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he message coming out of the Presidential Candidates Phase 1 Test, the Iowa Caucuses and New Hampshire Primary, is that the voters in those states are fed up with the political establishment and business as usual in Washington DC. By picking Donald Trump and Bernie Sanders, New Hampshire has sent voters in South Carolina and other upcoming primary states a pair of outside-the-mainstream characters with extreme and differing ideologies, and with messages to audiences very different than these first two.

What happens next in Nevada and South Carolina is anyone's guess with Donald Trump, who is leading the polls in South Carolina, now fresh off of a convincing win over an exhausted field of competitors. Senator Marco Rubio, who has been con-CONTINUED ON page 13 Go to our **South Boston Today**

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EDITORIAL

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ow many times have we seen, heard or even sung the National Anthem? Military bands, high school glee clubs, opera singers, lounge entertainers, Roseann Barr and her obscene gestures and Jose Feliciano and his mournful guitar rendition. We've seen it all, thousands of times. Has there ever been a more magnificent offering than that provided by Lady Gaga to open the Super Bowl? From her red spangled outfit down to her sparkling red, white and blue high heeled shoes she

dressed to perfection.

It was, however, her emotional performance that seemed to reach every heart in America. In an interview the night before, Lady Gaga stated that singing the Anthem surrounded by all the flags and troops would be the greatest honor of her life. She also stated she wanted to bring meaning to the words because they told the story that despite the struggle "Our Flag Was Still There" and she was proud of her country.

After performing the greatest rendition ever, all that's left to say is "Mission Accomplished".



"The crime problem in New York is now getting serious. The other day the Statue of Liberty had both hands up." - Jay Leno



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Beyoncé's Halftime Super Bowl Freak Show Diminished the NFL

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hether you liked the Broncos or the Panthers in last Sunday's Super Bowl, fans from both sides expressed a dislike for the half time show. There was a time that the Super Bowl was considered a proudly American event, where good sportsmanship and yes, patriotism too, were the themes of the day. The two top teams in the nation battled it out to the cheers of the enthusiastic crowds, both at the arena and at home. The halftime show also tended to highlight some of the country's best musical talent. But the freak show on display for Super Bowl 50 was probably the worst. Beyoncé sent a racist message that couldn't be missed. Praising the vile anti-police Black Lives Matter group by their costumes, their music and their speech. It was an 'in your face' slap at not only law enforcement, but at white Americans in general. Former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani had it right when he called Beyoncé's little act "A platform to attack police". With each passing year, the NFL becomes less of an iconic American tradition as it slowly transitions itself into a decaying political sideshow run by leftist hacks. It's time to clean house at the top. Roger Goodell is a good place to start.

The people in New Hampshire can breathe a sigh of relief. Their much hyped presidential primary has come and gone. People in the state stopped answering their phones and even their doors, as they were besieged constantly by pollsters and politicians. But the results speak volumes about the mood of the country and the vote count on the democrat side sent another clear message. But it's a message that some democrats just can't seem to understand, particularly on the issue of gun ownership. Far more often than not, when a candidate for political office attacks the Second Amendment in general and the National Rifle Association specifically - they lose. Even Bill Clinton said Al Gore would have won the 2000 election against George W Bush if he didn't attack gun owners and the NRA. Locally, even in liberal Massachusetts, Martha Coakley made the same mistake, as did Warren Tolman in the last Governor's race. They were both flying high in the polls, until they chose to promise to 'take down the NRA' in their campaign ads.

Hillary Clinton apparently didn't get the memo from her husband. She barely squeaked out a disputed tie with Bernie Sanders in Iowa, where she blew a long standing lead and just lost to him in the New Hampshire primary. Why? One of the big reasons is she made taking down the NRA one of her main goals. She saw what happened to Martin O'Malley. He based his whole campaign on his anti-Second Amendment/anti-NRA crusade and he wasn't even a blip on the radar screen. Even Sanders, whose claim to fame is to give everyone free stuff if elected, was smart enough not to attack the gun rights of law abiding Americans. Some people on this issue never learn. The saying 'There are none so blind as those who will not see' fits perfectly here.

Here is a message to those politicians who are hell bent on doing Obama's bidding of bringing thousands of Syrian refugees to America without the proper vetting of each and everyone one of them. The ever so tolerant Europeans just did it, and now they are regretting it in a big way. So bad has it gotten in just a few months that the European countries that did take them in are moving to send them home. The big clash of cultures is causing riots, sexual assaults on a massive scale, surging violent crime waves and economies that just can't handle the demands being made by the waves of immigrants. Sweden alone, the country thought to be the most liberal in all of Europe, is evicting 80,000 of the new arrivals and

other countries are doing the same.

So to our liberal American politicians plotting to unleash on our country the same thing that's happening in Europe, (and this includes both Hillary and Bernie, among others) you might want to think twice if you plan to keep your jobs come the next election. If you think the American people aren't paying attention to what's happening in Europe, you could be making the biggest mistake of your careers.

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Window Into The State House

Window Into The State House provides our readers a synopsis of important issues of interest, past and current, that are being proposed, debated or acted upon by the Massachusetts Legislature. Many issues that are not related to local city government services are acted upon and have a direct impact on daily life. They are tax policy, transportation infrastructure, judicial appointments, social services and health, as well as higher education. We will excerpt reports from the gavel-to-gavel coverage of House and Senate sessions by news sources focused on this important aspect of our lives.

These sources include a look ahead at the coming week in state government and summaries and analyses of the past week, re-caps of a range of state government activity, as well as links to other news.

City promises space-saver crackdown

Boston plans to strictly enforce its ban on parking space savers this winter, Mayor Walsh said during Monday's storm, the Herald's Owen Boss and O'Ryan Johnson report. DPW crews picked up and discarded hundreds of such items from city streets over the weekend.

Walsh proposes 'Ray Flynn Industrial Park'

Mayor Marty Walsh plans to ask the Boston Redevelopment Authority to rename the Marine Industrial Park after former Mayor Ray Flynn, who once toiled in the shipyard as a longshoreman.

IndyCar critics want environmental review South Boston residents and others opposed to the IndyCar race planned for Labor Day are asking the administration of Gov. Charlie Baker to order a full-blown environmental review of the proposed event, the Globe's Mark Arsenault reports. **Former Assistant AG leads legalization charge**

Commonwealth Magazine's Jack Sullivan sits down with Will Luzier -- the former assistant attorney general who is now leading the Campaign to Regulate Marijuana Like Alcohol -- to discuss the prospects for the legalization of recreational marijuana and the origins of his passion on the issue.

Bill would let addicts turn in drugs without fear of prosecution



Inspired by action of her hometown police department, Rep. Ann-Margaret Ferrante of Gloucester has filed a bill to allow addicts to turn in heroin and other drugs at local police departments without fear of prosecution. "We're not talking about somebody who comes in with a wheelbarrow full of narcotics," Ferrante told Katie Lannan of the State House News Service. Ferrante "described the legislation as an expansion of the Good Samaritan law, which protects an overdose victim or witnesses from possession charges if they call 911 for medical help," Lannan reports. City of Boston salaries: The reign of OT

This line from the Boston Business Journal's report on 2015 City of Boston compensation says it all: "10 city workers earned more in nonsalary pay, including overtime and detail work, than the total compensation paid to Mayor Walsh in 2015." 242 Police Department employees had compensation over \$200,000. You can search the BBJ database here by employee or department: The overtime numbers at the Boston Police Department continue to balloon, totaling \$61.6 million last year. That's up 34 percent since the 2013 fiscal year. The Herald's Jack Encarnacao reports that an audit by the Pubic Safety Strategies Group stated the BPD "does not use a process that has a high degree of accountability regarding the issuance of general overtime." The report said there a "practice of generating unnecessary overtime that meets the hours allocated rather than requiring justification of need for the overtime prior to scheduling." The individual numbers are staggering. One police lieutenant earned \$162,000 in OT in 2015. Movie firms worry about film credit cut

The state's movie-making industry, including the studios clustered at Devens, say Gov. Baker's proposed changes to the Massachusetts film tax credit will have far-reaching implications, Amelia Pak-Harvey of the Lowell Sun reports. "It'd be a devastating blow to the local film industry," says a spokesperson for New England Studios.

The downside to cheap gas

A gallon of gas is at something like \$1.77 -- hard to believe that gas was about \$3.70 a gallon in July 2014. What's not to like about the oil glut? It's a bonus for consumers. But there cannot be a commodity collapse with plenty of pain on the other side of the economic equation. Plummeting oil prices are causing widespread layoffs in oil states, especially Texas. Then there are the banks that lent to the energy industry. Cheap oil and gas don't provide enough revenue for energy producers to keep up with their loans. Chesapeake Energy Corp., a debt-laden oil and natural gas producer, saw its shares drop by 50 percent at one point yesterday, after a report surfaced that it has hired restructuring attorneys. The company's stock trades at about \$2. Bank stocks are getting creamed, in part because of fears of energy loan exposure. So, enjoy the rock-bottom prices while they last: The pleasure at the pump will end when there aren't enough energy producers left standing to keep up with demand.

Warren's war chest grows

She may be staying to the sidelines of the Democratic presidential primary, but U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren continues to raise plenty of campaign cash. According to Steve LeBlanc of the Associated Press, Warren raised \$2.7 milli on in 2015 from donors across the country and ended the year with \$3.1 million in cash in her campaign coffers. **Hockey returns to Worcester** Worcester will host minor-league hockey against beginning in 2017, the Telegram's Bill Ballou reports.

The yet-to-be-named team will play athlete DCU Center and compete in the ECHL, replacing the Worcester Sharks AHL franchise that decamped for California last spring.





ReadingBetween TheLines

Recently a dear friend and comrade, who is a former woman marine, urged that folks be reminded of the full meaning of the upcoming Evacuation Day Holiday. The full meaning is that we honor those Veterans who fought and won our nation's first victory and all those who have defended our nation since and up to the present moment. While it recognizes those who came to defend the land, the Day recognizes how the land itself came to defend the people.

The fortification with cannon of the five South Boston "Heights" commanded and controlled Boston Harbor thus forcing British surrender and departure. America and its founders came here not to create a military power, but for "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness". To reach those goals a thriving economy would be needed.

Instead of defense, South Boston was viewed as an economic engine. This resulted in a train trestle from what is now A & 1st Street all the way to deep water, where the Fan Pier was created to unload ships. Landfill alongside that trestle created A Street and warehouses that lined it. Two more landfills created land from A St. to halfway between B and C Streets. In 1895, Commonwealth Park was created filling in 45 acres of recreation space up to D Street. Remember, prior to all this the original shoreline was 1st Street. Everything beyond it was ocean. This development created the booming port of Boston making it a world financial center.

Over the years the land was used to commemorate and again defend the people. Between H and I Streets, Vicksburg Street was created to remember the brave patriots in our

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY Brian R. Mahoney

Civil War. Then, in 1912, with war looming the government, from D Street to the Reserve Channel, filled and created a U.S. Navy Base. Later, during WWII, the Army Base was added on which today is the Black Falcon Terminal and Marine Industrial Park. At E and Fargo Streets a 50 feet high city block long drill hall was built, and in the 50's was shared with the neighborhood as a basketball gym. The hall itself was named after George Domenic Murray, a kid from C Street. Murray was captain of the USS Enterprise, when it won the decisive Battle of Midway. He retired as an Admiral.

During the Korean and Viet-Nam conflicts, many local sons and daughters departed from these bases to begin military service, which was fitting and despite nearly doubling in land mass, it was still all South Boston.

In the early 1970's, with America downsizing its military, both the Navy and Army Bases were closed and the vast properties were sold or leased. The result, of course, is the hottest real estate market in the country on our waterfront with booming economic and commercial opportunities.

Not completely oblivious to the future, South Boston's officials, led by the late great Councilor Jim Kelly, formed a number of Citizens Committees to provide input and oversight as to how development should proceed. The Convention Center, the Music Pavilion, the Manu-Life/John Hancock Building, to name a few, were subject to community review and approval. The Legal Test Kitchen received the liquor license from the Irish Whisper Tavern on East 8th Street in order to open where it is now.

The reason for all this, of course, is that a business operating in

"The Bargain"

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Boston needs Boston City approval. We love to think Southie is a separate country, but in reality we're all part of Boston. This is why, during all those years of meetings, those community members advocated constantly from the beginning of the need for a police and fire station to be sited on the waterfront. We also insisted that jurisdictional boundaries be set before development began. Under Councilor Kelly the community position was specific. Boston Police would have jurisdiction from the land side of Northern Ave and State Police on the Harbor side of Northern Ave. This would be in line with state traditional highway and shoreline jurisdiction.

The waterfront has been developing faster than anticipated. State Police are being required to dedicate more and more resources to control urban commercial interests for which they are not trained. A case in point is the Marathon Bombing. During the height of the search not a single trooper could be found on the **CONTINUED ON page 6**



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STRAIGHT FROM THE MAYOR Building America's Most Age-Friendly City

Here in Boston, we are committed to making our city a place where everyone can succeed --- of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities. This is our guiding principle as we plan and build the future of our city. That's why an essential goal of our citywide plan is to make sure the seniors who built our city can continue to thrive here. And it's why I announced in my State of the City address last month that we are building a plan to make Boston the most age-friendly city in America.

Seniors make up the fastest-growing sector of our city's population. More than 14% of our population is above the age of 60. That number is expected to grow to 20% by 2030. We're thrilled so many seniors regard our city as a place where they can live and thrive.

That's why one of my first actions as Mayor was signing up Boston for the World Health Organization's Global Network of Age Friendly Communities through AARP. And with the help of the UMass Boston Gerontology Institute, we listened and surveyed thousands of older adults in every neighborhood. This year, we will be analyzing all the data and we will use it to develop our plan to make Boston the most age-friendly city in America.

We want our seniors to know, right now, that their city government is here to support them. Many city departments offer programs, services, and discounts specifically for senior residents. Our Commission on Affairs of the Elderly is a great go-to resource for advice on Medicare, referrals, benefits, services, volunteer opportunities, and more.

Our Senior Shuttle is available for nonemergency rides to medical appointments within the City of Boston. Taxi coupons can also be purchased monthly and used with 7 different authorized taxicab companies operating in Boston.

For homeowners, we offer many helpful programs. The Assessing department offers a residential exemption and personal exemptions to taxpayers who meet the qualifications. The Taxpayer Referral and Assistance Center offers tax deferral for homeowners 65 or older whose current expenses make the continued ownership of their home difficult.

Adults who qualify can also work off up to \$1000 of their property taxes by volunteering their time in a city department. In addition, the Department of Neighborhood Development has programs out of their Home Center to help Boston residents improve and keep their homes.

The Seniors Save program can help income-eligible older adults replace failing or inefficient heating systems. The Senior Home Repair program offers 0% interest-deferred loans for a variety of emergency home repairs. The Home Retention Program offers advice for those struggling to pay their mortgage or taxes, to help them keep their home. We have also asked our departments and utility companies to offer discounts to seniors to cover essential services. The Boston Water and Sewer Commission offers some homeowners a 30% discount off the water portion of their bill. Comcast now offers a 10% discount on both Basic and Digital Starter Cable TV, and an Internet Essentials high-speed service for \$9.59 for new subscribers who are income eligible.

All these programs and services are available today. I encourage older residents to check them out and to share this information with family and friends. Please find the appropriate phone numbers below, or learn more at www.cityofboston.gov. And please don't hesitate to reach out. The more we learn from you, the better we can serve all our seniors, and the sooner we can reach our goal of being America's most age-friendly city.

Department/ Program	Phone Number
Senior Shuttle	617-635-3000
Commission on Affairs of the Elderly	617-635-4366
Assessing Department	617-635-4264
Taxpayer Referral and Assistance Center	617-635-4287
Property Tax Work-Off Program	617-635-4366
Boston Water and Sewer Commission	617-989-7800
The Home Center	617-635-4663
Comcast Cable Discount	1-800-934-6489
Internet Essentials	1-855-804-8010

Gate of Heaven School update: Feb 2016

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he controversy over the Gate of Heaven School building is entering a new phase in the courts. A hearing was held in Suffolk Superior Court last Thursday, February 4th. Kevin Lally, president of the Gate of Heaven Civics Association, the neighborhood group that has been fighting to keep the building as a school and from turning into more luxury condos, stated that they got some good news at the hearing: The judge in the case ruled that the group "Has standing in the case". What that ruling means is that the Gate of Heaven group has the right to take the city and the condo developer to court in their effort to block the building from 'going condo'.

Lally continued that the judge in the case at one point asked the lawyer for the developer if he, the lawyer, thought the area was already congested, asking for a simple yes or no answer. At that point, not seeming satisfied with a response, the judge even offered to pick the lawyer up in his personal vehicle after work and drive to the area to view it firsthand. The offer was declined. The attorney then asked the judge to dismiss the case for lack of evidence on the part of the Gate of Heaven group. It was taken under advisement and, two days later, the judge ruled to deny the request to dismiss. Lally stated that "the speed of the decision could be key here since rulings of this nature often take much

longer, sometimes as long as several weeks".

What the ruling means is that the Gate of Heaven group and their supporters will now be able to have their big day in court and present their evidence. And, though the date is almost a year away, December 19th of this year, the group will be using that time to prepare and to depose, under oath, all of the people involved in this case.

In a statement to his members and neighborhood supporters, Lally said the following: "This is a big win for us, but we must continue the fight, a fight that we could not have done without you." He also stressed that this battle has been won, but the war continues over the future of the Gate of Heaven school building.

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waterfront. City Police, however, had the resources to continue a visible presence on City streets.

Governor Baker has walked into some tough situations not of his own making that he has to deal with, namely the MBTA and the nightmare that is DCF. He does not need to court potential disaster by waiting till some outrage, that could have been prevented, occurs on our waterfront. Already last summer we had a number of still unsolved sexual assaults on the waterfront.

The town and its people have always had a bargain to look out for and take care of each other. The Governor should honor that ancient agreement and extend Boston Police jurisdiction throughout all Boston land and to assist the State police by sharing jurisdiction to the water's edge and move on.

Take care till next week.

State Rep. Nick Collins Named 2016 Evacuation Day General Chairman



Solution Citizens' Association President Thomas E. McGrath has announced the naming of the General Chairman of the Association's 240th Evacuation Day commemoration, by the SBCA Executive Board.

State Representative Nick Collins will serve as General Chairman of this year's activities, which begin with the Jimmy Flaherty Kick-Off Breakfast on Saturday February 27th, followed by the Senior Salute on March 12rd, the 136th Annual Evacuation Day Banquet at the South Boston Convention Center, on Friday, March 18th,

Memorial Mass and Historical Exercises at Dorchester Heights Monument on Thursday, March 17th.

"The executive board and I look forward to working with Representative Collins, to ensure once again the success of this unique community celebration, the commemoration of the British evacuation of Boston in 1776," said McGrath. "Everyone is aware of his commitment and genuine devotion to the community of South Boston, with the documentary that he and his friends produced and unveiled at the 2010 banquet.

Nick is a lifelong resident and active member of the SBCA his entire adult life. His dedication to the South Boston Citizens' Association and the neighborhood of South Boston will make him stronger throughout his life and political career. We are honored to list him as a member, and even prouder to name him this year's General Chairman."

McGrath also stated "I have known Nick since his Little League and Youth Hockey careers and have worked with him on community issues, since he has been elected to office, most recently with the successful Murphy Rink renovation project. While the citizens of South Boston see the three weeks of celebration with each year's Evacuation Day celebration, there are another 12-15 weeks of preparation to put it all together. Nick works side by side with other dedicated SBCA members in those hectic weeks, licking stamps, making phone calls and doing whatever it takes."

The Association this year will once again sponsor a full roster of civic and sporting events over a three-week period. The full schedule of events, as well as the identities of the 2016 Henry Knox Award, John W. McCormack Public Service Award, The John McCormack, The SBCA Presidents Award and James "Jim" Kelly Shamrock Community Service awards, will be announced in the coming weeks. A window into winter in South Boston













State Land Up For Public-Private Partnerships Will Create Housing & Economic Opportunity

• oday, Chairs of the Joint Committee on Housing, Senate Chair Senator Linda Dorcena Forry and House Chair Representative Kevin Honan, joined Governor Charlie Baker and Boston Mayor Marty Walsh as well Secretary of Transportation Stephanie Pollack for an announcement on a state/city partnership to redevelop state owned lands for housing and economic development.

"This should be the blueprint for all cities and towns in the Commonwealth to move forward on creating housing that's affordable," said Senator Forry. "This is an innovative and creative way to better develop otherwise dormant properties. The partnership between the State, municipalities and community is an excellent opportunity to build much needed housing and conserve

open space., while driving economic growth and build stronger communities across Massachusetts."

"This type of partnership between state and local government is a crucial component to addressing the demand for more housing in the Commonwealth. I hope that this strategic redevelopment can serve as a model for how the state, municipalities, and community leaders can work together to find creative and innovative ways to leverage state assets and create more housing for our workforce and our families," said Representative Honan.

Recently Baker Administration outlined strategies to develop unused or underutilized Commonwealth properties for economic development, identifying 42 nearterm opportunities for public-private partnerships.



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PROJECT PROPONENT:

Boston Seaport M1&2 Land, LLC

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The proponent, Boston Seaport M1&2 Land, LLC, proposes to construct an approximately 1,012,000 gross square foot mixed-use development containing approximately 735 residences, approximately 125,000 square feet of retail/commercial space and a below-grade garage containing approximately 560 lined parking spaces (which may include valet parking or stackers).

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Rep. Collins Lauds Naming Of BMIC For The Hon. Ray Flynn

"I'm proud to have supported this effort alongside Mayor Martin Walsh, U.S. Representative Stephen F. Lynch and my fellow legislative colleagues to honor Mayor Flynn," said Rep. Nick Collins (D-South Boston). "I have long supported renaming the Marine Industrial Park in his honor due to his connection to the South Boston waterfront both as a former longshoreman and as a political leader who helped shape today's vibrant South Boston Waterfront- a gem of our city. It's only fitting that Mayor Flynn's contributions will be recognized and honored for generations to come."

Recent South Boston Real Estate Sales

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237-243 Emerson Street Four Family	\$1,650,000	10/30/16	18	4	1920
96 Bolton St UNIT 96 Condo	\$1,099,000	10/30/16	6	3.5	1917
82 G St UNIT 1 Condo	\$1,000,000	10/28/16	5	2.5	1978
48 Gold St UNIT 303 Condo	\$960,000	10/30/16	4	2	1501
288 C St UNIT 1 Condo	\$755,000	10/26/16	5	2	1423
335 West Second St UNIT 16 Condo	\$661,000	10/26/16	4	2	1263
290 K St UNIT 3 Condo	\$660,000	10/30/16	6	1.5	1373
47 Gates St UNIT 1 Condo	\$660,000	10/28/16	4	2	1003
85 F St UNIT 2 Condo	\$630,000	10/30/16	5	2	1601
184 Athens St UNIT 2 Condo	\$555,000	10/26/16	5	1.5	1000
81 F St UNIT 1 Condo	\$546,000	10/28/16	5	2	1796
3 Glover Ct UNIT 2 Condo	\$532,000	10/30/16	5	2	1439
47 Dorchester St UNIT 25 Condo	\$462,000	10/27/16	4	1	725
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195 OLD COLONY AVE Iron Workers Union Hall South Boston, MA 02127

PROJECT PROPONENT:

232 Old Colony Avenue, LP

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

232 Old Colony Avenue, LP's revised proposal is to construct a five-story, mixed-use building containing twenty-four (24) condominium units, including three (3) affordable units, and a restaurant space. In addition, the development will include parking for up to twenty-nine (29) off-street/ on-site spaces.

*In the event of inclement weather on February 18 there is an alternate date scheduled for February 25 from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

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DORCHESTER AVE

5:30 PM - 6:00 PM Open House/Networking 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Workshop

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The PLAN: South Boston Dorchester Avenue initiative is an opportunity to think strategically about the types of uses and scale of development best suited for the future of this transit corridor. The goal of the planning study is to create a vision with the community and to establish guidelines that will result in a comprehensive plan that informs new zoning for future development.

PLAN: SOUTH BOSTON

The event on February 23 is DRAFT Plan Session Part 1—Mobility & Getting Around. We will focus on mobility trends, vision, and phasing. We will also elicit recommendations from the community regarding some of the challenges. In addition, we will review, clarify and discuss elements of the emerging plan.

We look forward to having you join us on Tuesday, February 23.

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A Gift of Hearts 2016

In celebration of Random Acts of Kindness and Valentines Week, a display of beautiful hearts created by the youth of South Boston has been hung on the tree outside of the Area C-6 Police Station on West Broadway. The hearts, created by South Boston youth, are a gift to the residents of South Boston. This is the eighth consecutive year that the young people have

done this community project.

The Hearts of Kindness Project is an initiative designed to promote goodwill in South Boston, as a direct result of random acts of kindness performed by the youth of this community. Youth are being asked to reflect on their lives and document acts of kindness by creating fabric hearts that are displayed for all of South Boston to see. The



hearts symbolize the caring nature of South Boston youth and the ways they share their talents with the community. Each heart represents an act of kindness performed by the youth that created the heart. Many are stuffed with small pieces of paper that list the act of kindness completed by the youth.

The Hearts of Kindness Project is part of an ongoing initiative to recognize the positive effects that youth have on the South Boston community. The project is organized by the Youth Ambassadors at the South Boston Community Health Center. The hearts will be displayed from now and through all of next week - which just so happens to be "Random Acts of Kindness Week".

If you would like more information about this project, please contact Mayra Rodriguez-Howard 617-464-7423 or Linda Doran 617-464-7463 at the South Boston Community Health Center – Youth Ambassadors Program.

WINTER FESTIVAL AT BOSTON COMMON FEBRUARY 16



ayor Martin J. Walsh today announced that the Boston Parks and Recreation Department will be bringing the annual Children's Winter Festival to Boston Common during school vacation week on Tuesday, February 16, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"This year's Children's Winter Festival has a great lineup of programmed events and free activities, and we are excited to be hosting it on the Boston Common," said Mayor Walsh. "I encourage residents, families and visitors to take advantage of this day of fun and celebration."

Among the attractions will be Snowzilla, a three-story-high inflatable snow tube slide, and SnowGlobe Live!, a 15-foot-tall snow globe that allows participants to step inside for winter wonderland photos. In addition, the Highland Street Foundation is sponsoring a week-long Winter Camp at the Boston Common Frog Pond with free skating and rentals for all ages from Monday, February 15, through Friday, February 19. For more information on the Winter Camp skating, please visit www. highlandstreet.org.

The festival will also feature a DJ from Magic 106.7, an appearance by the L.L.Bean Bootmobile, and refreshments from Essentia Water, DAVIDsTEA, and Dunkin' Donuts. The L.L.Bean Outdoor Discovery School will present activities including, weather permitting, their Snowshoeing Discovery Course, a fun and easy way to try out the sport with expert instructors who will lead an easy guided trek through Boston Common. Snowshoes will be provided and participants should wear weather-appropriate clothing and winter or hiking boots.

Additional support is being provided by the Massachusetts WIC Nutrition Program and Internet Essentials from Comcast. For more information, please call the Boston Parks and Recreation Department at (617) 635-4505, visit www. cityofboston.gov/parks or go to www.facebook.com/bostonparksdepartment.





Sunday Is Valentine's Day Celebrate 'Southie Style'

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY - By Staff

es, the weather is freezing and though it could be a whole lot worse, it's not been a friendly winter. But, none of that should interfere with Valentine's Day in South Boston – 2016. Flowers, candy, dinner, maybe a chilled bottle of wine in a romantic setting? All of these things and more come to mind when couples, whether married or dating, think of Valentine's Day. This unique, unofficial holiday is said to have been based on the legend of one or more early Christian Saints named 'Valentinus'. The most well-known St. Valentine lived during the time of the Roman Empire and was said to have performed weddings for soldiers who were forbidden to marry while in the Roman Army. Captured, arrested and later executed for his 'crimes', his fame lives on to this day.

And still, here in 2016, Valentine's Day means so much to so many. It truly is a tradition that has endured the test of time. Certainly, the candy companies and florists love this time of year. It's a huge business as the mad rush for flowers to send to that special someone drives up the prices to sometimes 3 to 4 times what they usually are the rest of the year. Diets are often put on hold, so that the thoughtful gifts of chocolates can be enjoyed and savored. But those couples in love are more than happy to pay the higher prices. Well, if not happy to pay, willing at least. And, as we've all noticed to be the case more each year, no sooner do the Christmas decorations and items come down from the shelves in many stores, the red décor of Valentine's Day appears in their place. Restaurants prepare for the occa-

sion by making their establishments extra appealing, creating that romantic atmosphere that softly states that yes, indeed, this is a special day in the hearts of those in love. Reservations often need to be made well in advance, if you expect to be able to get a table. And often the big question of 'Will you marry me?' is popped, as many engagements over the centuries have commenced on February 14th.

Here in South Boston, we have quite a few fine establishments more than capable of accommodating the most perfectly thought out plans. We have some of the finest restaurants and florists that can be found anywhere. If you really want to make it that special day to remember, well, gold, diamonds and other precious stones can be found locally at Murphy's jewelers with selections to rival any of the larger chain stores. If you don't see what you want, Bill Cosetta, owner of Murphy's can get it for you. You may want to take in a romantic sunrise or sunset at Castle Island or along Carson Beach. That part of the day won't cost you a penny, but might bring rewards worth far more than material items, if it sets the mood just right. Whatever is needed to have a memorable Valentine's Day can be found right here in our neighborhood. Why not take advantage?

So if this coming Sunday you get the feeling that love is in the air, maybe even more than any other day, a quick look at the calendar, February 14th just might explain why. It's Valentine's Day. And if you're married, engaged or romantically involved in any way, here's a bit of advice from your friends here at South Boston Today: You could be in for some serious trouble if you find that you have forgotten this of all days.

And finally, if nothing else, stop and think back to the first time you saw that special someone and what it was that made your heart move like it never has before and celebrate the love of your life. Happy Valentine's Day to all!



r. Ground Hog had a blindfold on when he predicted an early spring. Boy is he wrong...we have winter storm warnings and blizzard warnings posted. we are supposed to get 6-12 inches of snow. Oh well, we are hearty Bostonians and know how to deal with lots of snow. The Super Bowl is now in the books. Denver Broncos won...congrats!!! Baseball is 2 weeks away for catchers and pitchers to report to sunny Florida and Sully's will be opening soon. Let the countdown begin. Comcast Meeting: There were about 60 seniors who attended the meeting. The topic of discussion was the \$9.95 senior discount. It turns out that you have to qualify for this program. Meaning that you must have the following...Mass Health, Medicare, Food Stamps, Fuel Assistance and so on to qualify. If you are already a customer with Comcast, the deal is that you give up your TV service for 3 months...call Comcast back to get the discount, if you qualify. This discount is only for TV...Your internet and phone is a separate charge. If you want movies, that means you buy a package at another separate charge. Many seniors voiced their concerns to Mr. Kelley of Comcast. Many questions asked and suggestions offered. Some didn't know that Comcast charges you for the cable box and remote. Mr. Kelly told the group that all this is listed on your monthly bill. You also pay all the taxes and there are taxes that people don't even look for on their bill. Mr. Kelly spoke about how Comcast has to pay for their programming. Comcast is a business and in order for us to have cable, other cable companies contact Comcast and ask if they would like to provide their customers with sports, food, movie, Spanish, Chinese or Russian programs etc. Comcast then turns it all into a bundle. Se-



niors asked why can't Comcast just give us what we want to watch. Mr. Kelly said that he would talk to his superiors about that. RCN was also mentioned. RCN is not wired all over Southie. Seems like some streets down on A are wired. That is kind of funny because RCN offices are located on A & 3rd Streets. Hopefully something good will come out of this meeting. Thanks again to Mr. Tom Kelly for coming out to meet with us. **Blood Pressure Screenings:** Screenings will be held at the following locations for the month of February.

February 12- Curley Rec. Center on the M Street side from 11:30-12:00 February 17- Flaherty Apts. 120 H Street from 10:30-11:00 February 18- W. 9th Street Apts.

from 12:00-12:30

February 24- Bellflower Apts. 24 Bellflower Street from 10:30-11:00 February 25- Msgr. Powers Apts. 120 L Street fro, 12:00-12:30 Carole is looking for people interested in a painting party. Projected date is February 26 around 11:30. Janet Harrod will be the instructor for this painting class. Call Carole Sullivan

at 617-269-1619. Neighborhood House is also looking for people interested in cribbage or whist players. This will be for bragging rights only. Interested??? Call Carole Sullivan

HAPPENINGS AT SOUTH BOS-TON NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE MONDAY

Swimming/Aerobic at BAC at 9:30 am Exercise at 10:00 am Knitting/Crocheting and Sewing from 9:00-2:00 Kit Clark lunch at 12:00 Bingo at 12:45 **TUESDAY** Swimming/Aerobic at BAC at 9:30 am Yoga at 10:00 Bowling at 10:00 am S.B. Healthy Diet at 10:00 Kit Clark lunch at 12:00

Trivia at 1:00 WEDNESDAY

Swimming/Aerobic at BAC at 9:30 am Exercise at 9:15 Computer Tech from 10:00-12:00 Bingo at 12:45 **THURSDAY** Swimming/Aerobic at BAC at 9:30 am Kit Clark lunch at 12:00 Cards from 12:00-3:00 Yoga at 1:00 **FRIDAY** Swimming/Aerobic at BAC at 9:30

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FRIENDLY REMINDERS:

Handicapped equipment: If you have shower chairs, toilet seat risers, rollators, commodes, canes, powerchairs, scooters, and you would like to pay it forward...call me, Lu O'Brien at 617-464-1910 I have a very nice wheelchair for anyone who needs it. It is clean and light weight. Call Lu O'Brien at 617-464-1910

Fair Foods: Every Tuesday, 115 Orton Marotta Way. \$2.00 for a bag of food. Please bring bags with handles because fruits and veggies are heavy are heavy to carry. The hours are from 1:30-2:30. Everyone is welcome.

The Curley Center/BCYF: Is serving Kit Clark lunches on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 11:30-12:30. A \$2.00 donation is appreciated. BINGO!!!

Castle Cove Co-op. 225 W. 2nd Street. Wednesday night from 6:30-9:00

Taxi Coupons:

February 16-Carson Towers 1410 Columbia Rd.- 10:00-10:30 February 17-Msgr. Powers Apts. 120 L Street -11:00-11:30

Coupons are always available at the Elderly Commission at city hall, room 217

If this is your first time purchasing taxi coupons. please bring some form of ID with your birth date on it. The cost of coupons is \$10.00 for 2 books.

My name is Lu O'Brien. I can be reached at 617-464-1910 OR email me at obielulu@yahoo.com If you can't reach me, call Anne Brennan at 617-464-1910 and leave a message. I will get back to you. Have a wonderful week.

Lu's Senior Discount & Food Option Members

Senior Discounts East Broadway

-LoGrasso Barbershop---852 Summer Street (across from Molly Moo's) 20% off all services -Molly Moo's: 687 E. 2nd Street--- \$1.00 for cup of coffee OR \$5.00 ice cream sundae (one size only) -Rite Aid Pharmacy: 710 E. Broadway---20% off first Wednesday of the month on selected items with -Plenti Wellness 65 card -Bringing Up Baby: 663 E. Broadway---\$10.00 off your purchase of \$50.00 or more off of full priced merchandise -Wink Eyecare: 647 E. Broadway---20% on all frames and lenses and treatments. Excluding Maui Jim sunglasses and cannot be combined with insurances -6-12 Convenience Store: 612 E. Broadway---10% off any purchase PLUS FREE delivery during the winter on phone orders. Call 617-388-6452 This is for seniors only...thank you! -South Boston Animal Hospital: 659 E. Broadway--- 10% off on all animal services -Federico's Bike Shop: 126 Emerson Street---\$5.00 off any service West Broadway -Goodwill: 470 W. Broadway---25% off every Tuesday -McGoo's Pizza: 479 W. Broadway---10% off purchase -Land of Pizza: 445 W. Broadway---10% off purchase -Fromage: 401 W. Broadway---10% off excluding alcohol -Pat's Kitchen: 402 W. Broadway--- cup of coffee with any item on menu -Bay State Physical Thera-**CONTINUED ON PAGE 13**

Lu's Senior Discount and Food Option Members

LU'S SENIOR DISCOUNTS CONTINUED FROM PAGE 12

py---377 W. Broadway---free 15-minute consultation to see if you need therapy -Dewberry Dogs: 357 W Broadway--- 20% off on all dog services and \$5.00 for kitties nail cut -I Service Computer Repair: 314 W. Broadway---10% for all computer service. Not on parts. -Broadway Lock: 313 W. Broadway---free key cap with any purchase -Pizzeria 260: 260 W. Broadway---10% off any order -Foodies: 230 W. Broadway---10% off on Tuesday -Subway: at Broadway Station---10% off any regularly priced sandwich. 60+ years of age -Sunny's Florist: 9 W. Broadway---10% off any purchase

-Maytag Laundromat---143 Dorchester Street---10% on wash, dry and fold service -Dr. William Eaves, DMD ---216 Dorchester Street---10% off all services -Valet Laundry---249 Dorchester Street---15% of wash, dry and

Dorchester Street

fold service -Andrew Square House of Pizza---395 Dorchester Street---10% off on your order -Andrew Square Auto Glass---603 Dorchester Ave.---10% off service **Old Colony Ave.** -D'Angelo's---267 Old Colony Ave.---10% off your order **Free & Reduced Cost Food Op tions In South Boston St. Monica's Food Pantry** 617-268-1230 331 Old Colony Ave.

Every 2nd & 4th Wednesday of

the month from 2:00-4:00pm Requirements: Proof of South Boston residency with an ID or a bill in your name.

St. Vincent DePaul Parish Food Pantry

617-268-8100 363 E Street Every Thursday from 1:00-3:00pm Requirements: Proof of Boston Residency with an ID or mail in your name.

Fourth Presbyterian Church 617-268-1281 340 Dorchester Street

Every 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month from 8:00-11:00am Requirements: Bring a photo ID. **South Boston Community Health Center** 617-464-7482 409 W. Broadway

Tuesday & Wednesday from 10:00am-2:00pm Requirements: Must be a patient of the South Boston Community Health Center.

\$2.00 A Bag Sites Mary Ellen McCormack

345 Old Colony Ave. near Andrew Station Red Line/St. Monica-St. Augustine

Friday's 2:00-3:00pm. If you have an ongoing food need, please contact Luis Blanco at 617-464-8591 I would like to thank all the businesses in Southie that has offered a discount to the senior citizens of Southie. This will help them in some way to purchase a good or service or a sweetie. Thank you!!! *My name is Lu O'Brien. I can be* reached at 617-464-1910 OR email me at obielulu@yahoo.com If you can't reach me, call Anne Brennan at 617-464-1910 and leave a message. I will get back to you. Have a wonderful week.

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sidered an establishment candidate, and the beneficiary of some momentum coming out of Iowa, had the equivalent of the lug nuts taken off of his wheels by Governor Chris Christie, who seems to have fallen on his sword for a greater good, the beneficiary of which may have been Trump.

Gov. John Kasich's stealth campaign that included over 100 community meetings in NH, will likely see a surge in money as a hedge, but his future through to the convention is hard to project, especially if the Super PACs go on the offensive. Sen. Ted Cruz treaded water in NH, biding time, because his campaign believes that the socially conservative voters in parts of South Carolina will keep him moving, just as those in Iowa did to get him jump started.

Jeb Bush has been resuscitated thanks to the traditional Republicans, who've supported George HW and George W in the past, and are still living. He is the most likely to continue his momentum through to the convention, but that will only happen, pundits say, if he can crank up the emotional tenor of his campaigning and his paid advertising. He needs to emerge as the legitimate establishment alternative to Rubio and Cruz when he gets to Super Tuesday, which accounts for the mother lode of 685 delegates.

On the Democratic side, self-described American Socialist Senator Bernie Sanders walloped Hillary Clinton, who pulled all of the political operatives out of Massachusetts in order to keep the gap at 20%. But for her loyal friends in Boston, it could have been much worse. Surprisingly though it was money from Massachusetts that fueled Sanders victory. Don Seiffert of the Boston Business Journal reported that Sanders raised "more than \$7.6 million in donations from Massachusetts...double the \$3.6 million Clinton raised from Massachusetts in the same time period.

The Clinton camp has weathered the "feel the Bern" phenomenon for the time being and fully expects to regain momentum in Nevada and South Carolina on their way to Super Tuesday. The one unanticipated turn of events is the ongoing snapshot polling and the NH exit polling that indicates that women support Sanders in higher numbers that Hillary. Her dilemma was compounded by the statements of feminist icon Gloria Steinem that insulted young women and former Secretary of State Madeline Albright that insulted all women. The reaction has been universally negative. This adds another layer of unforced errors onto Clinton's mounting issues called into question from her stint as Secretary of State.

Media outlets are thirsting for the revenue that these battles for the hearts of the cynics will generate as both Candidates Campaign and outsized SuperPAC cash fights for every square inch of territory. The Democrats want to keep their status quo and the Republicans want to bring back their status quo. However, the electorate, for now, seems to want neither. It will continue to be interesting. Stay tuned.

Facts and figures from the primary:

* About 75 percent of Democratic primary voters under age 45 backed Sanders in New Hampshire, including 83 percent of voters under 30. Sanders won women voters 55-45, according to CNN. * Gov. John Kasich held 106 town hall meetings in New Hampshire.
* On the Republican side, Trump (35 percent) and Kasich (18 percent) won the most independent voters.

* Chris Christie, who needed a strong showing in New Hampshire, received 7.5 percent of the vote with nearly 90 percent of the precincts reporting.

* Real Clear Politics has Trump ahead in South Carolina 36-20 over Cruz.

* The most recent poll (November) has Clinton ahead of Sanders by nearly 30 points in Massachusetts; with nearly 600,000 college students in Massachusetts, it's now an open question how much that gap will close.

Money from Mass.: Sanders' campaign has received strong financial support from Massachusetts, writes Don Seiffert of the Boston Business Journal. "Last night's decisive win for presidential candidate Bernie Sanders was fueled by more than \$7.6 million in donations from Massachusetts to the Vermont senator." That's double the \$3.6 million Clinton raised from Massachusetts in the same time period.

The 240th EVACUATION DAY ESSAY AND POSTER CONTESTS

S outh Boston Citizens' Association President Tom McGrath announced today that because of the tremendous success of the past several years' contest, the Association, along with Mass Bay Credit Union and Comcast will once again sponsor the 2016 Annual Essay and Poster Contests.

After last year's outstanding effort put forth by past President Bernie O'Donnell, he has once again expressed an interest of taking on the challenge of chairing The Essay and Poster Contests. Bernie always taught me that these contests are a great way to educate and strengthen the interest of the children of the community, I was more than pleased when Bernie offered to, once again, head up this Event for the children of South Boston", remarked McGrath.

Bernie further expressed "One of the missions of the SBCA is to reach out to the younger folks of this historically rich community, joining the SBCA in promoting, organizing, and judging the Evacuation Day Poster and Essay Competitions is a most fitting way to improve on that mission."

Subject matter has been specifically chosen

The Poster Competition is open to all students in grades 3, 4 and 5 who are either South Boston residents or who attend school in South Boston. This year's theme is *Illustrate Historic South Boston such examples can be of the following: Dorchester Heights, Fort Independence, Farragut Statue, Curley Recreation* *Center, one the War Memorials (Korean, Vietnam etc.) and The St. Patrick's Day Parade.* Posters should be original compositions, in any medium, at least 8 ½" x 11", but preferably larger. Prizes are as follows first prize \$100, second prize \$75, and third prize \$25.

The Essay Competition is open to all students in grades 6 through 12 who are either South Boston residents or who attend school in South Boston. The Essay themes are broken down according to grade, as follows: For students in grades 6 through 8: *What is the historical significance of Henry Knox and general George Washington to Dorchester Heights?* Essays should be at least 500 words, prizes are as follows first prize \$100, second prize \$75, third prize \$25.

The Topic for student in grades 9 through 12: *What is the historical significance of Fort Indepen-* *dence to the City of Boston and the United State?* Essays should be at least 1000 words, prizes are as follows; first prize \$150, second prize 100, third prize \$50.

As in years past, the SBCA, Mass Bay CU and Comcast are generously sponsoring the competitions. All prizes will be presented during the Historical Exercises on Thursday, March 17, 2016 at Dorchester Heights, following the 9:00A.M. Mass at St. Augustine's Chapel, weather permitting.

All entries should bear, in an attached envelope, the contestant's name, school and a means of contacting the entrant, and should be submitted no later than Friday, March 11th, 2016 at 5 PM. All entries may be mailed to P.O. Box 74, South Boston, MA 02127, or can be picked up at schools by a representative of the Citizens' Association. Entries can also be dropped off at 170 M Street.

How to Be Safe in

South Boston (...and beyond) FREE Bystander Training by the Boston Area Rape Crisis Center (BARCC) When: Tuesday, February 23rd at 7PM

Where: South Boston Boys & Girls Club -230 West 6th Street (02127)

Free & Open to the public Featuring BARCC Staffers: Stephanie Trilling, Manager of Community Awareness & Prevention Services Cassie Luna, Community Awareness & Prevention Services Coordinator

Information about the free BARCC Bystander Training: "This in-depth, skill-building workshop focuses on how to safely act to challenge inappropriate sexual and violent behaviors in one's community and environment. It includes current research that reveals why people do or do not intervene as well as empathy building exercises and role-plays."

The training is approximately 1 1/2 hours and is free and open to the public To RSVP and for more information contact: Kathleen via email <u>KBSMFA@hotmail.com</u> or call 617-876-2371

A big thank you to the Boston Area Rape Crisis Center for donating this training for the South Boston community and to the South Boston Boys & Girls Club for graciously hosting this event.

Special thanks to State Senator Linda Forry and her staff and also to the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services (ONS) and ONS South Boston Liaison John Allison for their help with this event.



he "Friends of the Library" are having a Pre Valentine Book Sale at the South Boston Branch Public Library on East Broadway this Saturday February 13 from 10 am to 3pm. Hard covered books \$2.00. Paperbacks and DVD's are \$1.00 each. CD's are \$.50 and Children's Books are \$.25. We have special deals for some author's books. Hope to see you all there. The "Friends" are looking for volunteers! It is a great way to help the Library and meet your neighbors. Free Coffee too. Happy Valentine's Day!

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Noon, early evening and weekend shifts available. 1-2 hours per shift at \$27.00 per shift. Ability to transfer by lift and pivot required.

Willing to train the right person.

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South Boston Girls Softball 2016 Registration Dates

he 2016 South Boston Girls Softball League (SBGSL) season has officially begun. Registration for the spring season is now open through April 21, 2016. Parents and Guardians can register players today on the SBGSL website at http:// www.southbostongirlssoftball.com. The SBGSL accepts players for House Leagues in 8 and under (8U), 10 and under (10U), 12 and under (12U), and 14 and under/16 and under (14U-16U) divisions. There is also a 16 and under (16U) Travel division for interested players who have graduated from the 12U House League.

Free Winter Clinics will begin on February 29th at the Walsh Community Center PAL Gym and run through April 13th. Clinics will be hosted on Mondays (8U and 10U players) and Wednesdays (12U, 14U, and 16U players) from 6:00-8:00pm on the following dates:

February - 29 March - 2, 7, 9, 23, 28, 30 April - 4, 6, 11, 13 American Softball Association (ASA)/USA 2016 Code Eligibility Guidelines determine the following dates as division age cutoffs: 14U/16U – FROM up to 13 years old on 12/31/2015 TO up to 16 years old on 12/31/2015 12U – up to 12 years old on 12/31/2015 10U – up to 10 years old on 12/31/2015 08U – up to 08 years old on 12/31/2015

The SBGSL is an organization that provides mentorships for young women and girls to grow as successful student-athletes. It is the program's goal to motivate young girls and women from the South Boston community and surrounding areas to participate and compete with positive attitudes, integrity, and good sportsmanship, while simultaneously offering opportunities to academically and socially empower its members.

The SBGSL is seeking coaches for the 8U, 10U, 12U, and 14U-16U House divisions. If you or someone you know might be interested in volunteering, coaching, or mentoring opportunities please contact the league officials or administrators through the SBGSL website or Facebook page.



South Boston Students Earn BC High Honors

High Honors for the Second Quarter at Boston College High School, requiring upperclassmen to have at least a 3.8 quality point average and all grades C+ or higher. Freshmen need a 3.6 QPA and all grades C+ or higher.

William Higgins - 2016 Matthew McDonnell - 2016 Connor Morrow - 2018 Timothy Smyth - 2018 James Luck - 2019

Honors for the Second Quarter at Boston College High School, requiring upperclassmen to have a 3.2 QPA and all grades C- or higher. Freshmen need a 3.16 QPA and all grades C- or higher.

Michael Arcadipane - 2016 Michael Flaherty - 2016 Jack Sobchuk - 2016 Eric Lopes - 2017 James McDonnell - 2018 Andrew Topalian - 2018 Boston College High School is a Jesuit, Catholic, collegepreparatory school for young men founded in 1863. The school enrolls approximately 1600 students from more than 100 communities in eastern Massachusetts.



SB Democrats To Hold Annual Caucus This Saturday

emocrats in Wards 6 and 7 will be holding caucuses at the Curley Recreation Center, 1163 Columbia Road, South Boston (M Street Entrance) on Saturday February 20th at 9:00 am. Doors will open at 8:30 am for check in.

The caucus is open to all registered Democrats in Wards 6 and 7. Candidates for Delegate and Alternate must consent to nomination in writing and must be present at the caucus.

Those not elected as a Delegate and/ or Alternate, who meet the qualifications, may apply to be add-on delegates.







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