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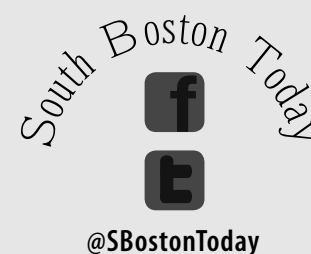
From 1993 to 2014, under the late Mayor Thomas Menino, real estate development was conducted at a pace to rival any era of the growth of the City of Boston since its incorporation. During his tenure, his grip on the Boston Redevelopment Authority and his influence on the planning and even the design of commercial and residential towers was and remains legendary, as it was chronicled often over those twenty years.

Whether on the South Boston Waterfront or in South Boston proper (so-called), it was no secret that South Boston real estate development accounted for a majority of the projects that were being permitted. In nearly every case, the residents, who were directly affected by a specific development, as well as civic organizations that were attempting to slow the pace down in their respective neighborhoods, received the proverbial deaf ear from City Hall. This publication reported on this matter as often as it believed it should. Despite the

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# EDITORIAL

## Keeping Streets Safe for All

The approach of Halloween is a good time to ponder what we still have here in our community. We can look at other parts of the city and even in suburban areas and see that the tradition of 'Trick or Treating' has been curtailed in some of them, and all but eliminated in some others because of safety concerns. Frankly, this has come about because streets in far too many places are no longer considered

welcoming after dark and haven't been for many years.

Here in South Boston, there are activities set up by hard working and civic minded adults; members of neighborhood groups like the Castle Island Association, the Chamber of Commerce and the Neighborhood Development Corporation who make an effort each year to provide creative and exciting events so that local children can celebrate

Halloween in safety under caring and protective eyes. And yet, the long-established tradition of Trick or Treating still goes on as hundreds of families walk the streets and knock on doors in search of those enticing sweets.

The fact that these types of activities can still take place in our town, because our streets are safer than in so many other places, is something to be proud of and to work hard to protect.



*"The comforting news for Americans is that our men and women in uniform, and every Marine, is as good today as any in our history" – General John F. Kelly*



## Letter to the Editor

Dear Neighbor,

I am writing in support of Ed Flynn in the election for Boston City Council on Tuesday, November 7th. Ed is someone whom I have known to be deeply involved in this community; whether it be coaching youth sports, supporting many South Boston charities and causes, or being there for people in their time of need. Ed is also not afraid to stand up for working families across the district.

During the Tufts Nurses strike, Ed walked the picket line in solidarity with us every day to show his support and firm belief in collective bargaining and safe patient conditions. He also served our country in the US Navy for 25 years and knows what it means to work hard, sacrifice and serve others.

As our next Boston City Councilor, I know Ed Flynn will continue to be there for us and serve our neighborhood. Please join me in voting for Ed Flynn on Tuesday, November 7th.

Sincerely, Flo Holmes, South Boston

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## General John Kelly is Over and Above the Critics

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY  
John Ciccone

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Several times over the last few months the term 'Fake News' has been used here. I've given many examples of what many consider false and deliberately misleading media reports on the part of the press, which is something happening more often as of late. For those still not sure what Fake News is, let me give you a few more examples that came to the reading and viewing public just in the past week.

By now we've all heard about the phone call President Trump made to the grieving mother, who had just lost her son. He was a Special Forces soldier in action in Africa. The accusation was made that, when the president called the mother to offer his condolences for her loss, he used cold and callous words, and this caused even more

pain to the grieving parent.

Enter cowboy hat(s)-wearing congresswoman Frederica Wilson, an avowed Trump hater and friend to the grieving mother, who when she heard the president was going to call, hurried to the parent's home to listen in on the conversation and 'counsel' her. After the call, Congresswoman Wilson, backed by a complicit news media reported that Trump said the following during the conversation: 'Your son knew what he signed up for'. And she was correct. Trump did use those words. But here is how he used them, here is what Wilson and the press omitted: "They know the risks, he knew what he signed up for. But he/they still volunteer to put their lives on the line for their fellow Americans. We owe them

a debt that can never be repaid."

Aren't they clever how they omit what they don't want to report, so as to change the entire meaning of the statement? The mother, said to be coached by Wilson and Wilson herself, then went on a rant together claiming that "the president disrespected the fallen soldier."

Ah, but Congresswoman Wilson still wasn't done performing for the cameras. When White House Chief of Staff General John Kelly called Wilson an 'empty barrel', Wilson then accused Kelly of being a racist. Let's clarify something. The term 'empty barrel' is often used in military circles. An empty barrel makes more noise than a full barrel when banged upon because, well, it is empty. The term is similar to saying 'all smoke, no fire', 'all talk, and

no action' or all style, no substance'. But somehow, Wilson claims she looked the term up in the dictionary and found it to be racist. We're betting just about everything is racist to Congresswoman Wilson.

And now, in comes the press with its 'Fake News' again. Nowhere is the term empty barrel considered to be racist (except in the mind of Frederica Wilson) but now the press takes the ball and runs with it, agreeing that Kelly is now a racist, because he used the term and owes Wilson an apology and maybe he should even resign. Shameful MSNBC anchor Lawrence O'Donnell joined in and said that General Kelly MUST be a racist because he's white and Irish from Boston. Yes, O'Donnell said this, ignoring the fact that he too is white and Irish from Boston. Isn't

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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.

### Walsh calls for 'dedicated' tax to pay for transportation component of Amazon bid

In an interview last evening on Bloomberg Radio, Mayor Marty Walsh said he favors a "dedicated" state tax of some kind to help pay for infrastructure improvements in the city's bid for Amazon's second headquarters, according to a summary of the Bloomberg interview. "I think you have to come up with a dedicated revenue source, it has to be dedicated, and it has to be a source people are OK with," Walsh said.

We're wondering if the No Boston Olympics folks are aware of this.

### Warning shot: Hospital leaders decry 'legislative attack' on their revenues

Leaders of the state's two largest hospitals are warning lawmakers not to proceed with health-care reforms, as outlined in new Senate cost-containment package, if it leads to slashing their revenues in the name of reducing overall health-care spending, according to reports by the Globe's Priyanka Dayal McCluskey and SHNS's Katie Lannan at CommonWealth magazine. It's the first major private-sector warning shot fired across the bow of health-care reformers since the Senate bill was unveiled – and it won't be

the last shot fired, for sure.

### Warning shot, Part II: DAs blast Senate criminal-justice bill

On another Senate-reform front: For a short time there, it appeared most state prosecutors might be amenable to compromise on some key provisions within the Senate's sweeping criminal-justice reform bill. Now it looks like outright war. From the Globe's Joshua Miller: "In a blistering public rebuke, nine of Massachusetts' 11 district attorneys came out Monday against major parts of the state Senate's sweeping criminal justice bill, which is aimed at reducing the number of people caught in the

system." Josh has the details.

### Smart move: MBTA to use smart technology to speed buses and trolleys through traffic lights

The MBTA is expanding its use of new technology that allows T trolleys and buses to zip through traffic more easily, basically by turning traffic lights to green more often when buses and trolleys approach. The Globe's Adam Vaccaro and SHNS's Andy Metzler at the BBJ have more. This is most welcome. Many transportation experts firmly believe the use of smart technology on roadways can go a long way to-

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## What's With Cellular Antennas Popping Up Around Town

Social Media and residents in letters to elected officials are calling out the City about the appearance of cellular tower antenna being installed, asking about community involvement. One appeared at K and 5th streets and another near 815 East Broadway. The towers are being installed in front of homes, in some cases less than 5 feet from residents' window. One resident stated that "the companies and the City of Boston have not done their due diligence regarding the effects of the towers on the health of the community" and suggested they be to put in front of commercial properties that close early to mid-evening. It notes that there is a buzzing noise that these towers make that are very loud and disruptive.

A review of the October 19 City of Boston public hearing draft included the following petition:

On a petition by Lightower Fiber Networks for a Grant of Location, with lead company status and no participants, to install new telecommu-

nication conduit, with City shadow, within the following public ways in South Boston: (NB 10/5/2017)

- I Street – between Marine Road/Columbia Road and East Seventh Street.
- M Street – between East Eighth Street and East Broadway.
- East Broadway – between M Street and N Street.
- O Street – between East Sixth Street and East Seventh Street.
- East Seventh Street – between O Street and Columbia Road.
- East Sixth Street – between N Street and P Street.
- P Street – between East Fifth Street and East Sixth Street.
- East Fifth Street – between P Street and Farragut Road.
- Farragut Road – between East Fifth Street and East Broadway.

As shown on a set of plans entitled City of Boston Public Works Department, Engineering Division, Grant of Location Plan, Proposed Conduit Placement Plan, South Boston, 11 sheets dated August 22, 2017.



## At Large Councilor Michael Flaherty Call For Hearing On Antenna Devices



**B**oston City Councilor At-Large Michael Flaherty has called for a public hearing to discuss the siting and impacts of telecommunications-based infrastructure upgrades that are taking place across Boston. The hearing comes in response to concerns raised by constituents, from various neighborhoods, regarding the lack of awareness of the implementation of these antenna

devices (technically referred to as small cell, small wireless and distributed antenna systems), and the potential effects on quality of life.

The City of Boston has license agreements with six wireless providers that manage more than 300 small cell sites to assist with wireless telecommunications. These providers are American Tower Corporation, Crown Castle, Extenet, Lightower, Mobilitie, and Verizon. The respective contracts allow the providers to install the antenna devices on City properties - such as streetlights, utility poles, and traffic lights - along with non-City properties (subject to approval) over the course of ten years according to the Term of Agreement.

"It is understandable and reasonable that, given that we

live in a historic city which is going through an era of rapid growth and development, it is necessary that the landscape of Boston requires consistent infrastructure upgrades, including telecommunications-based infrastructure," said Boston City Councilor At-Large Michael Flaherty. "However, it is unacceptable that residents have not been made aware of the process. Further, while the Federal Communications Commission has regulations that keep an eye on the public health concerns raised by these systems, we need to keep in mind that the actual placement of these devices can still be detrimental to an individual's health and quality of life."

Boston City Councilor At-Large Michael Flaherty also noted that despite the technical name of the device, the antenna

systems are by no means "small". Residents have brought to attention the displeasing aesthetic features of the antenna devices which have appeared inches away from their windows, stating that they do not fit into the landscape of the neighborhood and are invasive.

Boston City Councilor At-Large Michael Flaherty intends to invite representatives from the City of Boston's Department of Innovation and Technology, the City of Boston's Transportation Department, the City of Boston's Public Improvement Commission, the City of Boston's Department of Public Works to the hearing which will be expeditiously scheduled. Community members are encouraged to send their concerns and suggestions to [Michael.Flaherty@Boston.gov](mailto:Michael.Flaherty@Boston.gov).

## CITY COUNCILOR ANNISSA ESSAIBI GEORGE ENDORSES ED FLYNN



**E**d Flynn, candidate for Boston City Council District 2, has been endorsed by Boston City Councilor At-Large Annissa Essaibi-George. Essaibi-George, a former

teacher and small business owner, represents each of Boston's neighborhoods on the Council and was first elected in 2015. Many know her for her work as Vice Chair of the City Council's Education Committee and from her work on addiction recovery and homelessness.

Councilor Essaibi-George said, "I'm proudly supporting Ed Flynn for Boston City Council. I've known Ed and his family for years, and I know how committed he is to each and every community in District 2. Our kids have been teammates in youth sports, and Ed and I have spent countless hours at ball fields and parks discussing how we can make Boston better for young families and seniors."

She continued, "As Boston Public Schools parents raising kids in the city, Ed and I share the same priorities - ensuring all children have access to a high quality education, keeping our streets and parks safe and clean, and ensuring that families and

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# MCCA Rolls Out South Boston Resident Parking Program at the Lot On D



The Massachusetts Convention Center Authority (MCCA) is pleased to announce the launch of the new South Boston resident parking program at the Lot On D. Beginning October 23rd, the program will offer overnight parking for up to 30 South Boston resident vehicles at \$10.00 per night or \$100.00 per month at the Authority's D Street property.

Under the new program, daily and monthly participants would be required to enter the lot no earlier than 6:00pm and exit the lot by 7:00am the next day. Any South Boston resident interested in the

promotional offer will be required to provide proof of residency through a valid photo ID and their vehicle registration. If the address on the photo ID does not accurately reflect the participants' current residency in South Boston, then a utility bill, voter registration card or certificate of residency with the valid photo ID are acceptable.

Residents looking to take advantage of this overnight parking program will be asked to register and fill out an application. Monthly overnight parkers will receive an access card that will function between 6:00pm and 7:00am. Daily overnight

parkers will receive a credential that allows them to purchase their space online on a day-to-day basis.

The Lot On D is located on D Street across from the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center in South Boston and sits adjacent to the Element and Aloft hotels. The Lot On D, managed by ProPark America, currently offers daily and monthly parking to the general public in addition to servicing both hotels and event attendees of The Lawn On D.

To learn more about the new South Boston Resident Parking Program, or to sign up, please email us at [lotond@propark.com](mailto:lotond@propark.com).

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stereotyping a whole group of people, even if you are part of that group - a form of bigotry?

How low can they go? To politicize the death of a fallen soldier reaches new depths. If this story wasn't so outrageous it would be funny. The fact that the left leaning snowflakes in the news media and a few unstable members of Congress and political activists have the nerve to attack a man like General John Kelly shows how desperate they are after last year's election. His detractors couldn't hold a candle to this man. They aren't even in Kelly's league. He is a decorated combat veteran; a US Marine who has served, and continues to serve our country with honor and courage. He has fought alongside American military personnel of every color. He is a Gold Star Father, whose own son was killed in combat defending our freedom. He is a man of impeccable character and a patriot. For Congresswoman Federica Wilson, Lawrence O'Donnell, the New York Times and others in the press and from Hollywood, who contribute little if anything to this nation and cause embarrassment and division every time they open their mouths, to attack a man like General Kelly, just confirms to the American public just how out of touch they are and how unhinged they are becoming.

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seniors can continue to afford to live in each of our neighborhoods. Ed has the experience, dedication, and vision to make a real difference for Boston, and I look forward to working with him on the City Council."

Flynn said, "It's an incredible honor to have Annissa's support. She has been a citywide leader on the real issues that impact Bostonians every day. From working to give every child in Boston a quality education to her tireless efforts to make our streets safer and healthier, she's accomplished so much for Boston's working families and seniors."

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ward reducing traffic congestion in general, not just for buses and trolleys.

## Judge who issued controversial sexual-assault sentence is charged with sexual harassment

The Berkshire Eagle's Larry Parnass was one of the first to break the news that a western Massachusetts judge who left the bench abruptly in August now stands accused of sexual harassment by a social worker once assigned to his Pittsfield courtroom. But soon after other reporters - including Patrick Johnson at MassLive and Andrea Estes at the Globe - started connecting other dots: District Court Judge Thomas H. Estes is also the same judge who last year was at the center of intense controversy over what some considered his light sentence of a star East Longmeadow high-school athlete charged with sexually assaulting two unconscious classmates.

## Elizabeth Warren's 'Me Too' moment, Part II: The 'lighthearted' side

It seems U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren had previously talked about a long-ago sexual-harassment incident she once experienced as a young professor, before she discussed the incident on Sunday on NBC's "Meet the Press." According to a Globe report by Julia Jacobs and Victoria McGrane, Warren spoke about the encounter in a "more lighthearted manner in which she described the same incident two decades after it occurred, during the memorial service for the senior University of Houston faculty member she accused of pursuing her around his office."

Our reaction: 1.) The memorial-service

remembrance confirms that a sexual-harassment incident likely did occur as she's described it, albeit in two vastly different and seeming contradictory tones. 2.) We're not buying her "power" explanation for why her tone changed over the years 3.) But we do believe a lot of people subjected to a trauma, any type of trauma, often try to dismiss it away with humor and/or by other emotional means, i.e., they engage in a form of denial. And that's our psychobabble for the day.

## Refighting the Civil War

We missed this column last week by the Globe's Alex Beam ('In defense of the Confederate Dead'), but many Globe readers didn't miss it - and some of them are unloading on Beam in letters to the editors. We like Alex, a lot, but he really stepped into it with this column. He doesn't seem to grasp that a crisis over slavery became a crisis over whether democratic government could survive after a violent faction (i.e. the South) decided it wasn't going to abide by a democratic election outcome.

## Progressives criticize Bernie for dividing progressives by endorsing progressives in overly progressive cities

Speaking of civil wars: U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders was in Somerville yesterday to endorse 18 local candidates for city-level political posts, according to a report at WBUR. But we'll leave it to Amy Saltzman at Wicked Local to explain why local progressives were not happy that one of the nation's top progressives was endorsing some local progressives over other local progressives.





## FLYNN CALLS FOR SPECIAL SERVICES DIVISION

Ed Flynn, candidate for Boston City Council District 2, has called for the creation of a Special Services Division within the City of Boston Parks Department to assist

in the disposal of needles, monitor our parks, and increase public safety for our children and families. This Special Services Division would collaborate with the Boston Police Department and the

state's Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) to ensure that the city and state are working in concert to address this public safety issue.

"Recent reports have highlighted

that our city's parks and playgrounds, which are supposed to be a safe place for our children and families, were littered with over 63,000 hypodermic needles in the month of September. The opioid epidemic has spilled over and created an additional public health crisis for our city," said Flynn. "It is my hope that the creation of this Special Services Division, specifically tasked with the monitoring of our parks and the disposal of needles, will help to solve this problem and remove this covert activity from our parks."

Flynn recognized the work of Boston City Councilor At-Large Annissa Essaibi-George in spearheading the effort to double the city's Mobile Sharps Collection Team, who are tasked with the disposing of discarded needles. This past summer, Flynn testified before the council regarding Essaibi-George's legislation on this public safety issue. "Annissa has been out front on this issue and looking out for our kids. If elected, I will work closely with her to make sure that our residents feel safe in public spaces where they live, work, and play."



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## Lack of common sense disturbing, unlawful

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY -By Kevin Devlin

It's apparent there is a certain group of local teenagers in South Boston who don't have any respect for public property and probably not for themselves for that matter. When I was at the recent rededication of the Vietnam War Memorial at the Medal of Honor Park located within M Street Park, I overheard a conversation regarding lewd drawings that had been discovered within the park on the walkways. One gentle-

man was angry that it seemed to be a growing trend to find these inappropriate drawings around this park. And just this past week, racist wording was discovered at No Man's Land behind the former South Boston High School.

When my generation grew up we showed respect for public property and didn't go around the neighborhood defacing sidewalks by engraving racist lettering such as the "n" word, or drawing inappropriate pictures such as a male's private parts, on park walkways or

sidewalks. Even considering such a nitwit deed for a fraction of a second wasn't in our wheelhouse because we knew better and knew our parents would disapprove. We had too much respect for our neighborhood, too much pride to act in a destructive, immature way.

This group of teenagers, who must be hanging around these locations during the evening hours and acting like hooligans, don't care whatsoever about the damage they cause. Public and private monies have

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## 5th Annual Blood Drive in Memory of James M, 'Jim' Kelly This Saturday

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY - By Staff

In South Boston, traditions are important and usually forever ongoing. And so too is the annual Jim Kelly Memorial Blood Drive which will mark its fifth year this Saturday, October 28th, at the South Boston Catholic Academy building on East Broadway.

South Boston Today spoke with Jim's daughter Sandra about the upcoming event. She was excited and pleased that her father's memory, which will live on, is also honored by such a wonderful humanitarian effort. Sandra, along with her brothers Jamie and Tommy are very proud at how this Blood Drive has developed since the first year. Now the whole family is involved, even Jim's grandchildren, in this worthy goal. Since the first blood drive, the effort has collected more than 150 pints of blood and American Red Cross officials say that this had the potential to save more than 460 lives.

The Blood drive will take place as it always has down stairs in the school building and will run from 9:30am till 2:30 in the afternoon. You can even call the American Red Cross in advance to make an appointment for a specific time that day which will help avoid any possible waiting. To make an appointment, you can call the American Red cross at 1-800-733-2767. There is also a website where you can get any information

about giving blood on this day or any other: [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and type in the sponsor code jkelly.

For those of you who are able to donate blood, your act of kindness will go a long way in helping to save lives and it will be done in Jim's name. But even if you are not able to donate blood, please feel free and most welcome to drop by and say 'Hi' to the Kelly family who will be happy to see Jim's old friends.

Jim Kelly spent his life working tirelessly on behalf of his friends, neighbors and constituents in his beloved community. He was always ready, willing and able to help out those who needed him. To Jimmy it wasn't a job, it was a commitment and a labor of love straight from the heart and soul. There is no doubt that from his place in Heaven, he is proud that he is remembered each year in October with such a wonderful event. As he helped so many people while he was here among us, people are still being helped in his memory. What could be better than that?

Jim Kelly will always be remembered for the fearless neighborhood champion and hero that he was. He worked tirelessly on behalf of all of his constituents in his capacity as an elected official while he was the district Boston City Councilor and City Council President and as a concerned neighbor always there to assist those in need. A blood drive in his memory is an outstanding and fitting tribute to this great man.



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# Youth Ambassadors Create an Artistic Tribute

In partnership with Medicine Wheel Productions, the Youth Ambassadors recently spent an evening creating painted panels which will be combined with hundreds of other panels to form a mural dedicated to raise awareness of AIDS, to remember people who have died and to inspire positive acts.

The mural will be displayed for 24 hours during Medicine Wheel's Annual Day Without Art event on December 1st at the Cyclorama – Boston Center for the Arts. The Annual "Day Without Art" began on December 1, 1989 as the national day of action and mourning in response to the AIDS crisis.

As part of their initiative to become

involved in the community and help others, Youth Ambassadors welcomed the opportunity to learn about the history of a Day Without Art from Medicine Wheel Production's Founder Michael Dowling. The colorful panels the teens created represent their commitment to remember those that have died or are suffering from the devastating

effects of AIDS/HIV.

The Youth Ambassadors Program is based at the South Boston Community Health Center and provides South Boston teens with opportunities to engage in community service projects, teen health initiatives and other activities designed to promote a healthy and prosperous future.



*Condon Community Center Council's*

## Condon Friendship Fundraiser

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## Condon Friendship Fundraiser Wednesday, Nov 1st

Next Wednesday, November 1st from 5-8pm, the PubliCo Restaurant on Dorchester Street in Southie will be the site of the Condon Friendship Fundraiser. Because of a growing membership at the Condon taking part in a number of excellent programs, additional funding is needed to be able continue serving the neighborhood.

Organizers of the event promise a real old-fashioned Southie Time, which means it will be a truly great event – lots of fun, great people

and it's all for a good cause. And when you get to taste the appetizers specially prepared and donated by PubliCo, you can't go wrong. Anyone, who over the years to the present time has been part of the Condon Community's activities, will attest that they are among the best and serve so many people in such positive ways. And this is why it is so important that they continue and to thrive.

Again, next Wednesday Evening, November 1st, from 5-8pm at the PubliCo, the Condon Friendship Fundraiser.

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paid to renovate these public areas and now additional funds may be needed to rectify the problem. What part of this equation don't these teenagers comprehend? Why don't they have the common sense to do the right thing and refrain from such behavior?

These teenagers are breaking the law, a legal as well as a moral law, which mustn't go

unchallenged. I hope they have second thoughts about what they're doing and realize how irresponsible it is. I hope they smarten up and do the right thing moving forward. Otherwise, if they don't wise up, as they say, and continue to act in a crass manner, they'll eventually get caught and face the full gauntlet of the legal and moral wrath they'd certainly deserve.



## “Falling” Into Learning at St. Peter Academy!

**A**pples, pumpkins, leaves and bats! Fall has been a season of learning for the students at St. Peter Academy in South Boston. Teachers have worked hard to make academic learning relevant and fun by making connections to the natural environment and holiday happenings of the autumn season.

In September, students in the toddler program, PreK, kindergarten and grades 1 and 2 visited Tougas Farm where they enjoyed a hayride and picked apples and pumpkins. Students in PreK continue to extend this hands-on learning by “selling”

pumpkins at their classroom pumpkin stand. Through this dramatic play they are learning math concepts of size and money.

Even our youngest toddlers have taken advantage of the season by learning in hands-on ways. They have gone on learning walks of the neighborhood searching for shapes and colors in nature and collected interesting leaves. They have also followed directions to bake apple pies and created many spooky themed art projects involving finger-painting.

In Grades 1 and 2, bats have been

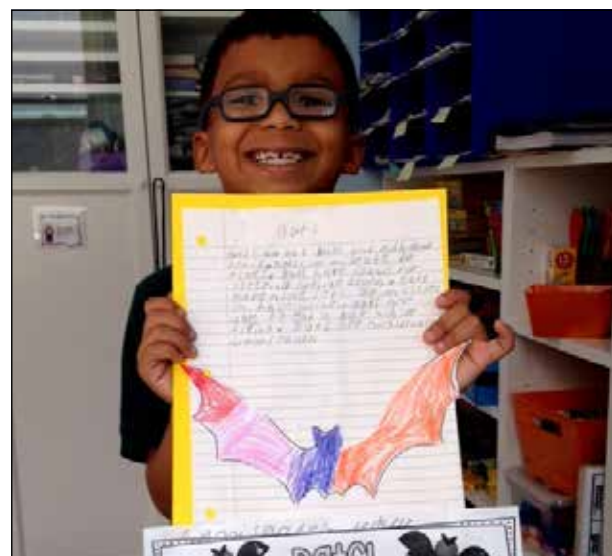
a popular topic of study in science class. Did you know that bats are nocturnal and sleep upside down? Our students have loved learning these interesting facts!

As we approach Halloween, students are eagerly anticipating the annual “Spooktacular” organized by the Home School Association, our costume parade on Broadway, and visiting the residents of Marion Manor. Fall is truly a season of learning and fun!

*Meet the wonderful students and teachers of St. Peter Academy by visiting the Early Childhood Open*

*House on Wednesday, November 8 from 9-11am. Appointments for individual tours can also be made by contacting the Main Office at 617-268-0750 or by emailing SPA@StPeterAcademy.com.*

*St. Peter Academy is an independent, community-based private school and serves students from ages 15 months through grade 6. SPA is currently accepting applications for the limited spaces available in the year-round toddler program and for students in Pre-K, Kindergarten and grades 1-6. Join us!*





# Pasta Night at 'Touchie's Shamrock Pub'

*Chef Papa George LoCascio Created a Feast*

Last week a true South Boston artist brought his talents to the famous landmark known as 'Touchie's Shamrock Pub' located at the corner of H and E. Eighth Street. There were no framed nature scenes or portraits of beautiful ladies painted on canvas displays, nor were there sculptures of famous people or majestic animals. Nope. This art was the type that brought great pleasure to the palettes of the diners on hand for 'Pasta Night with Chef Papa George LoCascio'.

If you're a person who loves the taste of the finest Italian cuisine,

prepared to perfection with all the seasoning and love that goes into an unforgettable meal, 'The Shamrock' was the place to be.

South Boston has many fine cooks and chefs, but Chef Papa George takes it to a level far and above the average mortal. How good are the meals that Chef George LoCascio creates? Each bite isn't just a taste, it's an experience. This is a man, who travels to Italy several times each year to cook with the best chefs in Europe in an effort to increase his already legendary skills. On this night at 'The Shamrock', he thrilled the

crowd with his famous Bucatini with Meatballs and of course his mouth-watering Arancini. And when everything is topped off with Papa George's 'special sauce', it is a true taste feast to be sure.

And where better to enjoy such a meal and all the great company on hand than at Touchie's Shamrock Pub. The drinks are always good, the beer is cold, the people are friendly, and the food everyday is just fantastic. And on Pasta Night with Papa George LoCascio (with his special sauce), it was truly a night to remember. Just ask young Eamon, the grandson to the man himself, Touchie McDonough; the owner of 'The Shamrock'. He can

confirm that the food was awesome. To add to the atmosphere, the tables were covered with the red and white checkered table cloths, complete with candles and bottles of wine and even Limoncello was served on this special night. A couple of the evening's diners commented that it reminded them of being at Nanina's Restaurant in Dorchester many years ago. It brought back fond memories.

There are some who believe; after sampling Papa George LoCascio's creations over the years, that on his next trip to Italy, he should receive an invitation to the Vatican to delight the Pope himself with one of his delicious creations. And we agree. 'Bon Appetit'



## Let's Set The Record Straight

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legitimate concerns of residents, the interests of developers, and especially those favored by Mayor Menino and his administration, were granted variances in a vast majority of the cases. The real estate development phenomenon is evident in the new building designs that permeate this community.

Last week at the City Council District 2 debate, one of the candidates, Michael Kelley, who worked for the Menino administration, accused the South Boston elected officials of being the cause of the overdevelopment and attendant transportation woes. For those, who weren't around during the reign of former Mayor Tom Menino, and as stated above development and planning

was under his control and not Congress nor the State Legislature, and certainly not the City Council, since he often ignored their involvement.

The responsibility to plan for the results of overdevelopment in the area of transportation and other infrastructure needs was not a priority during that era and now South Boston has to cope with it today. The transit and density problems

currently facing the community did not happen overnight nor recently. It accumulated over 20 years. Having the current City administration and elected leaders who listen to their constituents has been a refreshing experience for many residents.

Proper context, learning from history and planning not to repeat it, is a healthy way to preserve the best of a neighborhood.



# Upcoming Halloween Activities Sure to Please the Kids

## *Children's Magical Halloween Castle/Trick or Treat on Broadway*

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY - By Staff

South Boston Today wants to remind our readers about 2 of the great Halloween celebrations in South Boston that will be happening leading up to the holiday and is geared to families with children

First, as we all know and take pride in, traditions are very important to South Bostonians. So, it's with great pleasure that we report that the 35th annual 'Children's Magical Halloween Castle' at Fort Independence will take place this coming weekend. It will be held from Noon till 4pm, both this Saturday and Sunday, October 28th and 29th. Admission as always is free and it's open to all. No matter what your age, be prepared to be thrilled at how the great volunteers from the Castle Island Association lead by its president Bill Spain transforms the cavernous halls and chambers and the parade grounds too into a dazzling Halloween paradise making it look like something out of a story

book. South Boston is fortunate to have Bill Spain and all the dedicated volunteers that make up the CIA.

The entire location will be decorated to the max with spooky; but not too scary ghosts, goblins, witches and creatures of every kind. There will be games and story tellers and so many other attractions bound to put all in attendance into the spirit.

Each year, thousands come from miles around to be part of this truly unique experience; one that many believe in some ways rivals Disney World and even Salem itself. A few words that might properly describe the event are Fascinating, Awesome and Fun.

Then, on the big day itself, October 31, another beloved and popular tradition returns which is of course 'Trick or Treat on Broadway'. Sponsored by the South Boston Chamber of Commerce, South Boston Neighborhood Development Corporation and many of our local business, this event pro-



vides a happy, supervised and very safe way for the kids to go trick or treating. Each year, hundreds of kids, many with parents in tow descend on Broadway and are showered with sweet treats provided free of charge by this town's very generous merchants and business owners. It will begin at 4pm and go until 6pm next Tuesday - Halloween - and will once again be a fun time for everyone. East and West Broadway are haunted each year at this time to the de-

light of everyone involved.

South Boston is a place where creative ideas come to fruition, because of the dedication and hard work of so many volunteers willing to give of their time and effort, and financial support as well, so that healthy and safe activities can always be a part of community life here. It's because we have so many caring adults among us that these traditions will be here with us well into the future.

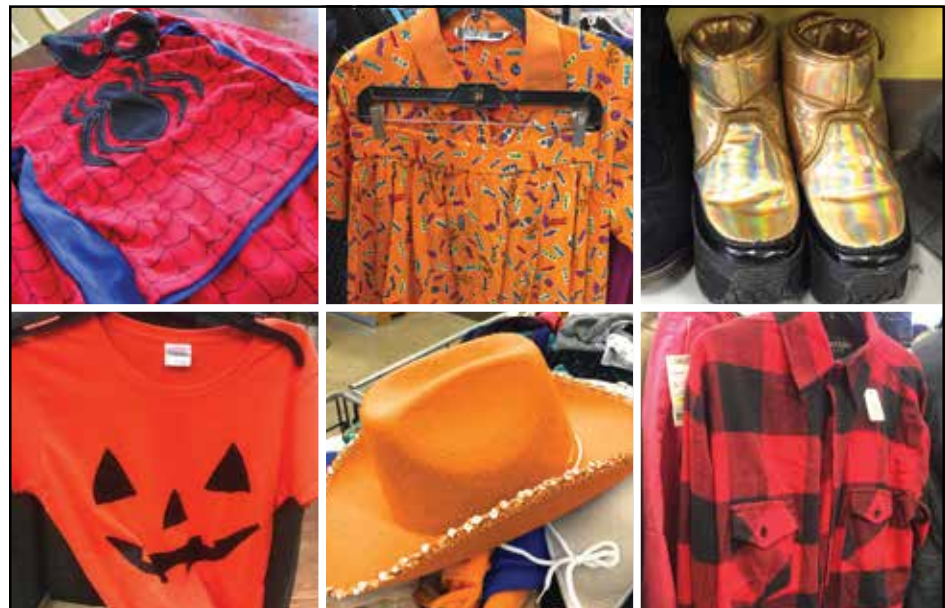


## American Flags That Are No Longer Fit For Display

Do you have a torn, faded or otherwise damaged US Flag? Would you like to dispose of it the proper ceremonial way that respects Old Glory and all that it stands for? Well, you can do so at the Annual Flag Retirement Ceremony to be held at our own Fort Independence at Castle Island on Veteran's Day which in November 11th beginning at 11am. All are invited to be part of this inspiring event. Bring your flag to the event

itself or, if you can't be there in person there are 2 drop off locations in South Boston that will be accepting the flags. They are at the local fire stations on D Street and at the corner of K&E. Fourth Street. The flags that are donated at the locations will be picked up weekly and the last pickup will be on Friday, November 10th at 4pm. All flags donated at the fire station locations will be brought to the Veterans Day event where they will

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# SOUTH BOSTON YOUTH SOCCER



Only two more weeks left in the regular season and then off to the playoffs for the Under 10 & Under 12 Divisions.

**COACHES:** Remember it is important to turn in score sheets. If you would rather send me an email with the information, you can send it

to [soccernana54@gmail.com](mailto:soccernana54@gmail.com) if you do not pass one in there will not be any write up for your team and that is not fair to the children who show up week after week or the Sponsors. Remember all score sheets must be turned in by Monday afternoon at 1 p.m. at the latest. Also please fill all

score sheets out correctly.

If a coach is having a parent help them out every week, then that person must fill out a CORI form.

For the coaches who have the last game in the Under 8 Division on Sunday, please remember to put the equipment away. Also make sure there is no parent or children (that are not playing the game) near the nets during the game. It is a distraction for the goalie.

**PARENTS:** Remember all children **MUST** wear shin guards. If your child **DOES NOT** wear them, they **CANNOT** play. No hats, or jewelry can be worn while playing – this is for the safety of the children.

**NO SMOKING IN THE STADIUM. IF YOU FEEL YOU NEED TO HAVE A CIGARETTE FOR THE HOUR YOU ARE THERE, YOU NEED TO BE AWAY FROM THE FIELD.**

Also, if you have any problems at the field, please see one of the officers of the league and we will take care of all concerns immediately. All parents should be on one side of the field and the players on the opposite side.

**SNACK BAR:** Please patronize the snack bar. All monies that are brought in at the snack bar go right back to the local sports teams that use the park, which helps defray some of the expenses to the league.

We also would like to take this time to thank our sponsors and ask that you patronize them. Because of their generosity we get to keep this league going.

## **UNDER 4 DIVISION:**

At the time of print no score sheets were available for the teams sponsored by: Sullivan's, Police Athletic League, Councilor Bill Linehan, South Boston Today, Lovey's League Congressman Stephen Lynch, Massport and Matthew Coyne Club.

## **UNDER 6 DIVISION:**

No score sheets were available Billy Flaherty's Gang, J. F. O'Brien &

Sons, City Councilor Mike Flaherty, Boston Firefighters Credit Union, Massport, East Boston Saving Bank, Boston Home Inspectors and Joe Pace & Sons.

## **UNDER 8 DIVISION:**

No score sheets were available for the teams sponsored by Southie's Own, Michel J; Perkins Post A.L. #67, Massport, South Boston Dental Associates, Abacus Builders and the Jim Cahill Club.

## **UNDER 10 DIVISION:**

### **YANKEE BUS LINE**

The team sponsored by Yankee Bus Line was victorious with goals kicked in by Harry Minucci and James Barrett. Benjamin Dearden and Aidan Colton did a terrific job sharing the goaltending duties. Isabel Sheppeck and Stella Dearden played a superb defensive game. Emily, Elizabeth, Ian, Liam, Aidan, Harry, Jacob, Christian, James, Benjamin, Stella and Isabel have worked so hard together to make it a great season.

No score sheets were available for the teams sponsored by Iron Workers Local #7, Stapleton Florist and Massport.

## **UNDER 12 DIVISION:**

### **METRO ENERGY 4**

### **GOLDEN ALL STARS 1**

The team sponsored by Metro Energy was victorious again with Iris Gjoka and Dillon Picard each scoring a pair of goals. Mario Blasi did an amazing job manning the net. Liv McCarthy and Mya Donovan were fantastic on defense. Terry Markos played a super offensive game.

The Golden All Stars sponsored by John Hancock scored a goal off the foot of Ben Fennelly assisted by Madison Anastas. Nolan Baskiewicz, William Mullins and Tatiana Boothe played an all around great game.

At the time of print no score sheets were available for the teams sponsored by Massport and Deco Leasing.

## **Flag Ceremony continued from page 13**

be properly retired. The flags that you donate will be properly retired in accordance with the U.S. Flag Code and this year's ceremony will be dedicated to the memory of **Private Brian R. Mahoney.**

Remember, South Boston's Veterans invite all to be part of the traditional Annual Flag Retirement Ceremony this coming Veterans Day, November 11th beginning promptly at 11am at Fort Independence at Castle Island in the court yard/ parade ground.

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# Trick or Treat on Broadway

## Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>

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This week,  
Danny gave  
"Pic's Picks"  
for Week 8 in  
the NFL:

#### **ATLANTA FALCONS (-5) over New York Jets**

-After winning their first three games of the season and being one of the final two undefeated teams left in the NFL, the Falcons have lost three straight and seem to be on the verge of another catastrophic collapse. Atlanta is now 3-3, and the bye week has come and gone. The Falcons' three losses have come against AFC East teams: Buffalo, Miami, and New England. Now they travel to MetLife to take on a 3-4 Jets team that's coming off back-to-back losses to the Patriots and Dolphins. Nobody expected the Falcons and Jets to have the same amount of wins entering Week 8. Still, the matching win total is the only similarity between the two teams. Many people are counting Atlanta out. I'm not one of those people. The Falcons just have too many weapons, and I expect their running backs to have a big day, Sunday, against a Jets rush defense that ranks 28th in the league, allowing 127 rush yards per game. This will be a big-time bounce-back game and a 14-point win for Atlanta.

#### **CAROLINA PANTHERS (+2.5) over Tampa Bay Buccaneers**

-I have no idea what happened to Carolina on Sunday in Chicago. The Panthers lost 17-3, and the only two touchdowns in this game were scored by the

Bears' defense. This result was a perfect portrayal of just how stupid the NFL can be. How does Carolina win in New England and in Detroit, and then score just three points in a loss in Chicago? You can't explain it. Well, now the 4-3 Panthers have lost two straight, and head to Tampa Bay to take on a 2-4 Buccaneers team that's lost three straight. Cam Newton should be able to bounce back against a Tampa Bay pass defense that ranks 30th in the league, allowing 295 pass yards per game. I expect this one to be close, but I'm surprised the Panthers are an underdog here. So not only will I take the points, I'll take Carolina to win.

#### **NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS (-7.5) over Los Angeles Chargers**

-Since losing at home to the Panthers in Week 4, the 5-2 Patriots have won three straight and are coming off a dominating win over the Falcons on Sunday Night Football. The Pats now host the 3-4 Los Angeles Chargers, who have also won three straight. Both the Patriots and Chargers have a bye in Week 9, and with the West Coast Chargers on the East Coast, the Patriots have a chance to catch them snoozing with the 1 p.m. start. The Chargers only allow 19 points per game, but they have the second-worst rush defense in the NFL, allowing 141 rush yards per game. And with Patriots running back Dion Lewis continuing to see increased

touches, we could be calling this one the "Dion Lewis game" when it's all said and done. This has all the makings of big day for Lewis, and I expect the Patriots to win-and-cover at home for the second straight week.

#### **SEATTLE SEAHAWKS (-5.5) over Houston Texans**

-The Seahawks began the season 1-2, but have won three straight to get back above .500. It looks like the NFC West will be a two-team race moving forward, as Carson Palmer's broken arm is a devastating blow to the Arizona Cardinals. So now, the 4-2 Seahawks are looking up at the first-place, 5-2 LA Rams. Seattle hosts a 3-3 Houston team that's coming off the bye week. The Texans are relying on their high-powered offense to make up for all the defensive injuries they've faced this season. Rookie quarterback Deshaun Watson is seemingly up for the challenge, however, it'll be no easy task in Seattle on Sunday. Since 2012, rookie quarterbacks are 0-4 with their teams averaging just 17 points per game when starting in Seattle. The Seahawks' defense allows a league-best 15.7 points per game, and they just signed 37-year-old defensive end Dwight Freeney. If this was in Houston, I'd probably take the Texans. But in Seattle, the numbers don't lie. This is one of the toughest

places to play in the league, especially for rookie quarterbacks. Give me the Seahawks by a touchdown.

#### **DALLAS COWBOYS (-2.5) over Washington Redskins**

-The big news here is that Ezekiel Elliott will be able to play. There will be another hearing for his on-again, off-again six-game suspension next week. That's big news for obvious reasons. Elliott is coming off a huge day in the Cowboys' 40-10 beatdown of the San Francisco 49ers on Sunday. He might not match that performance against the 3-3 Redskins this Sunday in D.C., but Washington will still be wishing his suspension was reinstated before this one. The Redskins are on a shortened week, coming off a loss to the Philadelphia Eagles on Monday night. The 3-3 Cowboys are looking for back-to-back wins for the first time this season. And I expect them to get it done. Dallas showed a sense of desperation Sunday in San Fran, and in the process, showed just how dangerous they can be. They know they're not done in the NFC East just yet. But they also know they'll need to win this divisional matchup to at least try to keep up with the 6-1 Eagles. Cowboys by a touchdown.

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