



Transportation Officials Under Scrutiny In Wake Of Child’s Death

Residents are demanding answers after a young South Boston boy, walking on the sidewalk with his sister and nanny, died as a result of injuries sustained when a vehicle jumped the curb after being struck by another vehicle at the intersection of L and East Sixth Streets.

Local elected officials and community leaders have been pressing transportation officials for several years about the need to prioritize investment in road safety measures in South Boston to properly

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EDITORIAL

No Sales Tax Holiday Again? Really??

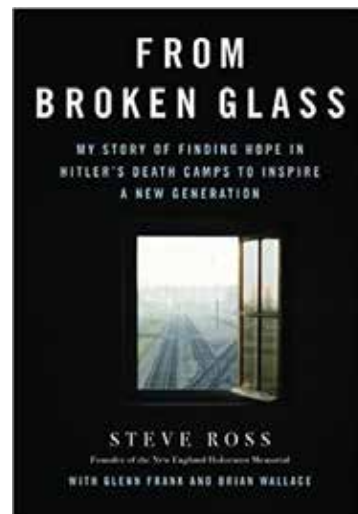
One weekend out of 52, 2 days out of 365 isn't too much to ask to get a break from part of the avalanche of taxes the people of this state are buried under. The August sales tax break that was so popular among shoppers and business owners alike in past years did not, by any means, break the bank or the state budget. But once again, we are told by Massachusetts state officials that it's just not affordable this year but don't despair, NEXT August it will return. Let's not hold our breath waiting for them to make good on that. If the multi-million dollar pay

raise the legislature voted itself a while back didn't cause a financial disaster we're pretty sure 2 days of giving the citizens of the Bay State; working families that deserve just as much consideration as any public official, won't either.

We have elected officials in this state who constantly complain about Massachusetts residents driving over the border to New Hampshire where there is NO sales tax ever, to make their purchases. But why shouldn't they? The money they save by shopping north of the border can be used to pay bills, put more food on their family's

tables and help in so many other ways. And keeping some of that money from going out of state and in the coffers of local business is always a plus for this state's economy. Fair questions to ask would be is it greed? Is it a case of being out of touch with the wants, needs and circumstances of working people? Are the stories true that so many of this state's politicians are actually addicted to raising current taxes and seeking new ways to create new ones? Or could it just be a total disregard for the people who pay the salaries of these decision makers?

After "Today Show" Segment Ross Book Is Now #1 on Amazon and #1 in Europe



It's funny what a well-known national television show can do. On Sunday "From Broken Glass" the Steve Ross book written by Glenn Frank and Brian Wallace was the subject of a segment by Charles Osgood. Later that day

Amazon ran out of books and "From Broken Glass" rose to the number one book on Amazon. It also became the number one book in Europe where it had been selling well for a month. Mike Ross, Frank and Wallace will be doing a book reading and signing this Wednesday night at the Brookline Booksmith in Coolidge Corner at 7 PM and Wallace has been talking to Robert Allison about coming back home and doing a reading and signing in South Boston soon. While the book is currently not available on Amazon (Kindle and audiobooks are still available), it is in all the major bookstores and libraries, and Amazon is replenishing their supply quickly

"Courage is exhilarating" –Eleanor Roosevelt

Flynn Holds South Boston Office Hours

BOSTON – Boston City Councilor Ed Flynn will take his Neighborhood Office Hours program to two locations in South Boston this Saturday, August 4th. Councilor Flynn will be at Caffe Nero, 416 West Broadway from 8:30am-9:30am and the South Boston Public Library, 646 East Broadway, from 4pm-5pm. Residents are encour-

aged to bring constituent and neighborhood issues directly to Councilor Flynn and his staff.

"As the District City Councilor, it is important for me to continue this program and bring City Hall services to each of our neighborhoods. Oftentimes, people are unable to take the time from work or too busy to travel into the city to deal

with a particular issue. This is an opportunity for us to come to the neighborhood over the weekend and hear from our residents directly about their concerns regarding pedestrian safety, our parks, development, and our libraries," said Flynn. "My belief is that every part of District 2 deserves to be treated with respect and dignity, as well as having

the same access to basic city services as everyone else. I will continue to bring City Hall services to each of our neighborhoods."

For more information regarding future neighborhood office hours or constituent service issues, please contact Councilor Flynn's office at 617-635-3203 or Ed.Flynn@Boston.Gov.



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Cumberland Farms Launches 7th Cups for Kids Fundraiser



Throughout the Month of August, Five Cents From Every Iced Coffee or Chill Zone Beverage Purchased Will Be Donated to Floating Hospital for Children at Tufts Medical Center & Other Regional Children’s Hospitals.

Leading coffee, convenience and gasoline retailer, Cumberland Farms, today launched its 7th annual Cups for Kids campaign. The campaign is a month-long fundraiser that benefits pediatric care programs at five regional hospitals, including Floating Hospital for Children at Tufts Medical Center in Boston, Massachusetts.

Throughout the month of August, five cents from every iced coffee or Chill Zone beverage, including HYPERFEEZE™ (the beverage varies by hospital), purchased at participating retail locations across the Northeast, will be donated directly to pediatric care programs at partnering children’s hospitals.

“The time has already come to kick off another Cups for Kids fundraiser,” said Ari Haseotes, CEO of Cumberland Farms. “Last year, we donated over \$145,000 to our hospital partners and we couldn’t be more proud to give back to the local hospitals in the communities we serve. To help us exceed our donation from last year, we encourage our customers to head to their local stores and support the fundraiser this month.”

In Massachusetts, Cumberland

Farms is partnering with Floating Hospital for Children at Tufts Medical Center, a full-service children’s hospital in Boston with a mission to improve the lives of children and their families. During the month of August, five cents from every iced coffee purchased at participating retail locations across Massachusetts and Rhode Island will be donated directly to pediatric care programs at Floating Hospital. Matthew Scott, 11, from Marshfield, Massachusetts will be representing Floating Hospital for Children during the fundraiser this year. Last summer, Matt began experiencing frequent headaches that became increasingly severe. After visiting his pediatrician, Matt was sent directly to Tufts MC for an emergency MRI, which revealed a small tumor was blocking a drainage

path from his brain. After undergoing emergency brain surgery, the pressure Matt experienced has subsided! Matt and his family are extremely grateful for the exceptional care and continuous support they have received from Tufts MC and Floating Hospital throughout their experience.

“We are so grateful that Floating Hospital for Children will be a beneficiary of the Cups for Kids campaign for the fifth consecutive year,” said Geoffrey G. Binney, Jr., MD, MPH, Acting Pediatrician-in-Chief at Floating Hospital for Children at Tufts Medical Center. “Over the past four years, Cumberland Farms has raised more than \$275,000 through Cups for Kids for Floating Hospital, and last summer, they raised more than \$83,000 - the highest amount

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AUGUST 1-31st

5¢ from every iced coffee sold during the month of August will be donated to Floating Hospital for Children at Tufts Medical Center
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132 Elm Street
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Athol
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220 Pleasant Street
Auburn
502 Washington Street
Baldwinville
95 Elm Street
Bellingham
459 Hartford Avenue
297 Pulaski Blvd
Blackstone
One Main Street
Boston
801 Massachusetts Avenue
Braintree
931 Washington Street
Bridgewater
1001 Pleasant Street
33 Main Street
Brighton
148 Chestnut Hill Avenue
Brimfield
3 Main Street
Brockton
1819 Main Street
1205 Belmont Street
306 Crescent Street
Brookfield
32 Central Street
Buzzards Bay
160 Main Street
Carver
105 Main Street
90 N. Main Street
Chatham
678 Main Street
Chelmsford
31 Drum Hill Road
Clinton
1 Chestnut Street
Concord
120 Thoreau Street
Dartmouth
142 Rockdale Avenue
Danvers
76 Newbury Street
Dedham
180 W. Main Street
East Brewster
3 Foster Square
East Bridgewater
1055 Washington Street
143 Bedford Street
East Brookfield
550 East Main Street
East Falmouth
485 Waquoit Highway
400 Falmouth Hwy & Rt. 28
East Pepperell
121 Main Street
East Wareham
1 Depot Street
Fairhaven
89-95 Huttleson Avenue
68 Main Street
Fall River
864 Stafford Road
Falmouth
4548 North Main Street
Falmouth
797 East Main Street
212 Teaticket Hwy
Fiskdale
508 Main Street
Fitchburg
376 River Street
479 Electric Avenue
Foxboro
20 Mechanic Street
Framingham
730 Cochituate Road
100 Crossing Boulevard
Gardner
120 Main Street
Gilbertville
28 Hardwick Road
Grafton
16 Upton Street
Granby
74 W. State Street
Halifax
292 Plymouth Street
Hanson
2 Main Street
Harwichport
578 Main Street, Rt. 28
Haverhill
426 Lowell Avenue
323 Main Street
Hopedale
115 Mendon Street
Hopkinton
91-93 W. Main Street
Hudson
200 Washington Street
87 Central Street
Hull
377 Nantasket Avenue
805 Nantasket Avenue
Hyannis
215 W. Main Street
375 Barnstable Road
1171 Iyannough Road
Ipswich
66 Turnpike Road
70 Central Street
Kingston
2 Pembroke Street
41 Main Street
Lancaster
480 High Street Ext
94 Main Street
Leicester
10 S. Main Street Rt. 9
1530 Main Street
Leominster
1289 Main Street
454 Mechanic Street
Ludlow
105 West Street
Center Street
320 East Street
Lynn
688 Chestnut Street
Mansfield
50 Chauncey Street
Marion
406 Wareham Road
Maynard
54 Acton Street
Medfield
590 Main Street
Medway
41 Milford Street
Middleboro
200 Center Street
87 East Grove Street
150 S Main Street
Middleton
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435 Shore Road
Nantucket
115 Orange Street
30 Sparks Avenue
New Bedford
757 Ashley Boulevard
810 Rockdale Ave & Kempton
2012 Acushnet Avenue
923 Shawmut Avenue
North Attleboro
573 Kelley Boulevard
150 Commonwealth Avenue
North Billerica
301 Boston Road
North Brookfield
225 Main Street
North Dartmouth
122 State Road
North Grafton
217 Worcester Street
North Oxford
200 Southbridge Road
Northbridge
2222 Providence Road
Northborough
15 Main Street
245 Mansfield Avenue
Orange
25 East Main Street
Orleans
119 Cranberry Highway
Osterville
16 West Bay Road
Oxford
311 Main Street
235 South Main Street
Palmer
1468 North Main Street
Pembroke
137 Center Street
Plainville
139 South Street
Plymouth
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Rehoboth
232 Winthrop Street
Rockport
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Seekonk
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Sharon
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Somerset
992 Grand Army Highway
Somerville
701 Somerville Avenue
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651 Washington Street
South Boston
628 East Fifth Street
South Bridge
357 Main Street
South Dartmouth
244 Russells Mills Road
South Dennis
420 Route 134
South Grafton
2 Main Street
South Hamilton
121 Bay Road
South Weymouth
767 Main Street
South Yarmouth
1297 Route 28
Southborough
365 Turnpike Avenue
Spencer
190 Littleton Road
Westminster
68 Main Street
Stoughton
590 Washington Street
1834 Turnpike Street
Swansea
520 Wilbur Avenue
Taunton
141 Broadway
318 County Street
Tewksbury
270 Main Street
Topsfield
20 Main Street
Uxbridge
26 Douglas Street
Vineyard Haven
9 Lagoon Pond Road
Wakefield
200 Lowell Street
Walpole
1185 Washington Street
1324 Main Street
Ware
195 West Street
Wareham
169 Main Street
Wellfleet
Route 6
West Boylston
184 W Boylston Street
West Bridgewater
8 North Main Street
West Wareham
2293 New London Turnpike
West Yarmouth
626 Main Street (Rt. 28)
Westford
190 Littleton Road
Westminster
68 Main Street
Westport
596 State Road
809 Main Street
Weymouth
5 Liberty Square
Whitman
280 Temple Street
Wilmington
205 Main Street
Winchendon
95 Front Street
Winthrop
48 Revere Street
Worcester
616 Chandler Street
263 Grafton Street
Wrentham
4 Common Street
Bristol
390 Metacom Avenue
Central Falls
478 Broad Street
Charlestown
Rte. 1A
Coventry
1600 Nooseneck Hill Road
785 Togue Avenue
436 Knotty Oak Road
2293 New London Turnpike
Cranston
921 Cranston Street
659 Reservoir Avenue
Cumberland
3400 Mendon Road
East Greenwich
5887 Post Road
3323 South County Trail
East Providence
2812 Pawtucket Avenue
Jamestown
41 North Main Street
Johnston
609 Killingly Street
2643 Hartford Avenue
Kingston
99 Fortin Road Ste. 1A
Lincoln
823 Smithfield Avenue
Middletown
94 Aquidneck Avenue
Narragansett
1141 Boston Neck Road
865 Point Judith Road
Newport
125 Broadway
1933 Mineral Spring Avenue
2064 Smith Street
Pawtucket
193 Division Street
Portsmouth
1812 E. Main Road
3166 E. Main Road
Providence
751 Hope Street
1297 Broad Street
744 Branch Ave
Slatersville
302 North Main Street
N. Smithfield
901 Victory Hwy
Smithfield
353 Waterman Avenue
Tiverton
1860 Main Road
Warren
66 Market Street
Warwick
1556 Post Road
3335 Post Road
1291 Warwick Avenue
West Warwick
278 Cowasset Avenue
275 Legns Avenue
704 Main Street
244 Washington Street
Westerly
69 Friendship Street
149 Granite St
Woonsocket
261 S. Main Street
2200 Mendon Road
Wyoming
1175 Main Street



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.

‘Before the law hath sentenced him thereto ...’

Amid all furor over detaining (or not detaining) criminal suspects and cons, Eli Sherman at Wicked Local takes a look at the history of the state’s bail system. It’s a good explainer piece that goes all the way back to 1641, when the oldest compilation of Massachusetts colonial law, The Body of Liberties, was first penned.

Something’s going on at Boston Public Library: Three put on leave, ongoing investigation, lot of no comments

Where there’s smoke, there’s fire, as the say. From the Herald’s Sean Philip Carter: “Three Boston Public Library facilities managers are on unpaid leave as BPL investigates their actions — but the library, only a few years removed from major controversy, is remaining a closed book on what happened.” The referenced major controversy had to do with the handling of the BPL’s special collections and artwork, including a 1504 engraving by Albrecht Durer and a 1634 Rembrandt etching that briefly disappeared.

Healey and Ocasio-Cortez ride to Pressley’s rescue

This is one of those endorsements that matter, pumping up staffers and perhaps influencing undecided voters in the waning weeks of a tightening race etc. From Spencer Buell at Boston Magazine: “Once thought of as kind of a long shot, Ayanna Pressley’s bid for long-term incumbent Michael Capuano’s seat in is looking pretty formidable right about now. Maura Healey, Massachusetts’ influential Attorney General, announced Monday morning that she is backing Pressley in the primary.”

The Globe’s Joan Vennochi says the endorsement is “another sign that the old-guard white male establishment that has controlled the Democratic power structure since forever is finally starting to crack.” The Herald’s Michael Graham agrees that the times are indeed a changin’ for Capuano.

The Herald’s Joe Battenfeld reports that socialist darling Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez may soon be hitting the campaign trail for Pressley — and that may actually be good news for Capuano. He explains.

After lawmakers pass Airbnb bill, Baker mulls adding tax-exemption amendment

From SHNS’s Matt Murphy at WWLP: “Gov. Charlie Baker is considering returning the bill sent to him Monday by the Legislature taxing and regulating short-term housing rentals with an amendment to exempt from taxation owners that rent out their homes or apartments for less than two weeks a year, according sources familiar with ongoing talks.”

Meanwhile, Airbnb is not happy at all with a provision in the bill that calls for establishment of new host registries that the firm says raises serious privacy concerns, Kelly O’Brien reports at the BBJ. Shira Schoenberg at MassLive has more on yesterday’s legislative vote and the bill in general.

Compromise reached on clean-energy bill

From Matt Stout and Jon Chesto at the Globe: “Electricity suppliers would be required to accelerate how much renewable energy they buy over a decadelong period under a compromise bill unveiled by Massachusetts lawmakers Monday, one of several measures that could reach Governor Charlie Baker’s desk before the formal legislative session wraps up on Beacon Hill. ... But (the compromise) also doesn’t include

some closely watched provisions backed by environmentalists and approved by the Senate, most notably a measure that would eliminate state-imposed caps on net metering credits, which was stripped from the final version.”

SHNS’s Colin Young at Commonwealth magazine reports that the Sierra Club is unhappy with the bill’s “baby steps” on renewables.

Blandford’s four-member police force to town: Take these jobs and shove it

Citing cruisers that barely run, radios that don’t work and other safety concerns, the entire four-member police force in Blandford, population 1,200 in western Massachusetts, has resigned, leaving only a Facebook post on what residents can do in future emergencies. Ryan Trowbridge at Western Mass News and Jeanette DeForge at MassLive and Aimee Ortiz at the Globe have the details on the rather dramatic and drastic action. State Police are stepping in to provide coverage, the town says.

Is there a secret non-compete deal in the works?

SHNS’s Michael Norton reports on the somewhat cryptic remarks last week by Judiciary Committee Chairman Will Brownsberger that suggest a “fundamental agreement” may be in place for a compromise on non-compete employee agreements in Massachusetts. With only about 15 hours left in the session, we’ll soon see if it’s true. Stay tuned.

DAVID BIELE ENDORSED BY FIRE FIGHTERS LOCAL 718

“**B**oston Fire fighters Local 718 is proud to endorse David Biele to be the next State Representative for South Boston and Dorchester. David has a proven record of supporting fire fighters and their families. He’s written legislation to increase

funding for training programs and has been a strong supporter of our men and women in uniform. David’s experience is what our communities need, and we are proud to support his campaign.”

—Rich Paris

President, Fire Fighters Local 718



BPDA Board approves 870 Residential Units



The approval of 190 affordable units moves the City closer towards Mayor Walsh's goal of increasing affordable housing to support strong middle class

Boston, July 2018 - The Boston Planning & Development Agency (BPDA) Board of Directors approved four development projects and one Notice of Project Change at their July meeting. The projects will generate a total of 870 residential units, 190 of which will be affordable. In addition, the projects will create 379 jobs upon their completion.

The BPDA continues to make progress towards Mayor Martin J. Walsh's goal of increasing affordable housing to support a strong middle-class. Since the start of 2018, 2,908 new housing units have been approved, with 585 affordable units for low or middle-income residents.

Development Projects

217 Albany Street to bring innovative residential co-living to the South End

Live: 24 on-site IDP units, interior and exterior amenity areas, part of Ink Block development

Work: 140 construction jobs, 10 permanent building operations full-time employees

Connect: 125 bike storage units, new pedestrian activation, expanded Blue Bikes, building WiFi, LEED certified

Size: 139,900 square feet

The 217 Albany Street project is located in the South End bordering Chinatown. The majority of the project site currently consists of service area parking and driveway associated with Ink Block residential buildings and the existing Ink Block Whole Foods grocery store, as well as a vacant two-story brick building formerly occupied by the Transit Insurance Agency.

The project will construct a new all-inclusive, co-living, 14-story residential building. This will include apartments with efficient layouts, making use of reduced square footage as compared to conventional studio apartments. This is accomplished through a hotel-style residential amenities program that includes a common kitchen and

lounge, co-working and meeting space, as well as fitness facilities, shared rooftop space, and house-keeping services. The building will contain up to 250 units containing 327 individually leased bedrooms, within 197 studios known as "microunits", 35 two-bedroom units, 12 three-bedroom units, and six four-bedroom units. Each unit has its own private kitchen, bathroom and living areas. The proposed residential units will be "move-in ready" with furniture, premium Wi-Fi, and television connections. Another unique aspect of this residential concept is the inclusion of a live-in community manager to organize regular social events for residents in the building.

The project will not include any on-site parking, instead residents will be encouraged to utilize nearby MBTA train and bus service, taxis, and private ride services. Car sharing services such as Zipcar are also available in the immediate vicinity of the project site. Short- and long-term monthly public parking for residents will be available at the 175-space "Underground at Ink Block" parking facility across Albany Street under I-93. Secure bicycle storage will also be provided within the project building for residents and any building support staff.

200-204 Old Colony Avenue approval will bring 49 residential units and educational space to South Boston

Live: 49 residential units, eight IDP units, \$99,000 IDP fund contribution

Work: 75 construction jobs, 21 permanent jobs, 9,800 square feet for Notre Dame Educational Center (NDEC)

Connect: 66 bicycle storage spaces, \$25,000 Parks Department contribution, LEED certifiable

Size: 63,023 square feet

The 200-204 Old Colony project will construct a six-story, mixed-use building with 49 residential rental units, of which eight will be income-restricted. In addition, the project will include educational space for the NDEC, approximately 31 off-street vehicle parking spaces, and bicycle storage.

The 49 residential units are anticipated to consist of seven studio units, 2 one-bedroom units, and 16 two-bedroom units.

This project proposal also includes a \$20,000 contribution to support local non-profit organizations that provide substance abuse and recovery services, educational opportunities for local community members, and support activities for those in the community that may have developmental disabilities or physical challenges.

Approval of Shawmut Avenue/Washington Street Block in South End to create 536 residential units

Live: 536 units with up to 139 affordable units

Work: 600 construction jobs and approximately 70 permanent jobs

Connect: 27% open space, new North-South and East-West pedestrian connectors, new courtyard open to public

Size: 617,216 square feet

The Shawmut Avenue/Washington Street Block project will include three new buildings and represents a collaborative effort between the developer and two Chinatown community organizations, the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association of New England (CCBA) and Boston Chinese Evangelical Church (BCEC).

The first building, 112 Shawmut Avenue, will be a maximum of 13 stories and consist of 139 residential units, associated residential amenity spaces, and a three-level enclosed garage containing 110 parking spaces, as well as related site and landscape improvements.

The second building, 120 Shawmut Avenue, will include the expansion of the BCEC building to consolidate BCEC's services onto one site. The improvements at 120 Shawmut Avenue will consist of either the demolition of a portion of the existing facility and the construction of a vertical addition, or the new construction of up to a 12-story structure to house two religious sanctuaries with combined seating for 1,130 people, a gymnasium, fitness rooms, offices, classrooms and meeting spaces for religious education, recreational and

social services uses, a small ground floor commercial space, and 84 residential units on the upper floors of the building.

The third building, 50 Herald Street, is currently owned by the CCBA. The 50 Herald Street building will be nine stories and set back at the corner of Herald and Washington Streets, rising to 14 stories further south along Washington Street. The building will contain 313 residential units with ground floor retail, commercial, cultural, and/or community space along Washington Street. In addition, there will be an underground garage with 120 parking spaces.

Notice of Project Change (NPC)

Orient Heights Redevelopment NPC approval keeps project moving forward

Live: 331 affordable housing units, community and open space, replacement public housing units

Work: 238 construction jobs

Connect: 331 bicycle parking spaces, LEED silver certifiable

Phase One of the Orient Heights Redevelopment was completed in Spring 2018. Phase Two of the revised project consists of the demolition of four structures on the northwestern edge of the project site and the construction of 88 residential units with a combination of townhouse and mid-rise buildings, community space in the mid-rise building, 76 vehicle parking spaces, and open space and public realm improvements.

The NPC includes the following proposed changes to the project as it was originally approved:

- A decrease of four residential units to be constructed as part of the Phase Two project, bringing the total from 92 to 88 units.

- The elimination of two parking spaces, bringing the total from 78 to 76 parking spaces.

- The elimination of 42 non-public residential units from the project, bringing the total number of residential units from 373 (a combination of public and non-public residential units) to 331 units (all public housing units).

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The Definitive Guide To Tipping While Traveling

By Christopher Muther GLOBE STAFF

Tipping is completely voluntary, meaning individuals within the service industry can voluntarily see you as either a tightwad or a well-mannered traveler based on the rigidity of your purse strings. The choice is yours. I'm not one to tell people what to do, but if you decide to dole out tips like a reasonable person rather than a pinch-fisted Scrooge McDuck, I have some helpful advice for tipping while traveling.

Tipping on the road is complicated business, made even more confusing by international rules that differ dramatically from those in the United States. Making matters worse, not all experts agree on how much to tip. But, according to etiquette expert Diane Gottsman, owner of the Protocol School of Texas, the rule of thumb for tipping while on vacation in the United States should be "if they touch it, you tip it."

"In other words, if they touch your bag, if they bring your bag up from the car to the door, and you allow them to unpack your whole car, then you're going to give them some type of gratuity," she said.

Bottom line people: Recognizing good service can be an expensive endeavor, and until the US service industry changes its model and no longer expects consumers to pad out traditionally low salaries, keep your wallet at the ready while on the road.

There are general tipping guidelines for all US travel services, but, according to etiquette expert Elaine Swann, if a concierge secures you an otherwise impossible show ticket, or a restaurant reservation in an eatery that is fully booked, consider going higher. Swann said consider at least \$20 depending on the scale of the task. Ditto for others who transform your trips from exasperating to extraordinary.

We'll get back to the intricacies of US tipping in a moment, but first a

few words about international tipping. If you're traveling outside of the United States, do your research on how to properly tip.

"My experience is that most countries do not have the same tipping economy that the United States has," said David Locke co-owner of the travel agency Seize the Seas. "Servers are paid a living wage, instead of less-than-minimum, and they are expected to provide quality service like any other job." Americans who don't research often over-tip because they're unfamiliar with local customs.

"In some cases, it might be customary to round the bill up to the nearest logical denomination," said Jacob Marek, founder of the travel agency IntroverTravels. "In other instances, you might not tip at all. In some places around the world, such as Japan, tipping can actually be considered rude." No matter where you are, always make sure you have enough single dollar bills, pesos, Euros, krona, or whatever the local currency is on hand for ease of tipping. Another rule is to include tips in your vacation budget.

"When you're a service provider, it's part of your income," Gottsman said. "You're making less because gratuities supplement your paycheck. We, as the consumer, or client, should be respectful and aware of that. Smart people want to do the right thing."

If you're not satisfied with your service, speak to a manager. Swann said do not undertip as an insult or to send a negative message.

"Make sure that whatever you leave for them is sincerely a tip," she said. "If you don't care to tip the individual at all, then don't tip them at all, but don't under-tip as an insult."

With the help of etiquette experts, the American Society of Travel Agents, and the American Hotel & Lodging Association, we've assembled a handy guide for tipping while traveling in the United States. Remember to do your research before traveling overseas.

"I'm not going to say that they'll treat you poorly, but if you don't tip accordingly, they're going to remember you," Gottsman said.

Who and how much to tip

• Hotel or rental car courtesy shuttle driver



Tip \$1 to \$2 per person, or \$4 to \$5 per party if the driver helps you with your bags.

- Taxi

Tip a minimum of 10 to 15 percent. For an above-average driver who assists with heavier bags, tip 20 percent or higher.

- Curbside check-in

Tip \$3 for the first bag, \$1 for each additional bag.

- Porter at airport or railway station

Tip \$1 per bag.

- Valet/parking attendant

Tip \$1 to \$5 when your car is delivered. Tipping when dropping off your car is optional.

- Hotel door staff

There's no tip required for a welcoming "Hello" and a held door. However, if they perform a special service such as helping with shopping bags from the taxi to the front desk or holding an umbrella from the front door to the car, think about \$2 to \$5.

- Bell staff/porter

Tip \$1 to \$5 per bag when you are escorted to your room, especially if your luggage is heavy or they show you around. Tip the same if you request bell staff service checking out. If you don't want to leave a tip, simply tell them you don't require assistance when you check in or out of your hotel.

- Storing luggage at the hotel

Tip \$1 per bag when you retrieve your luggage. You do not need to tip when you drop off your bags for storage.

- Concierge

Tip from \$5 to \$10 depending on how involved the request, or a lump sum upon departure. Consider tipping higher if the concierge has gone above and beyond to procure something special. No tip is necessary for directions or an answer

to a simple question.

- Housekeeping

Tip anywhere from \$1 to \$10 a night depending on the quality of the hotel and the level of service. The tip should be left daily, preferably in an envelope or with a note so that it's clear it's for housekeeping.

- Room service

A gratuity of 15 to 20 percent should be added, but only if the hotel did not already include a room service charge on the bill.

- Tour guides

Tip \$5 to \$10 per person for a one-day tour. Tip bus drivers less.

- Airbnb/VRBO/Homeaway rental

No tip necessary. If you rent a room in a house with an exceptional host, consider a small gift.

- Uber/Lyft driver

Previously tipping was limited in ride share services. Now consider tipping the driver 10 to 15 percent through the app in your phone if you have a good experience.

- Bartender

Tip \$1 to \$2 per drink. If you open a tab, tip 15 to 20 percent of the total beverage tab.

- Waiter/Waitress

Tip 15 to 20 percent of the total bill. Currently 20 percent is considered the norm for good service.

Legislature Refers Opioid ‘Involuntary Hold’ Provision To A Study

Vowing to keep the pressure on, Senator Nick Collins expressed disappointment in the last-minute decision by legislative leaders to further study this provision that would force law enforcement, hospitals and courts to be more aggressive in the intervention process. He added that, “Our efforts have caused all stakeholders to acknowledge that reviving a victim of an overdose only saves them in the moment and without a process for an immediate intervention, stabilization and treatment option, it may simply delay the inevitable - another overdose and possibly death.”

In the week leading up to the July 31 end of the 2018 formal legislative session, the House of Representatives flat out rejected Gov. Charlie Baker’s proposal to involuntarily hold people addicted to opioids for up to 72 hours to introduce them to treatment, but the Senate on Thursday took a small step toward the governor by voting

to allow addicts to be held overnight or over a weekend until a judge can review their case.

The State House News Service reported that the amendment, initially offered by Senate Minority Leader Bruce Tarr and reworked with the help of Sen. Nick Collins, was the subject of intense debate among senators Thursday, who retreated from the senator floor to private offices for hours to hash over the details. The compromise amendment would allow an officer of the court, if the courts were closed, to issue a temporary order to hold someone who had presented in a hospital or elsewhere with signs of substance abuse disorder in a treatment facility certified by the Department of Public Health.

The order would only be valid until the courts reopened the next day or after the weekend, and a judge could proceed with a Section 35 civil commitment hearing. If a judge could not

hear the case within 72 hours, the person would have to be released. Collins, the South Boston Democrat who worked on the final version of the amendment with Tarr, said the amendment would save lives. It passed 33-4, with Democratic Sens.

Julian Cyr, Jamie Eldridge, Michael Moore and Patricia Jehlen voting against. Other amendments offered during the course of the debate that more closely resembled the governor’s involuntary hold provision were defeated.



Transportation Officials Under Scrutiny continued from front page

address the impacts of Downtown Boston and Waterfront growth.

In response, the state Legislature in a 2014 Transportation bond bill authorized \$25m for MassDOT to investment in South Boston transportation infrastructure. Subsequently, city and state agencies came together to produce the South Boston Waterfront Sustainable Transportation Plan, published in January of 2015, which laid out a list of recommended investments and timeline for their completion.

These recommendations included ‘road diets’ and ‘lane shrinking’, bump outs at pedestrian crossings, higher visibility and raised crosswalks, improved intersection geometry, modified signal timing, and better operating traffic signals, all to ‘calm’ traffic, slow down cars and discourage cut-through traffic by commuters for both Day Boulevard and L Street, which experts believe would have significant impact. Sections related to local streets and near-term (0-3 years) projects are contained in the 2015

South Boston Waterfront Sustainable Transportation Plan:

https://www.massdot.state.ma.us/Portals/17/docs/Studies/SBostonWaterfrontFullReport_jan2015.pdf

Since January of 2015, elected officials and community leaders have urged transportation officials, at community meetings and in letters, about the need to prioritize safety in the neighborhood. As recently as March 2017, elected officials were on record with the Boston Transportation Department supporting the ‘Neighborhood Slow Streets’ applications submitted by both the City Point Neighborhood Association, the Andrew Square Civic Association and St Vincent’s/Lower End Neighborhood Association. And as recently as last week, MassDOT came out to the Curley Recreation Center to present their road safety audit.

So, with solutions at hand and funds available, it’s time for the agencies responsible for implementing the action items to execute. No more agency studies are needed. Time for agency leaders to act.

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The Wine Guy

Down The Road

As with many other things, sometimes it can be a good idea to buy some of your Fall wines a little early-like now. Why? For one thing, value. Retailers often get better than good terms from their wholesalers at this time of the year for wines that will be in demand later in the year and many are inclined to pass some of that savings onto their customers; you should ask

your store. Another reason is variety; the period between Labor Day and Columbus Day is a great time for retailers to bring on new labels and many times, those wines arrive early, so again, ask your retailer if there's anything new.

Alright, let's take a look at some wines that are great to buy now and hold until the cooler temps are here;(not an option at my house, but that's another column). Take a look at these:

Rioja 2013 Tempranillo, Santiago, Spain, (\$14.95), founded in 1870 in Haro, Rioja Santiago is the second oldest winery in La Rioja, one of only three wineries in the world that, due to age, are permitted to use the word 'Rioja' on the label. Today Rioja Santiago is a modern winery, but the philosophy that surrounded the wines for more than 100 years has not changed: producing the highest quality Rioja wines. This wine is 100% Tempranillo fermented over 20 days in temperature-controlled tanks. It aged for 12 months in American oak.

It shows ruby red color, red fruit and subtle spicy aromas on the nose. On the palate it is round, well-balanced, well-structured with a pleasant finish. This wine is great with roasts, as well as game meats; try it with a duck confit or prime rib.

Fidelity 2015 Crazy Creek Estate Red Blend, Alexander Valley, Nick Goldschmidt, (\$18.99), Nick Goldschmidt is a rare bird indeed; a superstar winemaker on three different continents starting in New Zealand and ending up in California. And with his years as Chief Winemaker at Simi Vineyards in Sonoma, he knows Alexander Valley like few others. He rates the Crazy Creek Estate where the grapes for this wine are sourced, as one of the top five sites in the region. An amazing value, this Bordeaux-style blend of 80% Merlot, 15% Cabernet Sauvignon and 5% Petit Verdot was aged 12 months in 15% new French Oak barrels. 2015 was an stellar vintage and this wine scored 95 points in the North Coast Wine Challenge where it went head to head with California's best. They called it "Sassy with class. Beautifully blended." An enduring and unmistakable value. A one-time Wine Express Wine of the Year!

Freemark Abbey 2014 Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, (\$39.95), back in 1976, Freemark Abbey Cabernet was one of the winning wines in the famous Judgment in Paris Tasting. It's been a Napa Valley staple for decades and today Freemark Abbey is owned by the Jess Jackson family and has a renewed focus and vitality. Robert Parker just wrote "Freemark Abbey has hit pay dirt big-time, with plenty of terrific offerings that are being released now and early in 2019. Wine-maker Ted Edwards seems to go from

strength to strength and readers looking for top-flight Napa wines priced under \$50.00 need to check out several of these immediately, as I'm sure they'll be huge crowd-pleasers." This 2014 is 78% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8% Merlot, 6 % Petit Verdot, 6% Malbec and 2% Cabernet Franc. Decanter Magazine scored this 95 points saying "The estate known today as Freemark Abbey was established in 1886 by one of the first female wine-growers in Napa. Today Ted Edwards is head winemaker, working for the past three decades to develop relationships with growers, allowing exclusive sourcing rights to specific plots, which is crucial to the winery's success. This wine has been aged for 28 months in a mixture of French and American oak.

Purple Hands Lone Oak Ranch Oregon Pinot Noir, 2016, (\$32.99), just-rated in Wine Spectator's Insider and ready to drink now, the Purple Hands Lone Oak Ranch Oregon Pinot Noir is utterly delightful. In the summer, we like to have it a little cooler than room temp; set that up and it's the perfect aperitif as you're contemplating what to eat or just slowing down as your day is coming to a close. Plank-grilled salmon over a cauliflower puree is a delicious dinner option. Lollipop lamb chops with a mint, basil and tomato salsa for dipping is another great choice. It can be an appetizer or entree. Or, to make the cooking super simple, marinate a butterflied chicken with garlic, shallots, white wine, thyme, rosemary and a spoonful of apricot preserves overnight. Then grill to perfection today and serve it with a green salad tossed with good olive oil and sea salt. Easy as pie and really tasty with this great red!

Talk To The Wine Guy at jdris8888@gmail.com

NOTICE OF TIER RECLASSIFICATION AND EXTENSION

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Pursuant to the Massachusetts Contingency Plan [MCP; 310 CMR 40.0530 and 40.560(7)], a Tier Reclassification and Extension has been submitted to the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) for this site. MassDEP issued a Tier 1B Permit for this site effective September 8, 1994. Because of regulatory changes in 2014, a Tier 1 classification no longer applies. The submittal proposes to reclassify the site as Tier II.

The Tier Reclassification and Extension, as well as the disposal site file, can be viewed at MassDEP website using Release Tracking Number (RTN) 3-00257 at <http://public.dep.state.ma.us/SearchableSites2/Search.aspx> or at the MassDEP Northeast Regional Office, 205B Lowell Street, Wilmington, MA 01887. Additional public involvement opportunities are available under 310 CMR 40.1403(9) and 310 CMR 40.1404.

To obtain more information on this disposal site, please contact Mr. James Stolecki at Massport's Environmental Management Unit Office, One Harborside Drive, East Boston, MA 02128 or by e-mail at jstolecki@massport.com.

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yet - in support of our smallest, but mightiest patients."

Below is the complete list of participating hospitals, as well as their selected Cumberland Farms beverage for the fundraiser:

- Floating Hospital for Children at Tufts Medical Center - Iced Coffee
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Hospital at Albany Medical Center - Chill Zone Beverages


- Connecticut Children's Medical Center - Chill Zone Beverages
- The Barbara Bush Children's Hospital at Maine Medical Center - Chill Zone Beverages

For more information around the Cups for Kids campaign, please visit <https://www.cumberland-farms.com/company/doing-good/cups-for-kids>.


Recent South Boston Real Estate Sales

Property/Type	Price	Sale Date	Rooms	Baths	Sq Ft
50 Liberty Drive UNIT PH 1A Condo	\$9,145,225	4/11/18	7	3.5	3573
50 Liberty Drive UNIT 8L Condo	\$2,213,585	4/10/18	4	2.5	1537
405 West First St UNIT 401 Condo	\$2,120,625	4/5/18	5	3	2897
50 Liberty Drive UNIT 4E Condo	\$1,893,995	4/5/18	3	2	1297
540 East Broadway UNIT 6A Condo	\$1,450,000	4/9/18	5	2.5	2007
50 P Street Single Family	\$1,350,000	4/3/18	10	3.5	2817
621 East First St UNIT C3 Condo	\$1,325,000	4/3/18	4	2	1654
794 East Seventh St UNIT C Condo	\$1,225,000	4/2/18	7	2.5	1697
621 East First St UNIT C6 Condo	\$1,175,000	4/1/18	4	2	1772
27 Vinton Street Three Family	\$1,065,000	4/10/18	11	3	3036
225 Dorchester St UNIT 1 Condo	\$927,325	4/13/18	4	2.5	1839
46 Wormwood St UNIT 46 Condo	\$920,000	4/6/18	7	2.5	1900
49 Rogers Street Single Family	\$900,000	4/9/18	8	3	1758
540 East Broadway3D Condo	\$820,000	4/11/18	4	2	952
36 A St UNIT 2B Condo	\$780,000	6/15/18	4	1	1002
360 West Second St UNIT 19 Condo	\$725,000	4/13/18	3	2	966
2 Gifford Place Two Family	\$710,000	4/9/18	8	2	2048
524 East Broadway UNIT 1 Condo	\$699,000	4/6/18	4	2	1115
475 East nFifth St UNIT 2 Condo	\$659,000	4/6/18	5	1	950
685 East Eighth St UNIT 2 Condo	\$650,000	4/2/18	4	2	1124
242 West Fifth St UNIT 2 Condo	\$629,000	4/4/18	5	2	750
475 East Fifth St UNIT 1 Condo	\$625,000	4/13/18	5	1	825
840 East Fourth St UNIT 2 Condo	\$625,000	4/6/18	4	1	870
200 West Eighth St UNIT 1 Condo	\$620,000	4/3/18	4	1	762
64 Gates St UNIT 2 Condo	\$520,000	4/4/18	4	1	586
39 I St UNIT 1 Condo	\$492,500	4/6/18	3	1	605
188 Gold St UNIT 1 Condo	\$435,000	4/12/18	3	1	510
130 Emerson St UNIT 40 Condo	\$290,000	4/6/18	2	1	490

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Ed Hamilton Honored With 93rd Birthday Party

SBT Staff Report

Ed Hamilton, our community's decorated World War II veteran of the United States Navy who served in the Pacific during the attack on Pearl Harbor is still the 'man in motion' we see on L Street. He may be a little slower these days but his greeting, "how are you doing kid" is a welcomed sign that he is going strong. Ed is on a first name basis with virtually everyone he meets and has that friendly welcoming smile

ready as soon as eye contact is made.

Last week Ed was honored with a 93rd birthday party organized by his good friend Chris Gregorio and attended by a crowd of other good friends and neighbors held in the community room at the Powers Apartments on L Street. Chris would like to thank everyone who came to the party, donated to the party, shared or listened to stories or wished Ed a happy birthday. Ed blew out his candles but not before making a wish. When asked what his wish was, he smiled and had a twinkle

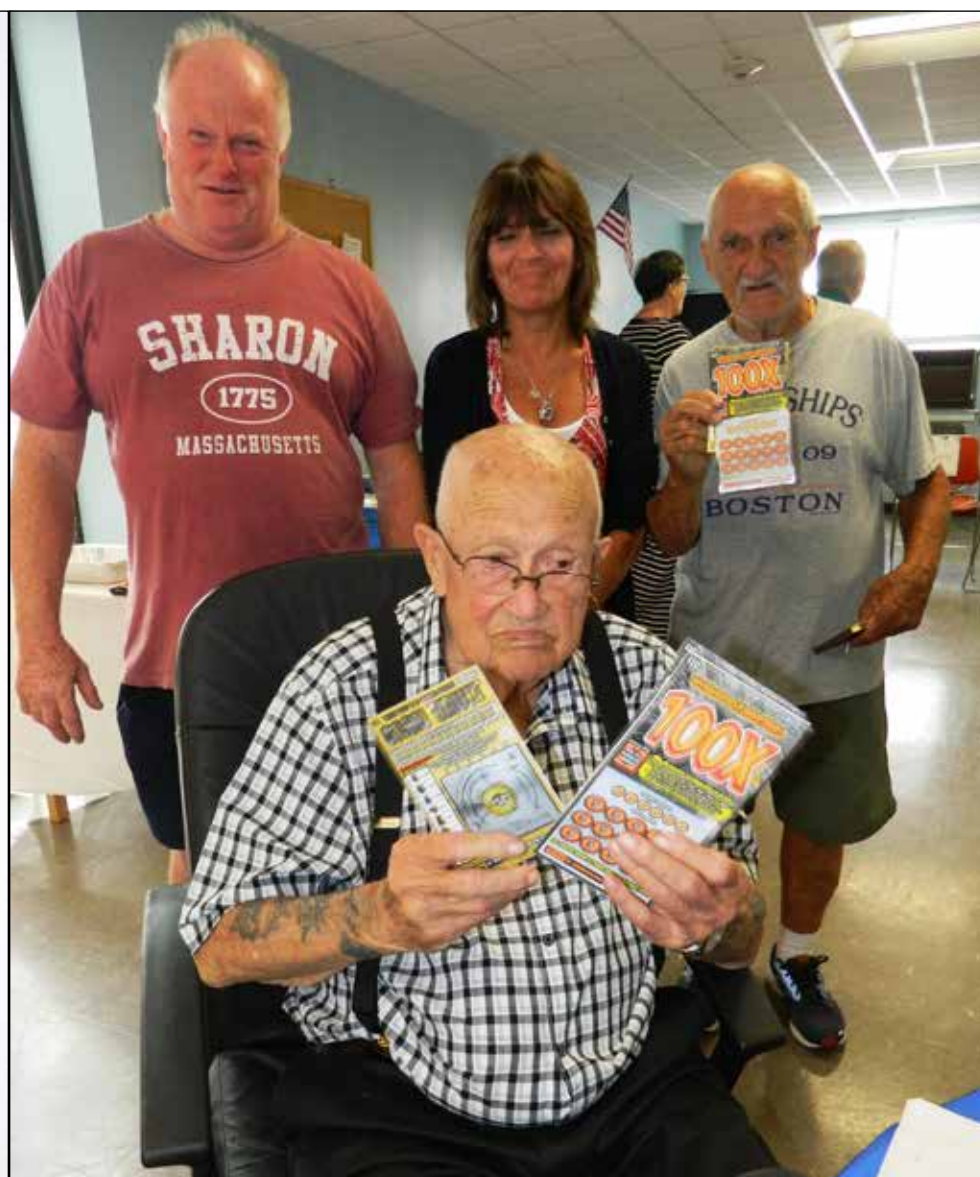
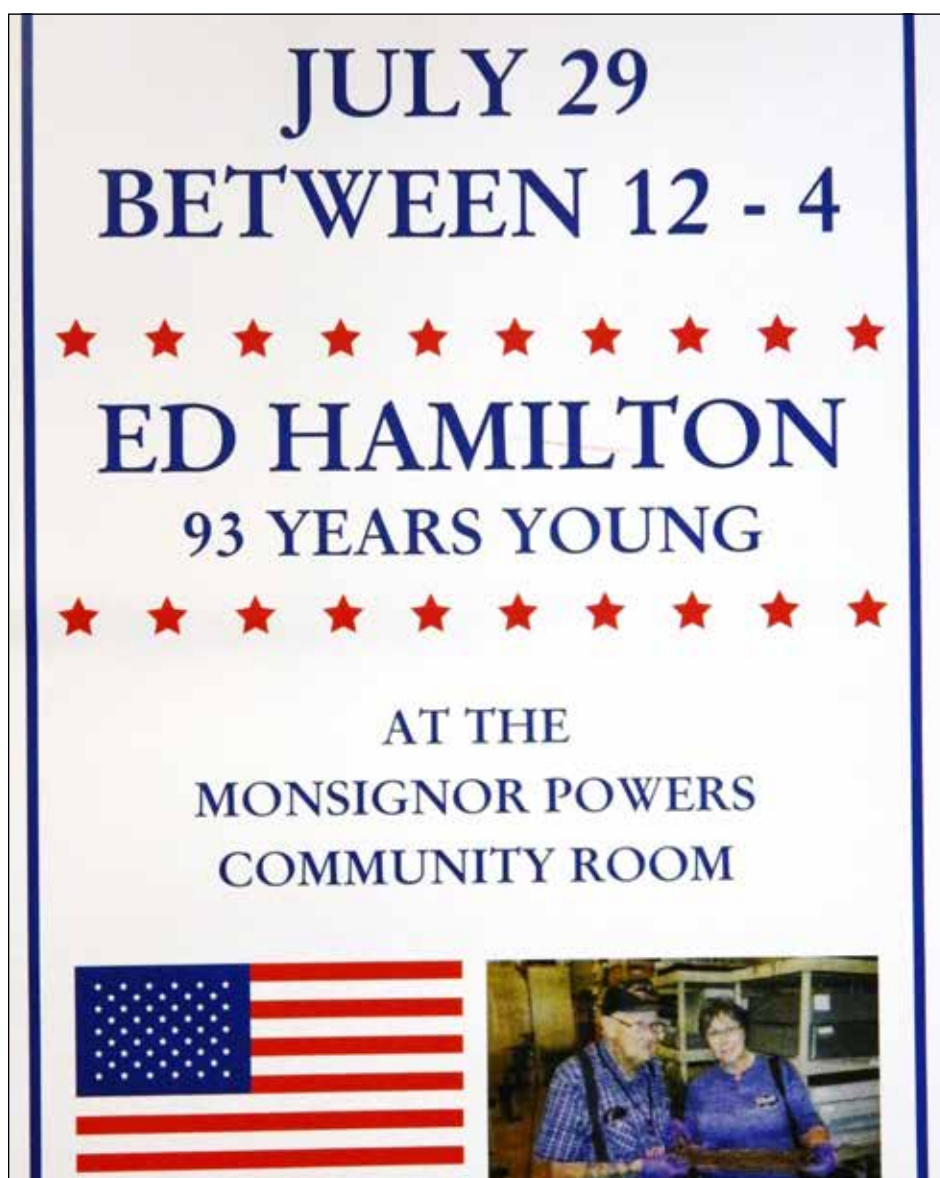
in his eye and that was enough of an answer for all!

Also, among the many guests at the event were Ed's Daughter Laura McDonagh and husband Coley, many friends new and old, his Cumby Girls, Councilor Ed Flynn, candidates for State Representative, David Biele and Matt Rusteika and volunteers from the Powers, who did a great job of helping set up the dining room hall and with other preparations.

Ed Hamilton has become quite the celebrity in military circles over the

years. Though a well-known veteran with a wealth of history packed into his Pearl Harbor and other exploits on the high seas, he still makes his home in South Boston where he, along with our many other resident veterans make this community proud.

South Boston Today joins the rest of this town in saying Happy Birthday and Thank you to Ed Hamilton and to all of our veterans for their service to our country and for being responsible for preserving and protecting our freedom and our liberty. God Bless them all.





PRIMO WATER MAKES BIG ENVIRONMENTAL SPLASH IN PAN-MASS CHALLENGE

Sponsorship saves thousands of plastic bottles from landfills while supporting cancer research

Primo® Water, a leading provider of water dispensers and multi-gallon purified bottled water, will save thousands of single-serve plastic bottles as the official water sponsor of the 2018 Pan-Mass Challenge (PMC). Primo Water is providing all of the water over the two-day, 192-mile bike-a-thon through Massachusetts on August 4-5.

“We’re sending 2,600 five-gallon bottles of water to the event. If all the water is used, it will prevent the use of nearly 139,000 single-serve plastic bottles,” said Primo Water President & CEO, Matt Sheehan, a Massachusetts native and PMC participant for the past 18 years. “I believe strongly in PMC’s goal of sup-

porting cancer research but also to eliminate the waste that single-serve plastic causes. Cycling is an environmentally friendly sport but cycling events can produce large amounts of plastic waste. That’s an opportunity for Primo Water to step in.”

Primo Water will be dispensed using one of Primo’s many innovative water dispensers pre-ride, post-ride and at all the water stations along the route. In addition, the electrolyte drinks will be made with purified, great-tasting Primo water.

Billy Starr, PMC founder and executive director, said, “With 6,300 riders, you can imagine how many plastic bottles we go through. Primo Water is helping us set an ex-

ample for Massachusetts as change initiators when it comes to plastic use and recycling.”

Each five-gallon Primo water bottle saves 1,100 single-serve plastic bottles over its lifetime. Plastic use is at an all-time high across the globe and by 2020, it is estimated that over half a trillion plastic bottles will be sold. Plastic bottles take nearly 450 years to decompose and often end up in oceans or landfills as only nine percent of all plastic in the United States is actually recycled.

Currently, nearly one-third of the state of Massachusetts has placed regulations on single-use plastic shopping bags. Primo is helping the state take this a step further

by reusing all of the empty Primo bottles used at the PMC event. The empty bottles are returned and to go through a thorough sanitation process before reuse. This is a significant environmental impact for the New England region and specifically Massachusetts.

Primo Water’s environmental commitment is not confined to the PMC. Their entire company mission is focused on inspiring healthy lives thru better water, while also helping to reduce plastic waste. Sheehan said, “I am so proud of PMC’s fundraising efforts for the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and the combination of Primo Water and PMC can have a measurable environmental impact.”



Primo CEO, Matt Sheehan (left), photographed with Team Eradicate in 2017 PMC



PMC volunteer unloads Primo bottles



Primo bottles are being unloaded for PMC

Youth Beach Bash & Splash On Carson Beach

On Friday July 27th, more than 450 youth from 8 community groups, including South Boston Neighborhood House, BCYF Con-
don, and St. Peter Academy attended Save the Harbor/Save the Bay's 8th Annual Youth Beach Bash & Splash at the Department of Conservation & Recreation's Car-
son Beach. This event was part of Save the Harbor's free Life's a Beach Events, which bring free programs to our region's public beaches all summer long.



The event included performances by pirates and entertainers from the Boston Circus Guild, featuring acrobats, an aerialist, and a hula-hooper, with support from Piers Park Sailing, YMCA Boston, and South Boston Neighborhood House.



"It was a great day on a great beach in a great beachfront community," said Bruce Berman, Director of Strategy & Communications for Save the Harbor/Save the Bay. "Thanks to all our friends and partners in South Boston for making it so much fun for everyone."



At noon everyone took a simultaneous plunge into the cool, clean waters of Boston Harbor. Activities of the day included fishing and crabbing on the shoreline, swimming lessons provided by the YMCA of Greater Boston, and kayaking provided by Piers Park Sailing Center staff. Harbor Historian David Coffin, along with Save the Harbor's Youth Summer staff, led an inspiring rendition of the sea chantey "Haul Away Joe". Youth joined in to sing along as a reflection on the collective work to preserve Boston Harbor and keep America's cleanest beaches pristine.

Letter to the Editor



Friends and neighbors,

Every year too many kids go to school without the materials necessary to succeed. This summer I am organizing the 2nd annual kids helping kids school supply drive to help other kids in our community to have what they need for class this fall. Please help by donating new back packs, pencils, pens, erasers, notebooks, folders, and other school supplies.

We will be collecting supplies Monday August 20th from 4 pm - 7 pm the Pop Warner field at Marine Park, 1880 Day Boulevard. If you'd like to skip the store and leave the shopping to us, you can donate using gofundme!

Thank you,
Ronan Manning

Make sure you like & share South Boston Today with your friends!



The Wedding Proposal

By Kevin Devlin



One way or another, I knew that today would change my life. I was sitting with my girlfriend, Anna, in box seats at Fenway Park watching the Boston Red Sox play against the hated New York Yankees. It was the second inning and the Yankees just scored two runs to take the lead, 2-0. Anna, being from Manhattan, was thrilled to see the Yankees surge ahead early in the game. She laughed, poking me in the side, busting my chops that the Sox were down.

"It's early, it's a long game," I said. "We'll see who's laughing when the final out is made."

"Yeah right," she replied. "I like the Sox a whole bunch but I'm from New York. True Blue"

"So," I said.

"So, they got their number and New York rules."

"Okay whatever you say. But I just don't understand how you can root for the Sox every other game during the season except for when they play the Yankees."

"C'mon, how many times do I have to tell you why?"

"I don't know...how many?"

She ignored my question, poked me in the side again and laughed as she fidgeted with her iPhone. Then she turned to me and smiled that smile I've loved ever since I saw her for the first time at the local pizza place on Dorchester Avenue.

"I'd like some popcorn and a drink if you don't mind."

"The kid should be by soon. Can you wait?"

"Sure can. My team is up at bat and looking to score some more runs."

"That's great but you're dreaming. Sox are gonna come back and whip these slugs."

This time she didn't smile nor acknowledge my statement or me for that matter. About ten minutes later, Anna was eating popcorn and enjoying her Pepsi. I was sitting there hop-

ing for the Sox' bats to come alive while simultaneously thinking about an important question sitting uncomfortably on top of my mind. Then in the fourth inning, the Sox came roaring back and scored six runs to take a 6-2 lead. Anna wasn't bragging now about being a Yankee fan.

"Yup, told ya' the Sox would come back. Sox are much better than the Bronx Bombers."

"You don't know what you're talking about," Anna said. "And like you said...it's a long game."

In the fifth inning, the Sox went to work again and scored four more runs to take a commanding 10-2 lead. I stood up and cheered with the Boston faithful when they took the field to begin the sixth inning. She wasn't enthused about my enthusiasm.

"Told ya' they'd surge ahead of these guys," I said, smiling.

"You need to stop the bragging because you're aggravating me bigtime."

"Sorry...didn't mean to bust 'em."

"Well, I'd never know it."

"It's only a game."

"It's not only a game, it's the Yankees-Sox series and it's not only a game. Hate it when the Yankees lose to Boston. Hate it! Hate it."

"Calm down, you'll bust an artery."

"No, you calm down. I am calm."

"Can't you be the least bit happy

that the Sox are winning even if it's against your mighty Yankees?"

"Nope," she said. "Not smiling. Not happy."

"But the Sox..."

"I'll always root for the Yankees over the Sox," she interrupted. "That will never change. And don't think you'll ever change my mind. Never ever think that. It won't end pretty I'll promise you that!"

I hesitated to say anything else at the moment and just looked straight ahead to the outfield wondering what the hell just happened. I had never seen the love of my life look this way at me. It was if she looked through me, consumed in anger.

I put my hand in my jacket pocket and felt the small, velvety box. I imagined standing up and popping the question. I imagined her saying yes, as several curious onlookers discreetly watched the moment unfold, then let out a burst of applause when Anna smiled, hugged, then kissed me.

I imagined all that but suddenly knew I couldn't live with someone who rooted for the Yankees over my beloved Sox.

So when the boy came walking past me I bought a beer to celebrate what might have been and zipped up my jacket pocket.

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- The elimination of 49 parking spaces from the project, bringing the total number from 306 to 265 on-street and off-street parking spaces.
- The elimination of approximately

57 bicycle parking spaces from the project, bringing the total number from 388 to 331 bicycle parking spaces.

- An increase of approximately 73,290 square feet of open space from the project, bringing the total from

87,985 square feet to 161,275 square feet of open space.

- The elimination of a roadway connection from Waldemar Avenue to Vallar Road.
- The existing community center within

the project site will be renovated instead of newly constructed, 1,000 square feet of community gathering space will be provided in Phase Two and 5,200 square feet of community gathering space will be provided in Phase Three.

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

The Boston Red Sox aren't taking any chances with Chris Sale. As well they shouldn't. So, if his throwing arm is acting up, even just a little, it makes all the sense in the world to immediately put him on the DL. That's what the Red Sox have done. The team announced on Tuesday that Sale has been placed on the 10-day disabled list with left shoulder inflammation. Approximately three minutes later, the team made an updated announcement, saying that Sale was placed on the 10-day DL with "mild" left shoulder inflammation.

Hearing what everyone had to say after the announcement, it doesn't seem like it's anything serious. They just don't want to take any chances. And again, I don't blame them. You knew there was a "but" coming. And that "but" is that Sale was supposed to open up a crucial four-game series against the New York Yankees at Fenway on Thursday night. Instead, Brian Johnson will take his place.

I'm not saying I'm concerned. But I'm not saying I'm not concerned. Make sense? For the Red Sox to make a legitimate postseason run, they're going to need Sale to be at his best. He wasn't at his best to begin last year's

ALDS against the Houston Astros, and in an ever-so-short best-of-five series, one bad start from your ace can end your season in the blink of an eye.

Perhaps this DL stint is the organizational acknowledgement that a healthy Sale in the postseason is much more important than a healthy Sale in early August, even if it is against the Yankees. But there's always a chance that this inflammation could lead to something bigger. I'm no doctor, but when your job is to throw a baseball in the mid-to-upper 90's, any type of inflammation or soreness in that throwing shoulder is of some concern.

Again, I'm not saying I'm concerned, but, well, you get the point. I'd say the best remedy here is prayer. If you're the Red Sox, say a prayer that the inflammation goes down and never comes back. Because Sale is the most important piece to a championship.

The MLB non-waiver trade deadline has come and gone, and the Red Sox did not make any moves on Tuesday, the day of the deadline. They did, however, trade for second baseman Ian Kinsler on Monday night, sending a pair of Triple-A pitchers to the Los Angeles Angels. Kinsler turned

36 in June, and it's hard to believe that this is his 13th year in the league. It feels like yesterday he was an All-Star for the Texas Rangers. He's not an All-Star caliber player anymore, but it should be noted that Kinsler is a career .291 hitter in the postseason, with four home runs and 20 RBI in 37 total postseason games. He's been in the World Series twice and has a .293 average in 12 World Series games.

Take that for what it's worth. But it's something positive to take away from a guy who was hitting .239 in 91 games with the Angels this year. I don't expect Kinsler to have a major impact on this Red Sox team, but the good thing is, he might not need to. He is strictly a depth piece. With Dustin Pedroia's status up in the air, it certainly couldn't hurt to at least bring Kinsler on board to provide some veteran experience in the postseason, where his career numbers aren't bad.

The Sox also added right-handed starting pitcher Nathan Eovaldi in a trade with the Tampa Bay Rays last week. This is simply just another depth piece, but I like this addition even more, because you can never have too much starting pitching. But let's be honest, even though Eovaldi's Red Sox debut

on Sunday was a very good one — 7 shutout innings, four hits, no walks, and five strikeouts — the postseason rotation, in a perfect world, would not include Eovaldi. Even though the Red Sox did not add a reliever before Tuesday's non-waiver trade deadline, they can still add one in the month of August, it's just a little more difficult because that player would have to either be claimed off waivers or clear waivers first.

But even if the Sox don't add another reliever, they could just move Eovaldi to the bullpen in the postseason.

The Boston Bruins announced on Tuesday that they will retire Rick Middleton's No. 16 this season, on Nov. 29. I didn't think this would be the next number we'd be talking about being retired in Boston. Whenever this conversation comes up though, I wonder when we'll hear the Red Sox announce that they'll be retiring Roger Clemens' No. 21. Nobody on the Red Sox has ever worn 21 since Clemens left for Toronto in 1997. But it's time to make it official.

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