



More Scrutiny Of The Edison Plant Project Benefits Neighborhood

Local elected officials take action, on the heels of a Boston Globe editorial that, in yet another apparent swipe at South Boston by its editors, attempts to paint local elected officials and residents as backward-thinking and narrow-minded. However, these editors, one can argue, displayed their journalistic indolence by framing the desire to bring additional scrutiny to a massive real estate development project as NIMBYism. “How deeply insightful of them. That worn-out label must

have taken a lot of thought”, one resident said, as she smirked. In response, in a letter to the editors of the Boston Globe, by **Senator Nick Collins and Representative David Biele**, referencing a bill that they filed to require a full review by the Legislature and the state inspector general’s office, they stated, “...any suggestion of NIMBYism falls flat, based on the fact that South Boston has seen more Article 80 projects permitted than any other part of Boston since 1996, creating many new housing and affordable housing opportunities in the community and across Boston. Recycling old themes and demeaning lingo, absent these facts, causes the editorial to miss the mark by a long shot. The public good, transparency and accountability – the purpose of our bill – should always come first.” It goes on to point out, “Mass-

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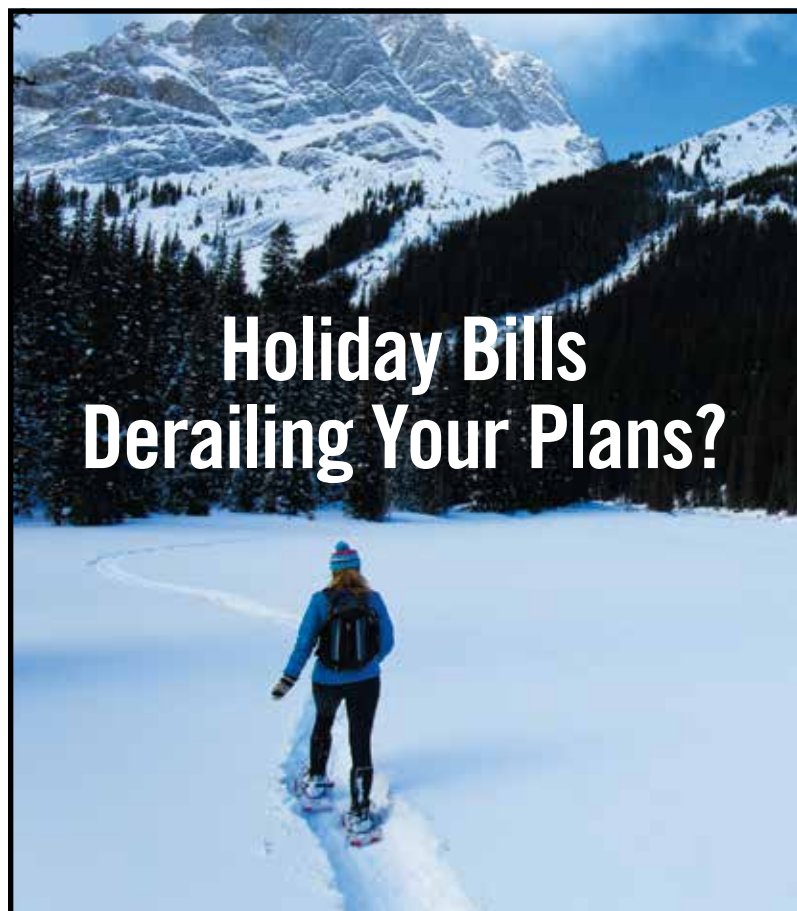
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EDITORIAL

New England Showed Once Again, How To Celebrate

In the past, the streets of Boston, like a number of other cities, have been turned into battle fields following home team victories and even losses. Images of crowds smashing windows, overturning vehicles and setting fires in the streets to 'celebrate' are hard to forget. But the throngs of fans who descended on this city last Sunday evening after the New England Patriot's Super Bowl win and of course this past Tuesday, when a million people showed up for the much-deserved parade through downtown, can be proud of the way they conducted themselves. Of course, city officials made it clear ahead of time that there would be zero tolerance for rowdy or violent behavior and the police already had

plans in place to deal with it if it did occur.

Another Super Bowl win is indeed something to celebrate and celebrate they did. People from all 6 New England states and beyond came to town; including many families with children, to share in the Patriot's win and show their appreciation for another great season. And the fact that everyone, including those families with children could feel safe in the streets of Boston, shoulder to shoulder, crammed in with so many celebrating fans of every age was a wonderful thing indeed. Congratulations to the crowd for the way it conducted itself, to the police who kept everything under control and of course, to the New England Patriots for the pride they continue bring to so many fans.



"Too often we...enjoy the comfort of opinion without the discomfort of thought" - John F. Kennedy



Councilor Flynn thanked the volunteers and organizers from the Boston Police Department, Boston Housing Authority, South Boston Seaport Catholic Collaborative and South Boston residents for their work at the monthly prayer breakfast at St. Monica Church.

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They Tried Hard But Couldn't Turn SB 53 Into A Protest

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The sports writers; including South Boston Today's own Danny Picard, have commented in excellent detail on the Super Bowl and how it went from start to finish. Another Super Bowl win brought happiness and great pride to Patriot's fans everywhere. So leaving the play by play to the experts, I'll comment on the politics involved and yes, there certainly was a big but failed attempt to get politics involved. But thankfully this year, it didn't leak into the game itself to taint this biggest of all American sporting events.

Super Bowl 53 was a huge disappointment and a major loss for the portion of the population who are hard core liberals/progressives/leftists/Socialist – whatever name they go by at any given time. From Hollywood, the main stream news media, to certain politicians to musical entertainers, there were people who tried their hardest to turn the game into another forum for left wing protest like they do with so many other events.

It was bad news from the beginning for those trying to spoil it for everyone. These spoilers started their campaign early on; weeks before the game itself. They put pressure on; including the threat of ruined careers, entertainers, telling them they had better not agree to sing the National Anthem or be part of the half time show or they could be blackballed in the future. Because it was demanded of them that they must be in solidarity with and protest on behalf of Colin Kaepernick and against America itself. But the leftist campaign of attempted intimidation failed. The great Gladys Knight stepped

up and accepted the invitation to sing the Anthem and did a beautiful and classy job. She defended her right and her reasons for doing so. She defiantly told people like the anti-American Don Lemon and other media personalities that she is a proud American and she is proud of the National Anthem as well and that it was an honor to be asked to sing it. During her performance, the cameras shifted briefly to a group of 100 soldiers standing at attention which brought wild cheers from the massive crowd in the stands and warmed the hearts of millions watching their TV's. Gladys Knight received a huge standing ovation.

Then there was the half time featured performers of the group called Maroon 5 who were told that if they did agree to be part of the show, they must take a knee in protest and show support for Kaepernick and displeasure with America. Maroon 5 did not buckle to the pressure or the threats and did their set without any sign of protest. By this time, some of the leftist spoilers were said to be so enraged that spittle was spraying from the sides of their mouths. Personally, I'm no fan of Maroon 5's music; it's not my style but I'll buy a couple of their CD's just to show support and appreciation for what they did.

It's no secret that Tom Brady, Gronk and Bob Kraft are Trump supporters and of course the pressure was on them as well by elitist leftists to either publically disavow their support for the president or at least don't mention it. That didn't happen either. They confirmed it once again in the days leading up to

the game, ignoring heavy criticism.

So many things were not going the way the anti-American types had hoped, that it must have been depressing for them to watch all their plans to spoil this year's Super Bowl be shot down and ignored and American pride once again winning the day. I'm guessing, the fly over of the six US Air Force Thunderbird jet fighters, which as always brought a roar of approval by the crowds really rubbed salt in those wounds. By this time pro-

gressive heads were probably exploding. It was nice to once again, be able to watch the Super Bowl for the game itself without any sign of preachy political protest.

It has been noted and mentioned that Massachusetts Democrat senator Elizabeth Warren had not congratulated the home team's win. But there really should be no surprise there. I can't imagine Warren having words of praise for any organization that has the word 'Patriots' in its name.

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Celebrating Valentine's Day in Southie Next Thursday? Of Course

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY - By Staff

Yes, the weather is freezing and though it could be a whole lot worse, it's not been a friendly winter. But, none of that should interfere with Valentine's Day in South Boston – 2019, which arrives next Thursday, February 14th. Flowers, candy, dinner, maybe a chilled bottle of wine in a romantic setting; all of these things and more often come to mind when couples; whether married or dating think of Valentine's Day. This unique, unofficial holiday is said to have been based on the legend of one or more early Christian Saints named 'Valentinus'. The most well-known St. Valentine lived during the time of the Roman Empire and was said to have performed weddings for soldiers who were forbidden to marry while in the Roman Army. Captured, arrested and later executed for his 'crimes', his fame lives on to this day.

Restaurants prepare for the occasion by making their establish-



ments extra appealing, creating that romantic atmosphere that softly states that yes indeed, this is a special day in the hearts of those in love. Reservations often need to be made well in advance if you expect to be able to get a table. And often the big question of 'Will you marry me?' is popped

as many engagements over the centuries have commenced on February 14th.

Here in South Boston we have quite a few fine establishments more than capable of accommodating the most perfectly thought out plans. Whether it's a small venue like Café Porto Bello on East Broadway or the larger setting at Lincoln or Capo on West Broadway or perhaps Copper-smiths located at 40 West Third Street and a number of other places offering fine dining. We have some of the best restaurants and florists that can be found anywhere. And if you really want to make it that special day to remember, well, gold, diamonds and other precious stones can be found locally at Murphy's Jewelers at 403 W. 1st Street with selections to rival any of the larger chain stores. If you don't see what you want, Bill Cosetta; owner of Murphy's can get it for you.

You may want to grab a warm cup of great coffee from PS Gourmet Coffee; some of the

best that can be found anywhere in America and just take in a romantic sunrise or sunset walk at Castle Island or along Carson Beach and that part of the day won't cost you a penny more but might bring rewards worth far more than material items if it sets the mood just right. Whatever is needed to have a wonderful Valentine's Day can be found right here in our neighborhood. Why not take advantage?

It's Valentine's Day and if you're married, engaged or romantically involved in any way, here's a bit of advice from your friends here at South Boston Today; particularly for the guys: You could be in for some serious trouble if you find that you have forgotten this of all days. And finally, if nothing else, stop and think back to the first time you saw that special someone and what it was that made your heart move like it never has before and celebrate the love of your life. Happy Valentine's Day to all next week!

The Wine Guy Valentine Wishes



Just a little background...our day of love actually came about when the Emperor Claudius executed two Christian men with the name Valentinus during the third century on or around February 14th and the early Church decided to honor them. Also, as far as historians can tell, neither of them was related to the Hallmark family.

If you intend to pledge your love, a great way to show it is with bubbles-sparkling wine or Cham-

pagne, to be exact; here are a few worth considering....

Piper Heidsieck Brut, NV, Aye, Champagne, France, (\$37.99), is one of the oldest labels from the region and relatively small by French standards; however, the great balance and acidity of this wine consistently makes it a real value. It's fantastic with shellfish, lighter cheeses and chocolate-dipped strawberries.

If you want to move it up a few notches, try a Vintage Champagne; most years are non-vintage years, designated by the "NV" on most labels. Every once in a while, however, a "Vintage Year" is declared when all the elements for making exceptional wine are at hand. A great example of this at a relative value, is Veuve Clicquot Brut Rose, Vintage 2008, Champagne, France, (\$84.99). The Wine Spectator-France describes it as, "Rich and smokey on first impression, yet harmonious and elegant overall, with sleek acidity and a mineral underpinning deftly married to flavors of strawberry pate de fruit, toast, mandarin orange peel and crys-



tallized honey." This is a great aperitif before any meal and would go really well with anything diamond, if you're so inclined.

If a domestic label is more to your (and your budget's) liking, you should consider Roederer estate Multi Vintage Brut, Mendocino County, California, (\$25.99), a blend of 60% Chardonnay and 40% Pinot Noir. It's aged for two years on lees and that gives it a great acidity, coupled with delicious notes of green apples and lemon zest. Have this one with some oysters on the half shell or

scallops wrapped in bacon and you won't be sorry.

J Cuvee 20, Russian River Valley, Napa, California, (\$31.99), is ripe, refreshing and buttery, made from 54% Chardonnay, 43% Pinot Noir and 3% Pinot Meunier, all of which combine to give delicious flavors of light green apple, melon and caramel, with a long finish. Have this one before or after a meal or immediately after a proposal, (hopefully, accepted!).

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Chief Marshal John Beatty Working Hard to Make This Year's St. Patrick's Day/ Evacuation Day Festivities Great

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY - By Staff

South Boston's veterans have always seemed to have the knack of picking outstanding people to be Chief Marshal for the St. Patrick's Day/ Evacuation Day festivities. And 2019 has proven to be no exception with the announcement by the South Boston Allied War Veteran's Council (SBAWVC) that this year's selection is John Beatty. For those of you who aren't already familiar with John Beatty, he comes with an impressive profile and resume which includes an outstanding military record. As are all of our country's veterans, he is a genuine American hero.



If you log onto the SBAWVC website, you can learn all about this good man. You will find that he currently serves as the Executive Director of the Massachusetts Military Task Force which is housed in the Office of the Governor. A native of South Boston, Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) John Beatty graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point and was commissioned as an artillery field officer in the United States Army. John Beatty has served 23 years in the military and led a range of organizations, commanding units in Germany and Kosovo and was deployed

twice to the Middle East.

Here at South Boston Today, we had the honor and the pleasure to speak with Chief Marshal John Beatty earlier this week in an effort to get to know more about him and what his plans were for the upcoming festivities and how he thinks everything is going so far. One thing became instantly clear when talking with him – he considers it a great honor and is humbled that he was chosen by his local fellow veterans; any one of whom he stated would be up to the job themselves. He is enjoying working with his fellow vets, including the SBAWVC Commander Dave Falvey, who Beatty said is doing a great job. Beatty also stressed that he intends to do his very best and give 100% to representing South Boston residents and its many veterans in a way the town will be proud of.

John Beatty has been and plans to continue to be out in the community; visiting with the members of all of South Boston's veteran's posts. He wants to work closely with the vets of all ages. He is an avid student of American history and has spent time talking with South Boston's own historian Bob Allison; head of the South Boston Histori-

cal Society, as they both share the same interest in our nation's proud past as well as the history being made in the present.

The one purpose of the upcoming Chief Marshal's banquet which will be held on Saturday, March 2nd at the Boston Teacher's Union Hall from 5-8pm, as it each year, to honor the current Chief Marshal but it also gives the community the opportunity to get to know the Chief Marshal each year, to talk with him personally and get a sense of the type of person who will be up front during this very special festive season that the entire community and beyond is invited to be part of. This year promises to be a great one with live music and guest speakers and all the other happenings that make for a good time.

Having had the opportunity to speak directly to him, look at his magnificent accomplishment and service on behalf of our nation and hear firsthand how he wants to work so hard to make this year's celebration the best it can possibly be, there can be no doubt that the choice of Lt Colonel John Beatty (US Army retired) was an excellent one. A choice this community can be proud of.



The 5th Annual Boston Police Foundation Gala was held at the Boston Park Plaza Hotel. The Foundation exists to advance public safety for the city of Boston and to improve officer health and wellness by funding programs and initiatives for Boston's finest. From left to right: Carl Jenkins, Chairman, Police Commissioner William Gross, Jim Brett, President of the New England Council and Civilian Honoree for 2019, and Craig Levey, Esq. Gala Chair.



Boston Sword & Tuna Breaks Ground on New Maritime Facility

The \$20M development project expands the seafood industry cluster in South Boston

Representatives of Boston Sword & Tuna (BST) and Pilot Development Partners, Inc. (Pilot) joined Congressman Stephen Lynch, Mayor Marty Walsh, the Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport), and local officials in a celebration to kick off the construction of a new headquarters for BST, which expands the seafood industry cluster in South Boston.

"I am very happy to welcome Boston Sword and Tuna to South Boston," said Congressman Lynch. "As someone who worked in the Port of Boston, I value the fact that the Massport Marine Terminal has provided great jobs for residents for many years and companies like Boston Sword and Tuna will help strengthen our community and advance commercial and industrial development." The \$20M development project creates a nearly 50,000 square foot state-of-the-art seafood processing plant for BST on a portion of a 6.5-acre Massport-controlled waterfront property known as Parcel 6. Parcel 6 is part of the so-called Massport Marine Terminal

(MMT). Massport has a lease agreement with the Boston Economic Development and Industrial Corporation (EDIC) on the 40-acre site through February 2070.

"Boston Sword and Tuna has an incredible history from its Sicilian roots to its new roots in Boston, and now having their own building on Boston's waterfront," said Mayor Walsh. "This company is part of a growing seafood processing cluster that is important to Boston's working port and our economy as a whole. I look forward to seeing their continued success as they grow their business and serve their customers here in Boston and around the world." The seafood processing plant will include 36,000 square feet of processing area, a test kitchen for new product trials, 10 loading bays, a small gym for employees, and 13,000 square feet of mezzanine office space. A catwalk structure will also be built inside the plant to give customers and visitors a birds-eye-view of the facility during tours. Currently, BST is a tenant at the Harbor Seafood Center on Seafood Way.

"Having our own building in South Boston will have a big im-

pact on how we do business," said BST President Michael Scola. "The bigger space will enable us to meet internationally recognized quality standards that will allow us to grow and better serve our customers globally. The new facility will also give our employees a much bigger and brighter work environment. They deserve it because they all work so hard to make us the best seafood company out there."

Scola came from a family of fishermen with roots in Sicily, Italy. Through the years, his family has left footprints along the South Boston waterfront, starting from the R&P Seafood/Shellfish (R&P) company on Fish Pier, which his father co-founded in 1972. Scola and his brothers, Paul and Steven, eventually took the reins of R&P. Then, in 1999, they started adding divisions in pursuit of becoming America's one-stop-shop for seafood. In 2003, BST was born and merged with R&P in 2007. In 2010, Scola partnered with Larry Dore, whose 30 years of experience in the seafood industry helped guide the company's continued growth.

The company currently has 135 employees from the Greater Boston

area and has plans to hire 15-20 more local workers in the next couple of years. "I applaud Boston Sword & Tuna, as well as Pilot Development, for seeing the potential in the Massport Marine Terminal," said State Representative David Biele (D-4th Suffolk). "The Port of Boston is alive and well. I am encouraged to see these types of investments in the South Boston Waterfront." In June 2017, Massport tapped Pilot to develop Parcel 6 at the MMT. Pilot was approved to sublease a section of the vacant lot to BST in November 2018. "Boston Sword & Tuna is a leader in the seafood industry," said Kathryn Maynes, Vice President of Pilot Development Partners, Inc. "We're thrilled to have a wonderful client to support the seafood industry and the employees that they will be bringing to this part of the working Port of Boston."

Plans for the new building are environmentally-friendly. The building's design complies with Massport's Floodproofing Guidelines and meets the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certifiability standards. "We have designed the project with climate

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Councilor Flynn Hearing on After Hours Construction Issues

Cites Quality of Life Concerns Throughout District



Boston City Councilor Ed Flynn announced that he will call for a hearing next week regarding the issue of after hours and weekend construction. Flynn relayed concerns brought to his office from residents throughout District 2 related to construction work being done outside permitted hours - early in the morning, late in the evening, or on the weekend or holidays without permits.

Moreover, community leaders called attention to permits granted for after hours and weekend work in the South End, while others pointed to issues of public safety, rodent control, and adhering to approved plans.

"Whether I am in the South End, South Boston, Chinatown, Beacon Hill, Back Bay, the Bay Village, or Downtown - resi-

dents frequently express concerns regarding the issues associated with construction work being done outside of permitted hours, or being done illegally without a permit at all on weekends and holidays," said Flynn. "I will be calling for a hearing next week as I believe a discussion is warranted when it comes to the process and enforcement, accountability and penalties, and any gaps that exist to help us improve the quality of life for the people of Boston. In addition, we need to ensure developers are making sites secure and safe for our communities in all phases, performing suitable rodent control, and adhering to approved plans."

For more information, please contact Councilor Flynn's office at 617-635-3203 or ed.flynn@boston.gov.

Massport Names Alaina Coppola Director Of Government Affairs

The Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport) has named Winthrop resident and East Boston native Alaina Coppola as the Authority's new Director of Community and Government Affairs. Alaina will be responsible for overseeing relations with community members and government officials and further the Authority's goal of being a good neighbor. Elizabeth Dello Russo Becker stepped down from the position this month to become the new Executive Director of Massachusetts Association of Ch. 766 Approved Private Schools (MAAPS).

"Massport understands the importance of being a good neighbor and so does Alaina. She will bring energy, enthusiasm, and insight into her new role and I am confident she will help further strengthen our relationships with all our partners," said Massport Acting CEO John Prankevicius. "I also want to thank Elizabeth Becker for all her valuable contributions. Both Massport and the community benefited from her leadership. I wish her great success in her new role."

In her new role, Alaina will act as a liaison between Massport and our local, state and federal partners, building relationships and educating officials on Massport's programs and policies. She will manage the development, coordination and monitoring of major legislation affecting Massport and develop strategies regarding priorities and plans of the Authority. She will also oversee all of the Authority's community giving initiatives and counsel Massport's executive staff in the realm of community & government relations.

"Alaina will bring so much to this position,



just as she has brought so much to the community," said John Nucci, Massport Board member and lifelong East Bostonian. "I am thrilled that she is taking on this enhanced role at Massport."

Alaina began her career at Massport over 15 years ago as an intern and through hard work, kindness, and commitment has worked her way up to the position of Director. Her other roles within the Community Relations & Government Affairs Department include Special Programs Coordinator, Community Representative, Manager and Senior Manager of Charitable Giving Programs, and most recently, Assistant Director of Administration and Community Giving. In these positions, Alaina worked to strengthen relationships with the Authority and its neighboring communities, connecting with civic and social leaders, residents, employers, and associations, as well as departments within Massport to develop strategic and community-conscious program plans. Alaina holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Suffolk University.

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change in mind," said Eden Milroy, President of Pilot Development Partners, Inc. "We are adding more earth to the property and constructing the building 4 feet higher than usual based on calculations for sea levels and flood levels in 2070." Construction is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2019. The location will keep BST within 3 miles from Logan International Airport. "Investing in the working port is essential to keeping these industries vibrant," said Boston City Councilor At-Large Michael Flaherty. "The Scola family has been down on the South Boston waterfront for decades, providing good jobs and great seafood."

"The working port in Boston has provided quality blue-collar jobs for generations," said Boston City Councilor Ed Flynn. "I am thrilled to see marine industrial development moving forward and Boston Sword & Tuna building a new home at the Massport Marine Terminal." "This development represents a major milestone for the Port of Boston and the city's maritime history continues to flourish," said Acting Massport CEO John Prankevicius. "This is just the first of what will be a number of seafood and maritime businesses on this blank canvas section of South Boston. We are delighted to see the Scola family and Boston Sword & Tuna grow their business

on the Massport Marine Terminal. The proximity to Logan Airport, the interstate highway, and the Port of Boston make the Massport Marine Terminal a strategic location for future maritime businesses.

Pilot is also intending to develop a seafood processing plant or cold storage facility on an adjacent portion of Parcel 6. A 280-space mixed-use garage for maritime industrial uses, with a 2,500 square foot meeting hall for the International Longshoremen's Association (ILA) and a 5,000 square foot seafood/sandwich shop anticipated to be operated by BST, are also being proposed on the boundary along Fid Kennedy Avenue. The Massachusetts Port

Authority (Massport) owns and operates Boston Logan International Airport, public terminals in the Port of Boston, Hanscom Field, and Worcester Regional Airport. Massport is a financially self-sustaining public authority whose premier transportation facilities generate more than \$18 billion annually and enhance and enable economic growth and vitality in New England. For more information please visit massport.com. NOTE:

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South Boston Allied War Veterans Council Announcements

Upcoming St. Patrick's Day/Evacuation Day Events

It's still only early February, but already the impressive St. Patrick's Day/Evacuation Day schedule of events are being carefully planned. Below are two festive activities, sponsored by the South Boston Allied War Veterans Council (SBAWVC) that have already been announced by Commander Dave Falvey.

Next Wednesday, **February 13th, from 7-9pm** at the District Hall at South Boston Seaport will be the season kickoff. This represents the beginning of the partnership with the Government of Ireland and Boston College's Irish Institute.

Mike Cronin, Author and Academic Director of Boston College Ireland, will speak about the history of St. Patrick's Day and its celebration in the US and its impact on US/Irish relations. There'll be free hors d'oeuvres, courtesy of a generous sponsor and also a cash bar. This event is free and open to the public.

Saturday, March 2nd, from 5-8pm at the Boston Teacher's Union Hall in Dorchester, the big Chief Marshal's Banquet will be held to honor this year's Chief Marshal John Beatty (Lt. Colonel, United States Army (RET) and West Point Class of 1992).

SBAWVC is very excited that John Beatty is this year's Chief Marshal and said that he is doing a terrific job at planning this year's banquet. To register to attend go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/south-boston-allied-war-veterans-council-chief-marshals-banquet-tickets-5544623266>. For those who would rather not register online, look for upcoming info on locations to purchase tickets.

If you'd like to get more information about this year's excellent choice for Chief Marshal, John Beatty, go to <http://southbostonparade.org/chief-marshals-banquet/>.

These are just 2 of the exciting events lined up by the SBAWVC.



Watch for more announcements to come including of course, the big St. Patrick's Day/Evacuation Day Parade on March 17th which is also sponsored by SBAWVC.

Local Chef Wins Company Title "Top Chef"



[Pictured above from L to R: Kim Smith, Director of Culinary & Dining Services for Senior Living Residences, Ken McCluskey, Director of Dining Services at Compass on the Bay, and Tadd Clelland, Partner at Senior Living Residences.]

Ken McCluskey, a Quincy resident and Executive Chef at Compass on the Bay Memory Support Assisted Living in South Boston, has been named Senior Living Residences' 2018 Top Chef. Senior Living Residences, the management company for Compass on the Bay and its 15 sister communities across New England, hosts an Annual Chef Cook Off, pitting Executive Chefs of each community against one another in a

culinary battle for the coveted title of Top Chef.

This year's theme asked chefs to compete with entrées influenced by the various countries that are also being featured as part of the assisted living company's "Grab Your Passport!" armchair travel program. McCluskey triumphed over the competition with an Abu Dhabi-inspired shawarma, accompanied by hummus, tahini and muhammara dips, homemade pickled vegetables, and sticky date pud-

ding for dessert.

"Ken is a new addition to our team of chefs, but he has quickly made a name for himself," says Kim Smith, SLR's Director of Culinary & Dining Services who also oversees the annual competitive event. "His commitment to providing the best dining experience for seniors at Compass on the Bay is unparalleled."

Learn more about this senior community at www.compasson-thebay.com.

Gate of Heaven Parish Coffee and Conversation Hour



All are welcome to join us on the 2nd Sunday of each month for the Gate of Heaven Parish Coffee and Conversation Hour held downstairs in the Lower Hall, following the 9AM Mass. Looking forward to seeing old and new friends this Sunday, February 10, 2019.

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port negotiated a deed restriction in 2014 with Exelon Corp., the plant's previous owner, prohibiting residential housing on the Edison site, knowing that residential users of this land would disrupt the area and its maritime logistics. Simultaneously, the underlying zoning at the Edison site requires marine industrial and commercial uses, in order to protect and support port operations. Disregarding these safeguards would be a disservice to the Commonwealth and the region; it would endanger over \$850 million in public investments in port infrastructure in and around Conley Terminal, challenging the site's long-term productivity. Our bill seeks to put Massport's deed restriction on the same level as other public land interests across the Commonwealth. Public land interests routinely require public bidding, input on valuation or authorization by the Legislature. Lifting this deed restriction without any competition or public input would be unprecedented, and our legislation calls for transparency."

For the City of Boston's part in this chronicle, **Boston City Councilors Michael Flaherty and Ed Flynn**, due to what they say has been a multitude of concerns raised by the South Boston community, commercial and maritime industry representatives, the International Longshoremen's Union, the Boston Carmen's Union Local 589, and the entire South Boston elected delegation, has prompted them to file for a hearing to discuss the halting of the Article 80 process as it applies to 776 Summer Street (historically known as the Edison Power Plant).

"The community's anxiety and concern surrounding the proposed 1,344 residential units, especially in light of Massport's existing residential deed restriction is a clear indicator that we need to discuss the Article 80 process, as it relates to this project," stated Councilor Flaherty. "Further, community members have already spent an extensive amount of time attending meetings and yet have not been given the opportunity to review the alternative site plans for the site. Two years of meetings for a proposed project that may not even move forward warrants a discussion with city and state planners."

"There are many significant 'quality of life' concerns caused by the proposal in front of us. South Boston community members - who have clearly voiced their concerns with the Article 80 process - have called upon us, their elected officials, to look at the range of matters that will be impacted should this project move forward as is," stated Councilor Flynn.

The City Council hearing order - which was filed in the Council Session on Wednesday, January 30, 2019 - was **signed on to by Councilor Lydia Edwards, Councilor Annissa Essaibi-George, Councilor Althea Garrison, Councilor Kim Janey, Councilor Tim McCarthy, and Councilor Michelle Wu. Congressman Stephen F. Lynch, State Senator Nick Collins, and State Representative David Biele** are also working with city and state officials to ensure there is full transparency throughout this process for South Boston residents and taxpayers alike.

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Metro Energy Wins Title

By Kevin Devlin

On Super Bowl Sunday, February 3, in the McDonough gym at the Walsh Community Center, the Metro Energy Club defeated the Jack McDonough Club, 46-32, to capture the 2019 Gate of Heaven CYO cadet house league championship. Jake “The Distributor” Harrison was South Boston Today’s MVP.

The McDonough Club sprinted off to an early 10-2 lead, but Metro Energy countered on the of-

fensive end and went on a 10-2 run of their own. At the half, the Metro Energy Club was clinging to a precarious 17-16 lead. Leading 30-27 midway through the second half, Metro Energy went on a 16-5 run to win the title.

Jake Harrison had another sensational outing netting 22 points. He also had three steals, four assists, and nine rebounds. Owen Donovan played another solid game at point, scoring eight points while hitting a slick in-your-face layup to ignite the offense. Ethan Clark had seven points and Terry Markos contributed five points and had two steals.

For the Jack McDonough Club, Robert Wisniewski

had a tremendous game scoring eighteen points including four three-pointers. Lydon McGarrell had nine points (three treys) and Evan Markos finished the season with four points.

“I’m proud of my guys for the year they all had,” said Metro Energy coach, Chris DiMaggio. “They worked hard and fought for every point. It also helped that we had one of the best players I’ve seen, that being Jake Harrison, the anchor of this team. He knew exactly when to take over the game and also to get others involved so that in the end it would be a total team effort.”



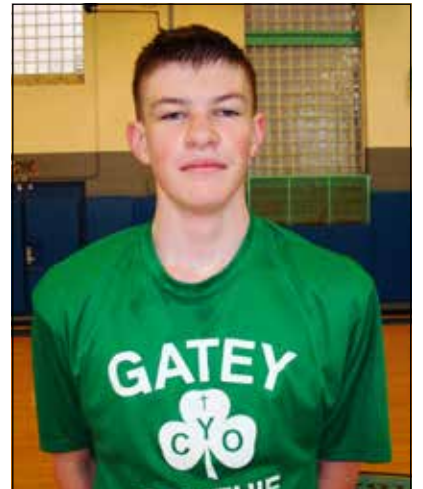
Metro Energy Club, the Gatey CYO cadet house league champions, coached by Chris DiMaggio. The players are: Jake Harrison, Aldo Noury-Ello, Alex Polena, Owen Donovan, Nolan Young, Sam Heller, Ethan Clark, Terry Markos, Mullen (My Man) Byrne and Eddie Tirabassi.



Jack McDonough Club playoff finalists coached by Bobby McGarrell. The players are: Tommy White, Lydon McGarrell, Nolan Callow, Evan Markos, Robert Wisniewski, Jared Frith, Finbar Kyne and Edward Murray (missing from photo).



Robert Wisniewski who netted 18 points in the cadet house league finale.



Jake Harrison, South Boston Today’s MVP, who led Metro Energy to the Gatey CYO cadet house league championship.



Gatey Girls Simply Having Fun

Being part of the Gate of Heaven CYO basketball program is a great way for our local youngsters to have fun while learning the intricacies of this demanding sport. The players get to meet other aspiring players on the CYO basketball circuit and forge friend-

ships with teammates and opponents alike which can last a lifetime.

The Gate of Heaven CYO girl’s 5th/6th grade travel team, coached by Peter Alto and Colleen Lombard, is one of the Gatey teams simply enjoying this season’s activities. They’re a happy bunch of

girls and always have smiles on their faces before and after they play their hoop games.

And with the regular season ending they’re anxious to compete in the Vicariate playoffs which begin this upcoming weekend at the McDonough gym located inside the Walsh Community Center.

Pictured on the left is the Gate of Heaven CYO 5th/ 6th grade girls’ travel team coached by Colleen Lombard and Peter Alto (missing from picture).





This week, Danny talked with Sports Illustrated pro wrestling insider Justin Barrasso:

DANNY PICARD: There's a report that says Ronda Rousey is leaving the WWE after WrestleMania, which is on April 7. Is that true? What do you know about this?

JUSTIN BARRASSO: I know that her contract runs through 2021. WWE has confirmed that. I didn't think she signed a one-year deal, it just seems like such a heavy investment, because they really rebuilt the whole division around her, the women in general. She's currently under contract until April of 2021 . . . I don't think Ronda is leaving anytime soon.

DP: Yeah, I'd be surprised if she left after WrestleMania as well. But when we talk about the top stories in the world of professional wrestling, usually around this time the top story is the road to WrestleMania. But now, is the more intriguing story what's going on with All Elite Wrestling (AEW)? Cody Rhodes and the Young Bucks had this announcement rally down in Jacksonville. Tony Khan from the Jacksonville Jaguars is funding the whole thing. Chris Jericho has signed with them. There are rumors that guys want to leave the WWE to go to AEW. We're still wondering about a TV deal for them.

They've announced the "Double or Nothing" PPV in May at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas. It seems like the most intriguing story line in the world of professional wrestling is what's next for AEW and not what's next in the WWE. In your opinion, right now, what is the more intriguing story, AEW or WWE?

JB: All Elite Wrestling. It's like in the NBA, I think sometimes we get more excited about the offseason than we do about the nuts and bolts in-season . . . The most fascinating story in wrestling is, it's two things: the Madison Square Garden show in April for "Ring of Honor" and "New Japan Pro Wrestling," and then in May you have AEW's "Double or Nothing" show in Vegas. The countdown is on. If you want to wrestle at one of these shows and you're currently under WWE contract, you've got to give WWE 90 days. So you've got to request your release and then get 90 days. And the WWE is well aware that people aren't just requesting their release just because. They want to work one or both of these shows . . . I think that's the fascinating story. Kind of like how we love the surprises in the Royal Rumble, it's the

same thing with AEW. Who is signing there? What's happening? Who's on the roster? They're going to be on TV, but which channel and which night? Tuesday nights would make the most sense because WWE Smackdown leaves Tuesdays and goes to Fridays this October when it moves to FOX. So there's just so much going on with AEW. What's their main event in May? You'd assume Chris Jericho is going to be in that main event. Kenny Omega would make a great partner in that match . . . There's just so much unknown it's exciting with All Elite Wrestling, where, with the WWE, not that we have all the answers, but we definitely have far more of an outline as to where they're going to go.

DP: There's no question that AEW has already affected and improved the WWE product over the last month. We saw Finn Balor in the main event at the Royal Rumble against Brock Lesnar. They had "The Revival" doing a segment with Vince McMahon. They had Sasha Banks against Ronda Rousey. Zack Ryder is back on TV. And that's just naming a few . . . So there's no question that AEW is actually already showing to be a great thing for WWE.

JB: Vince McMahon is best when he's got his back against the wall, which, in 2018 and 2019 that seems to never happen. But when Vince is challenged, he's at his best in the pro wrestling world.

DP: What does AEW do for a TV deal?

JB: Tuesday nights. It has to be Tuesday nights.

DP: Yeah but what station?

JB: I've heard a couple different options. I've heard TNT. I've heard TBS. I've heard WGN. I don't know, I think the time is more important than the channel. I think they're going to get a good network. The Khan family is the perfect group, it seems like . . . There are a lot of interesting pieces with AEW, in terms of people who haven't run a wrestling company before. The talent will be management, and Tony Khan, I don't know, it's always interesting when guys want to be a little too involved. Not to say he will, but I think that will be a story to watch off-camera. But I can't wait. Like you said, the competition has already made WWE's product better.

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PATS WIN SIXTH SUPER BOWL, FAVORITE FOR SUPER BOWL LIV

SBT Staff

The New England Patriots defeated the Los Angeles Rams, 13-3, on Sunday in Atlanta to win their sixth Super Bowl championship. It marks the Patriots' third Lombardi Trophy in the last five years.

Julian Edelman was named Super Bowl MVP, becoming the seventh wide receiver to claim that prize.

The real story of the game though was the Patriots' defense, holding the Rams' high-powered offense to just a third-quarter field goal. Rams quarterback Jared Goff was 19-for-38 with 229 passing yards, zero touchdowns, and one interception. Goff was also sacked four times.

On the other end, Tom Brady's numbers weren't that much better, going 21-for-35 with 262 passing yards, zero touchdowns, and an interception. But it was Brady's fourth-quarter drive which resulted in a Sony Michel two-yard touchdown run that made the difference.

With the game tied at 3-3 and just under 10 minutes left in the fourth, the Patriots got the ball back at their own 31-yard line, and Brady put together a picture-perfect drive, completing four straight passes to move the ball down to the Rams' 2-yard line, where Michel pounded it in to give the Pats a 10-3 lead with seven minutes left.

Los Angeles responded with a nice drive of its own, taking the ball down to New England's 27-yard line, but that's when Patriots cornerback Ste-



phon Gilmore intercepted a deep pass intended for Brandin Cooks with four minutes remaining. The Patriots then picked up several first downs and killed the clock until Stephen Gostkowski sealed the deal on the win with a 41-yard field goal that gave the Pats a 13-3 lead with 1:12 left in the game.

According to BetOnline.ag, the Patriots are the early favorite to win next year's Super Bowl LIV in Miami, at +600. The Kansas City Chiefs have the second-best odds to win it all at +700, followed by the Rams at +800, and the New Orleans Saints at +900.

This offseason will bring plenty of rumors regarding the future of certain Patriots players like Rob Gronkowski and Devin McCourty, who left the door open to retirement when asked about next season's status during Super Bowl week. Both Gronkowski and McCourty have one year left on their respective contracts.

Tom Brady said he'll be returning. Bill Belichick will be back. So will Josh McDaniels and offensive line coach Dante Scarnecchia. It would be shocking to see the Patriots not do everything in their power to try and convince Gronkowski and McCourty to return for at least one more run.

It's possible that Gronkowski signs another revised contract for next season, similar to the one he signed before this past season, which added \$4.3 million in additional incentives to his \$8 million base salary. Gronkowski has a base salary of \$9 million next season.

Tweet of the Week



Kyle Van Noy
@KVN_03

We don't got stars we got elite football players!!!! We did it! World Champs..... again!!!!!! Stand up cuz we coming home for the parade baby!!!! LFG!!!!

8:28 PM - 3 Feb 2019

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SUNDAY, FEB. 10

Colorado at Boston
3 P.M. NESN

NCAAB SATURDAY, FEB. 9

(2) Duke at (3) Virginia
6 P.M. ESPN

PGA THURSDAY, FEB. 7 - SUNDAY, FEB. 10

AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am
12 P.M. Golf Channel/CBS

EDELMAN NAMED MVP, MAKES HOF CASE

SBT Staff

The Patriots' 13-3 win over the Rams on Sunday was the lowest scoring Super Bowl in NFL history.

It wasn't pretty, but somebody still has to get the Super Bowl MVP.

That award went to Julian Edelman, who finished with a game-high 10 catches for 141 yards, which included a big 13-yard reception over the middle during the only touchdown drive of the game.

It was the perfect ending to a season that began with a PED suspension. Edelman was forced to sit out the first four games of the regular season for violating the league's policy on performance-enhancing substances. Edelman's appeal was denied, and the Patriots went 2-2 without him to begin the season.

Edelman missed all of the previous season with an ACL tear, and did not take part in last year's Super Bowl LII loss to the Philadelphia Eagles. Sunday's win over the Rams marks his third Super Bowl championship.

The MVP performance has created quite the stir in the "Pro Football Hall

of Fame" debate. Is Edelman worthy enough to one day be inducted? Some say he has more work to do. Others say it should be a no brainer to put him in.

Edelman's story in itself is enough to at least put him in the Hall of Fame conversation.

The Patriots drafted Edelman in 2009, in the seventh round out of Kent State, where he had been a quarterback. He didn't become a 1,000-yard receiver until 2013, when he caught 105 passes for 1,056 yards and six touchdowns in 16 games.

He has three Super Bowl rings, and a total of 1,412 receiving yards and five touchdowns in 18 playoff games. He's even thrown a touchdown pass in a playoff game, and played defensive back in the early stages of his NFL career.

Edelman has turned into — arguably — the most crucial element of the Patriots' offense, outside of Tom Brady of course. And his career is not done yet.

Whether he ever ends up getting into the Hall of Fame remains to be seen. But as of right now, he most certainly deserves to be in the conversation.



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