans.

### Boston's Tall Ships extravaganza deemed a high-security risk event

The Globe's Brian MacQuarrie and the Herald's Dan Atkinson are both reporting that the upcoming Tall Ships event in Boston has been designated as one of the highest security risks in the nation, right up there with the Super Bowl in terms of requiring extra security. Gov. Charlie Baker, Mayor Marty Walsh and law enforcement officials are expected to address security measures and concerns at a press briefing later today.

### Capuano rips fellow Dem's aggressive push for Trump impeachment

Emotions are high and getting higher within Democratic ranks over the impeachment issue. Mike Lillis at The Hill reports that U.S. Rep. Michael Capuano of Massachusetts confronted a fellow Democrat dur-

ing a closed-door caucus hearing yesterday, denouncing his aggressive impeachment push as a selfish move that could harm Democrats and Democratic candidates. Demanding that more party discussions are needed on the impeachment issue, Capuano is quoted as saying: "Emotions are high. These issues have political implications and government ones."

The incident makes you appreciate more this past weekend's Boston Globe piece by Victoria McGrane and Astead Herndon about the growing divisions among Democrats over how hard to push impeachment, if at all, at this time.

### Newbury Street pot dispensary, anyone?

As Beacon Hill lawmakers prepare to unveil proposed marijuana regulations, Boston City Councilor Josh Zakim has filed paperwork for a hearing on a nonprofit's proposal to open a pot dispensary in Boston's tony Back Bay, specifically at 331 Newbury St., writes Antonio Planas at the Herald. Surprisingly, there's no immediate NIMBY alert to report.

### 'Shadow deal' paves way for Winthrop Square tower and Greenway funding

We're not quite sure how all the pieces of the puzzle fit together, but the Globe's Tim Logan and Joshua Miller say they fit, so we'll trust their judgment: "The City of Boston, Baker administration officials, and key Beacon Hill lawmakers have reached a tentative agreement on a deal that would smooth the way for a massive skyscraper to rise over Winthrop Square and could help finance the Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy

Greenway over the next decade."

### Amherst lawmaker wants to let non-citizens vote in local elections

Ah, freshman lawmakers. From SHNS's Stephanie Murray at MassLive: "Amherst Rep. Solomon Goldstein-Rose has filed a bill that would grant voting rights to noncitizens in town elections, a move he says would make the town more inclusive for the many international professors and graduate students living permanently in the college town."

### Baker's new cabinet-level tech office will need \$15M to get up and running

Gov. Baker's plan to elevate the state's IT agency to a cabinet-level position will require an annual \$15 million if it's going to do its job right, administration officials are saying, according to a report by SHNS's Colin Young.

### Dem Super PAC to 'bird-dog' Diehl and other who challenge Warren

American Bridge PAC, a pro-Democratic group funded partly by billionaire George Soros, has confirmed it plans to track/hound/bird-dog state Rep. Geoff Diehl and any other challengers to U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren in her bid for re-election next year, the Herald's Joe Battenfeld is reporting. Does this mean they're nervous about her re-election – or just acting as a sort of counter-weight to the anti-Warren onslaught recently launched by right-wing groups? Probably a little of both. They're taking no chances.

### Capuano invites transportation secretary to behold Logan noise levels

How nice of Michael Capuano. Think she'll accept? From Meghan Ottolini at the Herald: "The roar from planes flying over East Boston has become so unbearable U.S. Rep. Michael E. Capuano has invited U.S. Secretary of Transportation Elaine Chao to a barbecue at his home to enlighten her on the headache-inducing racket."



## NDEC Summer Classes For High School Students

The Notre Dame Education Center will offer a summer class in high school English beginning Wednesday, July 5. The class will be held Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. for seven weeks. For more information, contact Emily MacMillan, NDEC High School Diploma Program Manager, 617-268-1912, Ext. 384 (emacmillan@ndecboston.org).

Due to a publishing error last week this article was reported in an incomplete form. Our publisher decided to reprint the full article this week because of its timely information.

# GE Stock May Be Fun To Watch

**SOUTH BOSTON TODAY - By Staff**

For many reasons, more for local physical and economic impact, South Boston residents need to keep an eye on GE. Given the investment made by the company and the political capital spent by Mayor Walsh and Governor Baker, the initials, GE, are being imbedded into the collective psyche in Boston and New England. Jobs, of course, are presumed and real estate values will continue to rise and the

South Boston waterfront will continue to build out.

Another way to be watchful of GE is perhaps to buy a little stock. Sort of a way to routinely follow its fortune or misfortune on your way to some Christmas money. It might possibly be better that the half percent you may have gotten from the old South Boston Savings Bank Christmas Club promotion.

Here are some thoughts from industry analyst statements.

Deutsche Bank's John Inch has



the following opinion on General Electric. “General Electric’s weak cash flow could foreshadow a dividend cut in the near future. GE’s \$0.96 annual dividend is significantly more than the \$0.85 of the company’s estimated 2017 industrial free cash flow and roughly in-line with the \$1.00 estimate for 2018, but considering that proceeds from Capital dismantlement and asset sales eventually go away, this high dividend payout would not appear sustainable.” Inch concludes that “the stage is being set for GE to cut its common

dividend, likely as part of an earnings ‘reset’ lower and possibly in conjunction with eventual future leadership change.”

If things go the way Inch suggests, it could get really ugly. But, other analysts don’t necessarily agree but GE did drop a few spots on the Fortune 500 list. Alpha Investing’s David Clark suggest that won’t be as bad as Inch suggests. What’s more, he doesn’t don’t see a dividend cut in the cards in either case. Here is why.

As Clark expresses in his blog,

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# Thank you all so much!

*To my family and friends who have been by my side in this uphill battle, I appreciate your patience, support and your love. I love you all! To the amazing South Boston Community I live in and the Farina's Fighter's, I am overwhelmed with the hard work, love and dedication to making my Friendship Party a success. My words would never be able to express the love and gratitude I have. I would also like to thank everyone who contributed to making my night a wonderful celebration:*

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## Warm Temps and High Tides Lure Crowds to Local Beaches

Story and Photos by Jessica Grande: SBT Entertainment Writer

**T**hough the first day of summer isn't until next Wednesday, June 21st, which of course, marks the start of the Summer Solstice, you'd never know it by last Saturday's and Sunday's crowds that flocked to South Boston's beaches. It was without a doubt, the perfect 'almost summer' weekend and South Boston Today was out and about to check it out. Everything clicked perfectly. The

sun was brightly shining, temperatures were in the 90's, there was a beautiful afternoon high tide and the breeze was blowing just strong enough to keep the humidity at a pleasant level.

From Carson, to M Street and City Point to Pleasure Bay, our beaches; with it's cool, refreshing and yes, clean water beckoned to thousands and by the thousands they did come to swim, sun bathe,

read, socialize and as you'd expect, quietly stare into phone screens. But whatever made you happy could be done at the sea shore. Whether people came alone, with a group of friends or brought the whole family, fun and relaxation were definitely the themes of the days last weekend.

Off shore, the Para-sailors were strutting their skills on the water and in the air. Boats were in

abundance as occupants were seen fishing for that elusive striper, which still haven't yet arrived in large numbers but they will soon. Others were just sailing and/or cruising. Everyone was having a good time. To sum it up, last weekend brought us two perfect lazy, hazy, crazy pre-summer June days that we can only dream about in January. The wait was long but it has arrived – finally.





## Tall Ships Return To Southie This Saturday *Grand Parade of Sail Begins at 9am*

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY - By Staff

**T**he long-anticipated arrival of the Tall Ships and the events that accompany them begins this coming Saturday, June 17th with the Grand Parade of Sail. Long time South Bostonians, who have witnessed the Tall Ships arrival in previous years know what to expect. For those new to the neighborhood and to the expected massive crowds that will descend on the city for the event who have never seen it, prepare yourselves to be impressed.

Sail Boston has organized this 6-day event - 7 day if you count the opening ceremony on Friday the 16th at the Boston Harbor Hotel Rotunda - that will highlight and celebrate the maritime culture that has been centered in and around Boston since the 1700's and continues to this day. A series of attractions will be going on sure to delight people of every age and as stated, it all begins with the Grand Parade of Sail. Approximately 50 of the world's most magnificent sailing ships will parade into Boston Harbor from countries all around the world. Skillful sailors will man the craft and carefully maneuver their vessels through the channels, around the buoys and sandbars as they delight the crowds with colorful sails fluttering in the breeze. Among the ships that will be participating and representing America is the US Coast Guard Cutter Eagle. A proud training ship that's grace and beauty is right up there with the best of them. The Eagle will lead off the procession. The Grand Parade of Sail will

begin at 9am on Saturday, June 17th and is expected to last until about 3pm. It will take that long for all the ships to sail into their assigned berthing areas. Among the best viewing locations will be our own Castle Island. Other choice viewing places will be along the South Boston Waterfront, the Sea Port District, the North End, Charlestown and East Boston.

In addition to the actual parade of ships, there will be Sail Boston Festivals held at the Boston Fish Pier and at the Charlestown Navy Yard open to the public. And if seeing these beautiful ships sail by isn't quite enough for you, there will be opportunities for the public to view them at their berths and to board them and tour them as well. In addition to all the other scheduled events, there will be a Sail Boston Worship Service to be held at the new Our Lady of Good Voyage Chapel at its waterfront location where sailors from the various ships will be taking part. The worship service will be on Sunday, the 18th of June from 10-10:30am.

This will be quite a weekend and a week to follow as well. There will be printed schedules of all the events of the week distributed throughout the neighborhood and you can check the South Boston Today Face Book pages for continuous updates and reminders.

Reminder: As with every event of this magnitude with this many people coming to town, in today's environment, very tight security measures have necessarily been put into place. You can check last Week's South

Boston Today for the full list of what will be allowed to be brought in to the viewing areas and what will be prohibited. You can also check the Sail Boston website for full details at [info@sailboston.com](mailto:info@sailboston.com) or call them by phone at 617-439-7700.

Remember also that there will be road closures, detours and restricted areas for parking during the en-

tire event. There will be disruptions of everyday life in the community. There is no way to sugar coat this fact. Many residents have told SBT that they plan to leave town for the duration to avoid the massive crowds and disruptions. This is understandable. But for those who plan to stay local, some inconvenience can be expected.



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## Old Glory Has A Magnificent History *Flag Day Celebrated June 14, 2017*

Most Americans are proud of our country's Flag. Affectionately known as 'Old Glory', the brightly colored Red, White and Blue banner in a variety of sizes is everywhere and not just on government buildings. It flies majestically from millions of private homes, at sporting events, from the stores and shops of businesses; large and small and pretty much waves in the breeze in just about every direction we look. Here in South Boston, just as it is all across our nation, it is a familiar part of our everyday lives.

Old Glory has been through a lot. It's been carried into battle by patriotic American warriors who put their lives on the line to defend and protect the freedom and liberty that the flag represents and like most cherished symbols, it has a fascinating history.

The idea of an annual day specifi-

cally celebrating the flag is believed to have first originated in 1885. A man named B.J. Cigrand who was a school teacher arranged for his students in Fredonia, Wisconsin to observe June 14th, which was the 108th anniversary of the official adoption of the Stars and Stripes as 'Flag Birthday', later changed to Flag Day. And the idea caught on and spread like wildfire across the land from 'sea to shining sea'. State after state fell in line with the notion that yes, a flag such as ours should in fact have a special day designated in its honor.

In 1894, the governor of New York directed that the flag be displayed on all public buildings. With B.J. Cigrand as one of the moving spirits, an organization in the state of Illinois known as the American Flag Day Association was formed for the purpose of holding Flag Day exercises.

On June 14th of that year, that association organized a general public-school children's celebration with more than 300,000 school children participating. On that day, Franklin K. Lane, the sitting Secretary of the Interior for the United States Government gave an address to the gathering and included the words that he said the flag had spoken to him. They were the following: "I am what you make me, nothing more. I swing before your eyes as a bright gleam of color, a symbol of yourself." Ah, but the flag became so much more and is such to this day in the eyes and in the hearts of most American citizens.

Inspired by the previous decades of state and local celebrations, Flag Day, the anniversary of the Flag Resolution of 1777 was officially established by the proclamation of president Woodrow Wilson on May

30th, 1916. While Flag Day was celebrated in various communities for years after President Wilson's proclamation, it was not until August 3rd, 1949 that President Harry Truman signed an act of congress designating June 14th of every year as National Flag Day.

Now in 2017, Old Glory still waves proud and brings out the patriotic emotions that reside in the hearts and souls of Americans all over the country. Certainly, the people of South Boston join their fellow country men and women in sharing that collective pride in the greatest nation on Earth.

**Publishers Note:** When a flag is rendered worn or damaged beyond repair due to age or some event that caused damage, it is to be 'retired' in dignity befitting its symbolism. The preferable way is by burning it to ashes during a retirement ceremony.



## New BTU President Jessica Tang Is A Collection Of Firsts

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Furthermore, her election represents a generational shift in power, ushering in a millennial at a time when that demographic tends to be apathetic about unions.

As for the firsts she represents, Tang said she's representative of an organization — and a school district, for that matter — that has become increasingly diverse in every way. She feels that public schools and teachers are under-appreciated and targets of the misinformed. In a recent Boston Globe column, she stated, "I would like to see the teaching profession get respect, and for our union to be heard, and to be part of the solution. And I believe we have to rebuild the labor movement. I'm fighting for teachers, of course, but I'm thinking about all workers and what kind of society we're going to live in."

Tang led a diverse slate of candidates vying for other positions who are stressing inclusiveness in the 10,000-member union. For Tang, who ran unopposed and had the support of outgoing president Richard Stutman, builds on her work over the last four years as the union's founding director of organizing. Tang had emerged in that position as a go-to person for teachers who have issues at their schools or want to spearhead an effort to seek social, racial, and economic justice for the students and families they serve. Teachers describe her as an accessible and tireless advocate who is

willing to listen and take action.

Tang is expected to stay the union course for the time being. A former teacher at the Gavin Middle School which closed in 2011 and became a pilot school, Tang campaigned against a lifting of the charter-school cap last year, supports less standardized testing and more money for public education, and has vowed to fight aggressively for the union's proposals in contract negotiations, which are heading to state mediation.

Ms. Tang, who holds bachelor's and master's degrees from Harvard University, became an activist as an undergraduate, where she was involved in an array of progressive causes, from working in a homeless shelter to protesting displacement in Chinatown. "In college, I really learned about service and advocacy," she said.

As reported upon her election, Malikka Williams, co-chairwoman of the Citywide Parent Council, said Tang also seeks to draw parents into discussions about education policy and advocacy work. "Jessica is the type of person who knows what needs to be done and figures out a way to get it done," Williams said, "and she also knows how to get players to play nicely in the sandbox."

"We are fighting for working conditions that create a sustainable practice," Tang went on to say, "where new teachers aren't burnt out and teachers can have families and not feel that they don't have the time or capacity to be both a teacher and a parent."

## GE Stock

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General Electric's stock is unloved, under-owned and under attack at present. General Electric is the worst-performing stock in the Dow for the last 10 years. The company missed its CFOA (cash flow from operating activities) by a billion dollars in the first quarter alone. After reading these statements, you would probably think it's definitely time to sell. Yet, he says now is exactly the time to buy. Opportunities to buy great companies at a discount don't happen when the company is firing

on all cylinders. What's more, several tailwinds for the stock are present. President Trump's corporate tax reform, regulatory relief, and infrastructure stimulus plans are still on the table. Clark believe these efforts will get approved and will substantially impact General Electric's bottom line.

So, why not make the daily monitoring of GE a little more interesting. Add following GE stock to your daily alerts from Southie Community Bulletin or coffee shop buzz. Could be a nice Christmas or could be more coal.



## Happy Father's Day To All the Dads Out There

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY - By Staff

This Sunday, June 18th is Father's Day. God Bless Them All. Father's Day is a time to honor fathers and to celebrate fatherhood, paternal bonds and the influence of fathers in society. In Catholic Europe, it has been celebrated on March 19th since the Middle Ages. This celebration was brought by the Spanish and Portuguese to Latin America, where March 19th is often still used for it, though many countries in Europe and the Americas have adopted the US date, which is always the 3rd Sunday in June.

It is celebrated on various days in many parts of the world, most commonly in the months of March and May. It complements similar celebrations honoring family members such as Mothers Day, Siblings Day and Grandparents Day.

America's first Father's Day was celebrated on June 19th, 1910 in the State of Washington. However, it was not until 1972 – 58 years after President Woodrow Wilson made Mother's Day official – that the day honoring fathers became a nationwide holiday in the United States. *Note: some source notes: Wikipedia.*

## Celebrating Father's Day



*Any man can be a Father  
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## BOSTON SPORTS CENTERS OFFER FREE SUMMER FUN

**B**oston Parks and Recreation Department announces the return of free youth Sports Centers at White Stadium in Franklin Park, Moakley Park in South Boston, and East Boston Stadium featuring professional instruction in a number of popular sports from July 10 to August 18.

The Sports Centers are offered free of charge to Boston residents and open to boys and girls ages 7 to 14. The program offers progressive skill development to city youngsters in July and August.

The East Boston Summer Recreation and Sports Center at East Boston Memorial Park is a full day drop-in program for Boston residents ages 7 to 14. Children may participate in a number of supervised activities including sports, games, and arts and crafts. The program runs from July 10 through August 18, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Pre-registration is recommended and space is limited. For more information, please call (617) 961-3085 or email cheryl.brown@boston.gov.

The Moakley Park Sports Center in South Boston is a full day drop-in program for Boston residents ages 7 to 14. The program runs from July 10 through August 18, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Children can participate in many traditional and non-traditional recreation activities. Parents may register

their children for one day, a week, or the entire summer. For more information, please call (617) 961-3093 or email barbara.hamilton@boston.gov.

The White Stadium Sports Center in Franklin Park will feature several sports from July 11 through August 18, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., with youngsters choosing a favorite to participate in each week. The sports offered throughout the program include volleyball, lacrosse, tennis, basketball, Double Dutch, track and field, football, soccer, and baseball/softball.

The White Stadium Sports Center also hosts Monday workshops from July 17 to August 14 offering boys and girls the opportunity to participate in a five-week reading, writing, and math enrichment program. Pre-registration is required and space is limited. For more information on all White Stadium Sports Center programs, please call (617) 961-3092 or email larelle.bryson@boston.gov.

Highly skilled clinicians will teach all Sports Center sessions. Please note that lunch is provided at all locations but participants must provide their own transportation and pre-registration is required for both groups and individuals. For more information or to register, please go to [apm.activecommunities.com/cobparksandrecdepart/Home](http://apm.activecommunities.com/cobparksandrecdepart/Home).



## Soccer League Registration open

**T**he Boston Parks and Recreation Department has announced that registration is now open for the 2017 Boston Neighborhood Soccer League (BNSL). This five-week, full-sided league offers young soccer players ages 8 to 14 the opportunity to compete against each other and develop their skills. The program divisions include Grades 3 & 4 (U10), Grades 5 & 6 (U12), Grades 7 & 8 (U14). The Parks Department also hosts a Pee Wee Soccer program for youth ages 6 to 8 where players learn the basics of team soccer.

Teams play two games a week Monday through Thursday in the evenings. In case of game cancellation due to inclement weather, make-up games may be played on Fridays. The league will run from Monday, July 10, through Thursday, August 10. Pre-registration is required. Players can register online at: <https://apm.activecommunities.com/cobparksandrecdepart/Home>

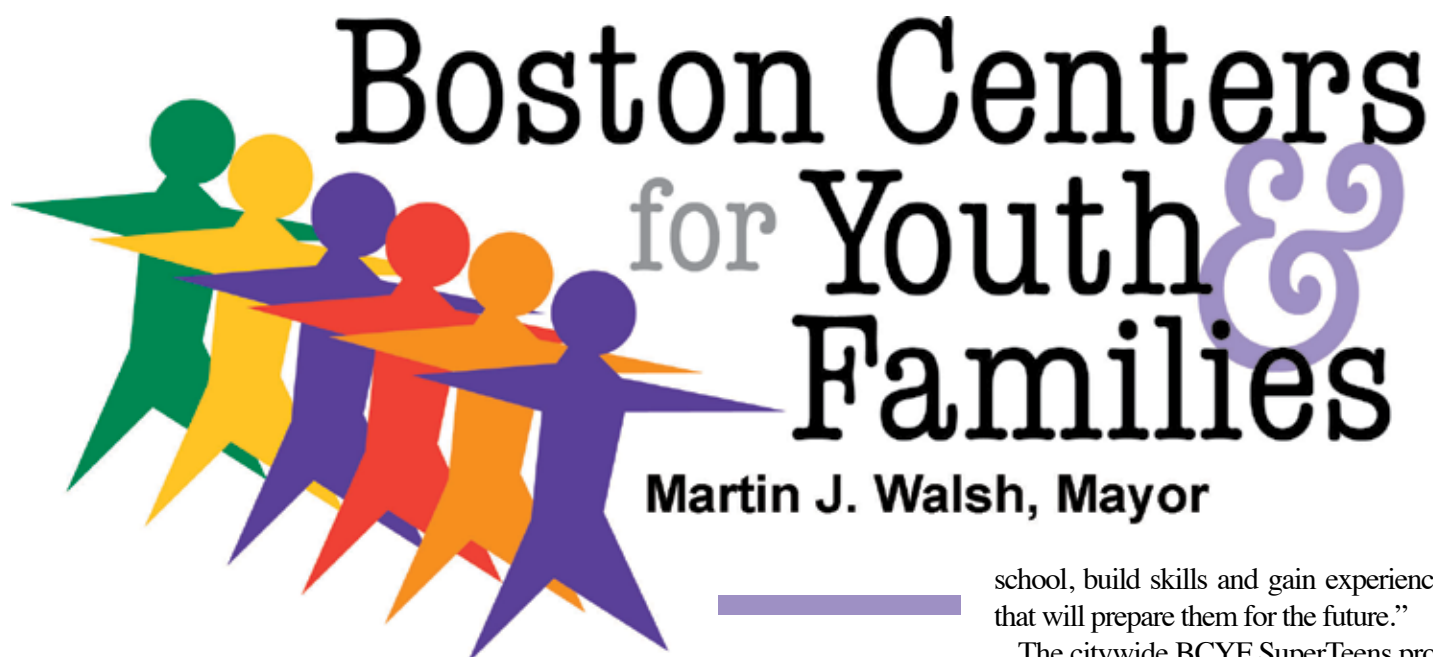
For more information about BNSL, contact Woodley Auguste at (617) 961-3084 or email [woodley.auguste@boston.gov](mailto:woodley.auguste@boston.gov)

## MAYOR'S CUP SOCCER TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION

**R**egistration is now open for the inaugural Mayor's Cup U16/U18 Soccer Tournament hosted by Mayor Martin J. Walsh and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department. The Mayor's Cup U16/U18 Soccer Tournament will be held on June 24 and 25 at Moakley Park in South Boston. The divisions are Grades 9/10 (U16) and Grades 11/12 (U18).

Registration is open now through Monday, June 19. Teams may register online at [apm.activecommunities.com/cobparksandrecdepart/Home](http://apm.activecommunities.com/cobparksandrecdepart/Home). For more information, please contact Woodley Auguste at [woodley.auguste@boston.gov](mailto:woodley.auguste@boston.gov) or call (617) 961-3084.





## BCYF Teen Program to Receive \$100,000 Grant

**T**he Foundation for Boston Centers for Youth & Families (BCYF) is one of 100 local nonprofits to receive a grant of \$100,000 through the Cummings Foundation's \$100K for 100 program to support the BCYF SuperTeens summer pre-employment program. The Foundation for BCYF was

chosen from a total of 549 applicants during a competitive review process.

"I want to thank the Cummings Foundation for their support of Boston's youth and families," said Mayor Martin J. Walsh. "The SuperTeens program is a great opportunity for our 13 and 14 year olds to continue learning outside of

school, build skills and gain experience that will prepare them for the future."

The citywide BCYF SuperTeens program provides 250 youth ages 13-14 with the opportunity to attend weekly leadership development workshops, gain work experience in BCYF community centers and participate in field trips to Boston's arts and cultural institutions. Program goals include providing hands-on work experience and/or service experience for each youth, engaging youth in high-quality leadership development workshops based on BCYF's Youth Development Outcomes, and developing creative writing skills by teaching youth

to share personal learning experiences in writing. The youth receive a stipend at the end of the summer for successful completion of the program.

The \$100K for 100 program is benefiting 35 different cities and towns in Massachusetts. Through this place-based initiative, the Cummings Foundation aims to give back in the areas where it owns commercial buildings managed by its affiliate, Cummings Properties.

"Nonprofit organizations like the Foundation for BCYF are vital to the local communities where our colleagues and clients live and work," Said Joel Swets, Cummings Foundation executive director. "We are delighted to invest in their efforts."

The \$100K for 100 program is benefiting 35 different cities and towns in Massachusetts. This year's diverse group of grant recipients represents a wide variety of causes including homelessness prevention and affordable housing, education, violence prevention and food insecurity. The complete list of winner is available at [CummingsFoundation.org](http://CummingsFoundation.org).

Eighteen BCYF community centers across the city are hosting the SuperTeens program. Learn more about SuperTeens on BCYF's webpage.



## FROG POND SPRAY POOL REOPENS JUNE 29

**B**oston Parks Commissioner Chris Cook and The Skating Club of Boston president Joe Blount are pleased to welcome children and guests to kick off the 2017 summer season as the Boston

Common Frog Pond spray pool reopens on Thursday, June 29. The day will include a fun and exciting celebration at 11 a.m. followed by the opening of the spray pool.

"The Frog Pond spray pool is the

city's downtown spot for Boston's youngsters to cool off in hot weather," said Mayor Martin J. Walsh. "A visit to the Frog Pond can be part of a great family day on Boston Common along with the Tadpole Playground, carousel, food concessions, historic monuments, and the Swan Boats and 'Make Way for Ducklings' figures in the Boston Public Garden."

In addition to activities from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., information regarding upcoming summer programs offered by the City of Boston and the Boston Public Health Commission will be available to families and residents and tasty treats will be provided by in-kind sponsors HP Hood LLC, Lantana Hummus, and Polar Beverages.

The celebration will feature a special visit from official mascot Frog Pond Freddie, entertainment, face painting, activities with Cambridge Science on the Streets, giveaways from Magic 106.7, and an appearance by the costumed character Surly from the movie "The Nut Job 2." In addition, children of all ages

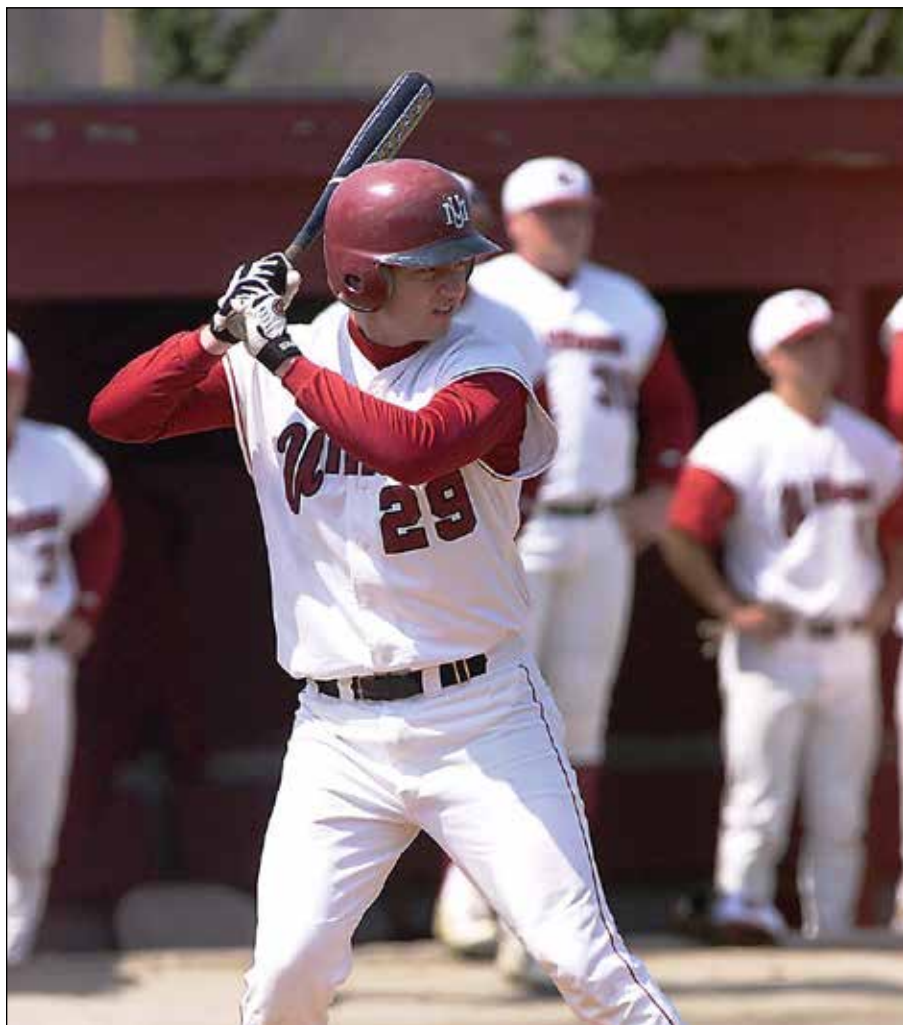
are eligible to enter a summer raffle.

Families will also be able to enjoy a ride on the Boston Common Carousel. The Carousel is handicapped accessible and has height requirements: anyone 42" or taller can ride alone; anyone under 42" requires the presence of an adult. Admission for the ride is \$3 with 10 ride cards available for \$25. Hours of operation are Sunday through Thursday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

A year-round recreational facility, the Frog Pond offers ice skating in the winter, a spray pool and supervised wading for youngsters in the summer, and the Carousel from spring through fall. Information on additional activities offered at the Frog Pond can be found by visiting [www.bostonfrogpond.com](http://www.bostonfrogpond.com).

The Frog Pond spray pool is open for wading daily from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. until Labor Day. The facility is managed by The Skating Club of Boston and staffed by youth workers from the Boston Youth Fund. For further information, please call the Frog Pond at (617) 635-2120.





Matt Reynolds the Student Athlete



Matt Reynolds. Newest UMASS Amherst Head Baseball Coach



Coach Reynolds at Washington College

## Southie Native Matt Reynolds New UMass-Amherst Head Baseball Coach

UMass-Amherst named Southie native Matt Reynolds its new baseball manager and coach, officially announcing a replacement for Mike Stone, who retired after 30 years managing the team. Reynolds managed Washington College over the past three seasons, and was a seven-year assistant at Navy prior to that. He also both played and worked for Stone at UMass. Reynolds spent two seasons playing at UMass in 2003 and 2004, then served as a graduate assistant under Stone for three seasons (2005 through 2007).

"I am pleased to welcome Matt

Reynolds back to Amherst and the University of Massachusetts," UMass Athletic Director Ryan Bamford said in its press release. "Matt comes highly regarded from his coaching peers, UMass teammates and those who have followed his career closely at UMass, Navy and Washington College. Matt is a tireless recruiter who has positively connected with the young men in every program he has been associated with during his career."

"UMass is in my blood," Reynolds said in the same press release. "I am humbled and honored to take the reins, particularly following the retirement of a man that has given

so much to UMass baseball, to me, and to countless other alumni, coach Mike Stone. I would like to thank Ryan Bamford for putting his trust in me to be the next head coach of the Minutemen. I would also like to thank my wife, Alex, my extended family, friends and colleagues for their support that led me to this day. I am excited to get back to Amherst and get to work."

Reynolds is a Boston Latin school graduate and former baseball captain and dual county league MVP. He was also the Captain of the Minutemen team. While there, UMass won a regular season title in 2003, was named to

the All A-10 Tournament team, and was UMass' team MVP in 2004.

He'll inherit a UMass team that went 15-32 last season. Washington College went 18-15 in Reynolds' first season and 26-12 last year, the second-most wins in program history, before finishing 15-23 this year. Stone retires as the winningest coach in UMass history (750 wins). UMass appeared in the NCAA tournament twice, won two Atlantic 10 tournament titles and eight A-10 regular season titles during his tenure.

Reynolds holds two degrees from UMass -- a BA in communications and a master's in education technology.



## SBLI - Youth Fitness Program

The South Boston Leadership Initiative will once again be hosting a summer long Youth Fitness Program to be held at Farragut Park, and will meet every morning from Monday to Thursday (7:30am-10:00am) outside of the Murphy Rink. The start date is Wednesday July 5th and will run

for eight weeks. The program is free and open to anyone between the ages of 12-18. This specialized program, led by South Boston resident Thomas Regan, will look to use fitness and nutrition as a means of instilling healthy lifestyles to the youth in South Boston. While focusing on everything from flexibility to

nutrition to sport-specific weight training, each participant will improve not just physically but mentally as well. Farragut Park should provide the perfect setting to enjoy a successful summer! **For detailed information and to sign up, please go to: [www.SouthBostonLeadership.org/fitnessprogram](http://www.SouthBostonLeadership.org/fitnessprogram)**





*This week, Danny shared his thoughts on some of the top stories in the sports world:*

First off, congratulations to the Pittsburgh Penguins and Golden State Warriors on winning their respective championships this week. The Penguins defeated the Predators in Game 6 in Nashville to win back-to-back Stanley Cups, while the Warriors defeated the Cleveland Cavaliers in Game 5 in Golden State to win their second NBA Championship in three years. The MVPs were Pittsburgh's Sidney Crosby and Golden State's Kevin Durant. Both all-stars. Both future Hall-of-Famers. And both will probably win more championships as their careers play out. But only one of the two got to hoist the greatest trophy in sports. That was Crosby.

It's an embarrassing moment for the NBA when its championship is given out the day after the Stanley Cup is won. And for those who listen to my show, you know I go on this rant every single year around this time. Nothing compares to the Stanley Cup. This isn't a knock on the sport of basketball. I love watching the NBA, especially the playoffs. But the way they handle their championship celebration is just awkward, especially when compared to how the NHL celebrates.

Let me break it down for you. It

happens like this every year. When a team wins the Stanley Cup and that clock strikes zero, the entire team skates down to the goaltender as fast as they can, throwing their gloves, sticks, and helmets in the air. They celebrate as a team for at least five minutes somewhere around their own net, as the losing team watches from the other side of the rink with immense disappointment. Then a handshake line between the two teams takes place at center ice. It's followed by the winning team awaiting its ultimate prize.

No, not the MVP trophy. The commissioner announces and gives the Conn Smythe trophy out first. This year, Crosby won it. As it was being announced, Crosby was in the middle of taking a selfie on the ice with several teammates. No lie. Somebody had to interrupt and tell him to go get it. So, he did. But he immediately gave the Conn Smythe trophy to somebody else for them to hold.

Because the NHL's celebration is all about the Stanley Cup. Nothing else matters. So, when Crosby goes up to accept the Cup, his MVP trophy is somewhere off to the side. The celebration doesn't really begin until that Cup is hoisted over the

captain's head, usually followed by a "YA BABY" or a "WOOOOOO" or a "[EXPLETIVE] RIGHT!"

They continue to pass the Cup from player to player. Everyone gets a chance to give it a kiss and hoist it over their head. That celebration continues in the dressing room, where champagne is sprayed and beer is drunk out of the Cup. Now, champagne is sprayed in the NBA Champion's locker room too. But that's pretty much the only similarity the two celebrations have.

When a team wins the NBA Championship, like Golden State this year, usually the first thing you see is their handshakes and hugs with players from the losing team. The true celebration doesn't really begin until the losing team has left the court and a stage is set up in the middle of the arena. That's where the NBA commissioner gives out the Larry O'Brien trophy, which is also known as the NBA Championship.

That's right, they give out the NBA Championship first. Then they give out the MVP trophy, also known as the Bill Russell Award. This year, it went to Durant. When they do it this way, it feels like they're making the NBA Championship a throwaway prize. As if to say,

"Here's the NBA title, but now it's time to celebrate the Finals MVP!"

That's not a good look, especially when you watch how the NHL celebrates with the Stanley Cup the night before. The NBA's championship celebration would be the equivalent of the Penguins receiving the Cup FIRST, and then Crosby skating around with the Conn Smythe as if that's what he had set out to win.

But that's not how the NHL does it. And it's another reason why the Stanley Cup is the greatest trophy in sports. Nothing compares. Not the NBA, not the NFL, not MLB, nothing. For example, do NBA players each get a day with the Larry O'Brien Trophy after they win it? Or has Tom Brady ever taken the Lombardi Trophy home to a barbecue? What about the World Series trophy? Can you eat cereal out of that thing? The answer is no.

Take nothing away from the champions in every other sport. But just know that the best championship trophy and celebration is in the NHL. That was once again proven true this week.

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