



The Marine Industry Will Soon Be Redefined

South Boston’s Marine Industrial Park is about to become a little less marine industrial. The Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA), overseers of the 190-acre Raymond L. Flynn Marine Park, are holding a public hear-

ing to update the neighborhood on the Park’s master plan on 04/26/2017 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM at The Galley at the Boston Design Center, 1 Design Center Place, 2nd Floor. Their plan is to redefine the maritime uses that, as a Designated Port

Area, were specifically protected in the enabling legislation creating the public entity that has held title to the property. In their executive summary, they reference using current economic conditions and in-

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EDITORIAL

Become Active If You Want To Make A Difference

One of the things that South Bostonians have been famous - perhaps even notorious - for is being active in the affairs of our community. Recent meetings regarding everything from development and construction, to changes in how utilities are brought into the neighborhood, to street cleaning and the condition of our parks and beaches have been bringing people out of their homes to meet, discuss and have input into any and all issues that are important to them.

Over the past few weeks residents have made their views known loud and clear, pro or con on proposals that would change the look of certain

streets at meetings that garnered a lot of press coverage and has the whole town talking.

Locals have always understood that if you want to have any impact or influence on what goes on around here, you have to be vocal and be willing to show up to express your opinions so that our elected officials and everyone else knows where people stand. After a bit of a lull in resident participation on a large scale, there seems to be a resurgence of interest on the part of those, who call Southie their hometown, in playing a role and having some 'real say' about where the future will take our town. And this is a good thing. May it once again become the norm.



"Ours is the job of interpreting the Constitution. And that document isn't some ink blot on which litigants may project their hopes and dreams" - Judge Neil Gorsuch – US Supreme Court Justice



L.T.E. Letter to the Editor

Please support my friend Ed Flynn for District 2 City Councilor in Boston. Ed is the best candidate in the race.

A lifelong resident of the District, a great family man, a Veteran, and a volunteer in countless community organizations (especially for the youth and the elderly) over the years. Ed is the candidate who has the best grasp on the issues across the District, and the candidate who will represent All District 2 residents. I am proud to call Ed my friend, and respectfully ask for your support of Ed's candidacy. **-Mark Rooney**



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The Mother Of All Bombs Makes Its Debut

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Last week, some people were actually out there protesting the bombing of ISIS. Were they kidding? No, they were dead serious. Marchers and sign holders in the streets of a few American cities are wringing their hands saying that America is cruel to have dropped the “Mother of all Bombs” on the big underground terror complex in Afghanistan, where the terrorists gather, train, stockpile weapons and plan the strategy they will use to kill as many Americans and enslave as many Afghanis as possible. And our home-grown protestors mourn for the ones that were killed by the US attack. Ah yes, American liberal protestors. Their logic never ceases to amaze. Some of these protesters are the same people out there burning American flags and hate this country so much that they take the part of fanatical Islamist killers over anything The United States does.

Let’s review just who and what ISIS is, shall we? These are people that behead Christians, Jews, Hindus, Buddhists and even other Muslims, if they happen to pray at the wrong Mosque. They throw gays off rooftops, blowup churches, strap explosives to the bodies of young children and turn them into suicide bombers and threaten to wipe out every ‘infidel’ they can get their hands on. They are working furiously to get nukes and any other weapon of mass destruction so they can maximize the death toll when they detonate them in high civilian population areas.

And all of these plans are no secret. They proudly broadcast for all the world to hear that this is their goal: to kill every last one of us – man, woman and child. And it is these people, the members of ISIS, that our brilliant American protestors marching in the streets insist that our military has no right to attack. We must show some compassion and

understanding to them we are told. We even had one idiot Hollywood producer announce last week that the only way we can combat the plans ISIS has for us is “with love”. Can you spell moonbat?

Thankfully, after 8 years of a President who tied the hands of our military when dealing with these savages, we finally have a president that has unleashed our generals and is letting them do their job – which is to protect this country. To most people, dropping the Mother of all Bombs on that rat’s nest/snake pit filled with ISIS murderers makes a heck of a lot more sense than putting our Soldiers and Marines in harm’s way by sending them into those holes to rout them out. The most recent body count of dead terrorists after the bomb was dropped stood at 94. That’s 94 cutthroats that will never come to our country to kill Americans or blow up school buildings in Afghanistan, where innocent children are gathered just trying to get an education. Personally, I can’t figure out what motivates American protestors to want to protect such evil people and actually take their side over our American service members, except of course for the ones being paid to do it, but there is clearly something wrong with them.

That the Boston Marathon went off without any problems can be directly credited to our dedicated law enforcement personnel, who were there, on guard and prepared to deal with anything even remotely resembling what happened in 2013. The police and the soldiers too were everywhere on alert and totally focused with the much-appreciated attitude of ‘Not on my watch’ will anyone be attacked. They are well trained, they were briefed and they were prepared and apparently, the bad guys knew it so they stayed away.

Credit also goes to the rest of the first responders on duty throughout the

event. The firefighters, EMT’s, EMS and all the others who were there to rush to the aid of anyone in need of medical assistance and assistance of any kind no matter what the problem.

We are fortunate to have such dedicated professionals and volunteers too, committed to the public safety of all. They deserve very special praise and our gratitude as well.

Remembering South Boston’s WWI Heroes

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Please join the South Boston World War One Commemoration Committee, Guest Speakers, and the South Boston Community as we honor the ultimate sacrifice made by South Bostonians 100 years ago in answering the call to World War One.

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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.

Should the state revisit 72-hour hold on overdose patients?

Some lawmakers want the state to reconsider requiring hospitals to hold overdose patients for up to three days, a proposal that was dropped from an omnibus opioids bill last year, Todd Feathers of the Lowell Sun reports. One impetus for the revisiting: The man arrested last week for an attempted carjacking at a Tewksbury gas station had been revived from an overdose by police using the drug Narcan just days before **Goodbye, once again, to Taxachusetts**

Here's more evidence that the old Taxachusetts label is truly a relic of the 1980s. Massachusetts weighs in at No. 27 in the annual State Business Tax Climate Index put out by

the nonprofit Tax Foundation, the Boston Business Journal's W. Marc Bernsau reports.

Last call for Pilgrim

The Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station is getting refueled for one final time before its scheduled closing on June 1, 2019, Christine Legere of the Cape Cod Times reports. It's not exactly a quick fill-up for the "trouble plagued reactor," though, Legere notes. The process requires "great precision" and involves removing "168 highly radioactive fuel assemblies." It also takes 30 days. Separately, Legere reports that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission has granted Pilgrim an exemption from safety upgrades that would have ensured the plant's venting system could operate even after a

major earthquake.

What do Trump and Gilda Radner have in common?

OK, we won't keep you in suspense - Emily Litella. An editorial in the The Republican sees a striking resemblance between Trump and Litella, one of the more memorable characters played by the late Gilda Radner back during the glory days of "Saturday Night Live" in the 1970s. Litella, the editorial notes, was "frequently confused by -- and indignant about -- the news of the day." After ranting for a time, she'd be corrected. (It's not "sax and violins," she might be told, but "sex and violence.") "Oh," an astonished Litella would intone. And then she'd simply say: "Never mind."

Moulton tops Mass. delegation in fundraising

U.S. Rep. Seth Moulton has raised more cash for his campaign account than any other member of the Bay State's congressional delegation, James Pindell of the Globe reports. Moulton, a leading and outspoken Trump critic, raised \$476,000 in the first quarter, outpacing Richard Neal, who raised \$440,000, and Representative Joe Kennedy III, with \$389,000. At the other end of the spectrum: Rep. Stephen Lynch, who raised \$23,000, just a tick above the amount raised by game developer Brianna Wu, who intends to challenge him in the Democratic primary in 2018.

PACs beat path to Neal's coffers

Writing for WGBH, David S. Bernstein suggests one reason for U.S. Rep. Richard Neal's resurgent fundraising efforts: His ascension to the role of ranking Democrat on the powerful, budget-crafting House Ways and Means Committee. Neal received funds from 163 Political Action Committees in the first quarter, including 30 from financial industry PACs closely watching potential tax code changes.

Timilty seat draws plenty of interest

No date has been set yet for the special election to fill the senate seat being vacated by James Timilty but candidates to replace him are lining up, Jim Hand reports in the Attleboro Sun-Chronicle. Democrat Ted Philips of Sharon announced his intention to run Monday while speculation on the Republican side focused on two state reps—Jay Barrows of Mansfield and Steven Howitt of Seekonk. While neither has made a decision, they would be well-positioned to put together campaigns on the fly, Hand notes, and could benefit from a GOP-friendly district, where Gov. Baker won 60 percent or more of the vote in some communities in 2014.

Final reckoning on Dookhan disaster

Remember Annie Dookhan? Actually, how could anyone actually ever forget the rogue state chemist who routinely falsified criminal evidence, casting into doubt tens of thousands of drug convictions across Massachusetts? Today is the deadline for prosecutors to inform The Supreme Judicial Court what cases they will try and salvage of the 24,000 that Dookhan worked on and the Herald's Bob McGovern reports that it's likely that prosecutors will recommend to the SJC that as many as 20,000 cases be dismissed outright.

Lawrence seeks help amid surge in violence

Amid a surge in gun violence, including two homicides in as many days, Lawrence police are reaching out for help from state and federal agencies, including a special prosecutor to handle serious violent-crime cases, Jill Harmacinski of the Eagle-Tribune reports. After convening a meeting with state police and his own department Monday, Police Chief James Fitzpatrick said he will ask both Essex County District Attorney Jonathan Blodgett and Attorney General Maura Healey to consider assigning "special prosecutors for firearms crimes committed in Lawrence."

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Jim Brett Appointed Chairman of Disabled Persons Protection Commission

Jim Brett the President and CEO of the New England Council has been appointed by Governor Charlie Baker to Chair the Disabled Persons Protection Commission.

Jim Brett expressed his gratitude saying, “I am honored and humbled to have been chosen by Governor Baker. Advocacy for people with disabilities is a cause that is near and dear to my heart, and I look forward to the opportunity to work with my fellow commissioners and the hardworking and dedicated staff.”

Brett is also Chairman of the Governor’s Commission on Intellectual Disabilities and a member of both the President’s Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities and the National Council on Disability.

The mission of the Disabled Persons Protection Commission is charged with protecting adults with disabilities between the ages of 18 and 59 from the abusive acts or omissions of their caregivers through investigation, oversight, public awareness and prevention.



Flynn: I Will lead On Historic Preservation

Last week, at two community meetings - the abutters meeting on M Street and at the City Point Neighborhood Association meeting - residents expressed anxiety and concern about the destruction of a beautiful home located inside the the Greenbelt Protection Overlay District on M Street in South Boston. Despite the claims by the developer proposing a multi-unit condo building in its place, the project requires approval of variances by the Zoning Board of Appeal and approval by the Parks Commission due to its location in the Greenbelt Protection Overlay District. Both the Zoning Board and Parks Com-

mission should reject this proposal.

As the next City Councilor for District 2, I will lead on the preservation of our communities by working with residents, homeowners, community groups, historic preservationists, and others to identify and designate historic districts to preserve their architectural character and integrity. Throughout the district, from South Boston, Bay Village, Chinatown and the South End, residents are all dealing with similar challenges of institutional expansion and overdevelopment in today’s building boom. As your City Councilor I will work to ensure that communities like South Boston, Chinatown and downtown Boston, are able to maintain their neighborhood’s character through long-term planning and historic preservation, as neighborhoods like the South End, Bay Village, Fort Point and Beacon Hill have been able to through the creation of local historic landmark districts. Working together we can preserve what’s unique and special about Boston.

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Grand Parade Of Sail Kicks Off Maritime Celebration

On June 17, dozens of majestic sailing vessels from around the globe will enter Boston's

inner harbor under sail for the first time since 2000. The Grand Parade of Sail, a stunning maritime spectacle, kicks off the celebration at 10 AM as the US Coast Guard Barque Eagle, in tandem with a US Navy Jets flyover, approaches the official reviewing stand in the harbor's North Jetty. The USCG Eagle will be followed by more than fifty magnificent vessels, including Union from Peru, Europa from The Netherlands, Alexander Von Humboldt II from Germany, Spain's El Galeon, Guayas from Ecuador, United Kingdom's Blue Clipper, Canada's Bluenose II, Chile's Esmeralda, and others.

The Parade launches a five-day, nautical-themed celebration featuring educational, cultural, interactive, and re-enactment events and activities and daily free public boarding of the ships. A colorful Crew and Cadets Parade from The Seaport to Downtown Crossing highlights the landside activities. "We have been working diligently with the City, State, Massport, the US Coast Guard

and other key public and private agencies to ensure a successful event and a memorable experience for all," said Dusty Rhodes, President of Conventures and Executive Director of Sail Boston 2017. "We are looking forward with great enthusiasm to the return of the Tall Ships and to embracing and celebrating the cultures of the countries each represents," added Rhodes.

There are several free public events related to the Tall Ships visit. The highlights include:

EVENT: Opening Ceremony
LOCATION: Boston Harbor Hotel Rotunda

DATE: Friday, June 16, 2017

TIME: 12:00 PM

TYPE: Primarily a press event with limited public access

DESCRIPTION: With Boston Harbor and the Boston fireboat ceremonially spraying water as a backdrop, the Sail Boston Opening Ceremony officially will kick-off Sail Boston 2017. The Blessing of the Sails, an ecumenical service celebrating the return of International Tall Ships, will follow. Sails bearing the flag of each visiting country will be presented at the ceremony.

EVENT: Grand Parade of Sail

LOCATION: Boston Harbor

DATE: Saturday, June 17, 2017

TIME: 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

TYPE: Public

DESCRIPTION: The Grand Parade of Sail will highlight the day's activities as vessels parade in flotillas from Broad Sound into the main channel of Boston harbor, along the Boston waterfront, turning at Charlestown, before proceeding to their assigned berthing areas. Public viewing of the parade will be spectacular from Castle Island, the Seaport District, the Downtown Waterfront, the North End, Charlestown and East Boston.

EVENT: Public Boarding of Ships

LOCATION: Fish Pier, World Trade Center, Fan Pier, Charlestown Pier 1 and Pier 4

DATE: Saturday, June 17, 2017 - Wednesday, June 21, 2017

TIME: 10:00 AM- 10:00 PM (at the discretion of the Captain)

NOTE: 3:00 PM start on Saturday, June 17th

TYPE: Public

DESCRIPTION: Following the Parade of Sail on Saturday, June 17th, the Tall Ships will be berthed

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Michael Kelley Applies for District 2 Nomination Papers

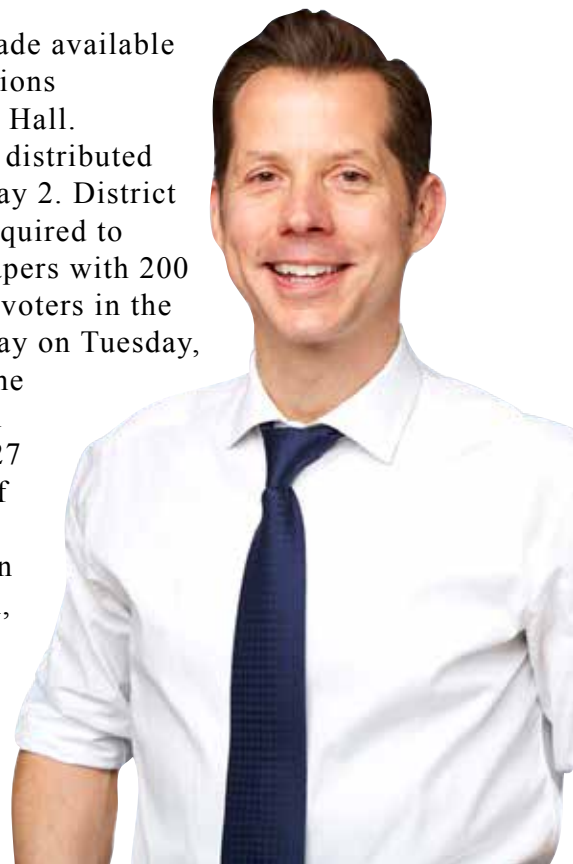
Mike Kelley was at Boston City Hall has applied for nomination papers for his candidacy for District 2 Boston City Council. April 19 was the first day to file for municipal nomination papers with the City of Boston Elections Department.

Kelley said, "I was excited to be back at City Hall to apply for nomination papers for District 2 City Councilor. I look forward to getting out in the district to collect signatures and to continue to talk with residents and hear what's on their minds. My campaign is putting people first and I will take advantage of every opportunity to make sure that happens."

Applications for municipal

nomination papers were made available at the City of Boston Elections Department at Boston City Hall. Nomination papers will be distributed to candidates beginning May 2. District 2 council candidates are required to submit their nomination papers with 200 signatures from registered voters in the district by the end of the day on Tuesday, May 23 to ensure their name gets on the ballot. Election registrars have until June 27 to complete certification of signatures.

For additional information on Mike Kelley's campaign, please visit his website at votemikekelley.com, follow him on Twitter @votemikekelley, or email him at info@votemikekelley.com.



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at various piers for the public to view and board. All piers are open from 3:00 – 10:00 PM on Saturday, June 17th and 10:00 AM – 10:00 PM Sunday – Wednesday. The boarding of ships is at the discretion of each ship's Captain. Note: Fish Pier is tentative.

EVENT: Sail Boston Festival
LOCATION: Fish Pier, World Trade Center, Fan Pier, Charlestown Pier 1 and Pier 4

DATE: Saturday, June 17, 2017 - Wednesday, June 21, 2017
TIME: 10:00 AM- 10:00 PM 3:00 PM start on Saturday, June 17th
TYPE: Public

DESCRIPTION: Music, food, and entertainment will be available at each of these festival sites that are adjacent to berthing areas.

EVENT: Sail Boston Official Captains Reception
LOCATION: State House
DATE: Sunday, June 18, 2017
TIME: 5:15 PM

TYPE: State House steps. Public can view red carpet ceremony from outside the perimeter in the street and on Boston Common. Reception is by invitation only.

DESCRIPTION: The State House Official Captains reception is an event to welcome the Tall Ship Captains to Boston. Mayor Walsh and Governor Baker will formally

receive captains and officers from each vessel. The red-carpet ceremony on State House steps will include delegations from participating countries, Honor Guard, and fife and drum.

EVENT: Downtown Crossing Crew Parade

LOCATION: Seaport Boulevard to Downtown Crossing
DATE: Monday, June 19, 2017
TIME: 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM
TYPE: Public

DESCRIPTION: The Downtown Crossing Crew and Cadet Parade is an opportunity for the City of Boston and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to celebrate Sail Boston 2017 and to welcome over a thousand guests from around the world. Marching bands and cadets from the visiting ships will parade along Seaport Boulevard to Downtown Crossing. Following the parade, participants will be treated to a Sail Boston Crew BBQ. There will be an award ceremony for the participants of the Bermuda to Boston race leg of the RDV2017 Regatta.

EVENT: Crew and Cadet Soccer Tournament

LOCATION: Moakley Park
DATE: Tuesday, June 20, 2017
TIME: 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM
TYPE: Public invited to watch.
DESCRIPTION: Crews and cadets of the Tall Ships will participate

in a friendly competition soccer tournament at Moakley Park.

EVENT: Sunset Salute

LOCATIONS: Charlestown Navy Yard, Fan Pier.

DATE: Tuesday, June 20 – Charlestown. Wednesday, June 21, Fan Pier

TIME: 7:00 – 9:00 PM.

TYPE: Public event

DESCRIPTION: Maritime pageant featuring fife and drum, bagpipes, and nautical regalia.

EVENT: Tall Ships Depart

LOCATION: Various Venues
DATE: Thursday, June 22, 2017
TIME: 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM

TYPE: Designated Piers

DESCRIPTION: The Tall Ships depart Boston Harbor. The majority of the Tall Ships will continue on

the next leg of the Rendez-Vous Tall Ships Regatta to Canada.

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Emissions from trucks, cranes, forklifts are down: Since 2004, all equipment at Conley Terminal has run on Ultra Low Sulfur diesel, a full six years ahead of the EPA mandate. In 2015, Conley received a national Breathe Easy Leadership Award for reducing harmful diesel emissions beyond what is required by law.

Forklifts at the Raymond L. Flynn Cruiseport terminal run on propane, not diesel. We replaced 60 old drayage trucks with newer, cleaner diesel trucks at a cost of \$3 million with 26 more replacements to come. In addition, Massport is using EPA funding to retrofit five diesel-powered rubber tire gantry cranes (RTG) used to load and unload trucks and reposition containers within the yard at Conley Terminal with newer, lower emission diesel engines. Truck idling time has been reduced by 41,000 hours during the past ten years through voluntary use of auxiliary power and enforcement of idle time limits.

Green space: Massport has invested \$75 million to build Thomas Butler Freight Corridor and Memorial Park which will take 400-500 trucks off of East First Street every day and provide a new 4.5 acre park and noise buffer.

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167 Athens Street Single Family	\$1,050,000	3/20/17	7	2.5	1682
225 West Third Street Single Family	\$1,007,000	3/13/17	4	2.5	1482
731 East Sixth Street Two Family	\$825,000	3/15/17	10	2	2200
6 Hatch St UNIT 3 Condo	\$680,000	3/10/17	5	2	1050
6 Hatch ST UNIT 1 Condo	\$637,000	3/12/17	5	1	1237
560 East Sixth St UNIT 2 Condo	\$585,000	3/10/17	6	1	1267
614 East Third St UNIT 1 Condo	\$571,000	3/14/17	5	1	923
535 East First St UNIT 4 Condo	\$569,000	3/17/17	3	1	688
19 I St UNIT 1 Condo	\$520,000	3/17/17	4	2	991
141 Dorchester Ave UNIT 514 Condo	\$500,000	3/10/17	4	1	970
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

PLAN: South Boston, Dorchester Avenue zoning process will translate community values and guidelines outlined in the December 2016 BPDA Board approved Plan into updated zoning for the corridor along Dorchester Avenue between Andrew Square and Broadway stations. The approved planning document was developed through a 17 month long public engagement process that incorporated the input of the community members, City departments and state agencies and established a framework for implementation of community's vision.

The zoning session on May 2, 2017 is an opportunity to learn about the Plan and to have a discussion about zoning process as it relates to PLAN: South Boston, Dorchester Avenue.

We look forward to having you join us on Tuesday, May 2.

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

6:00 PM-7:30 PM Presentation and Dialogue

To learn more, please visit: bit.ly/plandotave

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Public Meeting

RAYMOND L. FLYNN MARINE PARK
MASTER PLAN

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26

6:00 PM - 8:00PM

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Please join the Boston Planning & Development Agency (BPDA) for a public meeting on the Raymond L. Flynn Marine Park Master Plan Update. This meeting will include a presentation on the draft master plan and provide an opportunity for public comment.

Written comments on the proposed Master Plan Update received by 5:00 PM on May 5, 2017 will be considered. Comments should be addressed to:

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Road to Recovery Gala



Benefit for the Gavin Foundation, presented by Creative Office Pavilion

The Gala features former Boston Celtics player Chris Herren who will share his inspirational story about his personal road to recovery. The evening also includes a silent and live auction, delicious food stations, and presentations to two special 2017 honorees.

Governor Charlie Baker will be honored as the Gavin Foundation Man of the Year for his dedicated work on addressing opioid addiction in Massachusetts with his landmark opioid bill. His work on behalf of the individuals and families affected by substance abuse issues is an inspiration to the entire community.

“Governor Baker was a natural choice as our Man of the Year. His dedication to providing addiction and recovery services is inspiring and reflects his deep belief in giving individuals a second chance. The Gavin Foundation would like to thank Governor Baker for his work and lifelong commitment

to changing lives.” said William Ostiguy, Chairman of the Board of Gavin Foundation, Inc.

Dropkick Murphys Ken Casey will be presented with the Caring Hearts Award for his continued friendship and support of the Gavin Foundation programs. He is an admired and respected role model and truly cares about helping individuals on their road to recovery.

“His dedication to the residents of our programs, and indeed for many others, is inspiring. We are pleased to present Ken Casey with the Caring Hearts Award.” said John P. McGahan, President and Chief Executive Officer of Gavin Foundation.

Where: Boston Design Center, 1 Design Center Place, Boston, MA 02210

When: Thursday, May 11, 2017
4pm - 5pm Sponsor/VIP Reception with Special Guest Chris Herren
5:30 pm Reception, Silent Auction, Food Stations

7:00 pm Program begins- featuring Emcee Janet Wu, a Live Auction, Speaker Chris Herren, and Honorees Governor Charlie Baker and Ken Casey

The Gavin Foundation is a multi-service non-profit agency founded in South Boston in 1963. We are dedicated to improving the quality of life for individuals in recovery by providing addiction prevention, treatment, and support through the Gavin Foundation charity programs. These include the AAWOL Program, Center for Recovery Services, Charlestown Recovery House, Cushing House for Boys and Girls, Devine Recovery Center, Gavin House, Hamilton House, Graduate Center Diversion Program, Total Immersion Program, Speakers for Hope and the Walsh Community Center. Our programs serve more than 5,000 men, women, and children each year. Contact: Susan M. Bradley, Development Director 857-496-7338 susanbradley@gavinfoundation.org

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Happy Kids waiting for the signal to begin the hunt for eggs



Some of the locals proudly showing their treasure during Sunday's egg hunt



Maddie Minucci and her Dad Harry Minucci patiently wait for the Easter egg hunt to begin after St. Brigid's 10:30 Mass.



It was standing room only crowds at some area churches



Crowds lining up to file into Churches on Easter Sunday

Thousands Come to Neighborhood Churches for Easter

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY - By Staff

As is always the case, Easter Weekend in South Boston was alive with activity once again in 2017. Easter is the most holy, as well as the most festive and sacred, time on the Christian calendar. Area Churches were even busier than usual during Easter Week/Holy Week with ceremonies and special Masses and Services which finished with the Easter Sunday celebration heralding the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Good Friday started off with solemn Masses and Services in

area churches, as well as the traditional 'Way of the Cross' walk. The crowd for the walk, which was made up of people of all ages and included many of the neighborhood's young people and teenagers gathered at St Monica Church and made stops at other neighborhood houses of worship. Holy Saturday also attracted the faithful.

Easter Sunday's weather was beautiful and summerlike with warm temperatures and bright and sunny skies, as thousands of residents attended Church. The

sacred and traditional ritual of the Sunrise Service at Castle Island which went off on schedule at 6 am was overflowing with early risers, many of them first timers to this special event to experience a truly moving ceremony and Mass. All through the day, big crowds turned out to attend church. In fact, the 10:30am Mass at St. Brigid Church was so crowded there was standing room only. Here, there was a heavy concentration of South Boston's smiling and happy children, as they lined up to take part in the

annual Easter Egg Hunt, which always follows the Mass.

And so, it went throughout the day. More Easter egg hunts thrilled the little ones in the morning and later, all around the community families and friends gathered for Easter Dinners and brunch's as well as so many other social gathering so common on this day. Easter is a time of celebration all over the world and that certainly includes here in South Boston. It was all upbeat, festive and all around – just the perfect Easter.



Giant Learning Takes Place at St Peter Academy!

St. Peter Academy students had the gigantic opportunity to utilize the National Geographic Giant Map of North America, measuring a whopping 26' x 35', for a GIANT two week learning experience!

The whole SPA Community took their lessons to the Map. It proved to be one of the best visual learning tools packed with action and loads of fun! Here's a sample of 'Map Happenings' at St Peter Academy!

St Peter Academy's youngest toddler students were in awe of the Map's size. Fitness Teacher Joseph Martinez engaged the 18 month to 2 year group in a 'Hunt for Boston'!

Prekindergarten Teacher, Ms. Meredith Thompson tied the Map to the Pre-K Curriculum, Opening the World of Learning (OWL) and Building Blocks Math. Students were able to locate Boston, Massachusetts on the Map. "We talk in our class about what city, state, and country we live in, so they loved being able to "stand" on Boston." Then students went to different states some of the students said their family members lived or places they have been on vacation.

"They loved being able to "swim" in the Atlantic and Pacific Ocean." Students also learned about north, south, east, and west. "I asked children to run "north" or "east" and they all ran to that side of the map." Lastly, it was a creative way for students to work with colors. Since all of the countries are different colors, it was a great way for the children to identify and locate different colors on the map. "The Pre-K students loved being able to use the map and were so sad to see it go!"

Erin Sawyer Kindergarten 1 Teacher – "K1 children learned about animals from all over North America. We focused on hibernation and migration and where animals migrate for winter and spring. We explored the map to find these locations that we discussed in class. We swam with the humpback whales from Alaska to Hawaii to migrate for winter to have their babies and flew with the Canadian geese to Mexico to migrate for the winter months.

Gina Sacriponte, Kindergarten 2 Teacher – "K2 was able to utilize the map to learn directionality and

practice following directions (with the Simon Says game). We also were able to locate many of the locations where some of the Native American tribes lived that we studied at the beginning of the year. Lastly, K2 was excited to learn/see where our current pen pal, Annie, lives in Washington, D.C. "

Laura Heseck, Grade 1 Teacher – Grade 1 tied their map learning to the curriculum unit on the 13 colonies. They were able to touch and walk the East Coast and imagine how long it would have taken for news to travel. They read about the compass rose and the map key. "I took articles out of ReadWorks that were geared to our level and that gave us our information. We then found the Compass Rose and map key on the Giant Map and found mountain ranges, the Mississippi River and the long highways."

We found a "rap" song on YouTube that was about the 50 states and their capitals. The students learned that our country has geographic regions and we colored maps using this song as a guide. We then carried this new

knowledge to the Giant Map and we stood in each region practicing the state capitals."

"Grade 1 along with K2 paid another visit to the traveling map. We walked along the border of Canada and The United States! We all fit on the states west of the Mississippi as well as easily fit into the states east of the Mississippi. We swam in the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans and put our toes on the islands of Hawaii, the state of Alaska and our very own Massachusetts! We all chose a state and stood on its capital star, and still had states left over. What a wonderful learning adventure."

Peter Witts, Grade 2 Teacher "The arrival of the large map aligned perfectly with the Grade 2 Class's social studies unit on the US Civil War. Heading into the topic the sheer scope of the curriculum seemed a little daunting, but the map proved to be the perfect teaching tool to provide context and setting for the content of the unit. Equipped only with the knowledge of the Mason-Dixon line and a rough outline of the

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conflict, the girls spent their first day on the map dividing the United States into Northern and Southern states; with territory labels for those that had not yet been fully incorporated. The girls used their hypothesis to predict whether a state would fight for The Union or The Confederacy.”

“The following period the girls tested their hypothesis as they researched the states that comprised the Union and Confederacy respectively. Armed with their deeper level of understanding the girls took to the map once more. This second period was spent correctly identifying and labeling the Northern Union States, the Southern Confederate States, the Southern Border States that fought for the Union, and finally those states that had not yet been incorporated and were thus territories. All further sessions with the map followed a similar trajectory as the girls began to successfully incorporate new information thanks to the comprehensive scaffolding provided by the prior sessions. “

“At the end of the unit the girls were able to collaboratively correctly identify each state's affiliation from memory. This outstanding feat only further supported their mastery of the pertinent content material throughout the entire unit of study. It is impossible to over emphasize the importance of the map as it helped all students conceptualize an otherwise complex subject. Every student has asked when the map will be coming back to St. Peter next!”

The students in Grades 3 and 4 were able to explore the growth of US population over time. They were able to locate the ten largest cities in both 1900 and 2005 and use this demographic data to analyze the general patterns of migration and population growth over the past hundred years. Students were also able to identify and describe important physical and human landmarks found on the North American continent. The students also learned what a watershed is, and the location and size of the four primary watersheds in North America.

The middle school students

utilized the map in many different ways. They were able to use the giant map for locating landmarks using longitude and latitude. Students were able to determine distances using the map key. They tied the map into the middle school curriculum on weather and were able to utilize the map by putting in the warm and cold fronts and making weather predictions based on the configuration. They also enjoyed assisting the younger students explore the map.

Additionally, St. Peter Academy shared this resource and partnered with the Boys and Girls Club of South Boston. Through neighborhood collaboration, Principal Andrius Dilba and Club Director, Mr. Harry Duvall provided this experience for not only St. Peter Academy students, but also, all the South Boston students that attend the Boys and Girls Club. This is another example of the South Boston community working together for the benefit of local children.

Meet the exemplary teaching staff of St. Peter Academy at their Spring Open House on

Wednesday May 3 from 9:00-11:30 am and 3:00-6:00pm. Can't make the open house but want to learn more – Private tours are available upon request.

St Peter Academy, an independent community based private school, is South Boston's only Toddler through Grade 8 School. It is privately funded, enriched with extended learning hours and summer programs, and fosters a nurturing, safe and individualized environment. The student/teacher ratio is 6:1 which is ideal for creating exemplary instructional models filled with interactive learning opportunities. The school is located at 371 West Fourth Street and is currently accepting applications for the year round toddler program for students 15 months and above and 2017 school year for Prekindergarten through Grade 8 – To learn more about the school and all programs visit www.stpeteracademy.com or schedule a private tour by contacting Ms. Doreen Brown or Ms Maria Blasi at 617-268-0750 or email SPA@StPeterAcademy.com.



Book Sale, South Boston Branch Library

On Earth Day, DIY Comes to the Library Book Sale

On Saturday, April 22, 2017, 10 am to 3 pm, The Friends of the South Boston Branch Library will host their monthly book sale. April's sale will feature a wide selection of

DIY, Craft, Home Improvement and Gardening books at steep discounts.

In addition to the theme of DIY, we have a vast selection of gently used hardcover and paper-back books: fiction, non-fiction, travel, health, biographies, children's books, coffee table books, DVD's, CD's all at excellent prices.

On this Earth Day, Recycle, Reduce Reuse! Become more involved in the library. Here are some ways:

1. Join the Friends of the *South Boston Library*. **Complete a simple form found on our Facebook page and at the Circulation desk at the Library**
2. Friend us on Facebook: South Boston Branch of the Boston Public Library or Friends of the South Boston Branch Library
3. Support our book sales
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industry changes, such as the lack of interest in 'over the dock' businesses as the backdrop for seeking to maximize revenue to support infrastructure improvements, pegging those improvements at "tens of millions" of dollars. Their plan to do so is by attracting more tenants beyond its core of fish processing and ship repair. One way they'll try will be by spurring higher-rent uses on upper floors, such as labs and design studios, that could help subsidize lower rents on the ground floors for a broader mix of manufacturing and warehouse work.

The Jamestown investment and management company has been marketing a mixed-use approach at its Innovation and Design

Building, a redeveloped former military warehouse at the southern edge of the park. The BPDA hopes to replicate that success, according to a long-awaited master plan. Waterfront planner Richard McGuinness said the park is about half developed under current floor-area ratio limits. The proposed changes include raising those thresholds to essentially double the park's remaining development capacity.

Perhaps the most controversial recommendation, faced by those currently as marine use tenants, is adjusting the requirement that two-thirds of the park be devoted to marine industrial uses. Approaches to addressing the challenges they identified are redefining "marine industrial" to include airport-related ship-

ping, scaling back the marine industrial requirement to cover half the park, or allowing only ground-floor uses to count toward that threshold.

Other recommendations include improving public transit access to the park, such as by changing the Silver Line route in the park and exploring opportunities for water transportation services. The agency would also like to see a new connector road to send trucks to the Haul Road from the Summer Street entrance to the park, a contentious aspect of the impact that these changes would bring to the operations of the businesses currently and historically using the Park.

"We're not giving up on port uses," McGuinness said to the Boston Globe. "I think we can be

a little more deliberate based on what we know are growing industries and what they need for space and infrastructure." "That's a lot of acreage," McGuinness added. "We don't think there's enough demand" from the traditional maritime uses.

South Boston is a collection of neighborhoods. Each section, the Waterfront, the Ray Flynn Park, Fort Point, the Dorchester Avenue Corridor, UMass Boston/Columbia Point Campus, are beneficiaries of the core community that South Bostonians fought to preserve over decades. This includes the businesses on the waterfront that employed so many of its residents. Massport and BPDA and others in authority are obliged to protect them as long as they possibly can.



This week, Danny gave his NBA Playoff predictions

It's time to predict the most predictable playoffs in professional sports: the NBA Playoffs. Even if a few of my first-round picks turn out to be wrong, it's fairly obvious to see who will be playing in the Finals once again, for the third straight year. And even if it's not Golden State and Cleveland battling for the Larry O'Brien trophy in a few months, would you really regret putting money on the fact that it would be? I know I wouldn't.

Certainly, I'll be hoping I'm wrong. But even if the Celtics do get to the conference finals, I just wouldn't be able to bet against LeBron James from making his seventh straight NBA Finals appearance. That's right, seven straight. Crazy.

I'll be rooting against it, obviously. But these picks are with my eyes and my brain, not my heart. Ultimately, I believe the Celtics will miss that second elite scorer when it comes time to play the Cavaliers. I think we'll be looking back at the trade deadline, when it's all said and done, wondering what the C's would have looked like had they pulled the trigger on a trade for someone like Jimmy Butler.

I believe Isaiah Thomas is legitimate MVP candidate. But he'll need some offensive help in a seven-game series to try and keep up with LeBron, Kyrie

Irving, and Kevin Love. But I know what you're thinking. The Celtics have to get past the Bulls first.

Let's see how it will all play out. Here are my predictions for the NBA Playoffs:

EASTERN CONFERENCE QUARTERFINALS:

(1) Boston Celtics over (8) Chicago Bulls

-Jimmy Butler will give make us think about "what could have been" with a couple big games in this series. But the Celtics should be able to come up with a good enough defensive game plan that will slow him down enough to make someone else beat them. The Bulls had internal issues all year long. In a vacuum, this is a more difficult first-round series than people think. But the C's should be able to pull it out.

(4) Washington Wizards over (5) Atlanta Hawks

-This is a pick-em. I'll take the Wizards' home-court advantage and a more star-studded back court. That and I'll never put my money on Dwight Howard. Ever.

(2) Cleveland Cavaliers over (7) Indiana Pacers

-The Cavs would have had the No. 1 seed in the East, had they not rested their stars towards the end of the regular season. Tough break for the Pacers, a very good team that has no shot of sending LeBron home early.

(3) Toronto Raptors over (6) Milwaukee Bucks

-Could this be the year the Greek Freak makes his statement to the league with a first-round upset? It's not an outrageous thought. The Bucks will make it interesting. But I have to go with Toronto here.

EASTERN CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS:

(1) Boston Celtics over (4)

Washington Wizards

-Expect there to be some pushing and shoving in this series. Somehow, a rivalry has begun with these two teams. But I expect Isaiah Thomas to rise to the occasion against a Wizards team that will do more talking than winning.

(2) Cleveland Cavaliers over (3)

Toronto Raptors

-I expect this series to be a battle. But the Cavs just have too much firepower to lose to the Raptors, especially with a potential Game 7 in Cleveland.

EASTERN CONFERENCE FINALS:

(2) Cleveland Cavaliers over (1)

Boston Celtics

-I hope I'm wrong. But again, I can't put my money against Cleveland. The C's will prove they are close, but not close enough.

WESTERN CONFERENCE QUARTERFINALS:

(1) Golden State Warriors over (8)

Portland Trailblazers

-Kevin Durant is back. That's all you really need to know.

(4) Los Angeles Clippers over (5) Utah Jazz

-I think the Clippers are overrated every year. So I certainly don't expect them to make a deep playoff run. But they have enough star power to beat the Jazz.

(2) San Antonio Spurs over (7) Memphis Grizzlies

-Death, taxes, and the Spurs handling their business in a professional matter in the playoffs. No way San Antonio loses to Memphis.

(6) Oklahoma City Thunder over (3) Houston Rockets

-Russell Westbrook is playing out of his mind. He's on a mission to prove that he doesn't need Durant to win. That doesn't mean he's right. But I definitely think he can carry his team to at least a first-round series win.

WESTERN CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS:

(1) Golden State Warriors over (4) Los Angeles Clippers

-The Clippers will have the attention of NBA analysts as an "upset" pick. But that's just too foolish for me to do. Golden State in 5.

(2) San Antonio Spurs over (6) Oklahoma City Thunder

-There's only so much that Westbrook can do on his own. He will not be able to beat the Spurs here. This is the moment when even he'll realize he misses Durant.

WESTERN CONFERENCE FINALS

(1) Golden State Warriors over (2) San Antonio Spurs

-The Warriors will be on a mission, and basically unbeatable by this point. Sorry, San Antonio. ALS Golden State Warriors over Cleveland Cavaliers

-Revenge will be sweet for Golden State. They'll win it in Cleveland. Congrats to the Warriors, on the most predictable championship of all time.

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