



## The Politics Of Intimidation

The headlines of a recent New York Post reads (former President) 'Bill Clinton's in trouble for telling the truth to Black Lives Matter'. Former presidential candidate Martin O'Malley saw his campaign go into a tailspin when he decided to apologize in July 2015 for saying "All lives matter" while discussing police violence against African-Americans with liberal demonstrators. With the untimely death of Justice Antonin Scalia, the Supreme Court Of The United States (SCOTUS) has become a political football being fumbled by both Democrats and Republicans because of both the gravity of the appointment of a new and tie-breaking

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# EDITORIAL *“Shame”*

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY -By Staff

**“H**ave you no sense of decency sir, at long last? Have you left no sense of decency?”

That quote was immortalized when Mass. Attorney Joseph Welch directed the charge at Senator Joe McCarthy during the so-called “Army” hearings when Sen. McCarthy labeled anyone who disagreed with him a “Communist”. A public label that cast a shadow which unfairly ruined countless lives.

That same challenge could be directed at Councilor Tito Jackson who seems willing to sacrifice whatever tenuous, fragile, racial, peace and advancement existing in our city

simply to lay the groundwork for a Mayoral run.

The progressive game plan is clear. Cast yourself as a defender of racial justice. If no injustice exists, create some.

Despite a racist, liberal, integration plan that only widens the distance between urban black and white students called “forced busing” and that transformed the student population in the city to less than 20% white, Jackson is still calling for an investigation into alleged lenient discipline for white students. Please Mr. Jackson, do you and your supporters own no mirrors?

At long last sir, have you no shame?



*“ Patriotism is s*



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## The Real Meaning of the Patriots Day Holiday

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We celebrate Patriots Day next Monday and in some places in certain states around the country, Massachusetts being one of them, it's a designated holiday. So this is as good a time as any to remind some of our readers who may be unfamiliar with the origin of the day and the significance given to it what it's all about. It might surprise some to learn that it's not just 'Marathon Monday', it doesn't have anything to do with our favorite NFL Team lead by Tom Brady and it's not just 'One Boston Day' as Mayor Walsh wants it called this year, referring of course to the Marathon Bombings.

Patriots Day was set aside in memory of the first battle that began the American Revolution. As most know, the battle took place right here in the

Bay State at Concord and Lexington on April 19th, 1775 and because of its significance and what followed, it's been referred to as 'The Shot Heard Round the World', as it set off a string of historical events in other countries as well. Seeing the example set by determined American patriots often called minutemen armed with muskets and the desire to be free, other nations realized that tyrannical dictators and monarchs actually could be overthrown and that they could be set free as well.

Fast forward more than 241 years to America present day. People are realizing that some of the same conditions that lead to the first American Revolution could be slowly falling into place once again. Today we have an increasingly powerful and intrusive

central government that blatantly and arrogantly ignores the will of its citizens as it disregards the Constitution put in place by our Founding Fathers and is beginning to operate much like old King George of England did. The English king did whatever he wanted and made up laws and rules at his whim and would send in his red coated soldiers to punish anyone who didn't obey.

In America today, we have a man in the White House who is doing this more and more only he calls it 'Executive Action'. People and groups who openly express opposing views are not punished with red coats or government agents kicking in their doors – yet, but can find themselves being harassed in different ways - IRS audits, phone lines being tapped, expensive law suits filed

against them and yes, even jail time, if some in the federal government think you are being disruptive and could pose a road block to their Socialist plans.

King George went on a campaign to disarm the colonists. He demanded the patriots relinquish their weapons; muskets and pistols during that era even though those were dangerous times. We all know how that turned out. Today, we have people in power, this president chief among them who are doing all they can to disarm law abiding American citizens in times more dangerous than ever. 'Taxation without Representation' was a battle cry often heard in the 1700's by citizens who were burdened with ever increasing taxes and fees to feed a greedy;

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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.

### Charter compromise bill passes Senate, but still faces rocky future

Some wondered whether a compromise charter school bill recently unveiled by leading senators had enough support to pass even the Senate. That conjecture was proven dead wrong on Thursday. In fact, the controversial legislation - which would increase the cap on charter schools in Massachusetts in exchange for significant funding increases for all public schools - easily passed the chamber on Thursday and is now headed to the House, where its future is not quite as rosy, reports Matt Murphy of the State House News Service.

But most observers continue to believe that, no matter what happens on Beacon Hill, the issue

of expanding charter schools in Massachusetts will ultimately be decided in a ballot-question showdown in November. So that raises the question: Why do some opponents of charter schools say they welcome a November showdown?

**As Garrett Quinn of Boston Magazine** notes, a new poll shows overwhelming support in Boston for lifting the cap on the number of charter schools. Granted, the poll was sponsored by the Massachusetts Charter Public School Association. But a recent WBZ and UMass Amherst statewide poll found 51 percent of likely voters supporting a ballot question that would lift the cap on charter schools, while 23 percent oppose the proposal, Quinn notes.

So why the confidence by some opponents that they can prevail in November? Maybe it's all part of the game of political chicken.

### Campaign office says Baker can accept huge sums from outsiders

The state Office of Campaign and Political Finance has concluded that the Massachusetts Republican Party can give federally raised donations to Gov. Charlie Baker's campaign committee, in a decision some critics say is a blow to state control of campaign finances, the Globe's Frank Phillips reports.

### First GE, now ... Aetna?

Public records released in connection with General Electric's relocation to Boston show the city and state may be after another prize from the Nutmeg State, Jessica Bartlett of the Boston Business Journal reports. Emails reference officials noting that Boston is likely one of several locations trying to entice insurance giant Aetna, a Fortune 500 company, to move its headquarters from Hartford.

### 'We've never been a big hit with socialists'

Back to the topic of GE, it was sort of refreshing to see General Electric chief executive Jeff Immelt firing back at Bernie Sanders for recently saying companies like GE are tearing apart the "moral fabric of America." Why? Because moralists who tend to see life in simplistic good-versus-evil terms need to be pushed back now and then when they make grossly over-simplified and unfair statements about who is and isn't moral. From Immelt's Washington Post op-ed: "GE has been in business for 124 years, and we've never been a big hit with socialists. We create wealth and jobs, instead of just calling for them in speeches. We take risks, invest, innovate and produce in ways that today sustain 125,00 U.S. jobs." And he notes that, yes, GE does pay taxes and it employs 1,000 people at an aviation plant in Rutland, Vermont, a

facility Sanders has "never bothered" to visit, Immelt says.

### Meanwhile, Warren unloads on Republican senators ...

While Immelt unloads on Bernie, Massachusetts Senator Elizabeth Warren unloads on right-wing Republican senators who she says have "laid the foundation for their presidential front-runners," Donald Trump and Ted Cruz. Writing in the Globe, she says Republicans have been obstructionists from day one of President Obama's presidency, right up to the current fight over Supreme Court nominee Merrick Garland. "Show some courage and put that oath ahead of party politics. Do your job - and start by considering the president's nomination to the Supreme Court."

### GE launches local media blitz

OK, one last GE item, from the Herald's Matt Stout: "General Electric Co. isn't done pitching itself as a good bet for Boston. The multinational behemoth - which is fending off criticism of the plum \$145 million package of city and state perks it took to relocate its headquarters to the Hub - has launched a two-week radio blitz that lavishes praise on Boston and declares itself ready to begin a 'world-changing digital industrial revolution.'" The ads are running on 98.5 The Sports Hub, WBZ NewsRadio 1030, and WBUR.

### Globe launches a 'reinvention initiative'

Dan Kennedy at Media Nation reports that Globe editor Brian McGrory has issued a challenge to his staff members to completely rethink how the Globe newsroom operates, amidst a continuing revenue decline hitting all newspapers. The Globe is also bringing in some outside consultants "who have thought long and hard about these issues and are deeply knowledgeable about what's been tried at other news organizations and how it's worked," McGrory writes in a staff memo.

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# Reading Between The Lines

## “Thank You Lynne”

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This is probably the “kiss of death” for Boston Latin Head Lynne Mooney Teta but at this point it may not matter. Nevertheless, for the parents of one Latin student we are forever grateful for her dedication, hands on stewardship of our city and nation’s most prestigious public school. With my friends growing up in the Boston school system we were always the “cool kids”. Everyday as school was dismissed we’d hang in front of school, smoking cigarettes, making jokes, laughing at the nerds and geeks lugging armloads of books, while us cool kids were lucky if we had a rolled up notebook in our back pocket. We were all from the same social and economic backgrounds but somehow us “cool kids” settled for what our high school degree allowed, while the nerds and geeks who took the test and were admitted to Boston Latin had a world open up that had no ceiling.

Because Boston Latin has always been the real deal, the great equalizer, there was no political or financial hook to get you in the back door. Wealthy suburbanites have been known to purchase 600-thousand-dollar Beacon Hill condos in an attempt for their children to by pass residency requirements, all for naught. Either you pass the test or you don’t. No exceptions.

It is why Boston Latin is the last, best, hope for city kids with the brains, but not the finances to be recognized, recruited and accepted to our most elite and expensive colleges and universities.

All city kids. Black, White, Asian, Spanish, Mid Easterners, all are eligible no matter what part of the city. That’s because Boston Latin is not a “neighborhood” school and doesn’t save places for students in the

neighborhood they’re located in. It’s an exam school. A standard they’ve always had and continue to maintain. It’s that commitment to excellence that has schools tripping over themselves to admit Latin kids. The universities even include the presence of Latin alumni in their recruitment brochures to impress applicants.

Nevertheless, this impressive record and the person ultimately responsible is under fire amid calls for a Justice Department Civil Rights investigation.

It might better be described as a “racial envy” investigation. It could be argued, precisely because we don’t have the same level of racial animosity evidenced in other parts of the nation, that some “activists” want to become part of the national story and embellish facts. A pattern is emerging nation wide of people looking to be offended.

In Albany, N.Y., the local university president issued a condemnation of an attack Jan. 30th by “10-12 white men and women” on three Black women on a bus. One “victim” spoke at a campus rally. OOPS! The bus had a camera which showed, in fact, the three “victims” attacked the white passengers without warning. University police have issued arrest warrants.

Then comes the GAP commercial showing a group of diverse young girls with one taller “white” girl resting an arm on the head of a much smaller “black” girl. The outrage so great the ad was pulled. It turns out the “white” mother explained the two girls were sisters of an inter-racial marriage.

Did you miss the video of the “white” guy with dreadlocks waiting for an elevator when a “black” woman, also with dreadlocks, screams at him that he doesn’t have the “right

to wear a “black” hair style? Usually the media has no problem printing the most outrageous details of a story front and center.

Obviously, there is still racism, from all sides, in the world and especially young kids can say some stupid, hurtful things. That is probably true in this Boston Latin case. Yet, the major complaint that seems to have put this controversy in motion, is that a white student texted the “racism in Ferguson, Missouri was fomented by the media who incited protesters and not the

police”. It seems the two female Black students felt even holding that opinion is racist and a number of “front runners” jumped on board.

The two students might want to consider that Attorney General Holder oversaw the Ferguson investigation and President Obama oversaw him. The witnesses, who were Black, backed up Officer Wilson and not one witness stated anything different despite the “hands up, don’t shoot” lie that led to the creation of this spurious “Black lives matter” group.

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### We’re Seeking Input from Our Community.

The National Emerging Infectious Diseases Laboratories (NEIDL) is seeking applications for new members for its Community Liaison Committee (CLC). The CLC was formed to facilitate communication between the NEIDL and the community and to ensure transparency in the activities of the NEIDL.

The mission of the CLC is to promote a continuing conversation between the community and the NEIDL about the NEIDL’s activities and research. This dialogue must be an honest and respectful exchange of information, questions, and concerns intended to build trust and understanding.

The NEIDL, owned and operated by Boston University, is dedicated to the development of diagnostics, vaccines, and treatments for newly emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases. The NEIDL contains state-of-the-art BSL-2, BSL-3, and BSL-4 laboratories to conduct this important research in a safe and secure environment.

Individuals interested in becoming members of the committee may apply online at [www.bu.edu/NEIDL](http://www.bu.edu/NEIDL) or by contacting Valeda Britton, Executive Director, Community Relations/Boston University Medical Campus; email: [neidl@bu.edu](mailto:neidl@bu.edu); phone: 617-638-1911.

All applications must be received by April 22, 2016.

# Common Tax Mistakes To Avoid

**T**ax filing day is quickly approaching and the filing deadline will be here before you know it. If you haven't filed your taxes yet, it's time for action. You should get started by getting your tax return together, organizing all of your information and double checking your returns to make sure that they are complete and accurate. In order to help you file your tax return right the first time, here is a handy checklist of the seven most common tax mistakes that you should avoid.

## 1. Missing/Wrong Social Security Number

According to the Internal Revenue Service, one of the most common errors that people make when filling out their tax form is forgetting to include their Social Security number. The IRS receives thousands of tax returns each year with no Social Security numbers attached or with the wrong Social Security number.

Failing to include the right Social Security number for yourself or your dependents will hinder processing of your tax return. If you enter the wrong Social Security number, the IRS will reject all deductions and exemptions that you claim. This will hold up any refunds that you are owed and can leave you subject to late fees if you owe the IRS money. You can avoid making this mistake by double checking your Social Security number and those of claimed dependents before submitting your return. Verify every number by looking at Social Security cards.

## 2. Failing to Include All Sources of Income

You have to include documentation of your income with your tax return. Be sure to include copies of all W-2 forms that you received during the year. Make sure that you add in any 1099 income and miscellaneous income that you earned as well.

Failing to report any income that you received will make the IRS think that you are hiding something and they may seek to take a closer look at your return. This could be in the form of asking for additional documentation or even an audit. If you

know that you earned income from a company during the year and have not received the appropriate forms, contact the company. Request a W-2 and 1099 from all employers. You don't want to find out that you are liable for additional taxes after the fact.

## 3. Math Mistakes

Despite the increasing number of options available for tax filing, many people still file their returns manually. Filing manually may save you money but it also leaves you open to the possibility of making common mathematical errors. Too many tax filers file incorrect returns because of a simple calculation error or placing the wrong digit in the wrong column.

This may be a small error but it can leave you owing a large amount of money. The IRS will charge you based on the amounts that you write on your tax return. If you make the mistake of claiming too much income or too little in deductions, you could find yourself having to pay more in taxes than you would otherwise have to. You can avoid making mathematical mistakes by double checking all of your numbers with a calculator or using tax preparation software. Tax software does the calculations for you, and significantly reduces the likelihood of errors in your return.

## 4. Claiming the Wrong Amount of Credits and Deductions

The biggest mistake that tax filers make is claiming either too many or too few deductions. Both mistakes are detrimental. Millions of Americans claim credits and rebates that they are not eligible for. Taking too many illegal deductions could be construed as tax evasion by the IRS and leave you at risk of being audited. In a worst-case scenario, tax evaders can face jail time. It's best to play it safe when it comes to paying your taxes. If you owe the money, pay it.

That said, not taking advantage of deductions that you are legally entitled to is foolish as well. You could end up with a larger tax liability than you need to. Take advantage of every legal deduction and tax credit that you are eligible for. Be sure to

deduct all charitable contributions, gifts and contributions that you can write off. If you are unsure about what credits and deductions you should apply for, contact a qualified tax professional.

## 5. Forgetting to Sign and Date Your Return

Don't spend hours filling out your tax return and making sure that every number is correct only to forget to sign your name and date the return. You would be surprised how many times this mistake happens. If you forget to sign and date your return, the IRS will not accept it and will list your account as having not filed. In this case, your return will be considered late, which will leave you liable for penalties and interest.

Take a minute and make sure that you and your spouse have both signed and dated your tax return. If you want to skip the headache of signing, you can file your return using E-file. E-filing allows you to submit an electronic signature, freeing you of the burden of signing and mailing your return.

## 6. Failing To File Your Taxes

Filing your taxes late is perfectly legal as long as you have requested an extension in advance. Too many people skip this step and fail to alert the IRS that they will be missing the April 15 deadline. Failing to file an IRS tax return in a timely manner will result in additional expenses.

If you are going to be late filing your taxes, be sure to file your extension request in advance. You can download Form 4868 from the IRS website. Once approved, you will receive a six-month automatic extension that gives you until October 15 to file your return. Filing late does not exempt you from having to pay

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# Boston City Council to Hold Hearing on the Boston Sister Cities Program

**T**he Boston City Council's Committee on Arts, Culture, and Special Events has scheduled a hearing to address the Sister Cities Program in Boston. The matter, which was sponsored by Councilor At-Large Michael F. Flaherty, will take place in the Iannella Chamber on April 21, 2016 at 11:30 am.

Sister Cities International was founded in 1956 by President Dwight D. Eisenhower and has since expanded to 545 United States cities and towns with 2,100 partnerships in 145 countries. The program has focus areas in cultural and educational exchanges, economic partnerships, and humanitarian assistance.

In order to foster an understanding, awareness, and appreciation of the world in which we live, Boston has partnered with Kyoto Japan, Strasbourg France, Barcelona Spain, Hangzhou China, Padua Italy, Melbourne Australia, Taipei Taiwan, Sekondi-Takoradi Ghana, Belfast Ireland, and Praia Cape Verde. During the hearing the Committee plans to explore additional programming to allow Boston to further benefit from our existing partnerships.

"I look forward to discussing ways to enhance opportunities for Boston residents to benefit from our relationships abroad," said Councilor Flaherty. "Whether it be learning a new language in a student exchange program, or communicating new business and trade ideas, Sister Cities programming has the potential to offer our citizens invaluable and unforgettable cultural experiences."

Representatives from the City's Department on Tourism, Sports, and Special Events will be invited to testify. The Committee encourages members of the public to participate in the discussion by attending the hearing or submitting testimony to Michael.Flaherty@Boston.gov.





Ed Hamilton, Laura McDonough (daughter) and Larry Decuer (Curator) of the WWII Museum accepting the flag donated by Ed.



Ed and daughter Laura holding a piece of the USS Arizona.



Ed and Larry reviewing a historical map of Pearl Harbor

# Ed Hamilton Honored at US Naval Museum in New Orleans

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY - By Staff

Over the years, South Boston has had its share of celebrities. Pro sports stars, famous politicians, movie stars and others. But probably the South Bostonians most near and dear to the hearts of this town are its veterans. This is a neighborhood famous for pride in and respect for the men and women who have served our country with honor and residents make every effort to sing their praises. And one of Southie's most famous veterans of all is of course, Ed Hamilton; the World War II veteran of the Pearl Harbor attack who stays active as he spends large parts of his days walking around his home town; socializing with his many friends and neighbors.

As South Boston Today (SBT) has reported in several stories, Ed Hamilton isn't just well known for his service in his home town, he is also a celebrity of sorts in different parts of our country. SBT has reported on the trips back to Pearl Harbor with his family where he was an honored guest of the US Navy and treated like royalty while he shared his experiences with current navy personnel as well as visiting tourists. He has appeared on Hawaiian news channels and in that state's newspapers while receiving awards.

Ed Hamilton's most recent trip, 2 weeks ago, along with his daughter and son-in-law Laura and Coli McDonagh was to New Orleans where he donated a flag that flew during the attack on Pearl Harbor. Ed was stationed on the USS Bennett, a destroyer which was in the middle of the battle as the Japanese bombers attacked the base at 'Pearl' which set off America's entry into WWII. Ed donated the flag to the United States Navel Museum. The flag itself still had the oil stains on it from explosions as ships were being hit by attacking Kamikaze dive bombers.

The US Naval Museum's Curator, Larry Decuers, in charge of the facility gave Ed and his family a private guided tour of the museum's archives. The tours, pomp and ceremony of the naval facility were fascinating and very educational and an experience they will never forget.

And here again, Ed Hamilton was treated like a visiting celebrity with rock star status.

While in New Orleans, the family got to sample some of the food the city is so famous for and immerse themselves in the unique culture found only in that city. They visited Bourbon Street, took in some of the live jazz music and got a ride on the Natchez Dinner Cruise Ship that travels the Mississippi River. Even

on the cruise ship Ed and his family members were honored. They were brought to a reserved table decorated with Red, White and Blue flowers and flags in Ed's honor. Quite a lot of activity was crammed into this 5 day New Orleans visit which was more like an adventure.

Next December will signal the 75th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor and Ed has been invited by the Navy to return once again. He and the family are already making plans and looking forward to returning.

South Boston Today is honored to

report on the many travels and prestigious invitations that Ed Hamilton receives as his service as a WW II combat veteran of Pearl Harbor continues to be honored by a grateful nation. We are also very proud to call him friend and neighbor as we are proud of all of our veterans as we thank each and every one of them for their service. It is a further source of pride to know that our community as well as our entire great country holds our veterans in such high esteem as it always has and always will.

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Facts and logic should dictate the reality that 90% of Black homicides are committed by Black people. Sadly, facts and logic are being ignored so a few ego-trippers can claim relevancy and attention. An expression like, "be careful what you wish for", or a fable like, "the boy who cried wolf", would

seem to fit here.

While these words meant to support but may, in fact, hurt Lynne Mooney Teta, she should know, from parents of all backgrounds, of the words of thanks, multiplied a thousand times, for the direction, guidance and protection she gave to all our children.

**Take care till next week.**

## Six (not so) Dumb Tax Questions You're Too Embarrassed To Ask

Unless you're an accounting geek, chances are you don't like thinking about taxes.

But when it comes to the IRS, you can't just bury your head in the sand and claim ignorance. Here are answers to a few seemingly dumb and super-simple questions that actually are neither.

### **Do I really have to file a federal tax return?**

Probably. The only time you're not required to file is if your income is less than your personal exemption plus your standard deduction, both of which are determined by your marital status and age. You will use the IRS table to figure out your personal situation. But generally, if you made more than \$23,100 in 2015, you will have to file. But here's the thing: Even if your income is too low to have to file, you may want to anyway. Why? You could be owed a refund. Too much tax may have been withheld from your paycheck or you

may be entitled to a refundable tax break like the Earned Income Tax Credit, which pays money to qualified filers even if the credit exceeds their tax bill.

### **How long will it be before I get my refund?**

Most filers get refunds and the vast majority of them get their refunds in hand within 21 days from the day they file their returns.

### **Is it true the IRS can withhold my refund?**

Yes, there are four situations in which the IRS will not send you part or all of your refund: If you're behind in paying federal student loans, child support, or state income taxes; or if you got too much of a government subsidy to buy health insurance on a federal or state exchange.

### **What if I know I owe money to the IRS but can't afford to pay?**

First, file anyway. If you don't, you'll be hit with a failure-to-file penalty, which is steep.

Second, take a deep breath. There are different payment plan options you can work out with the IRS so that you don't have to pony up everything all at once. If you owe more than \$10,000, it's advisable to have a tax attorney, enrolled agent or CPA with experience setting up payment plans to represent you. If you owe less than that, you still might want to seek a tax professional's help if all this stuff seems too daunting.

### **Okay so when do I have to file?**

The deadline this year is Monday, April 18. (Usually, it's April 15.)

If that doesn't fit into your schedule, you can file an automatic 6-month extension form.

Remember, though, an extension to file is not an extension to pay. Any remaining money you owe for tax year 2015 is due April 18. So if you think you'll have to cut the IRS a check, estimate how much it will be and pay it when you send in your extension form.

If you don't, you'll owe interest on the amount due and could be hit with a failure-to-pay penalty.

### **Will I get audited?**

Probably not. Audit rates are very low these days -- thanks largely to budget cuts at the IRS. But that doesn't mean your return will always escape scrutiny, especially if you go out of your way to invite it. Be sure to report all your income. The IRS has copies of any tax forms you get -- from employers, banks, brokers, educational institutions or partnerships. And it uses an automated form-matching system to cross-check the numbers on your return match the numbers it has on file. If there's any discrepancy, that could trigger an audit. You'll also call attention to your return if you blatantly try to claim tax breaks you don't qualify for -- say, trying to deduct all your housing costs for that home office you don't have or reporting several years of losses for a small business that's nothing more than a hobby.

Source: CNNMoney

### **TAX MISTAKES CONTINUED FROM PAGE 6**

taxes and fees on any money owed.

### **7. Forgetting To Include Your Payment**

Check the envelope to make sure that you included your check or money order with your tax return.

If you do have a tax liability, write your Social Security number, tax form number and tax year on the check or money order. This will make sure that your payment is processed properly and keep you from having to pay interest

and late fees. You can also e-file, which will let you make your payment electronically. If you are unable to pay the full amount, contact the IRS to make payment arrangements.

### **The Bottom Line**

As you can clearly see, it pays to have a checklist when filing your taxes. Spending a few extra minutes double-checking your return can save you all the trouble of having missed something important.

Source: Investopedia



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**Learn more at: [StPeterAcademy.com/Summer-Program](http://StPeterAcademy.com/Summer-Program)**



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# Recent South Boston Real Estate Sales

Property/Type	Price	Sale Date	Rooms	Baths	Sq Ft
606 East Fourth St UNIT 303 Condo	\$1,950,000	3/7/16	6	3	2319
794 East Sixth St UNIT 2 Condo	\$1,375,000	3/4/16	4	2.5	2000
616 East Fourth St UNIT 403 Condo	\$1,040,000	3/11/16	7	2	1402
166 Gold St UNIT 166 Condo	\$1,040,000	3/1/16	6	2.5	1500
808 East Fifth St UNIT 1 Condo	\$850,750	3/11/16	4	3	1600
225 Dorchester St UNIT 11 Condo	\$819,000	3/7/16	4	2	1300
232 Bowen St UNIT 3 Condo	\$790,000	3/11/16	5	2	1120
225 Dorchester St UNIT 13 Condo	\$760,000	3/2/16	4	2	1221
232 Bowen St UNIT 2 Condo	\$750,000	3/11/16	5	2	1120
225 Dorchester St UNIT 21 Condo	\$722,500	3/11/16	4	2	1458
330 Dorchester St UNIT 3 Condo	\$690,000	3/4/16	4	2	1237
232 Bowen St UNIT 1 Condo	\$683,000	3/14/16	5	2	1120
330 Dorchester St UNIT 2 Condo	\$649,000	3/4/16	4	2	1241
584 East Eighth St UNIT 1 Condo	\$600,000	3/7/16	5	2	1064
525 East Second Sr UNIT 8 Condo	\$560,000	3/11/16	3	2	1086
176 H St UNIT 1 Condo	\$550,000	3/15/16	4	2	1166
8 Mohawk St UNIT 8 Condo	\$549,000	3/11/16	5	1.5	1282
160 O St UNIT 1 Condo	\$549,000	3/8/16	5	1.5	978
252 West Third St UNIT 1 Condo	\$545,000	3/7/16	5	1.5	1071
744-746 East Fifth St UNIT 2 Condo	\$520,000	3/15/16	7	1	1492
30 Boston St UNIT 1 Condo	\$495,000	3/4/16	4	2	1078
330 Dorchester Sr UNIT 1 Condo	\$441,250	3/15/16	4	1.5	801
30 Boston St UNIT 3 Condo	\$425,000	3/4/16	4	1	795
2 Lovis Street Single Family	\$410,000	3/11/16	6	2	504
802 East Third St UNIT 1	\$278,000	3/10/16	3	1	609

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constantly expanding government with no recourse or relief.

There are those who hold elected office in America today; in every level of government that feel it's their right to impose never ending tax increases on working families who are just trying to survive. Some of these same elected officials also feel it's their job and their right to continually pass more laws and regulations that keep chipping away at the personal freedoms and liberties of everyday citizens. Under the American system, those in government are required to work for the people; not the other way around. This was one of the main reasons the patriots tossed out the British. It seems many of those in power today have forgotten the lessons that were taught to an out of control king and just might think

that Americans are just too passive and complacent today to go that route again. Don't be too sure.

I'll close with two comments about the current presidential campaign. Once again, Hillary should be reminded that the more she rants on about going after the NRA and the Second Amendment rights of Americans, the more primaries and caucuses she loses. If losing eight contests in a row to a wild eyed Socialist hasn't caused her to wake up, maybe she'll never get it. But she might be shocked to learn just how many voters, yes; even Democrat voters are gun owners and NRA members.

And finally, how about that fake front page in the Boston Globe that went after Trump last Sunday. The response by many observers was that there was nothing much unusual about the Globe making up stories and putting them on its front page.



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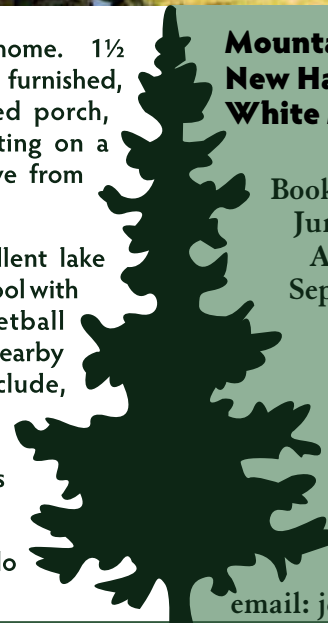
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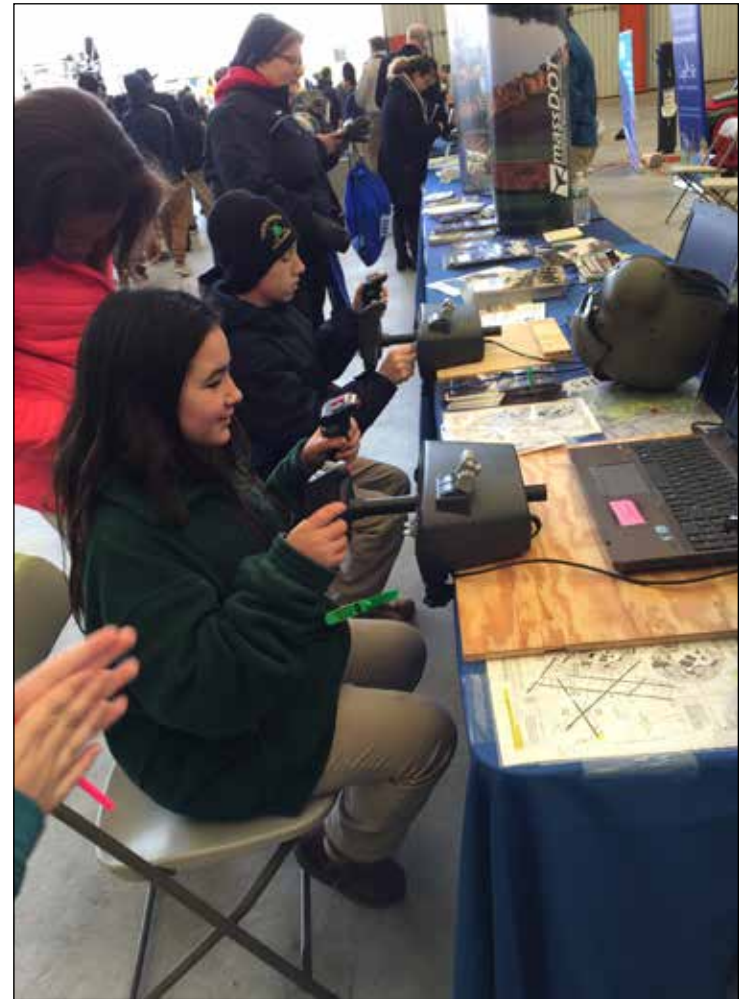
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## St Peter Academy Middle School Participates in Massport STEM Expo

**M**iddle school students from Saint Peter Academy in South Boston had the opportunity to visit the MassPort STEM Expo at Logan Airport to view and learn about the science, technology, engineering and mathematics that are the elements for successful and safe air and ground travel.

In addition to St Peter Academy's attendance, more than 1,500 students from 44 Greater Boston schools attended the Aviation and Maritime STEM Education Expo at Boston Logan International Airport. The Expo is an annual education event where representatives from industry,

government, and academia introduce students and educators to the opportunities and experiences offered by the aviation, maritime, and transportation fields.

"It is essential for organizations like Massport that students are exposed to careers in science, technology, engineering and math," said Massport CEO Thomas P. Glynn. "Boston is home to a number of industries including life sciences, technology and innovation. We need our young people to have the interest and motivation to study the STEM disciplines so we can continue to generate the good-paying jobs and economic

impact that propel the Commonwealth."

More than 50 displays and information booths representing various aspects of the industries served as the backdrop for the event at the Delta Hangar. There were 21 aircraft including airplanes, two helicopters, numerous airport operations vehicles, as well as a Massport Fire Rescue airboat. In addition to several Massport departments, exhibitors included The Museum of Science, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Customs and

Border Protection, Mass Maritime Academy, Massachusetts Air and Space Museum, Massachusetts State Police, Boston MedFlight and the Transportation Security Administration (TSA).

"Hundreds of careers at our airports were represented today," said Massport's Director of Aviation Ed Freni. "We rely on the engineers who design and build the planes, the pilots who fly them, the electricians who keep runways lit and radars working properly, the air traffic controllers who make sure aircraft travel safely in the sky, and many more. Showcasing the various career paths at the STEM Expo will hope-





fully encourage these young people to one day have a career at Logan.”

Matthew McDonald, a ninth grade student at St Peter Academy was honored to have an in depth conversation with members of the World War II Tuskegee Airmen who are the first United States Army black aviator fighter pilots. “I really enjoyed learning about the P-51 and the P-40 aircrafts and how they operated. We also discussed the movie Red Wings which is about the Tuskegee Airmen and we talked about the facts in the movie. He is a smart man and I’m glad I had the chance to meet a Tuskegee. They’re part of our history.”

Josie Correia, another St Peter Academy middle school student, is contemplating becoming a pilot based on her visit to the Expo. “I’ve asked my parents to help me investigate flying lessons. I am very excited to learn more about aviation careers and intend to visit the Massport STEM Expo again next year.”

Massport employs hundreds of people in STEM fields including electricians, engineers, analysts, and technicians who work in concert to accomplish the authority’s mission of connecting Massachusetts and New England to the world. The STEM Education Expo started as a collaborative effort sponsored by the FAA and Massport in 1994.

**THE POLITICS OF INTIMIDATION  
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Justice, in and of itself, and the disagreement over the proper and legal constitutional process. The Tea Party Republicans, many of whom were elected in the mid-term after Barack Obama’s 2008 election, have threatened both the process of government and the careers of many members of Congress, not to mention effectuating the early retirement of the good and decent former House Speaker, Republican John Boehner of Ohio in their pursuit of ‘smaller, less intrusive government.

In a similar and parallel vein, the 2016 presidential campaigns, both Democrats and Republicans, are a case study in the emergence of a Republican oligarchy (a small group of people having control of a country) attempting to replace a democracy, because they don’t agree with the will of the people.

Cases in point, nationally, are at least two.

Donald Trump, currently the leading candidate for the Republican nomination, has apparently been victimized by an arbitrary process in the State of Colorado that inexplicably awarded his closest competitor and latent Republican establishment preference Texas Senator Ted Cruz 34 delegates without any votes being cast by citizens in a traditional primary process. Democracy be damned it appears. But, citizen backlash may be severe as the Republican nomination process unfolds.

Next, the competitiveness of the democratic-socialist movement that Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders has championed and that has him currently winning more states than Hillary Clinton - albeit she has a majority of the actual votes cast - may well be undercut by the phenomenon of the party-endorsed Super Delegates. These Super Delegates are partisans who have no independence and are vetted by the Democratic Party, before they are

allowed to be super delegates.

Intimidation is the order of the day locally in two cases with a common thread.

Recently, the State Democratic Party ousted one of their well-regarded minority state representatives, Ben Swan of Springfield, because he cast an anti-transgender rights vote before switching and supporting a later version. The progressive left party wouldn’t tolerate that situation and voted him off of the state committee. They also voted off Cambridge City Councilor Leland Cheung because he has the temerity to challenge State Senator Pat Jehlen, a popular liberal.

Secondly, and on the topic of transgender rights, the so-called bathroom bill has intimidation tactics being used on both sides. Opponents fear that allowing for unfettered access to women’s bathrooms by persons identifying themselves as transgender lack safety protections and are simply a license for criminal and other offenders to attempt to

take advantage of the loophole. Proponents oversimplify it as an anti-discrimination measure that protects transgender persons from being barred from certain restaurants. Celebrities and politicians have taken it on as an opportunity to champion a LGBT cause by trying to legislate a ban on travel to and cancelling concerts and events in North Carolina, because it recently passed legislation limiting certain access. Dueling rallies were held recently with smear campaigns be incited by both sides.

Ideological demagoguery, cultural disruption and outright threats and intimidation have taken the place of reasoning, civility and discourse. Civil disobedience has given way to uncivil thuggery. It’s a wonder why anyone seeks public office at any level. There may be less and less room for a campaign that offers a ‘good and decent public servant’ as a choice, at least in Massachusetts. However, the citizen usually gets it right in the end. Time will soon tell at the national level.





# Pastor Burns Stanfield To Be Honored May 1st

**O**n May 1st, 1991, Rev Burns Stanfield arrived in South Boston to become the new pastor at the Fourth Presbyterian Church. Back then, this local church had a small congregation with limited resources

and reach. But that was 25 years ago and in the quarter century since this good man arrived; there has been a big turnaround.

Today and for the years leading up to the present time, the 'Fourth Church' has seen its congregation grow by leaps and bounds to become huge and thriving with seemingly boundless energy when it comes to the many services it provides and the countless lives it has touched in so many positive ways.

So on Sunday, May 1st 2016, the annual 'Fourth Fest' will also become an anniversary tribute to Pastor Stansfield to celebrate his 25 years of great service to the church and to the community the church serves as well as the annual fundraiser that has now become famous for the good, fun time it always is.

Fourth Fest this year will once again be returning to 'Laugh Boston' near the Convention Center where there will be outstanding food

from neighborhood restaurants and entertainment for all. The entertainment will include the cast from 'Children's Theater' as well as the Fourth Church Gospel Choir which thrills the South Boston Community with acclaimed concerts each Christmas and at other events. There will even be a magician guaranteed to amaze the crowd.

Included among the many prizes at the traditional auction will be Red Sox tickets, restaurant cards, passes to NBC's Saturday Night Live show and the 'Tonight Show'. And among the fine food, good entertainment and the auction will be a time to socialize with friends and neighbors and the opportunity to meet and make new friends as well. But most of all, it will provide the chance to support a wonderful cause and all the excellent programs and outreach that the Fourth Presbyterian church provides.

The Fourth Church has an array

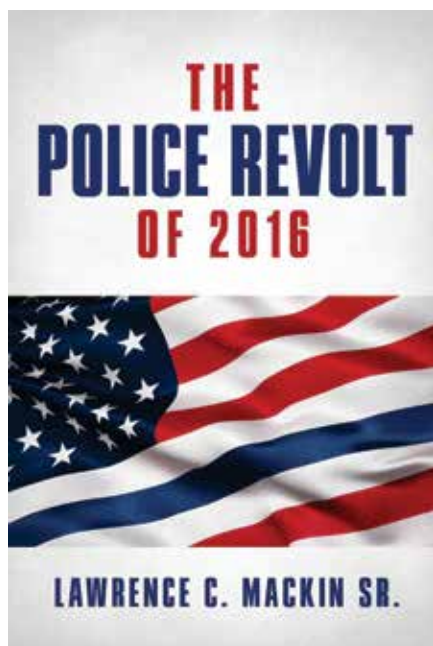
of activities and programs for people of all ages. Among the many are its art classes, music training, the Children's Theater, activities for seniors and youths, addiction recovery and of course it's food pantry. The Church's food pantry over the last 2 decades has provided more than 115,000 free meals for children and will serve another 7000 more this year alone.

So why not mark your calendars and make plans to be at the 2016 Fourth Fest on Sunday, May 1st. It will be a great time and one of the biggest and best social events of the year and you'll be helping honor and congratulate Pastor Burns Stanfield for his 25 years of hard work and dedicated service to the Fourth Presbyterian Church and the community that it has served so well for so long. For more information on 'Fourth Fest 2016' and on the Fourth Church itself, log onto [www.4thboston.org](http://www.4thboston.org)

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It was a blustery day down at Moakley Field this past Monday, yet Boston Latin girls' JV team pulled off their win over Medford 10-6 a great start to a new season, way to go Wolfpack! Local girls Abigail Seero and Anna Stefanov are among this year's roster.



# BCYF Tynan Happenings

**T**he South Boston Summer Collaborative: The purpose of this collaborative is to provide quality summer programs to the youth between the ages of five and fourteen years. The South Boston Neighborhood House, BCYF Tynan, BCYF Condon and the South Boston Boy's and Girl's club make up this collaborative and are happy to announce Registration for summer camp will take place on May 16th @ 630pm.

“Fun in the sun @ the bcyf Tynan will run from July 5th - August 19th. The program is for ages 7-13 years. The camp runs from 9am -3pm Monday thru Friday. This is an on-site program which includes a variety of activities, such as sports, games, Arts& Crafts, education, swimming, cultural projects, special events and day trips.

Boston Parks & rec. in partnership with the BCYF Tynan are providing Golf lessons to the community. We are in the third week of a 6-week program. Each Wednesday (6pm) the golf pro's take a class of 30 youth which at the moment is full and teaches them the fundamentals of the game. At 7pm they repeat the same for 16 and up. We do have room for

this age bracket if interested just show up @ 7pm there is no fee.

**Girls Strength & Conditioning program:** The Bcyf Tynan Council is offering a FREE 8-week fitness program for Girls 13-19. This program takes place in the gym @5:30pm on Mondays. Slots are still available.

**Instructional Basketball:** The athletic staff has 4 stations of basketball fundamentals going on from 3-5pm in the gym on Tuesdays. We also have a development league for ages 8-11 on Friday's @ 3pm.

**Teen wiffleball:** the warm weather is approaching and with that in Southie comes wiffleball. Tuesday night's starting @ 6pm the yellow bats will be out so please stop by and play some wiffleball. During school vacation on Thursday April 21st we will be hosting a wiffleball 3 on 3 Tournament (Shirts Included) along with a cookout for all. So now is the time to get your practice in.

**Complete after school time:** The Council afterschool program is going well with 30 participants getting their homework done daily and enjoying some physical activity in the gym. Our core grant staff and DYE staff are doing a great job!



New England Coffee is celebrating its 100th anniversary by honoring those who drink and serve their coffee. The year-long #YouAreExtraordinary Tour features the New England Coffee “car” and ambassadors who are traveling throughout New England to restaurants, coffee shops and community locations to thank their customers, give out free samples, coffee mugs, gift baskets, etc. In these photos, Java House employee Ellen Phaneuf was honored with a gift basket for her great service, and Boston Police officers Stef Theodore, Nicole Lapointe and Tom Finn enjoyed samples of New England Coffee’s special Centennial Reserve flavor next to the New England Coffee car outside of Dough Boy Donuts. Photo Credit: Courtesy of New England Coffee

## Skate Park Study Community Meeting: South Boston

Thursday, May 5 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
Condon Community Center 200 D Street, South Boston

**T**he Boston Parks and Recreation Department and the Mayor’s Office of Neighborhood Services invite the public to an information gathering meeting for skate facilities within the City of Boston and the South Boston neighborhood. The information gathered in this meeting will be incorporated into a study on the feasibility of providing skate facilities in the City of Boston. For further information, please call (617) 961-3019.





## Good Luck L Street Running Club

**O**n Monday, April 18, 2016, approximately 105 members of the L Street Running Club will participate in the 120th Boston Marathon.

Fourteen weeks of training, which began on January 10, has brought us to this point – our runners are ready to go. To all of our first time marathoners - trust in your

training and enjoy your day.

To all of our charity runners – you are truly making a difference.

To all of our qualifiers – have another great race.

To all of our runners – good luck and be proud of your accomplishment. It takes courage, dedication, sweat and, in some cases, blood and tears, to make it to the start line. You've got this!



## South Boston Resident Sarah Sceery To Run 2016 Boston Marathon

**T**he Joe Andruzzi Foundation, an organization committed to providing help and hope for cancer patients and their families by contributing financial and emotional support, is pleased to announce that Sarah

Sceery, a resident of South Boston, will run this year's Boston Marathon on Monday, April 18th to support the organization.

Sarah, 26, is the Leadership Gift Officer at Merrimack College. Sarah is a new runner for

## South Boston Marathoner Runs To Support Liver Foundation

**K**aitlyn Greeley, a former Roslindale resident and current South Boston Resident, will be kicking off the marathon weekend by hosting her fundraiser for the Boston Marathon this Thursday evening at Lir in Boston. As this is her fourth marathon, Greeley has set an ambitious goal of raising \$10,000 for the American Liver Foundation - Run for Research Team and will be hosting a Boston Strong Fashion Show fundraiser supporting local businesses and promoting some of Boston's Strongest athletes!

An aspiring Cardiac Surgeon PA (with a focus on epidemiology and preventative healthcare and cardiology), she continues to admire the handwork and advocacy from the staff and orga-

nization on treatment, innovation, and prevention of liver disease.

The fashion show started off as a dating auction event but when potential contestants questioned what they would be wearing, Greeley considered outfitting them in athletic gear. After posting an ad for models, Greeley was overwhelmed by the amazing response from extremely qualified applicants. After careful and very tough deliberation, Greeley was able to select models of all different backgrounds representing some of the Boston's strongest. The models represent some of Boston's largest organizations: Marathon Sports Boston Run Club, November Project Boston, RunFellow, and Team RWB Boston. Some of the many accolades of the models? While most are marathoners, they are also a Marine Corp Vet, wheel-chair relay marathoner, former Army Engineer Captain, and one model will tackle her 23rd marathon and 14th Boston while in her 70's, with the list going on and on.

It didn't take long for Marathon Sports in Boston, Athleta on Newbury Street, and Brooks Running to step up with outfits for each of the models to display and represent during the event. Salon Acote on Newbury is taking over the style by doing hair for each model before the show and providing gift cards for each attended in the stuffed swag bags sponsored by Improper Bostonian along with many other local Boston businesses. A live band, Legends of Summer, has also donated their time and acoustics to the cause.

While all of this has certainly put Greeley in the Boston Strong spirit as she prepares for her marathon run on Monday, she reminds us that it all comes back to supporting and empowering people, businesses, and organizations within our strong Boston community by providing avenues and opportunities for each of our individual strengths and contributions to have their moment on the red carpet.

Limited tickets are still available and entry will be for ticket holders only:

<https://bostonstrongmarathon.eventbrite.com/>

To support Greeley's run for the Boston Marathon on behalf of the American Liver Foundation- Run for Research, donate here: <http://go.liverfoundation.org/site/>

Team JAF. When asked what inspired her to participate in this year's marathon, Sarah said "the thousands of runners that I've watched pass by on the course year after year. Seeing so many people out there overcome their own feats and finding myself wanting so badly to hop the fence and join them. If they can do it, why can't I? Running the Boston Marathon has always been a "long shot" dream. For years I've been a "runner" but never thought I could reach that limit.

When I found the Charity Teams group and Joe Andruzzi Foundation, I knew it was a perfect fit and I'm honored to be a part of the amazing work they do," she says.

"We are thrilled to have Sarah as a foundation ambassador and are sincerely grateful for the efforts she is making to further our mission through this race," said Jen Andruzzi, Executive Director of JAF. "It has been a pleasure getting to know each of our Team JAF runners and learning what drives them to train and fundraise. We truly admire each one

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## SOUTH BOSTON YOUTH SOCCER REGISTRATION

**T**his year we have added on a WEB site for all info. It is [www.southbostonyouthsoccer.com](http://www.southbostonyouthsoccer.com) and also on facebook.

You can get a registration form for players and coaches on line AND PRINT IT OUT, but you must bring them to the Curley recreation center after you fill them out and pay your fee.

You cannot register online as we feel we do not want this personal info about the kids online.

Registration for the fall season of the South Boston Youth Soccer will be held the week of MAY 9,10,11,12,13, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm and 9 am to 12 noon on Saturday the 14th at Curley Recreation Center on Day Blvd. (L. street bath house) in the seniors card room.

Children from the age of 3 and up to 12 are invited to register now for the fall program. A new division of 3 and 4 year olds has been added to the program. Age groups Birth years for 2015 season are as follows:

- 4 and under- 2012,2013
- 6 and under- 2010,2011
- 8 and under- 2008,2009
- 10 and under- 2006,2007
- 12 and under- 2004,2005

New players to the program must have copy of birth certificates to produce and proof of residency in order to play in the program. Anybody who does not sign up at this time will be put on a waiting list with no guarantee that there will be a place for them in the program.

There will be no other registrations held.

This is the only one we will be holding so if you want your child to play in the fall program than you must sign them up NOW. The fee for this year is \$30.00 per player. As usual we need coaches to make the program work and this year we will be holding a mandatory coaching

clinic for all coaches in order to improve the quality of play by the kids.

The dates, location and time of the clinic have not been set yet and we will publish them in this newspaper when they are set up and send an e-mail to all coaches. We also are in need of referees so if you have the time and would like to help the kids out than you should come down and register also there is no fee for coaches or referees but you must fill out a CORI background check form to be allowed to coach or referee.

The season is scheduled to open on Thursday September 8th with our annual parade of "CHAMPIONS" and the games will start on Saturday September 10th with the under 10,12, age groups scheduled. The under 4, 6 and 8 age groups will be starting play on Sunday September 11th. Of course all of this happens only if we have the people to coach and referee the games. You do not have to have a child in the program to coach or referee. We need all the help we can get. The banquet location has been shifted to the Boys and Girls club

at 230 W 6th Street for Saturday, November 20th you can check our new web site [www.SOUTH-BOSTONYOUTHSOCCER.COM](http://www.SOUTH-BOSTONYOUTHSOCCER.COM) and facebook.

So remember tell all your friends and anything else you want to for the dates for soccer registration so that they will not lose out on the fun of playing in the program. Remember the whole idea behind the soccer program is for the kids to have "FUN, FUN, FUN" .See you at registration and if you have any questions or would like to sponsor a team or help out in anyway at all you can call me Billy Baker at 617-269-7930 .

# REGISTRATION OPEN FOR BNBL

**T**he Boston Parks and Recreation Department has announced that registration is now open for the 47th annual season of Boston's favorite summer basketball league, the Boston Neighborhood Basketball League (BNBL), kicking off on Tuesday, July 5.

BNBL is the oldest municipal basketball league in the country serving young men and women in three divisions each for boys and girls: 13 and under; 15 and under, and 18 and under.

Encompassing recreation, sports and community engagement, BNBL real value is helping make Boston a happier and safer in the summer months by providing a physical outlet for youngsters throughout the city. Over 1,800 players on 174 teams will participate in this year's league at 23

sites throughout the city. BNBL is played at Boston Centers for Youth & Families (BCYF) community centers and selected city parks. The 2016 BNBL season ends with the championship games played in mid-August.

BNBL also offers a free Pee Wee Developmental program for boys and girls ages 6 to 11. Pee Wee BNBL is offered at various locations across the city in Charlestown, Franklin Park, Grove Hall, Mattapan, Roslindale and Roxbury. This program teaches young players the basics of basketball in a fun and non-competitive setting. Space is limited.

For more information, please email Michael Mitchell at [mike.mitchell@boston.gov](mailto:mike.mitchell@boston.gov) or call (617) 961-3083. To register online for BNBL or BNBL Pee Wee go to <https://leagues.bluesombrero.com/bprd>.

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of them and the impact they are making in the lives of our patient recipients."

Training has been going well for Sarah, who is happy to have had Mother Nature on her side this winter. Sarah's fundraising goal is \$7,500. She is hoping to reach this goal through support from her network of family, friends and colleagues from many relationship circles. She also recently hosted a bowl-a-thon to drive a little friendly competition for a good cause.

Knowing that she is running for something so much larger than herself has helped to push her along throughout the training process. She inspired by the work by Joe, Jen and the entire Foundation and the patients they support who have overcome such obstacles. Sarah is on the course training with over 300 other runners each supporting causes that are important to them. Knowing that they are all in it together keeps her pushing.

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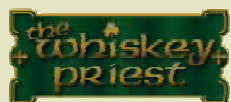
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