



Election Day Brings Fresh New Names To The City

The pundits are suggesting that the Boston City Council is positioning itself to have more influence on city government than has been the case for decades. The influence of women on the council will continue to have an impact on key issues such as education, public safety, income equality and affordable housing. The ability to

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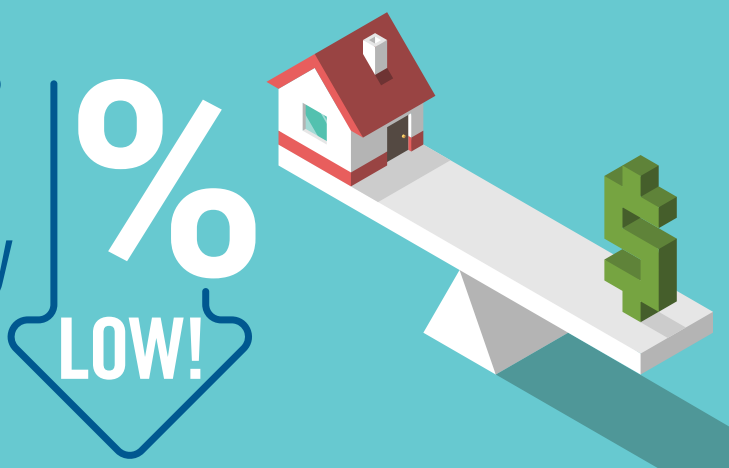
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EDITORIAL

Your Input Is Vital At The Curley Rec Center Meeting Next Monday

Residents are becoming discouraged at the lack of input that they are having regarding so many changes taking place in the neighborhood. And who can blame them? When people take the time to go to meetings and hearings on specific issues projects that affect their quality of life, especially when doing the research and learning the details, rules, regulations and laws that govern how things are supposed to be done in this city, they expect to have at least some say on the outcome. Too often, disappointment sets in after being told and assured by those in charge that their concerns are being heard, only to see waivers and 'exceptions' to the rules ignore promises made.

Of course, this doesn't always happen, but it should not happen at all. But it would happen more

often than it does if the neighborhood residents just give up and stop giving their input and even demands. That's why a good turnout for next Monday's meeting regarding the future of The Curley Recreation Center/L Street Bath House is so important.

The Curley Center is one of the most utilized resources in South Boston. This multi use facility is important to hundreds of Bostonians for so many programs and activities that it really does contribute to the quality of life here. If there is a poor turnout, those making the plans will most likely take that to mean that people don't care; a sure green light to do whatever they want.

The Meeting is scheduled for 6pm next Monday, September 30th and will be held on the M Street side. If you want to have a say about what the future



of the Curley Center will be, plan to attend if at all possible. While there, listen closely to the plans being presented and don't be shy about letting those presenting the plans know what you think, how you feel and what YOUR ideas are. Residents are the ones who will have to live with the results long after those doing the planning have moved on to their next project.

"One Advantage of talking to yourself is that you know that at least someone is listening" Franklin P. Jones

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organize and mobilize support over issues now includes the younger demographic that typically has not voted. Some believe the rubber will meet the road and the final election in November will be a bellwether as to the interest level of the youth on city issues and not just national politics and the presidential race in 2020.

Boston City Councilor Michelle Wu topped the ticket and alongside fellow at-large councilor incumbents Michael Flaherty, Annissa Essaibi-George, Althea Garrison and newcomers Alejandra Nicole St. Guillen, Julia Mejia, Erin J. Murphy, and David Halbert

will move ahead to the city's Nov. 5 municipal election, according to unofficial results. A significant distance exists between the incumbents and St. Guillen, the fourth-place finisher, who was endorsed by near Marty Walsh.

45,000 voters went to the polls, which is 11.5% of registered voters in the city. In the district councilor races, where the top two finishers in each district Tuesday will appear on the city's November ballot, the strongest showing by a candidate who was not an incumbent was Priscilla Kenzie Bok, who secured half the votes in the five-way race to represent the

Back Bay area. Jennifer Ann Nassour came in behind Bok in the District 8 race, and will also appear on the November ballot, according to unofficial results.

The seven-way campaign to succeed Allston-Brighton Councilor Mark Ciommo in District 9 ended with Craig Cashman and Liz A. Breadon advancing. In the race for the council seat in District 5, which spans parts of Roslindale, Mattapan, and Hyde Park, Ricardo Arroyo had about 30 percent of the votes, followed by Maria Esdale Farrell, who had about 24 percent of the votes. Both will advance to November.

They were the top finishers in the eight-way race to succeed incumbent Timothy McCarthy, who was not running for re-election.

Incumbent Councilor Kim Janey, who represents Roxbury in District 7, showed a commanding lead in a three-candidate race: Janey had more than 70 percent of the votes in the race for re-election, and looked poised to go head-to-head with Roy Owens Sr. in November.

Tuesday was the first time since 2013 there was a preliminary election for an at-large council seat; there were no more than eight candidates on the ballot for at-large races in 2015

and 2017. In 2013, 19 candidates were on the ballot for at-large seats.

There was no preliminary vote in the remaining districts. Incumbents Lydia Edwards, who represents Charlestown in District 1; Edward Flynn of District 2, which includes South Boston and Chinatown; Frank Baker, the councilor for the South End and parts of Dorchester in District 3; and Matt O'Malley, representing much of Jamaica Plain in District 6, are running uncontested races. Council President Andrea Campbell, who represents Dorchester, will face challenger Jeff Durham in the District 4 race in November.

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To The Student Climate Change Crusaders: Look at ALL the Data

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Last week, students all across the country and at the urging of adults, made the news in a big way expressing their views on the subject of Climate Change. They were demanding that Congress take immediate action to stop what they believe will destroy the planet. There were demonstrations in many major cities; including Boston, as students took the day off from school to have their voices heard. It's a good sign that young people get involved in activities and causes that don't include staring into a screen of some sort for hours on end. But it's important that the students understand that not everyone agrees with them, including a growing number of scientists. And that those who do disagree are not 'evil' as so many of their adult mentors are leading these kids to believe.

One disturbing occurrence was when the 16 year old girl from Denmark, Greta Thunberg, who has become one of the major leaders of the movement and some of her cohorts filed a complaint at the UN over the weekend against 5 countries, including the United States, for what they say is a lack of action to reduce carbon emissions. But the country that was missing from the list was China. China is the biggest polluter on Earth but always seems to get a pass when blame is laid. Many suspect that this is a result of the adult influence – left-ist adult influence - that tends to omit Communist nations from being on the 'bad list'. This has caused a growing number of skeptics to question the sincerity of the organized anti-Climate Change movement itself.

Something took place recently that has caused Climate Change 'Deniers', as they are referred to by the UN, and their disciples to become even more skeptical and have a bit of a laugh

about it as well. It was the film crew that was on the expeditionary ship in the Arctic doing a documentary on what they say are the melting ice caps. Well, as the news reports said, the ship got stuck in the ice and the film makers and other passengers had to be rescued by (fossil fuel powered) helicopters. Quite an embarrassment. This of course followed another well publicized incident that took place in the Antarctic not too long ago when scientists studying what they insist was the disappearing southern ice cap had to be rescued by an ice breaker because their ship also got trapped in the ice. Oh, and as luck would have it, even the ice breaker got trapped in the ice and yet another ice breaker had to be sent in.

The point is the students should look at both sides of all issues and not go jumping into a cause, any cause, just because adults with an agenda push them. When you look at predictions about the destruction of the planet that have been made for decades that just aren't coming true, it should prompt questions to be asked. Predictions, and these are just a few of many, like those below:

In 1970, Life Magazine said that by the year 1985 Global Warming would reduce the amount of sun light reaching the Earth by one half. Also, in 1970, at the first Earth Day celebration, it was predicted that by 1995, 80% of all life on earth would be dead. Kenneth Watt, a scientist, stated that there would be a new Ice Age by the year 2006 because of Climate Change. Al Gore insisted that by 2008, both ice caps, North Pole and South Pole, would be gone. By this time, 2019, polar bears would be extinct because of the disappearing ice. And yet, polar bear fans can take pleasure in the fact that their numbers are

now estimated to be nearly 30,000, more numerous than ever. So, to the students who are caught up in panic and even hysteria at times, worrying about there being no future because of Climate Change, look at it this way. Many of the people who are predicting what will happen to the Earth and its weather 12 years and 20 years into the future, can't even accurately tell us if it will rain next Wednesday. So you may want to relax a little.

I'll close this week with two quick comments. The Emmy Awards last week had ratings lower than at any

time in its history. Viewers are getting tired of watching the preening egotists on stage and their political preaching. But there is hope for movie lovers who are also tired of all the left-wing propaganda being put out by Hollywood. The new Rambo movie, starring of course Sylvester Stallone, called 'Last Blood' is said to be outstanding. It is action packed but also sends a message about the danger of open borders. The film critics hate it and are melting down because of that message, but the viewers love it. I highly recommend it.

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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.

In Boston elections: Incumbents and progressives roll

The Globe's John Hilliard and the Herald's Sean Philip Cotter report that incumbents and progressives in general had a good day yesterday in the Boston city council preliminary races, with councilor Michelle Wu, a potential mayoral candidate, leading the at-large pack. And, yes, Althea Garrison survived the first round. Hilliard and Cotter also have the results for key district races in Boston.

O'Connell and Humason advance in mayoral races in Taunton and Westfield

One way or another, Taunton will soon have its first female mayor after state Rep. Shaunna O'Connell and City Councilor Estele Borges finished one-two in a four-way preliminary race to succeed Mayor Thomas Hoye. Charles Winokoor at the Taunton Gazette reports. Meanwhile, state Sen. Donald Humason and police Captain Michael McCabe advanced to the November mayoral election in Westfield and the returns suggest a tight race ahead, Jim Kinney reports at MassLive. Humason received 1,793 votes to 1,689 for McCabe.

Crossing the political Rubicon: Dems launch formal impeachment inquiry of Trump

They're going for it. From the NYT: "Speaker Nancy Pelosi announced on Tuesday that the House

would initiate a formal impeachment against President Trump, charging him with betraying his oath of office and the nation's security by seeking to enlist a foreign power to tarnish a rival for his own political gain.

WBUR's Benjamin Swasey reports that U.S. Rep. Richard Neal is now on board with launching preliminary impeachment proceedings – and that other members of the state's congressional delegation are pumped by Pelosi's move. And pundits at the Globe – Renee Graham and Adrian Walker and Michael Cohen -- say it's about time Pelosi took action.

But our two-newspaper town has alternative views. The Herald's Joe Battenfeld says Dems are "playing a perilous game." The Herald's Adriana Cohen is condemning the "rush to judgment."

War on vaping: Baker declares four-month ban on all vaping product sales

Declaring a public health emergency, Gov. Charlie Baker has taken the dramatic step of ordering a halt to the sale of all vaping-related products for four months in Massachusetts, citing concerns over the mysterious illnesses tied to vaping. Steve Brown at WBUR has the details on the unprecedented and first-in-the-nation action by the governor. The Washington Post is giving the move prominent attention, among others.

Baker's order is being praised by public health officials, but vaping

and convenience store operators, as well as those trying to quit smoking, aren't cheering, as the Herald's Sean Philip Cotter reports. And from the Cape Cod Times: "Vaping product ban sends Cape retailers scrambling." We're going to be hearing a lot more about the public health-vs-commerce angle, we're sure.

Smile for the camera: Regulators approve home deliveries of pot

They're fighting nicotine-contraption sales on one hand, promoting pot sales on the other. Anyway, despite the reservations of Gov. Charlie Baker and one board member, the Cannabis Control Commission yesterday approved, as expected, plans for the home delivery of marijuana, with body-camera requirements, and the opening of future pot cafes in Massachusetts. Shira Schoenberg at MassLive has the details.

Warren soaring here, there and everywhere

U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren is riding high and highest in new polls in New Hampshire (Monmouth University) and in California (Capital Weekly) – as Joe and Bernie look more vulnerable and/or weak by the day.

Meanwhile, Warren's next big plan: Major ad blitz and staff expansion

It's not all about polls and policy-wonk pronouncements. From the Washington Post: "Sen. Elizabeth

Warren is planning a significant expansion of her presidential campaign, airing more ads and beefing up her staffing, a move that comes as the Massachusetts Democrat hopes to build on momentum that has placed her at or near the top of a growing number of polls."

So maybe a tax increase will indeed be needed for the new education package?

This is interesting. SHNS's Michal Norton reports that Senate President Karen Spilka says revenues for the legislature's proposed \$1.5 billion education package, unveiled last week amid widespread praise for its fairness and no-new-taxes approach, is dependent on continued economic growth and "declined to say tax increases won't be necessary to carry out the proposal's promises."

MCAS test results: It just got tougher to be a 10th grader

Speaking of education, we're late to this one, i.e. the Globe's coverage yesterday of the new MCAS test results, which show that "dramatically fewer" 10th graders across the state scored in the highest categories of the revamped test. As the Globe's James Vazins reports, the results may be a "sign the new tests are far more rigorous than the ones they replaced."

Other headlines related to the new scores – From the Telegram: "School accountability data shows little change across Central Mass." From Wicked Local: "MCAS scores up statewide while South Shore sees mixed results." SHNS's Katie Lannan (pay wall) has more on the overall results.



SENATOR COLLINS PUSHES FOR MORE ACCESS TO PUBLIC SAFETY JOBS

Legislation Would Remove Barriers to Police and Firefighter Positions at Massport, UMass SAFETY JOBS

State Senator Nick Collins testified this Tuesday on a piece of legislation, S.1383, An Act Relative to Requirements for Public Safety Departments, designed to increase access to Police and Fire Department jobs within quasi-state-agencies like MassPort, UMass, and all State Colleges and Universities.

This legislation simply states that these agencies may send recruits to the State Academies directly, rather than requiring prior training, as a way to lower barriers to access for communities that face these mechanical disadvantages.

"This bill is about access and opportunity plain and simple, reducing

barriers to public safety positions for individuals who want to serve, but don't have the luxury to pay for police or fire training, or live in a small town where they get that for free" said **Senator Collins**. "I'd like to see more of these jobs in our community be accessible to people who come from the city."

HOPE FOR THE WARRIORS TO HONOR TOM LYONS AT 10TH ANNUAL 'GOT HEART GIVE HOPE' GALA

*Lyons, Vietnam veteran, to receive
Harry Bridgwood Lifetime Service Award*



Hope For The Warriors will host its 10th Annual Got Heart Give Hope Gala Thursday, Oct. 17 at Union Station in Washington, DC. The annual event honors members of our nation's armed forces and their families with the Vigiano Hope & Courage Award, named in honor of the Vigiano family, who lost both of their sons in the September 11th attacks.

For the first time, in celebration of the event's 10th year and embracing the spirit of John Vigiano's legacy, Hope For The Warriors will introduce six awards highlighting individuals, corporations and organizations who have stood beside the organization in serving military families.

Tom Lyons will receive the Harry Bridgwood Lifetime Service Award, which is awarded to a Vietnam-era veteran who has committed his or her life to serving the next generations of the warrior community.

Lyons served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1967-1970 which includes a combat tour in Vietnam. He has served as director for Community Services Department at MassHousing Agency, is a member of the Secretary of the VA Advisory Committee on Homeless Veterans, Chairman of the Massachusetts Veteran and War Memorial Commission and a member of the Governor's Veterans Advisory Council and Chairman of the Subcommittee on Veterans Housing.

Lyons is the recipient of the

2011 "Marine For Life" Award presented by General James Amos, 35th Commandant of the Marine Corps, for his 30 years of advocacy on behalf of our nation's veterans. A longtime friend to Hope For The Warriors and its mission, he was recently appointed to the organization's Board Council.

At the 10th Annual Got Heart Give Hope Gala, Hope For The Warriors will bring together its veteran and civilian supporters to celebrate the strength and resiliency of the military community. It's a night filled with inspiring and uplifting stories that raises awareness of the impactful work Hope For The Warriors is doing in the lives of our service members and their loved ones. Senior military, distinguished guests, celebrities, corporate benefactors and friends join together to honor these very special people.

For more information on attending, sponsoring or donating on behalf of Tom Lyons, visit hopeforthewarriors.org.

About Hope For The Warriors:

Founded in 2006, Hope For The Warriors is a national nonprofit dedicated to restoring a sense of self, family and hope for post 9/11 veterans, service members and military families. Since its inception, Hope For The Warriors has served over 23,200 through a variety of support programs focused on clinical health and wellness, sports and recreation and transition. One of the nonprofit's first programs, Military Spouse and Caregiver Scholarships, has awarded over 135 scholarships to caregivers and families of the fallen. In addition, Run For The Warriors has captured the hearts of over 25,500 since 2010. For more information, visit hopeforthewarriors.org, Facebook, Twitter or Instagram.





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The Best Fall Foliage: Where and When to Go in 2019

SBT Staff Report

The passing of summer sometimes brings a bit of sadness to people who really enjoy spending their free time outdoors. We tend to get used to the easy living and all those activities that the warm months encourage. The good thing is, to many, that sadness doesn't last all that long because once we roll into October, New England explodes into a kaleidoscope of magnificent colors as the leaves turn into one of nature's wonders and we still have a good dose of nice weather. That's right, it's fall foliage time and 'leaf peepers' are in their glory.

2019 seems to be one of those rare years that come around every so often where an unusually warm September tends to delay the peak foliage in New England. It's something that weather experts have been mentioning recently. But don't worry leaf lovers because as the saying goes – "better late than never."

The Northeastern part of the United States is among the most picturesque areas in the world this time of year. When peak foliage hits, and it comes in waves; depending on what part of the area, enjoying one of the season's best features is anywhere from a 20 minute drive to the edge of the Blue Hills just outside of Boston to a weekend getaway to the Maine Wilderness; whatever makes you happy. While some have their favorite spots to view autumn's splendor, others are always looking for suggestions as to where they can see the best colors and really get into the spirit. For those of you who DO want some suggestions, South Boston Today might be able to help. The following locations are said to be some of the best places to see the brightest colors of the season.

Baxter State Forest, Maine: If you like long drives into some of north east's true wilderness, and it's soon you want to make the trip, Baxter State Forest in the state of



Maine is one of the finest locales around for early leaf watching. It's a long drive; between 5 and 7 hours; not something you'd want to try on a day trip. This requires at least two days; preferably a full weekend or more. There are many package deals and bus trips that will make it a great vacation destination. This is also a good place to view wildlife as the area is teeming with moose, deer and black bears. It's a great place to watch birds as the eagle and hawk populations there are thriving. And the scenery is breathtaking. Thick forests, rivers and lakes fill hundreds of square miles with beauty. And the colors; in early October are incredible. The area peaks early. Now is the time to go.

White Mountains, New Hampshire: As the calendar pushes deeper into October, New Hampshire's White Mountains come alive with brilliant red, orange and yellow trees looking almost like a sunburst. Many believe this area is by far the best in the entire United States for viewing foliage. This is a trip that can be made in just 3 hours

to get the best effect. The ride up along Rt. 93 will show some great color once you get into the higher elevations. But if you want to see the White Mountain's color at its absolute best, take some of the smaller country roads and really be impressed. The small towns along the way will often have Fall Festivals to add to the experience and this is an area too where the odds of seeing deer and other wildlife are very good. The best time for foliage viewing in the White Mountain's area is usually around the Columbus Day weekend. And though in most years, this coming holiday weekend is at its peak and getting ready to fade, it should hold those colors longer than usual this season because of the delay in those cold over nights.

Woodstock, Vermont: Once again, peak viewing should actually begin this Columbus Day weekend but continue a bit longer this year. Here the Billings Farm and Museum gives an added attraction. You not only get to see the autumn leaves in all their glory but you get a taste of the Revolutionary War era culture that still holds on here. Old farm houses

and country stores make you feel like you're visiting a bygone era. A drive through the forest lined roads leading to and from Woodstock can put you in awe of nature and make you forget the fast pace of the city while you're there. And yes, here too, wildlife is abundant but you also get to see many horse and dairy farms as well.

Berkshire Mountains, Western Massachusetts: You don't have to travel north to see the sights of the season. A trip west, here in the Bay State will bring all the colors and festive autumn feel as the northern states do. The drive or bus trip a few hours along Route 2 heading west in mid to late October is absolutely beautiful. The farther west you go the higher the elevation becomes until you are in the Berkshire Mountains with all its scenic views. If you travel far enough you'll come to the Mohawk Trail area known worldwide as a destination to many tourists looking for that special fall atmosphere with all its history even before the American Revolution. This is an area rich in farmland and dotted with lakes and ponds. The apple picking is excellent here. Orchards are everywhere and the sweet aroma from those apples will make you want to bite into one.

Blue Hills, Canton/Milton, MA: And finally, if you want to get to see the fall foliage but really don't want to spend too much time getting to where the peak sights are, as we mentioned early on, there is always the **Blue Hills**, just a 20 minute trip from Boston. The colors in the Blue Hills peak late in the season, so when other more distant areas have become past peak and faded, the Blue Hills, especially along Chicatawbut Rd. are still bright and fresh. In fact, some years you can still see great foliage in the Blue Hills as late as Halloween and beyond.

And if you just prefer to stay local, well, the trees in **Marine Park** can look pretty darn colorful too.

Well, there you have it folks. **South Boston Today's** picks for fall foliage viewing in 2019 for those who love being outdoors and seeing Mother Nature at her best this time of year. We hope these tips are helpful and that if you go, you have a great time. Oh, and be sure to bring a camera.

GRUBSTREET CULTURAL SPACE COMING TO SOUTH BOSTON WATERFRONT

Once complete, the new narrative arts center will serve as a literary destination at 50 Liberty Drive at Fan Pier

Mayor Martin J. Walsh has joined GrubStreet, the largest creative writing center in the country, to kick-off construction of the organization's new cultural space located at 50 Liberty Drive at Fan Pier in the South Boston Waterfront. The 13,166 square foot narrative arts center will serve as a literary destination with year-round programming for students of all ages and backgrounds.

"As we continue our work to create a diverse, welcoming Seaport for all, I am pleased that new development along Fan Pier has created this opportunity to bring an innovative cultural destination to Boston's waterfront," said Mayor Walsh. "GrubStreet shares our commitment to lifting up all voices and creating opportunity for all of Boston's residents, and I am excited to welcome them to 50 Liberty."

In December 2018, Mayor Walsh, the Boston Planning & Development Agency (BPDA), the Mayor's Office

of Arts and Culture and The Fallon Company announced that GrubStreet had been unanimously selected to operate civic/cultural space at 50 Liberty Drive. GrubStreet will receive a \$25 per square foot construction allowance -- totaling approximately \$329,150 toward improvements to the space -- and will pay \$1 per year in rent.

The new location will feature a bookstore operated by Porter Square Books, an independent bookstore located in Cambridge. Additionally, there will be a cafe and community space for writers, a podcast studio and multiple classrooms to expand GrubStreet's workshops. There will also be an event space for readings, slam poetry, storytelling events and shows that combine words with music and dance. Currently, the nonprofit organization operates programs at its Downtown location, and in neighborhoods including Dorchester, Roxbury, Mattapan and East Boston. This new location will allow GrubStreet to expand its programming

and activate a collaborative space in the South Boston Waterfront.

"With this move, we look forward to becoming a dynamic gathering place for writers and readers of all ages, backgrounds and abilities," said Eve Bridburg, Founder and Executive Director of GrubStreet. "GrubStreet's new home will provide a space to learn, to share stories, to see dynamic performances, to celebrate book launches, and to make friends."

The selection of GrubStreet follows a public and transparent process to select civic or cultural users to activate available spaces in development in ways that serve a diverse population. Following the release of a Request for Ideas (RFI) in January 2018, the BPDA received eight proposals, and in April 2018 hosted an open house where the top four respondents presented their proposals to the public. The selection process is modeled after an effort completed in 2015 when the Society of Arts and Crafts was selected as an operator of similar

space provided at Pier 4.

The selection committee represented multiple departments across the City and considered criteria including public comment letters, the ability of the respondent to create a welcoming space that serves a diverse population, and access to the financial resources to build-out and operate space year-round.

The announcement builds on Mayor Walsh's Boston Creates Cultural Plan, a ten-year city initiative designed to align public and private resources to strengthen cultural vitality over the long-term, and weave arts and culture into the fabric of everyday life. Since the launch of Boston Creates in 2016, Mayor Walsh has committed to leading the implementation of the plan by building City resources for arts and culture and creating the necessary partnerships to address the critical needs identified through the planning process. The full cultural plan can be found online at <http://plan.bostoncreates.org>.



The Wine Guy White Privilege



Since it's still warm enough to wear shorts and T-shirts, it seems only sensible to stick to white wines, even though it's the first official weekend of Fall. Harvests in the Northern Hemisphere worldwide are just about done and the first very preliminary reports are as follows:

France had an extremely hot season which caused lower

yields, but many vineyards cut plants back, starting in July, hoping for more concentrated juice from their vines.

Spain was hot, too, but that's the norm there. Yields of the major varieties—Tempranillo and Granache—are pretty close to the 2018 season and the next few months in cask will tell growers about the level of quality.

Italy, like the rest of Southern Europe, was affected by the heat, but more so in the North, as Southern and Sicilian grapes enjoy it. Yields in the North are slightly ahead of last year, while Southern areas exceeded expectations.

Germany is reporting higher yields and positive initial quality reports; Trockenberenauslese as well as Eiswein, of course, are yet to be picked.

If you're looking to toast the boys onto win #4 this weekend, grab a bottle of **Bougrier Loire Cremant Vouvray, NV (\$19.99)**. This is a great sparkler for all the finger foods and apps that everyone will be bringing. It's got a fruity nose of melons, pears and flowers, medium body and a pleasant finish. Not complicated, just tasty and great for quality Mimosas!

From the far south of Spain, find a bottle of **Tio Pepe Palomino Fino Sherry, NV, (\$17.99)** and pour 2 ounces into a double rocks glass, add tonic to taste and finish with a lemon peel and have yourself a Fino Limon. It's Spain's favorite warm weather cocktail and in the far South, they drink it right through the end of October. They're pretty committed partiers in the South!

Italy's Piedmont region has some really outstanding whites, though they are overshadowed by the region's reds. One of the better ones is **La Minaia Gavi di Gavi, Nicola Bergaglio, 2018, (\$17.99)**. This wine has a

subtle, enticing aroma of lemon and crisp apples and is fairly complex. Nicola Bergaglio produced this Gavi di Gavi using fairly old vines; most of them are around 40 years old. 100% Cortese, this wine is fermented in stainless steel and rested in the bottle. Apple and pear notes also abound, though the fruit is finely balanced by a refined acidity and the wine's flinty mineral notes. Any seafood from the grille will love this one.

Though it's Beer Time in the South of Germany, the Riesling is being raised at outdoor barbecues where they roast whole pigs and cows (don't tell the Squad!) and dance till the wee hours. While it might be tough to find a place to roast your own whole animal, stick to the grille, dry rub a nice pork loin and have a glass of **Weingut Winter Dittelsheim Riesling, 2018, (\$14.99)**. My friend and fellow wine writer, Jon Thorsen says, "this wine begins with a pleasing aroma of citrus, lime, lemon, green apple and a touch of baking spice. Tasting the wine reveals more of the same fruit flavors along with lively acidity and just a touch of sweetness. It ends tart, crisp and long with the hint of baking spice from the nose returning and lingering for a long time in the mouth. This is just a delight to drink!"

Next week, we'll look at the Western U.S.

Talk to The Wine Guy at jdris8888@gmail.com



Public Meeting

South Boston Seaport Strategic Transit Plan

Wednesday, October 2
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

303 Congress Street
WPI Seaport (1st Floor)
Boston, MA 02210

Project Description:

The South Boston Seaport Strategic Transit Plan will identify specific recommendations to improve the operations, capacity, and connectivity of the transit network (MBTA buses, Red and Silver Line stations, shuttles, ferries, etc.) serving Boston's Seaport District. At this second public meeting, the project team will present goals and objectives, existing conditions, and the evaluation process, and seek feedback from attendees. There will be opportunities for discussion and Q+A.

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Recent South Boston Real Estate Sales

Property/Type	Price	Sale Date	Rooms	Baths	Sq Ft
22 Liberty Drive UNIT 9D Condo	\$4,400,000	6/18/19	5	2.5	1,985
22 Liberty Drive UNIT 8M Condo	\$3,800,000	6/14/19	5	2.5	1,733
300 Pier 4 Blvd UNIT 7H Condo	\$3,696,864	6/14/19	5	2	1,847
300 Pier 4 Blvd UNIT 7L Condo	\$3,534,600	6/18/19	5	2.5	1,947
300 Pier 4 Blvd UNIT 6B Condo	\$3,510,000	6/18/19	4	2.5	1,566
300 Pier 4 Blvd UNIT 2F Condo	\$1,995,000	6/18/19	3	1.5	1,089
233 E Street Three Family	\$1,550,000	6/18/19	18	3	3,384
325 Channel Center St UNITPH103 Condo	\$1,450,000	6/7/19	5	2	1,528
260 Gold St UNIT 2 Condo	\$1,320,000	6/17/19	6	2.5	1676
169 West Ninth Street Single Family	\$650,000	6/19/19	7	2	1,735
139 N St UNIT 1 Condo	\$609,000	6/18/19	4	1.5	887
120 West Seventh St UNIT 102 Condo	\$577,000	6/18/19	2	1.5	828
57 Gates St UNIT 2 Condo	\$575,000	6/18/19	4	2	911
110 P St UNIT 2 Condo	\$560,000	6/18/19	4	1	724
322 Athens St UNIT 4 Condo	\$530,000	6/17/19	3	1	524
21 Wormwood St UNIT 406 Condo	\$349,855	6/17/19	1	1	629
211 West Eighth St UNIT PS2 Parking Space	\$65,000	6/17/19			
300 Pier 4 Blvd UNIT 6R Condo	\$2,795,000	6/11/19	4	2	1,338
30-32 Marine Road Two Family	\$2,380,000	6/19/19	12	3	3,285
300 Pier 4 Blvd UNIT 8M Condo	\$2,088,000	6/19/19	4	2.5	1,392
300 Pier 4 Blvd UNIT 2J Condo	\$1,928,830	6/19/19	3	1.5	1,198
300 Pier 4 Blvd UNIT 4J Condo	\$1,923,000	6/19/19	4	2.5	1,374
300 Pier 4 Blvd UNIT 6M Condo	\$1,798,600	6/19/19	5	2	1,362
300 Pier 4 Blvd UNIT 5M Condo	\$1,798,600	6/19/19	5	2	1,362
583 Douglas Street Three Family	\$1,600,000	6/19/19	13	3	2,418
300 Pier 4 Blvd UNIT 3K Condo	\$1,596,000	6/19/19	3	1.5	1,046
232 Old Colony Ave UNIT 506 Condo	\$1,200,000	6/21/19	5	2.5	1,529
537 East First St UNIT 6 Condo	\$1,050,000	6/20/19	4	2	1,398
225 Dorchester St UNIT 4 Condo	\$1,007,500	6/21/19	6	2.5	1,846
122 West Seventh St UNIT 18 Condo	\$880,000	6/20/19	4	1.5	1,598
936 East Fourth St UNIT 1 Condo	\$821,500	6/18/19	5	3	1,082
714 East Fifth St UNIT 1 Condo	\$719,000	6/21/19	7	3	1,605
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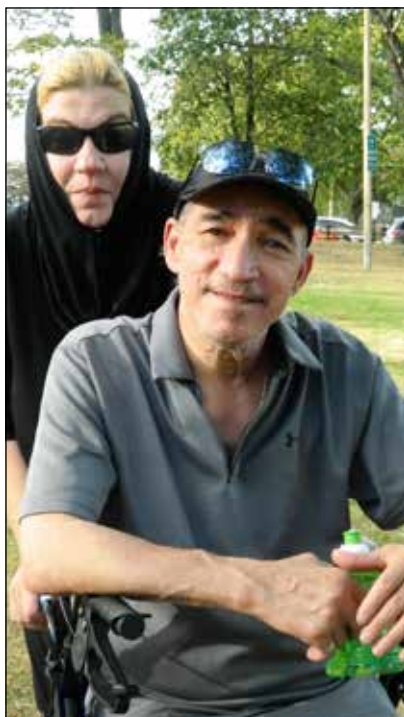
City Point Neighborhood Association Says Goodbye to Summer in Style

On Sunday, September 22, 2019 the City Point Neighborhood Association (CPNA) hosted it's annual concert at the Harry Uhlman Bandstand at Marine Park. The weather was perfect

as neighbors and families scoped out their real estate to set up chairs, unpack drinks and snacks and enjoy the afternoon. Entertainment was provided by our own Bob Fowkes, Dave Leahy and Michael Kelley

of Curragh's Fancy. The crowd of seventy five plus and of all ages enjoyed traditional Celtic music, folk music, sing-a-longs and complimentary pizza. We had a neighbor Conrad (Irish wolfhound) stop by

for a visit with his owner! There was a Jive or two happening, children dancing and the crowd was enthusiastic. This annual event is made possible from the Save the Harbor Better Beaches Grant and DCR.





Polish American Citizens Club 80th Gala raises over \$10,000

On Saturday, September 21st, the Polish American Citizens Club held its 80th Anniversary Gala and Fundraiser. The event raised over \$10,000 and all the proceeds will be going towards much needed building repairs. “Our home is 80 years old, but like with any old home, it is in need of repairs,” notes Stasia Kacprzak, the Club’s president and the first woman to hold this position. “The money we raised will allow us to start to fix some of the building issues, like the leaking roof and damaged floors.”

Club officers hope that the Gala was just the beginning of a new era for the club. “We were founded as a

civic and social organization over 90 years ago and we hope people, particularly 2nd and 3rd generation Polish-Americans will become members,” says Erica Manczuk Stocks, the Club’s Secretary. “Membership starts at \$30 annually, so it is a very small sum to pay to support the club, our mission, and to increase our impact on our community.” Non-Polish members can also join as Associate Members.

The event began with cocktails and appetizers, donated by Cafe Polonia. Guests were able to peruse the historical photo displays set up around the room, showcasing important moments in the building’s 80

year history, including a visit from Senator John Kennedy in 1955 and the sailors seeking political asylum from communist Poland in 1989. State Representative David Biele and Boston City Councilor Annissa Essaibi-George attended and Biele presented the Club with citations from Governor Baker’s office and the Massachusetts State Legislature.

The following Past-Presidents of the Club were presented with special gifts in recognition of their service:

Christopher Lisek, immediate Past President, Alexander Lisek, Richard Stojanowski, Christine Oplia and Aneta Pokorski, wives of late Presidents Zbislav “Tony” Opila

and Robert “Staga” Pokorski, were also recognized. Past President and the Club’s longest-living member, Joseph Nowak, 90, was honored and presented with a special gift, a decanter engraved with the Club’s logo and a birthday cake.

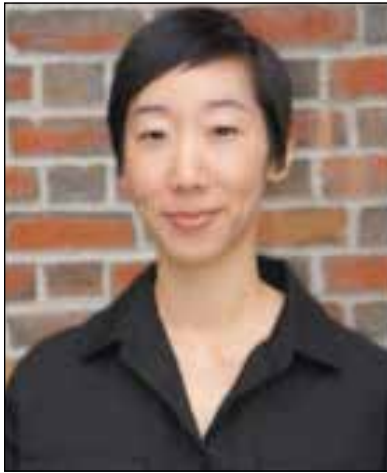
Buffet dinner was donated by Euro Mart, Cafe Polonia and DJ’s Market and included delicious traditional Polish food. Event sponsors were Phia Group, Law Offices of Russo and Minchoff, Skoah Boston, and the Polish American Heritage and Community Foundation.

To learn more about membership and upcoming events, please go to polishclubboston.com



CALL FOR EXHIBITION PROPOSALS 2020 Season

Proposals are due by 11:59 p.m., Friday, December 6, 2019



Proposals must be submitted online: https://fortpointartscommunity.formstack.com/forms/fpac_gallerycall_2020

The juror for the season is Jessica Hong, Associate Curator of Global Contemporary Art at Dartmouth University's Hood Museum of Art. Before joining the Hood's team as the first curator of global contemporary art, Hong was assistant curator at the Institute of Contemporary Art/Boston, where she organized exhibitions including Arthur Jafa: Love Is the Message, the Message Is Death (2018) and the ICA's presentation of We Wanted a Revolution: Black Radical Women, 1965-85 (2018).

Prior to the ICA, Hood was part of the inaugural team of the Division of Modern and Contemporary Art that launched the renovated Harvard Art Museums by architect Renzo Piano. Hong was previously based in New York and held curatorial positions at Independent Curators International (ICI),

SculptureCenter, and the Whitney Museum of American Art. She has written editorial pieces for BOMB Magazine, ICA/Boston, and SculptureCenter publications, among others. Additionally, she served as ICI's external evaluator for all curatorial programs, as visiting critic for Residency Unlimited (NY), and as a juror on numerous panels and fellowship programs. Hong received her M.A. in art history from the Institute of Fine Arts, New York University, and B.A. in art history from Barnard College, Columbia University.

Please see the gallery website for more information on the FPAC Gallery. Questions should be addressed to the Gallery Committee, gallery@fortpointarts.org

The Fort Point Arts Community, Inc. www.fortpointarts.org

The Fort Point Arts Community builds cultural vibrancy in Boston by cultivating an empowered community

of artists, organizations, and supporters. FPAC promotes the work of our artists to a broad and diverse audience, advocates for art opportunities, develops permanent, affordable live-work studio space and ensures that art is an essential part of the life of a creative city.

The Fort Point Arts Community Gallery

The FPAC Gallery is dedicated to supporting artistic creation through exhibitions and public programs of local and regional artists. Opened in 1995, the gallery is community-based, operated by volunteers, supports the mission of FPAC, and draws on the Fort Point neighborhood, home to over 300 artists who produce work in a wide array of media. Fort Point is one of New England's largest artists' communities, including painters, photographers, sculptors, designers, ceramicists, performance artists, jewelers, book artists, digital media artists, and more.

South Boston Catholic Academy News

Highlights from the Art Class

In Art Class, we welcomed our new Art Teacher, Ms. Valerie Szmurlo... "As a first time art teacher, I am so excited to start my year! With International Dot Day being Sunday September 15, I thought it was the perfect way to start. My goal as an art teacher is to make sure every student is able to create and feel confident no matter what their skill level might be. International Dot Day encourages students to always try their best and have fun because we are all artists! This year we will also be exploring clay with 4, 5 and 6th grade through electives. This gives students a chance to explore clay techniques and creativity while getting their hands messy. We have a fun year planned and I look forward to growing with the students.

South Boston Catholic Academy (www.SBCatholicAcademy.org) is currently accepting applications for all classes Pre-School-Grade 6. We have Before School and After School Programs available and high acceptance rate to Parochial, Private and Boston Exam Schools. Please contact: Mrs. Jamie Brown, our Vice Principal, with any questions or for a tour of the School at j.brown@sbcatholicacademy.org or phone 617-268-2326 for more information.



SOUTH BOSTON YOUTH SOCCER



REMINDERS:

PLAYERS & PARENTS:

All children **MUST** wear shin guards in order to play. It is for the child's safety, so if they **DO NOT** wear shin guards, they **CANNOT** play. Please no big bows in the hair, not plastic headbands and no hats.

Plases keep away from the nets when the children are playing their game. We know you want to help your child if they are in goal but most kids get distracted. No smoking near the field. Please go outside the park if you want a cigarette. Finally, remember to have fun.

COACHES:

If you have the first game of the day, please be at the field early to help set up the field. If you have the last game of the day, please put all the equipment away. Please fill out your score sheets correctly and turn them into the clubhouse (there is a box on the counter), email them to soccernana54@gmail.com or drop them off to Dianne Horne at 373 West 2nd Street by **SUNDAY EVENING.**

Now on to a recap of the games:

UNDER 4 DIVISION:

At the time of print no score sheets were available for the teams

sponsored by: Congressman Stephen Lynch, Sullivan's at Castle Island, Massport, Police Athletic League, East Boston Savings Bank, J. F. O'Brien & Sons, Boston Home Inspectors, Councilor Ed Flynn, Lovey's League, City Councilor Michael Flaherty, The South Boston Today and the Coyne-Adams Club.

UNDER 6 DIVISION:

At the time of print no score sheets were available for the teams sponsored by Boston Firefighters Credit Union, South Boston Dental Associates, Massport, Billy Flaherty's Gang, Veritac Advisors, Jim Cahill Club,

Ironworkers Local 7, Stapleton Florist, Yankee Bus Line and Metro Energy.

UNDER 8 DIVISION:

At the time of print no score sheets were available for the teams sponsored by, Massport, Michael Perkins Post, Eileen Hennessey J & S Solutions, Southie's Own and Senator Collins Club.

UNDER 12 DIVISION:

At the time of print no score sheets were available for the teams sponsored by Representative David Biele, Abacus Builders, Wayne Morrison Club and Massport.

MAYOR'S FALL PUMPKIN FLOAT OCTOBER 18



p.m. to 8 p.m. Hundreds of illuminated jack-o'-lanterns will be floated on the water accompanied by spooky family activities.

Attendees are asked to bring 8-inch or smaller carved pumpkins that will be lit and then floated on the Frog Pond for a dramatic early evening display. Adults and children are encouraged to wear Halloween costumes and participate in a wide range of fun activities. Test your courage in our haunted zombie maze, take a ride on the Spooky Mansion Slide, experience the Jumpin' Pumpkin, try your skills at the bean bag toss, and enjoy nighttime fun on our LED swings and seesaws.

The Fall Pumpkin Float is presented by the Boston Parks and Recreation Department in partnership with the Skating Club of Boston. The title sponsor is Capital One, key sponsors are HP Hood LLC, Polar Beverages, and L.L. Bean, and the media sponsor is Magic 106.7. Additional support is provided by Perfect Parties.

This free family-friendly event will also include glow-in-the-dark games, children's crafts, games and giveaways by Magic 106.7, and scarily delicious snacks and refreshments provided by Power Crunch Bars, KIND Snacks, and HP Hood LLC. A monster mash of science activities will include the Massachusetts Horticulture Society, giant bubbles with the "Bubble Guy" Jim Dichter, and Halloween giveaways.

For more information, please call the Boston Parks and Recreation Department at (617) 635-4505 or visit www.boston.gov/parks.

Mayor Martin J. Walsh has announced the return of the annual Fall Pumpkin Float at the Boston Common Frog Pond on Friday, October 18, from 5

Gate of Heaven CYO House League & Travel Final Basketball Registration

At The Walsh Center
Behind the South Boston Court House
Saturday - September 28
12:00 - 3:00

Boys		Girls	
Instructional	Grades 1 & 2	Instructional	Grades 1 & 2
Midget League	Grades 3 - 6	Midget League	Grades 3 - 6
Cadet League	Grades 7 - 9	Cadet League	Grade 7 -12

Once again this year we will have a 5 week pre-season co-ed league for grades 2 - 4 on Saturday afternoons, starting on Saturday, September 28th.

Travel Teams

The vast majority of all travel games will be played on weekends

Boys	Girls
Grade 3 - 4	Grade 3 - 4
Grade 5 - 6	Grade 5 - 6
Grade 7 - 8	Grade 7 - 8
16 Under / 18 Under	Grade 9 - 12

We offer more than thirty basketball teams for all age groups. Registration fee is \$30.00 for one or \$50.00 per family. This cover the cost of all our programs. Our house league is open to everyone. All new and old players must register at this time. If you have any questions please call Kevin Lally at 617-943-5238 or email at lallycompound@aol.com everyone makes a team.



This week, Danny talked to Albert Breer from SI.com's "The MMQB" about all things NFL:

DANNY PICARD: I was just talking about Daniel Jones taking over as quarterback of the New York Giants and leading his team to a win over Tampa Bay. The question I have now is, what does Eli Manning's future hold? Is Eli just going to sit on the sideline as the backup the rest of the year? Is he just going to accept that? What's going to happen with Eli Manning?

ALBERT BREER: Well, if a team wanted to trade for him now, he'd actually be fairly affordable. Just because, the \$6 million that he was due is out of the way. He's got somewhere between \$11 million and \$12 million left for 2019. So, that's a pretty affordable rate for a starting quarterback. If there was interest in him and he was willing to waive his no-trade clause, the Giants could potentially move him. I think the likelihood is he spends the rest of the season on the Giants' roster. And then he's up, and he's a free agent. And obviously the Giants have already moved on. I think he's probably in the stage of his career, where, if somebody brings him in, it would likely be

a team that's maybe preparing to draft a young quarterback, and he would be sort of the placeholder, like he was this year with Daniel Jones, where, he can be the guy, the starter Week 1, who can help your young kid come along, and then eventually you're going to replace him. But it's hard for me to see him being much more than that right now.

DP: What's going to happen with Jalen Ramsey? He's banging in sick, he's not showing up to work, he wants the trade. But the more he does this, the more the Jacksonville Jaguars lose leverage. Are the Jaguars going to trade him? And if they do, where do you think he's going to go, where could he go, and what do they get?

AB: I think the owner said it himself, I think the [Jaguars] owner wouldn't mind paying him. Money can solve these problems sometimes. There's part of me that wonders, is the owner going to step up and blow this guy away with a \$20 million-a-year offer and then he winds up staying there and is an integral piece for whoever the next coach is. Is that pos-

sible? Yeah. I'd say, right now, where it stands, I know teams have been calling them at the end of last week, and from what I heard over the course of Friday and Saturday before the [Week 3] game on Sunday, the asking price was two first-round picks, and the Jaguars weren't going to take anything less. I think if somebody is willing to come up and meet that price, the Jaguars would talk about it. My guess is, as we get closer to the trade deadline, there's a chance that someone gets there. And then it comes down to whether or not the owner is going to sign off on making that decision. As for where he could go, I think you have to keep your eye on the usual suspects. Kansas City, I would expect them to be involved.

Philly is involved in everything, they dip their toe in the water in almost every one of these. And then Baltimore and Oakland are two other teams that I would just sort of keep an eye on.

DP: When it comes to Antonio Brown, from a Patriots perspective, it's time to move on. But does Antonio Brown play in the NFL again?

AB: It's hard for me to see it this year. I think the way the league handled things over the weekend, was, to some degree, it was almost like a warning shot. Like, "If you sign him, we're telling you right now, there are no promises about being able to put him out on the field." And so, I think that's sort of a message that went from the league office to each of the other 31 teams. I also think the shot at [Robert] Kraft is something that the owners are all sensitive to. If you remember when Colin Kaepernick went and met with the Ravens a couple years ago, there was a shot that his girlfriend took at the owner there, and you've seen how teams have sort of backed off of him. It can make it harder for guys to get jobs. So I think those things make it a little more difficult for Brown to find employment this year. Past this year? I think that's really up to him and where his mind is. Because he's a great player and teams are willing to overlook a lot to bring in that sort of talent.

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SPORTS TODAY

ANTONIO BROWN RELEASED, SAYS HE'S DONE WITH THE NFL

SBT Staff



The New England Patriots released Antonio Brown over the weekend, less than 48 hours before their Week 3 game against the New York Jets at Gillette Stadium. The Patriots went on to win the game, 30-14, without Brown.

But just hours before kickoff, Brown launched a Twitter tirade directed at the NFL, Patriots owner Robert Kraft, and injured Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger. He's deleted the tweets about Kraft and Roethlisberger since.

Brown began his Sunday morning tweets by saying he won't play in the NFL again. The tweet read, "Will not be playing in the NFL anymore these owners can cancel deals do whatever they want at anytime we will see if the NFLPA hold them accountable sad they can just void guarantees anytime going on 40m 2 months will see if they pay up!"

Brown then took a shot at Kraft

for his Florida massage parlor incident. He tweeted, "Kraft got caught in the parlor AB speculations fired different strokes different folks clearly."

Then, Brown tweeted a screenshot of a CBS News headline in 2010 that read, "Steelers QB Investigated in Sexual Assault." Brown captioned that screenshot by tweeting, "4 games for Big Ben crazy world I'm done with it."

Brown was released on Friday, two days prior. The Patriots released a statement to announce the move.

"The New England Patriots are releasing Antonio Brown. We appreciate the hard work of many people over the past 11 days, but we feel that it is best to move in a different direction at this time."

The Patriots reportedly had enough of Brown after he sent threatening texts to a woman who accused Brown of making

Tweet of the Week



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67.4K 9:29 AM - Sep 22, 2019

unwanted sexual advances towards her in 2017 after Brown hired her to paint a mural of him inside his home. This latest accusation was reported in Sports Illustrated last week. Not long after, Brown included the woman in a text chain as he told others in the text chain to investigate her. Brown also sent the woman an Instagram screenshot of her own children.

A day after those texts were reported, Brown was released by the Patriots.

According to Mike Florio of Pro Football Talk, the Patriots did not pay Brown the first installment (\$5 million) of his \$9 million signing bonus before Monday's deadline. Brown is expected to file a grievance.

PRICE TO HAVE WRIST SURGERY

SBT Staff

Red Sox starter David Price will undergo left wrist surgery this week to take care of a cyst that was discovered in July.

Price was placed on the injured list back on Aug. 8 af-

ter he allowed seven runs in two-and-two-thirds innings against the New York Yankees on Aug. 4 in the Bronx. He was reinstated from that injured list on Sept. 1, when he made a start against the Angels in LA.

In that game, Price pitched

just two innings, and was his last game of the season.

Price, 34, is expected to be ready for spring training, where he enters the fifth year of his seven-year contract with Boston.

The Red Sox close out their 2019 season on Sunday afternoon at Fenway Park against the Baltimore Orioles.

WHAT TO WATCH

NFL Week 4

THURSDAY, SEPT. 26

Philadelphia at Green Bay (-4.5)
8:20 P.M. FOX/NFL Network

SUNDAY, SEPT. 29

New England (-7) at Buffalo
1 P.M. CBS

Minnesota at Chicago (-2.5)
4:25 P.M. CBS

Dallas (-2.5) at New Orleans
8:20 P.M. NBC

MONDAY, SEPT. 30

Cincinnati at Pittsburgh (-4.5)
8:15 P.M. ESPN

NCAAF Week 5

SATURDAY, SEPT. 28

#5 Ohio State (-17.5) at Nebraska
7:30 P.M. ABC

PATRIOTS HEAD TO BUFFALO LOOKING FOR FOURTH STRAIGHT WIN

SBT Staff

It'll be a battle between two 3-0 teams on Sunday in Buffalo, as the Bills host the Patriots at 1 p.m.

The road to 3-0 has not been all that difficult for either New England or Buffalo to this point. The combined record of the Bills' first-three opponents is 1-8, while the combined record of the Patriots' first-three opponents is 0-9.

New England opened as a 7-point favorite on the road, and all eyes will be on wide receiver Julian Edelman, who left Sunday's game against the Jets with a chest injury. According to reports, initial tests on Edelman's ribs were negative, and he's expected to be ready for Sunday against the Bills.

Buffalo is coming off a win at home over the winless Cincinnati Bengals, so it goes without saying that the undefeated Patriots will be a much different test for

the Bills, especially given how dominant New England's defense has been.

The Patriots allowed two touchdowns in their 30-14 win over the Jets in Week 3, but those two touchdowns were the result of a muffed punt and a pick-six. New England's defense has yet to allow a touchdown this season, a streak that extends through Super Bowl LIII and into last year's AFC Championship game. Kansas City was the last team to score a touchdown on the Patriots' defense in that AFC Championship.

Will second-year quarterback Josh Allen and the Bills' offense be able to snap that streak? If not, who knows when the first touchdown against the Patriots' defense will be scored, as the Pats have Washington in Week 5, the Giants in Week 6, and the Jets again in Week 7.



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