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## What Does South Boston Have That Everyone Wants? A Sense Of Place

When you think of South Boston, what comes to mind is an innate sense of security in all of its synonymous forms – refuge, sanctuary, protection, defense, safe harbor, shelter, retreat, fortification, well-being,

safe-keeping. This sense of security comes from an even stronger ‘sense of place’. This strong sense of place comes from a feeling of belonging to a neighborhood and a way of life. The sense of neighborhood comes from a belief that there is a

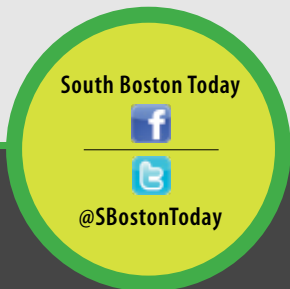
social structure rooted in a blend of traditions, values, struggles, triumphs, tolerance, acceptance, ecumenism, loyalty, charity, principle, and patriotism.

Could this be why so many peo-

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# EDITORIAL

## *St. Patrick's Day Meant To Be Enjoyed*

St. Patrick's Day and Evacuation Day come to South Boston on the same date each year. It's a very special time in a very special and unique community. It's a time to celebrate Irish Pride, as everyone is Irish at this season of year, as well as the historical event that saw brave American patriots drive an occupying army of British Red Coats out of our city.

The key word is of course 'celebrate'. The week of March 17th gives us the opportunity to enjoy all of the many festivities and events that occur in South Boston that delight people of

every age group in a wonderful variety of ways. Hopefully we all can ignore the usual news media encouraged political theatre that more often than not comes with it. It's a time of laughter, of joy and a chance to rekindle old and long held friendships that so often survive the test of time.

Whether the threatening blizzard bearing down on us has caused some or all events to be rescheduled, or everything goes off as planned, the spirit of the season should be embraced and enjoyed by all. Happy St. Patrick's Day Southie. And Happy Evacuation day too. It's time to party.



*"May luck and joy shine on you today and every day and may you have a Happy St. Patrick's Day" - Unknown Author*

### Letter to the Editor

## Why I am Supporting Ed Flynn for City Council

We

are living in an overall society where many people are tired of politics and politicians. I believe Boston is unique and our citizens are active, involved and informed.

There is an election this fall for District Two City Council. The passing of a torch some would say as the winner of this election will only be the third person to hold this seat since being created in 1983. The

lack of turnover says something about the work ethic of both departing Councillor Bill Linehan and long serving Councilor Jim Kelly.

It was Kelly who set the standard as to what was expected as he was strong defender of the residents of district two and he evolved with the job as a champion for the entire district. Kelly was tireless in his efforts in every neighborhood and attended both early morning meetings and late night meetings. I know because I was present in many of these meetings over

the years.

Ed Flynn will have that same type of work ethic. I know he will because he himself is active with the issues that affect our district both early in the morning and late in the evening. I have known Ed Flynn for more than 30 years. I watched him give of himself and his own time to make the City of Boston better place to live. He has been a quiet, but very present leader for the people of district two and the people of Boston.

As a father, he understands the needs of working fami-

lies, the financial struggles of raising a family in a city that has become so expensive it has caused many long time residents to leave. He is a veteran and understand the needs of medical care and support services when transition back home. He has been involved crime watch groups, coaching children, he has been steadfast friend to Boston's older residents. Ed is a probation officer and is very much in tune with the drug issue plaguing our society.

Folks, I have known Ed Flynn for more than 30 years.

I have seen him grow and feel compassion for others. When someone is in need of help Ed Flynn is first one lending a helping hand. Folks, I ask that you join me and give Ed a helping hand. He will be an outstanding leader for us because he listens, has compassion and truly cares.

I am voting for Ed Flynn because I want the best for our district and I want the best for Boston. Ed Flynn is the right choice for us.

**Charlie Burke is a lifelong Boston resident, a homeowner, business owner.**

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# The Information Center



## *The Biggest Increase in Gun Ownership is among Women*

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John Ciccone

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Leading in with some numbers this week, US Border Patrol and Homeland Security confirm that since Donald Trump has become president the number of illegal aliens attempting to cross the border has dropped by 40% and the number of arrests of those who do make it across is way up.

To most Americans this is good news. It means that finally our borders are becoming more secure and the more secure our borders are, the safer our country will be. But to many liberal politicians and others who dwell among the more so called 'progressive' share of the population, this news is just terrible. Nancy Pelosi and New York Governor DiBlasio are devastated by this turn of events. So too are many Hollywood actors. All of these people have the same thing in common. They insist that the laws of the land be enforced, but only those laws that they agree with. The laws that they don't like, such as border security and immigration, are to be ignored. And as far as building that border wall goes, they are fiercely opposed to any wall designed to keep people out. They make their position on this perfectly clear from behind the walls and guarded gates of the mansions that they themselves live in.

Here are some more numbers for you this week. Recent surveys and polls are showing that there is an increase in the number of American women of all demographics and in every part of the country (legally) buying guns. And it's not just a noticeable increase, it's a big increase. In fact, the PEW survey and Professor John Lott, who is an expert on Second Amendment Issues, have reported

that in the year 2000, only 35% of Americans thought that having a gun in the home made them safer. That number has since shot up to (no pun intended) 63% and the biggest increase responding in the affirmative were women. And now, even 41% of Democrats agree; a huge jump since 2000.

The political ramifications of this new trend do not bode well for gun control advocates going into the future. Second Amendment rights are becoming more important to an increasing number of citizens and it's now clear that this was a contributing factor in the election loss of Hillary Clinton and a number of other office seekers nationwide, who made their anti-Second Amendment stances part of their campaigns.

So, what are the reasons for the current trends regarding gun ownership? The surveys indicate it's a mixed bag. Safety and the fear of crime is one of the driving factors. With the threat of home grown and foreign caused terrorism frequently in the news, the added security that many feel owning a firearm adds to that safety is a big incentive. There is also a major uptick in the popularity of the 'shooting sports'. More gun ranges, quite a few of them family friendly, are opening all across the nations. Shooting skeet and trap is also a pass time that is gaining enthusiasts. When you factor that in with growing numbers of hunters in America, all these things add up to an increasing acceptance of what detractors call this nation's 'gun culture'.

This growing interest in gun ownership among so many more Americans has also exposed the ineffectiveness of the massive and well-funded campaign to

discourage or actually demonize it. Hundreds of millions of dollars by billionaires like George Soros, Michael Bloomberg and others, along with Hollywood activists and anti-gun themed public service announcements constantly being

aired, is falling flat and all but ignored. More Americans than ever are making their own decisions on this issue and if these latest surveys are right, it a trend that will continue for a long time to come. The times certainly are changing.

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## U.S. Representative Stephen Lynch Addresses the New England Council

On March 7, 2017, U.S. Representative Stephen Lynch (D-MA) spoke to members of The New England Council at a Congressional Roundtable Breakfast in Boston, MA. The New England Council--the nation's oldest regional business association--regularly hosts members of the New England Congressional delegation at roundtable events throughout New England.

At the March 7 event, which was hosted by American Tower Corporation and Iron Mountain at the Seaport Hotel, Congressman Lynch discussed the Trump Administration policy priorities and the potential impact on the New England economy with members of the New England Council.

Congressman Lynch is pictured here (from left to right) with former Dorchester State Representative Jim Brett; former South Boston State Senator Jack Hart, now a Partner at Nelson Mullins; and Brian Miller, of Morgan Stanley.



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# “The Battle”

*The third of a 3-part series on the History of Evacuation Day*

Experience has taught us in Boston that rain, sleet, snow, gale force winds and freezing temperatures that arrive sometimes in February and March are known as a “Nor’easter”. Unaccustomed, The British could only equate this phenomenon to as “Hurricane”.

The British plan was to cross to Castle William (Castle Island), assemble, and then assault across at “Dorchester Point”. Instead General Howe later wrote a “Hurricane” had forced the cancellation of the assault “in the fear they would all be lost” due to the weather. The same storm that drove the British indoors was used by the Americans as a fortuitous opportunity to strengthen their defenses, so that when the storm abated by noon on March 6, the British realized their chance to assault had passed. Undeterred, a squadron of warships weighed anchor and with sails full attempted to close on the North Shore (First Street). The looming Heights of the “Bush Tree” Hill forced the British to attempt a dangerous maneuver.

Shifting nearly every cannon to one side of the ship, the British intended this would allow the few cannons remaining on the other side to gain enough elevation to strike the American position on “Bush Tree”. This rarely used tactic carried the danger of swamping or even capsizing the ship. The North Shore at the time was riddled with inlets, barely submerged mud flats,

and deepwater channels. This unpredictability, plus the batteries at “Bush Tree” and “Dorchester Point”, made the danger of grounding a ship under American guns too great to allow the British ships’ cannons to continue firing and this action was halted.

At “Dorchester Point” the Americans were giddy at the British ships retreat. They began waving flags, gesturing, and generally taunting the British Troops at Castle William (Castle Island). The British at the castle had fired but found the range prohibitive. To counter this, the British attempted a double load of powder. Unfortunately this caused cannon to explode killing and wounding several British. That ended the day’s events and on March 7 an unspoken truce seemed to be in place and the British began making preparations to pack up.

On March 8 the intently watching Americans were dismayed to observe and receive reports that the British efforts toward withdrawing had turned into looting and destruction. It was then Washington played his final card. With sunset the Americans, who had kept their last 10 cannons behind the base of “Nook Hill” at “C” and 3rd Street, began the construction of the final and closest battery. Late into the night the American troops labored. Then, perhaps due to overconfidence, a soldier lit a fire for warmth.

Almost immediately the British “Green” Battery (at Washington and

*The late Brian R. Mahoney left an indelible mark on this community, especially in his devotion to our traditions, as both a veteran and civic leader. His chronicling of our history is immortalized through this newspaper. South Boston lost one of its favorite sons, suddenly and sadly just three short months ago. Please enjoy the third of a three-part series about the history of Evacuation Day that Brian originally penned in 2011. It is only fitting that we honor his memory in the lead up to one of his fondest endeavors – THE PARADE*

Berkeley Streets), alerted to their location, began a deadly fire. A company of the 10th Artillery Regiment under Captain Thomas Pierce continued to work under this withering fire. This unfinished position attempted to return fire. A 17-year-old Private, Stephen Jennings of Norton, dashed back and forth bringing powder to the cannons. It was during one of these runs he was felled by a bursting shell. Watching this was 25 yr old Sgt. Obadiah Adams from Littleton and 33 yr old Surgeon Enoch Dole from Lancaster. Along with two other soldiers, they grabbed a litter and ran to aid Jennings. Sadly, as all four gathered round his fallen form, yet another British shell exploded, killing all four of the rescue party. Ironically, the act of aiding and hovering over Jennings, by the four, shielded him and he survived with the loss of a hand and eye. The firing continued all night, ending at sunrise after over 800 cannon balls had been fired and the American abandoned the fortification attempts.

This action seems, at least initially, to have prompted the British to cease the town’s destruction and continue the evacuation. Still by the morning of the 14th Washington had tired of the British stalling tactics. He was well aware more troops had already sailed from England. In any event, Washington was spoiling for a fight. “If the enemy will be kind enough to come out for a fight, I mean to give them one” he stated. In full view and in broad daylight, the very place that the very first soldiers of this new army, of this new nation, under this new commanding General had given the “last full measure”, he ordered to be fortified.

By late afternoon on March 16th, this final and most ominous position was completed. The next day, March 17th, the last British ship cleared Boston Harbor by noon as American troops entered the city. These troops discov-

ered the final contempt of the British who had looted and used churches and meeting houses cavalry stables. In fact, in violation of the cease fire, they set Castle William ablaze as they left. Washington, expecting English treachery, placed in command as Officer of the Day (O.D.) General John Sullivan of County Wexford and made the password “St. Patrick”. So in effect the great British Empire surrendered their first American Colony to an Irish Catholic. This would probably be comparable to a former plantation slave owner working and taking orders under former African slave. “Those that laugh last, laugh best.”

How did this action, without which, arguably, the revolution would have failed, become a footnote in history? Would the Revolution have survived without their secure base in Boston? The British successfully moved in and occupied New York, New Jersey and Philadelphia. Over the next year, the only other American victory was the Christmas raid at Trenton, so how did the victory at Boston become so overlooked?

When the British fleet sailed away on that St. Patrick’s morning, they left behind their hatred of the Irish and Catholics that remains with us in some form and by some people to this day. Consider that the battle occurred 240 years ago but for the first 130 years it was never observed. This is only the 114th observance. The ruling political elite were determined to keep the Irish in their place, but the joining of St. Patrick’s and Evacuation was seen by the Irish, as divine intervention.

That and the flood tide of Irish Immigration swelled their ranks to political power. Prior to that, every undesirable activity was placed in South Boston by the ruling elite. The poor house and insane asylum were

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# MAYOR WALSH ANNOUNCES BODY CAMERA PILOT PROGRAM EXTENSION

Mayor Martin J. Walsh and Boston Police Commissioner William Evans announced an agreement with the Boston Police Patrolmen's Association (BPPA) to extend the Body Worn Camera Pilot Program by an additional six months to ensure sufficient data is available for an effective study of the program.

"This extension is a positive development and I look forward

to continuing to build on the success of this pilot program," Mayor Walsh said. "We are fortunate to have one of the best police forces in the country and our officers work hand in hand with the community to make all neighborhoods safer. I thank Commissioner Evans and the BPPA for their continued willingness to work together on this initiative."

The extension agreement maintains that up to 100 patrol officers will be equipped with body cameras in which on-duty police activity will be conducted. Patrol officers currently equipped with body cameras will continue to participate in the pilot program. If necessary, replacement officers will be trained and assigned by the Boston Police Department.

"I am pleased that the pilot program will be continuing through what tends to be our busiest months of the year," Commission-



er Evans said. "Extending through the summer will give us the opportunity to keep the body worn cameras out in the community and will provide additional data to assist with the assessment of the program. I would like to thank Mayor Walsh, the union leadership of the BPPA and the officers who are participating in this pilot program for their continued commitment to exploring this new policing tool."

Conducting the pilot program over a full year will allow for observations to be made in all seasons and various situations. Further, the BPD will issue a Request for Proposals, funded by the City of Boston, within two weeks to allow for independent analysis to be conducted by an expert in the field

for a more comprehensive review of the available data, comparisons of body worn camera technologies and vendors and best practices for the BPD.

The Body Worn Camera Pilot Program was created by viewing best practices in other municipalities across the country with input from police departments and officers, the BPD Social Justice Task Force, the Harvard Law Criminal Justice Program and through community feedback.

The Mayor's Fiscal Year 2017 budget provided \$500,000 to support the pilot, including project management service, evaluation, and potentially, personnel costs. The pilot is now scheduled to end on September 11, 2017.

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placed in South Boston. Except for the "Twin Hills", all of our "Heights" were leveled to fill in the Back Bay. A 45 acre park created for South Boston residents was first re-claimed by the Government as a military base and is now site of the Convention Center. When the Dorchester Heights Monument was dedicated in 1902 the guest speaker referred to the longstanding discrimination toward the Irish South Boston by noting "The Mayflower and the Shamrock have finally joined". Even then St. Patrick could only be celebrated under the umbrella of Evacuation Day.

Yet, even today, a simple parade to honor the military birth of America and

our cultural heritage is constantly under attack, No where else and no other parade is singled out to be the target of others' political agenda. Not a single court in Massachusetts had the courage or honesty to give us the right that was so obvious the U. S. Supreme Court upheld it unanimously. 9-0!

I have a framed sign in my house. It was printed AFTER my mother was born. It reads "No Irish Need Apply". As we watch officially sanctioned assaults on our parade and us continue, it's obvious that some things haven't changed all that much. Still, here we stand and will always stand. Celebrate with pride.

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# Coffee And Conversation At Gate Of Heaven

Parishioners and Communicants enjoyed a wonderful 'Taste of Irish' breakfast following the 9:00 Mass last Sunday at Gate of Heaven Church. The lower hall was the scene where approximately 70 people came to share their faith, talk about the neighborhood, compare notes on their good health and enjoy eggs, home fries, baked ham, baked beans, coffee, tea and donuts courtesy of Nick Collins.

The volunteers, who have revived this tradition at Gate of Heaven are Mary Maiullari, Karen Evans and Mary McCarthy Collins. Father Casey regaled his flock with the moving Irish song, the Fields of Athenry. The

gathering included a visit from Nick Collins, Mike Flaherty as well as Ray and Kathy Flynn and Ed Flynn and several Flynn family members.

"It's our pleasure to be a part of bringing the community of Gate of Heaven together like this. We love this parish with all of our hearts and want to spread love and goodness for many years to come," stated Mrs. Maiullari.

"Working with Mary and Karen to reestablish a Gate of Heaven tradition is so important to the growth of our parish community", added Mrs. McCarthy Collins.

The parish will announce the next Coffee & Conversation dates very soon in the parish bulletin.



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The South Boston Neighborhood Development Corporation (South Boston NDC) will hold its 15th Annual Taste of South Boston on Sunday April 2, 2017, from 6 - 9 p.m. at the Seaport Hotel. This event has become one of the city's premier food events, enjoyed by 500 attendees. For an entrance fee of \$70 in advance (\$75 at the door), attendees can sample food and beverage offerings from 30 of South Boston's top restaurants while enjoying live jazz music and bidding on outstanding silent auction items and raffles.

This year's event boasts a large number of participating restaurants, from the traditional South

Boston neighborhood, the South Boston Waterfront and the Fort Point areas, including newcomers: Babbo, Blue Dragon, Capo, and Roza Lyons. Returning again this year are: American Provisions, Cranberry Café, Committee, Coppersmith, Empire, the Juice Box, Legal Harborside, Lincoln Tavern & Restaurant, Loco Taqueria and Oyster Bar, Lucky's Lounge, the Maiden, Miam Miam Macaronerie, No Name Restaurant, Stephi's in Southie, Sweet Tooth Boston, Tamo Bistro & Bar, Temazcal Cantina, Tony C's and Worden Hall. Al's Liquors will be sampling several varieties of wine, and Harpoon Brewery will be pouring samples

of their latest brews.

The Taste of South Boston is the annual fundraiser for South Boston Neighborhood Development Corporation (South Boston NDC). South Boston NDC is a recognized 501c(3) non-profit organization that has successfully developed over 200 units of affordable housing in the community. In 2016, SBNDP completed Patriot Homes, 24 affordable apartments for Veterans. In 2017, we will begin construction on 206 West Broadway, 16 affordable apartments of workforce housing. Proceeds from the evening's event support the South Boston NDC's mission to provide afford-

able housing for working people, families, elderly and veterans in the community. South Boston NDC also provides support to the South Boston Street Festival and Christmas Stroll, Southie Trees and the South Boston Farmers' Market. Your support will help us to continue to provide affordable housing and economic opportunities in the neighborhood.

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# Senior Salute Perfect Yet Again

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY - By Staff

For as long as it's been going on, the Annual Senior Salute has never failed to be a big hit and in 2017, the Thomas and Edward Butler St. Patrick's Senior Salute was no exception. Last week-

end, hundreds of senior citizens, many of them decked out in their finest party clothes, turned out to yet another great event that was fun from start to finish.

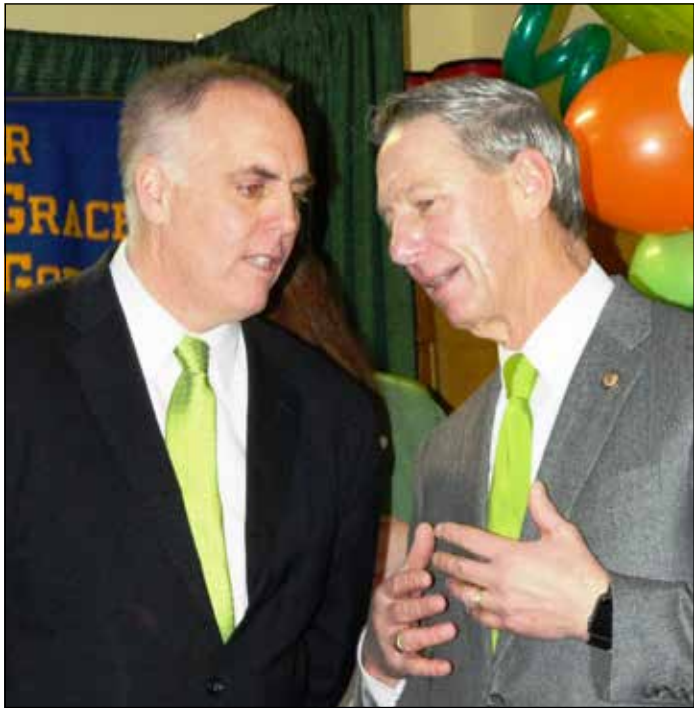
The crowd was treated to a sumptuous

traditional Corned Beef and Cabbage meal fit for royalty; followed by fine desserts and beverages that topped off the meal portion of the gathering perfectly. There was live music and singing and laughter

and smiles all around. Irish Step Dancers thrilled all in attendance and their energy had everyone applauding each dance they performed.

In attendance were local elected officials including Mayor Marty





Walsh, Congressman Steve Lynch, City Councilor Mike Flaherty, Senator Linda Dorcea Forry, State Rep Nick Collin and recently elected Register of Deeds Stephen Murphy. Boston Police Commissioner William Evans also showed up to join in the celebration. The Mayor's Office of Elder Affairs was also well represented at the event.

There were many giveaways presented to the party goers, such as shamrock plants and gift certificates and more. This year's Senior Salute had a tradition to uphold and that was to be 100% upbeat and festive and it certainly was. Well done to all involved in putting on such a fine banquet for so many of our most cherished citizens.





## Remembering Peg Flaherty on St. Patrick's Day

From the Heart – SBT Staff

The days that surround the St. Patrick's Day holiday in South Boston are filled with long held and cherished traditions. And a very important part of those traditions are certain people - special people - who through their work on behalf of others, the spirit and enthusiasm they bring to the celebration and the sheer power of personality, have a positive and lasting impact on everyone and everything involved. Peg Flaherty was as much a part of the St. Patrick's Day tradition as shamrocks and the patron Saint himself. This will be the first year without her walking among us and she is missed by all. Her passing leaves a void in the celebrations especially during the season that she loved so much.

St. Patrick's Day and all that comes with it was Peg Flaherty's Super Bowl. It was her favorite time. Year after year she would attend every event, the athletic competitions, the breakfasts, the banquets and, of course, the parade. She would be there to meet and greet all in attendance and her larger than life presence alone would make every gathering memorable and enjoy-

able. Where ever and whenever she appeared, she would be met with warm, happy and welcoming smiles and she responded with the same.

Her large and loving family, of course, misses her dearly, as does the entire neighborhood. But the great memories they have of her will live on forever. John Flaherty, Peg's son said this about his Mother – "We miss Mom every day, but her absence will be especially difficult during this; her favorite time of year; our first without her. This was Mom's High Holiday".

Because of the wonderful person she was, Peg Flaherty's memory will live on forever. And they are wonderful memories to be sure. The enthusiasm she had for life in general and especially for the St. Patrick's Day celebrations provide the incentive for the rest of us to enjoy it too. There can be no doubt that Peg is looking down and smiling upon South Boston and still enjoying this special time. And her memory should give us even more reason to celebrate. Because if her family, her friends and her neighbors are happy, so too is she. We miss you Peg. God Bless.



Parade Route: Start on West Broadway @ MBTA Station to East Broadway, Right onto P Street, Right onto East Fourth Street, Left Turn onto K Street, Right onto East Sixth Street, Around Thomas Park, onto Telegraph Street, Left onto Dorchester Street and End at Old Colony Avenue.

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## South Boston Parade Route



*This Issue of South Boston Today Is Dedicated To The Late Brian R. Mahoney for his great love of South Boston and his devotion to our traditions, as both a veteran and civic leader.*



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*For Valuing & Continuing Our Traditions  
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# Boston's First Evacuation Day

*On March 17, 1776 British troops evacuated the town of Boston, under threat from cannons on Dorchester Heights. It was General George Washington's first victory in the war for American independence.*

## George Washington in Massachusetts

The Revolutionary War started with the Battles of Lexington and Concord in April 1775. In Philadelphia, the Second Continental Congress met in a crisis atmosphere. Delegates selected Virginia's George Washington to lead an American army and force the British from Boston.



*George Washington by Charles Willson Peale*  
This 1772 portrait shows Washington as a young man — as he may have appeared during his time in Massachusetts. He wears the uniform of a Virginia militia colonel. Courtesy of Washington and Lee University



### **Bill from a Springfield Tavern Keeper**

*Boston was a long way from Philadelphia. Along the route Washington stopped at Springfield, Massachusetts. His tavern bill remains in the Massachusetts Archives. "6 bottles of Madeira wine, 5 dozen lemons, 7 quarts of brandy." Massachusetts Archives*

### **A View of Part of the Town of Boston in New England and British Ships of War Landing their Troops! 1768**

*Paul Revere depicted the landing of British troops to quell disorders in Boston. General Washington would force them out in 1776. Massachusetts Archives*








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**MARTIN J. WALSH**  
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

May the luck of the Irish be with  
you all throughout the year.

Happy St. Patrick's Day,  
Mayor Martin J. Walsh



Paid for and Authorized by the Committee to Elect Martin J. Walsh.




May luck be our companion  
May friends stand by our side  
May history remind us all  
Of Ireland's faith and pride  
May God bless all with happiness  
May love and faith abide.

Happy St. Patrick Day!

CONGRESSMAN & MRS.  
**STEPHEN F. LYNCH**

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STATE TREASURER



Wishing You a  
Happy St Patrick's Day  
from my family to yours!  
-Deb Goldberg  
State Treasurer

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# Seizing the High Ground

Washington quickly saw *the advantages of fortifying Dorchester Heights (in present day South Boston.) Cannons mounted there could “annoy the town” in the words of British General Gage. They could also threaten the British fleet at close range.*

## A Noble Train of Artillery

General Washington dispatched 25 year-old Henry Knox to retrieve British cannons captured by Ethan Allen at Fort Ticonderoga in New York. In an epic journey Knox used oxen and horses to drag the cannons 300 miles over snow and ice to Washington’s headquarters in Cambridge. Knox’s “noble train of artillery” arrived in January 1776.



*The Noble Train of Artillery*  
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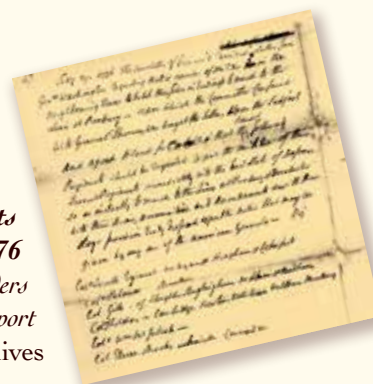


### *Henry Knox by Gilbert Stuart*

*Genial and portly (his weight sometimes exceeded 300 pounds) Henry Knox was a Boston bookseller. He ordered artillery manuals from London, read them eagerly, and lost two fingers experimenting with cannons. Deposited by the City of Boston, 1876  
Courtesy of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston*


### *Washington’s Orders for Dorchester Heights March 1, 1776*

*In this historic document, General Washington orders militia units from surrounding towns to move up and support the taking of Dorchester Heights. Massachusetts Archives*






# Happy St. Patrick's Day



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## Senator Linda Dorcena Forry


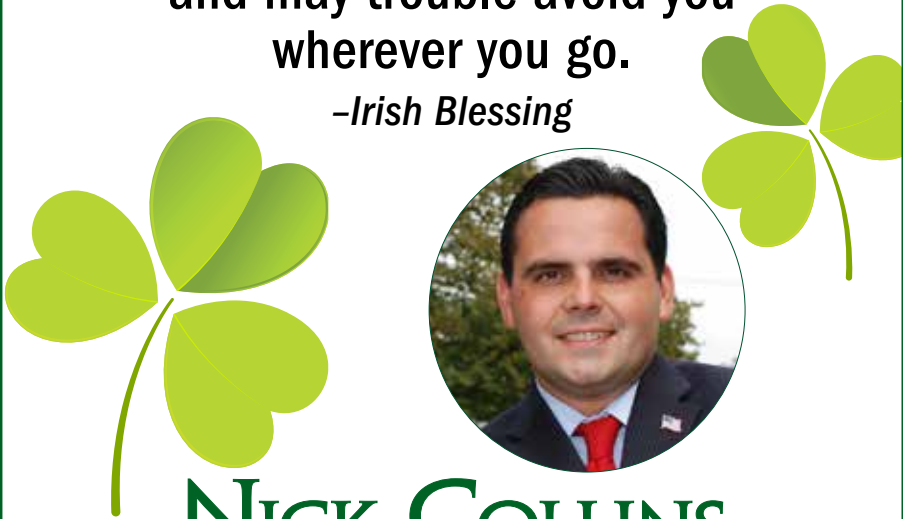
"Grant me a sense of humor, Lord, the saving grace to see a joke, to win some happiness from life, and pass it on to other folks."  
-An Irish Blessing



Paid for by the Committee to Elect Linda Dorcena Forry

# HAVE A HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

May your blessings outnumber the shamrocks that grow, and may trouble avoid you wherever you go.  
-Irish Blessing



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# Happy St. Patrick's Day



## Michael Flaherty

**BOSTON CITY COUNCILOR AT-LARGE**

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# “St. Patrick” was the Password

*On the night of March 4-5, 1776, 3,000 soldiers constructed forts on Dorchester Heights. British officers were astonished the next morning. An admiral warned that his ships “could not possibly remain in the harbor under the fire of the batteries from Dorchester Neck.”*

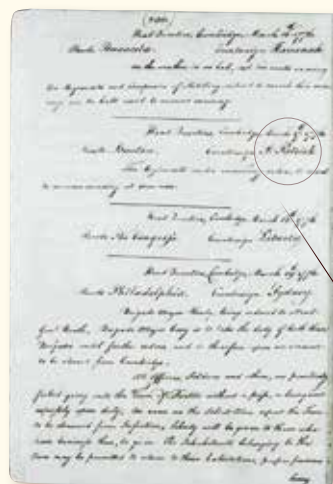
## Evacuation

British General William Howe believed that honor demanded an attack on the rebel forts. Embarking by boat, his soldiers were blown off course by a violent storm. Realizing that the forts would grow stronger each day Howe ordered preparations for the evacuation of Boston.



**General Howe Evacuating Boston**  
Courtesy of the Bostonian Society

For days an east wind and heavy rain pinned the British fleet in the harbor. Finally on March 17, 1776 — Saint Patrick's Day — the fleet sailed. Washington selected the phrase “Saint Patrick” as the password that day.



**The password “St. Patrick” appears in George Washington's papers for March 17, 1776.**  
Library of Congress

### **Washington on Dorchester Heights by Gilbert Stuart**

*This famous portrait was painted after Washington's death. It shows Washington as Stuart remembered him, a much older man than during the siege of Boston. Art critics are divided on the merits of the horse. Deposited by the City of Boston, 1876*  
Courtesy of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston





“Thank you for your support over the last ten years as I will not be seeking re-election in November. Wishing you a Safe & Happy St. Patrick's Day from my family to yours!”

BILL LINEHAN  
*Boston City Council*



# Captain And Crew Of USNS Comfort And USS San Jacinto Recognized

Several Massachusetts-native members of the crew of U.S. Navy hospital ship USNS Comfort will be participating in South Boston’s Evacuation and St. Patrick’s Day events March 17th and 19th. The 894-foot hospital ship – nearly the length of three football fields – is at Boston Ship Repair for routine maintenance.

SBCA President Thomas McGrath stated” It is an honor to host and recognize these men and women who are stationed right here in our own



back yard and give them Thousand welcomes from South Boston.”

Captain Lanny Boswell is currently serving as the Commanding Officer of the United

States Naval Hospital ship, USNS COMFORT.

Also being recognized is the San Jancinto, captained by Dennis Velez,USN

The name San Jacinto honors the April 21, 1836, battle by the San Jacinto River in Texas, where General Sam Houston and his greatly outnumbered Texas soldiers won independence for the Republic of Texas, decisively defeating General Santa Anna and his Mexican Army.

# Happy Saint Patrick's Day

May joy and peace surround you,  
Contentment latch your door,  
and happiness be with you now  
and bless you evermore!



Michael J. Donovan  
Clerk Magistrate  
Suffolk Superior Civil Court



May God bless us with happiness  
on this very special day.  
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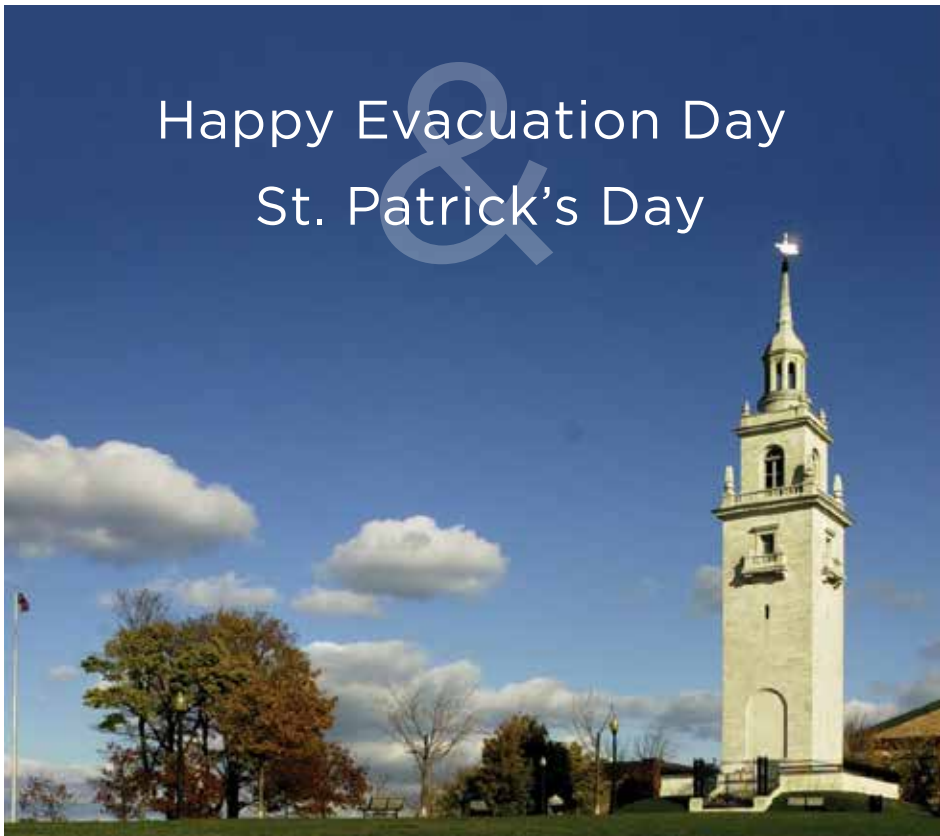
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# First St. Patrick’s Day Parade Held In 1737

The first meeting of Irishmen on American soil to honor St. Patrick took place in Boston on March 17th, 1737. The first St. Patrick’s Day parade was held in New York in 1762. Curiously enough, before marching caught on, St. Patrick’s Day was celebrated with huge breakfasts, held around 2pm held in local taverns.

Some of these breakfasts were private affairs...others were hosted by the newly formed Irish Friendly Societies. Often, forty of fifty toasts were made in one sitting!

A report in the American newspaper ‘The Gazette’ in 1766 states: “St. Patrick’s Day was ushered in with fife and drum. This produced a very agreeable harmony before the doors of many gentlemen of the Irish nation.”



The general tradition of organizing St. Patrick’s Day parades originated in the nineteenth century. After New York, Boston had its first parade in 1812. And by the late 1860’s, over a dozen American cities had large St. Patrick’s Day parades. Just 10 years later, the Irish were the majority in population in New York. Not surprisingly, its largely due to the American example that St. Patrick’s Day is celebrated throughout the world – even in places where the Irish connection is slight, like New Orleans and Puerto Rico.

# Sláinte!

*Happy St. Patrick’s Day  
to our friends and neighbors,  
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# A Sense of Place Continued from front page

ple, from so many ethnic cultures, from different generations, from different economic backgrounds, from different sexual orientation, from so many religions, and with varying talents, opinion and capabilities, flock here? If so, then why do we need a selfish, dogmatic, intolerant, divisive and exploitative organization like Mass Equality to tell us there is something wrong with us?

Moving on to the real point of this commentary, the attraction of South Boston is as puzzling, as it is obvious. Long a place where blue collar Irish, Italians, Lithuanians, Albanians and others worked the Commercial Waterfront, the Fish Pier, the Edison Plant, the Transit Authority, Construction Trades, the Police and Fire Departments, its proximity to downtown Boston, its accessible beach front, and the oases known as the Harbor Islands were taken for granted. Its reputation as depicted in Hollywood movies is as mythical, as it is deserved. Legendary characters

and their stories are embellished, as much by ill-informed newcomers, as by those who actually knew them.

As a necessary backdrop to the point of this, the impact of forced busing in the 70s is as real, as it is ancient history. Its storyline and imagery continues to be referenced whenever the daily press is looking to sell newspapers. You see, South Boston is a victim of its own strong sense of place. Its success as a community has become a double-edged dilemma for the families who fought hard to preserve the neighborhood and its way of life. Back then, they fought the law not because they were bigots, but because they wanted to send their children to a school near their home, where they knew they'd be safe. This adage is as poignant as it is complex – the more things change, the more they remain the same.

Fast forward 40 years and the people who are now moving into South Boston and other neighborhoods around the City want the very same

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Tom Butler, John Ciccone, Ken Sinkiewicz, Gerry Vierbickas, Mike Linehan, Peggy Davis Mullen, Chris Stevens and Bernie O'Donnell



L-R; Michael Bartosiak, Tommy Butler, Congressman Joseph P. Moakley and Bob Johnson

## Céad Mile Failte Happy Saint Patrick's Day



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L-R; Bernie O'Donnell, South Boston Veteran, Eleanor Huluck, Mayor Raymond Flynn, Cathy Flynn, Tommy Lyons, Gene Vaillancourt, John (Wacko) Hurley

**A Sense of Place**  
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thing, a school close to home where their child is safe and they have an opportunity to be involved – the essence of quality education. It is in some way a vindication, but those insatiable

critics, who maligned the good people here for defending themselves back then and who are the very ones who are cashing in on what was preserved, will never admit it. It would make for classic satire, if it weren't true.

Apparently, the plundering of



Dave LaRose, Dell O'Flaherty, Lord Mayor of Galway – Bridie O'Flaherty, Miss South Boston, Leo Flanagan, Tommy Butler and Bernie O'Donnell

South Boston is not complete. It is not enough that South Boston is no longer affordable to the sons and daughters of those blue collar fishermen, dockworkers, telephone linemen, tradesmen, cops and firefighters. Instead, in the name of the next issue for political activism, they have found a new emotional wedge to continue their assault on the community. To be charitable, those, who join the chorus of demagogues in portraying the defenders of this community as unenlightened, may actually believe they are promoting a noble cause. However, they mistake a passion-

ate defense of principle for narrow-minded intolerance, disrespect, and in some cases, bigotry.

What those who challenge this community must acknowledge above all else is that a strong 'sense of place' is the foundation of a neighborhood upon which values and traditions flourish and cause growth and change to happen at a pace that is agreeable to everyone who make up the fabric of this community. The test of a neighborhood is measured by how it treats its own. Visitors are always welcome, especially on Saint Patrick's Day.

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**PERMIT ME TO SHOUT IT, WE'RE  
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DAY WITH A GUY FROM OSCALOO**

**HE WAS BRAGGIN BOUT HIS OLD HOME  
TOWN SAYS I TO HIM WHAT TO DO  
I GOT HOT RIGHT UNDER THE COLLAR  
TO THAT SCHOLAR I DID HOLLAR**

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