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# Harbor Access And Green Space Must Be Protected



he Institute of Contemporary Art (ICA) was the focus of an issue that the Conservation Law Foundation (CLF) brought attention to in early August on Twitter (https://mobile.twitter.com/CLF/status/893615783556907008/video/1).

A representative from CLF found

their path along the South Boston Waterfront blocked by a metal barrier at the ICA location. On the other side, hundreds of people, were having a party. The CLF group was denied access by a security guard. The ICA was the last stop on what was characterized as a travelling picnic along the waterfront that the CLF group did on that evening to illustrate a point – that these spots, even though it might not always seem like it - especially those in front of upscale hotels and luxury condos -- are open to the public, by state law.

An ICA representative explained that their event was the museum's monthly summer "First Fridays" event. The report acknowledged that the ICA does host a number of events in the public space here that are free and open to the public. But that one

had a cost associated with it for non-ICA members. The CLF associate asked if the ICA had prior authorization from the state's MA Department of Environmental Protection, which is responsible for the Harborwalk, to have a private event there. The answer was no. The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) did not give the ICA permission to shut the Harborwalk down. Chapter 91 of the MA General Laws govern this matter.

"It's an example of encroaching privatization we're seeing, where what's public by law is becoming private in practice," said Brad Campbell, president of the Conservation Law Foundation. Campbell called their picnic event on public spaces an "act of civil obedience." "Whether it's for a private event or for the operation of a private bar or restaurant, areas are either being closed off or they look as though they are closed CONTINUED ON page 5

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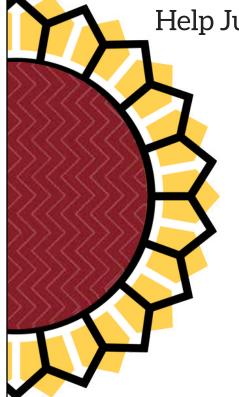
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### Ed Flynn Gets Ward Committee Endorsements And Asks For YOUR Vote

ard 6 and 7 Democratic Ward Committees formally endorsed Ed Flynn for District 2 City Council. With less than one week before the District 2 City Council Preliminary Election, Ed Flynn's campaign has gained significant momentum – earning this and other key endorsements in South Boston, the South End. Chinatown, and Beacon Hill.

I'm so grateful for the incredible support we've received, and I humbly ask for your vote on Tuesday, September 26th", Flynn said. He added, "I am proud of the true districtwide campaign we've run. From South Boston to Chinatown, the South End to Beacon Hill; we're all in this together. As your City Councilor, I will be a vocal advocate for the issues that matter to residents in each and every community in District 2 – making sure that our streets are safe, improving our Boston Public Schools for all families, fighting against overdevelopment in our neighborhoods, and supporting equal pay for equal work."

Ed Flynn has earned the support of over 30 labor unions and organizations, including Boston Fire Fighters Local 718, Ironworkers Local 7, Boston's Unite Here Local 26, Chinese Progressive Political Action, AFSCME, and NAGE.

He is also proud of the endorsements and active campaign support of Congressman Stephen F. Lynch, State Representative Nick Collins, City Councilor At-Large Michael Flaherty, City Councilor Frank Baker, Suffolk County Clerk of Courts Michael Donovan, and Suffolk County SJC Clerk Maura Doyle.



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#### Letter to the Editor

Dear Neighbor,

I am writing to express my support for Ed Flynn in the upcoming election for Boston City Council on September 26th. My family and I have witnessed Ed's dedication to the people of South Boston for many years. He has served as a youth sports coach and mentor, helped those in need quietly, or volunteered his time to a number of charities and organizations.

Ed loves the people of South Boston and his passion for helping others will serve him well as a Boston City Councilor. He has been there for his community for so many years, and now I hope you'll join me and my family and friends in supporting Ed Flynn on Tuesday, September 26th.

Sincerely, Brian Nee





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## Rather Watch the Tide Change Than the 'Emmys'?

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY

John Ciccone

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

f I didn't have work to do last Sunday evening, I would have headed to the beach with a flashlight to watch the tide come in. It would have been more entertaining than being bored viewing the Emmy Awards. As it turned out, most of America didn't tune in either, contributing to the constant decline in the size of the audience each and every year and it was for two reasons. The show's host, the increasingly shrill, petty, obnoxious and unfunny Stephen Colbert announced that Trump supporters and others, who consider themselves as being part of 'Middle America' shouldn't watch, because it was going to be a big Trump bashing festival – which it was. But Colbert didn't really have to send out that preemptive warning, because most Americans had no intention of tuning in anyway. The show is horrible. The following is a partial list of reasons that Americans, posting on social media and speaking in interviews say they didn't watch, or if they did, will never watch it again.

It was a yawn. Who wants to listen to a bunch of spoiled, pampered, reality challenged brats ranting about how much they hate the President and how stupid millions of Americans are, because they hold different views and opinions than the Hollywood 'royalty'? People have long ago tired of seeing preening egotists congratulating one another and giving each other awards. There was more scolding and lecturing going on than talent being displayed. People, who are convinced that they are better, smarter and more important than the average American, don't deserve the attention they crave or

the money they are paid for what they do – which is pretending to be someone else.

Today's column isn't a dig at those of you who may have watched the Emmy's Sunday night - to each their own. Everyone is entitled to their own opinions. It's an explanation of why fewer Americans refuse to indulge these selfproclaimed 'elites', as they insult and mock everyone and everything they disagree with and they do it with sneering anger. What was on display on that stage last Sunday night was intolerance, hatred and condescension and with every show it gets worse, which is the main reason why each year the viewing audience gets smaller.

Moving on. 'Harvard Hates America' is the title of a book written by John Lebouttillier. What happened at that institution last week is just one of countless instances over the years that make so many Americans believe the book title is right on target accurate.

Most of our readers saw the reports about Chelsea Manning, formerly Bradley Manning, being invited to Harvard to speak at and receive a Harvard 'Visiting Fellowship', which is considered in some circles to be quite an honor. Let's be clear on who Manning is. She is a traitor to this country. Manning is a convicted felon who was found guilty of deliberately leaking secrets that jeopardized this nation's security and putting the lives of Americans in danger all around the world. And it was done while in the United States Army. So bad was the offense that she was sentenced to 35 years in prison but, of course, later pardoned by Obama.

It was encouraging to see a

loyal American like CIA Director Mike Pompeo refuse to accept his Fellowship in protest of the Manning selection. Harvard has since rescinded their invitation to Manning to receive the Visiting Fellowship because of the growing controversy and anger that it caused, though at this writing it is said she still might be invited to address students. This is not a freedom of speech issue when it comes to Manning at all. It's a case of rewarding an act of treason by a convicted felon and traitor.

Harvard thought it was just fine until the outcry from so many prominent Americans, which included the threat by some alumni to stop the flow of money they give to the school. The fact that Harvard made the offer in the first place probably has more people than ever agreeing with the title of John Leboutillier's famous book. Which brings me back to one more comment on the Emmy's since the term 'traitor' was mentioned. Was anyone surprised to learn that they had Jane Fonda up on stage on Sunday?

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## **Boston Harbor Now Announces Holistic Vision for Waterfront**

Meera Deean brings architectural design, urban planning expertise to new role



oston Harbor Now hired architectural and urban designer Meera Deean as Director of Planning. In this role,

Deean will lead the organization's planning work, collaborating with the City of Boston, other waterfront communities, and business and civic partners to develop a comprehensive plan for Boston Harbor. Deean will oversee a robust public engagement process designed to grow the constituency for Boston Harbor and address strategic priorities including development, equitable access, climate resilience, parks, infrastructure, and industry.

"The planning decisions we make today for the Harbor will determine the future of the larger region, and Long Beach, California. in an era of climate change, a building boom, and aging transportation infrastructure, the stakes couldn't be higher," said Kathy Abbott, President and CEO of Boston Harbor Now. "Meera's involvement in local harbor planning efforts and regional expertise will be invaluable as we work to develop a more integrated, proactive approach to waterfront planning that includes the voices of residents, business, and visitors to the Harbor and Islands."

"The cleanup of the Boston Harbor has created enormous opportunity, and planning is critical to ensuring we don't become victims of our own success as our Harbor continues to evolve," said Deean. "Key to creating an inclusive vision is collaboration, and I look forward to partnering with the public, private, and non-profit sectors as we begin this exciting phase of work."

Deean joins Boston Harbor Now from Utile, a Boston-based architecture and planning design firm, where she most recently worked with HR&A Advisors on Imagine Boston 2030, Boston's first citywide planning effort in 50 years. She has also managed projects for the Boston Planning and Development Agency, MassDevelopment, and the City of

Born in Baltimore and raised in East Tennessee, Meera studied art history at Williams College before receiving a M. Arch. from the Harvard Graduate School of Design. Meera serves on the board of the Community Design Resource Center of Boston and the editorial board of Architecture Boston magazine, and recently completed a three-year term as co-chair of the Urban Design Committee of the Boston Society of Architects.

#### About Boston Harbor Now:

Boston Harbor Now works in partnership with others in the public, for profit, and non-profit

sectors to plan, advocate and activate a thriving waterfront, harbor, and Boston Harbor Islands National and State Park.

Boston Harbor Now's comprehensive approach to the harbor prioritizes equitable public access

through parks and open spaces including the HarborWalk; well-designed infrastructure and

ferries; maritime industry and other marine-related economic drivers; mixed-use and mixed-income climate-resilient waterfront development; programming that promotes recreational and educational uses: and maintenance of the clean harbor.



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A public hearing on this application will be held at Boston City Hall, Room 809A, on Wednesday, October 4, 2017, at 11:30 a.m.

Anyone wishing to speak on this matter is invited to attend the hearing. Interpretation Services in Spanish, Mandarin, Cantonese, Vietnamese, Haitian Creole, Cape Verdean Creole and American Sign Language may be available upon request if the request is made two weeks prior to the public hearing. Call 617-635-4165 to request an interpreter. Written comments may be made prior to the hearing by writing to:

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# The Wine Guy **Burgundy West**

By The Wine Guy

or anyone who loves the many charms of a good glass of Pinot Noir, most probably know that the "home" of great red Pinots is the Burgundy region in France, where outstanding wines have been made since the time when all of France was known to the Romans as Gaul.

However, if you find a world map and place a ruler on Burgundy and follow it across the Atlantic and the United States, all the way to the Northwest U.S., you'll come to a place that many Pinot Noir lovers call, "Burgundy West"-Oregon.



While wine production is small by neighboring California standards, less than 1% the volume, the Willamette Valley, which produces about 85% of the state's Pinot Noir, produces wine of tremendous elegance, structure and complexity, much like their European cousins.

Erath Vineyards has been making tremendous wines since 1972, continued on page 8

# Harbor Access And Green Space continued from front page off," he said.

Earlier in the evening, the CLF group had stopped by a bar outside the Intercontinental Hotel that the DEP says violates public open space laws. And CLF has filed a lawsuit against a group of developers and the DEP for another waterfront project they say has an inadequate public access plan. Since this report, the Intercontinental has reconfigured its outside space to comply with Chapter 91.

Ben Lynch heads the DEP's waterways regulation program. He said most waterfront developments willingly meet the public space requirements. And he says when new developments are approved, the public access issue is not negotiable. "By statute we have to. In order to issue a license for them for a developer to be able to build, the public benefits have to outweigh the private benefits of any site," Lynch said. "And one of the first, probably the first and most important part of any license, is that there be good 24-hour public access."

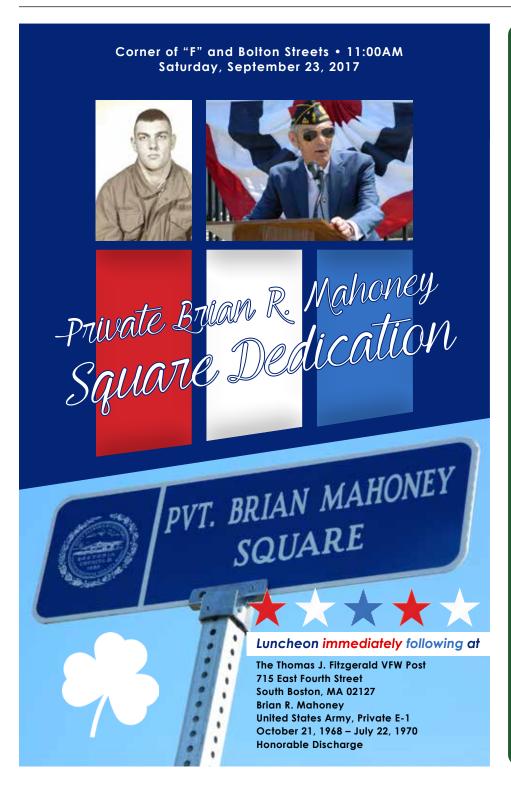
Lynch said his office has heard from CLF about the "First Fridays" event at the ICA.

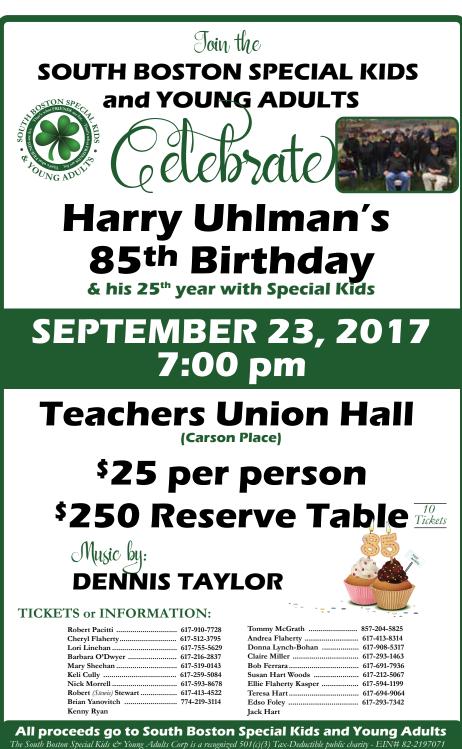
"We will be reaching out to ICA to revisit this issue to make sure that in the future when they want to do these kinds of events that they seek the written approval of the department," he said. "And I should add that were we to give that approval, we would never give the approval to close off the Harborwalk. The Harborwalk is sacrosanct. The Harborwalk has to stay open."

In response to an inquiry from WGBH News, the ICA responded with a written statement saying the museum has and will continue to provide public access during ICA events, and that they've met with security staff to make sure public access is maintained. When asked if that will include future "First Fridays" events, they said yes.

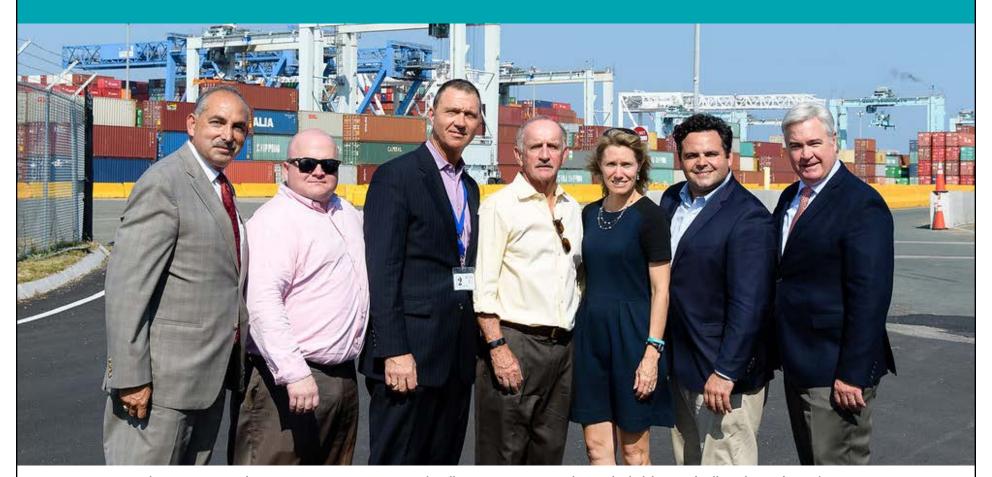
In a recent letter to the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs, Senator Linda Dorcena Forry and Representative Nick Collins implored Secretary Beaton to protect public access to green space under Chapter 97 which authorizes the Commonwealth to acquire and maintain ownership of public space on the waterfront and contract with private interests to maintain it. "This is a small token to the community which will ensure a quality of life on the waterfront."







# Community Commitment Kept



Massachusetts Senator Linda Dorcena-Forry, Representative Nick Collins, Boston City Councilors Michael Flaherty and Bill Linehan and Patrick Hoey, Boston Transportation Department toured the new Thomas Butler Freight Corridor with Massport officials on September 5th.

This month, we completed and opened the \$75 million Thomas J. Butler Dedicated Freight Corridor – and we would like to thank the South Boston Community for working with us and for your patience. This massive project includes a:

- Dedicated roadway including a 500-foot long bridge at the Reserve Channel for Conley Terminal container truck traffic;
- State-of-the-art security facility which will increase the safety of Port operations;
- 16-foot high sound barrier wall along East First Street as well as 95 on-street parking spaces for residents.

Later this fall, we look forward to the dedication of the 4.5-acre Thomas J. Butler Memorial Park and to celebrate South Boston with the Butler family and members of the community.

These accomplishments require planning, strategy and a strong partnership of government, the private sector, labor, and the South Boston community. Thank you for working with us.

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# MAYOR WALSH ANNOUNCES \$13 MILLION FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING

ayor Martin J. Walsh announced that the City of Boston is releasing \$13 million for new affordable housing projects to support the goals set forth in the Administration's housing plan, Housing a Changing City: Boston 2030. The Department of Neighborhood Development (DND) has now issued two Requests for Proposals (RFPs) for new affordable housing development and/or the preservation of existing affordable housing units.

"Addressing rising housing costs is critical for preserving the diversity and character that makes Boston a place where all residents can thrive," said Mayor Walsh. "We've seen remarkable growth in our population over the last several years, so we established a comprehensive plan, and committed over \$110 million to housing. I'm proud to say we're well on our way to meeting our goals, and we will continue to work hard to lift up every neighborhood across the city by stabilizing the housing market and providing all residents and their families with accessible and affordable options."

The first RFP issued, for approximately \$8 million, comes from a variety of sources includ-

ing the Federal HOME Investment Partnerships Program, Community Development Block Grant, Housing Boston 2030, and the Inclusionary Development Fund. The RFP specifically earmarks up to \$3 million for funding to support housing that will serve households 55 years or older. The second RFP utilizes funds from the Neighborhood Housing Trust (NHT). NHT disburses funds collected through the City's Linkage policy, which extracts affordable housing funds from developers of large commercial projects.

Based on the goals outlined in Housing a Changing City: Boston 2030, the City of Boston has established funding priorities. Proposals are expected to fall under at least one of the priority criteria:

- Affordable housing developments that utilize City-owned land;
- Affordable housing developments targeting a mix of incomes: from units for homeless households, to units targeted and restricted to incomes representative of Boston's workforce;
- Affordable housing developments that have reduced the cost to build and use public funding most efficiently;
- Affordable housing developments that serve the disabled community, vulnerable or special needs populations, elders, veterans, artists, and/or aging out youth;
- Acquisition of unrestricted housing developments in order to stabilize residents' tenancies, and provide long term affordability for a mix of incomes; or
- Developments that are at risk of losing their affordability within five years.

Housing a Changing City: Boston 2030 set out goals to increase the pace of low-income housing production by 50 percent -- from 234 units annually from 2011-2014 to 347 units annually, and to create a total of 6,500 new low-income units by 2030. To date, a total of 1,286 new low-income, non-elderly units have been completed, housing an estimated 2,250 lower-income residents. The City currently has a pipeline of 1,128 new non-elderly low-income units, many of which will be bolstered by the current round of funding.



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Please stand with us and vote for Ed Flynn for Boston City Council – District 2 on Tuesday, September 26th!



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#### The Wine Guy

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when Dick Erath moved his family to an un-heated farmhouse on fortynine acres in an area called Dundee Hills. From 216 cases of Pinot Noir that year, to more than 35,000 cases of multiple varieties from locations up and down the Willamette Valley in its latest vintage, the Erath family's story is Oregon Pinot Noir's story. Their 2015 Erath Vineyards Pinot Noir, Oregon (\$19.99), is full of berry, cinnamon and light vanilla notes that open up to flavors of pomegranate and light mocha. This one goes well with a wide variety of cheeses and meats, as well as salmon and sea bass.

Raptor Ridge Vineyards, located in the Chehalem Mountain AVA, was founded in 1995 and one of their first wines offered continues to be one of their best and most affordable. Their 2014 Barrel Select Pinot Noir, (\$29.99), with oak-spice aromas and wood-enriched texture feels like an old-school red. The wine's big and bold cherry flavors drive through the oak and its balanced acidity suggests that it's really at its best right now. Try it with any red sauce Italian dish, steak tips from the grille or roast Lamb.

Penner-Ash Wine Cellars, also relatively new, produces a series of single-vineyard pinot noir wines. Their 2015 Estate Pinot Noir,

(\$65.99), is described this way by Winemaker Lynn Penner-Ash:" This Pinot has ripe summer fig and plum aromas layered with black cherry and baking spice that jump to the nose, while black pepper and clove accent the vanilla wood notes. It has a structured finish that really creates a lasting impression that we think showcases the wine's ageability."

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> Ask The Wine Guy at jdris8888@gmail.com



#### The Benjamin 25 Northern Ave, Boston MA (Seaport) **BPDA Income Restricted Housing Lottery**

46 New BPDA Income Restricted Apartments For Rent

# of Units	Type	Rent*	<b>Income Limit</b>
7	Studio	<b>\$1,086*</b>	<b>Up to 70%</b>
25**	1BR	<b>\$1,267*</b>	<b>Up to 70%</b>
9**	2BR	\$1,448*	<b>Up to 70%</b>
5**	3BR	\$1,630*	Up to 70%

\*Rent does NOT include utilities. Tenant will be responsible for paying electricity, cable, telephone and water and sewer. Heating and Hot Water are gas and are paid by the property. Parking is NOT included and will be approximately \$400/month. Rent is subject to change when the BPDA publishes the annual rents.

\*\*5 units are built out for persons with mobility impairments (1 1BR, 2 2BR, and 2 3BR)

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The SEB Office is on 257 Hillside Ave, Needham, MA.

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## **Public Meeting**

# **SEAPORT SQUARE PUBLIC MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4** 

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

**75 NORTHERN AVE** 

District Hall Boston, MA 02210

#### PROJECT PROPONENT:

W/S Development Associates LLC

#### PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Public Meeting for the proposed Notice of Project Change at Seaport Square. W/S Development submitted a Supplemental Information Report on September 12, 2017, responding to all comments from the initial review period. This meeting will focus on any changes they have made to the proposal.

MICHAEL ROONEY MAIL TO:

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Teresa Polhemus, Executive Director/Secretary



### **Public Meeting**

#### 728 EAST BROADWAY

#### **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27**

6:30 PM - 7:30

#### **650 E 4TH STREET**

Tynan School Cafeteria South Boston, MA 02127

#### PROJECT PROPONENT:

726-734 E. Broadway Realty, LLC

#### PROIECT DESCRIPTION:

726-734 E. Broadway Realty, LLC the Proponent seeks to change the residential dwelling units previously approved as residential condominium units to rental units. No physical changes to the Project are contemplated.

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# bpda Public Meeting

# **SEAPORT SQUARE PUBLIC MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27** 

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

**1 SEAPORT LANE** 

Seaport Hotel, Seaport Ballroom Boston, MA 02210

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# And What a Festival it Was!

**SOUTH BOSTON TODAY - By Staff** 

k, every year the South Boston Street Festival is good. But could this year's have been the best? There are many who attend every year who said it was. The music, the food, the items for sale by so many South Boston vendors was all what could be classified as 'top shelf', aka great stuff at good prices. There were artists and chefs and venders of every kind. If you didn't find what you were looking for it could probably be found just a few tables down.

The weather started off just a bit overcast but

soon turned sunny and warm. The theme of the day was fun because everyone seemed to be having plenty. In South Boston, events begin with our National Anthem and as always, residents stood in silent respect. And over the course of the day literally thousands turned out to be part of this up beat experience that has become an annual tradition. People of all ages; including hundreds of families were enjoying the day's activities together. And the kids were especially happy to be there as they took part in games; many also getting their faces painted. In fact, the 2 block stretch of E. Broadway between K Street and I Street as it always does for the fes-

tival took on almost a Mardi Gras atmosphere.

The politicians were out in force meeting and greeting potential voters and the people greeted them right back with smiles. Current and former residents who may not have seen each other for a time were hanging out and catching up. There was a true mix of long timers and newcomers and it was a nice blend.

The South Boston Street Festival of 2017 can be added to the growing list of perfect events and it's all because of the hard work of the organizers, the sponsors, the local merchants, business owners and the volunteers. Congratulations to all for another job well done.

Watch for more great photos of the 2017 South Boston Street Festival in next week's South Boston Today.































# Attorney General Maura Healey & SEIU Local 888 Show Up for Mike Kelley in District 2

ike Kelley held a canvass kickoff Sunday in Boston's Villa Victoria neighborhood, rallying supporters from every neighborhood in District 2. Joining Mike were Attorney General Maura Healey as well as several members of SEIU Local 888. Kelley's campaign had more than 50 volunteers knocking on doors and speaking with voters across every one of District 2's diverse neighborhoods.

The Kelley campaign has received increasing support throughout District 2, gaining the endorsements of several labor unions, as well as the



Attorney General Maura Healey (right) joins District 2 City Council Candidate Mike Kelley (left) for canvassing in the South End this past Sunday.

Democratic Committees of Wards 3, 4 and 5. With the Tuesday, Sept. 26 preliminary election fast approaching, Mike continues to share his Putting People First agenda with residents across District 2.

Speaking at the campaign's canvass kickoff, AG Healey said, "Funda-

mentally, it's about people. It's about fighting for people and taking care of people." She continued, "For me, one of the things that resonates the most about Mike Kelley is that he has been, and will always be about people."

Addressing the crowd of his supporters and volunteers, Mike thanked

AG Healey, saying, "I can't think of a better person to be standing with right now, who shows every single day what it's like and how important it is to have elected officials and leaders, not only in this state, but in this country, who care about people and are willing to stand up."

# Three Takeaways From City Council Candidate Forum

even, yes that's 7, candidates presented their candidacies at a Forum sponsored by the Association of Civic Groups held at the UP Academy, formerly the Gavin Middle School, this week.

The first takeaway is that few in the audience knew that there were more than 3 candidates in the race for the District 2 City Council seat held by the retiring Bill Linehan. The seven are Kora Vakil of downtown Boston, Peter Lin-Marcus of Chinatown, Corey Dinopoulos of South Boston, Mike Kelley of the South End, Joe Kerbatas of South Boston, Erica Tritta of South Boston and Ed Flynn of South Boston.

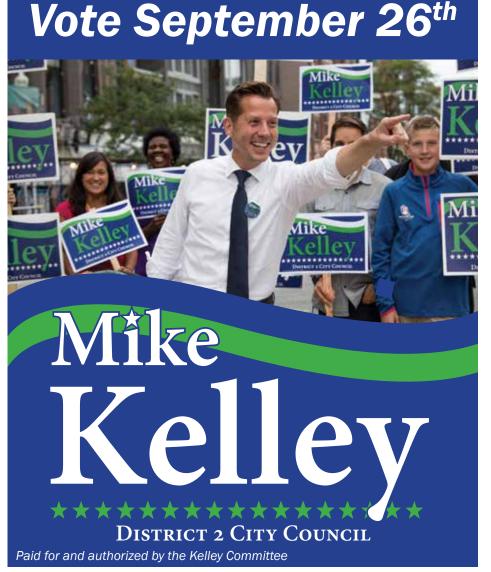
The second takeaway is that the pre-determined questions on education, transportation, drug addiction, public safety and development showed some differentiation among the candidates with each echoing the importance



of community engagement.

The third takeaway is that politics, the role of government and the quality of life in South Boston is evidenced by the active participation of the members of South Boston's civic organizations and the determination by candidates to listen to the voting citizens of the District 2 neighborhoods.

Vote this Tuesday September 26.



## Old Harbor Reunion Sunday, September 24th at Florian

by Brian Wallace

here will be a lot of old stories, and athletic achievements and some of them might even be true. Billy Bulger, who with his wife Mary are among the people running the reunion, talked to me for twenty-five minutes last week. What an honor. He told me that the Bulger family moved into Old Harbor when he was four years old. He is a delight to listen to and hasn't forgotten a thing.

When I got off the phone with President Bulger, I reflected on what made my time at Old Harbor so special. It was the people, without a doubt. I began writing down names, and I truly marveled that such a tiny village could produce such incredible talent. Let's start with a world-renowned chef named Barbara Lynch, a Senate and UMass President like Bill Bulger, a Congressman named

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Moakley, who never forgot where he came from, and then I began to write down the athletic and musical talent that came out of Old Harbor. It is almost mind-blowing.

Since I was a basketball player, I looked at some of the great basketball talents, from Paul and Taz Flynn to Billy Paulsen and Joe "Maury" Flaherty. Then I filled in the blanks. How is this for basketball talent: Billy "Inches" Miles, Johnny and Danny Joyce, Marty Ridge, Joe Ayube, Gerard Burm, Franny Joyce, Ricky and Bob "Hooker" Fisher, Jimmy Purtell, John "El Dorado Nado" Scheffler, Eddie "Satch" and Jackie Donlan. Stra Cousey, Carl Elledge, Paul Dooley, Jimbo Reardon, Jackie Fleming, Danny Lynch, Frank Welby, Billy Elliot, Tom "Audy" Ford, Jimbo Bryant who played at BC, Knocko McCormick, Mike Sullivan, Tommy Flaherty, Mike Connolly, Chrissy Kerins,

Hacka Higgins, Joe "Moslem" Riley, Waz Mahoney, Jaz Lynch, Billy Greene, Steve Foley and Rick Calnan. Now that is some talent and I know I have forgotten a few, but I am doing this from memory from 50 years ago. I'd play on that team any day of the week.

Then you turn to baseball and Old Harbor, maybe because it's close proximity to old Columbia Park, produced some incredible baseball players starting with two-time Babe Ruth League batting champion, Bobby Gibbons, and three-time leading base stealer Chrissy Kerins, Zutch O'Toole, Jimmy Higgins and Billy Paulsen two of the best left-handed pitchers ever. John "Burger" Flynn, Paul and Waz Mahoney, Jaz Lynch, Joe Dever, Rico Petra Calnan, Bobby White, Joe "Moslem" Riley, Danny Joyce, John Shannon, Buddy Cavanaugh, Billy Elliot, to name a few.

Old Harbor produced three of Southie High's greatest linemen, Dennis Ross, who is the only lineman to this day, ever to win the King Gillette trophy, All-Scholastics Dukie Joe and Joe Donovan all lived minutes from each other. Billy Paulsen, who played for BC and caught a TD against Notre Dame, Charlie Green, John "Bunka" Imbruglia, Gerard Sheppeck, Billy Linehan, Chrissy Kerins, the best pure tackler I ever played with. Coach Peaches Flynn, and the Monks.

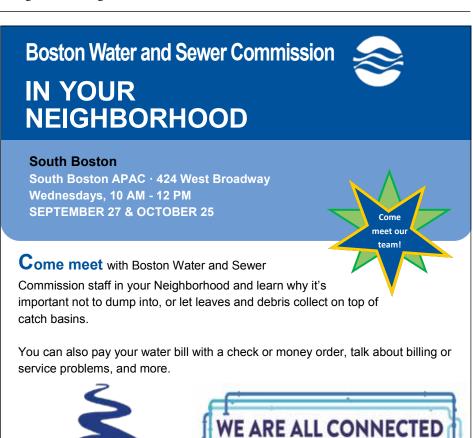
When you talk about hockey, you have to start with the Burkes, the first family of hockey, who were on the original board to build the Murphy Rink and brought hockey to Southie. Their sons John, and Kevin were both great hockey players as was Gerry and Arthur Larvey, Paul Mahoney, Enzo.

Don't forget our actors starting with Bo Cleary, who has been a number of Hollywood hits, or Jay Giannone, who has also carved out a niche for himself in major motion pictures. Dennis

Lynch has also done a few movies. All from Old Harbor.

That is an incredible amount of talent in that one area, but what blew my mind and still does is the music talent that came out of Old Harbor. Steve Casey was one of the best singers of our time. Team him with Leo McCarty and you have magic. Actually, team Stevie Casey with just about anybody, and you have a hell of a band. He played with Casey, Lynch and Mahoney, Rat's Castle with Jack Geary and Mike Quigley. He sang by himself and won the talent show at the Casino in Falmouth. Brian Mahoney is an incredible writer and singer, who is still performing. It started with Eddie Adams and Joe Grigalunis and the Poo Tangs, playing every 4th of July. Al Aloise followed with Al & The Lads. They added Louie Sasso and took off. Paul Mahoney played for the famous Boston Mass. Teddy Chapin was one of the best guitar players before his untimely death. Moslem was hooked into every band at the Surf. Jimmy Smith was special. Taint with Brian Mahoney, Paul Spitz, and Jimmy Keaney were an awesome band, Danny Lynch was as good as anyone I know and stole the show at The Great Southie Reunion. Kevin "Papa Tee" Tarpey could harmonize with anyone. The Linehan Brothers are still rocking out and sound as good as ever. Rocco McDonald was Mick Jagger before Mick Jagger. Harry Flaherty knew every word to every Beatle song.

All this talent came from one small area in Southie, the Old Harbor Village, which is being torn down. They can tear down the bricks, but they can never take away the memories. Share your memories on Sunday, September 24th at Florian Hall. See ya there, oh yeah I'll bring the half balls. It starts at 1:00 PM and tickets may be purchased at the door for \$25.



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# Tom Tinlin Joins Howard Stein Hudson Company

oward Stein Hudson, a firm delivering transportation and engineering solutions for clients in Boston and throughout the region since 1987, recently celebrated their 30th anniversary at their corporate headquarters at 11 Beacon Street in Boston.

Howard Stein Hudson is pleased to announce that Tom Tinlin joins our firm as Institutional and Pri-



vate Markets Director. Tom has a natural understanding and a deep expertise in advancing projects to completion. With 30 years of experience, including service as MassDOT's Highway Administrator and Commissioner of Boston Transportation Department, Tom looks forward to help improving mobility and the built environment for the people of New England.

"It is terrific to have Tom Tinlin join our team," says Tom Stokes, Chief Executive Officer. "We know his expertise will advance our goal of delivering sustainable, cost effective, and pragmatic solutions throughout New England and beyond."

Tom Tinlin earned a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Eastern Nazarene College and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Suffolk University. He began his career at the City of Boston in 1988 and went on to serve in Mayor Menino's administration as a Neighborhood Liaison in 1994, followed by becoming the Boston Transportation Department Chief of Staff. He then went on to become Deputy Commissioner and ultimately Commissioner. After working for the City, Tom started his tenure with MassDOT's Highway Division in 2014, where he served as the Chief of Operations and Maintenance and then was appointed Highway Administrator in 2015.

Tinlin recently received the Ray

LaHood award from WTS for his work on the advancement of women in transportation. He also received the 2017 American Public Works Association's (APWA) Professional Transportation Manager of the Year for his work on the All Electronic Tolling conversion. In October, he will be receiving the Norman Leventhal Visionary in Transportation award.

#### About Howard Stein Hudson Associates

Howard Stein Hudson is a full service transportation and civil engineering firm that provides transportation planning, civil engineering, traffic engineering, complete streets design, construction services, and public involvement, in Boston and throughout the region, which recently celebrated their 30th Anniversary at the corporate headquarters on Beacon Hill. The company is located at 11 Beacon Street, Suite 1010, Boston MA with a second location at 114 Turnpike Road, Chelmsford, MA. For more information please visit www.hshassoc.com or call 617-982-7080.

# Calling All Teens



Youth Ambassador Fall Semester Meetings Begin!
The South Boston Community Health Center is pleased

to announce that the first Youth Ambassador meeting of the fall semester will be held Tuesday September 26, 2017 from 5:30 to 7:00p.m. The location of the meeting is the South Boston Community Health Center Dental and Eye Care building 2nd Floor, 386 West Broadway. Youth ages 12 – 16 are encouraged to join the Youth Ambassadors group to become involved with health-related trainings, community service projects and art based activities that engage youth in the life of the South Boston community.

The Youth Ambassador meetings will be held every Tuesday evening. This year Youth Ambassadors will be involved in a wide variety of activities and trainings to promote a healthier and more fulfilling life.

Applications to become a Youth Ambassador will be accepted for two weeks, at the September 26th and October 3rd meetings.

If you would like more information about the Youth Ambassador program please contact Linda Doran (617) 464-7463 or Emily Hames 617-464-7482 at the South Boston Community Health Center.

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## **Drug Problem Getting Worse**

By Kevin Devlin

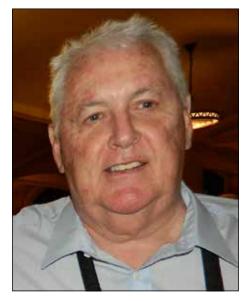
never thought that in 2017 I would be writing that the drug problem is getting worse and the prognosis for the future bleaker than ever. Every day in newspapers across the nation, obituaries are listing the names of young men and woman who died suddenly, unexpectedly. We all know what is really meant in most of these death notices. We have grown accustomed to them, immune from the reality of it all. It doesn't matter if you are rich or poor, white, brown, or black. When opportunity knocks, drugs don't discriminate and gladly opens the door for anyone to enter.

On September 2, Josh Katz wrote in The New York Times that according to a nation-wide governmental study, drug overdoses in the United States in 2016 killed approximately 64,000 people. It was a staggering rise of more

than twenty-two percent over the drugrelated overdoses recorded in 2015. He also wrote that drug overdoses was now the leading cause of death among Americans under the age of fifty.

Drug deaths involving fentanyl and its analogues (carfentanyl or carfentinal, being one of 43 analogues) have increased dramatically. Fentanyl is 50 times stronger than heroin. Carfentanyl, an elephant tranquilizer, is 5,000 times stronger than heroin and 10,000 times more potent than morphine. An amount of carfentanyl smaller than a few grains of salt can be lethal.

In an article in The Washington Post this past August, the writers, Nicole Lewis, Emma Ockerman, Joel Achenbach and Wesley Lowery, noted that in twenty-four of the nation's largest cities and the counties that surround them, fentanyl-related overdose deaths increased nearly six hundred percent from 2014 to



2016. And officials are sadly aware, predicting, that these fatal fentanyl overdoses will spike in 2017.

Oddly, sadly, our success in creating a variety of pain-reducing drugs, meant to help those really in need, such as cancer patients, has created a situation wherein it is estimated that over two million people have a problem with opioids. In 2015, twelve million people took prescription

painkillers without being instructed to do so by a doctor. In the last sixteen years, more than 183,000 people have died from overdoses from prescription opioids such as morphine, oxycodone, and methadone. Along with these deaths from prescription opioids, add fentanyl to the list, throw in the fatal overdoses from heroin and the increase in cocaine and methamphetamine-related deaths; and we have a problem growing without mercy. When the H.I.V. epidemic became full blown, it was a tragic time in this nation's history. Today, the drug epidemic has climbed into the front seat, and according to Katz, "is killing people at a faster rate than the H.I.V. epidemic at its peak."

I don't pretend to have an answer for this epidemic which affects all of us. But I'm hoping someday we will, and can shout to the Heavens, emphatically declaring we defeated this scourge which crept around the country causing untimely death and concomitant heartache.

# Police Need Residents' Help To Prevent Crime

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY - By Staff

ere at South Boston Today, the last thing we want to have to do is write about crime/vandalism in our neighborhood, because the ultimate goal should be to attain the ultimate goal of a crime free community. And, as we all know and police data confirms, compared to so many other areas of Boston, the level of criminal activity here is still very low and our town is still a safe place to live and raise a family (for those who can still afford it of course). But when we find it necessary to comment on some negative incidents we most definitely will.

One recent incident has us asking WHY. Why was it necessary for someone to deliberately vandalize the dasher boards on the beautiful Donny Higgins Street Hockey Rink on Farragut Rd.? The building of this rink was organized and in part paid for out of the pockets of dedicated residents, who want only to do their part to provide healthy and safe

activities to local kids in what has becom,; thanks to the maintenance skills and hard work of neighbors, a state of the art facility that brings pleasure to literally hundreds of young people. It was definitely vandalized because the amount of force it took to smash those dasher boards proves it was clearly no accident.

Then of course there are the reported incidents of people creeping around the neighborhood late at night jacking up vehicles and stealing the wheels and tires as shown in the widely circulated social media photo of the car on East Seventh Street. New reports of delivered packages left on doorsteps by the various mail delivery services being stolen are also coming in. And there is more.

Again, Boston Police sources have stated that data will show that the crime rate in South Boston is lower than in many other parts of the city, much lower. But that should offer no comfort to residents who are bound and determined to make sure the



neighborhood remains safe.

Our local police work hard and some would say they are understaffed and in need of additional resources. But until and if more cops are hired and funding for additional state of the art equipment comes in, our police agree that one of their most important resources is the cooperation they receive from residents themselves. They urge neighbors to never hesitate to report suspicious activity. Make that 911 call. Remain anonymous if you choose, but let them know what you are

seeing and hearing, the location of the activity and description of people and or vehicles that may be involved. Police say they will respond when called and they do.

Even if there is only the occasional house break, act of vandalism, theft of a motor vehicle (or its wheels) or crimes of other types, if the ultimate goal is to bring those numbers down to zero, there is a far better chance of getting there, if everyone keeps their eyes and ears open, remains vigilant and alert and gives our police officers that extra help they are requesting.



**DANNY PICARD:** The Patriots picked up their first win of the season Sunday in New Orleans. Did you have any doubt, after their Week 1 loss at home to Kansas City? Did you have any doubt coming into this game against New Orleans?

MATT CHATHAM: It was sort of an autopsy feel. That's kind of how I felt going through that 10 days trying to sort of sift through the rubble of what was there, and figure out what translates to future weeks, and what is probably a goofy outlier from playing on Week 1 and making mistakes that I don't usually see them make. So, it was kind of that, just separating the bad from the stuff that probably doesn't go forward. And I think when you go and look at what happened Sunday in New Orleans, a lot of that that bad stuff in Week 1 didn't come over to Week 2, which is sort of what you should expect. If they were not smart - and we know they are — then you would be more concerned. But they're usually pretty good at looking at stuff and going, "Well, that doesn't work. Let's kick that to the curb." And they did. I think most of those issues that were big

problems against Kansas City, weren't against the Saints.

**DP:** What have you seen from cornerback Stephon Gilmore through two weeks? Is this a guy that was worth the money the Patriots gave him? And when you see what he brings right now, are you still looking at this saying this is a good signing for the Patriots, and he is going to help them long-term in this secondary?

MC: Oh yeah. I'm on-board all the way with Gilmore. He's a unique guy who can match up, because he's kind of mid-size. He's not the smallest corner, and he's not the biggest corner. He sits kind of right in the middle, where he's comfortable enough to go up and down, and I think that's good. The two big mistakes we're thinking of is the busted coverage between he and McCourty, where it looked like it was just Gilmore passing it off to what he thought was a half-safety, but it couldn't have been a halfsafety because McCourty was at five-yards pre-snap, and you can't cover the deep half of the field from there. So you assume Gilmore got the wrong call, thought the wrong call, whatever. Then this other one, where he picked himself pre-snap,

that's not like, "Oh he isn't as good a corner as I thought." That's just "getting to know you" I guess, and I' assume those things won't be there in October.

**DP:** As good as the offense looked in New Orleans, we have seen a lot of injuries. Julian Edelman got hurt in the preseason, then you have Danny Amendola going down in Week 1. Now Rob Gronkowski gets hurt in Week 2. We're hearing that maybe they dodged a bullet with that one. They're saying Gronk's injury is just a groin and it's not that serious. But is there a point, in your mind, where you look at this offense and say, "They'll be OK up until they lose 'this guy." Like, is Gronk that guy? Do you think if they lose Gronk for an extended period of time, on top of not having Edelman and Amendola, do you think this offense is in trouble? At what point will you believe this offense is in serious trouble?

MC: I normally think Gronk is the guy. I think he's probably, far and away, the most talented, relative to the person who has to cover him. he has the greatest disparity between himself and whoever's got to get him. So that would probably be the biggest, but, it's

This week,
Danny talked
with former New
England Patriots
linebacker Matt
Chatham:

not the biggest if you still have four healthy wide receivers and the full running-back compliment. And we don't have that, so we don't know. To me, it's kind of an up-in-the-air thing because what seems to be happening now is, it's actually good news — although it doesn't feel like good news. The bad news is when it's an Edelman thing: an ACL, season over. Then Malcolm Mitchell, season over. But fortunately everything on Sundaywas minor stuff. Those are annoying. You're kind of annoyed that they seem to be dropping like flies, but they're not really dropping, they're just getting the nicks and scrapes. So, provided it never becomes major, the roster is a little beat up right now for sure. All things into perspective, there's some guys nicked up here, but this is the NFL. Injuries are going to happen, and you usually — generally speaking — can trust that the Patriots are going to find ways to get around it, as long as it's not all IR's. And these aren't all IR's. Listen to "The Danny Picard Show" at dannypicard.com and on the PodcastOne network. Also available on iTunes, Google Play, Stitcher, and Tunein.







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