



Next Superintendent Needs To Tell Us ‘The Plan’

In a city as great as Boston, rich in history and still trying to break out of the clutches of its evolving reputation regarding race relations, there is no time for merely ‘hunting and pecking’ the way to excellence in education in Boston. As to the current superintendent search, all three candidates are people of color. One is Boston-based but has served as superintendent in a large district.

The candidates are:

Brenda Cassellius, the former commissioner of Minnesota’s Department of Education. Cassellius served eight years as commissioner and is credited with spearheading an increase in funding for Minnesota’s schools, enacting all-day

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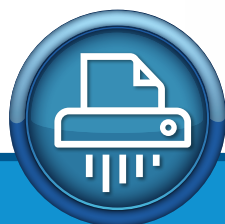
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Has the Case of the Defaced WWII Memorial Been Solved?

If police are correct, it looks like there could be a big break in solving the case of the vandalized South Boston World War II Memorial, as well as other vandalized monuments and even grave markers including some at a cemetery located in Mattapan. It was reported last week that a 53-year-old female suspect was arrested, after allegedly being observed spraying red substance on monuments. When police searched the car that she was driving,

they found a spray bottle, more of the red powder substance and what appeared to be olive oil. When asked what she was doing, it was reported that her response was that she was baptizing her targets.

At this point, no one has been tried and found guilty. But, if there is enough evidence, will prosecution be coming down at some point in the near future? Because there is a question to be asked here: A crime such as this will most likely fall under the category of

‘Malicious Destruction of Property’ and this type of crime was on the list of offenses that the new Suffolk County District Attorney, Rachael Rollins, said she would not be prosecuting. We’ll just have to wait and see how this will play out.

When South Boston’s beautiful WW II Memorial was so badly defaced several weeks ago, it touched a nerve with so many, both residents and nonresidents alike, and still have emotions running high. It brought out those same



emotions in some of our law enforcement officials and officers who suggested that they would do a non-stop and thorough investigation in an effort to catch

those responsible. They have been doing just that. They should be commended for the job they have been doing and continue to do in regard to solving this case.

“I don’t know why people like being oppressed” - Candace Owens

THIS WEEK’S POLL

City Councilor Michelle Wu has proposed a Parking Permit fee of \$25 per vehicle. Do you support this fee?



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Massport’s Transportation Plan is a Necessity

We have all been there, driving down the street and then boom, the car in front of you just stops and the doors open up and people climb out the back seat. They have little logos or light up signs that read Uber or Lyft, or both, and they are a nuisance.

Ride Hailing service companies or TNC’s have become the popular mode of transportation for party going and bar hopping millennials throughout this community. They have also wreaked havoc on Logan Airport, its gateways and local communities. Massport has decided to take action with a comprehensive

plan that more efficiently manage ground transportation while also attempting to reduce congestion.

The biggest issue the plan attempts to address is the 5 million “deadhead” trips that arrive to the airport or leave the airport empty, by matching a pick-up with a drop off in a centralized location, this idea seems like a low hanging fruit. Yet, tech companies and TNC drivers are outraged at the plan and the Globe is eating it up, which is no surprise. The city is bulging at the seams and the last thing we need is to turn a blind eye, while Uber and Lyft drivers act like they own the streets. It is ironic

because many of them have out of state license plates so they are not even paying taxes in the city or the state. Another important aspect of the plan is that a centralized location for pick up and drop off will allow for better enforcement of safety and security policies. Recent stories surrounding these companies have had tragic endings; you should always check your driver’s license plate, make and model.

We applaud Massport’s efforts to step up and wrangle this beast. Congestion at the Airport spills into the tunnels, the South Boston Waterfront and onto our streets.

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If you drive a car, I'll tax the street, if you try to sit, I'll tax the seat. If you get too cold, I'll tax the heat, if you take a walk, I'll tax your feet."

As most know, these are lyrics, often repeated on this page, from the old song by the Beatles called 'Taxman'. People who live in large cities can relate to these words, because with each passing session that so many elected officials take part in, they always seem to come up with new ways to lift more money from the pockets of citizens.

New taxes and tax hikes are what quite a few of them live for. And so it is this week with Boston City Councilor Michelle Wu, who is proposing a fee on those Resident Parking Permits that have up until now been free. If it comes to pass, it will be \$25 per car and if a family has more than one vehicle it doubles, and experience tells us it will continue to go up from there. When you add this to all the other money grabs being piled on, it takes a heavy toll. Call it a 'fee', but this fee is a tax - a tax to park on the streets residents already pay taxes for to put their vehicles on; vehicles which are already targeted with sales taxes and excise taxes, that are powered by fuel that is also taxed. The other key word besides taxes is 'Resident'. Residents are paying sky high property taxes, if they are home owners and astronomically high rents if they don't own, so that the owners can afford to pay those out of control property taxes.

I've had the pleasure to meet Councilor Wu on at least two oc-

casions. I like her. She seems to be a nice person and she works hard. But on this, in my humble opinion, she is clearly wrong. The questions to ask, not just her, but so many other politicians who sometimes think that there is no limit to what working class families can afford are these: When will it end? When will enough be enough? It may be difficult for some of them to grasp, but there is nothing in their job descriptions that mandates that each time they meet, they must come up with more ways to restrict and regulate the personal freedoms and liberties of citizens or to find new ways to take more money out of the pay checks of the people they represent. Remember, this is how revolutions start.

New York City is hemorrhaging taxpayers. People are leaving that city in droves, literally by the tens of thousands. It has become just too expensive to stay there, because politicians keep raising taxes and adding fees and slapping more regulations and restrictions onto everything. If the current trend continues here, Boston could see the same thing happen as it approaches the tipping point where residents decide they've had enough, which as we all know, many have done already. So to Councilor Wu and any other politician or special interest group that may not understand the plight of the beleaguered taxpayer - give it a rest already. No more fees, no more tax hikes. Enough!

Moving on. Sorry to bring bad news to the many dog owners out there, but according to a

New York based journalist and liberal activist by the name of Ben Faulding, you have been added to the ever-growing list of what the politically correct warriors (sometimes referred to as 'moonbats') say is racist. That's right, Mr. Faulding, who says he bases his theory on science and is backed up by some 'progressive' college professors, has declared that owning a dog is a blatant act of racism. So now, because you own a dog, you have been lumped in with

all of those other racists, who serve peanut butter and jelly sandwiches to their kids, buy food at Farmer's Markets, drink milk and eat ice cream, listen to Country Music, put clear lights on your Christmas tree and take part in or possess any of what now must be 6 or 7 billion other things not on the 'approved list' of the perpetually offended. So now you know. But what I'd suggest is, just give your canine friends a big hug and pay no attention to the moonbats.

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Window Into The State House

Window Into The State House provides our readers a synopsis of important issues of interest, past and current, that are being proposed, debated or acted upon by the Massachusetts Legislature. Many issues that are not related to local city government services are acted upon and have a direct impact on daily life. They are tax policy, transportation infrastructure, judicial appointments, social services and health, as well as higher education. We will excerpt reports from the gavel-to-gavel coverage of House and Senate sessions by news sources focused on this important aspect of our lives. These sources include a look ahead at the coming week in state government and summaries and analyses of the past week, re-caps of a range of state government activity, as well as links to other news.

Super-progressive tilt on the council?

Brooks Sutherland at the Herald reports that this year's crowded city council elections in Boston could tilt the already progressive leaning council further leftward. The story is also accompanied by a full list of all the candidates vying for council seats this year.

And is Michelle Wu already Boston's mayor-in-waiting?

Speaking of the city council: Is she running? Rachael Allen at the Atlantic

gives Boston City Councilor Michelle Wu the deep-dive profile treatment and the upshot seems to be that she's poised to run and become the city's first non-white male mayor if she wants to go for it. While noting times she has stood up to Mayor Marty Walsh and listing her political insider credentials, Allen notes that Wu is still the youngest member of the council and is —gasp— not originally from Boston. For her part, Wu continues to generate headlines. On Monday, she filed a proposal

to have the city collect a fee for residential parking permits for the first time, Lisa Kashinsky reports at the Herald.

Confirmed: Stop & Shop agreement seen as a win for workers

The Globe's Katie Johnston has a good story about who won and lost in the aftermath of the 11-day Stop & Shop strike. Though the union did make some key concessions, Johnston notes workers achieved their main wage-and-benefit goals. Mean-

while, CBS Boston reports that employees returned to work yesterday. Their first order of business: Restocking shelves. Cody Shepard at Wicked Local reports on a store re-opening in Whitman, where at least one shopper missed her Boar's Head deli meat.

Bernie said what about the Boston Marathon bomber?

CNN hosted multiple "town halls" yesterday in New Hampshire — and U.S. Bernie Sanders stole the collective show with his pronouncement that prison inmates should be allowed to vote, even "terrible people" like the Boston Marathon bomber. The Herald's Lisa Kashinsky and the New York Times are all over the story. The Globe's James Pindell has the four main takeaways from the CNN town halls.

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kindergarten and expanding preschool for 25,000 students in the state.

Marie Izquierdo, the chief academic officer for the Miami-Dade County Public Schools, a district with 350,000 students. Izquierdo is credited with boosting test scores, narrowing achievement gaps and increasing high school graduation rates during her tenure. Izquierdo is a graduate of the organization Chiefs for Change, founded by former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush and the Broad Academy, funded by the Eli and Edythe Broad Foundation.

Oscar Santos, the head of school at Cathedral High School, a Catholic school in Boston's South End. Santos, a graduate of Boston Latin School, served as superintendent of the Randolph Public Schools from 2010 to 2013, when he declined to renew his contract, citing differences with the town's school committee. As head of Cathedral, Santos has

participated in meetings of the Boston Compact, a group of BPS, Charter and Catholic schools organized to foster collaboration between the three sectors.

Despite the rhetoric, it is fair to say that there are countless resources in the city to support a school system that should and can provide equal opportunity to all students. There are plenty of good teachers, who are paid very well (average of \$100,000). There is a more than \$1billion taxpayer funded budget (over \$20,000 per student). There are for-profit, not for profit, foundation, corporate and private philanthropists willing to and currently investing in schools and programs. Some schools have to close. Some schools need to be upgraded. Some new schools should be built.

It is difficult to see the goal of equal opportunity materialize, when you do not know what 'the plan' is. Sticking to 'the plan' is the key to success. The problems encountered by the superintendents of the

past were not in the areas of communication or understanding the governmental politics or even the competing interests of parents, teachers and administrators, although the press and certain political leaders would contrive to have the public believe so. The 'political' problem for the next superintendent is a two-part problem.

Part 1 are deteriorating school buildings, declining enrollment, school performance disparities, achievement gaps among students of different backgrounds, graduates who are unprepared for college, students who don't make it through high school, families who bail out of the system, and the expectation of some parents that the school is simply a place to send their child away for the day. This is a tough enough agenda.

Part 2 is devising a plan, up front, that all stakeholders agree on in principle and then allowing the superintendent to execute it. Although not everyone will be absolutely happy, if the goal is agreed upon and achievable, then it needs to be acted upon with singularity of purpose, with no back-pedaling or second guessing. Boston sports teams have incorporated this approach and we know and have enjoyed the outcomes.

An example of one critical element of the goal to shorten the achievement gap is universal pre-K within 5 years, a major initiative of Mayor Marty Walsh. Currently the school system struggles with a gap between the outcomes of the predominantly low-income Latino and black students, who make up a majority of those in the system and the more middle-class white minority in the system. A factor that could exacerbate those

achievement gaps, if not addressed in a comprehensive plan, is the increasing segregation in Boston's public schools, which in 2014 switched from a three-zone school assignment lottery system to a neighborhood-weighted lottery system that places students in schools based on their proximity to the school buildings.

The Mayor has also developed a 10-year facilities plan that calls for constructing or extensively renovating a dozen schools, doing away with middle schools, and adding the seventh and eighth grades to high schools.

Make no mistake about it, this is Mayor Walsh's school system to guide. With his contributions to 'the plan', as well as improved accountability among teachers, administrators and union employees, and buy-in from parents who understand the goal and the steps that must be taken to achieve it, then we may have a superintendent who lasts longer than many of his or her predecessors.

It is not about an 'independent' superintendent. It's about a superintendent who can devise an achievable plan that gets buy-in, upfront, by all stakeholders. Now that's the mark of a savvy political leader.

"It's really important that the next superintendent is able to work with all the different stakeholders in Boston and engender more trust in how the district is run," said Boston Teachers Union President Jessica Tang. "We do need a champion for BPS. Someone who can successfully mobilize all the good will needed to make sure BPS schools provide students a world-class education."



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Mayor Walsh And Advocates Celebrate \$11 million In Grants

Mayor Martin J. Walsh joined advocates and residents at Memorial Hall in Charlestown to celebrate more than \$11 million in Community Preservation Act (CPA) funding awarded to 35 historic preservation projects. After Boston adopted the CPA in 2016, the City created a Community Preservation Fund, which funds affordable housing, historic preservation, and open space and public recreation projects.

“In Boston, we are proud to be a city of history. When people around the world read about American history, they read about Boston,” said Mayor Walsh. “Preserving history is not shutting it away somewhere, it’s investing in the heart of a community. The three components of the Community Preservation Act -- affordable housing, open space, and historic preservation -- connect the past, present, and future of a community. In every one of those projects, we see not only history restored, but communities strengthened.”

The Community Preservation Fund is capitalized primarily by a one percent property tax-based surcharge on residential and business property tax bills that began in July 2017. Mayor Walsh and the City’s Community Preservation Committee (CPC) most recently recommended 56 projects from all three categories, totaling more than \$34 million, for inclusion in the fall funding round for the Community Preservation Act (CPA). The projects were approved by the City Council last month.

“Through investment, policy, and collective will we can maintain the walkable, human-scaled streetscapes that define our neighborhoods, give us a sense of place and identity, and draw millions of visitors, residents,



Thirty-five historic preservation projects have been awarded funds generated from the Community Preservation Act (CPA)

and businesses to our city,” said Alison Frazee, assistant director of the Boston Preservation Alliance. “The Community Preservation Act makes this work possible. As the first and only major funding source for historic preservation in the city, we are thrilled to see money going in the door of transformational projects like Memorial Hall.”

“Thanks to Mayor Walsh and the Community Preservation Committee, we will be able to return Memorial Hall to its former glory and continue to serve the veterans of Charlestown and our community,” said Joseph Zuffante, president, Abraham Lincoln Post 11 of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Included in Mayor Walsh’s 2019 legislative agenda is “An Act to Sustain Community Preservation Revenue (H. 2463/S.1618),” filed by Representative Ann-Margaret Ferrante and Senator Cynthia Stone Creem. The bill would adjust the surcharge on fees for recording deeds to increase the State CPA match, protecting the Act that more than 170 cities and towns depend on for the creation of affordable housing, open space, and historic preservation. When municipalities voted to enact CPA, they did so with the promise of a substantial state match. This year, the match was just 19 percent, meaning that the CPA bill people voted for is no

longer the same bill. The Massachusetts House of Representatives’ proposed FY20 budget includes a meaningful increase in the State’s CPA match. Mayor Walsh will continue to advocate for this needed investment throughout the state budget process.

The following is a complete list of historic preservation projects awarded funds from the Community Preservation Fund in its first year:

BACK BAY

- \$430,000 for a new roof and exterior restoration at the Church of the Covenant.
- \$306,700 to restore the doors and entrances of the Emmanuel Church.
- \$200,000 to restore the stairs and fenced-off main entrance of the Arlington Street Church on Boylston Street.

- \$420,000 to stabilize, restore, and weatherproof the First Baptist Church steeple.

BEACON HILL

- \$500,000 to preserve The Vilna Shul’s exterior and make the cultural center accessible.

BOSTON HARBOR

- \$250,000 to restore the masts and hull of the Roseway Schooner located at Fan Pier.
- \$365,000 to repoint the brick on the Salah Hall building on Thompson Island used for STEM education by thousands of Boston Public Schools students.

BRIGHTON

- \$200,000 for a restoration project that will turn the Charles River Speedway buildings into a gathering space with dining facilities, retail shops, an outdoor plaza, and historic features.

CHARLESTOWN

- \$500,000 to restore the exterior of Memorial Hall, a 1791 mansion serving veterans and the larger community, and the home of Abraham Lincoln’s Secretary of War.

CHINATOWN

- \$290,000 to repair the exterior and prevent water damage in the Chinatown Immigrant Heritage Center at the old Josiah Quincy School, as well as \$71,733 to restore the front entrance, stairs, and accessibility for the building.

DORCHESTER

- \$51,200 to complete restoration of the barn, carriage house, and fencing of the Clap & Clapp Houses.
- \$365,000 to renovate the Comfort Station in Uphams Corner for reuse as the Sip & Spoke Bike Kitchen.
- \$500,000 to renovate the Pierce Building at Uphams Corner, a cornerstone of the new arts district.

DOWNTOWN

- \$350,000 to help with major repairs to HVAC and other systems at the Old State House, one of the oldest and most visited sites on the Freedom Trail.

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MAYOR ANNOUNCES 2019 BCYF SUMMER GRANTS



Mayor Martin J. Walsh and Boston Centers for Youth & Families (BCYF) have announced the release of the 2019 BCYF Summer Grants RFP, inviting nonprofit youth-serving groups to apply for a grant of up to \$5,000

to support fun, safe, enriching youth programming this summer. These grants will increase both the number and variety of programs serving youth and will ensure that youth across the City have access to activities and opportunities this summer.

"I am pleased to be able to offer this grant to support the innovative and engaging programming provided by our non-profit partners during the summer months," said Mayor Walsh. "Thousands of Boston's young people will have a great summer thanks to the agencies the BCYF Summer Grant supports."

The grants will support summer programs in Boston neighborhoods. Ages to must range from 6-18 and may include young adults up to age

21. Programs must operate between July 8 and August 31. Last year, of the 58 programs that were awarded funding, 60% were art-based, educational or community and civic engagement opportunities and the remaining 40% had a sports, recreation, fitness or health-related focus. Over 80% of grantees provided specialized programs that incorporated educational components to youth about substance abuse, provided a therapeutic approach to accommodate youth impacted by trauma and provided an opportunity for meaningful youth summer employment.

"Even though BCYF offers hundreds of summer programs, we rely on our non-profit partners to join us in keeping Boston's youth happy, healthy and safe during the summer," said William Morales, Commissioner of BCYF. "I can't wait to review the variety of applications we will receive

from all across the City."

"This grant is so meaningful to Learn 2 Teach, Teach 2 Learn," said Dr. Susan Klimczak, Education Organizer at Learn 2 Teach, Teach 2 Learn. "The funds help us to provide STEAM activities that require special and more expensive components. This year, we encountered a price increase in some of the supplies we need to offer our STEAM activities. The increase would have put popular activities like our Solar Bobble Activity out of the reach of L2TT2L, which provides all our STEAM camps free of charge to the children and community organizations we serve. Thanks to the support from BCYF through the BCYF Summer Grant, we were able to offer this popular activity without interruption."

The deadline to apply is 5 p.m. on Friday, May 3. For more information including the RFP, please visit Boston.Gov/BCYF-Summer-Grant.

SOUTH BOSTON YOUTH SOCCER REGISTRATION

May 6,7,8,9,10,11

This year we have added on a WEB site for all information www.southbostonyouthsoccer.com and we are also on Facebook. You can get a registration form for players and coaches on line AND PRINT IT OUT but you must bring it to the Curley recreation center after you fill it out and pay your fee. You cannot register online as we feel we do not want this personal info about the kids online.

Registration for the fall season of the South Boston Youth Soccer will be held the week of **MAY 6,7,8,9,10,11 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm and 9 am to 12 noon on Saturday the 11th at Curley Recreation Center on Day Blvd. L. Street Bathhouse in the Seniors Card Room.**

Children from the ages of 3 years and up to 12 years are invited to register now for the Fall program. A new division of 3 and 4-year olds has been added to the program. Age groups and birth years for 2019 season are as follows **as of September 1st.**

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| 4 and under- | 2015, 2016 |
| 6 and under- | 2013, 2014 |
| 8 and under- | 2011, 2012 |
| 10 and under- | 2009, 2010 |
| 12 and under- | 2007, 2008 |

New players to the program must have a copy of their birth certificate to produce and proof of residency in order to play in the program. Anybody who does not sign up at this time will be put on a waiting list with no guarantee that there will be a place for them in the program.

There will be no other registrations held. This is the only one we will be holding so if you want your child to play in the fall program than you must sign them up NOW. The fee for this year is \$30.00 per player. A separate fee of \$ 20.00 per player will be collected if you want your child to participate in the separate soccer clinics being run by the Liverpool Soccer Club. Clinics will be held for the under 8 from 6 pm to 7 pm on Wednesdays and Thursdays and the under 10 and 12 will be from 7pm to 8 pm on Wednesdays and Thursdays all season long.

As usual we need coaches to make the program work and this year, we will be holding a mandatory coaching clinic for all coaches in order to improve the quality of play by the kids. The dates, location and time of the clinics are the 1st two weeks of seasons when staff will be on hand to assist coaches in getting the games organized and started.



We also are in need of referees so if you have the time and would like to help the kids out, you should come down and register. Also, there is no fee for coaches or referees, but you must fill out a CORI background check form to be allowed to coach or referee.

The season is scheduled to open Thursday, September 5th, with our annual parade of "CHAMPIONS" and the games will start on Saturday, September 7th with the under 10 & 12 age groups scheduled. The under 4, 6 and 8 age groups will be starting play on Sunday, September 8th. Of course all of this happens only if we have the people to coach and referee the games. You do not

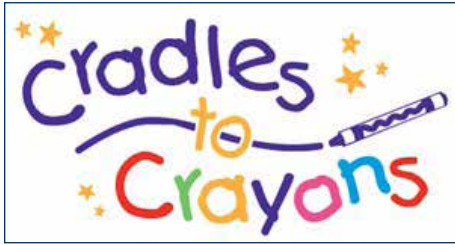
have to have a child in the program to coach or referee. We need all the help we can get.

The banquet location has been shifted to the Boys and Girls Club at 230 West Sixth St. on Sunday, November 24th.

So tell all your friends and organizations the dates for soccer registration so that they will not lose out on the fun of playing in the program. Remember, the whole idea behind the Soccer program is for the kids to have "FUN,FUN,FUN" .See you at registration and if you have any questions or would like to sponsor a team or help out in anyway, you can call me, Billy Baker at 617-269-7930 .

Cradles to Crayons Hosts Inaugural Boston Collect & Sort

A city-wide collection of children's essentials



WHAT: Cradles to Crayons® is partnering with Boston Centers for Youth & Families and Boston Children's Museum to call on Boston residents to participate in a city-wide collection of children's essentials.

As communities take on spring cleaning and clear out their closets this season, the Boston-based nonprofit asks to keep the collection in mind and donate any new and gently used clothing, shoes, books, and small toys at one of the participating drop-off points throughout the city.

The drive will culminate in the fun, hands-on Boston Collect & Sort volunteer event at Boston's Benjamin Franklin Institute of Technology Auditorium on May 4, 2019.

WHEN: Monday, April 22 – Friday, May 3, 2019

WHERE: Drop-off locations include: Boston Children's Museum

308 Congress St.
Boston, MA 02210
BCYF Curley Community Center – South Boston

1663 Columbia Rd
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MORE INFO: For more info on the Boston Collect & Sort and donation sites, visit <https://www.cradlestocrayons.org/boston/collect-sort/>

About Cradles to Crayons

Cradles to Crayons launched in 2002 and has operations in Boston, Philadelphia, and Chicago. The nonprofit provides children from birth through age 12 living in homeless or low-income situations with the essential items they need to thrive—at home, at school, and at play. They supply these items free of charge by engaging and connecting communities. Cradles to Crayons mobilizes communities to collect and donate new and gently used high-quality children's items. The organization also engages thousands of youth and adults each year in tangible service activities that benefit local children in need. For more information, please visit www.cradlestocrayons.org/boston/.

Councilor Flynn Holds Hearings On Veterans Issues

As Chair of the City, Neighborhood Services, Veterans & Military Affairs Committee, Boston City Councilor Ed Flynn held working sessions and hearings last week on the state of Veterans homelessness in the City of Boston with Councilor Althea Garrison, as well as the impact on Veterans' services due to the recent partial government shutdown with Councilor Lydia Edwards.

Panelists that attended to offer insight and testimony included Acting Commissioner Robert Santiago from the City of Boston Veterans Services, from the New

England Center and Home for Veterans -VP of Operations, Chuck Cody, and the Director of Housing Services, Meredith Christensen, Coleman Nee from the National Board of Disabled American Veterans (DAV), and longtime Veterans leader and advocate Tom Lyons who recently retired from MassHousing.

"I'd like to recognize the great work and professionalism of these organizations, as well as with the Veterans' Posts in South Boston for their outreach and assistance to our Veterans, Military, and Gold Star Families," said Flynn. "Thank you also to Mayor Walsh and his Administration for their efforts to address chronic Veterans homelessness in our city, along with the leadership of Congressman Lynch, Senator Collins, Representative Biele, Councilor Flaherty, and Clerk Donovan in support of our Veterans and Military Families."

For constituent service issues, please contact Councilor Flynn's office at 617-635-3452 or ed.flynn@boston.gov.

The Massachusetts Port Authority Announces the Creation of the South Boston Foundation



*Pictured Back Row L-R: William Higgins, Board Member, John Pranckevicius, Massport's Acting CEO, City Councilor Michael Flaherty, State Representative David Biele, Christopher Miller, Board Member; Front Row L-R: Kelly O'Shea, Board Member, Anna Tenaglia, Massport's Acting CFO & Board Member, State Senator Nick Collins, City Councilor Ed Flynn, Jennifer Jackson, Board Member, Kathy Lafferty, Board Member, *Not Pictured: Eddie McGuire, Board Member*

The South Boston Foundation will support youth educational, fitness, wellness and athletic programs in South Boston as well as parks and recreation facilities in South Boston. The Foundation Trustees are appointed by local elected officials and Massport and will oversee the South Boston Foundation and its allocation of funding.

We are excited to begin this new partnership with our South Boston neighbors!



The Wine Guy

Baptisms, Birthdays and Bashes



This time of year has always struck me as a time when social gatherings occur in an easier, more carefree manner. If there's a party inside, step outside and take in some springtime air and a sip or two of a good wine. Here are some ideas that will only make the party, the fresh air and you, feel better.

Going to a special birthday party? Then bring an equally special wine. **Far Niente Napa Valley, Chardonnay, 2017 (\$75.00)**, is singularly definitive of some of the best soil in Napa. The winery was founded by a ship's captain from Boston, John Benson and the label for its first wine was created by the owner's nephew, a young Winslow Homer. Today, Beth and Gil Nikel produce only Chards

and Cabs, both equally stunning. As you hold this wine in your hand, your body heat will present different notes and aromas—melon and spring flowers, light apricots and caramel. The finish is rich, pronounced and structured. Huge, elegant juice.

Maybe something sparkling? **Billecart-Salmon Brut Reserve, (\$60.00)**, has all the quality of a declared vintage Champagne at a non-vintage cost. Town and Country describes this one as a "zesty champagne with notes of apricot, baked bread, and red fruit that really wakes up the palate, making it a perfect sip to start a meal or to refresh the palate between the main course and dessert". After all, there's not much better than a deep breath of Spring air and a sip of great bubbly.

In France, Rose wines are associated with new beginnings, especially toasts at Baptism parties. So, get some **Fleur de Mer Côtes de Provence 2018 Rosé, (\$19.99)** and toast that little one right! Wine.com says, "It makes sense that this juicy wine is named Fleur de Mer (or flower of the sea), because it's bursting with the flavor of freshly cut watermelon, ripe raspberries, and the slightest trace of ocean salt. There's a subtle and soothing hint of lavender on the nose, which makes the entire sipping experience a treat for the senses. Pair this crisp and luscious rosé with salty prosciutto and sweet melon." I think you'll agree. Have a sip or two of this one and it'll be hard not to think about weekends in Wellfleet not too far off.

Having a party, a "time", a bash? Whatever you call it, be sure to have something that brings out that party spirit. Warm late afternoons turning to cooler evenings are always better with a wine that goes along with the changes, like a nice **Pinot Noir. Foris, 2016, Pinot Noir, Rogue Valley, Oregon, (\$19.99)**, has been ranked 90 points by Wine Enthusiast—definitely a great value at this price. Frosted red berries and tart cherry are followed by mocha and caramel on the finish. This is a big, rich wine that'll go perfectly with the cool evening of a New England spring night. Start making those party plans!

Talk to The Wine Guy at jdris8888@gmail.com

Walsh Funds continued from page 5

- \$315,000 to restore 17th and 18th century artifacts from beneath Faneuil Hall showing Boston's role in the transAtlantic slave trade, works of local artisans, and an emerging global marketplace.

EAST BOSTON

- \$575,000 to restore the Nantucket Lightship, Boston's only floating museum.

FENWAY

- \$200,000 to restore the Johnson Gates and Westland Ave entrance paths to the Back Bay Fens

HYDE PARK

- \$350,000 to repair the roof and exterior masonry features to stop water damage for the First Congregational Church of Hyde Park, now the Hyde Park Seventh-day Adventist Church.

MISSION HILL

- \$850,000 to Sociedad Latina to restore exterior features, bay windows, masonry, and roof for 1912 townhouse serving thousands of Latino youth.

ROXBURY

- \$100,000 to restore the public stairs outside the Eliot Congregational Church.
- \$150,000 to restore the gates and grounds of First Church.
- \$49,500 to conserve the Bear Dens 1912 frieze in Franklin Park.
- \$385,000 to restore the doors and vestibule of Roxbury Presbyterian Church.
- \$100,000 to St. Luke's for emergency stabilization for Ralph Adam Cram structure that will become a small arts venue.
- \$45,000 to Charles St. AME to support a conditions assessment

and emergency patching to prevent further water damage from the roof prior to the development of a full restoration plan.

- \$500,000 to the former St. James African Orthodox Church for acquisition and emergency stabilization of the building for reuse as affordable housing and community and artist workspace.
- \$850,000 to Abbotsford, home to the National Center of Afro-American Artists (NCAAA) or "the Big Head Museum," to replace the roof and restore masonry to make building weather tight.
- \$850,000 to the Dr. Marie E. Zakrzewska Building to restore windows on the first three floors of this historic building, so that the Dimock Center can create a residential recovery program in the space for men

dealing with substance use disorder.

SOUTH BOSTON

- \$307,000 to restore the gates and fence of St. Augustine's Cemetery.

SOUTH END

- \$46,260 to complete a new roof for the South End House.
- \$136,500 to Haley House to complete fire safety features in the historic townhouse used for a daily soup kitchen, job training program, and volunteer housing.
- \$400,000 to Union United to complete accessibility features for a community food pantry and meeting space.

WEST END

- \$43,522 to restore the front stairs, entryway, and facade features of the first Otis House.
- \$400,000 to Old West for tower restoration of 1806 building designed by Asher Benjamin.

| Recent South Boston Real Estate Sales | | | | | |
|--|-------------|------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Property/Type | Price | Sale Date | Rooms | Baths | Sq Ft |
| 100 A St UNIT 401 Condo | \$2,100,000 | 2/15/19 | 5 | 2.5 | 1,840 |
| 132 Marine Road Single Family | \$1,135,000 | 2/13/19 | 7 | 2.5 | 1,725 |
| 30 B St UNIT 406 Condo | \$999,000 | 2/22/19 | 5 | 2 | 1,200 |
| 57 L St UNIT11 Condo | \$915,000 | 2/22/19 | 5 | 2 | 1,098 |
| 301 West Broadway UNIT 3 Condo | \$899,000 | 2/22/19 | 3 | 2 | 1,487 |
| 675 - 675 A East Eighth Street Two Family | \$799,000 | 2/14/19 | 8 | 3 | 1,793 |
| 301 West Broadway UNIT 2 Condo | \$770,000 | 2/15/19 | 3 | 2 | 1,247 |
| 275-3 Old Colony Unit 3 Condo | \$688,000 | 2/15/19 | 4 | 2 | 1,098 |
| 810-812 East Third St UNIT1 Condo | \$555,000 | 2/19/19 | 4 | 1.5 | 1,047 |
| 52 O St UNIT 1 Condo | \$514,000 | 2/21//2019 | 4 | 1 | 848 |
| 137 N St UNIT 2 Condo | \$499,000 | 2/28/19 | 3 | 1 | 565 |
| 350 West Fourth St UNIT101 Condo | \$499,000 | 2/15/19 | 6 | 1 | 844 |
| 810-812 East Third Street Garage Garage Parking 2 | \$300,000 | 2/19/19 | | | |



OPEN HOUSE

South Boston, OPEN HOUSE, Sun., Apr. 28th, noon to 2:00 p.m., at 782 E. 4th St. Detached 8 ½ rm. one-family with in-law apt., 2 ba., 2350 s.f. living space, plus unfinished attic, unfinished basement, double-decker rear porch, and backyard. Nice interior architectural details. Being sold “as is.” \$999,900. Premier Homes Realty Team, (781) 832-2882.



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The South Boston Neighborhood Development Foundation
wishes to announce it's annual bidders conference for the 2019 rounds of funding.

All interested NonProfit Organizations are encouraged to attend.

Conference Date is May 1, 2019
Time: 10a.m.
Location: South Boston Boys and Girls Club
230 W Sixth Street
South Boston, MA 02127

BCYF Tynan Happenings

April School Vacation was a blast here at the Tynan Community Center this past week. On Tuesday we held our 4th annual Wiffleball tournament and cookout! Wiffleball is a staple in Southie for generations, we had very good success doing just this for the first 15 years of the Pal Gym/Walsh Center and the tradition continues as 28 pre/teens competed for this year's championship. It was an all-day affair with hours and hours of wiffleball being played, Athletic Director; Greg Lally deserves a well done as he ran a well-organized tournament. There was plenty of food to go around thanks to the Tynan Council and its PRESIDENT, Edward M. McGuire. The Council provided the food and beverages as well as presenting the winners

with \$25.00-dollar visa gift cards. This year's winners were Anderson Wisniewski, Alex Fucile and Mimi Markos. I would also like to thank my staff for doing a great job feeding the participants, spectators, parents and neighbors. Well-done to, Program Supervisor: Kathy Davis, Youth Worker: Katie O'Connell, Athletic Director: Greg Lally, Building Manager: John Higgins and our newest staff member(staff assistant): Carol Curran. We also appreciated a visit of support from the new Administrative Coordinator of the Curley community center, Andrea Flaherty. We wish Andrea well with her endeavors at the (L St.) Curley. See Photo's

On Wednesday we had a planned visit from the Tierney learning center in South Boston. Allison Baker

who does a great job at the Tierney transported about 30 youngsters to the BCYF Tynan for a flag football tournament and cookout. It was a great day as the weather turned out to be very nice and sunny. The Tierney and Tynan kids all played well as the game stayed close throughout. It was lots of fun watching their reactions when they scored touchdowns. When the game was over once again the Tynan Council provided plenty of hamburgers, hotdogs, sausages, chips, water's and cupcakes! We thank the Tierney staff and kids for a wonderful day! See photo's

We also entered a couple of tournaments during the week with Greg Lally taking a group of teenage boys over to the BCYF Gallivan Community Center in Mattapan. Our Boys fared well making it all the way to the semifinals. Good job to Zack Mitchell, Aidan Young, Nolan Cal-

low, Connor Strickland, Jake Harrison, James Burzell, Lydon McGarrell, Eddie Murray, Michael Brooks and Owen Donovan.

We then went over the Charlestown bridge to participate in a 12 n Under hockey tournament. After winning a few games on Thursday night we were invited back to play in the Championship game on Friday night. The BCYF Tynan took an early lead in the first 2 periods leading by a score 4-1. In the final period Harry Minucci, Ryan Alexander and Ben Deardon lit it up ending the game 8-1 and taking the championship home to the BCYF Tynan. Also playing great was Mario Blasi ,Bobby McGarrell, Mini Markos, Sammy Flood, Liam Long and Nolan Young. Coaching Staff: Greg Lally, Bobby McGarrell and Jerry O'Neil JR. it was a well-organized tournament thanks to the staff at the BCYF Charlestown Community Center.



St. Peter Academy visits Wheelock Theatre

By Maria Blasi

On Tuesday April 23rd St. Peter Academy students Grades 1st through 5th visited Wheelock Theatre to enjoy the musical adaptation of Roald Dahl's James and the Giant Peach.

The cast and crew put a lot of time and effort into this wonderful production. The students were truly captivated! Thank you for having us Wheelock Theatre!

St. Peter Academy in an independent, community-based pri-

vate school and serves students from ages 15 months through grade 6. SPA is currently accepting applications for the limited spaces available in the year-round toddler program (beginning at age 15 months) and for

students in Pre-K, Kindergarten and grades 1-6. Join us for our Open House May 1st 9:00 – 11:00 am and 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm.

Appointments for individual tours can be made by contacting the Main Office at 617-268-0750 or by emailing SPA@StPeterAcademy.com.





(This conversation took place on Danny's other podcast "Take a Bump" with Ring of Honor World Champion Matt Taven)

DANNY PICARD: From my perspective, I'm a fan of pro wrestling, and I'm a broadcaster. But I look at what you do, and I always wonder, how does someone like you get involved in the pro wrestling broadcasting industry? How did you get involved in this?

IAN RICCABONI: It's a minor miracle. I went to college for broadcasting. You try and figure out how the guys that do what you want to do did it. And so, when we were growing up, SportsCenter was huge. You had guys like Dan Patrick, Stuart Scott, Steve Levy, Keith Olbermann, the list goes on and on and on. I wanted to do what they did. And what I did was I looked up what you do to get on TV... So I started taking journalism classes in high school. I started to do TV production stuff as well. From there, I went to college, and when I stepped foot on NYU's campus, within a week I was casting an MTV special. MTV had a casting call, and somebody in the communi-

cations department at NYU said, "Hey, they're looking for some people to come ask Bill Gates some questions. It's going to be a roundtable, it's going to be a forum, and they'll cast you then edit it to however it fits on TV." So, within a week of being on campus, I was in a special with Bill Gates and Gideon Yago. And it was one of these weird things where I thought, "Man, I'm 1-for-1. I got this. I'm going to be on TV. This is easy." And then the well dried up for about four-and-a-half years... But then I graduated and went to Grad school at the University of Pennsylvania. And while I was there, my buddy was like, "Let's do a TV show." And I was like, "How are we going to do a TV show?" And he was like, "Let's do public access." So we rented the equipment in Pennsylvania and did a public access show. We had some wrestlers on the show. From there, the public access turned into a Philadelphia Phillies TV show. I later became the host after it was picked up by Comcast SportsNet in Philly. During that time, I met the Blue Meanie because I was interviewing

famous Phillies fans. And I said to him, "If my friend wants to be a wrestling broadcaster, what should he do?" And he showed me how to pay my dues, come set up the ring, and I was there a good three or four months doing that kind of stuff before he let me ring announce and before I got to start calling shows.

DP: You're a Philadelphia sports fan, and there's a lot going on. The Celtics and 76ers could meet in the playoffs, your Phillies just signed Bryce Harper. Here in Boston, the Red Sox suck this season. And then we had the Patriots vs the Eagles last year in the Super Bowl, so there's a lot going on with both Philly and Boston in the sports world.

IR: Well Bryce Harper is doing and saying all the right things right now. He's doing a lot of things out of the Joel Embiid playbook. He's making himself visible in the city. He's doing different things in the city that really makes it feel like he wants to be here. And I don't think you sign a 13-year contract somewhere with no opt-outs on either side if you don't want to be somewhere. So Harper, to me,

is the real deal in at least that he feels like he genuinely wants to be here...

DP: I made my NBA predictions on "The Danny Picard Show." And I actually picked the 76ers to beat the Celtics in the East Finals I hope I'm wrong, and I know you hope I'm right... But then I have Philly getting waxed by Golden State.

IR: I think that's the expected outcome. I think the Warriors will just run over anybody that gets out of the East... I think it's the Sixers and Celtics in the Eastern Conference Final. I think the Bucks are just paper. They had the best record, but as we found out with the Atlanta Hawks a couple years ago, that doesn't mean a whole lot. As we find out year after year with the Raptors, that doesn't mean a whole lot... I think we're going to see Philly and Boston, and I think the Sixers will wrap it up in six.

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SPORTS TODAY

NFL SCHEDULES RELEASED FOR 2019

SBT Staff

The National Football League has released its schedules for the 2019 season. Here in New England, the focus is on what's ahead for the defending Super Bowl champion Patriots.

The Pats will open the season at home against the Pittsburgh Steelers on Sunday Night Football (Sept. 8). It will be the first of five national TV games for the Patriots. Their four other national TV games will be in Week 6 at home against the New York Giants on Thursday Night Football (Oct. 10), Week 7 at MetLife against the New York Jets on Monday Night Football (Oct. 21), Week 9 against the Ravens in Baltimore on Sunday Night Football (Nov. 3), and Week 13 against the Texans in Houston for Sunday Night Football (Dec. 1).

New England will have its bye in Week 10, and will close out the regular season with back-to-back home games against the Buffalo Bills and Miami Dolphins in Weeks 16 and 17. Those final two games mark the only time all season that the Patriots will play two games in a row at Gillette Stadium.

The Patriots' toughest stretch will be from Week 11 to Week 14, where they will play in Philadelphia



against the Eagles in Week 11 (Nov. 17), at home against the Dallas Cowboys in Week 12 (Nov. 24), in Houston in Week 13, and at home against the Kansas City Chiefs in Week 14 (Dec. 8).

Another notable game on the schedule for New England is in Week 8, at home against the new-look Cleveland Browns (Oct. 27). With the addition of Odell Beckham Jr., the Browns find themselves with four national TV games in 2019.

Cleveland will be in New York against the Jets in Week 2 on Monday Night Football, at home against the Los Angeles Rams in Week 3 on Sunday Night Football, in San Francisco against the 49ers in Week 5 on Monday Night Football, and then at home against the Pittsburgh Steelers in Week 11 on Thursday Night Football.

Around the rest of the league, there will be four games played in London, and one game played in Mexico. The games in London will see Chicago vs Oakland in Week 5, Carolina vs Tampa Bay in Week 6, Cincinnati vs LA Rams in Week 8, and Houston vs Jacksonville in Week 9. The lone game in Mexico will be Kansas City vs LA Chargers in Week 11 on Monday Night Football.

Tweet of the Week



Kendrick Perkins ✓
@KendrickPerkins

Great Season @Pacers! Much respect!!!
Boston Looks really Good right now! Looking like a true Celtic Family so Far! This could be scary for the rest of the East!!! 🇮🇪 🇮🇪 🇮🇪



BRUINS ADVANCE WITH A GAME 7 WIN

SBT Staff

For the second straight year, the Boston Bruins defeated the Toronto Maple Leafs in a Game 7 to move on to the Eastern Conference Semifinals in the Stanley Cup playoffs.

The B's beat the Leafs 5-1 on Tuesday night at the TD Garden. Joakim Nordstrom and Marcus Johansson scored in the first period to put Boston up 2-0. Toronto's John Tavares cut that lead to 2-1 with a goal in the second period. But then Sean Kuraly gave the Bruins some

breathing room with a third-period snipe to put the B's up 3-1, which was later followed by a pair of empty netters from Charlie Coyle and Patrice Bergeron.

Game 1 of the Bruins' second-round series against the Columbus Blue Jackets is Thursday night at 7 p.m. at the TD Garden.

Columbus is the second Wild Card in the Eastern Conference and, essentially, the No. 8 seed. The Blue Jackets upset the No. 1 seed Tampa Bay Lightning with a first-round sweep.

WHAT TO WATCH

NHL THURSDAY, APRIL 25
Eastern Conference Semifinals
Columbus at Boston
7 P.M. NBCSN

NFL THURSDAY, APRIL 25
DRAFT ROUND 1
8 P.M. ABC/ESPN

FRIDAY, APRIL 26
DRAFT ROUNDS 2-3
7 P.M. ABC/ESPN

SATURDAY, APRIL 27
DRAFT ROUNDS 4-7
12 P.M. ABC /ESPN

NBA SAT/SUN, APRIL 27/28
Eastern Conference Semifinals
Gm 1: Boston at Milwaukee TBD

CELTICS TO FACE BUCKS IN SECOND ROUND

SBT Staff

The Boston Celtics completed a four-game sweep of the Indiana Pacers on Easter Sunday, moving them into the Eastern Conference Semifinals, where they'll take on the No. 1 seed Milwaukee Bucks.

Boston defeated Milwaukee in the first round of the NBA Playoffs last year, in seven games. In that series, the C's were the No. 2 seed, while the Bucks were the No. 7 seed, giving Boston home court advantage. This time around, the No. 4 seed Celtics will have to open the series on the road in Milwaukee.

Boston was without both Kyrie Irving and Gordon Hayward in last year's playoffs. With both Irving and Hayward healthy for the rematch, all eyes will be on C's injured guard Marcus Smart, who missed the entire first round against the Pacers with a torn oblique that he suffered late in the regular season.

Last year against Milwaukee, Smart returned from a hand injury in the middle of that series and added a much-needed spark that helped get the Celtics past the Bucks. It's unclear as to whether or not Smart would be able to return during this year's playoff series against Milwaukee, but it's a situation to keep an eye on.



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