



Elected Officials Demand State Put Brakes On Edison Plant Proposal

Citing a host of concerns, starting with the sheer size of the Edison Plant Proposal by Redgate and Hilco Partners to add nearly 1600 residential apartments and condos, a 150-room hotel, 339,000 square feet of offices and 68,000 square feet of retail space totally some 2.1million square feet of bricks, wood, steel and glass, Congressman Stephen Lynch, Councilor Mike

Flaherty, Senator Linda Dorcea Forny, Rep. Nick Collins have all formally called for the MA Environmental Policy Act agency and Secretary of Energy and Environment Matthew Beaton to not approve the Edison project at this stage in the process of review.

Further to their concerns are the thousands of vehicle trips per day in and out of South Boston that the developers

admit to in their project document. Then there is the small matter of the over \$1billion in State and Federal public money, spent and earmarked, on upgrading Conley Terminal, the CruisePort, the dredging of Boston Harbor and the promotion of expanded commerce that keeps jobs in Boston and Massachusetts.

The Edison Plant is in the Designated Port Area (DPA) and the proposal, as presented, with respect to a hotel and housing, is ‘prohibited’ on this 15.2-acre site. Presumably, the developers were fully aware of that restriction, when they purchased the property from Excelon, the previous and last owner.

In addition, Excelon agreed to a housing exemption clause with Massport, when the Thomas Butler Haul Road upgrade was being negotiated. MassPort, which is understandably concerned about the project, would have to sign off on that exemption.

Congressman Lynch is insisting that a comprehensive community process

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EDITORIAL

Something Red Sox and Yankee Fans Agree On: Our Veterans

The following quote is by Tom Werner, Chairman of the Boston Red Sox regarding last Saturday's tribute to our Vietnam Veterans at the Red Sox/ Yankee's Game highlighting the 50th anniversary of that war. It bears repeating a thousand times: "With such a significant milestone anniversary, we thought it important to recognize the veterans who served during the Vietnam

War. The divisive nature of that conflict coupled with the psychological issues they grappled with upon their return made for an unwelcome homecoming for many of these service members. While we cannot erase the past, this is one small way we can pay tribute to their service and recognize the sacrifice they made for their country."

It was a heartwarming and beautiful ceremony at

Fenway Park last weekend as Major League Baseball honored these heroes in a big way. Tom Werner was absolutely right when he said that many of these brave veterans received an unwelcome homecoming on their return from a brutal war. Those people who took part in calling them 'baby killers, murderers and Nazis back then should forever be ashamed of themselves for what they did.

South Bostonians however can be proud of the way we welcomed our returning warriors home; as heroes who put their lives on the line in defense of freedom as they answered their country's call. And what a tribute it was as the long standing and intense rivalry between the Red Sox and the New York Yankees was put aside as players, coaches and fans from both teams stood together to applaud and to honor these

Vietnam vets, both those who made it home alive and those who did not.

The game itself was like a marathon as it went into 16 innings and ended with a 4-1 Yankee's win. But on this day, all in attendance - team members and fans alike - could claim victory, as they took part in showing our Vietnam Vets how much they are truly appreciated by their fellow country men and women.

"It's a smile, it's a kiss, it's a sip of wine, it's summertime" - Kenny Chesney

Letter to the Editor

To the Editor,

In the upcoming election for District City Councilor, Ed Flynn is the clear choice. I'm supporting Ed's candidacy, because of his tireless dedication to the neighborhood. Whether it's coaching youth sports, advocating for neighbors at community meetings, or his many years of service to his country, Ed has always put the needs of others first.

At City Hall, I know that supporting the community will always be his top priority. On Tuesday, September 26th, I will be proud to cast my vote for Ed Flynn for Boston City Council, and I hope you will consider doing the same.

Sincerely,
Sean Monahan
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Teenage Vandals Acting Badly

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Ok, what's going on? Reports coming in from angry residents all over South Boston indicate that there is what is being called a 'rampage of sorts' taking place. It seems that destruction of property, both public and private, has been happening and is said to be committed by some (not all) of our local teens.

Public underage drinking and smashed bottles are happening regularly at M Street/Medal of Honor Park, The Tynan and Gate of Heaven parking lot with sexual activity also happening in the parish building alcoves, witnessed by neighbors passing by. The area behind South Boston High School called 'No Man's Land', which has been renovated with great care and expense from the generosity of private citizens has been trashed beyond belief. Graffiti, some of it actually containing swastikas, and the names of gangs are being sprayed on walls at area schools and other public buildings. Many other incidents of

senseless and wanton destruction is also happening. Why? There is no rhyme or reason for this.

Gang symbols? Here in South Boston? Come on. This isn't the place for it. No place is really. South Boston is not a ghetto. The people committing these acts should be grateful that South Bostonians, including their parents, have worked tirelessly to preserve its neighborhood values. These kids should immediately stop trying to take us down, because this behavior is doing just that. The word around town is that the names of the kids doing this are known, not just to residents, but also to the police... AND their parents. The questions being asked by many are: what will the police be doing about this? And, where are the parents of these kids?

Years ago, there used to be several thousands of teens living in South Boston. But now, as we all know, there are far fewer. This means that a relatively small number of people are

causing these problems, which should make it easier to control than if it were happening 10 or more years ago.

When complaints of rowdy, drunken and drugged out teens come in, if they are just going to be moved along, even after destroying property, it won't send much of a message to the perpetrators or act as much of a deterrent. And yes, there is the theory that arresting them and bringing them to court will cause them future problems by giving them police records and that would be too harsh. But maybe it's time to throw away the kid gloves and start making examples of some of them to send a very clear message that in this town, you can't act like little terrorists, intimidate your neighbors and destroy property, because it's fun to do and you think it's cool.

If this problem isn't dealt with quickly and effectively, the odds are it won't get better. Alcohol now, drugs later, death to follow? It's not a stretch any more. Maybe it was

just alcohol when their parents were growing up but it's not the case any longer. The burden of that decision – whether to arrest or not – should not be solely on the police. The parents need a wake-up call.

The absence of action is sure to encourage more of it. Smashing glass bottles off walls because you like the sound of breaking glass, 'tagging' buildings with obscene graffiti to mark territory, ripping up playground equipment to show your stupid buddies how strong you are, all might be weekend entertainment, but it needs to come with a heavy price. Spending some time in a jail cell, paying for the damage caused and getting that dreaded criminal record are just some of the many options that can and should be brought down on those who think they have the right to raise hell at the expense of everyone else.

Again, if they are not given serious reasons with severe penalties to stop what they are doing, they won't.



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.

Compromise pot bill already in trouble?

Lawmakers yesterday unveiled a compromise marijuana regulations bill that split the House-Senate difference on taxing retail pot – the new tax would be set as high as 20 percent – and on regulating legalized weed at the state and local levels. But is the new compromise, arriving two weeks past a self-imposed legislative deadline, already in potential legal trouble? The Globe's Joshua Miller reports that one provision — which deals with how cities and towns can ban local pot shops — may “raise state constitutional issues and trigger a challenge in court.” He also writes that, according to outside lawyers, lawmakers may be “venturing onto shaky legal ground by basing the new policy on town-by-town

results of a statewide referendum.”

The House and Senate hope to send the pot bill to Gov. Charlie Baker by the end of this week. There are lots of other stories on the compromise package, including a look at the proposed tax structure by the BBJ's Jessica Bartlett and overview pieces by MassLive's Gintautas Dumcius, the Herald's Dan Atkinson and AP's Bob Salsberg at Wicked Local.

After vetoing \$320M from budget, Baker urges lawmakers to tackle Medicaid reforms

The normally non-combative Charlie Baker appeared a little combative yesterday after the Republican governor vetoed \$320 million from the \$40 billion state budget sent to him by lawmakers, revised revenue estimates downward by \$749 million and urged lawmak-

ers to tackle his proposed Medicaid reforms by mid-September – or face additional spending cuts, according to reports at the Boston Globe and State House News Service (pay wall). “I fully expect that they're going to deal with this,” Baker said. The Medicaid reforms, which were left out of the budget by legislators, were originally tied to a \$200 million employer health-care tax that lawmakers did approve.

Interesting budget tidbits: 4 a.m. liquor hours for casinos and T pension transfer

Gov. Baker yesterday signed, amended or rejected a number of policy riders within the state budget, two of which caught our attention, via the Globe: “Baker approved language, sought by the casino industry, to extend alcohol service at the gambling palaces until 4 a.m., two hours past what is permitted at the latest-serving restaurants and bars. Baker's budget message also includes authorization for the state to transfer control of the MBTA employees pension fund into the state's general pension program, a measure lawmakers have rejected previously.”

One less headache: U.S. Senate health-care bill collapses

As Gov. Baker and lawmakers haggle over Medicaid and other state budget matters, here's something they won't have to worry about for the time being: Deep cuts in federal Medicaid funding. The NYT is reporting that two more Republican senators declared last night that they would oppose the controversial Senate Republican bill to repeal ObamaCare, “killing, for now, a seven-year-old promise to overturn President Barack Obama's signature domestic achievement.”

Mayor Walsh would bid all over again for the Summer Olympics?

What? In an interview with Boston Magazine's Chris Sweeney, Mayor Marty Walsh, while dishing some of the blame for the city's Summer Olympic fiasco on former Gov. Deval

Patrick and the late Mayor Thomas, said he'd nevertheless “go for it again,” i.e. bid for the Olympics. We know it's sometimes important for pols not to admit mistakes, especially in election years. But ... Scroll down for the Olympics part.

It wasn't all about promotions yesterday at the State House

Beacon Hill was all abuzz yesterday about House Speaker Robert DeLeo's surprise appointment of Rep. Jeffrey Sanchez as the new chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee. But there was also a key demotion yesterday: Rep. Russell E. Holmes, who recently criticized DeLeo's leadership, got bounced from his leadership post. Retaliation? Holmes thinks so. DeLeo denies it. The Herald's Dan Atkinson, the Globe's Claire Parker and SHNS's Mike Norton and Matt Murphy at the Valley Dispatch (Patriot Ledger) have the details.

Rep. Chan becomes House's first Asian-American chairman (we think)

The House leadership re-shuffle caused by Rep. Brian Dempsey's pending departure may have entailed a demotion for Rep. Russell Holmes, but it led to a promotion for Rep. Tackey Chan, who will take over as co-chair of the Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure. He's now the House's first Asian-American to chair a committee.

Kennedy sides with union against Baker's T privatization efforts

MBTA workers – along with U.S. Rep. Joseph Kennedy III – rallied yesterday against privatization of T jobs being pushed by the transit agency's governing board controlled by the Baker administration, as reported by Benjamin Paulin at the Patriot Ledger. Politically, we're not sure what to make of this move by Kennedy.

SJC: Employers can't fire workers who test positive for pot used for medical purposes

The law is the law – and the Supreme Judicial Court yesterday said state law clearly states that employers can't discriminate against workers who test positive for THC if it's proven they're using marijuana for medical purposes. Universal Hub's Adam Gaffin has more, including a rather lively debate in the comments section.

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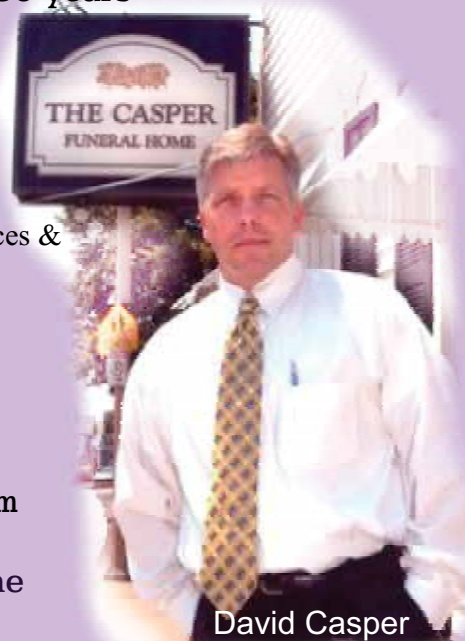
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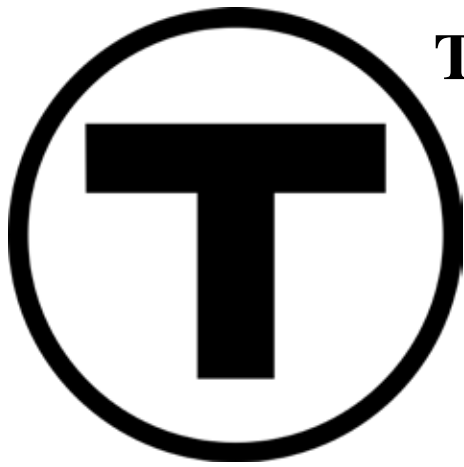
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The MBTA Plays Loose With Public Information

Secretary Pollack following the first meeting in June to discuss the neighborhood concerns, she assured me that she is committed to working with us. Our hope is this next meeting is the first step in that direction.”

“One meeting on a major track proposal and its impacts on the community is unacceptable” said City Councilor at Large Michael Flaherty. “The South Boston neighborhood deserves better and the MBTA knows better.”

Senator Linda Forry has also weighed in on her concern for openness by the T.

Well, the T’s idea of a public notice and the extent of its obligation to the public is to send a public notice advertisement but insisted that it was a press release, since they refused to pay for it. Instead they put the burden of publishing it on the local news outlets. This differs in policy and practice by other agencies including the BPDA, the City of Boston, BCEC, MassPort and the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), all

of which advertise their public notices to ensure publication.

Out of respect to our local officials and our community, notwithstanding the inscrutable attitude of the T, we serve notice that on Thursday July 27th, 6:30-8:00 PM at the Condon School the T will address the quality of life impacts of its Track 61 proposal. For example, the issue of overnight construction has been raised by Sen. Forry and Rep. Collins. Other concerns include remediation of polluted soil, noise and air pollution, hours of operation, and the permanence of a structure being built.

MBTA scheduling and service has significant environmental and traffic issues in each neighborhood of Boston, in general. But, being bordered by the ocean, highways, rail and overburdened intersections, coupled with the multi-modal needs of the Waterfront, South Boston residents warrant a more respectful T policy toward public communication.

If all goes well, and that’s a big if, the MBTA plans to begin work on a piece of South Boston track that will be used for testing the new Red Line cars, beginning in 2019. As a critical step in the delivery and acceptance process, the track will be used to test the new cars after they come from the production facility in Springfield. After the cars are fully tested and approved by an MBTA engineering team, the new Red Line trains will start serving customers on the T’s busiest subway line.

What is unspoken and may be of concern is that \$32mm will be spent on this refurbishment and speculation is that this extension may have more permanency so as to link the South Boston Waterfront to other sections of Boston and possibly beyond. These questions and others need to be addressed. The T communication process needs to be open and honest.

PS: It’s not about the advertising money, it’s about what is right.

In a press advisory from their offices regarding a public meeting with the T about the Track 61 extension, Rep. Nick Collins’ and Councilor Mike Flaherty’s offices were notably miffed at the MBTA’s approach to public notice of pending meetings.

“After a poorly publicized first meeting in which the MBTA was unprepared to answer most of the questions from the community, it became clear that a second public meeting was necessary before the T moved forward with such a significant proposal” said Rep. Collins. “After meeting with the Transportation



Senator Forry Statement on Marijuana Bill

“Thank you to the members of Marijuana Conference Committee for producing and including in the final legislation many of my amendments calling for intentional inclusion of underrepresented communities as well as strong language regarding packaging and labeling of marijuana and marijuana infused products.”

“I also want to thank the Massachusetts Black and Latino Legislative Caucus, Minority Cannabis Business Association and my colleagues for their collaboration in working to fully include opportunities for

communities of color.”

“With this new blossoming economy in Massachusetts, we want to ensure communities disproportionately impacted by the prohibition of marijuana have an opportunity to successfully compete in the industry.”

“As a member of the Senate’s Special Committee on Marijuana, who travelled to Colorado and learned a great deal about the dangers of edible marijuana, I was pleased by the strong standards for packaging and labeling. In doing so, the Legislature is safeguarding children

across the Commonwealth from mistakenly ingesting marijuana products.”

“The revenue from this industry will help the people of Massachusetts in a multitude of ways: providing funding for substance abuse treatment and prevention programs, restorative justice, jail diversion, workforce development and start-up capital and mentoring services for small businesses. As this new industry grows in Massachusetts, I am committed to working towards the intentional inclusion of individuals and businesses from every corner of the Commonwealth.”

Edison Plant Proposal... continued from front page

be followed and that this development will have an impact on the hundreds of millions of dollars of public funds that he was instrumental in securing to dredge the Harbor and grow the Port @ Conley Terminal.

Councilor Flaherty is particularly concerned that “the financial commitments to traffic and noise alleviation will be countered by the projected 10,000 to 20,000 vehicle trips per day”. Of significance, Massport’s \$75 million investment in the Thomas J. Butler Haul Road and Buffer Zone Park was

done in preparation of the expansion of Conley Terminal to get roughly 1,000 commercial trucks off of East First Street to alleviate the environmental and noise impacts on area residents.

Representative Collins stated, “It is clear that the density proposed is unfeasible. If the proposal for 776 Summer Street were approved as is, it would fly in the face of significant public investment, negatively impact the port of Boston, our transportation infrastructure, air quality, and further exacerbate the gridlock on our streets.”

Although SB Today was unable to reach Congressman Lynch by dead-

line, aside from the concerned mention by his fellow colleagues, SBT is confident that he has concerns about the The next public meeting of the BPDA on this project is this Monday July 24 at the Tynan Community Center at 6PM. A second meeting regarding the Coastal Zone Management aspects of the Designated Port Area (DPA) is scheduled for the following evening July 25 at 6pm at EDIC - Raymond L. Flynn Marine Park 22 Drydock Avenue, 3rd Floor Conference Room. In the event residents wish to express opinions on this proposal you can email Tim.Czerwien-

ski@Boston.gov at Boston Planning and Development Agency and Lisa. Engler@state.ma.us at Coastal Zone Management. As always, feel free to contact your local elected officials.

With the brakes applied, the process of vetting such a complicated development proposal - one that will, in all likelihood, become just an enclave for the well-to-do and not the long-shoreman who toil on the waterfront - should now get the proper attention it needs. The developer spin to date has had residents feeling this was a ‘done deal’. They now know that it’s far from it. There is a lot at stake. Stay Tuned!



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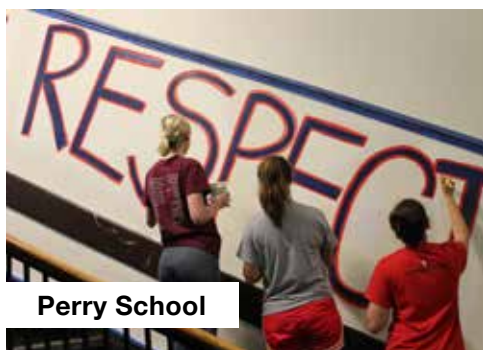
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Hub Church hosts Serve Southie Week

Last week there were nearly 75 volunteers who came together for Hub Church's annual Serve Southie week. "Since day one, our desire as a church has been to serve our neighborhood and city in both body and soul by 'being the church' rather than just

'attending church.' We believe that comes by daily helping people to enjoy, embody and extend the grace & truth of Jesus together. A central component of that mission is to always be going with and giving to our community rather than taking from it" said Hub Church

Pastor Charlie Dunn.

This year, community partners included Gavin Foundation, Perry K-8 School, Joseph Tierney Learning Center, Paraclete, and Monsignor Powers Apartments. The week's activities included painting, cleaning, meals, and activities for all ages.

Hub Church partners with multiple of these organizations throughout the year as well. In addition to the community partners, many enjoyed the Movie on the Beach as well as free Leadership Development for young professionals.

More info at HubChurchSouthie.com



FLYNN CALLS FOR BUS RAPID TRANSIT PROGRAM IN DISTRICT 2

Ed Flynn, candidate for Boston City Council District 2 has released a proposal to bring a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Silver Line investment program to District 2. In his campaign for City Council, Flynn has talked extensively about modernizing and enhancing Boston's public

transportation system.

Flynn said, "In recent years, conventional bus routes have become overburdened due to an explosion in both the South Boston population and the levels of T ridership. More and more residents are taking the T to work in Downtown and on the

South Boston Waterfront without adequate resources to accommodate them, leading to service interruptions and inefficiencies."

He continued, "Through common-sense investments in transportation infrastructure, we can make the community more accessible and ensure that all residents are able to access Boston's major economic and employment zones."

In 2015, the South Boston Waterfront Sustainable Transportation Plan was commissioned to provide recommendations to the most pressing issues affecting the South Boston Waterfront. The MBTA has stated that they have seen an 84-percent ridership increase on the number 7 bus, and a 54-percent increase on the number 9 bus. These two routes provide service at levels greater than 11,000 rides per day, many of which have riders waiting for multiple buses before being able to board, negatively affecting their work schedules.

Flynn's proposal to bring about a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Silver Line investment program in the District, would link the City Point Bus Terminal to the

South Boston Waterfront, South Station areas and Copley Square.

- Bus Rapid Transit lines would supplement existing bus service, enabling riders to travel directly to the South Boston Waterfront, Downtown Boston and Copley from the City Point Bus Terminal.

- A second step the MBTA could take to improve the situation would be for a direct Silver Line route from Andrew Square to the South Boston Waterfront, this will address the current strain on the system, as well as preempt the ridership increase being brought on by new developments in that area.

- A third remedy is to increase the current number of buses along the number 9 and number 7 routes during peak hours, allowing residents to travel more efficiently.

Of course, the need for the most environmentally friendly bus models is also a priority to reduce noise pollution and carbon emissions that are currently affecting our residents. By implementing these programs, the MBTA could greatly reduce the stress on the system caused by the current levels of ridership and improve service delivery.



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EVERSOURCE

Eversource And MWRA Finally Step Up

The Boston Harbor Dredging Project for which local elected officials, Cong. Stephen Lynch and Rep. Nick Collins, worked with colleagues in the Federal Government, the MA Legislature, as well as Gov. Charlie Baker and Massachusetts Port Authority officials to secure \$310 million will finally get scheduled. The US Army Corps of Engineers and the MassPort have settled a lawsuit with Eversource Energy and the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority regarding

an improperly installed underwater power line that acted as a barrier to the ambitious project to dredge Boston Harbor.

That settlement requires Eversource to extend a new power line by Dec. 31, 2019, connecting the K Street substation in South Boston and the Deer Island waste-water treatment plant. This power line would run underground, through Massport's Conley Terminal property, and then go underwater just north of Castle Island and head across the harbor's main ship-

ping channel to Deer Island, at least 75 feet below the low-water line. Eversource would then remove the existing cable to Deer Island, which extends from the substation through the Reserved Channel and across the harbor.

The cable was originally installed in 1990 to provide power for the construction and operation of the Deer Island facility, which is run by the MWRA. The cable was supposed to be at least 25 feet below the bottom of the two shipping channels it crosses — the Reserved Channel and the main shipping channel. But the construction crew encountered bedrock and in some cases laid the line just 12 feet below the harbor floor.

Army Corps officials decided that the dredging project, which is aimed at attracting larger

container ships to the Conley Terminal, could not proceed until the cable was removed out of concern that the line could be damaged or dredging vessels and their crews could be put at risk.

According to a report in the Boston Globe, The MWRA's Ria Convery said the agency is pleased to reach an agreement that guarantees a reliable power source for Deer Island for the next four to five decades. Eversource spokesman Michael Durand said the company is also happy to resolve the matter and allow the dredging project to move ahead. He said Eversource is still calculating the total cost of the project, which he expects will be filed with the state Department of Public Utilities later this summer. Eversource, he said, aims to recover the cost from the MWRA.

State Representative Jeffrey Sánchez Endorses Mike Kelley



Mike Kelley (left), joins State Rep. Jeffrey Sánchez, Rep. Sánchez's, Maria Sánchez, and members of the Villa Victoria community to celebrate Festival Betances 2017


Just one day prior to being named the next House Ways and Means Chair, Rep. Jeffrey Sánchez joined District 2 City Council Candidate Mike Kelley to celebrate Festival Betances 2017. They were joined by Rep. Sánchez's mother, Maria Sánchez, and members of the Villa Victoria community. Every summer, this celebration attracts thousands of people from all over Boston and Massachusetts, and is a staple in the South End. One of the many highlights of the weekend celebration is the parade through the community. On Saturday, Rep. Sánchez walked with Kelley and many of the Kelley campaign supporters in this year's parade. This was the pair's first joint public appearance since Rep. Sánchez endorsed Kelley's campaign for District 2 City Council.

"I'm supporting Mike's candidacy for District 2 because he has the knowledge and experience to be a strong voice for each and every one of his constituents," said Sánchez. "Having someone with his record for advocacy on the Council will provide a much-needed boost to many of the residents in each of the District's diverse neighborhoods," he continued. Kelley's progressive campaign for District 2 has seen a significant boost in support from elected officials and political organizations in recent weeks.

"I am grateful for Rep. Sánchez's endorsement, and I want to thank him for his service to the people of Boston," said Kelley. "Speaker DeLeo made an excellent decision in naming him the next Chair of House Ways and Means. I look forward to the opportunity to work with him throughout my campaign, and as the next City Councilor for District 2."

Recent South Boston Real Estate Sales

Property/Type	Price	Sale Date	Rooms	Baths	Sq Ft
130 West Eighth Street Three Family	\$1,260,000	5/31/17	14	4	2140
488 Dorchester Avenue UNIT 2K Condo	\$945,000	5/30/17	3	2	1459
488 Dorchester Ave UNIT 4C Condo	\$850,000	5/31/17	3	2	1160
25 Channel Center St UNIT 1106 Condo	\$825,000	5/30/17	4	1.5	924
724 East Third St UNIT 2 Condo	\$730,000	5/31/17	5	2	1050
584 East Third St UNIT 201 Condo	\$715,900	5/30/17	4	1	905
336 E St UNIT 1 Condo	\$686,000	5/30/17	6	1	1136
514 1/2 East Third St UNIT 1 Condo	\$575,000	5/31/17	5	1	1088
28 Mitchell St UNIT 3 Condo	\$560,000	5/31/17	4	1	776
449 East Eighth St UNIT 3 Condo	\$530,000	5/31/17	4	2	1289
3 Leeds St UNIT 2 Condo	\$525,000	5/31/17	4	1	597
545 East Fifth St UNIT 3 Condo	\$506,000	5/31/17	4	1	770
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HRP 776 Summer Street LLC

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An Exciting Reason to CHILL This Summer

Local Teen selected to attend snowboarding summer camp in Oregon

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY - By Staff

South Boston, July 17, 2017: South Boston Neighborhood House's, Natalie Markarian has been selected to attend High Cascade Summer Camp (HCSC) through CHILL Boston. Markarian has been with the Neighborhood House for 5 years and is currently working the Ollie Preschool. While most of us will be fighting off this Boston summer humidity, Markarian will be heading to HCSC in the cool, snowy altitude of Mount Hood, Oregon. On July 26th, she will leave for a week-long trip of snowboard lessons, skill building, and general summer camp fun. During her stay, Markarian will learn the ins and outs of riding the park features at Mount Hood. The camp also keeps professional snowboarders on hand for special lessons and motivation. In addition to all the snow activities, HCSC offers a number of "off the hill" activities including skateboarding, dodge ball, foam pits, trampolines, and white water rafting, to name a few.

Aside from travel cost, all expenses are covered by CHILL and the Ollie is thrilled with how this partnership has blossomed into such an amazing opportunity for our youth. This is the second time South Boston Neighborhood House has had one of our outstanding teens selected to participate in HCSC. Participants must be nominated

by SBNH staff who then submit a letter of recommendation about the nominee. Some of the qualities that led to Markarian's nomination include her ambitiousness, eagerness to learn, compassion and willingness to help others. When asked about her nomination and selection for the spot, Markarian said, "It was amazing! After participating in the Chill program for so long and putting in all that hard work it's nice to see that it really paid off." Markarian has been a part of the CHILL Boston program for several seasons and this year was selected as a Peer Leader. As a Peer Leader Markarian transitioned from student to teacher and helped the younger participants learn the snowboarding skills she had mastered. However, Markarian said she's happy to be back on the student side of things while at camp, stating she's "most excited to learn tricks and jumps because it's something new and challenging." Out of 17 youth nominated, only 6 were chosen for HCSC so The Ollie is very proud of Natalie.

The South Boston Neighborhood House has been a partner of CHILL Boston for 10 years. Through the CHILL Boston program, the Ollie has had amazing success with our kids learning to snowboard at Wachusett Mountain all while developing important physical and interpersonal skills. This is a wonderful opportunity for Natalie and we wish her the best on her trip.

Ronan Manning Helping to Make a Difference

Organizing School Supply Drive July 23rd and 26th

Sometimes the smallest people have the biggest hearts. This sentiment would accurately apply to young South Bostonian and Condon School 5th grade student Ronan Manning. Ronan is just 10 years old, but what he lacks in years he more than makes up for in compassion and caring for others. He will spend the major part of his summer vacation organizing a drive to collect school supplies for kids who don't have access to them. He has drawn up a letter of introduction describing what he'll be doing for this thoughtful effort. It is our pleasure here at South Boston Today to print it for him and help get the word out. His letter follows here:

Friends and Neighbors,

Every year too many kids go to school without the materials necessary to succeed. This summer I am organizing a supply drive to help other kids in our community to have what they need for class this fall.

Please help by donating new backpacks, pencils, pens, erasers, notebooks, folders and other school supplies. We will be collecting supplies on Sunday, July 23rd from 10am to 1pm at 206 L Street and again on July 26th from 4:30 to 7:30pm at the South Boston Pop Warner field which is at 1880 Day Blvd.

If you'd like to skip the store and leave the shopping to us you can donate at <https://www.gofundme.com/kids-helping-kids-school-supplies>.

Thank you for your help,
Ronan Manning
10 years old

Condon School 5th Grade Student.
Ronan's Profile

So, who exactly is this young man who has so much enthusiasm when it comes to helping others? Well, Ronan Manning is the son of his very proud parents Dan Manning and Ashley Manning. He has a 7-year-old sister named Kiera, who will be helping her big brother out in the effort by selling lemonade at the drive. This coming September, he will be a 5th grader at the Condon School. He loves sports and has been a 3-year player with the South Boston Pop Warner Football League and will be moving up to the 'D' Team this year and plays multiple positions.

Ronan loves helping people; especially other kids. In fact, last year he was a top fundraiser for the Pan Mass Challenge Kids Ride. He loves to cycle and has ridden his bike from Boston to Concord and plans to someday ride across the country. He loves to read. He hopes one day to go to Notre Dame, would love to play in the National Football League or become a Marine Biologist.

We here at South Boston Today wish Ronan Manning all the best for his future plans and certainly in his upcoming effort to help kids get those supplies they need for school. He's a good kid with a kind heart and he deserves very special praise.



Vietnam Veterans Honored at Fenway Park

There's not much if anything The Boston Red Sox, their coaches and their fans have in common with and agree on with the New York Yankees, THEIR coaches and THEIR fans. This is not news to anyone. The rivalry between these two clubs is legendary; if not fanatical. But you'd never know it watching the game they played at Fenway last Saturday because they came together to support a cause that is near and dear to the hearts of the people on both sides. They all stood shoulder to shoulder to give thanks and to honor America's Vietnam Veterans. The event marked the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam conflict and the two teams and the thousands of fans in the sold-out crowd wanted to show these vets how much their service and their sacrifice was and still is to this day, appreciated by a grateful nation. More than 1000 veterans

and their family members were recognized in a ceremony prior to the beginning of the game. This recognition ceremony was the largest of its kind to be held anywhere in America.

Boston Red Sox spokesman Tom Werner made the following comment: "With such a significant milestone anniversary, we thought it important to recognize the veterans who served during the Vietnam War. The divisive nature of that conflict, coupled with the psychological issues they grappled with upon their return, made for an unwelcome homecoming for many of these service members. While we cannot erase the past, this is one small way we can pay tribute to their service and recognize the sacrifice they made for their country." Without a doubt, the crowd agreed as the veterans received thunderous applause from the stands.

The event was organized by

'Home Base', which is a partnership program between the Mass General Hospital and The Red Sox Foundation. The stated goal of the group is to heal the invisible wounds of veterans and their family members through world class clinical care, wellness programs, education and research. The pre-game ceremony featured a moment of silence, the playing of the National Anthem and a fly over by four awesome F-15 fighter jets. But the tribute didn't end there. During the third inning, members of both the New York Yankees and the Boston Red Sox held up placards with the names of the individual veterans who were present at the game. And as you'd expect, there were South Boston Vietnam Veterans being honored this day as well. In fact, South Boston Native, Former US Marine and former executive director for the New England Center for Veterans Tom Lyons

was selected to throw out one of the first pitches of the game.

When asked to describe the tribute given to the veterans on this very special day, words such as beautiful, heartwarming, classy, inspiring and magnificent were among the terms heard praising this unique recognition ceremony. Some even felt it was long overdue and there should be more such events in the future. The thousands of fans in attendance were clearly impressed and it almost seemed like it was 'ok' that Boston lost to the Yankees by a score of 4-1 in a game that actually went into a 16th inning. Well almost ok! But seeing how the players from both teams were united for the worthy goal of showing appreciation to America's heroes made for complete harmony that was felt by everyone in the stands as well.

Great job and congratulations to all involved for a job well done. SBT

Key Management Changes at Mass Bay Credit Union

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Maren Bradley has been promoted to VP of Marketing and Member Development. Maren has held key management positions in both the Marketing and Member Development areas since joining Mass Bay in 2010, and will now lead both efforts at the Credit Union.



Terry Dorilas has been named Senior VP and Chief Operating Officer, overseeing the Operations, Accounting, Human Resources, Branch Administration, Collections, Servicing, and Lending departments at Mass Bay. Terry was previously the Chief Financial Officer, and has been with Mass Bay for four years. Prior to joining Mass Bay, Terry was Chief Financial Officer at Grafton Suburban Credit Union (now Homefield Credit Union).



Jim Noonan has left City of Boston Credit Union and joins Mass Bay as VP, Comptroller to oversee the Accounting Department at Mass Bay.



Tony Frattini has been promoted to VP of Lending and will oversee Consumer and Real Estate Lending. Tony has worked at Mass Bay for five years in the Lending Department in a management capacity.



Kelley Lauterhahn is now our VP of Risk Management. Kelley has been with Mass Bay for six years, specializing in the compliance area.

Jim Bell, formerly of Bridgewater Credit Union, has joined Mass Bay as AVP of Electronic Banking. In this newly created position, Jim will oversee the various electronic products and services Mass Bay offers.

The Wine Guy



IN THE PINK

This is the time of year when wine drinkers search out lighter, fruitier wines to go with salads, seafood and desserts, as well as an array of cheeses that just taste better in the warm weather.

For almost a thousand years, families in various wine-producing regions in Europe, especially France, have been producing, 'vins rose', made from red grapes whose juice is left in contact with the skin for only a short time after crushing. These wines are meant to be drunk when they're young, so that the crisp and in many cases, drier aspects are easily enjoyed.

The heart of Rose wine production is located in France's Tavel "appellation", or district. It's located in the southern Rhone valley, unique in its specialization in dry rosé wines. The vineyards that produce the appellation's wines are located around the town of Tavel, just southwest of Orange and north west of Avignon.

The wines are made predominantly from the Grenache, Syrah and Clairette varieties and are intended to be drunk chilled, as a more complex alternative to white wines during the hot summer months.

Lavau Tavel Rose, 2016, Cotes du Rhone, (\$14.99), is one of the oldest and most consistent rose wines from this region. Dry, with hints of melon and berry on the nose and a crisp, slightly mineral finish, this one is great for salads, cheese plates and grilled salmon. If you're in the mood for some Thai or Szechuan, especially spicy dishes, pair

them up with this one.

Ferraton Pere & Fils Tavel LesLauses Rose, 2016, Rhone, France, (\$13.99), is relatively new on the wine scene, making wine since just after WWII. This particular wine has a nose of apricots and pears, but with a dry finish of herbs. It's one to try with any red sauce dish in the summer heat; Penne Rosa or a Bolognese would really bring out the best in this one.

Broadening out a bit to Provence, there's a great value Rose. **Notorious Pink, 2016, South of France, (\$11.99)**, 100% Grenache, gorgeous frosty pale pink tone with a nose of neroli and cherry blossoms, with unfurling layers of peach, lavender, pears, honey, tangerines, melons, raspberries, thyme, fennel pollen. Less than "bone" dry, but not sugary. Gentle minerality, lengthy finish with a surprise note of apples. This is something I'd buy a case of and have on hand any time guests showed up.

The Guigal family's Tavel Vineyards produce some of the region's best Rose wines and have been doing it for centuries. Their offering this season, **2016 E.Guigal Rose, Tavel, Rhone (\$18.49)**, is what you'd expect from them—quality, complexity and value. This wine is blended to be structured, but still refreshing, with notes of strawberries, and lemongrass and a smooth, acidic finish. This one will give any shellfish, served hot or cold, a real boost.

Next week, we're going further south to the Iberian Peninsula.



Southie's Tom Lyons Among South Boston Vietnam Veterans Honored By Red Sox

Threw out a first pitch at Saturday's game against the Yankees

Tom Lyons was among a number of South Boston Vietnam veterans honored Saturday by the Boston Red Sox and was one of five veterans selected to throw a ceremonial first pitch. In recognition of the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War, more than 1,000 veterans and family members were recognized prior to the game. The ceremony was organized by Home Base, which is a partnership program between the Red Sox Foundation and the Massachusetts General Hospital, with the goal of "healing the invisible wounds for post-9/11 veterans, service members and their families through world-class clinical care, wellness, education and research."

Lyons is a Marine Corps veteran of Vietnam. He is a founding member of the committee that cre-

ated the South Boston Vietnam Veterans Memorial and the founder and president of the Boston Semper Fidelis Society, which every November hosts the nation's largest annual Marine Corps Birthday luncheon from which proceeds benefit veterans and their families through various programs and scholarships. Lyons was invited to represent the veterans during a third inning visit to the NESN broadcast booth with Dave O'Brien and Dennis Eckersley.

"It was an incredible event that the Red Sox put on with Home Base and Massachusetts General Hospital to honor the Vietnam veterans," said Lyons. "There were a number of Southie veterans there and I know they appreciated having their service recognized and we were also there for the 25 men

from South Boston who did not return home from Vietnam."

Lyons a former executive director of the New England Center for Veterans and was chairman of the committees for the Congressional Medal of Honor Society's annual conventions in Boston in 2001, 2006 and 2015. He is currently the Director of Communications and Government Affairs at MassHousing. In 2010, Lyons was honored by former Marine Corps Commandant Gen. James Conway for his 30 years of work on behalf of the Marine Corps and veterans of the Armed Forces.

In 2011, Lyons was honored by Marine Corps Commandant Gen. James Amos with a Marine for Life Award for his work on behalf of the Marine Corps and its veterans.



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South Boston's Eric Lopes Wins BC High Award

Eric Lopes of South Boston, a 2017 graduate of Boston College High School, who graduated with Academic Honors, won a Scholar Athlete Award for Baseball at a Senior Assembly, a time set aside by the school to celebrate and reward its seniors. He plans on the College of the Holy Cross in the fall.



The Southie Pact



by Kevin Devlin

“The Southie Pact” by Kevin Devlin

A Review by Brian P. Wallace

It's funny. Kevin Devlin, who wrote “The Southie Pact,” and I have been friends for a long time. We went to High School together. We played basketball at Southie High together. We went to Boston State together. We both wrote columns for South Boston newspapers. Now, we have both written books. I finished Kevin's book last week, and it was enlightening, alarming, at times too real, but it had to be written, and it had to be written by someone who was there and who knew the behind the scenes stories.

“The Southie Pact” is about a group of close friends, complete with Southie nicknames, who grew up playing hockey at the Murphy Rink, getting their coffees at the Java House and their meals at a small Italian restaurant on L Street. They work out together at the L and play Little League together at Moakley Park. Life changes, however, after one of the friend's overdoses. They all make a pact that none of them will follow him to the grave. They also find out that talk is cheap and one by one the scourge that has infected an entire community and killed their friend also breaks their pact. It is hard hitting, but it all happened. The OD's, the cluster suicides, the broken dreams, the broken families, the shattered community that had no idea what to do or who to turn to for help.

It seems that, overnight, a once thriv-

ing, close knit community, is burying their children at a prodigious rate. Friends turn on friends, as they escalate from percs to OC's to heroin. What allows one former user to break free from the poison, while his, or her, best friend is being waked at O'Briens? That is the overriding question, and only someone like Kevin could even ask the question in a caring manner, which walks the line between so many issues. Unlike all the Southie gangster books which glamorize their kind of life, this book does no such thing. This book hits home. It is well written and suspenseful all in one. There is a nice twist at the end, which I didn't see coming.

Kevin's characters are people we all know. His use of Southie landmarks like the Sugarbowl, the Heights, the churches, M Street Park, and much more give the book a realistic feel, especially if you are from Southie. He also accurately describes the changing face of South Boston, due to overdevelopment and gentrification, which creates friction in the town. It is on point and totally up to date. I congratulate my friend on a solid book that had to be written and is written by a person who cares, and has seen many of the kids he wrote about lost to the street.

It is available on Amazon and is a must read. *This is a work of fiction based on fact*

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This week, Danny talked with comedian Will Noonan about the Mayweather/McGregor press conferences:

DANNY PICARD: One of the top stories in the sports world right now is the build-up to Floyd Mayweather vs Conor McGregor. Have you been watching the press conferences to this fight?

WILL NOONAN: I was reading what people were saying about the press conferences. And so many people went from “McGregor has no chance” to like “I think McGregor might win” because of a press conference. I’m like, you realize that trash talking does not make you a better fighter. You know, a lot of comedians tend to be into boxing for some reason. I don’t know why. Maybe because it’s a solo sport and you get your ass kicked. But a lot of guys talk about MMA and boxing a lot in the green rooms of comedy. I’ve noticed a slight racial thing. Most people think Mayweather has it. But the black comedians are like, “I can’t even listen to an idea about how McGregor could win, because it’s so ridiculous.” And then you’ll get a couple random Irish-Catholic comedians who are like, “I think McGregor’s got it. I think he’s got it. He’s just got to get one in. He’s just got to get that one clean punch in and he’ll knock

him out.” And I’m like, dude. I just think Mayweather has it. But then again, my guess is as good as anyone’s. But I think Mayweather is the best boxer of his generation. He’s beat some pretty amazing guys who are way better than Conor McGregor at boxing. As great as McGregor is, and as entertaining as he is, I think without his kicks and holds, without his jiu-jitsu holds, he’s screwed.

DP: When I see these press conferences, obviously McGregor is doing his thing. Then Mayweather had the Irish flag over his shoulders, and McGregor took Mayweather’s backpack and opened it up and took out a little money inside. They’re both showmen. I’m watching them, and I’m thinking, “WWE.” Mayweather has already fought at WrestleMania. McGregor, when he’s on the mic -- and he’s great on the mic -- I seem to think that McGregor can be an asshole on the mic, sometimes to the point where I just want him to shut up. Sometimes he just takes it too far. It’s over the top and it pisses me off. But there’s no denying that there’s an entertainment factor that goes along with

it. But that entertainment factor, when he’s on the mic, these press conference have me thinking, “WWE.” That should be the next stop for this guy. I think he would be perfect there. He should be in the next Royal Rumble.

WN: Is he a fan though? I don’t know that he is. I’ve kind of heard him say both things about it: I’ve heard him knock it, and I’ve heard him praise it.

DP: Is he a fan of WWE? When Vince McMahon backs up the Brinks truck for Conor McGregor, he’s going to be a fan.

WN: Yeah, but he can do action movies too. He’s got a bright future ahead of him, especially if he wins this fight.

DP: He’s not winning though. Outside of all the talking and the entertaining press conferences, when this thing gets to the ring in August, I believe that Conor McGregor does not stand a chance. The only way McGregor can win this fight, is if he connects with a clean blow in the first two rounds. If he doesn’t do that, you can try to talk about what shape he’s in, whatever. This guy does not fight six, seven,

eight rounds. He doesn’t do it. That’s a fact. So if this fight, which I expect it to, gets into the fifth, gets into the sixth, McGregor is going to be dead. And if he does connect with punches past the sixth round, they’re probably not going to have much behind them. And that’s when Mayweather, who knows, McGregor could be so tired in the eighth or ninth round, that maybe Mayweather could knock him out. And I know Mayweather isn’t a knockout artist. He takes guys the distance and he wins in decisions. Some people are trying to tell me that, “All you need is one, and McGregor could catch him with one.” And I’m looking at it thinking that I have a feeling McGregor is going to be exhausted when this thing gets past the fifth round, to the point where, Mayweather, even at 40 years old, is used to going the distance, he might actually be able to knock out McGregor. *Listen to “The Danny Picard Show” at dannypicard.com and on the PodcastOne network. Also available on iTunes and Google Play.*

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