



Harbor Islands Opportunity Template From New York



Does the creative and aggressive approach of the City of New York’s planning for Governor’s Island provide a template for leveraging the Boston Harbor Islands potential as both an economic and recreational resource that can be enhanced for greater public benefit? Crain’s Business Report, excerpted below, lays out some interesting ideas for an Island, such as Peddocks.

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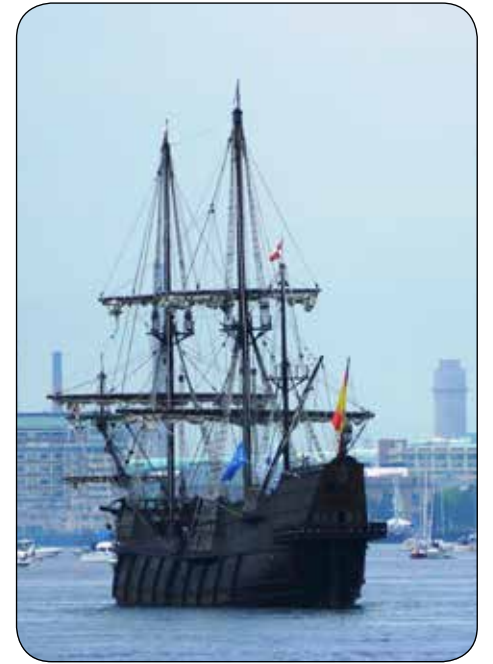
The Tall Ships A Sight To Behold

Some people left town during Sail Boston weekend wanting nothing to do with all the road closures, detours, massive crowds, noise, security checks and traffic and let's face it – a tremendous amount of inconvenience. It's understandable. It can be a pain in the neck trying to carry on with our day to day lives during such a massive event. A million plus extra people descending upon any location has the potential to put a crimp in daily rou-

tines. But for those who did stay in town to see the Tall Ships, they certainly were treated to an event of epic proportions. These beautiful sailing ships from all over the world, chief among them America's pride, the US Coast Guard's 'Eagle' are magnificent and even the heavy fog as the parade began early on couldn't diminish their beauty.

The organizers did a great job. It took a lot of planning. The fact that South Boston's longtime friend David Balfour

played a major putting it together added to the professionalism that was so evident during it all. Whenever Mr. Balfour is involved in anything, it's a good bet it will be big, successful and spectacular. Boston could not possibly host an event of this magnitude on a regular basis. It comes around occasionally and that's a good thing. But when such a gathering of Tall Ships does grace Boston Harbor with their presence, it really is something to experience and to always remember.



"The Constitution only gives people the right to pursue happiness. You have to catch it yourself" - Benjamin Franklin



Perry School Performers Visit the State House

BOSTON- Last week State Representative Nick Collins and Senator Linda Dorcea Forry welcomed a group of students from the Perry School in South Boston at the State House for a concert performance. The students are part of the New Philharmonia Orchestra and performed in front of guests, staff, and elected officials. The New Phil is a music education program that supplements academic education to bolster creativity and self-confidence.

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Let the Penalty fit the Crime/Sales Tax Holiday?

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

This newspaper usually runs an editorial each week. Some are pleasant, some are not but all try to touch on subjects and issues that are current and on the minds of many of our readers. Last week's South Boston Today editorial touched on a subject that is unpleasant no matter which way you look at it. It touched on the opioid crisis and the scourge that dangerous drugs are bringing down upon not only the people who use dangerous drugs such as heroin and fentanyl and a variety of other substances but also on the families of the users and in fact entire communities. We focused on what to do about the dealers who sell the poisons that are causing so many to overdose and often die because of it. One state has proposed charging drug dealers who are convicted of providing the drugs that cause a person to die with second degree murder. Well, as you can imagine, the subject

brought in quite a bit of feedback from readers and most of that feedback was in favor of a murder charge being given to such offenders.

The fact is something needs to be done to combat the scourge. It seems no place is free of the dangers and it gets worse by the day. Apparently, the methods being used to combat the problem aren't working very well. Something new and harsher needs to be tried and if charging dealers with murder with the sentences that go with a murder charge is what it takes to put an end to the crisis, let's do it. Maybe it will scare some of the dealers into new careers if they know they will face prison time or worse. Locking them up for as long as the law allows will get some of them off the streets and that's a good thing. Dealers who sell deadly drugs; especially when they target kids as many of them do, deserve no mercy or compas-

sion. Maybe the state of Massachusetts is a bit too liberal to be able to convince our law makers to propose such a law but we won't know unless we try and then keep the pressure on them. By the response our editorial received, it's clear that there are quite a few of you who believe as I do. You're tired and fed up with hearing about lost lives and shattered families and entire communities devastated by the loved ones who are no longer with us because of deadly drugs. It's time to choke off the supplies starting with the source.

On another, more positive subject, Governor Baker said Tuesday that Massachusetts legislators should give consideration to bringing back the sales tax holiday this summer. 'Ya Think?' Since 2004 until 2015, the state suspended the sales tax for one weekend every August to give shoppers and businesses a break. It was popular

and it boosted retail sales through the roof. How bad do so many at the state house look when they voted to kill the sales tax holiday during the same year that they voted themselves a massive pay raise? Can it get any more brazen than that? We often hear complaints from state officials about the thousands of Bay State residents who do their shopping across the state border because there is NO sales tax up there. Perhaps showing a little good faith and good will toward Massachusetts consumers and giving them a weekend free of taxes might convince many of them to stay local and shop local. Come on, its one crummy weekend in August. It won't bankrupt the state and it might actually ease the tempers of many voters still furious at the size of the raise the politicians so generously gave themselves at taxpayers' expense. Sound fair?



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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.

NIMBY alert: Opposition grows to supervised-injection site

You knew this would happen: City councilors and residents are raising concerns about a proposed supervised injection site for drug users in Boston, according to reports by Milton Valencia at the Globe and Dan Atkinson at the Herald. This doesn't bode well for putting injection sites across the state to combat the opioid-abuse crisis.

Good-bye, old presses and Dorchester

As the Globe officially moves its digs from Dorchester to downtown Boston this week, the Globe Magazine ran a big spread over the weekend about the closing of its long-time printing presses on Morrissey Boulevard – with some cool photos and printing stats. Meanwhile, a Globe editorial this morning bids farewell and thanks to its neighbors in Dorchester.

T pension finances 'deteriorating rapidly'

The fiscal health of the T's pension fund is "deteriorating rapidly" and its unfunded liability now tops \$1.2 billion, far higher than previous projections, the MBTA's interim general manager warned yesterday, as reported by the Herald's Matt Stout.

Feds vote to block DraftKings-FanDuel merger

On any other day, this would be the top local business story, if it wasn't for a certain biotech announcement by the governor. Via Kelly O'Brien at the BBJ: "The U.S. Federal Trade Commission voted on Monday to block the merger of daily fantasy sports rivals DraftKings (of Boston)

and FanDuel (of New York), arguing that the combined company would control more than 90 percent of the market and lead to 'anticompetitive effects.'" The good news: Though DraftKings had vowed to remain in Boston post-merger, there can now be no doubt: Boston will remain its home, assuming the FTC decision is legally approved.

Despite budget squeeze, Baker open to sales tax holiday this summer

Even though the state is facing a half-billion-dollar budget shortfall, Gov. Charlie Baker yesterday said he's open to the idea of resurrecting a sales tax holiday for shoppers in August. "I think we should take a look at it and consider doing it," Baker said. "It's very tough to be in retail these days and I think it's something that's worth consideration." SHNS's Matt Murphy has more.

Santander Bank among companies pushing for carbon tax

In a Washington Post op-ed, Harvard economist Larry Summers and former Secretary of State George Shultz reveal that Santander Bank and Martin Feldstein, a Harvard economist and president emeritus at Cambridge's National Bureau of Economic Research, are among the founding members of a new bipartisan, corporate-backed Climate Leadership Council pushing for a carbon tax.

State House leaders confident pot compromise can be reached

After a roller-coaster ride late last week and over the weekend, State House debate over new marijuana taxes and regulations

seemed to calm down yesterday, as Gov. Baker and legislative leaders expressed confidence that a compromise bill can be hammered out by the end of this month, reports SHNS's Colin Young at WBUR. Meanwhile, the Dig's Dan McCarthy unloads on the 'Beacon Hill Cannabis Follies' and the six months of procrastination that's led to the recent rush and rancor to pass legislation.

Jill Stein calls it a 'great honor' that she's still mentioned in the news

Lexington resident and Green Party presidential candidate Jill Stein isn't taking the blame for helping to tip key Midwestern swing states to Donald Trump last November, Ben Schreckinger reports in Politico. In fact, Stein not only isn't apologizing, she calls it a 'great honor' that her party's role in the election is still being debated months later.

Greenway funding deal is contingent on businesses getting their act together

This should have been done years ago. But better late than never: A new deal has been reached to fund Boston's Rose Kennedy Greenway, with the state, city and abutters kicking in funds to operate the crown jewel of the Big Dig project. But there's always a catch, as Commonwealth's Bruce Mohl notes: "The owners of about half the properties along the Greenway agreed to try to form a Business Improvement District that would contribute \$1.5 million a year to the park."

Is a Georgia election today a Scott Brown-beats-Martha-Coakley mo-

ment for Dems?

Scott Brown's shocking special-election victory over Martha Coakley in 2010 galvanized Republicans and arguably helped launch the conservative Tea Party movement. David Bernstein at WGBH wondered if the special Congressional election in Georgia might be a Brown-like moment in reverse for Democrats yearning to dethrone President Trump and Congressional Republicans.

Note: The result is in. NOT

Vennochi: Good old Mr. Flip-flopper is flip-flopping again in Georgia

Meanwhile, the Globe's Joan Vennochi notes how former Mass. Gov. Mitt Romney, once one of the harshest Republican critics of Donald Trump, went all out in support of the Republican candidate in the big special election in Georgia – and defending Donald Trump. And, while she's at it, Joan wonders why former Vice President Joe Biden, a Democrat, recently encouraged Romney to run for the US. Senate in Utah.

Could Supreme Court gerrymandering case impact Massachusetts?

This could be big for minority-party Democrats nationwide – and conversely for majority-party Democrats in Massachusetts, via the Washington Post: "The Supreme Court declared Monday that it will consider whether gerrymandered election maps favoring one political party over another violate the Constitution, a potentially fundamental change in the way American elections are conducted."

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Boston City Council to Hold Hearing Regarding Carbon Footprint of Municipal Buildings

Boston City Councilor Michael Flaherty and City Council President Michelle Wu have offered a hearing order and a resolution to ensure that the City of Boston continues to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions, and remains a regional leader in protecting our natural resources, especially our air and water.

On Friday June 23rd at 11:30am, at the request of Councilors Wu and Flaherty, Boston City Council's Committee on Environment & Sustainability and Boston City Council's Committee on City, Neighborhood Services & Veterans Affairs will hold a joint hearing to discuss strategies to reduce the carbon footprint of Boston City Hall and other municipal build-

ings. This hearing comes at a time when local and state governments across the country are committing to reducing carbon emission in response to a retreat at the federal level from climate adaptation and resiliency. The hearing will investigate ways to green our heating and cooling systems, water management, lighting and electricity usage, improve our recycling and more.

In conjunction with this hearing, Councilors Flaherty and Wu have offered a resolution committing Boston to meet the goals laid out in the Paris Agreement. "Since 2008, I have been looking at ways to green City Hall," said Councilor Flaherty. "But we also need to make sure our neighbors are doing their part to protect vital com-

mon resources, like the ocean and other public waterways. The Paris Agreement gives us a good external metric that we can point to when working with other cities."

"We must act now to fight climate change for the public health of our residents, the future of our economy, and the protection of our environment," said Council President Wu. "Cities must step up and lead, by implementing policies to protect future generations and by taking every possible action within our control to build resiliency. I'm looking forward to making sure City Hall and our municipal buildings meet the highest standards for cost efficiency and sustainability to lead by example."

The Boston City Council's Commit-

tee on Environment & Sustainability and the Committee on City, Neighborhood Services & Veterans Affairs encourage community members to attend the public hearing that will engage officials from the City of Boston's Property Management Department, the Mayor's Cabinet of Energy and Environment and other interested parties. If you are not able to attend the hearing but would like to provide testimony, please send your comments to ccc.es@boston.gov.

WHAT: Boston City Council Greening City Hall Hearing

WHEN: Friday June 23, 2017 at 11:30am

WHERE: Ianella Chamber, 5th Floor of Boston City Hall, One City Hall Plaza



Devin O'Neill – Wentworth



Sammy Valdez – UMASS Lowell • Brooke Steadman – UMASS Boston



Robert Lee – UMASS Boston

South Boston Community Health Center's Youth Ambassadors Class of 2017

It is with great pleasure and pride to present the South Boston Community Health Center's Youth Ambassadors that recently graduated high school and are heading off to college in the fall. All four graduates have been involved in the

Youth Ambassadors program for many years and contributed countless hours of community service, trained as peer leaders and participated in activities designed to strengthen the South Boston community. Please join us in congratulating them on

their accomplishments!

The Youth Ambassadors meet at the South Boston Community Health Center and participate in a wide variety of activities in the areas of community service, teen health, the arts and more. Teens ages 12 – 16 who

would like to make a difference in the community are encouraged to join the group! If you would like more information about the Youth Ambassadors program please contact Linda Doran at the South Boston Community Health Center 617-464-7463.



Housing Boston, One Person at a Time

Last Thursday morning, I walked down West Broadway in Southie, into a bustling Labouré Center. Although it was 7:30 a.m., the energy was high -- the room filled with city and state officials, caseworkers, advocates and volunteers who had arrived at 5 a.m. that day. Together, they were working to provide housing to every homeless elder who walked through the door that morning. By 5:30 a.m., the first guests had begun to arrive; by the time it was over, we had housed 45 people in one morning.

Every single person walking through the door that morning had a story. As someone in recovery, I recognize that everyone has a story of their own. I know how easy it can be to fall into addiction and homelessness after your life becomes destabilized -- whether through illness, losing your job, or losing your home. As I shook the hands of the morning's attendees, I couldn't help but think many of their stories had more similarities than differences to the mayor of Boston's. Some of them had made mistakes when they were younger, but had gotten into recovery and were ready to turn their lives around. That's a very familiar story to me.

Near the end of my visit, I was standing in a room where the Boston

Housing Authority had set up shop, when the room erupted in cheers. I turned to see Lenny, who I had noticed earlier anxiously sitting with his caseworker waiting to hear if he was able to secure an apartment. Now, Lenny was sitting at a table, speechless. With tears in his eyes, he sat staring at a piece of paper. Written on that piece of paper was an address.

His address. After 24 years, Lenny had a home.

Lenny also has a past, as many of us do. But he's also spent years volunteering as a youth basketball coach, serving as an advocate at community events, and improving the youth programs in his neighborhood. His past made it hard for him to find a landlord willing to take him on as a tenant, and though he had tried to find housing many times before with no luck, his caseworker urged him to give it one final shot. I'm so glad they did.

More than 30 organizations came together on Thursday to house chronically homeless elders. As part of the City's Boston's Way Home initiative, the team assembled to ensure that every necessary resource was available to offer seniors the chance to receive housing with long term supportive services. The Commonwealth continues to be a critical partner, ensuring that seniors met with representatives from state



programs funded by MassHealth including the Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE); Senior Care Options (SCO); Pay for Success and Community Supports for Persons Experiencing Chronic Homelessness (CSPECH) to determine their eligibility and interest in these programs.

Healthcare professionals were on site, conducting exams to help seniors qualify for health care services. The Boston Housing Authority set up a satellite office to match seniors with available units. The state's Department of Transitional Assistance helped seniors qualify for benefits, and the Social Security Administration was on site as well to offer assistance. I saw seniors, paired with volunteer ambassadors, with carefully-prepared "passports", which guided them from table to table where they were able to determine their eligibility for various types of health and support services. It was a massive undertaking.

One person I spoke to said that having everything in one spot allowed them to accomplish more in one day than they had been able

to achieve in two years. That's the entire point to Boston's Way Home. We used to help people get into shelter, and that was the end of it. But today, working with countless partners across the city, we have created a new system designed with one goal -- to remove barriers to housing so that anyone who enters shelter leaves quickly, with the services they need to become stable in housing once again.

Thursday's housing surge was the eighth surge we've conducted. Through these surges, more than 225 people have been housed, ending more than 750 years of homelessness collectively. These surges are only one tool that we're using; all together, since launching Boston's Way Home, we have housed more than 1,100 formerly homeless individuals.

On Thursday, we ended 270 combined years of homelessness in one morning. Imagine what we can continue to do together.

If you or someone you know needs help with housing, reach out to Boston's Office of Housing Stability: 617-635-4200, or online at boston.gov/homelessness.



Mayor Martin J. Walsh is alerting Boston's green thumbs that they have until Wednesday, July 12, to register for the 2017 Mayor's Garden Contest presented by the Boston Parks and Recreation Department with a grand prize provided by JetBlue and media

MAYOR'S GARDEN CONTEST DEADLINE JULY 12

support provided by the Boston Herald.

Now in its 21st year, the contest recognizes gardeners who have landscaped, planted flowers, trees, and shrubs, and, in the process, helped beautify Boston's neighborhoods.

Gardeners or those nominating their favorite gardeners may find printable and online nomination forms at www.boston.gov/mayors-garden-contest. First place winners will receive the coveted "Golden Trowel" award from Mayor Walsh and

prize packages from the Parks Department, Mahoney's Garden Centers, and other sponsors at an awards ceremony in August in the Public Garden.

First place winners in this year's Garden Contest will also be entered into a drawing for a JetBlue Grand Prize consisting of roundtrip flights for two to any nonstop destination from Boston. Terms, conditions, and blackout dates apply.

Gardeners who have won three or more times in the last ten years will be

automatically entered into the Hall of Fame and will be recognized at the awards ceremony in late August. These distinguished Hall-of-Famers will be ineligible to enter as contestants but are welcome to return as judges.

To enter the contest, apply online at www.boston.gov/mayors-garden-contest or pick up entry forms at Boston City Hall, Boston Community Centers, and Boston Public Library branches. For more information please call (617) 961-3051.



Today, the Harry McDonough Sailing Center continues to proudly provide for city kids. Thanks to the efforts of the many volunteers and staff that are just as dedicated to the idea as was Harry himself, the program is open for yet another season in 2017. It's because of what the sailing center provides and the symbolism it represents that the annual fundraiser is always such a success. Last week was no different. With the continued support of generous individuals and businesses alike, it will go on forever. This will make a lot of kids and their grateful parents very happy.

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77 Old Harbor St UNIT 1 Condo	\$695,000	5/19/17	5	2	1165
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Commonwealth. *Applications must be received online or postmarked by August 25, 2017, in order for the applicant to be eligible.* “The low plate lottery is our customers’ favorite annual event at the Registry,” said Registrar Erin Deveney. “After such an overwhelmingly positive response last year and an increase in applications, we are happy to continue to offer our customers a streamlined online ap-
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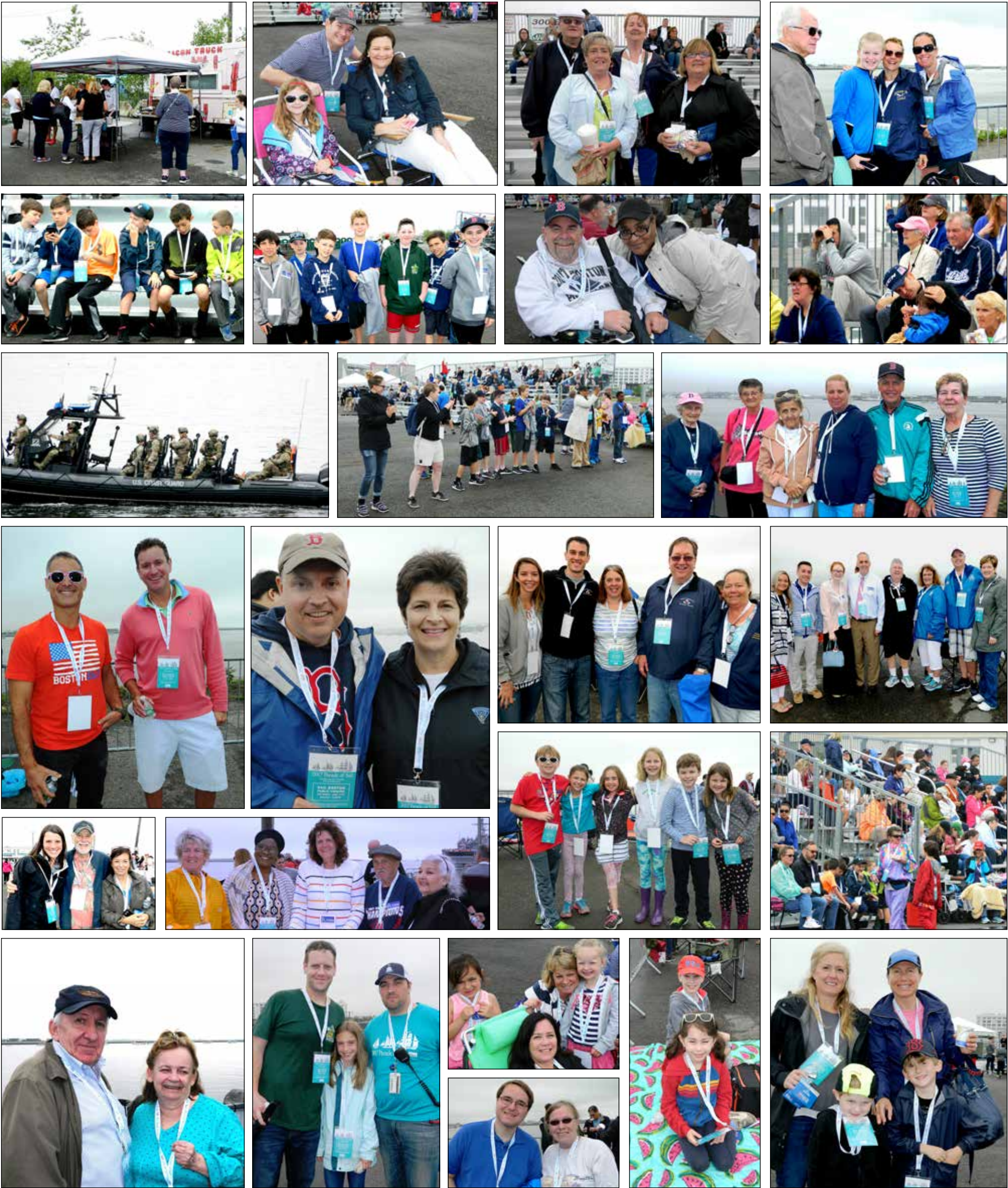
SOUTH BOSTON TODAY - By Staff

It was quite a weekend. The most impressive fleet of Tall Ships assembled in many years arrived in Boston and put on a parade that will probably remain in the memories of those who viewed them forever. Massive sails, some with brilliant colors fluttered in the breeze. The thick fog that hovered over the city

and bay early on was able to delay the start of the parade briefly, but could not dampen the enthusiasm from the crowds of people on hand, who didn't much mind the wait and certainly could not diminish what was a without a doubt a majestic spectacle and an amazing event.

South Bostonians were given the red-carpet treatment thanks to the Massachusetts Port Authority. Mass-







port came through in a big way. Their generosity, organizational talents and attention to every detail had many residents feeling like they were being treated like royalty. They sent air conditioned shuttle busses to all of

the senior housing locations in the community, as well as other designated pickup spots, and provided State Police escorted rides to and from the excellent viewing areas on the South Boston Waterfront that they reserved

for local people.

The Massport staff could not have been more helpful, as they provided free food and beverages and went above and beyond being accommodating and friendly to everyone. They

did it all with a smile and seemed to be enjoying themselves, while doing it. More than one person commented that it was like a Southie reunion at the Waterfront Tall Ships Party, as every one of every age, but especially



all the kids, were having a 'blast'. A special thank you and much appreciation goes to Massport's CEO Tom Glynn and every single member of his wonderful and professional staff for the kind and generous treatment given to the South Boston Community during this beautiful event.

In addition to the South Boston Waterfront area, other Southie locations

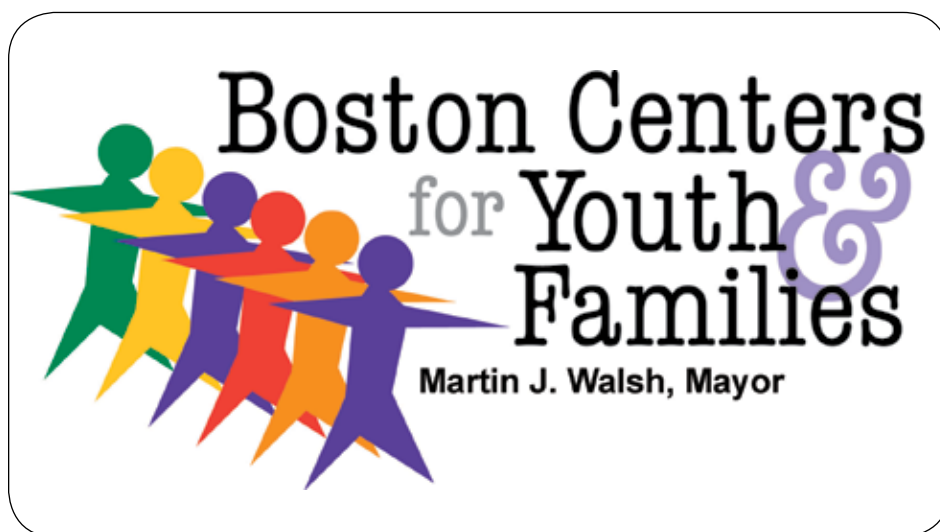
were jammed with spectators, especially Castle Island. Whether you were standing at Fort Independence, gathered near the Pier or camped relaxing on the freshly cut grass, the view of the parading ships was fantastic.

While the hundreds of thousands of spectators were enjoying this special time, there were others working hard to make sure that all went well and

everyone was kept safe. Yes, security was a major concern in the planning of an event as massive as this, and the fantastic members of our law enforcement departments were on the job and on patrol, determined that on their watch, all would be well. Also, to be commended were the other first responders; the EMT's, EMS and our firefighters, who were focused and

ready to assist anyone in need.

It would be difficult for a summer season to kick off in a bigger way. It just doesn't get any bigger and better than Sail Boston and the Parade of Sail and all the other attractions that went along with it in this week-long celebration. If last weekend was any indication, it looks like the Summer of 2017 will be one of the best ever.



BCYF Tynan Happenings

“Fun In The Sun” Summer Camp at the BCYF Tynan starts on July 10th. We still have some slots for those that are still interested. Please come by the BCYF Tynan to register your child. Ages are from 7-13yrs, Monday – Friday, 9am-3pm. The cost is \$350.00 for the entire 7 weeks. The Tynan council run program offers an on-site program which includes a variety of activities such as sports, games, arts & crafts, swimming @

the BCYF Condon pool, Educational and cultural projects and field trips. **BNBL** Pee Wee Development Program: Starting July 11t we will be having the pee wee program every Tuesday and Thursday from 5:30pm-6:30pm. The program is coed and will teach the kids from 6-11 years old the fundamental skills necessary to play team basketball. Drills and noncompetitive games will be the agenda! Come by the BCYF Tynan to sign up.



USA Hockey Elects Tom McGrath To Executive Board

At the 43rd Annual Massachusetts Hockey meetings held in Plymouth MA., South Boston Youth Hockey President, Tom McGrath was re-elected to serve for another three-year term to

the USA Hockey Board of Directors and was also elected to the Mass Hockey Executive Board for one more year.

“I’m honored to receive the support and respect of the Mass Hockey Board

of Directors, who trust in me to continue to grow the game of hockey. I am also looking forward to working with Pat Kelleher, the newly appointed Executive Director of USA Hockey, especially with the Olym-

pics and Paralympics coming in 2018”. McGrath said.

McGrath has served on the Massachusetts Hockey Board of Directors for 13 years and has served on the SBYH Board of Directors for 18 years, 11 as President.

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Pedlocks Island is one of the largest islands in Boston Harbor with 210 acres. Since 1996, it has formed part of the Boston Harbor Islands National Recreation Area. Managed by the Department of Conservation and Recreation, the island is home to the now-defunct Fort Andrews, active in harbor defense from 1904 to the end of World War II, on its eastern end, and a group of privately owned cottages on its western end. Campsites are also on the eastern end. Ferry service between Pedlocks Island and Georges Island (where Fort Warren stands) is provided on a seasonal basis.

In 2005, the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative Renewable Energy Trust commissioned a study on the potential for developing wind, solar and tidal power projects on the islands. Since then, the organization, Boston Harbor Island Alliance plays a key role in maintaining and promoting tourism and the goal of realizing Boston Harbor’s potential to benefit our city and region. Everything they do involves partnering with public agencies, community leaders, businesses and other non-profits. The Governor’s

Island program may be a serious option for Boston.

In 2016, the 172-acre Governors Island opened a new 40-acre park and playground, and according to Crain’s, the area is ready for its next major revitalization. The Trust for Governors Island will roll out a plan to create a 24/7 community with even more public parks, non-profit tenants related to the site’s maritime history, restaurants, and five million square feet of new commercial, office, and education space. The Island was a camping and fishing spot for the Lenape and other tribes of Manhattan. The Dutch settled there in 1624, beginning several centuries of colonial and military use. Using fill from the construction of the Lexington Avenue subway, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers doubled the size of the island in 1912.

Several decades later, it became an official Historic District designated by the city’s Landmarks Preservation Commission. In 2003, the federal government sold the remaining 150 acres of Governors Island to the people of New York, with a deed ensuring much of it be used for public benefit. It officially opened to the public in 2005, when

8,000 visitors came to Governors Island. In 2010, city officials decided to spend \$350 million on water and electricity infrastructure and fund a 40-acre park instead.

In 2013, large ball fields and a greenery with maze-like hedges were built as part of the island’s park. A large series of hills that rise 70 feet above sea level were created in 2016, and providing incredible views of the New York Harbor. Following these investments, visitors to the island increased with more than 500,000 people stopping by last season.

Michael Samuelian, currently the vice president of Related Companies, a company – Related Beal – with projects in Boston, was named the Trust for Governors Island’s president and CEO. Samuelian’s resume includes helping to revitalize Lower Manhattan after 9/11, leading the planning of Hudson Yards, a major development that is transforming a previously undervalued district in Manhattan.

Several challenges face its future. While the city granted the Trust \$34 million to fund their project, it has no other significant income to pay for repairs. A plan is being developed with the city’s Industrial

Development Agency that will help them pay the bills by cutting taxes through waivers of things like the mortgage recording tax and duties on construction materials. Plus, historic tax credits will return 15 cents on every dollar of capital repairs to the landmarked buildings. Future tenants will have to be comfortable making all repairs required under the oversight of the Landmarks Preservation Commission. Other challenges include transportation, and delivery of common city services such as trash collection, mail services, and even food delivery. A new police precinct, medical center, and fire station might also need to be built.

Boston has all of the same ingredients at its disposal that New York is leveraging. A Mayor disposed to growth. A transportation hub with a water-based network that can be enhanced. Non-profits with vision. Experienced developers who understand the value of the natural resource with proper planning. A tourist mecca. More importantly, a potential for actually realizing the goal of bringing the economic largesse of the capital city to the neighborhoods of Boston not yet benefiting. It is certainly a topic for serious discussion.



This week, Danny Picard previewed the NBA Draft with Brandon Wahlberg:

DANNY PICARD: On Saturday night, the Boston Celtics traded the No. 1 overall pick to the Philadelphia 76ers for the No. 3 overall pick. So that's a swap, and the Celtics trade down to No. 3. And also, the Celtics receive a future first-round pick from the 76ers, which is either going to be the 2018 Los Angeles Lakers first-rounder, or the 2019 Sacramento Kings first-rounder, with some complicated protections. I hate the protections. If you're going to trade a first-round pick, just let it be that first-rounder, regardless of where it stands. If I'm the Celtics, I think I probably would have said, "No, if the 2018 Lakers pick is No. 1 overall, we want that." But when I saw this trade go down, I thought, "What else is there? What's the next shoe to drop? This can't be it. This can't be all you receive." We've been talking about Markelle Fultz, for a long time, being the best player in the draft, and that it's a no-brainer, you take Fultz No.

1 overall. So, I jumped on the Fultz hype-train even though I told people many times that I'm a big Josh Jackson guy.

That said, when you get caught up in the Fultz hype-train, you start watching some more of his highlights, and the kid's the real deal. He drives to the basket, he's got size, he's got that step-back jumper, he's 19 years old, he averaged 23 points per game in college. It just seemed to be like, alright if you're going to have No. 1 overall, if you make the pick, you take the best available player. At least, that's what all the experts were telling us for the last three months. And now, the Celtics trade the pick the week of the draft, and here's what I'm hearing from people: all of a sudden, Markelle Fultz is not the guy that we thought he was the last three months. But nothing has changed with the kid. I don't want to begin a smear campaign on Markelle

Fultz, but I feel like some people are doing that. So, when the Celtics trade No. 1 overall, my initial reaction is, I'm expecting them to get more in return than they did. And I don't think there's any blockbuster trade coming. Once you trade out of No. 1, you're definitely not getting Anthony Davis from New Orleans, because they would have wanted No. 1 overall. So, I don't like it, because I don't think they got enough. If you want to trade the No. 1 overall pick, fine. But it better be in a deal that's going to get you a superstar. If you can't do that, then you should make the pick and take Fultz. So, I don't like this trade. **BRANDON WAHLBERG:** I'm going to go the opposite way on that. I personally love the trade. And it's nothing against Fultz. I'm with you on that. Nothing's changed with Fultz. He's going to be a great player. But I just don't think that's what the Celtics were looking for. I don't think they wanted to add

another guard. And I think Danny Ainge thinks he would have handcuffed himself if he has too many guards. Then the value of his guards is lower, because teams will say, "You have to trade these guys, so why would I give you what you want for them." So, I think just adding that extra pick helps a lot, because now, if you do make a Jimmy Butler trade, you can still give them No. 3 overall this year, and have two more top five picks in the next year or so. This just gives them some more ammunition. I love to stockpile picks. I think he's been studying what Bill Belichick has been doing. And I think Jayson Tatum could be the guy. They were looking at Tatum last year, before he started at Duke, thinking he was going to be the projected No. 1 this year. And so I think if you can get him or Jackson, who I'm huge on too. If you can get him at No. 3, and either of those two guys is really who you wanted at No. 1, I think this trade does nothing but help. Because now you're going to get him at No. 3 and you have a little extra ammo to go after a Butler trade.

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