



## Civic Groups Teaming Up To Demand That Mayor Walsh Extend IPOD

Members of civic groups, neighborhood associations and concerned residents are petitioning Mayor Marty Walsh to extend the Interim Planning Overlay District - Article 27S which is due to expire on July 17, 2019. There is a Petition that is circulating stating, "To date, the Mayor's office and Boston

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# EDITORIAL

## Independence Day: When 'Most' Feel Proud to be an American

With Independence Day here next week and our country in a celebratory mood, pride in being an American is in full display all across the nation. Old Glory proudly waves and Red, White and Blue are the colors of the season.

Americans will attend patriotic parades, concerts and fireworks displays all geared to marking this wonderful holiday that heralds our country's birthday. Ah, but not all Americans are feeling that pride in their country according to the results of the most some recent polling. It seems 60% of those who call themselves 'Solid Liberals' or Leftists, say they are definitely not proud of being Americans and feel that America is not a good country at all. Of course, this group, according to the survey, only makes up 15% of the US population and certainly does not include all lib-

erals yet is quite vocal and obnoxious about their disdain for their homeland.

Meanwhile, on our southern border with Mexico, thousands are migrating here from several countries, clamoring to get in and have risked life and limb to make the journey. To be clear, unless they come here legally, they have absolutely no right to cross our border. But that's not the point of today's editorial.

The point is this. Those risking everything to come here must see something about America that the aforementioned Leftists can't seem to grasp. Though America may have its faults, there is nowhere better in the world – period. So, today we offer up a possible solution to make everyone happy. Why not do a one for one swap? Let one illegal in for each American Leftist who agrees to permanently leave? If they dislike this country so much, this should be a plan to

please the disgruntled, 'better than thou' types residing here who seem to hate all that this nation stands for. Think about it. In no time at all there could be a major demographic change in Cambridge, Brookline, Wellesley and Amherst, Massachusetts and in San Francisco and Hollywood, California as the Leftists leave for Mexico, Honduras and Guatemala and the new arrivals would gratefully take their places. Maybe, in the interest of compassion, the departing unhappy Americans could leave their vintage Saabs and walled mansions for the newcomers as a gesture of good faith.

The fact is and we all know it to be true, you will not see any takers on this side of the border among those who constantly bash our country, our constitution and this wonderful land created by God and our brilliant Founding Fathers, because they know they couldn't



have it better than they do here in any other nation on earth. No, they won't leave and that's too bad.

As much as they melt down and scream their outrage at the current President and even our Constitution, they remain here and do their best to make every American as miserable as they themselves are. But since they are staying, they need to get out of the way of the overwhelming majority of true, patriotic Americans who plan to celebrate with pride on this Fourth of July, the birthday of the greatest of all nations. Happy Independence Day next week to all!

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## REP. BIELE HOSTS PERRY SCHOOL AT STATE HOUSE

Representative David Biele hosted Ms. Judith Nee's kindergarten class from the Perry K-8 School at the Massachusetts State House. Students, teachers, parents and chaperones visited the House Chamber where the Massachusetts House of Representatives meets and conducts business. While

in the Chamber, students learned about the history of the State House and the Legislature. Students also learned how bill becomes a law and sat at the desks of legislators to see how representatives debate and vote on bills and budget amendments.

The kindergarteners, teachers and parents also stood at the same

podium where President John F. Kennedy once stood and addressed the Massachusetts Legislature. Following their visit, the House of Representatives held an informal session. Following the tour, all guests were treated to lunch before heading back into South Boston.



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## *Orcas In/Great Whites Out. Will it be Safe to go into the Water?*

**SOUTH BOSTON TODAY**

John Ciccone

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**W**ith summer finally here, many of the familiar things that we've all gotten used to, return and are welcome in many cases. Music of the season and specific classic movie reruns are two that jump out at us and last all season long. The 'JAWS' movies are shown over and over again through July and August, accompanied by that eerie music that lets the viewers know that the Great White Shark is lurking nearby and getting ready to pounce on an unsuspecting swimmer or someone who should have been in a 'bigger boat'.

Over the past half dozen years as everyone knows, some Cape Cod beaches have been the scene of Great White sightings, as they patrol not too far offshore in search of dinner. We're told seals are the favorite food of these massive predators and as the seal population keeps increasing, so too does the number of sharks in the area.

The reason I bring this up in this week's column is that many South Bostonians spend time on Cape Cod beaches during the summer months and have expressed concern about the growing number of Great White Sharks showing up, especially since a swimmer was killed by one of them last year. But for a while it looked like things would get better with the arrival of probably the only creature in the ocean big enough and tough enough to actually scare the hell out of a Great White Shark, which is of course the 'Orca', also known as 'The Killer Whale'.

When an Orca shows up, the Great Whites retreat or face

the prospect of becoming lunch themselves for the whale. By the way, according to experts, the Orcas, as big and fierce as they are, usually pose no threat to swimmers; in fact, they actually seem to enjoy the company of humans. But alas, the relief and reason to relax and go back in the water may have been short lived. It seems the Orca didn't hang around. He or she devoured its fill of seals and moved on. So, unless it returns, if you happen to make it to the Cape this summer, remember, while in the water, keep an eye out for big gray fins and be ready to sprint to shore. Oh, and as awesome as they are to look at and film, let's hope the thousands of seals that currently hang out on Cape Cod, don't decide to migrate north to Carson Beach in large numbers. We really don't need the great Whites to follow, though a few Orcas would be ok.

Speaking of sharks, why not show some compassion towards them? Can we ever forget the hilarious controversy several years ago on the Cape regarding the potential to hurt the feelings of sharks? Yes, you read that right. Many remember and got a good laugh when brochures warning people about the dangers of the big predators had on its cover, a picture of a shark, with teeth barred, looking mean and fierce. This depiction of them infuriated some of the more radical animal rights activists, who demanded that the picture be changed and replaced with a shark that appeared 'kinder and gentler'. Why? Because according to some of the more vocal activists, the mean looking photo is 'offensive' to

sharks. You can't make this stuff up, but it does provide some great entertainment.

Which proves once again, when on the topic of loving animals and other wildlife, there are those who truly do love them and want to protect them from harm, which is where most folks are on the issue. And then there are the crazies, some of whom even get 'triggered', when they see an image/mascot of a dolphin, an eagle or a panther on a sports team's jersey because it might traumatize that

creature and they probably never granted permission for their image to be used in the first place.

Here's wishing everyone a great Independence Day holiday. This is when Americans get to wave the flag and celebrate the birthday of and be thankful that we live in the greatest country on earth. Our brilliant Founding Fathers certainly knew what they were doing when, with guidance from God, created this wonderful nation. Have a great '4th' and God Bless America!

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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.

### *The Everett casino by the numbers ...*

Benjamin Swasey at WBUR has a good “by the numbers” piece about Sunday’s grand opening of the Encore Boston Harbor casino in Everett. Meanwhile, the Globe’s Shirley Leung reports on the multi-million dollar bet that Wynn Resorts is taking in order to relieve expected traffic congestion near the casino. The Herald’s Rick Sobey takes a look at a MassDOT electronic highway sign blaring Sunday’s casino opening and basically asks: Is it a public service message or a blatant ad for the casino?

Just fyi: We’re starting to wonder if all the talk of pending casino-traffic doom might actually lead to a repeat of the 2004 Democratic presidential convention in Boston, i.e. pre-event hysteria over traffic leading to people staying home. We’ll see.

### *Massport’s CEO finalists: True insiders’ insiders*

Andy Metzger at Common-

Wealth magazine reports that Massport has narrowed its CEO search down to two people: Brian Golden, the former state representative and current chief of the Boston Planning and Development Agency, and Lisa Wieland, the agency’s current port director and former chief of the maritime department. The Herald’s Howie Carr is awed by the breadth and depth of the nationwide search.

### *Score one for Rollins and Ryan: Judge temporarily blocks ICE courthouse arrests*

Shannon Dooling at WBUR reports that U.S. District Judge Indira Talwani has temporarily barred federal authorities from arresting immigrants at state courthouses, in a major first-round victory for Suffolk County District Attorney Rachael Rollins and Middlesex County District Attorney Marian Ryan, who along with others are suing the feds over courthouse arrests.

The Herald’s Joe Dwinell reports that Talwani is no fan of courthouse arrests in general, previously expressing frustration over an ICE stunt after one of her own federal hearings. The Herald’s Joe Battenfeld, meanwhile, pronounces that, yes, Talwani’s ruling is a huge win for Rollins and Ryan, who “got some payback for the arrest of Judge Shelley Richmond” for allegedly helping an immigrant to escape ICE detention.

### *Globe launches investigative education team partially funded by Barr Foundation*

Attorney General Maura Healey has her Michael Bloomberg-paid assistant attorneys general on staff. So why shouldn’t the Globe have Barr Foundation-paid investigative reporters on staff? Yes, the Globe is launching an investigative team focused on public education in Massachusetts, “an expansion of the Globe’s editorial staffing that is

being partially financed for the next two years by a \$600,000 grant from the Barr Foundation,” reports John Ellement at the Globe.

Considering the terrible financial shape of the newspaper industry these days, the partnership is not all that surprising. But it doesn’t mean we have to like it. We’re entering a brave new world of journalism funding that’s going to raise all sorts of conflicts-of-interest questions, assuming others start going down this hybrid for-profit/nonprofit road. Our worst fear: “The Globe Spotlight Team, sponsored by (fill in the blank).”

### *Meanwhile, political news sites forge advertising alliance to compete against Facebook and Google*

With the 2020 election cycle heating up (and with all the big-buck advertising that it entails), a group of conservative, liberal and moderate political sites, such as the Daily Caller and AlterNet, have formed the “Digital News Alliance” to nab a larger portion of political ad-sales revenue that would otherwise flow into the corporate coffers of Facebook and Google, reports the Wall Street Journal.

The lead on Lukas Alpert’s WSJ story: “Political advertising makes strange bedfellows.”

## SEN. COLLINS HOSTS TIM LYNCH AS SOUTH BOSTON SUMMER INTERN

State Senator Nick Collins recently hosted a local summer intern in his State House office. Tim Lynch, a lifelong resident of South Boston, spent six weeks in the State Senate office, working on constituent casework and helping serve the residents of the First Suffolk District.

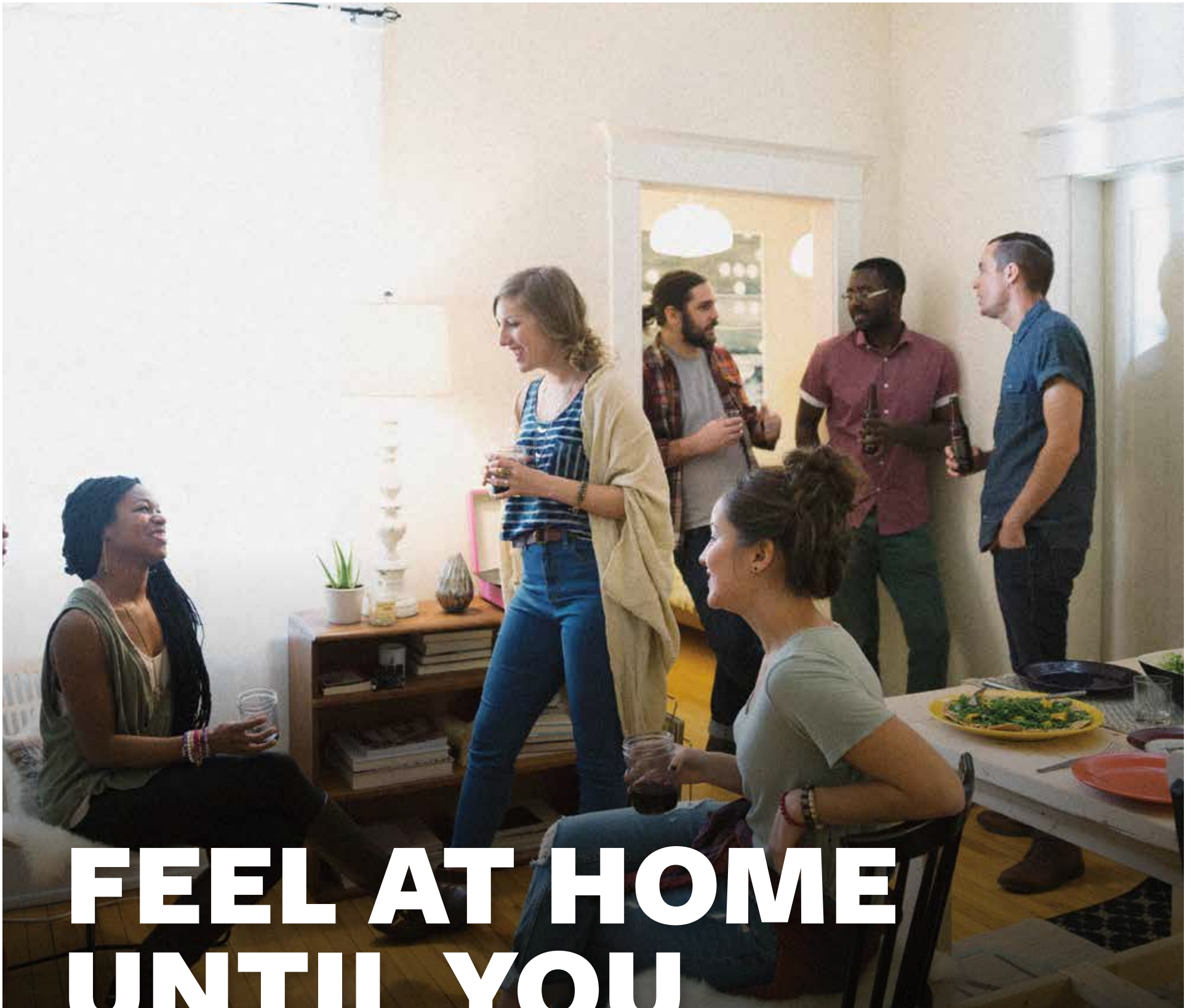
Tim graduated from Boston College High School in 2018, and just finished his freshman year at UMass Amherst. In addition to interning for Senator Collins this summer, he works as a Supervisor at the Harry McDonough Sailing Center on Castle Island, volunteers at the Labour Center on West Broadway, and plays baseball for the South Boston Senior Babe Ruth League. His interest in politics and community engagement peaked while participating in the YMCA Massachusetts Youth & Government program in which he

won an award for Outstanding Leadership as a senior at BC High.

“It is a particularly rewarding part of the job to help young people get involved in state and local government,” said Senator Nick Collins. “Tim was an active and engaged member of the team, and we were proud to have him join us this Summer.” “Working with Senator Collins and his staff gave me the chance to learn about what it means to be a leader in my community,” said Tim Lynch. “I saw firsthand how legislation can foster real change for not just those in our district, but the entire Commonwealth.”

Senator Collins was also Tim’s little league baseball coach some years ago. Tim will now focus on his work at the Harry McDonough Sailing Center and do some traveling with friends before heading back to UMass Amherst in the Fall.






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## LORRAINE LINEHAN RECEIVES UNSUNG HEROINE AWARD

South Boston resident Lorraine Linehan received the Unsung Heroine Award from the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women at a ceremony held at the Massachusetts State House.

The Unsung Heroine Award is given to women who don't make the news, but make a difference. They are the women who use their time, talent and enthusiasm to enrich the lives of others and make a difference in their neighborhoods, cities and towns. They are mentors, volunteers and innovators who do what needs to be done without expectations of recognition or gratitude. These women are the glue that keeps a community together and every community is better because of their contribution.

Lorraine was nominated by State

Representative David Biele for her dedication to improving the quality of life for South Boston residents through her longstanding volunteer efforts with the South Boston Special Kids and Young Adults Program, the Stephanie Uftring Memorial Scholarship, the South Boston Neighborhood House, the South Boston Citizens' Association and the South Boston Irish American Society. In addition to her work in the community, Lorraine has spent many years supporting individuals and families affected by breast cancer. She has organized golf tournaments to benefit the Avon Breast Cancer Walk to fund important treatment and research, and she has participated in Runway for Recovery which supports families who have loved ones

being treated for breast cancer.

"Lorraine's dedication to helping others and her outstanding volunteer efforts have made our community a better place to live," said Rep. Biele. "She is truly an 'Unsung Heroine' and I am thankful for the tremendous work she does to support her neighbors and the South Boston community." Lorraine joined women from across Commonwealth in being recognized as Unsung Heroines for their public leadership and volunteerism that make neighborhoods, cities, and towns better places to live.

A complete list of this year's honorees is available by contacting the Commission. To request this list or for additional information please contact the MCSW at 617-626-6520 or mcsw@state.ma.us.



## Going Green At The Farmer's Market

The Farmers Market, sponsored by the South Boston Neighborhood Development Corporation, has become a welcomed staple in the South Boston Neighborhood. It adds that touch of rural to the bustle of urban living. It is fast approaching the end of its second decade in our community. It has provided the opportunity for South Boston residents to gain access to healthy, fresh, nutritious local produce, fish and eggs. The vendors are all located within Massachusetts.

Beyond its own customer base, developed over the years, it creates foot traffic for the many retail shops on West Broadway. Area non-profits are invited to table at the market to promote their organization, with one or two organizations participating each week. The market has become not only a place to obtain healthy food but a resource for positive community information. Customers using the SNAP benefit program are welcomed and given a weekly incentive to use their benefits at the market through the City of Boston Healthy Incentive Program. The market also accepts WIC Fruit and Vegetable Checks and Senior Coupons.

The market operates **Mondays from 12 pm to 6 pm, June through October.** It is located adjacent to the municipal parking lot at **446 West Broadway** and a busy bus stop, making it a very accessible location for market goers.



## Fresh and Healthy at the Farmer's Market!



### Strawberry Spinach Salad with Poppy Seed Dressing

Serves 4

Ingredients:

- 10-12 ounces baby spinach (or try arugula or lettuce), washed and dried
  - 1/3 cup sliced almonds (pecans or walnuts would also be good), toasted
  - 1 pint strawberries, tops removed and quartered
  - 1/4 red onion, thinly sliced (or try using chopped green onion)
  - 2 tablespoons lemon juice
  - 1 tablespoons white wine vinegar
  - 2 teaspoons honey
  - 3/4 teaspoon dijon mustard
  - 2 tablespoons olive oil
  - 1 1/2 teaspoons poppy seeds
- Optional: goat cheese or blue cheese to sprinkle on top

Directions:

1. In a large bowl combine spinach, strawberries, onion and almonds.
2. In a small bowl or jar, whisk together lemon juice, vinegar, mustard, honey, poppy seeds and olive oil.
3. Toss the salad with the dressing right before serving. Sprinkle with cheese if desired.




# Happy Independence Day

We pay tribute to those who fought for our freedom and future.  
Boston City Councilor Ed Flynn & Family

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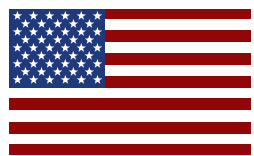
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**Thank you to all of the men and women who protect our freedom.**



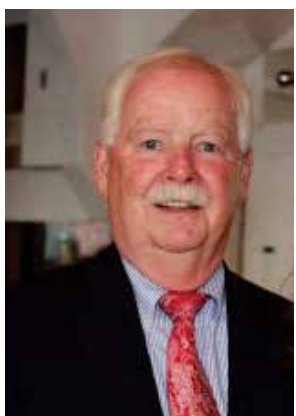
**-Nick Collins**  
State Senator

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~Elmer Davis



**Michael J. Donovan**  
Clerk Magistrate  
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**DAVID BIELE**  
STATE REPRESENTATIVE  
4th Suffolk District

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# Declaring Independence Was About Intolerance

Independence Day, also known as the Fourth of July, celebrates the American colonies severing ties with the British and the beginning of what we know now as the United States of America. But how did America win its independence from Britain, and why do we celebrate America's freedom on July 4?

In December 1773, an incident took place in Boston that set in motion a chain of events that led to the American Revolution. Also known as the Boston Tea Party, 342 chests of tea belonging to the British East India Company were thrown from ships into the Boston Harbor. It was done by American patriots disguised as Mohawk Indians to protest taxes on tea and the monopoly of the East India Company. In retaliation, the British Parliament put into place the Intolerable Acts, also known as the Coercive Acts, in 1774, which closed down Boston's port, rendered the Massachusetts government useless, and gave protections to British troops while in the American colonies.

Resentment from this enforcement resulted in the coming together of the First Continental Congress, who met in Philadelphia in September 1774. Peyton Randolph, a Virginia representative, was elected president. This, and the term Congress, are used today by the current U.S. governments. This Congress wanted to reject the British rule and establish themselves as an indepen-

dent group of colonies. In October 1774, it petitioned the British crown for a redress of grievances accumulated since 1763, and to force compliance, it called for a general boycott of British goods and eventual non-exportation of American products, except rice, to Britain or the British West Indies. Alongside this, the colonials were rebelling against General Thomas Gage, who was put in charge by the British after the Boston Tea Party. Groups such as the Sons of Liberty worked to uncover British plans, which led to the storming of Fort William and Mary.

This was the start of the U.S. War for Independence, which didn't end until October 1781. On July 2, 1776, the Second Continental Congress made its decree for freedom and two days later they formally adopted the Declaration of Independence on July 4. Hence why we celebrate Independence Day on July 4 every year.

This declaration was used throughout the American Revolution to inspire troops to carry on fighting against the British. On July 9, 1776 General George Washington ordered the Declaration to be read aloud to his men to help them find new meaning in the war for independence. In a letter to his wife on July 3, 1776, Founding Father John Adams wrote:

"The Second Day of July 1776, will be the most memorable Epocha, in the History of America. I am



apt to believe that it will be celebrated, by succeeding Generations, as the great anniversary Festival. It ought to be commemorated, as the Day of Deliverance by solemn Acts of Devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with Pomp and Parade, with Shews, Games, Sports, Guns, Bells, Bonfires and Illuminations from one End of this Continent to the other from this Time forward forever more. You will think me transported with Enthusiasm, but I am not. I am well aware of the Toil and Blood and Treasure that it will cost Us to maintain this Declaration, and support and defend these States. Yet through all the Gloom I can see the Rays of ravishing Light and Glory. I can see that the End is more than worth all the Means. And that Posterity will triumph in that Days Transaction, even altho We should rue it, which I trust in God We shall not."

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57 L St UNIT 12 Condo	\$1,111,000	4/17/19	5	2	1365
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- Monday – July 15, 2019 – 11:00am – 5:00pm
- Tuesday – July 16, 2019 – 11:00am – 5:00pm
- Wednesday – July 17 2019 – 11:00am – 5:00pm
- Thursday – July 18, 2019 – 11:00am – 7:00pm
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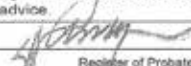
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<b>NOTICE AND ORDER: Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor</b>	Docket No. SU19P0654GD	Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court
In the interests of Azarian Evans-Thompson  of Boston, MA Minor	Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston MA, 02114	
NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES		
<p>1. <b>Hearing Date/Time:</b> A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on 03/12/2019 by Patrice V.L. Evans of Boston, MA will be held - _____ Returnable 08/08/2019 (date)</p> <p>Located Suffolk Probate Court, 24 New Chardon Street, Boston, MA 02114</p> <p>2. <b>Response to Petition:</b> You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to: File the original with the Court; and Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing.</p> <p>3. <b>Counsel for the Minor:</b> The minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor.</p> <p>4. <b>Counsel for Parents:</b> If you are a parent of the minor child who is the subject of this proceeding you have a right to be represented by an attorney. If you want an attorney and cannot afford to pay for one and if you give proof that you are indigent, an attorney will be assigned to you. Your request for an attorney should be made immediately by filling out the Application of Appointment of Counsel form. Submit the application form in person or by mail at the court location where your case is going to be heard.</p> <p>5. <b>Presence of the Minor at Hearing:</b> A minor over age 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not in the minor's best interests.</p>		
ORDER TO PETITIONER(S)		
<p>IT IS ORDERED THAT copies of this Notice and the Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor be served in hand on the minor, (if 14 or more years of age and not the petitioner), the guardian, the parents of the minor, and any other person if ordered by the Court, at least <u>fourteen (14)</u> days prior to the hearing date listed above. Service must be made by sheriff, constable, or other person approved by the Court.</p> <p>If Service in hand cannot be accomplished on any interested party, IT IS ORDERED that copies of this Notice and the Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor be served on the interested party by leaving at and mailing by regular first class mail to last and usual place of residence of the interested party at least <u>fourteen (14)</u> days prior to the date of hearing listed above.</p> <p>If the identity or whereabouts of an interested party is not known, IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that copies of this Notice and Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor be served on all interested persons at least <u>fourteen (14)</u> days prior to the hearing date by mailing first class mail and by publishing a copy of the Order and Notice once in <u>South Boston Today</u> (Newspaper) <u>South Boston, MA</u> publication to be at least <u>Seven (7)</u> days prior to the hearing date. (Newspaper City/Town)</p> <p>If required, service on the United States Veteran Administration and the Department of Children and Families may be accomplished by regular first class mail at least <u>Seven (7)</u> days prior to the hearing.</p>		
<p><b>THIS IS A LEGAL NOTICE:</b> An important court proceeding that may affect your rights has been scheduled. If you do not understand this notice or other court papers, please contact an attorney for legal advice.</p> <p>Date: June 20, 2019</p> <p style="text-align: right;"> Register of Probate</p>		

# Donny Higgins Memorial Street Hockey Tournament

If you like spending a good part of your weekend watching sports and incredible athletic talent, funneled into street hockey skill and mixed in with just plain old-fashioned good sportsmanship, the Annual Donny Higgins Memorial Street Hockey Tournament was the place to be last Saturday and Sunday. The first ball was dropped at 8am Saturday morning at the outdoor street hockey rink named in Donny Higgins' memory. And though some of the adult spectators in the crowd may have been just waking up, the kids

were wide eyed, alert, focused and ready to play hockey. And play they certainly did. They were fast, tough and handled the ball like NHL pros.

Wearing bright colored team shirts donated, as always, by Perry DiNatale, they played hard and were all business even though they were having a blast doing so. The cheers from the crowd gave them even more motivation to play their hearts out. The weather was perfect, finally, as the early summer sunshine was there throughout. All that playing made the kids hungry, as well as the fans on the

sidelines. So, thanks to Chris Lane and Harry Markarian from 'Sully's' for sending down 300 burgers and hotdogs. Councillor Mike Flaherty provided the 'Slush', Councillor Ed Flynn provided the bottled water and of course 'The Spot', as always did an awesome job lettering the team shirts and making the signs. This is what you call 'Southie Team-Work' and it's all for the kids.

Joe Burke was on hand making sure everything was running like clockwork. Joe is one of the masterminds that help put on this out-

standing tourney each year, making sure everything goes smoothly and that it is a 100% fun and safe event. The referees made all the right calls and made sure the kids knew the rules. Referee Terry Long is a veteran of these tournaments and he enjoys his work. Terry, along with the other 'Friends of Donny Higgins', show up each year to help organize and work it and consider it a labor of love. It's just one of the ways they keep the memory of Donny alive. It would be difficult

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# Who is Stealing the Flowers?

For more than a week, the word has been circulating around the neighborhood that planted and laid flowers are going missing. They are disappearing from flower boxes outside the windows of residences and businesses, from gardens in front and in back of people's homes, certain monuments where they are laid 'in

memory of' have seen them mysteriously vanish without a trace and most recently, they have been taken from the renovated and dedicated Harry Uhlman Bandstand at Marine Park.

Ok, it's understandable when people rob a bank, break into a car, pick a pocket or tamper with an ATM machine. It's illegal and wrong but the motive is clear – the crooks are seeking money or valuable 'stuff'. No doubt, if this was a hundred or so years ago, the city would have its share of horse thieves (which was once a hanging offense). But Flowers?! It seems the saying 'some

people will steal anything not nailed down' is true.

What could possess someone to sneak around, apparently at night, and grab or uproot flowers? What are they doing with all of this sweet smelling and colorful vegetation? Could it be some kind of strange fetish? At this point no one really knows except for the flower culprits themselves. So, the public is asked to report any and all sighting of possible flower bandits to police. Everyone has a camera in their phones and many Southie homes have security cameras that monitor not only the

inside but the outside and the surrounding areas. If you see the flower bandits, call 911 and report it.

Yes, it's comical in some ways, but it's certainly not funny to residents who pay good money for these flowers to make their houses look a bit nicer. And it's definitely no joke when they are taken from monuments and memorials. In fact, it's disrespectful. So again, residents are asked that if you see something say something. And if the flower bandits are reading this you are asked to just knock it off and grow up or do we need to bring back the gallows?



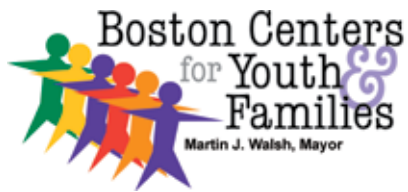
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to find a more loyal group of friends anywhere.

Donny Higgins, as most know, was a kind and caring South Bostonian, who was taken from this life at much too young an age. He was a man who helped others in so many ways. A great son, brother, husband and father, family was so important to him and so too were his many MANY friends. His passing was a big loss to the entire neighborhood. This annual tournament is a wonderful way to remember such a good man. The way he lived his life is why he will never be forgotten.



## BCYF Girls Nights Start July 11



**B**oston Centers for Youth & Families <https://www.boston.gov/departments/boston-centers-youth-families> (BCYF) invites Boston girls to register now to attend one or all Girls Nights <<https://www.boston.gov/departments/boston-centers-youth-families/bcyf-girls>>, a series of free girls-only events throughout the summer. All activities are designed to bring girls together in a safe, non-competitive environment where they can be themselves, meet other girls their age and engage with role models. BCYF Girls Nights also connects girls with resources and opportunities while they enjoy a positive and fun experience with their peers. Last summer over 1,500 girls participated in BCYF's Girls Nights.

The Girls Nights schedule is as follows. Register at Boston.Gov/BCYF-Girls <https://www.boston.gov/departments/boston-centers-youth-families/bcyf-girls>.

Girls Summer Kick-off - Beauties and the Beach at BCYF Curley Community Center Thursday, July 11, 5 - 8 p.m. All ages

Franklin Park Zoo Saturday, July 13, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. All Ages

Rock Climbing and BBQ at BCYF Menino Community Center Wednesday, July 17, 4 - 7 p.m. Ages 10-17

Boston Bowl Tuesday, July 23, 4 - 7 p.m. All Ages

Codzilla Tuesday, July 30, 5 p.m. Ages 7 and older

LipSync & Dance Battle at BCYF Perkins Community Center Tuesday, August 6, 5 - 8 p.m. All Ages

New England Aquarium Saturday, August 10, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. All Ages

Laser Quest Tuesday, August 13, 5 - 8 p.m. Ages 6 and older

JP Licks Ice Cream Social Tuesday, August 20, 4 - 6 p.m. All Ages

End of Summer Party at Chez Vous with Boston Police District B3! Friday, August 23, 5 - 8 p.m. All Ages

## FROG POND SPRAY POOL REOPENS JUNE 27



**B**oston Parks Commissioner Chris Cook and The Skating Club of Boston are pleased to welcome children and guests to kick off the 2019 summer season as the Boston Common Frog Pond spray pool reopens on Thursday, June 27. The day will include a fun and exciting celebration at 11 a.m. followed by the opening of the spray pool.

In addition to activities from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., information regarding upcoming summer programs of-

ferred by the City of Boston will be available to families and residents and tasty treats will be provided by in-kind sponsors HP Hood LLC, Power Crunch protein bars, and Polar Beverages.

The celebration will feature a special visit from the official mascot Frog Pond Freddie, with entertainment by "Bubble Guy" Jim Dichter, face painters, and media sponsor Magic 106.7. We will be joined by representatives from Legoland, Mass Horticulture, ReadBoston, the Boston Water and Sewer Water Truck, the Boston Public Health Commission, and Walt Disney Studios Home Entertainment's "Dumbo" and "Cinderella: Anniversary Edition," the newest release in the Walt Disney Signature Collection. In addition, children of all ages are eligible to enter a summer raffle.

Families will also be able to enjoy

a ride on the Boston Common Carousel. The Carousel is handicapped accessible and has height requirements: anyone 42" or taller can ride alone; anyone under 42" requires the presence of an adult. Admission for the ride is \$3 with 10 ride cards available for \$25. Hours of operation are Sunday through Thursday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

A year-round recreational facility, the Frog Pond offers ice skating in the winter, a spray pool and supervised wading for youth in the summer, and the Carousel from spring through fall. Information on additional activities offered at the Frog Pond can be found by visiting [www.bostonfrogpond.com](http://www.bostonfrogpond.com). The Frog Pond spray pool is open daily from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. until Labor Day. The facility is managed by The Skating Club of Boston and staffed by youth workers from the Boston Youth Fund. For further information, please call the Frog Pond at (617) 635-2120.

### IPOD contined from front page

Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) have failed to effectively accomplish what the intended purpose of the IPOD is. The city has not held any community meetings specific to meaningful zoning corrections in South Boston. Additionally, the single scheduled meeting of March 4, 2019 at the Joseph P. Tynan Elementary School was cancelled and never rescheduled. Also, not a single modification of Article 68 has been proposed by BPDA or the zoning commission." Is the City content to let the IPOD expire without one community meeting?

According to the Mayor's statement in 2018, "We launched the South Boston Rezoning Initiative as a result of the South Boston community's desire to ensure that future development fits within the fabric of the neighborhood," said Mayor Walsh. "The extension of the IPOD will give us another tool to measure if the zoning is working the way it is intended to." By the institution of the IPOD, the city recognized that Article 68 does not meet the basic zoning ordinance purpose.

According to Section 68-4 with the heading, Community Participation, the Article has been developed with the ex-

tensive participation of the First Street Planning Working Groups, Civic Associations, Business Groups and Residents. The role of community participation in determining appropriate land use regulations and zoning is critical to the success of any zoning article and development plan. To continue that process, the BPDA shall continue to involve the South Boston Civic Associations, Residents, and Business and Trade Groups in an ongoing role in advising the City on land use planning for South Boston.

The petition goes on to state that "the Community has urged changes to article 68 zoning, such as Housing-Specific zoning. The community has asked and proposed that 1, 2, & 3 Family dwelling designations be instituted in South Boston, similar to other neighborhoods of the city. 3F/3 Family with a minimum lot size is a good place to start. The Mayor's Office, BPDA and the ZBA approve variances, regardless of resident objections, signatures and support from our local officials opposing some projects. Article 68 zoning of MFR as a "matter of right" with a FAR of 2 allows buildings/homes to be raised and multi-unit structures to be erected in inconsistent with the surrounding dwellings,

which zoning is supposed to protect. We also feel that, height, density, lack of parking, roof decks and Air-BnB uses are destroying South Boston's character. The community by and large is rejecting the base zoning in the Amended Article 68. This type of irresponsible blanket zoning and use is unacceptable."

The petition continues, "The Mayor's office and BPDA have not responded to the many requests from the community for zoning modifications. The residents of South Boston deserve zoning guidelines that meet basic zoning ordinances purpose, which is to segregate uses that are thought to be compatible. In practice, zoning also is used to prevent new development from interfering with existing uses and/or to preserve the "character" of a community."

The fabric of our neighborhood, long appreciated for its love of tradition and for the value that three-deckers brought to fundamental affordability, is at stake yet again. The residents are passionately recommending that the City (Mayor) extend the IPOD, hold community forums and affect the changes to the base zoning (article 68) in South Boston.

# St. Peter Academy End of School Year Celebration

By Maria Blasi

**O**n Wednesday June 19th St. Peter Academy celebrated the last day

of school with their year-end celebration at the Lawn on D. All students, Toddler through 5th Grade showcased the songs of the Love, Peace & Music era. The entire student body did a phenomenal job. A great big thank you to the Boston Convention Center, Lawn on D and The Cronin Group for the wonderful lunch provided to over 200 guests. Thank you for the special visit from one of our biggest

supporters State Representative David Biele! St. Peter Academy is still active all summer long with the 52 week Toddler Program and our Summer Program running through August 30th. The first day of school Prekindergarten through Grade 6 is September 3rd at 7:45AM. Enjoy the summer everyone!

*St. Peter Academy in an independent, community-based private school and serves students*

*from ages 15 months through grade 6. SPA is currently accepting applications for the limited spaces available in the year-round toddler program (beginning at age 15 months) and for students in Pre-K, Kindergarten and grades 1-6.*

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



# WALSH SIGNS ‘HOME RULE PETITION ‘ESTABLISHING A FIRE CADET PROGRAM



Proposal now moves to the Massachusetts Legislature for approval

**M**ayor Martin J. Walsh signed a Home Rule Petition to establish a cadet program at the Boston Fire Department (BFD) and provide a stable pipeline of diverse young people for future firefighter classes. As part of his legislative agenda, Mayor Walsh filed the proposal as a Home Rule Petition in January 2019, and it was recently approved by the Boston City Council, and now moves to the Massachusetts Legislature for final approval.

“It is essential that our City’s workforce reflects our city’s people,” said Mayor Walsh. “Since taking office, diversifying our departments and public safety agencies has been a top priority. Reviving the Boston Police cadet program has proven to be a successful way to diversify the force by attracting a more diverse pool of candidates. I’m proud to now take this proposal to the Legislature and I urge them to approve our first-ever fire cadet program. I thank the Council for ap-

proving this Home Rule Petition.”

The Massachusetts Legislature must approve the City’s ability to create a cadet program, which they did for the Boston Police Department (BPD) in 1979. Since Mayor Walsh reinstated the BPD cadet program in 2016, there have been two classes that have embodied the diversity of our city. In both classes, more than 60 percent of the cadets have been people of color and more than 30 percent have been women. Aspiring cadets have also represented Boston’s linguistic diversity, collectively speaking Spanish, Haitian Creole, Vietnamese, Cantonese and Cape Verdean Creole, among others.

“Making sure Boston’s employment opportunities are available to all and ensuring the workforce that keeps us safe reflects the diversity of the City of Boston requires us to continue these important conversations about the tools we need to make it happen,” said Representative Chynah Tyler who will file the bill on behalf of the Mayor at the State House. “I look forward to working with the City and State to further this discussion.”

The effort to diversify the department underscores the need to curb a national trend of underrepresentation of women and people of color in fire suppression services, demonstrated by the fact that under four percent of firefighters nationally are women and 16 percent of firefighters are people of color, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Among the top cities nationally, for fire departments which do not have a dual role of being a fire-based EMS operation, such as Boston, the percent of female firefighters hovers at one percent. The City of Boston currently has 17 women and 416 people of color in a firefighting force of approximately 1,500.

BFD’s newest recruit class of 53 was sworn in last week, marking the most diverse class since 2003. Of the 53 new firefighters, 20 are people of color, including seven Asians, seven Latinos, and six African Americans. At the same time, the class consisted of 52 males and one female (BFD’s first Asian American female firefighter), reinforcing the need to further diversify recruitment efforts. BFD has twice

applied to the state for a Selective Certification List to include a targeted number of female firefighters in new recruit classes; both of these requests were denied, most recently as October 2018.

Cognizant that civil service rules statutorily dictates the Department’s hiring process by law, BFD proactively hired a diversity recruitment officer in an effort to attract diverse candidates to become firefighters.

Under Mayor Walsh, many operational changes have been made in the Department’s firehouses over the last several years to improve workplace conditions for female firefighters, including strengthening policies around the designation of women-only bathrooms in firehouses with permanently assigned female firefighters; installing exterior combination locks on the outside door of women’s bathrooms; creating permanent seven foot walls between bunks, each with their own sliding door with an internal lock, to afford greater privacy in sleeping quarters, a huge improvement in living/workplace conditions not previously required through the Hansford decree; conducting extensive training for all district, deputy chiefs and captains regarding issues of respectful workplaces; and conducting ongoing meetings with female firefighters to hear concerns and address issues.

While the City needs State law to be changed to begin the program, Mayor Walsh’s FY20 budget includes \$175,000 for a fire cadet class. Mayor Walsh has prioritized outfitting the Boston Fire Department for the 21st century and has committed more than \$92 million in his FY20-FY24 Capital Budget for infrastructure improvements. The Boston Fire Department will soon rebuild two fire stations, and has received 40 new fire trucks, replacing 50 percent of its entire fleet in the past four years alone. In addition to infrastructure investments, BFD leadership has undergone extensive workplace training every year, including 30,000 hours total in training which includes anti-harassment, discrimination and respectful workplace training in the last year alone, an over 300 percent increase in training hours compared to four years ago.



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As far as the calendar is concerned, the “second half” of the baseball season doesn’t begin until after the MLB All Star Game on July 9. But if we’re going by simple math, then the second half of the MLB regular season actually began this week.

There are 162 games in the regular season. For the Boston Red Sox, game No. 82 was this past Wednesday, which means their second half is already officially underway.

Point is, the first half is in the books. And there are some things we need to discuss before we get to the July 31 trade deadline:

#### **The “London Series”**

-Does anybody actually care about this? The Red Sox and New York Yankees will play two games in London this weekend. Both will be nationally televised. The first will be on Saturday at 1:10 p.m. ET. The second will be on Sunday at 10:10 a.m. ET.

Look, I love me some Red Sox vs Yankees, but I’m not looking to watch it at 10 in the morning. Red Sox vs Yankees needs to happen either at Fenway Park or in the Bronx. Not in London.

I read a headline on ESPN the other day. It said, “What you need to know

about London Stadium before the series: Will there be ‘Take Me Out to the Ballgame’ and ‘Sweet Caroline’? Can you get a hot dog?”

I don’t know. I’m not going to be there, so I really don’t care either way. Apparently there will be a crazy amount of foul territory. But even as I say that, I think to myself, “Wait, why are we doing this in London again?”

Major League Baseball is obviously making an effort to appeal to a worldwide audience. It sees what the NFL has done. MLB commissioner Rob Manfred’s intentions are good. But he has to understand that his league will never be the NFL.

Heck, I don’t even like when the NFL goes to play in London. But there’s no denying the NFL’s popularity. Major League Baseball? Not quite as popular. That’s my opinion, of course, but I think most sports fans will agree with me that the National Football League is more of a phenomenon than Major League Baseball. And I’m a baseball guy. I love baseball. There’s just no denying what the NFL is right now.

The Red Sox and Yankees play 19 times a year. I’m just saying I want all 19 of those games in only two places: Boston and New York.

#### **Introducing the Montreal Bay ExRays?**

-In one of the more ridiculous things you’ll ever see brought to the drawing board, there was a proposal last week to have the Tampa Bay Rays split their 162-game season with a new franchise in Montreal, or shall I say, a resurrected franchise in the Montreal Expos.

The proposal came from the Rays owner, who obviously is trying to move his team out of Tampa Bay. His idea was to play the first half of the season in Tampa, and then finish the second half in Montreal. But I have some questions.

What happens if the team makes the playoffs? It’s not crazy. In fact, if the Postseason began today, then the Rays would be hosting the American League Wild Card Game. So you’d essentially be ripping a playoff team away from its fans mid-season?

I know what you’re thinking, “Danny, the Rays don’t have any fans!” That’s not true. Sure, there are a lot of people dressed as empty seats at Tropicana Field, but they still have fans who deserve better.

And what about the players? You want them to buy an extra house in Canada? It’s just a foolish idea. And it’ll never happen. Maybe they just

move the team to Montreal for good and this is the first step in getting the conversation started. We shall see.

#### **Sticking with Preseason prediction**

-Before the 2019 MLB season began, I had predicted that the Milwaukee Brewers would defeat the New York Yankees in the World Series. And knowing what we know at the midway point, I’m not backing down from that prediction.

If the Postseason began today, both the Brewers and Yankees would be in. With over 50 wins, New York has a better record than Milwaukee, which hasn’t reached the 50-win mark just yet.

I also predicted before the season that starting pitcher Madison Bumgarner would be the player to watch at the trade deadline. And with the San Francisco Giants in dead last place in the NL West, I could see either the Yankees or Brewers going after a trade for the 29-year-old Bumgarner, who’s in a contract year.

That acquisition could be the difference in the season for either of those teams, or for whoever acquires him.

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# SPORTS TODAY

## CELTICS TRADE BAYNES, MAKE FOUR SELECTIONS ON DRAFT NIGHT

SBT Staff

The Celtics were extremely active on draft night last Thursday, making four picks while also trading their center.

Boston entered the 2019 NBA Draft with three first-round picks (Nos. 14, 20, and 22 overall) and one second-rounder (No. 51 overall). The C's made their first pick at No. 14 overall by drafting guard Romeo Langford from Indiana. They then traded No. 20 overall to the Philadelphia 76ers for No. 24 and No. 33. Then, the Celtics traded No. 24 and center Aron Baynes to the Phoenix Suns for a 2020 first-round pick, which was a pick originally sent to Phoenix as part of the Eric Bledsoe trade to the Milwaukee Bucks.

Still following? Good.

The Celtics then made their original No. 22 overall pick by drafting forward Grant Williams from Tennessee. Then the C's drafted Purdue guard Carsen Edwards at No. 33 overall, followed by LSU guard Tremont Waters at No. 51 overall.

After the draft, the Celtics signed undrafted 7-foot-6 center Tacko Fall from UCF to a contract that will allow him to at least take part in the Celtics' Summer League games.

Fall might not replace Baynes on the Celtics roster next season, but he doesn't have to. Trading Baynes to Phoenix on draft night was nothing more than a way to free up the \$5.4 million that Baynes was owed in 2019-20.

## BRUINS DRAFT FIVE PLAYERS, RE-SIGN KAMPFER TO TWO-YEAR DEAL

SBT Staff

The Boston Bruins made five total selections in this year's NHL Entry Draft, which was held in Vancouver this past weekend.

Their first pick came in the first round, at No. 30 overall, where they selected 18-year-old forward John Beecher from the United States National Team Development Program.

The B's then drafted 18-year-old forward Quinn Olson in the third round at No. 92 overall, 18-year-old defenseman Roman Bychkov

in the fifth round at No. 154 overall, 18-year-old forward Matias Mantykivi in the sixth round at No. 185 overall, and 18-year-old forward Jake Schmaltz in the seventh round at 192 overall.

After the draft, the Bruins announced the re-signing of 30-year-old defenseman Steven Kampfer to a two-year contract, worth \$800,000 per season.

Kampfer played in 35 regular-season games with the Bruins last season, finishing with three goals, three assists, and a plus-minus of minus-6. In the Stanley Cup Playoffs, Kampfer played in just three games, scoring his only goal in the Eastern Conference Final against the Carolina Hurricanes.

## Tweet of the Week



**Kevin Hayes**   
@KevinPHayes12

Extremely excited to spend the next 7 years with the @NHLFlyers. Can't wait to be roommates with @GrittyNHL

2:24 PM - 20 Jun 2019

## SUBBAN TRADED TO NEW JERSEY

SBT Staff

There was a blockbuster trade during the 2019 NHL Entry Draft, as the Nashville Predators sent All-Star defenseman P.K. Subban to the New Jersey Devils in exchange for

24-year-old defenseman Steven Santini, 22-year-old prospect defenseman Jeremy Davies, and two second-round picks.

Subban, 30, has three more years left on the eight-year, \$72 million contract he signed with the Montreal Canadiens, before being traded to Nashville in 2016. The trade to New Jersey marks the second time he's been traded in

three years.

As part of the trade, the Devils will acquire the remainder of Subban's contract, making it more of a salary dump for the Predators. Subban's cap hit is \$9 million for each of the next three seasons. It's the third-highest cap hit for NHL defensemen, trailing San Jose's Erik Karlsson at \$11.5 million and Los Angeles' Drew Doughty at \$11 million.

## GIANNIS NAMED NBA MVP

SBT Staff

The NBA officially handed out their 2018-19 regular-season awards on Monday. And as expected, Milwaukee Bucks All Star Giannis Antetokounmpo was named NBA MVP.

Antetokounmpo, 24, became the third-youngest player to win the NBA MVP award in over 40 years, behind LeBron James and Derrick Rose. He's also the second Bucks player to win MVP, along with Kareem Abdul-Jabbar. And he's the fifth player born outside of the United States of America to win the award.

## WHAT TO WATCH

### SOCCER FRIDAY, JUNE 28

Women's World Cup  
France vs USA  
3 P.M. FOX

### MLB SATURDAY, JUNE 29

London Series  
New York vs Boston  
1:10 P.M. FOX

### SUNDAY, JUNE 30

London Series  
New York vs Boston  
10:10 A.M. ESPN

### BOXING SATURDAY, JUNE 29

WBO Middleweight Championship  
Maciej Sulecki vs Demetrius Andrade (c)  
10 P.M. DAZN



Houston Rockets guard James Harden came in second place in the MVP voting, followed by Oklahoma City's Paul George, Denver's Nikola Jokic, and Golden State's Stephen Curry.

Antetokounmpo averaged a career-high 27.7 points per game and 12.5 rebounds per game last season, leading Milwaukee to the No. 1 seed in the Eastern Conference and the best record in the NBA at 60-22.

The Bucks lost to the eventual NBA Champion Toronto Raptors in six games in the Eastern Conference Final.



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