



## Opposition To Edison Plant Proposal Mounts

This past Monday at the South Boston Branch Library, the Impact Advisory Group (IAG) formed by the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) met in public to discuss its activities relative to the development proposal made for the Edison Power Plant by RedGate/Hilco, the developers. It was hosted by BPDA.

This is the latest in a sequence of meetings that were held by the BPDA and the Coastal Zone Management Agency and reported on in this newspaper over the last few weeks. Each week, as residents become more familiar with the scope of the development being proposed, opposition has grown and residents have questioned the process that

has the BPDA attempting to set the pace. However, 4 separate state approvals are needed before the City and BPDA can make a determination. At this stage, the negotiation of community benefits is considered premature. In other words, the proverbial ‘Cart Before The Horse’.



Indeed, the Executive Office of

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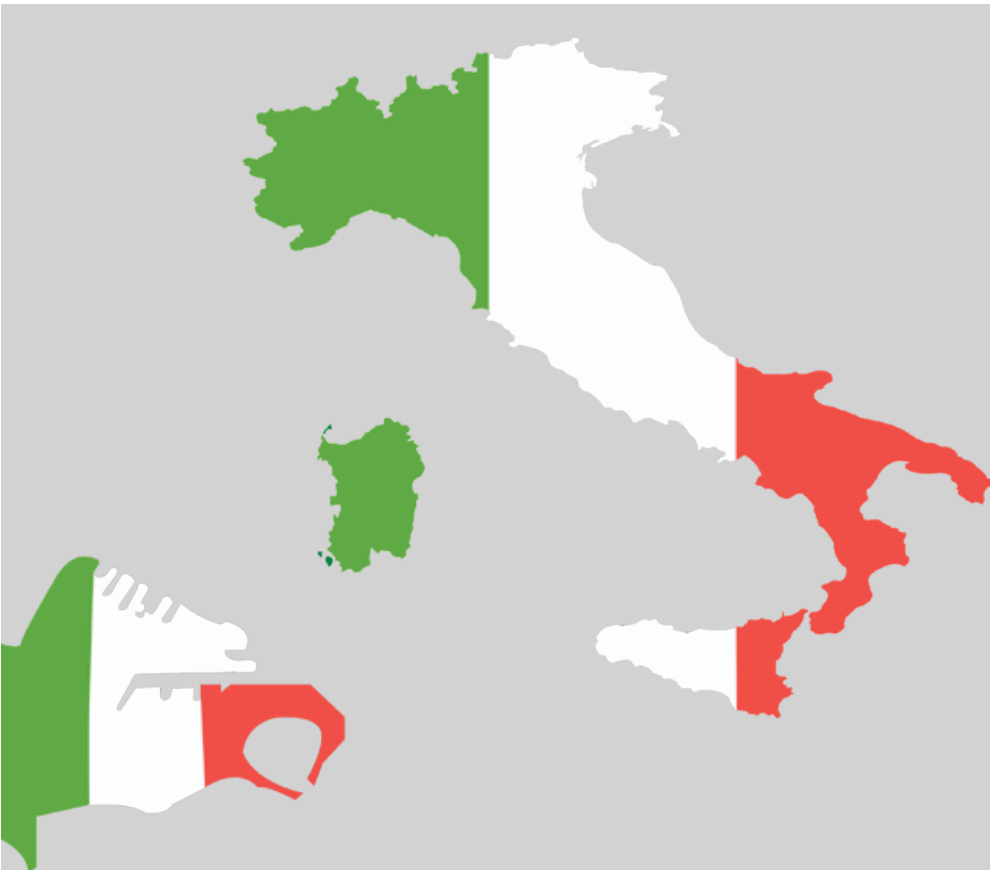
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# EDITORIAL

## *South Boston Activism Seems to be Back in Style*

This is a neighborhood steeped in tradition. Among those traditions are residents seldom being shy about expressing their opinions on most every topic and issue and never being afraid to fight for what's good for the community and fight against what they believe might be detrimental. After somewhat of a lull in activism over the last decade, there seems to be a new willingness for concerned residents, alarmed at what they view as this town being

steam rolled over by powerful forces hell bent on doing what they want, whenever they want, while often giving just lip service to input from local people, to once again get involved.

Rather than just a handful of people showing up for meetings as of late and demanding they be given a say about South Boston's future, now there are sometimes hundreds that turn out. And the folks showing up come prepared. They've studied the proposals. They know the law and the zon-

ing codes pertaining to various construction projects. Whether it's a meeting with the MBTA regarding the location of a new track and route, the proposed building of 1500 additional units of luxury housing at the site of the old Edison plant or plans to tear down long standing stately homes that give that unique character to South Boston streets, residents are once again coming out in force and speaking up and demanding a say in what happens in their community. 'Excellent'.



*"Now that I'm a parent, I understand why my Father was in a bad mood a lot" - Adam Sandler*



### *Letter to Editor*

I am writing to voice my support for Ed Flynn's candidacy for District City Council. Raising a family in South Boston, I know how important it is to have great public schools. Ed Flynn understands this, and he has been a tireless advocate for public education, after school programming, and our local youth sports leagues. As a BPS parent, Ed knows what's at stake for our children.

I also appreciate Ed's continued commitment to our community. He is selfless in his volunteerism and dedication to the neighborhood, and I know that he will continue to do so on the City Council.

Ed Flynn has earned my vote for City Council, and I hope he will earn yours as well!

**Donna Rans**  
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## *It's Now Official, No Sales Tax Holiday. Surprised?*

**SOUTH BOSTON TODAY**  
John Ciccone

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**I**t was last Friday that the recent legislative session on Beacon Hill came to a close. The Massachusetts state pols went on their summer break without voting on whether or not to have the annual sales tax holiday weekend like we had for 11 of the past 13 years. There wasn't one last year either. Since they didn't take action or hold a vote on it, as most know, the issue dies for this year. Now, there are at least two possibilities why they chose this course of (no)action:

A: They were just so busy they didn't have time to get to it or B: Those who opposed it would rather not be on record for voting it down. If you had to guess which one it was, A or B, what would you pick?

For those who may not be familiar with the August sales tax holiday, in a nut shell, for one weekend and one weekend only, items purchased do not have the Massachusetts 6.5% sales tax added to the price.

Shoppers and consumers loved it and retail business owners were thrilled by it. People would set aside that weekend to flood stores and businesses and get good deals on any number of items and the stores would sometimes double and triple the sales compared to weekends the rest of the year. It would also level the playing field; even if just for those two days and help the brick and mortar stores compete with the online businesses. It was a win for consumers as well as for the retailers. Everyone

was happy. Well, almost everyone.

You see, here in Massachusetts, our state legislature is dominated by liberal Democrats, who have never met a tax they didn't love and/or a tax they didn't want to raise. They can't help it. It's in their DNA. So, the thought of actually giving people a tax break, even one so brief, is enough to send some of our pols into shock, bordering on strokes, where CPR might have to be administered to revive them. The reasoning behind opposing the tax holiday they say is that Massachusetts just can't afford it. The revenue lost by having two days out of 365 sales tax-free would cause serious financial short falls and hurt the budget. Yet it's a pity that they weren't as concerned about the budget when they cleverly

shoved through the enormous pay raises they voted for themselves several months back; paid for by the taxpayers.

Taxes are a necessity, I know that. They need to be there to pay our military, police, firefighters, run the government, keep the infrastructure in good shape and so much more. But there is a difference between reasonable taxation and the 'tax the eyes out of the people at every opportunity' mentality that is so persuasive in this state and a handful of others.

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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.

### *The Scaramucci firing: The local angle*

Boston's very own John F. Kelly, the former U.S. Marine general and now chief of staff to President Trump, fired the bombastic Anthony Scaramucci on Kelly's first day at the White House and Kelly told aides he's imposing military discipline within the "free-for-all West Wing," as the NY Times reports.

The Herald's Peter Gelzinis writes that, considering Kelly's background and the loss of his son in Afghanistan, firing "a foul-mouthed pipsqueak like Anthony Scaramucci was very small potatoes indeed." The Herald's Howie Carr says the tough-talking Scaramucci simply ran into a genuinely tough guy in Kelly – and the Mooch lost. The Globe's Joan Vennoch isn't happy with all the Italian-American stereotypes swirling around Scaramucci, but she's happy the Mooch is gone. Points

well taken – though we do love hearing and saying the name "Scaramucci," sort of the way "Joey Buttafuoco" had a nice flow to it. ... Btw: Tony isn't sleeping with the fishes, despite what Harvard says, the Globe emphasizes.

### *Report: Obama and others urge Patrick to run for president in 2020*

Let's see: There's Elizabeth Warren and Seth Moulton and now ... Deval Patrick is being mentioned as the latest potential Bay State presidential candidate in 2020. Politico's Edward-Isaac Dove reports that former President Barack Obama, David Axelrod, Valerie Jarrett and other Obama insiders have nudged, talked to and/or urged the former Massachusetts governor to run for president in 2020. Patrick has not made up his mind, though he did agree to an interview whose topic he must have

known about in advance. So, yes, he's thinking about it, as he has in the past, though we thought he had dropped the idea a while back.

### *Arroyo put on paid leave amid internal City Hall investigation*

With the mayoral primary just around the corner, Mayor Marty Walsh is dealing with yet another embarrassing controversy involving one of his top city managers, this time Felix G. Arroyo, the city's chief of human services, who's now been placed on paid administrative leave during an internal investigation into unspecified charges, reports the Globe's Meghan Irons. Putting someone on paid leave is sort of the political equivalent of going on Defcon 4, perhaps Defcon 3.

### *DraftKings fuming over 'gambling' designation*

DraftKings, Boston's very own sports fantasy company, is railing against a state commission's recommendation yesterday that it be designated as a gambling operation, reports David Harris at the BBJ. It's only a recommendation, but it's definitely the last thing DraftKings needs as it fends off legal assaults across the country about its game-vs-gaming status.

### *Warren takes a victory lap over health-care bill defeat*

So what was Elizabeth Warren doing yesterday as Geoff Diehl prepared to announce today that she's challenging her in next year's U.S. Senate race? She was taking a local "victory lap" after the Senate's recent defeat of GOP efforts to repeal ObamaCare, reports Claire Parker at the Globe. Meanwhile, Victoria Reggie Kennedy, the widow of the late U.S. Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, says it's actually possible for partisan factions in Washington to work together on health care and other issues. She explains how in a Globe op-ed.

### *More progressive ballot questions: Minimum wage and paid-leave*

With polls showing strong support for next year's statewide "millionaire's

tax" referendum, a union-backed group is now pushing for yet more progressive initiatives on the 2018 ballot:

An increase of the minimum wage to \$15 an hour and new paid-leave for employees. The BBJ's Greg Ryan has more on the wage/leave ballot push. Needless to say, 2018 could be a banner year for progressives, assuming all the measures get on the ballot and pass.

### *Church of Scientology sells off landmark Hotel Alexandria to local real estate firm*

Yes, it's the church of Tom Cruise. From the BBJ's Catherine Carlock: "A Cambridge-based property-management firm has agreed to purchase the Hotel Alexandria, a landmark dating back to 1875, from the Church of Scientology Boston for an undisclosed price."

### *Healey collects additional \$1.1 million from T parking lot operator*

From Commonwealth's Bruce Mohl, who's been all over this story: "Attorney General Maura Healey's office reached a settlement on Monday with the MBTA's former parking lot operator, requiring LAZ Parking to pay the state \$1.1 million to resolve allegations that its failure to monitor 13 lots caused significant revenue losses. ... The agreement with Healey's office comes on the heels of a separate \$4.5 million settlement between LAZ Parking and the MBTA." The settlements are tied to allegations of previous widespread theft at T parking lots.

### *Psst. Don't tell the NRA, but 'Brutalism' is back*

The Globe's Renée Roth was wondering yesterday why the heck the NRA and others on the alt-right are now politically obsessed with modern architecture. By pure coincidence, Greg Cook at WBUR reported yesterday on how the authors of "Heroic: Concrete Architecture and the New Boston," now have a handy new "Brutalist Boston Map," showing tourists and the architecture-minded where they can find the city's lovely array of all-concrete buildings. The NRA must see a connect-the-dots conspiracy here somewhere.

### *Dukakis—and a possible rail link—draw a crowd in Salem*

North Shore residents packed a room at Salem City Hall to hear former Gov. Michael Dukakis moderate a forum

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# Boston Fishing Industry Recognized With Historic Designation

**T**he Boston Fish Pier, a centerpiece of Marine Commerce for over a century has been officially designated as a National Historic Place. “This is great news for the South Boston Waterfront, ensuring that we will always honor the maritime industries that helped build it.” Stated Rep. Nick Collins, who led the effort for designation. Collins noted that the successful designation was due, in no small measure to the efforts of his South Boston elected colleagues, Professor and South Boston resident Robert Allison of the South Boston Historical Society, and especially, Secretary of State William F. Galvin and the staff of the Massachusetts Historical Commission.

The National Register of Historic Places is the official list of the Nation’s historic places worthy of preservation. Authorized by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, the National Park Service’s National Register of Historic Places is part of a national program to coordinate and support public and private efforts to identify, evaluate, and protect America’s historic and archeological resources.

The 120,000-square-foot complex on the South Boston waterfront opened in 1914 and was the nation’s leading fishing port. The Massachusetts Historical Commission had nominated the Boston Fish Pier for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places. Secretary of

State William Galvin said that the designation will raise awareness of the historical importance of the facility. It is operated by MassPort and supports more than 3,000 jobs and is home to three restaurants. The tenants there have leases through 2029.

The South Boston waterfront has undergone dramatic growth and change over the last decade or so. Fancy restaurants, luxury apartments, and glass-walled office towers are springing up where warehouses, dingy seafood joints and pot-holed parking lots existed. The Boston Fish Pier has survived that change and for good reason. For more than a century, the wharf served as the epicenter of Boston’s seafood industry. While the daily catch of cod and haddock, un-

loaded from the boats docked there has diminished, the Pier remains active with 23 tenants including seafood processors and dealers.

South Boston’s elected officials made the initial request over a year ago, citing concerns for the Pier’s future. The result of the designation adds a new level of review for any future exterior changes at the pier, which today includes about 220,000 square feet of building space, spread among three structures.

Rep. Collins stated that it also opens the door for tax credits and preservation funds for capital reinvestment in the Pier. Kudos to all involved that made sure this important piece of the waterfront’s history endures. Mission Accomplished!

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gram they dream up. Tax payers are also smart enough to know that there is a lot of waste in government that should be eliminated before any talk of hiking or adding new taxes. The odds are that there is not a Massachusetts state agency or a state run program that could not be run and operated more efficiently. It would be interesting to find out how many millions of dollars in taxpayer money could be saved if there was a real and legitimate attempt at eliminating the waste.

Our neighbors to the north in New Hampshire where there is NO sales tax or even an income tax - and they do just fine up there

- used to make fun of Massachusetts each year when our 2-day sales tax holiday was announced. In fact, in many rest areas along Routes 93 and 95 and in other state buildings there, they would put up signs which read “Massachusetts 2 – New Hampshire 365”, referring to just 2 days without a sales tax down here, while every day in their state was tax free. I’m guessing they’ll change those signs this year to read ‘New Hampshire 365 – Massachusetts 0’. Can’t really blame them for doing all they can to attract shoppers from the Bay State to make all their purchases in the Granite State, which helps their economy and hurts ours or for having a bit of fun at our expense with those signs.

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It's a variety that you might not have seen too often in your favorite wine store and even less on many restaurant or wine bar menus, but the next time you are looking for something, ask about Chenin Blanc. There's actually a lot to this little-known wine variety.

About this time of year in the Loire Valley, where many of France's most beautiful chateaux are located, the days are warm and breezy and the evenings are cool and dry. Just the kind of weather for a lighter, refreshing glass of local white wine.

In the Touraine appellation or, "district" of the Loire Valley, the Chainier family has been making wine for generations and one of their favorites is Clos du Gaimont. The 2015 Clos du Gaimont Vouvray, (\$19.99), a Chenin Blanc from Vouvray, is really nice. Floral notes, with scents of roses and woodland spice mingle with a honey, nutty finish. Have this one with some fresh fruit and cheese on the patio and you won't want to get up! It's also a natural with duck confit or braised Cornish Hen.

Moving up a notch, for those times when you'd like a little sparkle in your glass, but don't want to spend a ton, look for Marquis de la Tour Brut, NV, (\$13.99), from Remy Pannier, the largest wine maker in the Loire Valley. It's got a great "sparkle" to it, as well as a light, melon fruit mouthfeel-perfect with a plate of braised scallops on an

early Friday evening after a crazy week.

It's likely that if you ask your local wine store what they have in Chenin Blanc, you'll be directed to the South Africa section; their Chenins present very differently. A good example is Bellingham Citrus Grove Chenin Blanc 2015, (\$15.99). Located in South Africa's beautiful Franschhoek (Franshoek) Valley where wine has been made since the late 1600's, this Chenin Blanc is the Standard for the South African version-vibrant gold with bright green glimmers packed with punchy citrus aromas of orange, tangerine, and a tropical twist of honey melon and pineapple. On the palate is a fresh surge of key lime and Clementine flavors brushed with minerality on the zesty, mouthwatering finish. Vive la difference! You could have this with Ginger/Soy/Cayenne-rubbed, grilled Pork loin and summer vegetables.

Located in South Africa's Western Cape region, a stone's throw from Cape town itself, Graham Beck Game Reserve Chenin Blanc 2015, (\$16.99), is grown in one of four properties owned by Beck, who started making wine from his first re-claimed property in 1983. This wine is also very different from its French forebears-with delightful aromas of sweet juicy melon, pear drop and fragrant grapefruit. On the palate expect rich rewarding flavors of ripe tropical fruit and luscious citrus. Aromatic, fruity and well rounded – an elegant wine with a soft silky texture and vibrant, fresh finish. A really fantastic pairing for white pasta with clam sauce or shrimp scampi, to name just a few.

So, the next time you're in the mood for something new and delicious, ask your wine retailer or the staff at your favorite restaurant what they have in Chenin Blanc- you won't be disappointed and I guaranty you that that your first glass definitely won't be your last.

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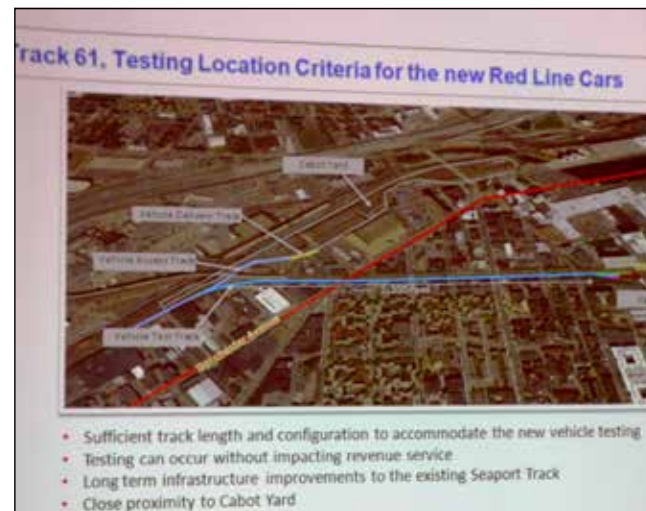
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## MBTA Track 61 Plan Has Area Residents Up In Arms

On Thursday July 27th at the Condon School, the T addressed the impacts of its proposal to begin work on a piece of South Boston track that will be used for testing the new Red Line cars, beginning in 2019. As a critical step in the delivery and acceptance process, the track will be used to test the new cars after they come from the production facility in Springfield.

After the cars are fully tested and approved by an MBTA engineering team, the new Red Line trains will start serving customers on the T's busiest subway line.

Area residents around B Street, including commercial property owners, all of whom are adjacent to the rail spur, and others purchased their properties when there was no activity along that rail and no need

foreseen. In addition to the inherent concerns by immediate abutters over vibrations, dust, construction noise, and hours of operation as well as general environmental impacts on the Flaherty Park patrons question the MBTA's stated use of 2010 census data to calculate the residency growth that form the basis for their plans.

Being situated at the border of the

Waterfront and South Boston Proper, residents there are now seeing the impact of all the development, commercial and residential, that the rest of the neighborhood has been living with.

The T is expected to have further meetings and South Boston Today will keep the community up to date and be as informative as possible, so as to keep the MBTA accountable to the area residents



## Boston Harbor Dredging Project A Big Win For Port Commerce And Jobs

The funding for the Boston Harbor Federal Deep Draft Navigation Improvement Project to deepen the Harbor's main navigation channels will come in WRRDA reauthorization, legislation that will authorize the dredging project and other water projects throughout the country.

According to Massport, dredging Boston Harbor will help double the number of containers on ships coming into Boston. The Army Corps projects that for every dollar spent on construction, there will be nearly nine dollars returned in increased economic activity – resulting in a \$2.7 billion economic benefit for

the entire New England region.

In November 2013, the entire Massachusetts delegation wrote to WRRDA committee leadership strongly supporting inclusion of the project in final legislation. "Boston Harbor is an economic anchor for the entire New England region, and this investment will help ensure its future as a port of world-class distinction," said MA Senator Edward J. Markey. "Improving the harbor to accommodate more and larger ships will bring more jobs, more investment and more economic activity to the harbor, extending Boston's position as a shining city upon a hill as well as the shore."

"I commend the Environment and Public Works Committee for including this critical funding in the WRRDA," said Massachusetts Senator Elizabeth Warren. "This kind of federal investment helps strengthen our economy in Boston and throughout the Commonwealth." Boston Mayor Martin J. Walsh commented: "This is another step towards strengthening Boston's role as a world-class city, with a world-class port at its hub."

This is big news and communication from Mass-Port to the citizens of South Boston is critical as the expansion develops. South Boston Today will follow these developments.





### Opposition To Edison Plant

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Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA)), Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC), Coastal Zone Management (CZM), Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and MassPort are all undertaking their own reviews of the development proposal submitted by Redgate/Hilco Partners and require relief or approval.

In fact, a 2-page detailed letter from Secretary of Energy and Environment Matthew Beaton dated July 14 has directed the developers to essentially go back to the drawing board, as it relates to 'alternative options' for the re-use of the site. In

addition, the necessary Environment Impact Report (EIR) has been put on hold pending the review of the DPA by Coastal Zone Management. The MA Historical Commission in its letter to the State has deemed that the proposal is inadequate and has requested more information.

There is also some confusion as to the connection among the various agencies, their jurisdiction and the scope of each agency's oversight and responsibility. Based on statements made at the meeting, there were conflicting representations made by IAG member Joanne McDevitt and Redgate partner Greg Bialecki, a former Deval Patrick Administration official, as to the

percentage of the 15.2-acre waterfront site that fell within the DPA zone. The confusion had to do with the further delineation relative to Chapter 91 referenced above. The resultant admission is that the development site is entirely within the DPA zone, and one-third of it within the Ch. 91 zone.

One City Point resident and IAG member David Biele, who attended the meeting pointed out, "the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) may be premature and inappropriate in its role of mitigation arbiter". The point was that since there are several state and federal agencies reviewing the impact of this development on an ongoing basis, neither

the BPDA nor the developer is at the stage where mitigation is warranted.

Five State agencies versus one City agency seems to weigh heavily toward the Commonwealth's jurisdiction as this development unfolds. That means Gov. Charlie Baker and his administration. Consequently, it appears that other than a wish list of possibilities, community benefits opportunities or options should not be 'in play' at this time, if the process is properly followed.

Nonetheless, this Friday, August 4 is the final date for public comment. The contact for the City of Boston Planning and Development Agency is tim.czerwinski@boston.gov. Be sure to email him with your comments.



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9 West Broadway UNIT 500 Condo	\$800,000	6/5/17	3	1.5	1003
141 Dorchester Ave UNIT 216 Condo	\$780,000	6/5/17	3	1	1103
671 East Fifth St UNIT 1 Condo	\$750,500	6/6/17	4	2.5	1132
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728 East Eighth St UNIT 1 Condo	\$620,475	6/6/17	4	2	1099
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71 Willow Court UNIT F6 Condo	\$525,000	6/5/17	5	1	836
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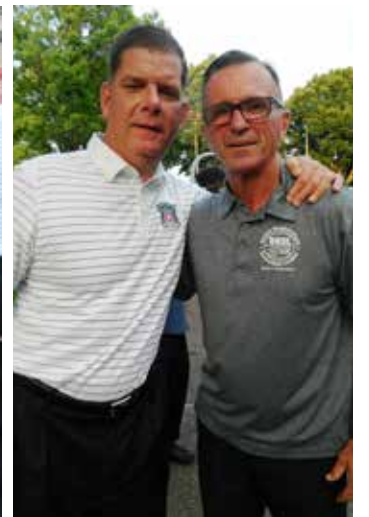
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## National Night Out: A Celebration of Community Once Again

The City of Boston's "National Night Out" is more than an award ceremony. It is an opportunity to combine a formal ceremony with the kind of community camaraderie that should and does exist between and among all of those who make South Boston a wonderful place to live. Indeed, a special award ceremony was held Tuesday night at the William McDonough Bathhouse at Moakley Park. It was not lost on those in attendance that the success of Boston's Community Policing is a national model. Respect is the operative word as South Bostonians work with our police, not against them.

The importance of the event was underscored by those who made it a point to be there. This includ-

ed: Mayor Marty Walsh, Police Commissioner Bill Evans, District Attorney Dan Conley, Sheriff Steve Tompkins, City Councilors Annisssa Essaibi-George, Councilor Michael Flaherty, Councilor Ayanna Pressley, Boston Police Brass, including one of our favorites, Superintendent William Gross, Transit Police and Station 6 Captain Joseph Boyle with his team, District Two City Councilor candidates Ed Flynn and Mike Kelley and so many other representatives and department heads from the City of Boston.. There was even a contingent from the United States Coast Guard. Everyone arrived to applaud the night's recipients.

From our community were Linda Zablocki and Patty McCormack receiving community service

awards as part of the Andrew Square Civic Association. Proudly receiving a very well deserved community service award for action taken were Odelis Tejeda, Special Police Officer at South Bay Mall Security, Yeelay Tarkpor and Donald Pinckney, both Home Depot employees. all of whom were honored for their hard work and accomplishments in making South Boston a wonderful place to live and the passion they have always shown in helping their neighbors.

National Night Out is a nationwide event and is held in cities and neighborhoods in all 50 states. It has as its goal to promote good relations and collaboration between police and residents in an effort to increase understanding,





which will lead to safety for all. In Boston, residents of each neighborhood in the city played host for it and Mayor Marty Walsh made it a point to show up at each and every one of them. He partnered with local police districts and residents to show how they could get to know each other. At every stop, there was food, drink, entertainment and awards presented to neighborhood heroes.

Boston Police Commissioner William Evans seemed quite pleased at how the event was going and said the following: “The Boston Police Department prides itself on not only keeping our neighborhoods safe, but also in our work to get out in the community, build trust and work with our youth and establish partnerships.” Evans went on to say “It’s amazing what a burger and a conversation between a resident and a police officer

can do. These positive relationships with our residents are critical to reducing violence on the streets, and one of the best parts of our job is coming to events like National Night Out and connecting with our communities and our neighbors.”

And so it went on Tuesday at Moakley Park for National Night Out in Southie. There were neighbors of all ages relating to and socializing with law enforcement in

the most positive of ways and truly enjoying each other’s company. It serves to strengthen a bond that will benefit everyone and work wonders to protect the public safety. The food was delicious, the soft drinks were refreshing, the ice cream was in big demand on a warm summer’s evening and best of all, an increased understanding and willingness to work together among police and civilians was strengthened even more.



## ‘Old Ironsides’ Tours Could Resume in September

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY - By Staff

As South Bostonians and Bostonians in general, we’ve always been proud of the fact that the oldest commissioned warship still afloat is based right here in our midst. The USS Constitution, this proud and beautiful vessel steeped in glorious American history has been a tourist attraction in what seems like an eternity and never ceases to impress; whether it’s a first visit or one of many. Well, as we’re sure you’ve all heard, Old Ironsides is back! Back from a two-year absence as it went into dry dock in May of 2015 and back with a \$12 million restoration.

Built in 1797, Old Ironsides saw action in the war of 1812 against the British. She got her nickname because of her tough construction which amazingly was able to withstand the pounding of many cannonball hits from the ‘Royal Navy’s guns and still fight on and winning the day.

Though the ship is back afloat, visits to the ship itself are expected to start up again sometime in September while the finishing touches are made for the completion. But, you can still view it from the outside and US Navy personnel assigned to the vessel will be available to provide information and interpretive services to the public.

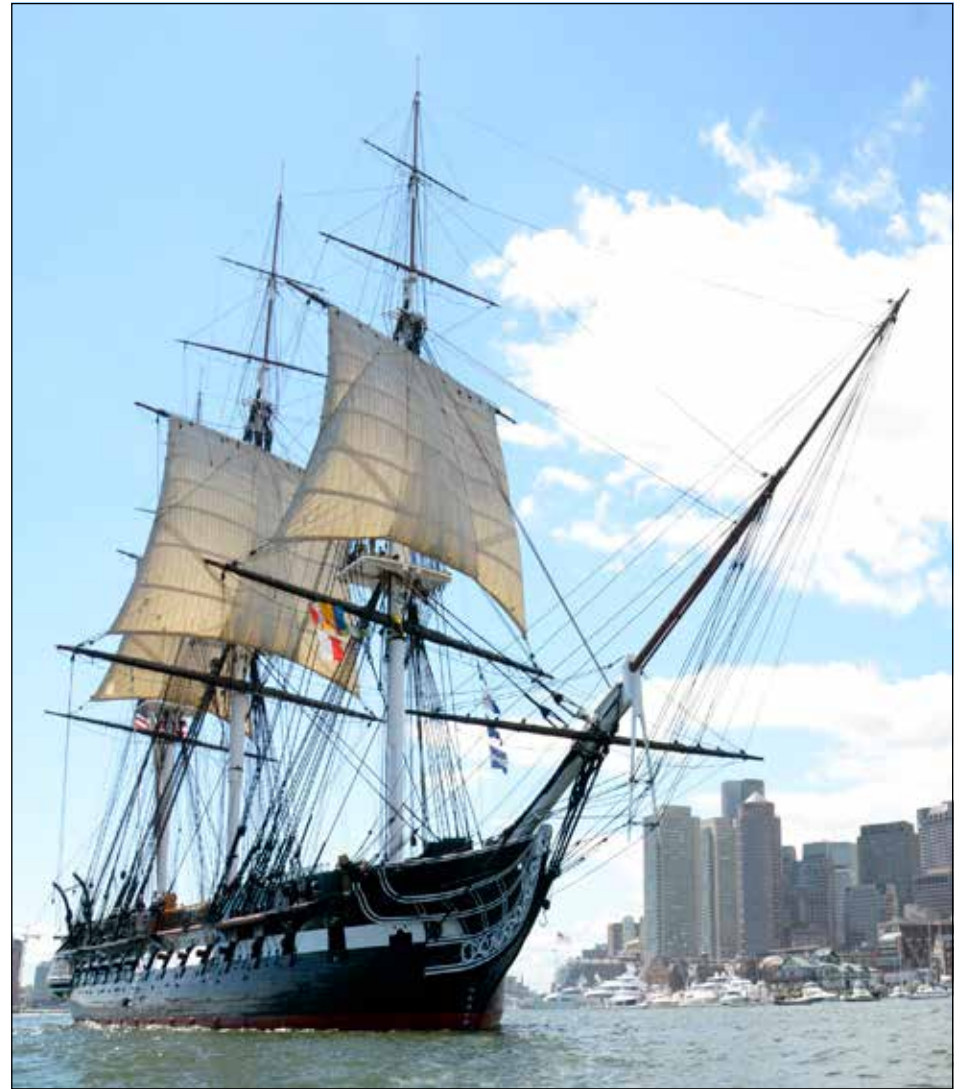
So, what was done to the ship in her two-year absence? Plenty. It

has a new copper clad keel, a new stern, repaired wooden planks, new gun deck waterways, new window panes, new rigging and restored gun carriages and quite a bit more. Its hull is still sturdy oak and as strong as ever.

Late last week, the dry dock at the Charlestown Navy Yard was refilled with water to raise the ship up and put her back afloat for the final stages of the restoration. For those who might feel that all the updates and restoration might take some of the original character away from her, don’t worry, great care was taken to make sure that none of that character will be missing. It’s said by those who’ve studied the history of the ship that if the original captains and crew were to come forward in time to view her, they would find Old Ironsides to look and feel exactly like they remembered her. The repairs are that perfect. Making it so was a priority during the entire process of restoration.

“She is the most valuable piece of American military history” stated Retired United States Army Colonel David Fitz-Enz.

If you have never made a visit to The USS Constitution/ Old Ironsides it’s definitely worth a trip. The whole family will be impressed. A visit to this magnificent vessel has the effect of transporting people back to a bygone era when our country was in its infancy and sailing ships like this were the



backbone of defending America’s newfound independence. You can see the rigging and the rope lines where well trained crew members, some of the finest sailors in the world made manning a ship like this look easy, which it was anything but. You’ll almost be able to hear the commands being called back and forth from one end to the other and perhaps imagine the wind lift the sails that propelled them out to see and even into battle.

America’s history is a proud and wonderful thing. And we can all

learn from it by reading text books and adventure novels based on actual events. But a visit to the USS Constitution gives people a chance to see, smell, touch and marvel at an actual piece of that history, a craft that was actually there, hundreds of years ago. It’s something well worth experiencing at least once in your life.

The odds are, once you do visit, you’ll want to return. Why not make plans to do just that this September, when Old Ironsides will once again be open to the public.

## Chuck Dhimitri Fundraiser To Benefit Southie Club

For over 70 years the South Boston Boys & Girls Club has been a staple in the community providing children with a positive environment wherein they can safely play, interact and socialize. The Club has cared for and guided inner-city youth, teaching its members important life skills so they can develop into happy and productive citizens. The Club is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization.

One alumnus has decided to use his 60th birthday as a way to give back to the South Boston Boys & Girls Club. Chuck Dhimitri is a South Boston native and in addition to being a loving husband and devoted father he is also a man who cares deeply about the community he grew up in. That is why on September 8, 2017, at Coppersmith at 40 West 3rd Street in South Boston, he will be hosting a Birthday Fun-

draiser from 5:00 – 9:00 p.m., all the proceeds of which will be going the Club directly in order to help support a variety of new and future programs. This type of selflessness is not new to Mr. Dhimitri; he served on staff at the club for over 30 years! From cooking to bus driving, from coaching to refereeing, Mr. Dhimitri has just about done it all to help provide our members, with the same inspiration and experi-

ence he benefitted from through the Boys & Girls Club.

There can be no greater investment than our children. We ask at this time that you be willing to join us in making this a successful event. Mr. Dhimitri hopes you will be able to make a donation of goods or services that you see fit so that they may be utilized as auction items at the event in order to further assist in our fundraising efforts.



# FLYNN RELEASES PLAN TO REOPEN LONG ISLAND TREATMENT FACILITY

**E**d Flynn, candidate for Boston City Council District 2 has released a plan to reopen the Long Island treatment facility that was closed in 2014. Flynn, who works as a probation officer has made investing in recovery programming a cornerstone of his campaign for City Council.

Though the Walsh Administration has nearly replaced all of the services that were available on Long Island, more needs to be done to take on this growing epidemic. Flynn's plan details use of linkage funds from development, CPA resources, and public-private-non-profit partnerships to fund recovery services and patient transportation.

Flynn said, "Combating addiction and supporting those in recovery is critical to saving lives and making our city a safer and healthier place to live and raise a family. For the past decade, I've worked closely

with residents whose lives have been ravaged by addiction, and I want to continue this advocacy as City Councilor. Re-opening Long Island is a critical piece to Boston's recovery strategy, and after meeting with numerous residents, addiction and recovery professionals, and stakeholders, we have a plan to make that happen."

Flynn's plan involves transportation by daily shuttle bus from Boston Medical Center to the Waterfront and then a ferry to Long Island. The transportation will be paid for in part by the Boston Parking Meter Fund. A portion of the City's Community Preservation Act funds will also go towards transportation.

The facilities on Long Island will be upgraded significantly before services can begin. Linkage for new developments will be used to allow the Boston Public Health Commission to float bonds to

finance the reconstruction of Long Island's facilities.

## **Transportation:**

Vans will shuttle those seeking treatment from Massachusetts Avenue to the Waterfront.

Ferries will be used to bring patients to Long Island

## **Services:**

Facilities will be upgraded to adequately serve the needs of all seeking treatment

Emergency medical care will be made available via med-flight.

## **Infrastructure:**

This plan proposes a new partnership with Boston Medical Center and the Boston Public Health Commission.

This partnership will be similar to a 1995 partnership the City of Boston undertook between the Boston Public Health Commission and the BU Medical Center. This partnership worked to deliver healthcare and

medical services to our most vulnerable residents.

Flynn will file a Home Rule Petition similar to the Boston Public Health Act of 1995.

## **Funding:**

The city will create a PILOT program similar to those used for hospitals and medical schools which currently do not pay real estate taxes in Boston.

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Transportation to and from Long Island will be partially funded by the City's Parking Meter Fund.

A shuttle service is approximately \$2-3 million annually, while the cost of a bridge would be approximately \$150 million. This plan will save tax payers money and provide a much needed service.

## **Window into the State House...** Continued from page 4

on the North-South Rail Link, Dustin Luca of the Salem News reports. Advocates are hoping to build political momentum for the project ahead of the 2018 gubernatorial election.

## **When Boston's Brahmins were push-**

## **ing their own opioid-like epidemic ... in China**

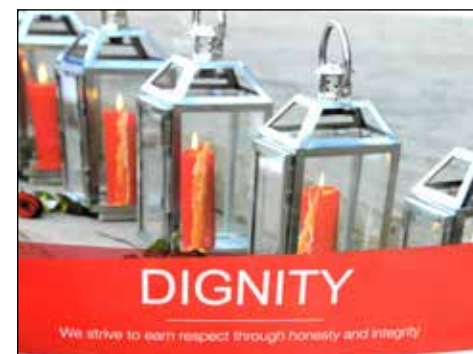
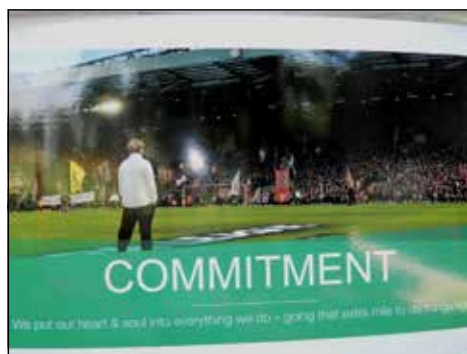
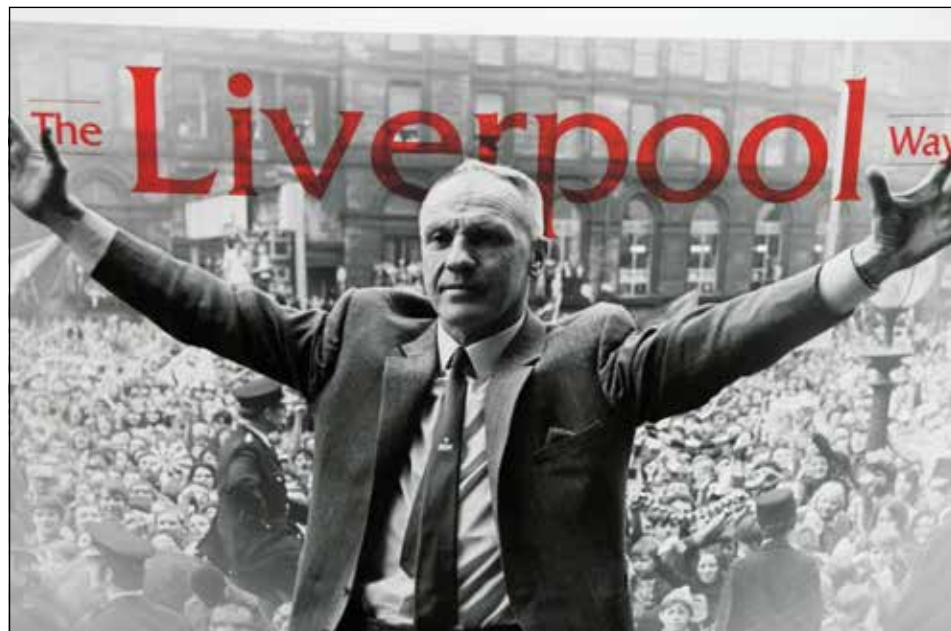
Martha Bebinger at WBUR has a terrific piece looking at Thomas Handasyd Perkins and other merchants who were peddling opium in the early 1800s in China. Bebinger: "Those who worked for Perkins and a few other firms became the city's

elite — otherwise known as Boston Brahmins. The Cabots, Cushings, Welds, Delanos (the grandfather of Franklin Delano Roosevelt) and Forbes all built fortunes on opium. 'That money changes the face of Boston and makes it possible for Boston to develop a reputation as one of the world's true civic cities,'

said Salem State University historian Dane Morrison."

Considering how some federal officials today are decrying China's ties to Mexican drug cartels peddling toxic opioids in the U.S., one can't help but think, in a sickening way: What comes around goes around.





# Liverpool Soccer Visits South Boston

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*This week, Danny shared his thoughts on some of the top stories in the sports world:*

**T**he MLB non-waiver trade deadline was this past Monday. The Red Sox acquired New York Mets righty reliever Addison Reed for three prospect pitchers the day of the deadline. The week before that, they traded for utility man Eduardo Nunez. Both important moves for the Red Sox. But they also called up 20-year-old third baseman Rafael Devers, who could make an impact down the stretch for a team that's begging for some offense. But at the end of the day, the Red Sox are only going to go as far as their starting pitching takes them. So, all eyes on Chris Sale. All eyes on David Price. All eyes on Drew Pomeranz. All eyes on Rick Porcello. You only roll four starters in the postseason, so I'll leave Eduardo Rodriguez off this list for now. But if Price's elbow can't hold up, or if Porcello can't keep the ball in the park, then perhaps Rodriguez will be back in the mix for a postseason start. But you have to get there first.

I realize that people want the David Price vs Dennis Eckers-

ley situation to go away. So do I. But Price had an opportunity to let us all do that during his media session on Saturday at Fenway, where he addressed his confrontation with Eckersley for the first time since details were released. Instead of showing remorse, he defended himself, claiming that Eckersley has been less critical of the team during NESN broadcasts since the confrontation. It was one of the most insane responses to such a stupid situation that I've ever seen. And as a fan, his response pisses me off. He's claiming victory in his rebellion against the media, when all we really want him to do is go out there and pitch. And if he's criticized, or his teammates are having a hard time dealing with criticism, we want Price to be the guy who tells everyone to do their job and ignore the noise. That's part of the job description when you make \$31 million a year. You're not just paid to be a great pitcher. You're also paid to be a great leader. If you listen to Price on Saturday and think that's good leadership,

then you're just as lost as him.

Following Jon "Bones" Jones' championship win on Saturday night, the talk of the town in UFC is a super fight between Jones and Brock Lesnar, who currently holds the WWE Universal Championship. Where there's smoke, there's fire, because the latest storyline in the WWE is that if Lesnar loses the championship at SummerSlam later this month, he will leave the WWE. This announcement came on Monday Night Raw, just two days after Jones called out Lesnar, which began the speculation of a possible super fight. I think it's safe to say that it will happen. As for when Jones vs Lesnar will take place, the exact date remains to be seen. But UFC would be crazy not to try and get a super fight of their own, now that they've lost Conor McGregor to the ring in a dream bout with Floyd Mayweather. Sure, McGregor is still considered an MMA fighter, but Mayweather vs McGregor is a boxing match, not a UFC battle in the octagon. UFC

wants a dream fight of their own. Perhaps they have it with Jones and Lesnar.

Football is right around the corner. Training camp has begun. Preseason begins next week. The latest out of Foxboro is that Rob Ninkovich has retired. I could tell you about his PED suspension last year, or how Bill Belichick was probably the one to make the decision for him, but I'd rather just remember Ninkovich for what he was: a champion linebacker/defensive end who always had a nose for the ball. Ninkovich will be replaced. And the Patriots probably won't miss a beat in his absence. But that's not to say he wasn't a crucial part of the Patriots' defense. He was. And how they replace him will say more about the organization than it does the player. Ninkovich was a difference-maker. And he should be remembered as such.

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