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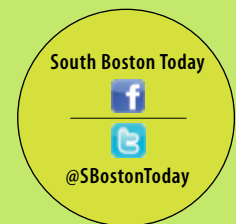
## Read GE's Lips – No New Taxes! No Rent?

The deal that is on the table and still being negotiated with the City of Boston that enticed General Electric to come here already includes \$25 million in property tax relief. Now the city also plans to acquire a site that GE has identified as its desired Headquarters location, but it has an interesting twist to it. The property is a 2.5-acre piece of land along Fort Point Channel, where it plans to rehab two empty brick warehouses and construct a new building on a portion of a nearby parking lot. To facilitate the

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# EDITORIAL

## “Marching Off the Cliff”

In attempting to defend his indefensible action of attending a baseball game and doing the wave with a dictator, while investigators were still trying to identify body parts of Americans, Dear Leader cites the words, to the crowd, of Red Sox player David Ortiz and the resiliency of Boston in playing the game as, “one of my proudest moments as an American”. He then rambles on about not being deterred from going about living our lives and our American way of life.

Dear Leader seems to have forgotten that between the marathon murders and the return to the sunny enjoyment of our national pastime, two more persons, including a police officer, were murdered, another officer nearly dying from gunshot wounds, bombs and a gunfight on a city street, the Governor instructing citizens to stay off the streets and shelter in place, and finally every man, woman and child, with a badge and gun, between here and New York City, on the hunt for the killers.

Hardly an instantaneous return to normalcy.

The frustrating uselessness of these memorials with candles and flowers and swathing famous landmarks with the colors of the affected nation is maddening. It accomplishes nothing. The terrorist’s heart is not moved. Our purpose is to stop that heart from moving at all.

We could join the Belgian “March Against Fear”, except the authorities couldn’t guarantee safety and cancelled the march.



“Can we stop just lighting candles and start blowing up terrorists?” - Bruce Willis

### This Week’s Poll

Are you in favor of the City of Boston and the Boston Redevelopment Authority providing free rent to the General Electric (GE) Corporation in South Boston’s Fort Point Channel?

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## Offended and Traumatized College Students Need to Grow Up

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY  
John Ciccone

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We'll start this week with a quote from actor Scott Baio. "At birth, a baby elephant weighs 250 pounds, making them the biggest babies on Earth, right after some American college students."

The above statement by Mr. Baio was said to have been prompted by the most recent ridiculous display of fragile insecurity on a college campus so far. It seems a number of the delicate little snowflakes who attend Emory University in Atlanta had a frightening experience last week. It was an event so terrifying that many are complaining of nightmares and are afraid to leave their dorms, even during the daylight hours. Oh the forces of evil are surely at work, lurking and waiting to pounce on the defenseless

at Emory. The incident in question was so horrible and devastating that the school administration actually felt the urgent need to bring in emergency trauma councilors to calm the fears of the distraught students.

What happened at that campus that has caused such a degree of fear and panic that school administrators have vowed to "hunt down" the perpetrators of such dastardly deeds and will soon begin sensitivity sessions for the entire student body? Hold on to your hats and by all means do not let young children read what comes next, but it seems somebody, some group or some dark and sinister force actually wrote the words "Trump-2016" in chalk on a staircase at the school. Someone quick, call 911. Oh wait, some of the students actually did.

The chalk markings have the Emory campus in turmoil. The 'Safe Spaces' have been violated. Students are being urged not to walk alone. Who will come to the rescue? Is there no one who can put an end to the hate? The end is surely near.

When this 'news' was reported in the media, even some TV anchors had to struggle to keep from laughing. And when most Americans watched these reports their first reaction was to shake their heads in amusement. Soon after however, that reaction became more of a question: How have so many of America's campuses come to this? These students are more than just pathetic. They are, to be blunt, embarrassing little twerps, who have become the coddled victims of leftist

professors and school administrators. When our country's enemies see this, they are encouraged. They surely think that if this is what the youth of America has now become, it won't be long before a foreign army can just walk in and take over without firing a shot. Thankfully however, it's not a majority of America's youth who have been turned into the whiney, spoiled little brats that get all the news coverage.

Most students on campuses will have nothing to do with the childish displays and tantrums of the pampered. And then there are the youth who make up the bulk of our country's military. While the vocal toddlers at some colleges go into spasms and shock when someone offends them, this country thankfully

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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.

### Opioid-related hospital visits spike

The number of opioid-related hospital visits almost doubled between 2007 and 2014, Felice J. Freyer reports in the *Globe*, with nearly 57,000 people seeking treatment in 2014. Three-fourths of those visits ended up being paid for at least in part by state and federal governments, according to data presented by the Massachusetts Health Policy Commission.

### City worker incentive plan floated for Worcester's triple deckers

Worcester City Councilor George Russell wants the city to create incentives to increase the rate of owner-occupied triple-decker homes, Michael D. Kane of *MassLive* reports. Russell—who is also a realtor and got the green light from the city's legal department

to bring the proposal forward—wants Worcester to study the correlation between absentee ownership and quality of life and is also proposing the city find ways to encourage employees, especially those in the public safety agencies, to purchase and live in the city's iconic three-deckers.

### 'Dear General Electric ...'

General Electric may be getting rent-free digs at its future home in the Fort Point Channel area, notes the *Globe's* Joan Vennoch, adding that Boston's welcome to GE “seems more than warm enough” without such perks. But even more startling is that GE seems absolutely clueless about the Fort Point site's historic significance. “When you set up your new world headquarters on Necco Street in the Seaport District,

be mindful that you will be building on what many music fans consider hallowed ground,” writes the *Boston Business Journal's* Greg Walsh, in an open letter to the firm. “Yes, the site is but a parking lot once replete with overgrown weeds and broken glass. But there also lies the foundation of one of Boston's most famous, if not infamous, nightclubs in its long and storied rock-and-roll history: The Channel.” ... The Channel. Now there's a blast from the past. Has it really been 25 years since it closed?

### Walsh and Chang: Can't we all get along?

As some critics lob complaints about the lucrateness of the GE deal, Mayor Marty Walsh and school superintendent Tommy Chang in a *Globe* op-ed appealed for unity amid tough budget times for the city's schools: “This year's budget conversation has been fragmented, pitting various needs against one another. The reality is, our challenges are deeply interwoven, so action in one area affects many others. That means long-term solutions must be comprehensive, and the route to finding them must be collaborative. We need unity now more than ever.”

### The Trump Connection

What is it about Massachusetts and Donald Trump? Former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney launched a nationwide crusade against the GOP presidential frontrunner. Massachusetts Senator Elizabeth Warren spent most of last week rhetorically dueling with The Donald. Now Lowell's very own Corey Lewandowski, Trump's campaign manager, has been charged with battery in Florida for grabbing a reporter as she tried to ask Trump a question, the *NYT* reports. Meanwhile, the *Herald's* Matt Stout and Chris Villani apparently had a phone-call tussle with the spokesman for the Florida prosecutor who's pressing the charges against Lewandowski. Palm Beach County State Attorney Dave Aronberg is not only a Hillary Clinton supporter but he's also - brace yourself

- Harvard educated. The *Herald* editorial yesterday probably best sums up the latest presidential-race madness: “If this campaign were not happening in some sort of parallel universe, a simple apology at the time might have sufficed. But like Trump himself, those who work for him apparently never acknowledge error - and certainly not bad behavior.”

### What would Frank Sargent do?

In related transportation news, James Aloisi looks around at all of the state's unmet infrastructure needs and recalls how former Gov. Frank Sargent famously announced in 1970: “I have decided to reverse the transportation policy of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.” Aloisi concludes in his *CommonWealth* magazine piece: “Frank Sargent isn't here today to urge us on to a wiser transportation policy, but we can take lessons from what he said, and did, and apply them to the moment.”

### Despite reforms, the T's finances are getting worse

The *Boston Business Journal's* Craig Douglas is reporting the MBTA's financial picture is getting worse, not better, despite recent reforms: “The T's operating losses in fiscal 2015 hit a new high - or low, depending on your preference in defining a negative negative. In simple-speak, the MBTA's financial hemorrhaging only worsened last year, marking a record operating loss for a state agency that long ago ran off the rails.” And... The MBTA is fast-tracking a plan to move away from cash payments on it is trolleys and buses, a shift that should make boarding more efficient, Bruce Mohl reports at *CommonWealth Magazine*. The T will seek proposals for a new payment system this spring and it could be in place within two years. Although some MBTA Control Board members want to speed up the changes, Transportation Secretary Stephanie Pollack said the project is already moving faster than any comparable project in the agency's history.

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# Reading Between The Lines

**SOUTH BOSTON TODAY**  
Brian R. Mahoney

## “SFS”

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*(Ed note: Today's column was written Monday, March 21st and slated to run Thursday, March 24, but was lost in transmission between Florida and South Boston. We apologize for any inconvenience".)*

The truest meaning of St. Patrick's Day, to me, has been to celebrate and gather with family, which meant this year was spent in Florida visiting with my son, who works there. Our flight left March 15, which meant I read about the parade decision from a newspaper picked up at the N. Y. airport. My son is only one of many South Bostonians down here in this "sunny place for shady people", and I was surprised to find one of our prominent leaders and his wife, as we finished dinner in a little beach town restaurant in the middle of nowhere.

Another friend has relocated here for a well deserved retirement from the Boston Police Department. The tropical atmosphere is as expected, but my friend uses the solitude of beach strolls as a form of self-medication to try to tamp down the nightmares that never quite disappear. My friend was a CSI officer and was in charge of cataloging the carnage and death on Boylston Street following the Boston Marathon murders. Just the mention of my friend's name causes smiles and laughter among those who know him because he is the funniest, craziest, most loyal person anyone could ever know.

The attack on San Bernadino, however, caused a somber, little known side of him to emerge. "Do people in Southie realize", he wondered, "SB in this case was on the west coast but could have been "SB back home"? People should be reminded that the bombing weasel and his older brother, speedbump, had originally targeted July 4th and the

Esplanade. However, they gained the expertise for their pressure cookers bombs earlier than expected in late March and went for the first large crowd that they could find, which was the marathon. They didn't have a hatred for runners and joggers, but for Americans. A crowd of Americans on Broadway is no different to these weasels than a crowd of Americans on Boylston Street.

Police Commissioner Evans knows this. He ran that marathon, as he has many others. Why is it some kind of conspiracy or hometown betrayal if he wants to use some of those hard learned lessons from the marathon to make our parade safer? To confuse the issue even more, some claim the decision by Mayor Walsh was "political".

First of all, by definition, any decision by a politician is "political". The charge of being "political", in this case, is usually leveled when the politician bases a decision on opinion polls. There were at least two polls by the weekly newspapers and a petition of over 1,000 signatures with 60 % or more favoring the traditional route. If the decision was political, wouldn't the easy choice have been the traditional route?

In reality there is no system used to identify poll respondents. Usually not a concern because the poll is a local, mundane, issue. This aroused a bit more than local issues and local interests. The 1,000 signature petition, for example, had less than half with South Boston addresses.

Much of the commentary seemed to be generated by folks

who self-identified as "OFS: or "originally from Southie", which is a nice concept and very important in remembering a family and a people's history.

Many of our friends were forced to move for a variety of reasons and would love to come back. Many, many more left by choice. Many couldn't wait to get out of the Lower End, because it wasn't good enough for them or the lack of a driveway up the Point drove them out. Many, also, were among those who withered under the scorn heaped on

this town and its people for their righteous resistance to the crime of forced busing. They were the ones who quickly answered, "Boston", when asked where they were from instead the proud defiant answer, "no, not Boston but South Boston". That type, and there were many, couldn't leave this town in the dust fast enough.

There is another group we'll call "SFS" or "still from Southie". Do people think somehow those who stayed weren't smart or good enough

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England Council and Harry Brett

## Brett Recognized With Ripple Of Hope Award

In 2005, the MENTOR Network established the Ripple of Hope Award to recognize the most outstanding among us whose passion, energy and skills have created a positive impact in the lives of others. Mr. Brett received the Ripple of Hope Award recently at the Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the United States senate. The title of the award is inspired by the words of the late U.S. Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

*"Each time a man stands up for an ideal, or acts to improve the lot of others, or strikes out against injustice, he sends forth*

*a tiny ripple of hope, and crossing each other from a million different centers of energy and daring those ripples build a current which can sweep down the mightiest walls of oppression and resistance."*

Mr. Brett recently served as Chairman of the President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities and presently a member. Governor Charlie Baker appointed Mr. Brett Chairman of The Governor's Commission on Intellectual Disability. He recently served as President of the Massachusetts Association for Mental Health.

## Notre Dame Center Seniors Team With Timeless Traditions

A new South Boston business and a well-known adult education center are teaming up to serve local seniors. Timeless Transitions, a provider of in-home care for senior citizens, has become the latest company to use the Notre Dame Education Center's Workforce Readiness and Career Pathways Program to help meet its staffing needs.

Elizabeth Baldwin, NDEC Employment Specialist, says that Timeless Transitions visited the school in late January to learn more about the students and services in hopes that there would be talented bilingual candidates to serve as personal care assistants for the company's elderly and home-bound clients. "We've devoted a lot of time to identifying community needs and industry needs," Elizabeth explains. "In this case, the population of the neighborhood is getting older, and the health care industry is growing by leaps and bounds. Our Workforce Readiness Program has been addressing these needs through our Medical Terminology course and our Career Pathways Program, so we were confident we could introduce the team at Timeless Transitions to qualified candidates."

Says Jenna Elerick, Executive Director of Timeless Transitions, "Seniors want to stay in their own homes for as long as they can. One of the ways we do that is to provide them with a personal care assistant, who helps them with the activities of daily living and ensures they eat and get dressed, for example. Someone with more needs might require a home health aide or a certified nursing assistant, both of whom can help with administering medications."

The way Jenna found NDEC was nothing short of serendipitous. "I was walking down Old Colony Avenue when I saw the Center's sign," she recalls. "I knew the Notre Dame commitment to education, because everyone in my family had gone to the Sisters of Notre Dame for elementary school. It felt like

the right place to be."

Jenna reached out to Leah Moschella, NDEC's Workforce Readiness and Career Pathways Program Manager, and to Elizabeth Baldwin. "They invited me to an on-the-spot interview session, and chose for me four people who they thought would be a good fit for us. The whole process saved me a lot of time." Jenna eventually hired one of the four.

"This is all part of our cycle of helping people sink roots into the community," says Leah. "We respected Jenna's desire to be in South Boston and find the best local people possible. Plus, we also recognized the importance of the career ladder for our students. In the health care field, you can work on the patient-care side, or you can work in the 'office' side. There is a lot of room for growth."

Preserving seniors' dignity is paramount, Jenna says. "Because we provide services in the home, it's very personal," she says. "It's almost like being a matchmaker. We need people who are both skilled and compassionate." An important part of the in-home caregiver's job is to serve as "eyes and ears" for the client's doctor and family. "Timeless Transitions uses a 'whole-patient' approach to caring," Jenna explains. "We keep careful track of our clients and if anything changes, we are able to make referrals so they get the care they need and deserve. It provides peace of mind for the client and for the family."

Timeless Transitions is the newest employer to use NDEC's Workforce Readiness and Career Pathways Program. The Center has partnered with other local employers who also have hired NDEC students. "Workforce readiness is vital today," says NDEC Executive Director and CEO Mary Rose Durante. "And it's more than helping people write outstanding resumes and conducting mock interviews, although those are very important. Employers need people who are prepared to work, who can get up to speed quickly, and we're able to meet that need."

For more information about NDEC's Workforce Readiness and Career Pathways Program, contact Leah Moschella, [Imoschella@ndecboston.org](mailto:Imoschella@ndecboston.org). NDEC will also host a Job Fair on April 8; contact Leah for more information.

For more information about Timeless Transitions, contact Jenna Elerick, [jelerick@timelesstransition.co](mailto:jelerick@timelesstransition.co). The agency

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# 5 Simple Habits to Help our Children Thrive

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY - Ron Ferguson, Jeff Howard, and Mayor Martin J. Walsh

**D**id you know that 80% of a child's brain development occurs during the first three years of life? That fact presents a challenge: it means we can't wait for schools to prepare our kids to learn. But it's also an opportunity, because much of what youngsters do need to become lifelong learners is right in the hands and hearts of those closest to them—their parents, grandparents, and caregivers.

Making the most of this opportunity is the mission of a new, grassroots movement called the Boston Basics Campaign. It's a vision developed by the Black Philanthropy Fund and the Achievement Gap Initiative at Harvard. And it has grown into a partnership that includes the City of Boston, Boston Medical Center, WGBH, and soon, we hope, every health care setting, community center, daycare classroom, and

child's home in Boston.

Our goal is to help parents and caregivers adopt five easy practices that research has proven are essential to brain development from birth to age three.

Here are the Boston Basics that children need to thrive:

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"Second, talk, sing, and point a lot as you interact. Humans are social animals, designed to communicate from the moment they are born. Talking and singing to infants and toddlers stimulates their brains and develops their skills. And, pointing helps them connect words to the associated objects."

Third, teach them to count things, group objects, and compare every-

day items. Having fun with numbers, names, shapes, and patterns is how children learn to understand their world. And it prepares them to learn and love math.

Fourth, allow children to explore the world through free movement and play. Curiosity is a child's built-in engine for learning. It's our job to encourage it and provide safe outlets. At home or in the playground, help kids dive into their environment and develop their "mind's eye."

Finally, read and discuss stories. Whether made-up or factual, the people, places, and events of stories are the building blocks for our children's imagination and much of their learning later in life.

The goal of the Boston Basics Campaign is to promote these habits anywhere and everywhere, from churches and stores to daycares and community centers. We know that raising kids is hard, and it's only

made harder by the stresses of work, money, illness, violence, and more. So we want to make our entire city a relentlessly supportive place for all those who care for young children.

We're asking everyone to help. If you care for young children, or are close to anyone who does, that means you. You can start by checking out some introductory videos and downloadable materials at [www.bostonbasics.org](http://www.bostonbasics.org).

We believe every child deserves to start school ready to learn and thrive. The power to give that strong foundation to every infant and toddler is in our collective hands as a community. We invite you to join us in this vital work.

*Ron Ferguson is the faculty director of the Achievement Gap Initiative at Harvard*

*Jeff Howard is Chairman of the Black Philanthropy Fund*

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*NDEC offers the following four programs: Workforce Readiness and Career Pathways; Adult Basic Education and HiSET Preparation; English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL); and Youth Services. In addition, NDEC is the hub for distance and online learning for ESOL students; it also offers citizenship preparation. A variety of customized support complements and strengthens these programs and services.*

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to leave? If I have to explain to a bunch of "OFS" people, why we stayed then why bother? Southie never needed you to survive. It needed those of us who stayed, the "SFS". Billy Evans is "SFS" as is his son whom I coached in football, which makes him the next generation of "SFS".

It would have been very interesting if a poll could have included "SFS" only. Today, of course, Southie is red hot. Hollywood is making movies, people are writing books, it costs a million bucks for a West First Street condo. Now everybody wants to tell you, "I'm from Southie". No you're not. Only those who live here now are from here. We are the folks who will decide which way Southie goes from here.

While some stayed in the shadows playing it safe, Cong. Stephen Lynch and Rep. Nick Collins, who advocated for the traditional route, deserve credit and praise for being insistent without being insulting. The Mayor and Commissioner owe no apologies.

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## Easter Brought Thousands to Neighborhood Churches

**SOUTH BOSTON TODAY - By Staff**

As is always the case, Easter Weekend in South Boston was alive with activity. Easter is the most Holy, as well as the most festive and sacred time on the Christian calendar. Area Churches were even busier than usual during Easter Week/Holy Week with ceremonies and special Masses and

Services, which finished with the Easter Sunday celebration heralding the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Good Friday started off with solemn Masses in area churches, as well as the traditional 'Way of the Cross' walk. The crowd for the walk, which was made up of people of all ages, and included many of the neighborhood's young people and teenagers, gathered

at St Monica Church and made stops at other neighborhood houses of worship. Holy Saturday also attracted the faithful to area churches and activities.

Easter Sunday's weather was a bit chilly, but bright and sunny as thousands of residents attended Church. The sacred and traditional ritual of the Sunrise Service at Castle

Island, which went off on schedule at 6:34am, was overflowing with early risers, many of them first timers to this special event to experience a truly moving ceremony and Mass. All through the day big crowds turned out to attend church. In fact, the 10:30am Mass at St. Brigid Church was so crowded there was standing room only and some had to take Holy Communion out on the Church steps because there was no room inside for late arrivals.

There was a heavy concentration of South Boston's smiling and happy children as they lined up to take part in the annual Easter Egg Hunt, which always follows the Mass. And so it went throughout the day. Later, all around the community families and friends gathered for Easter Dinners and brunches, as well as so many other social gathering so common on this day. Easter is a time of celebration all over the world and that certainly includes here in South Boston.



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Property/Type	Price	Sale Date	Rooms	Baths	Sq Ft
81 East Second St UNIT 16 Condo	\$1,200,000	2/26/16	5	2.5	1690
195 West Second St UNIT 195 Condo	\$1,199,000	2/19/16	6	3	2193
437 D St UNIT 6A Condo	\$970,000	2/29/16	3	1	1500
348 E Street Single Family	\$875,000	2/25/16	7	2.5	1700
603 East Sixth St UNIT 2 Condo	\$850,000	2/19/16	5	2.5	1422
83 Old Harbor St UNIT 1 Condo	\$692,000	2/22/16	7	2	2013
320 West Third St UNIT 304 Condo	\$665,000	2/24/16	4	2	1230
45 Vinton St UNIT 6 Condo	\$639,000	2/17/16	4	2	1207
866 East Second St UNIT Condo	\$623,000	2/26/16	4	2	979
496 East Third St UNIT 3 Condo	\$605,000	2/26/16	4	2	906
170 West Fifth St UNIT2 Condo	\$528,500	2/29/16	4	2	1057
524 East Broadway UNIT 4 Condo	\$522,500	2/29/16	4	2	1135
90 Emerson St UNIT 2 Condo	\$521,000	2/26/16	4	2	703
560 East Sixth St UNIT 3 Condo	\$510,000	2/24/16	5	1	1271
153-155 West Sixth St UNIT 2 Condo	\$442,000	2/29/16	4	2	930
55-57 Story St UNIT 2 Condo	\$440,000	2/26/16	4	1	655
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## WATERSIDE PLACE PHASE 1B

**MONDAY, APRIL 11**  
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

**415 SUMMER ST**  
Boston Convention  
& Exhibition Center  
South Boston Waterfront,  
Boston, MA 02210

**PROJECT PROPONENT:**  
The Drew Company

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The Waterside Phase 1B project is proposed to be a 23-story residential apartment building, located at 501 Congress Street — which is currently used for surface parking. The approximately 345,000 gsf building is proposed to contain 312 rental apartments, approximately 84 parking spaces on the second level, and approximately 2,000 sf of ground level retail space. Apartments are proposed to range in size from 34 innovation units to three-bedroom units with vehicular and pedestrian access off of Congress Street.

**MAIL TO:** PHIL COHEN  
Boston Redevelopment Authority  
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Boston, MA 02201

**PHONE:** 617.918.4280

**EMAIL:** Phil.Cohen@Boston.gov

**CLOSE OF COMMENT PERIOD:**  
Thursday, April 28, 2016



## The Senior Connection

By Lu O'Brien

**W**e turned the clocks ahead...we marched our parade the route that it was planned for and Easter was early. March turned out to be quite a month. I hope April will be busy too!!!

Again, not much going on. With all the festivities for Evacuation/St. Pat's Day going on that took center stage. I hope in April things will be busy again.

I got that spam call from the IRS. It is a recording saying that I am going to be arrested. Then it gives another number to call in order to take care of this with the IRS. Do the one and only thing like I did... **HANG UP!!!**

Our liaison from the Elderly Commission at City Hall was here in Southie for a brief stop. Lorna talked about the new guide lines for how to apply for food stamps. If there are any seniors out there who would like to apply for food stamps, Lorna said she would come back to Southie if there were enough seniors interested in applying. The only thing you will need to bring with you is a copy of your income. Lorna also said that the results of her doing them on the computer is faster than doing it on

paper. Lorna has a secure password which puts her directly to the food stamp department. Call me if you are interested.

Mark your calendar for April 8. The South Boston Neighborhood House will be having their annual fundraiser at the World Trade Center in the Harborview Ballroom. There will be complimentary beverages & hors d'oeuvres. Live & silent auction. Don Rodman will be the Honorary Guard. Tom Tinlin will be the Auctioneer. Tickets for this event is \$100.00...\$75.00 online at [www.sbnh.org](http://www.sbnh.org). For more information, call the Neighborhood House...617-269-1619

### Blood Pressure Screenings for the month of April

April 6: The Foley Apts.-199 H Street from 12:00-12:30

April 13: The SB Neighborhood House-136 H Street from 10:30-11:00

April 15: The Curley Rec. Center 1663 Day Blvd. from 11:30-12:00

### Taxi Coupons for the month of April

April 6: SB Neighborhood House-136 H Street from 10:00-12:00

April 6: W. 9th Street Development-185 W. 9th Street from 1:30-1:30

April 6: John O'Reilly Apts. 130 Dorchester Street from 9:00-9:30

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.

### FRIENDLY REMINDERS:

**Handicapped equipment:** If you have shower chairs, toilet seat risers, rollators, canes, powerchairs, scooters, and you would like to pay it forward...call me, Lu O'Brien at 617-464-1910

I have a box of Novolin Insulin. 5 pens are in the box. If you know of a diabetic who can use this... just give me a call if you can use this. I also have 3 walkers...the old kind, not the rollators.

Sorry to say that I cannot accept the regular walkers anymore due to the high demand for rollators.

**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.

### Free & Reduced Cost Food Options In South Boston

#### St. Monica's Food Pantry

617-268-1230

331 Old Colony Ave.

Every 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month from 1:00-3:00pm

Requirements: Proof of South Boston residency with an ID or a bill in your name.

People are asked to stay within the boundaries of this food pantry. Thank you!!

### 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.

People are asked to stay within the boundaries of this food pantry. Thank you!!

### Fourth Presbyterian Church

617-268-1281

340 Dorchester Street

Every 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month from 8:00-11:00am

### 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

### BINGO!!!

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

The senior discounts will be published on the first of month. This way you can cut it out of the paper and hang it on your fridge...sounds like a plan to me!!!

*My name is Lu O'Brien...I can be reached at 617-464-1910...leave me a message and I will get back to you as soon as I can...I am in and out of my office all the time...why??? because I am taking care of the seniors of Southie!!!*

**Have a wonderful week...**

## Lu's Senior Discount Members:

### East Broadway

Lo Grasso Barber Shop: 852 Summer Street (across from Molly Moo's) 20% off all services  
Molly Moo's: 687 E. 2nd Street---\$1.00 cup of coffee or \$5.00 for an ice cream sundae (one size only)  
Rite Aide 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 purchase

of \$50.00 or more off 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  
SB Animal Hospital: 659 E. Broadway---10% off all animal services  
Federico's Bike Shop: 126 Emerson Street---\$5.00 off any service  
L Street Diner: 120 L Street---10% off any purchase (dine in only)

### 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 purchase...excluding alcohol  
Pat's Kitchen: 402 W. Broadway---cup of coffee with any item on the menu  
Baystate Physical therapy: 377 W. Broadway---free 15-minute consultation to see if you need therapy

Dewberry Dogs: 357 W. Broadway---15% on all dog services and \$5.00 for kitties and doggies nail cut.  
Broadway Lock: 313 W. Broadway---free key cap with any purchase... you have to ask for your cap  
Pizzeria 260: 260 W. Broadway---10% off any order  
Foodies: 230 W. Broadway---10% off your order on Tuesday  
Subway: at Broadway Station---10% off regular priced sandwich. 60+ years of age  
Sunny's Florist: 9 W. **CONTINUED ON PAGE 13**





# Easter Egg Hunts - Always A Big Hit

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY - By Staff

Easter Sunday is a wonderful day. It brings families together at Church and at family gatherings and often for sumptuous meals in the forms of brunches, dinners, suppers and for some, just a huge array of delicious sweet desserts that put on the pounds to be sure but taste oh so good. But along with the meals and the family gatherings and the religious observances, there is that added attraction for the kids that often gets them excited starting early the night before. Of course, we are speaking of Easter egg hunts. They come in many sizes, depending on the places where they are being held and the numbers of kids taking part. But all of them provide great fun and in many cases,


that extra sugar boost when candy is involved – and it usually is.

In South Boston, the good people of the Dorchester Heights Association, with sponsorship from Rep. Nick Collins, held their annual Easter egg hunt at ‘The Heights’. The turnout was large and fun was had, not only by the kids doing the hunting, but the parents on the sidelines watching and laughing as their little ones scurried about in search of what seemed to be a billion scattered colorful treasures.

Up at St. Brigid Church, the traditional Easter egg hunt as always followed the 10:30am Mass. Erin Lee had the not so easy task of holding back the anxious, smiling hordes of egg seekers until all was in place. Erin counted to 3 and, like a flash, dozens of happy laughing children swarmed the Church lawn and scooped up their prizes which were everywhere and in great abundance.

The neighborhood organized Easter egg hunts are just one of many continuing traditions that have been preserved over the years, which makes South Boston such a nice place for so many of our local families and their visitors.

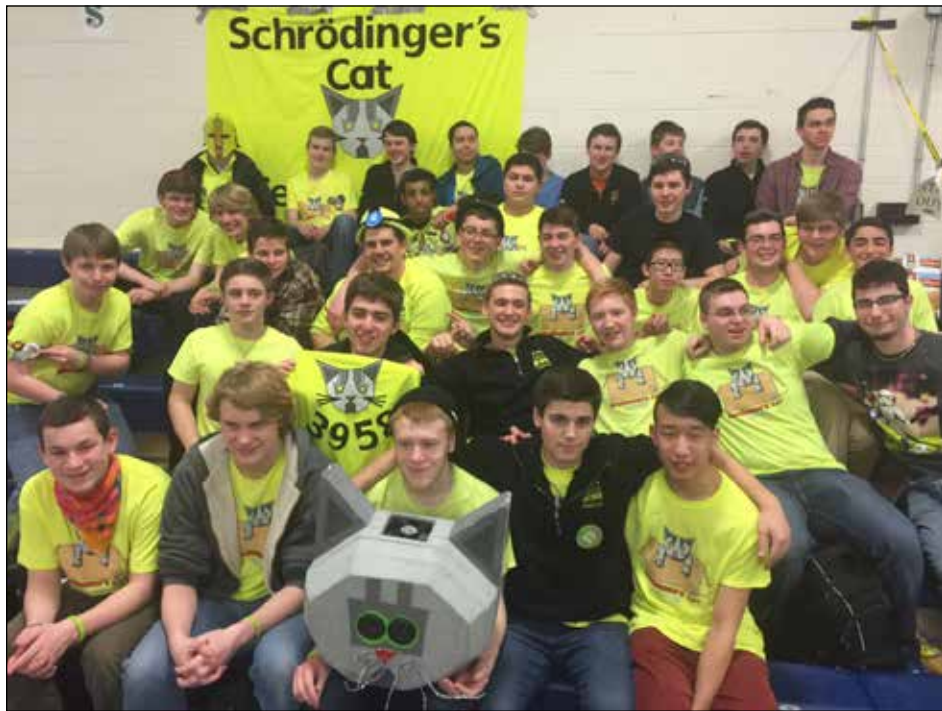
**Birthday Remembrance For**  
***Paul Turner***  
 March 31st



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## South Boston Student Advances In Robotics Competition

Jack Sobchuk of South Boston, a senior at Boston College High School, and a member of BC High's Robotics team, Schrodinger's Cat, has much to celebrate coming off the first competition of the season. Members new and old travelled to Windham High School in Windham, New Hampshire for the Granite State District event on March 4th where they finished third against 33 other teams in the area.

In the 12 qualifying matches, the BC High robot smashed through defenses and hurled boulders at the opponent's towers, requirements to score in this year's competition: **FIRST Stronghold.**

Highlights for the weekend included:

- 1) Finishing 3rd of 34 teams in the Alliance Picking phase of the competition
- 2) Reaching the Quarter Finals
- 3) Dominant in traversing most of the game field obstacles
- 4) Successfully implemented a sensor-based autonomous motion script which includes straight driving under a low bar and turning a specific angle to position the robot to score.
- 5) Implemented multiple innovations such as an improved bumper system.
- 6) Congratulations to Matthew Doyle

'17 and Andrew Pollis '17 who were named Dean's List nominees. 7) First time submitting an application for the prestigious Chairman's Award.

### Group Photo:

Row 1(Bottom): Jason Murray, Bobby Largey, Bobby Brodeur, Nick Gianino, Kyle Lok  
 Row 2: Brendan Webb, Matthew Doyle, Pierce Winter, Connor Quinn, Mike Gannon, Andy Trebicka, Alex Horn  
 Row 3: Declan Nelson, Noah Peterson, Dan Casey, Andrew Pollis, Bach-Ahn Nguyen, Drew Williamson, JP Nahill  
 Row 4: Stephen Legere, Chase Thomas, Ryan Wijayanayake, Salim Metri, Ian Webb, Aidan Roy  
 Row 5 (top): masked man, Jack Duggan, Aidan Egan, Jeffrey Compere, Liam Michalski, Jack Sobchuk, Luke Reid, Bobby Pittman, Seamus Egan

*Boston College High School is a Jesuit, Catholic, college-preparatory school for young men founded in 1863. The school enrolls approximately 1600 students from more than 100 communities in eastern Massachusetts. For more <http://www.bchigh.edu>*



## Marian Manor 300 Plus Club Drawing April 10th

The much looked forward to and always enjoyable Annual '300 Plus Club Drawing and Social' to benefit the Marian Manor will be held this year on Sunday, April 10th at the Seapoint Restaurant at 367 E. Eighth Street in South Boston.

Last year's event was a big success so you may want to get your tickets early. Memberships are \$100 and they can be shared with more than one person; family friend etc.)5 people may contribute \$20 each for a ticket) Your ticket number will entitle you to attend the big Sunday afternoon social and drawing from 2-5pm, April 10th at the Seapoint Restaurant function room (not handicapped accessible – 6 steps) The prizes will be drawn at the social and everyone is invited to attend and to participate.

The drawing of the numbers makes for an exciting afternoon. This means the first number randomly selected will be the big winner of \$5000. Prizes are also awarded to the

second number drawn - \$1,500, the 3rd number drawn wins \$1000 and the 4th number wins \$500. 5th, 6th and 7th numbers drawn wins \$100 each. But the big winners will be the residents of Marian Manor who will benefit from this great event. You do not have to be present to win the money prizes. Other great prizes will be drawn during the afternoon for those in attendance.

For more information on how to attend, be part of and get tickets to this excellent annual event you can contact the Marian Manor by phone at 617-268-3333 or log on to the website at [www.marianmanor.org](http://www.marianmanor.org)

A statement from Sr. Margaret Therese Jackson O.Carm., the Development Director and Sr. M. Theresa Stephen, O.Carm., the Administrator at Marian Manor reads as follows.

"Please be assured that you and all the friends of Marian Manor are remembered each day in the prayers of our Residents and Sisters. May God bless you"





Tara Murphy with Mayor Marty Walsh



Tara Murphy with State Representative Nick Collins and State Senator Linda Dorcena Forry

## Boys and Girls Clubs Youth Of The Year – Tara Murphy

**T**ara Murphy of South Boston won the Youth of the Year Award for the Boys and Girls Clubs of Boston, and will be competing against all of the Massachusetts clubs for a statewide honor in June. Murphy, a member of the Edgerley Family South Boston Club, received her award at the BCGB’s St. Patrick’s Day luncheon March 5 at the Westin Hotel, Boston where she gave a speech and was then honored by Mayor Marty Walsh, State Senator Linda Dorcena-Forry, Boston City Councilor-at-large Michael Flaherty, and State Representative Nick Collins. The award is given to members who “embody the values of leadership service; academic excellence; and healthy lifestyles.”

“I grew up at the Boys and Girls Club, so doing all of the amazing things they offered me there felt natural,” said Murphy, who is a senior at Elizabeth Seton Academy, Dorchester. “It was a huge honor receiving the Youth of the Year award at the South Boston Boys and Girls Club and an even bigger honor moving on and representing all Boys and Girls Clubs of Boston. It is an amazing feeling, knowing all that I have done has really made a difference.”

Murphy was in Dallas, Texas March 14-17 at the Boys and Girls Clubs of America Keystone Conference where more than 2500 teens from 157 cities and five countries gathered to develop leadership skills.

**SENIOR DISCOUNTS  
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# Thank You!

## South Boston Special Kids

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## Mayor Walsh Urges Families “Plan Now For Summer”

BCYF’s “Summer Warm-Up” Resource Fair April 9th Highlights Programs  
Mayor Martin J. Walsh and Boston Centers for Youth & Families (BCYF), the City of Boston’s largest youth and human service agency, invite Boston youth and families to “BCYF Summer Warm-Up”, a resource fair to help jump-start summer planning. It will be held on Saturday, April 9 at the BCYF Tobin Community Center, 1481 Tremont Street, Mission Hill, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

“It’s very important for our young people to be active and learning during the summer months,” said Mayor Walsh. “This event makes it easy for families to get information and enroll in BCYF summer programs at their local community centers.”

The goal of the event is to con-

nect Boston children, teens and families with information about BCYF’s summer camps and programs, youth employment opportunities, teen nights and activities, and community events during the summer. The Summer Warm-Up will include music, activities and most-importantly--resource tables. There will also be raffle prizes including \$100 scholarships to a BCYF summer program. Most BCYF programs are enrolling and this event provides all kinds of information about what’s available. Don’t get left out!

Boston residents of all ages are welcome. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. BCYF’s Summer Guide 2016 will be online soon at Boston.Gov/BCYF to help with your summer planning. Hard copies will be available at the event.



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has people of the same approximate age, who are willing to lay their lives on the line in defense of the homeland and all Americans – even those embarrassing little wimps that seldom set foot out of their campus ‘safe spaces’ to experience the real world.

Just a comment on the recent terror attacks in Belgium and Pakistan. The Islamic terrorists blatantly announced

that Christians are the main targets and that they are planning more with America being the big prize. They also openly announce that they will infiltrate the crowds of Syrian refugees migrating to the West to make these attacks and have proven in Europe that this is their goal and tactic.

Through it all, Obama still refuses to admit that it’s Islamic terrorists that are trying to kill Americans and he

STILL insists on bringing in thousands more refugees from terrorist regions to settle in our country. Each time a new slaughter of innocents happens, we get a lecture from Obama about not jumping to conclusions and the virtues of the ‘religion of peace’ and of course, how law abiding Americans have too many guns. Are there still some who think he has the best interest and security of the United States as his priority?

### READ GE’S LIPS...

#### CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE

development, John Barros, the city’s economic development chief, the Boston Redevelopment Authority plans to purchase the property itself so it can use an administrative tool in the BRA toolbox.

The creative tool will allow the City to accommodate a provision in the city and state’s agreement with General Electric. In it, it states that if GE occupies any properties owned or leased by the Boston Redevelopment Authority, for a lease term up to 20 years, the Company shall be responsible for only annual operating expenses, property taxes not abated and interior renovations costs. When asked by a reporter as to whether rent

is to be paid, Barros noted that even those the word “rent” is not part of the language of this provision, the other items are things you would find in a rent agreement. He insisted that it is not rent free. He acknowledges, however, that Boston and GE have to negotiate what those payments will be.

At GE’s request, Boston has already committed to spend up to \$100 million to replace the Northern Avenue Bridge. The state, meanwhile, has committed \$120 million in assorted grants, plus \$25 million in state-financed improvements to streets, transit, bikeways, and water transportation service.”

GE is shrewd when it comes to taxpaying and using incentives.

As Boston taxpayers see their own property taxes rising, and cuts being made in the public school budget, residents question the balance on the scale of economic justice. As of today, no one really knows the cost of luring GE nor what GE plans to do for the city besides bringing existing employees and some percentage of new ones. Its CEO Jeffrey Immelt was quoted as saying at a downtown business luncheon, “Just take my word for this. We’re going to give back, for any dollar that you think was invested in GE being here — and there are a lot of places we could have gone other than here — and you will get back a thousand fold.” Hopefully, he wasn’t lip-syncing.

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The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Lopez-Ramos, Denise  
vs.  
Rivera, Heriberto

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24 New Chardon Street  
Boston, MA 02114

To the Defendant:  
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for **IRRETRIEVABLE BREAKDOWN**. The Complaint is on file at the Court. An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. **SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.**

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**Denise Lopez-Ramos**  
391 Old Colony Ave  
South Boston, MA 02127-0003  
your answer, if any, on or before 05/05/2016. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

**WITNESS, Hon. Joan P Armstrong**  
First Justice of this Court  
Date: February 18, 2016  
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate  
March 31, 2016







Names in photo are Councilor Herb, Tom McCarthy, Alex Workman and Judge Mary Hogan Sullivan

# Team Opportunity Foundation Update:

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY - By Staff

Like all good causes and programs developed to support them, the Team Opportunity Foundation continues to gather steam and support from concerned residents from South Boston and beyond. As a rapidly growing number of people now know, Team Opportunity Foundation is a relatively new, trail blazing program, founded by South Bostonian Tom McCarthy along with many other dedicated adults designed to be a unique and effective and even pioneering

concept to help those whose lives are being ruined by substance abuse. As stated here at South Boston Today in a previous story its being heralded as a 'reverse action plan alcohol and heroin addiction; the program's motto being "Where a fellow man will lend a helping hand"; a motto it's founders and supporters take very seriously and are sincere in its implementation.

The meetings, held now bi-weekly at the Seapoint Restaurant on E. Eighth Street in Southie are well attended and the enthusiasm is strong and growing.

South Boston Today had the opportunity and pleasure to once again to meet with Tom McCarthy as well as Lorraine Linehan, the programs Operations Manager. We wanted to get an update on the progress of Team Opportunity Foundation and we're happy to report that things are moving along well and quickly. The purchase of the first of what will be at least several homes for residents in need of the program has been made and is being set up and worked on. Support from members of the expanded community, business's as well as experts in the field of substance abuse treatment are coming on board and the word is spreading fast, far and wide about the positive goals and innovative methods that the Team Opportunity Foundation will be providing to those who qualify.

Recently, both Tom McCarthy and Lorraine Linehan were proud attendees at an awards ceremony at the Norfolk County Veterans Treatment Court. The Veterans Treatment Court is a voluntary 12-24 month program intended to serve veterans who are struggling with addictions and mental health issues and/or other occurring disorders. The court provides ongoing judicial and probation supervision with input from a multidisciplinary team of professionals led by the judge. Veterans Treatment Court is composed of 5 different phases which will take a minimum of one year

to complete. Participants must satisfy a set of predetermined requirements to advance through the various phases.

Tom McCarthy and Lorraine Linehan were there to support Alex Workman who successfully completed all five phases of the program and proudly received his Certificate of Accomplishment. Alex will become an integral part of the new Team Opportunity Foundation.

As time goes on and progress continues to be made at Team Opportunity Foundation, South Boston Today will continue its coverage of this innovative program because there is a tremendous need to get the word out to everyone about the new and unique methods of treating the problem of substance abuse. In the meantime, everyone is invited and encouraged to attend the bi-weekly meetings at the Seapoint held on Wednesday evenings from 7-9pm. Your input will be appreciated and you will also learn quite a bit about the new techniques to be used by Team Opportunity.

There is an upcoming fundraiser for the Team Opportunity Foundation. It will be held at Carson Place on May 14th. The tickets will be just \$20 and the music will be provided by the legendary Mr. Dru Errico. This will give everyone an opportunity to enjoy the company of so many friends and neighbors and to make new friends as well. More on the event as the date draws near.

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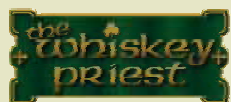
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