



A Tale Of Two Raises And The Minimum Wage

Social media is buzzing about the uncanny, if not risky, coincidence between the Boston City Council’s current proposals to introduce resident parking permit fees and hike up parking violation fees, and Mayor Walsh’s recommendation to raise his salary and that of the City Councilors. ‘Audacious’ and ‘brash’ is how the Boston Herald editorial described the pay raise issue.

Boston’s city councilors at their regular Council meeting on Wednesday sent the proposal by the mayor - to give themselves and the mayor raises of more than 4 percent - to a study committee with no timetable for taking

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Keep Moakley And Other Southie Parks Crime Free Call 911

With the return of beautiful weather, the crowds of children and families to the athletic fields at Moakley Park come right along with it. But as there has been in recent years, unfortunately, there is another element that arrives right along with them.

The area has become one of the destinations of choice for people using illegal drugs often right out in plain sight and even during the daylight hours. To make it worse,

drugs are bought and sold openly and blatantly in front of young kids who should not have to be exposed to these activities. With drugs, often come gangs and with gangs there is a good bet that there could be weapons, which can instantly turn an area designated for healthy pursuits and fun into one that is potentially dangerous.

No one can say the police aren't trying their best to make every part of the South Boston community as safe as pos-

sible. They certainly do try. But when the Boston Police Department is operating with a manpower shortage the job becomes much more difficult and public safety is often less than it should be because of that shortage.

It is in the best interest of everyone to do what they can to assist law enforcement whenever possible. If you see drugs being used and sold at our parks, beaches and athletic fields, make that 911 call right away. You don't even have to

give your name. The police will respond. They may not always have enough on duty officers to be standing at every location, but they come when they are called. When those involved in the illegal drug activity realize that our parks are no longer safe havens for them, and that they will be arrested and charged, they will most likely find another place to gather. The most important thing is to make sure they gather as far away from children as possible.



"Fair Trade is now to be called Fool Trade, if it's not going to be reciprocal" – President Donald J. Trump

U.S. Representative Stephen Lynch Attends New England Council Capitol Hill Reception

On May 9, 2018, The New England Council held their Annual Washington, D.C. Program. Over 200 New Englanders traveled from all six New England states to hear from policy makers, including Cabinet Secretaries, Senators, and Congressmen on the current issues that the Administration and Congress are addressing.

At the Capitol Hill Reception: Jim Brett, President and CEO of The New England Council; U.S. Congressman Stephen Lynch; Michele Hart, Eastern Bank; and Hon. Jack Hart, Partner at Nelson Mullins.



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Graduation: A Time for Celebration not Indoctrination

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June is of course graduation season. We all know it's a time when the next chapter in a young person's life is set to begin and the hopes and expectations are high. The graduation ceremonies themselves are a very big event, where family and friends proudly watch the students accept that document that symbolizes and certifies all that time and hard work that was dedicated to earning it. You get the point; graduations are a special time and should be remembered fondly. And most of them are.

But with each passing year, more adults, who are invited guest speakers take the opportunity to spend less time giving encouragement and congratulatory and inspirational speeches to the graduates and instead, interject their own personal political views and push their pet causes in a type of last ditch, desperate attempt to indoctrinate before these young people move on with their futures.

We've all seen Hillary Clinton's graduation speeches this year. She is still dwelling on why she thinks she lost the 2016 election. It's wrong, but not surprising with her. If she lives another 100 years that will still be all she talks about. But it goes beyond Hillary. There are politicians up on stage that waste that precious opportunity to give praise from the stage to the students for what they've accomplished and instead suggest, almost demand, that the kids vote in the future the way the speaker wants them to. There are the environmentalists, who scold and lecture about 'Global Warming'. There have been radicals promoting groups like BLM and ANTIFA to their captive (and bored) audiences.

Just last week, at a graduation at a public high school in Boston, a school teacher actually took to the microphone and proclaimed to the students and their families in the crowd that America is NOT the greatest country on Earth. Was this really necessary? Was this 'educator's' disdain for our country something that needed to be expressed to these graduates? From the reaction of some in the crowd, it certainly was not. Some of the shocked students and angered parents were not happy about it.

So, let this be a memo to those who are honored by receiving an invitation to be a guest speaker at graduations: No one really cares or wants to hear about your political views, causes or grievances. Graduations are not about you. It's about the young students sitting in front of you proudly celebrating with friends and family, one of the best days of their lives.

If you looked at any video screen at all last week, whether live or in a replay, you probably saw the Hollywood mindset on full display. The hatred of President Trump by these so called 'elites' is now so all consuming and intense that it has succeeded in driving them insane. Bill Maher kicked it off on his evening cable TV show by coming right out and admitting that he would prefer the US economy tank and go into recession and even collapse, if it would cause Trump's removal. He said he knows it would hurt millions of Americans, but Trump has got to go. And the trained seals in his 'progressive' audience cheered.

Then of course there was Robert DiNiro. Once considered to be one of the world's greatest actors he is now

reduced to a bitter, unhinged basket case melting down into a profanity laced rant at the TONY Awards. As DiNiro spewed his hate and venom and F-Bombs from the stage, the crowd of 'Tinsel Town' groupies gave him a standing ovation. Many in the news media lapped it all up and praised these attacks. DiNiro was once admired for his roles in classics like 'Godfather' I and II, 'Raging Bull', 'Analyze This' and 'A Bronx Tale'. His latest film, a flop was titled 'Dirty Grandpa'. This sort of says it

all. His career has gone the way of Hollywood itself, from the entertainment capitol of the world to a hazardous waste dump.

All of this confirms what so many Americans have now come to realize. 'Liberal hatred wasn't caused by the election of Trump, it was exposed by it'. As one social media meme displayed so accurately – "President Trump was in Singapore working towards the goal of World Peace. Meanwhile back in Hollywood, they were chanting "F..K Trump". Classy.

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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.

Healey sues Purdue Pharma, saying it misled public about dangers of opioids

Attorney General Maura Healey opened a new legal front yesterday against pharmaceutical makers of opioids, filing a lawsuit against Purdue Pharma in state court and alleging the firm and its executives knew of the lethal dangers of opioids when pitching its products to doctors and consumers. The BBJ's Jessica Bartlett and the Globe's Joshua Miller have more. Fyi: Republican Gov. Charlie Baker is backing the Democratic Healey's move against Purdue Pharma.

AFL-CIO backs Capuano, teachers union endorses Gonzalez

Two endorsements that actually matter: The AFL-CIO is backing U.S. Rep. Michael Capuano in his tough primary battle against City Councilor Ayanna Pressley (Boston Globe) and the American Federation of Teachers Massachusetts is

supporting Democratic gubernatorial candidate Jay Gonzalez.

Mass. firms nervous about Canadian trade

Proving that all politics (and economics) are indeed local, the G-7 events in Quebec this past weekend are being felt in these parts. From Gintautas Dumcius at MassLive: "Massachusetts companies are anxious as US leaders in the midst of a trade dispute are lobbying insults at Canada, New England's number one trading partner, Gov. Charlie Baker said Monday. 'There's a tremendous amount of goods and services that go back and forth across that border,' Baker told reporters after a meeting with leaders in the Massachusetts House and Senate. 'And I've talked to plenty of employers and companies here in the commonwealth that are worried about the lack of clarity associated with that relationship at this point in time.'"

The Bay State's trade with Canada is indeed huge – with state exports to Canada running at about \$3.7 billion a year, more than twice the amount of our next largest trading partner, Mexico, according to Wiser data at the Mass. Export Center.

It's not nice to upset Amazon: Seattle repeals tax opposed by tech giant

Here's a cautionary tale for those pinning for Boston to get Amazon's HQ2: Seattle officials were in total retreat yesterday, repealing a new city tax on major employers (i.e. Amazon) to raise funds for homeless and affordable housing. The tax was vehemently opposed by Amazon. The NYT has more on the tax rout.

Trump groupies prevail in primaries in South Carolina and Virginia

For all you political animals out there: The Republican base is doubling down on Donald Trump, handing pro-Trump candidates

big victories in yesterday's primaries in South Carolina and Virginia, the NYT reports. How this impacts the mid-term elections is anyone's guess. But our hunch is that it doesn't bode well for Democrats. It shows the GOP-Trump base is energized and ready for battle.

Maine's 'ranked voting' results could take days to untangle

In other primary news, Maine made history yesterday by holding a first-in-the-nation "ranked voting" election yesterday – but it may take a few more days to figure out the final results for the Democratic gubernatorial race, reports the Portland Press Herald. Still, the new system is being credited with generating a large voter turnout yesterday – and Maine voters appear to have decided in a referendum to keep the new voting system, the Press Herald also reports.

Letter to Editor

"This September's race for State Representative is incredibly important to our community because we will be electing a new leader to represent our neighborhoods in the Massachusetts House of Representatives. With so much going on our community, I know that David Biele is the best candidate for the job because of his background and experience, and I am very proud to support him.

I've known David through his years of service to our community as a staffer to Nick Collins in his State Representative Office, as well as his volunteer role as an Advisory Board member at the South Boston Boys & Girls Club. I know first-hand that David has always been a strong advocate for our neighborhoods on

quality of life issues that impact all of us and, as an attorney, he also helped write and pass legislation to support our local neighborhood non-profits and charities.

David has always been willing to listen and work with residents on issues that matter to us all us, no matter how controversial. He will use his legal background and legislative experience to get things done. I hope you will join me in supporting David Biele for State Representative on September 4, 2018. He has the experience to step in as State Representative on Day One and deliver for our community, and I'm confident that he will work hard for the residents of our community."

Pattie McCormack
South Boston



Mayor Walsh To Pursue Increase In Linkage

Leveraging strong development market to support affordable housing and job training

Mayor Martin J. Walsh announced that he is pursuing an increase in the linkage fees paid by developers in Boston, as part of continuing efforts to increase funding for affordable housing and job training. Increasing linkage leverages the current strong development market in Boston to bring additional benefits to the residents of Boston. The Mayor's proposal will increase the current linkage rates by 8 percent, to \$9.03 per square foot for housing contributions, and to \$1.78 per square foot for jobs contribution, for a total of \$10.81.

"By asking developers to contribute more for affordable housing and job training, we are taking advantage of Boston's strong market to support opportunities for our residents across the entire City," said Mayor Walsh. "Increasing linkage builds on the progress we've made to create access to affordable housing and job training for our residents."

Linkage ensures that large-scale real estate development brings direct benefits to the City of Boston's residents through payments to the Neighborhood Housing Trust and the Neighborhood Jobs Trust. Linkage was last increased in 2013 to the current rates of \$8.34 per square foot for housing and \$1.67 per square foot for jobs, for a total of \$10.01 per square foot. Linkage may be increased on three-year cycles to reflect the rise in inflation based on the Consumer Price Index and on economic, housing and employment trends.

Since 2014, \$31.4 million in housing linkage has leveraged a total of \$562 million in public funds in 39 developments that cost \$837 million in total. Those projects have created 1,268 affordable units and preserved 548 existing affordable units.

Between 2015 and 2016, linkage helped more than 2,300 low- and moderate-income residents access job training and education programs. After job placement, graduates of the training programs earned an average wage of \$15.23 per hour with 72 percent earning benefits as well.

"JVS strongly supports this important step by the Walsh Administra-

tion to increase funding going into the Neighborhood Jobs Trust," said Jerry Rubin, President and CEO of Jewish Vocational Services (JVS). "With employers searching for talent in our near full-employment economy, this is the right moment to open up opportunities for Boston residents who aren't able to fully participate in our booming economy without access to further education and skills training. We look forward to continuing our partnership with the City of Boston and outstanding employers throughout the city to make these opportunities a reality."

"We are incredibly grateful to Mayor Walsh and his Administration for leading the charge on increased funding for job training in the City of Boston," said Joan Cirillo, President & CEO Operation A.B.L.E. of Greater Boston, Inc. "An increase of 8 percent in the linkage fees will help ensure that all Boston residents are able to partake in the economic prosperity of our city. The added resources generated by this increase will ensure that job training providers can continue to help Boston residents find and maintain jobs with a livable wage and a career path to prosperity."

Recent workforce development programs that have benefited from the Neighborhood Jobs Trust include:

The Mayor's Tuition Free Community College Program

The Mayor's Tuition Free Community College Program provides a path to free community college for eligible Boston residents. The plan matches students with coaches from Success Boston to help them navigate the challenges of higher education. Through this two-fold approach, the plan aims to help more Boston students afford, attend, and complete college.

Since its launch in 2016, the Tuition Free Community College program has enrolled 137 students. Of those students, 93 percent are students of color, with an average GPA of 2.97 and an average family income of \$26,736.

Locksmithing and Carpentry at the North Bennet Street School

Training programs in locksmithing and carpentry at the North Bennet Street School connect students

to high demand careers. The most recent program had a 100 percent graduation rate, 75 percent job placement rate, with an average hourly wage of \$17.83.

Cooking and Life Skills Training at Community Servings

Community Servings, a not-for-profit food and nutrition program providing services to individuals and families living with critical and chronic illnesses, provides a twelve-week cooking and life skills training program that produces 2,000 meals a day. The most recent program had a 100 percent graduation rate, 72 percent job placement rate, with an average hourly wage of \$12.24.

In the past year, Neighborhood Housing Trust funded projects that have started construction include:

132 Chestnut Hill Avenue in Brighton, a 61 unit affordable senior housing project, developed by Jewish Community Housing for the Elderly, and built on BPDA land.


48 Boylston Street in Downtown,



a 46 unit adaptive rehabilitation of the historic YMCU building. The project is being developed by the Planning Office for Urban Affairs in conjunction with St Francis House and will provide housing for the formerly homeless.

The Residences and Brighton Marine at 1465 Commonwealth Avenue in Brighton, which is a 102 unit affordable housing project being developed by the Winn Residential and will give a preference for veterans.

The proposed increase is scheduled to be voted on by the Boston Planning & Development Agency (BPDA) Board of Directors on Thursday, June 14.



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Residents Concerned About Recent Gunfire In The Neighborhood

SBT Staff Report

Concerns have been rising about recent incidents of gunfire in the neighborhood. Some of our readers, who have been contacting us here at South Boston Today, want to know if it is some kind of rival gang war in the development stages, or if these are just random acts taking place. Are parts of South Boston now considered unsafe and should people be worried about going outside? Here's the information we were able to get from police sources.

Yes, there have been shots fired in recent days. At least 3 incidents have been reported near the West

Broadway Development. Arrests have been made and at least one illegal firearm has been recovered. No one was hit by bullets in these 3 incidents. Police say that there are definitely issues going on and believe it's related to and being carried over from last summer, but do not believe it's the work of any kind of rival gang activity. But, police say, these are not just random occurrences, they are targeted and probably a result of personal grudges.

Local law enforcement sources say these incidents are considered serious, as are all weapons related crimes, and they are putting all available resources into dealing with this problem. In response to the

question of safety for the general public, South Boston Today was told that the neighborhood is safe, and people should not fear going out anytime during the day or night.

Local police have beefed up patrols in all three of South Boston's main public housing developments and have a police cruiser sitting at the basketball courts at West Broadway 24/7. Police are also working closely with the people at the Condon Elementary School and the residents in the surrounding neighborhoods near every development. Both uniformed and plain clothes officers are patrolling regularly in an effort to nip any new potential criminal activity in the bud.

As was stated, this is a problem that has been ongoing since last summer and arrests are being made. However, it might be a problem that may not be going away anytime soon, so police have put in a request for extra resources since this situa-



tion is high on the list of priorities. They assure us that they plan to solve the problem as soon as possible. They don't intend to let it get out of control which law enforcement officials say is definitely something that has not reached that stage.

If you would like more information on this or other potential issues within the South Boston Community, residents are always encouraged to call the Area C-6 Community Service Officer's phone Number at 617-343-4747 with questions or if you have information to share. And remember - never hesitate to call 911 if you see a crime in progress or suspicious activity.

MAYOR WALSH, BOSTON EMS GRADUATE 20 EMTS

Mayor Martin J. Walsh celebrated the graduation of 20 EMT recruits and recognized nine department members recently promoted, in a ceremony at Faneuil Hall held before family and friends. Among those addressing the graduates were Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) Executive Director Monica Valdes Lupi, JD, MPH, and Boston EMS Chief Jim Hoolley. The graduating class will serve the City in frontline ambulances.

The graduation ceremony formally acknowledges the successful completion of an extensive EMT post-hire educational training for 20 of Boston's newest EMTs. The recruits, already state-certified EMTs prior to hire, attended an additional 27 weeks of classroom and field training, to prepare them to work in Boston's busy evolving urban system. Recruits were trained in a variety of emergency situations, including mass casualty incidents, human trafficking cases, hazardous materials exposures, transportation accidents, recovery services and life-threatening emergencies.



"It takes a special kind of person to do this work, and I hold every member of Boston EMS in the highest regard," said Mayor Walsh. "EMTs and paramedics are there for us during our most vulnerable moments, and are an integral part of our public safety community. I'm pleased to welcome this new class of recruits and thank them for their service to our City."

During their training, the recruit class responded to almost 3,000 incidents. The calls included ill-

nesses, injuries, cardiac incidents, motor vehicle accidents, deliveries, shootings, stabbings, overdoses and more. With the guidance of an experienced EMT field training officer, recruits are not only comfortable providing care to patients regardless the circumstance, but also understand the level of care, clinical excellence and professionalism expected of them as Boston EMS EMTs.

Among others recognized at today's ceremony was one depart-

ment member who was promoted to Superintendent of Special Operations; two department paramedics promoted to the rank of Deputy Superintendent; and one member promoted to Captain, who have a combined 101 years of experience. Five department members were also promoted to the rank of Paramedic after successfully completing the necessary Boston EMS Paramedic promotional testing and selection, as well as a three-month

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THE 02127 Comedy Show June 29th 8pm

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If you enjoy good comedy and like to laugh a lot, the place to be on Friday, June 29th starting at 8pm is the Michael J. Perkins

Post at the corner of O & 4th Street. South Boston. Native Jamie Ryan has put together an outstanding lineup of some of the finest standup

comedians around for a show that will be hilarious and all the proceeds will go to the Perkins Post. You can't go wrong attending this super

event. You'll have a great time, have a million laughs and be helping out a great bunch of our local veterans in the process.



Jamie Ryan is a veteran of the US Air Force and has spent time acting in and making films. He spent the past few years studying other professional comics at the World Famous Comedy Store. The comedy show features Jamie and his friends. And what a great line up it is. They are listed here below.



James Leite has been into entertaining people since the tender age of seven starting off doing bar-room act as Groucho Marx. Towards the end of his boxing and mixed martial arts career he started to do film television and commercials and of course stand-up comedy... James can be seen in the upcoming film "Saving Bill Murray."



Lori Vozzella a local actress and comedian who grew up in Cambridge, started doing comedy back in college. She always tried to find humor in an interesting world of being a single parent.



Myles Houston Is a local builder who has built several homes in Massachusetts. This is his comedy debut as he has realized that he has several funny stories to share from his life.



Bobby Kenny has appeared in several local films and has been one of the most talented actors in New England. His comedy has been generated from his North Cambridge upbringing.



South Boston legend Tommy Malone has also been a part of the group writing jokes and listening to the good ones.



Chris McGough a South Boston Native has always been known to be a funny kid-but also the type of kid to give you the shirt off his back. Only because he knew he would get it back, because you're not a 3X.



Jody Sloane Impishly perverse, her style is thoughtful, yet edgy; touching on age, divorce, and being raised by wolves. She'll have you convinced that in the darkest corners of truth is comedy.

A Tale of Two Raises

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it up. If ultimately approved, the pay for the 13 councilors would increase to \$103,500 annually, up from \$99,500. The mayor's salary would increase to \$207,000 from \$199,000. Though councilors are scheduled to begin reviewing the proposal in the near future, their pay increases would not go into effect until January 2020, after next year's elections. The mayor would not see a pay increase until after the 2021 mayoral election. The proposed raises are based on rec-

ommendations from an advisory board and are endorsed by Mayor Martin J. Walsh.

Walsh's request comes after The Municipal Compensation Advisory Board (MCAP) recommended an increase in salary for about 50 city jobs, ranging from the police commissioner to members of the licensing board. MCAP, a five-person board selected by the mayor, delivers salary recommendations every other year to keep the jobs in City Hall competitive, according to the city charter. Walsh has also recommended raises for some of

his top staff members that would take effect in the fiscal year that begins July 1, though those raises were recommended separately in the city budget.

MCAP members say the decision was based on a study by Segal Waters Consulting.

Hundreds of workers employed by the city of Boston made more than \$200,000 last year, according to newly released payroll information. City Council President Andrea Campbell said she accepts the salary recommendations for the mayor and the council because

they were "set by an independent board and not the council and not set to go into effect until 2020."

The Boston City Council earlier this month gave the go-ahead to increases for parking violation fines, which will be the first increase to city parking fines in a decade. The council approved the proposal by an 11-1 vote. Walsh is expected to sign the plan when he receives it and enforcement would start thereafter.

Under the new rules, the fine for a resident permit parking violation

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The Wine Guy *On The Patio*

I don't need to go into any detail to tell you all that it's going to be a perfect weekend to be out on the patio, in the backyard or on the water. Get that grill fired up and put some ice in the cooler...but don't forget to put some nice wines in there, first!

To begin with, I'd like to change it up a bit with an area I don't go to too often, Bordeaux. One vineyard that always delivers is

Chateau Loudenne. Their Ch. Loudenne Bordeaux Blanc, 2015, Medoc, (\$28.99), is perfect for the warmer weather we'll be having this weekend. Built in the 17th century, Chateau Loudenne is one of the oldest Crus Bourgeois properties in the Medoc. The value of this location was evident 400 years ago and remains equally so today. For a light summer meal, pour a glass and serve up a classic Salade Nicoise. Not a common starter, but delicious with the brightness of this Loudenne, is rabbit raviolis with a mustard cream. Pan-roasted skin-on chicken with lemon herb butter will delight too, as will seared scallops over a warm Tuscan bean salad with fennel.

A little closer to home, the McManis Family 2016 Viognier, River Junction, California, (\$12.99), is worth having. Founded in 1990, McManis Family Vineyards is owned and managed by Ron and Jamie McManis, fourth generation winegrowers committed to



sustainable farming. Located in the rich agricultural region of the northern California interior, the McManis family is credited with the 2001 successful petition for the 1300-acre River Junction AVA (American Vineyard Appellation), just west of the city of Ripon, at the cool confluence of the Stanislaus and San Joaquin Rivers. The river basin, consistently 2-5 degrees cooler than the surrounding farmlands, combined with the sandy loam soils unique to the area, is ideally suited to growing premium quality Viognier grapes. The fruit for this 2016 Viognier came from Estate Vineyards and the juice was cold fermented in Stainless Steel with no oak aging to retain the unique fruit character. Light straw in color, this wine has aromas of peach, apricot and violet. Rich and velvety on the palate, it's full of the fruit flavors promised by the aromas and the long fruity finish has a slight note of minerality. Viognier is so unique and this one's a super value! Awarded a Gold Medal and Class Champion in the 2018 Houston Rodeo International Wine Competition!

One of my favorite summer wines is Chenin Blanc; originally from the Loire Valley in France, this grape is grown all over the world. One of the nicer iterations I've had lately is blended with the varietal just mentioned above. The Terra D'Oro 2015 Chenin Blanc / Viognier, Clarksburg, California, (\$17.99), is a vibrant, refreshing blend; grapes for the Terra d'Oro

Chenin Blanc & Viognier are handpicked from select vineyards. The Chenin Blanc, a versatile white grape variety that can range from dry to very sweet and typically offers high acidity, comes from the Clarksburg appellation in the Sacramento Delta. This region is well-known for producing Chenin Blanc thanks to the rich soils and maritime influence. The Viognier is from the Votau Vineyard in Amador County. The high elevation, warm days and cool nights bring intense varietal character to the fruit. Wine Enthusiast Magazine liked this so much they made it an Editors' Choice. With a score of 90 points they said "This is an elegant, intricate wine that's fresh and lively while layered with attractive green apple, white pepper and thyme flavors. Light bodied, it makes a great aperitif or pairing with fish and fowl." They're absolutely right!

Thinking about some Asian Fusion this weekend? If so, try a bottle of Fox Run 2014 Dry Riesling, Finger Lakes, (\$17.99), from just over the border in upper New York state. I'll tell you that with every vintage it becomes clearer that New York's Finger Lakes region Rieslings are world class. The similarities to Germany's Mosel are numerous; both are cool climate regions, both have slate-filled soil which provides good drainage and a distinct mineral character to the grapes, both have the warming effect of a body of water. 2014's growing season was a classic nail-biter. Cool and wet conditions predominated through the spring and summer, giving growers little hope of a high-quality crop. But as summer turned to fall, rain stopped falling and they enjoyed a prolonged dry and sunny end to the season. As a result, they were able to make some of the tastiest wines of the last decade. This Riesling is vinified dry and pairs with foods beautifully-especially spicy Asian foods.

So, get out there and enjoy the weather and pour out some good wine!

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CONLEY TERMINAL - BERTH 10 CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Massport will host an information session to update the community on the construction schedule and logistics for the project.

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Massport and the Army Corps of Engineers will also provide an update on the dredging program taking place in Boston Harbor.




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711 East Fourth St UNIT 4 Condo	\$1,200,000	3/14/18	8	3.5	1902
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Life Will Be A Beach in 2018!

On Saturday, June 9, Save the Harbor/Save the Bay and the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) awarded over \$32,000 in small grants to South Boston community organizations that will support free summer beach events throughout South Boston as part of Save the Harbor's annual Better Beaches Program. Grantees include Curley Community Center Council, South Boston Neighborhood House, Mass Kiting, City Point Neighborhood Association, YES, South Boston Leadership Initiative, and Boston Beach Soccer who will host events such as the Annual L Street Night, Summer Fishing Programs, Family Fun Nights, Olliepalooza, Youth Fitness Programs, and the 4th Annual International Kiteboarding Film Festival.

This year's Better Beaches Program grants will support free concerts and kayaking, family beach festivals and movie nights, youth beach parties, songs and stories by the sea, and art on the shore in the region's beachfront communities of Lynn, Nahant, Revere, Winthrop, East Boston, South Boston, Dorchester, Quincy and Hull, bringing more than 1 million people back to the beach.

You can find a complete list of this year's grant recipients on Save the Harbor's youth and beach blog,

Sea, Sand & Sky at <http://blog.savetheharbor.org/2018/06/better-beaches-2018.html>

"One of the best ways to 'Save the Harbor' is to 'Share the Harbor' with the region's kids and families," said Bruce Berman, Director of Strategy & Communications at Save the Harbor/Save the Bay. "These events create excitement and new stewards for our region's public beaches, who understand the value of these extraordinary urban natural resources to all of us and our communities."

With the support of The Boston Circus Guild, this year's line-up also includes 10 free Life's A Beach Festivals, featuring trapeze artists, acrobats and jugglers, as well as Save the Harbors troupe of costumed storytellers, performing pirates, a community art project by environmental artist Robin Reed and mandalas in the sand by intertidal artist Andres Amador.

Life's A Beach Festivals:

- Saturday June 30, 2018 Discover Quincy and Friends of Wollaston Beach 12th Annual Kids Festival at Wollaston Beach
- July 14, 2018 Winthrop Chamber of Commerce Family Fun Day at Yirrell Beach
- Friday July 27, 2017 South Boston Neighborhood House Youth Beach Bash and Splash at

Carson Beach

- Saturday July 28, 2017 Friends of Lynn and Nahant Beach Kids Fest at Red Rock Park
- Saturday August 11, 2017 Port Norfolk Civic Association Tenean Beach Day at Tenean Beach
- Saturday August 25, 2017 Friends of Savin Hill Shores Dorchester Beach Day at Malibu Beach
- Saturday September 15, 2017 Hull Nantasket Chamber of Commerce Endless Summer Festival at Nantasket Beach/Reservation
- TBA East Boston YMCA Summer Festival

Save the Harbor/Save the Bay would like to thank the Baker-Polito Administration and Metropolitan Beaches Commission Co-Chairs Representative RoseLee Vincent and Senator Brendan Crighton and the legislative and community members of the Commission, as well as and our partners at the Department of Conservation and Recreation for making this great program possible.

"Co-Chair Vincent of Revere and I and all the members of the Metropolitan Beaches Commission want to thank Save the Harbor/Save the Bay and their partners in the region's waterfront neighborhoods and beachfront communities for making this another great year on the beach," said MBC Co-Chair Senator Bren-

dan Crighton. "Thanks to all of you, life will be a beach in 2018."

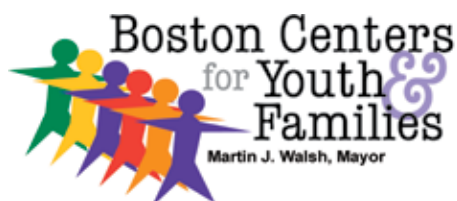
"The Baker-Polito Administration is proud to work collaboratively with organizations like Save the Harbor/Save the Bay in an effort to ensure the Commonwealth's state beaches and other parks and reservations remain popular destinations for residents and tourists alike," said DCR Commissioner Leo Roy. "The Better Beaches Program serves as a great example of a strong partnership that will directly impact visitors of some of the state's most popular beaches."

Save the Harbor also thanks our Better Beaches Program sponsors, Harpoon Brewery, JetBlue, and the Boston Circus Guild, and the hundreds of participants and donors to the Harpoon Shamrock Splash, which has raised more than \$250,000 to support free beach events since it began in 2011.

"At JetBlue, we are committed to our community and fun is one of our core values," said Donnie Todd, Corporate Responsibility Liaison for JetBlue, who led a team of 30 participants in this year's splash. "More than 3,000 JetBlue crewmembers call Boston home, we cherish our harbor and proudly support Save the Harbor/Save the Bay and the work they do on the region's public beaches."

We would also like to thank our policy and program partners at The Boston Foundation, the Richard Saltonstall Charitable Foundation, P&G Gillette, National Grid, Comcast, Beacon Capital Partners, New England Picture, Mix 104.1, Boston Centers for Youth & Families, The YMCA of Greater Boston, The Daily Catch Seaport, Baja Taco Truck, and the Blue Sky Collaborative for their support.

For more information about Save the Harbor/Save the Bay visit their website at www.savetheharbor.org You can find out more about this year's Better Beaches program on their youth and beach blog, Sea, Sand & Sky at <http://blog.savetheharbor.org> and by following savetheharbor on social media.



City of Boston's Outdoor Pools and Family Friendly Beach Open this Saturday, June 16

BOSTON--Summer is coming and Boston Centers for Youth & Families (BCYF) is pleased to announce that the City of Boston's two outdoor pools, the BCYF Clougherty Pool in Charlestown and the BCYF Mirabella Pool in the North End are opening for the season on Saturday, June 16. These pools, along with 16 pools open year round, are operated by BCYF, the City of Boston's largest youth and human service agency.



BCYF Clougherty Pool

BCYF Clougherty Pool rates for the entire season: Adults (20 - 54): \$15; Teens (13 - 19): \$5; Youth (12 and under): Free; Adults (55 and older) and Active Military (with ID): Free. Children under age 8 must be accompanied by an adult in the water at all times. There are no day or guest passes. Memberships are available now at the BCYF Charlestown Community Center, 255 Medford Street, Charlestown or at the pool beginning June 18. The pool will open at 11 a.m. on Saturday.

BCYF Mirabella rates for the entire season: Adults (20-61): \$20; Teens (13-19): \$10; Youth and Seniors (ages 6-12, adults 62+): \$5; Youth under 6 and



BCYF Mirabella Pool

Active Military (with ID): Free. The rates are double for non-Boston residents. There are no day or guest passes. Memberships will be available beginning on Monday, June 4 at the BCYF Nazzaro Community Center, 30 North Bennet Street in the North End or at the pool beginning June 16. Money orders are the only accepted method of payment. The pool will open at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday.

Also opening June 16 is the City's "Family Friendly Beach" at the BCYF Curley Community Center in South Boston. The beach will also be open seven days a week and offers families access to an enclosed stretch of beach on



BCYF Family Friendly Beach

Boston Harbor, restrooms with changing tables, picnic tables with umbrellas, outdoor showers, beach game equipment, and wifi. Membership for the beach for the entire season is \$5. The beach will open at 9 a.m. on Saturday.

The outdoor pools and beach will remain open seven days a week until Labor Day. All locations will have experienced, certified lifeguards on duty. BCYF Curley facilities are accessible for people with disabilities and both outdoor pools are equipped with lifts from the deck into the water. For programming information, the membership application, and hours of operation, visit Boston.Gov/BCYF.

Dana-Farber's Sun Safety/Skin Cancer Prevention Program visiting local beaches this summer

Dana-Farber Cancer Institute's mobile Blum Family Resource Center Van releases summer schedule



Summer is just a few short weeks away. Take steps to stay safe during the warm weather with Dana-Farber's Sun Safety/Skin Cancer Prevention Program. The Sun Safety program works to reduce the incidence of skin cancer in Massachusetts by offering free prevention education and free skin cancer screenings to the public in the Blum Family Resource Center Van.

The program uses the mobile Van to bring these free resources to various communities around Boston. This initiative especially targets populations in Massachusetts with a high prevalence and/or incidence of skin cancer, including beachgoers as well

as those with higher mortality rates—individuals of color. The mobile Van is a 39-foot custom-designed vehicle that has a 15-seat classroom and a fully equipped exam room for free skin cancer screenings. All screenings are performed by a board-certified Brigham and Women's Hospital dermatologist on board the van.

"The majority of melanomas can be attributed to exposure to the sun's ultraviolet (UV) radiation. Therefore, it is important that people learn the potentially life-saving prevention and detection strategies that are taught in the mobile Van," said Blum Van's medical director, Margaret W.

Cavanaugh-Hussey, MD, MPH.

The summer 2018 schedule locally for the mobile Van is:

Friday, July 27, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Nantasket Beach

Wednesday, August 1, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Carson Beach

Friday, August 17, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Wollaston Beach

Wednesday, August 22, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Carson Beach

For more information and scheduling updates, please visit <http://www.dana-farber.org/about-us/community-outreach/sun-safety-skin-cancer-prevention/>

About Dana-Farber Cancer Institute

From achieving the first remissions in childhood cancer with chemotherapy in 1948, to developing the very latest new therapies, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute is one of the world's leading centers of cancer research and treatment. It is

the only center ranked in the top 4 of U.S. News and World Report's Best Hospitals for both adult and pediatric cancer care.

Dana-Farber sits at the center of a wide range of collaborative efforts to reduce the burden of cancer through scientific inquiry, clinical care, education, community engagement, and advocacy. Dana-Farber/Brigham and Women's Cancer Center provides the latest in cancer care for adults; Dana-Farber/Boston Children's Cancer and Blood Disorders Center for children.

The Dana-Farber/Harvard Cancer Center unites the cancer research efforts of five Harvard academic medical centers and two graduate schools, while Dana-Farber Community Cancer Care provides high quality cancer treatment in communities outside Boston's Longwood Medical Area.

South Boston Grads of Archbishop Williams High School



Five students from South Boston graduated from Archbishop Williams High School, Braintree, at the school's Sixty Sixth Commencement Exercises led by President Dennis Duggan on May 24. From left: Catherine Woods, Jacqueline Czar, Shannon Woods, Lauren Woods. Not shown, Cali St. Cyr-McCarthy. All three Woods girls, were members of the National Honor Society.

Flynn Baseball Challenge League



You won't find a team like this again. The Challenge League on The South Shore provides a fun winning baseball league for 135 Special Needs and Handicapped kids and young adults. Every Sunday afternoon during the summer, the kids take the field in Braintree.

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paramedic internship.

Boston EMS is one of the busiest municipal EMS providers in the country, responding to over 125,000 clinical incidents per year. As a bureau of the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC), Boston EMS is committed to serving Boston's residents through clinical excellence, emergency planning and preparedness, and community outreach.

"It is with deep admiration and respect that we welcome our new EMT graduates to the EMS community," said Chief of Health of Human Services, Marty Martinez. "Their work will ensure that everyone in Boston, no matter circumstance or zip code, will have the same quality of care in their greatest time of need. I am proud to work with Boston EMS and the EMTs as they provide quality prehospital emergency medical care throughout Boston."

"Public service and access to quality health care are at the cornerstone of our mission at the Boston Public Health Commission," said BPHC Executive Director Monica Valdes Lupi, JD, MPH. "Members of Boston EMS, in all their different roles, are essential to achieving our mission."

"When we select individuals for the position of EMT or a promotion, we look for clinical expertise, critical thinking and their ability to treat others with kindness and compassion," said Boston EMS Chief Jim Hooley. "Once promoted, we remind them of the importance of also taking care of themselves."

In Boston's Fiscal Year 2019 budget, Mayor Walsh increased the funding for EMS with the goal of reducing response times and meeting the current demand for services. He recently invested in 20 new EMTs, bringing the total uniformed force to nearly 400 citywide, and added eight replacement ambulances to support them.

South Boston Catholic Academy News

South Boston Catholic Academy performed their Spring Show “Jukebox Time Machine” on Thursday, June 7, 2018, in front of two packed houses. This show featured our school’s choir and drama club, as well as hit songs from the different decades sung by all the different grades. Several students showcased what they have learned

in their instrument study this year, including playing guitars, ukuleles, hand bells and recorders. All the students did a fantastic job! Thank you to all our wonderful and talented students, the Music Teacher, Mrs. Mary Hoy, the faculty, staff and parents and all who helped to make this Spring Show a great musical event for families and friends!

We also had chance to say a Big Thank You to our Principal, Mrs. Nancy Carr at this Spring Show. Mrs. Carr has accepted the Principal position at her home Parish of St. Agatha’s in Milton. Mrs. Carr has been Principal for the last 11 years at St. Brigid School and South Boston Catholic Academy. Her leadership, her love for children and her warm personality

has brought SBCA to be one of the most successful Catholic Elementary Schools in the Archdiocese. With children in grades PreK to grade 6, South Boston Catholic Academy stands by its motto of Faith, Family Spirit and Academic Excellence! We thank Mrs. Carr and promise our prayers and support as she begins her new position at St. Agatha’s School.



TYNAN HAPPENINGS

FUN-IN-THE-SUN CAMP

Our summer is for boys and girls ages 7-13. It is an on-site 7-week program, Monday through Friday 9am to 3pm. The program consists of arts & crafts, recreational activities, daily Condon Pool Swim, board games and competitions, various off-site field trips, as well as weekly special events. Program provides campers with the opportunities for growth and development in physical, educational, social, and cultural skills.

The camp runs from July 9th to August 24th. Program fee is \$350 for the seven weeks and half price for each additional sibling. A \$100 deposit is required at registration. You may register Monday-Friday 3-8 pm in the Community Center office. A completed application and current

immunization record is required.

FENWAY PARK

Greg and Sherike were able to take a group to last week's Detroit Tigers game at Fenway, thanks to the generous donation of free tickets from Central. The seats were in the boxes behind home plate and the kids had great night even though we lost. Thank you, Kate Hennigan and the Red Sox Foundation, for this fun night.

GIRL'S BOSTON NEIGHBORHOOD BASKETBALL LEAGUE

The BCYF-Tynan will be hosting a Girl's 18 & under BNBL Division this summer. Games will be played on Monday and Wednesday evenings. Any individual player or team interested in participating should contact the Community Center and speak with Greg Lally or



Kathy Davis. The league will begin on Monday, July 9th.

BOYS AND GIRLS PEE WEE INSTRUCTIONAL BASKETBALL

The Pee Wee Instructional Basketball will be for boys and girls ages 7-9. Classes will be held on

Tuesday and Thursdays 5-6 pm beginning in July. Registration will begin June 25th. You may stop by the gym to register anytime Monday through Friday 3pm to 8 pm. The program will focus on basic fundamentals of the game.

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would increase from \$40 to \$60. The fine for parking in a no-parking zone downtown would increase from \$55 to \$90; the fine for parking in a no-parking zone anywhere else in the city would increase from \$25 to \$55. The council has also scheduled a hearing for June 28 to consider possible changes to the permits, which are required to park on many neighborhood streets. The hearing, requested by Councilor Michelle Wu, would include discussion of "the potential to charge a fee for parking stickers," which are currently free, according to the agenda for the meeting.

Oh, and add to this Wednesday's Globe story about the fact that there is still nowhere in the country where someone working a full-time minimum-wage job could afford to rent a modest two-bedroom apartment, according to an annual report released Wednesday by the National Low-Income Housing Coalition.

Not even in Arkansas, the state

with the cheapest housing in the country. One would need to earn \$13.84 an hour — about \$29,000 a year — to afford a two-bedroom apartment there. The minimum wage in Arkansas is \$8.50 an hour. Even the \$15 living wage championed by Democrats would not make a dent in the vast majority of states.

Massachusetts, where the minimum wage is \$11 an hour, ranks as the sixth most expensive state, with a wage of \$28.64 needed to afford a two-bedroom apartment (\$59,571 a year). And in the Boston-Cambridge-Quincy metropolitan area, nearly five dollars an hour more is needed than the state figure, at \$33.46 (\$69,600 a year).

Again, the adjectives — uncanny, risky, audacious, brash — do all come to mind. It is not lost among social media followers that the hand-picked compensation board will probably try justifying the recommendation based on statistical and comparative economic data analysis. However, the attempt at political justification will be a very interesting and curious one to say the least.



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

Talk about a tale of two completely different championship celebrations. Last Thursday night, the Washington Capitals won the Stanley Cup. The very next night, on Friday, the Golden State Warriors won the NBA Title.

Both teams held their championship parades on Tuesday. Only one lived up to the hype. All you really have to do is search “Alex Ovechkin” on social media, and you’ll know exactly what I’m talking about. Chances are, as you read this, Ovechkin is walking around with the Stanley Cup in his hands. I highly doubt anybody on the Golden State Warriors even knows where the Larry O’Brien trophy is. Heck, they give away the NBA Finals MVP trophy after they give out the Larry O’Brien trophy. That’s the equivalent of Gary Bettman giving the Capitals the Stanley Cup before giving Ovechkin the Conn Smythe trophy.

The NHL gets it right. It saves the best for last. And the Cup is the greatest trophy in all of sports. So, it makes sense that the celebration that comes with it is also great to watch. The NBA? Not so much. Don’t get me wrong, I love watching the NBA, especially the NBA Finals, but its

championship celebration can’t touch the NHL’s Stanley Cup ceremony. And it’s not even close.

But this year, it was especially tough to watch the NBA’s championship celebration because it took place the night after the Capitals stormed around Las Vegas with the Stanley Cup. That, and the Warriors swept the Cleveland Cavaliers, and in the clinching game, the Cavs basically gave up midway through the third quarter. Also, Golden State was expected to win it all, so it had all the makings of a watered-down celebration. Maybe I’ll be singing a different tune next year when LeBron James is helping the Boston Celtics win the NBA Title, but I doubt it. Nothing will ever top the sight of the Cup being hoisted, even if it isn’t the Bruins doing the hoisting.

You know we’ve lost our minds when we’re believing anonymous reports on message boards. That’s what Reddit is, right? It’s a message board? I won’t lie, this week marked the first time I had ever gone on Reddit. And I was initially surprised at what I found. Because I always thought Reddit was more of a Facebook-style site. But it’s actually just a glorified message board.

Anyways, some anonymous Reddit user posted a rumor that there was huge Patriots news coming earlier this week. This person called it a “negative” story and said it would be worse than the news of Julian Edelman testing positive for PEDs. The reason people started to believe this anonymous Reddit user was because this same person apparently “broke” the news of Edelman’s four-game suspension on Reddit. So, when this person made another post that teased an even bigger story, people in New England took the bait.

Next thing you know, you have rumors swirling that the Patriots were trying to trade Rob Gronkowski. Reports then had Tom Brady threatening retirement if Gronkowski was traded, so Robert Kraft made Bill Belichick nix the deal. It’s the type of rumor that’s perfect for sports-talk radio. But because of that, it took on a life of its own. Those rumors turned into “facts” and the anonymous Reddit user suddenly became a credible source, until that Gronkowski trade never happened.

Unless Gronkowski is traded in between the time I write this and the time you read this, I’m not going to

sit here and call an anonymous Reddit user a credible source for information. In fact, it pisses me off that anybody would even take an anonymous post on Reddit seriously. It’s the equivalent of believing an anonymous Twitter troll when they tweet you with a potential fantasy trade. Some people want to see the world burn. I’d like to think those people only exist in the form of anonymous users on message boards and social media. But what I’ve learned — in New England at least — is that some people also want to see the Patriots’ organization fall apart at the seams. So much so, that they’re willing to believe an anonymous Reddit user’s Patriots reports.

That’s insane. And I’m all set with it. Let me know when Gronkowski gets traded. Or when Brady retires. Or when the sky falls down in Foxboro. Because I guarantee that you won’t first hear about it from an anonymous donkey on Reddit.

To steal a line from LeBron: Be better.

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