

## WASHINGTON DEMOCRATS PROPOSE OVERHAUL OF HIGHER EDUCATION LAW

Democrats in Congress offered their vision for overhauling the federal higher education law, introducing a rewrite that would boost federal funding for low-income students, simplify how borrowers repay federal student loans, incentivize states to make community colleges tuition-free and reestablish Obama-era regulations on campus sexual assault

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# EDITORIAL

## A Tax By Any Other Name Is Still A Tax

As we're sure everyone knows, there are many types of addictions. There are those who are addicted to drugs, to alcohol, to gambling etc. But it seems in liberal Massachusetts, we have law makers and those who do their bidding addicted to tax increases and finding creative ways to add new ones. This brings us to the proposed so called 'TCI' or 'Transportation and Climate Initiative'. Have you noticed how whenever those in power want to take more money out of the pockets of working people they no longer claim that it's 'for the children', it's now to 'fight climate change'?

The TCI is a plan to increase the price on every gallon of gasoline that drivers put in their vehicles. They tried it several years ago by ram-


ming it through in the Massachusetts State Legislature, but the voters were having none of it. They collected thousands of signatures to get repeal on the ballot, then went to the polls and voted to end new gas taxes. Not to be deterred by the will of the people, the 'progressives' at the state house, bided their time and thought up yet a new way to bring the gas tax back by calling it a 'fee' to save the planet and insisting they can now do it without even getting the legislature's approval. And it seems the Bay State's Republican governor, whom many disappointed voters now consider a 'RINO', doesn't seem to have a problem with it.

If those who hold elected office, or are politically appointed to head government agencies, refuse to abide by the will and the votes of the people they



serve, then they really aren't doing their jobs. And if they aren't going to do the jobs the voters and taxpayers hired them to do, then are they really fit to hold elected office or appointed positions in state government?

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## Free Dzhokhar? I Don't Think So

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The Boston Marathon Bomber is in the news once again for 2 reasons. The first, because of what his attorneys want to do. The second, for the comments that President Trump made about the situation as it still stands today. The convicted Marathon Bomber – Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, is sentenced to die. We all know that. Yet, he is still quite alive in prison after all this time. His attorneys are pushing to not only get his death sentence overturned, but they also want a new trial because they maintain, he could not possibly have received a fair trial in Boston because of all the publicity making it impossible to find a jury that was unfamiliar with the case. Since anywhere in the United State would have been difficult to find people not familiar with what happened – remember, it was huge news, unless they could find people who lived under a rock or on a college campus, it's hard to see how that would be possible. I guess you can't really blame the bomber's attorneys. They were doing what defense attorneys are supposed to do and that is getting their clients off.

Then there were the statements by President Trump who was disgusted that after all this time, the bomber's sentence has not been carried out. Said Trump:

“What a disgraceful legal system for allowing the Boston Marathon bomber, Dzhokhar Tsarnaev to still be around after all these years.

A vicious killer who destroyed so many great people and families”.

Once again, this President has put into words what so many Americans are thinking. As far as the legal system being a disgrace, fortunately, we have in America, the best legal system in the world. But sometimes, it makes people wonder why, what seems so reasonable, that is, to carry out the sentence handed down to this bomber, when it is crystal clear that he committed that act of terror and killed and maimed so many people; including an 8 year old child, has not taken place yet even after all this time has passed. They were able to make short work of the Oklahoma City bomber.

The President rightly feels the same disgust felt by so many other Americans about what the bomber did and the fact that yes, he is still drawing breath. But let's not forget, that in these crazy times, Dzhokhar Tsarnaev actually has his own fan club. Can we ever forget, the cluster of young girls holding signs outside the Moakley Court House during his trial that read 'Free Dzhokhar'. And most also remember how his picture appeared on the front page of Rolling Stone Magazine like he was some kind of hero?

In closing this week, for those of you who may have missed it on national news broadcasts, a Ford truck dealership in Honea Path, South Carolina has found a creative

way to boost its sales, in a huge way while also causing the heads of many 'progressives' to explode. The dealership ran what it's calling a 'God, Guns and America' promotion. If you purchase a Ford truck from them, they give the buyer a US Flag, a Bible and an AR-15. Needless to say, it has caused some controversy is certain sectors but wow, has business picked up. People are flocking from everywhere to buy a Ford

truck from this dealership. The lines and the back orders are said to be massive.

I've heard from quite a few South Bostonians who are tempted to make the trip south to get in on this. Actually, I'm kind of hoping they are still running the promo by the time I'm in the market for a new vehicle. Ford Trucks – great American machines and with those kinds of freebies coming with them, it's a good deal all around.

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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 front-runner's burden: Warren draws fire from all sides during debate

U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren's recent emergence as the front-runner in the Democratic race for president hasn't gone unnoticed by her rivals, based on last night's debate in which Warren was the target of criticism from her left and right and from everywhere in between. A sampling of this morning's headlines – From the Globe: “Debate rivals assail Warren during debate as she joins Democrats' top rank.” From the Washington Post: “Warren faces first sustained attack in debate that begins with unified condemnation of Trump.” And from the NYT: “Elizabeth Warren, Candidate With the Plans, Needed One for All the Incoming Attacks.” How did she fare? Pretty well. The Washington Post says Warren was the big winner. The Globe's James Pindell is a tougher grader, giving

her a B+, but she still ranks high in the grading. And what about Joe Biden? Sinking fast.

Speaking of Biden, the Herald is choosing to focus on Biden going on the offensive last night regarding his son's involvement with a Ukrainian gas company. The Herald's Howie Carr is piling on poor Joe. The Herald's Peter Lucas, apparently writing before the debate, thinks Biden “ought to be working on an exit strategy” from the race.

### AOC to endorse Bernie. But what about Pressley? Stay tuned

The Washington Post reports that U.S. Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez is poised to give Bernie Sanders, and not Elizabeth Warren, her coveted young-progressive seal of approval. Ditto fellow “squad” member Rep. Ilhan Omar. But what about U.S. Reps. Ayanna Pressley and Rashida Tlaib, the other two members of the squad? The Wash-

ington Post reports their endorsement intentions are “not immediately clear.”

### More than a little skepticism greets Correia's 'temporary absence' announcement

They're not buying it. Fall River Mayor Jasiel Correia formally announced his plans to leave City Hall until a new mayor takes over in January to avoid his legal woes becoming a distraction, but both his political rivals and some voters are skeptical and wonder if the whole dog-and-pony show is part of a twisted campaign strategy. Peter Jasinski reports at the Herald News. Paul Coogan, the school board member who is the only candidate for mayor on the ballot alongside Correia, is among those who aren't so sure the mayor's really sailing off into the sunset.

Meanwhile, from the Boston Globe: “Facing federal charges, Fall River may-

or steps aside — but eyes a comeback.”

### House Dems dump Baker's tax-relief proposal

The House today is expected to take up the \$715 million supplemental budget bill, the one that effectively divvies up the state's surplus from last year. But the House legislation won't include Gov. Charlie Baker's \$175 million income tax exemption proposal designed to help about a million residents. SHNS's Michael Norton has more.

### Straus: Someone in the Corner Office knew about RMV's woes

This is mushrooming into a bigger-than-expected confrontation. State Rep. William Straus, co-chair of the legislature's transportation committee, says he's in possession of documents that “certainly indicate” someone high up in Gov. Charlie Baker's office knew about the records-keeping problems at the Registry of Motor Vehicles, as SHNS's Chris Lisinski reports.

The Herald's Mary Markos goes further: “Top Baker aide **continued on page 6**

### Education Law continued from front page and for-profit colleges.

“This proposal immediately cuts the cost of college for students and families and provides relief for existing borrowers,” Rep. Bobby Scott, Democrat of Virginia and chairman of the Education and Labor Committee, said in a statement. “At the same time, it improves the quality of education by holding schools accountable for their students' success, and it meets students' individual needs by expanding access to more flexible college options and stronger support — helping students graduate on time and move into the workforce.”

Committee aides said the proposal to rewrite the Higher Education Act, which hasn't been updated for more than a decade, reflects the reality of a Democratic-controlled House, a Republican-controlled Senate and President Donald Trump in the White House.

“The College Affordability Act

is a proposal that members across the political spectrum should be able to support,” Scott said. “It is a necessary and sensible response to the challenges that students and families are facing every day.”

Even still, the proposal stands in stark contrast to the bipartisan negotiation taking place in the Senate, where Sen. Lamar Alexander, Republican of Tennessee, and Sen. Patty Murray, Democrat of Washington state, have been trying to cobble together a robust update of their own that can appease both sides of the aisle.

But the complicated law, which dictates various forms of tuition assistance for low-income students, the entire federal student loan program and a host of other provisions that form the foundation of the higher education system in the U.S., has proven difficult to tackle from the middle.

Indeed, committee aides said early efforts to broker a bipartisan version of the House proposal

were waylaid by intractable bright lines from both Scott and ranking member Rep. Virginia Foxx, Republican of North Carolina.

Most recently in the Senate, Alexander broke from his path with Murray, and instead offered a bill that includes a handful of the most bipartisan measures to provide a partial update to the Higher Education Act. But Alexander's tender is about as unlikely to pass the Democratic-controlled House as Scott's is to pass the Senate — underscoring just how much daylight is between them.

Among many other things, the House bill would increase the maximum Pell Grant award and allow students to use Pell to cover short-term programs; establish a federal-state partnership that would direct federal funding to states that make community college tuition free and invest in their other public colleges and universities; and replace the current suite of federal loan repayment plans with one income-based repayment plan.

The bill would also increase and make permanent funding for historically black colleges and universities; block the Title IX regulation regarding campus sexual assault that Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos' has proposed; reinstate regulations on for-profit colleges that DeVos has repealed; and fund wrap-around services, like campus child care, to help students stay enrolled and graduate.

Even if they were to push the dueling proposals through their respective chambers, conferencing the bills would be difficult at best. And the looming 2020 election aside, the entire legislative calendar is unclear as House Democrats pursue an impeachment inquiry into President Donald Trump.

Despite the anticipated uphill battle to move the legislation, committee aides said Scott expects to get the bill on the floor of the House for a vote by the end of the year.

# Boston's next steps to address the opioid crisis

By Mayor Martin J. Walsh

In big cities and small towns across the United States, the opioid epidemic is tearing families apart. It is inflicting incredible pain, and it will have implications for years to come. In Boston, we've made this issue a top priority. And now, we're ready to take the next step with a new strategic plan called Melnea Cass/Mass Ave. 2.0.

This new plan focuses on a neighborhood in Boston that has been hardest hit by the addiction crisis: the intersection of Melnea Cass Boulevard and Mass. Ave. in the South End, often referred to as Mass/Cass. For decades, this has been a hub of vital services for people struggling with substance use disorder, mental health issues, and homelessness. It's one of the places where the city and its wide array of partners, including nonprofits, medical centers, and service providers, have dedicated the most resources to outreach and treatment programs. People from throughout the state and region have been drawn to the area due to the availability of treatment, health care, and shelter. We recognize the impact this is having on the surrounding communities which have borne a disproportionate share of the issue. In addition to those struggling with addiction, we also need to make sure that the neighbors, families, schools, and businesses in the area get the support they need.

That's why this neighborhood is ground zero for our response. Focusing on this area, we will be able to reach the most people in need of life-saving care, and address pressing safety



and quality-of-life concerns for the surrounding community as well. At the same time, we're expanding services citywide, and calling for improved access to resources outside Boston and throughout the region.

The 2.0 plan is informed by public health and public safety professionals, community members, and people recovering from substance use disorder themselves. This plan has three focus areas: public health, quality of life, and public safety. We're hiring new staff members designated to work in the area, and funding for new programs and initiatives to get more people the help they need. Our plan lays out specific, achievable, and measurable

goals for the months ahead. We will improve coordination between city services and make sure that city agencies and our partners are working together as efficiently and effectively as possible. It will allow us to get more people off the streets and into treatment, and make the neighborhood safer for everyone.

This new plan builds on the work we've done over the past 5 years. Since I took office in 2014, we have invested \$64 million across several City departments to address the addiction crisis. We created the first municipal Office of Recovery Services in the country. We created a 24-hour hotline to connect people

to quality, affordable addiction treatment. We're investing in shelters, street outreach workers, and training for first responders. We're suing the pharmaceutical industry that played a role in creating this crisis, and making sure that they help fund the relief efforts. And we have a plan to build the comprehensive recovery campus on Long Island that our entire region needs.

To me, this work is very personal. I am a recovering alcoholic. I understand how addiction can take hold and derail a person's life. I believe that we need to address this issue with empathy and compassion. We also need to focus on the root causes. Often times, when people turn to addictive substances, it's out of loneliness or desperation. It's an outcome of trauma, fear, and poverty. Stigmatizing the disease of addiction only discourages people from getting help for themselves and their families. People don't need more judgement, they need more help. Building a strong, loving community that lifts people up is one of the most important things we can do. This work will save lives and change our city for the better. This is an opportunity to set an example for the nation, and help other communities rise up from under this crisis, too.

I encourage everyone to read the Melnea Cass/Mass Ave. 2.0 plan at [Boston.gov/Recovery](http://Boston.gov/Recovery). This is also where you can learn more about the work we're doing citywide, and how you or a loved one can get access to help. This is one of the biggest challenges we'll face as a city, and we're rising to the occasion, together.

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## Councilor At-Large Althea Garrison Files Ordinance Calling for the Regulation of Sober Homes in the City of Boston

At the most recent Boston City Council meeting on Wednesday, October 9th Councilor At-Large Althea Garrison filed an ordinance to regulate sober homes in the City of Boston. Garrison released the following statement which she read into the record at the hearing:

“I filed this ordinance to regulate recovery homes in the City of Boston, also known as “sober homes” because they lack sufficient regulation and are being built across the

City. As was widely reported in the media last week, there have been serious issues of concern with sober homes across the Commonwealth, and more specifically in the North Shore there was a recent example of a sober home owner who was convicted of financially, emotionally and sexually abusing the residents of his sober home. Here in Boston, I have seen and heard of sober home owners moving into neighborhoods without properly informing residents, yet they set up shop and



start their operations with very little supervision and regulation from the City. Sometimes the owners of these homes take advantage of residents for their own financial benefit, all

while operating in unsafe environments and doing very little to help their residents in recovery. The City of Boston has a responsibility to ensure that sober homes are run in the safest way possible in order to bring about the best outcomes for those who suffer with substance abuse. I believe that this ordinance is a concrete step in the right direction to finally regulate sober homes in the City of Boston.”

Councilor Garrison asked for suspension of the rules and passage of the ordinance, but after other City Councilors objected to its passage it was assigned to a committee for a public hearing. Councilor Garrison is running for re-election to the Boston City Council and has made public safety and affordable housing among her top priorities.

## Councilors Flynn, Flaherty To Hold Office Hours with Chief Osgood & BTD Commissioner Rooney

Boston City Councilor Ed Flynn and Councilor At-Large Michael Flaherty will hold Neighborhood Office Hours in South Boston this Saturday, October 19th from 10am-11:30am at the Thomas J. Fitzgerald VFW Post 561 (715 East 4th Street). The Councilors will be joined by Chris Osgood, Chief of Streets for the City of Boston, and Greg Rooney, Commissioner of the Boston Transportation Department. Residents are encouraged to bring constituent and neighborhood issues directly to Councilors Flynn and Flaherty, Chief Osgood, and Commissioner Rooney.

“We’d like to thank Chief Osgood and Commissioner Rooney

for their partnership and joining us at this week’s office hours,” said the Councilors. “Transportation, traffic, Vision Zero and the safety of all on our roads are important quality of life issues in our city. Residents of South Boston continue to advocate for traffic calming measures on our streets. This is an opportunity for us to discuss these concerns with neighbors directly, and to work together to address these issues.”

For more information or constituent service issues, please contact Councilor Flynn’s office at 617-635-3203 or Ed.Flynn@Boston.Gov and Councilor Flaherty’s office at 617-635-4205 or at Michael.F.Flavery@Boston.Gov.



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told RMV employees not to put critical details in writing.” Bruce Mohl at Commonwealth has more on the murky nature of the documents in question.

**Pacheco: Legislative approval not needed for cap-and-trade non-tax tax**

From SHNS’s Matt Murphy (pay

wall): “One of the Legislature’s leading voices on climate change does not think the Baker administration needs the House or Senate’s approval to join a regional pact to cap carbon emissions from vehicles. Sen. Marc Pacheco, the chair of the Senate Committee on Global Warming and Climate Change, said the 2008 law setting carbon emission

reduction requirements for the state gives the administration explicit authority to pursue ‘market-based compliance mechanisms.’” We’re sure others will beg to differ and/or put up a stink if no vote occurs.

**Meanwhile, they’re already divvying up cap-and-trade funds on Beacon Hill**

Christian Wade at the Gloucester Times reports that a popular state program that gives rebates to consumers who purchase electric and fuel cell vehicles could get a life-saving boost via a provision within the House’s supplemental budget. Where would the money come from? From the proceeds of the regional cap-and-trade program. See above post.

# The Late Bill McGonagle-Family Man And Role Model

South Boston native son, Bill McGonagle, who rose to the top of the Boston Housing Authority, has died at the age of 67, unfathomably, just a few months after retiring to spend more time with his family. Bill McGonagle's mission in life, beyond raising, along with his wife Ellen, a family of like-minded citizens, was simply stated in his own words upon his retirement. When asked how he's like to be remembered, he said, "I hope my legacy is one of inclusion — someone who made a sincere effort to open up the public housing in the city to residents, and those in need of housing of every racial and ethnic background. And that I empowered residents, listened to them and brought them to the table when it came time to make decisions." Bill did that with everyone he met, and he instilled that same sense of community in his children Matthew, Mark and Alyson, whom he expected will raise their own children with that sense of purpose.

McGonagle ran the Boston Housing Authority for a decade and spent a total of 40 years at the agency before retiring this summer. "I've had an interest in public housing and public housing advocacy literally from the day I was born," he told WBUR's Radio Boston in July. "And I've always had a desire to help people. I thought that the best way to accomplish that goal is by working on behalf of the poorest and most marginalized people in the city of Boston."

Tributes from public officials poured in Mayor Marty Walsh tweeted that McGonagle was

a "valued colleague" and "one of my closest friends." "I am heartbroken by his passing," Walsh wrote. "The legacy Billy has left on Boston is felt today and it will continue to be realized by our residents for decades to come."

City Council President Andrea Campbell tweeted that McGonagle was "the epitome of a public servant, deeply connected to those he served for 40 years at BHA, and unafraid to take on the tough challenges to make our public housing system more equitable and accessible."

"Our city owes him a debt of gratitude," City Councilor Kim Janey added on Twitter.

Senator Nick Collins posted a tribute stating, "Bill McGonagle spent 40 years epitomizing what it means to be a public servant...his legacy will continue to inform our work towards equity and opportunity for all. This summer, the State Senate formally and publicly recognized his dedication. My thoughts are with his family and loved ones."

"Bill McGonagle was one of the finest public officials with whom I've served," City Councilor Matt O'Malley tweeted. "He literally touched tens of thousands of lives over a 40-year career and made housing in Boston safer, stronger, and more affordable."

His courage in facing down violence, including one day in 1993 when five shots were fired at his city vehicle, parked outside his South Boston home while at the forefront of the agency's efforts to desegregate housing projects is a testimony to his sense of duty and his belief that everyone has a right to live anywhere they wish to



in the City of Boston. The hope is that that the legacy of that courage did not die with him. In July, his son Mark told the

Boston Globe, Dad always emphasized "treating people with respect." An important code to live by indeed.

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# The Wine Guy Outside In



As I write this week's column, we've just had our first frost; it's time to put the patio furniture inside, get out the warm clothes and open some great red wines! Let's look at some areas that, while not as frequently mentioned as others, still make hearty yet elegant red wines.

France's Rhone Valley lies far to the south, stretching from its primary city, Avignon, just above the Mediterranean Sea to the St. Joseph valley in the far north; throughout the entire area, whose vineyards were first

tended to by the Greeks, the wines are predominantly red. While many of the wines here are pleasant and somewhat bland, the majority are very labor-intensive and pricey.

**Delas Crozes-Hermitage Domaine des Grands Chemins 2016, (\$39.99)**, is a deep ruby-colored wine with a garnet hue deepened by purple tinges. On the nose, this Crozes-Hermitage Domaine des Grands Chemins shows seductive notes of crushed black fruit (dark cherries, blackberries and blackcurrants) which evolve in the glass to reveal slightly smoky and licorice notes. On the palate, the seriousness of the wine combines with its delicacy; the first impact is fresh and lively. With a texture that's tannic but intense, pulpy, almost silky, this wine expresses a nice complexity, true to the genuine terroir of the Domaine des Grands Chemins. The Syrah base is a natural with grilled meats and game.

Further south, Spain's **Rioja** region produces wines that are complex and delicious; while not as well-known as French reds from Bordeaux or Burgundy, these Tempranillo-based red

wines are every bit as structured and layered as any Cabernet or Pinot Noir; and though there are some white and rose Rioja wines produced from the more than 16,000 vineyards in the region, the vast majority are red and have been called, "Spain in a glass". A great example is **Valserrano Rioja Reserva, 2014, (\$25.99)**. This one is fresh, aromatic and approachable, exhibiting fine tannins, notes of white pepper, savory berry fruit and tapering acidity. It's aged in old French oak for 22 months and then further aged in bottle for another 15 months. The finish is long and rich; this one is great with Lamb or game birds.

In the shadow of Tuscany, Emilia-Romagna produces beautiful cheese, ham and wines, though a much higher percentage of all of them are consumed locally. One of the labels that has been in the U.S. for some time, though, is **La Stoppa Trebbiolo Rosso, 2016, (\$19.99)**. La Stoppa is an historic estate with its vineyards stretching down the slopes of Val Trebbiolo, not far from the river Trebbia, in the province of Piacenza (Emilia); this one is deep ruby in color, with

notes of blackcurrant, tabac and vanilla. The finish is long and layered; this is definitely a slow sipping wine that enhances roasts and wild boar, especially with truffles grown locally and scouted out by the local pigs!

Across the Adriatic lie the countries that came about from the breakup of the old Yugoslavia and as far as wines go the best of them is Croatia. Situated on the county's fabled Dalmatian Coast are the vineyards of Pilizota wines. This maker has survived the Moors, Plagues and Communists and their grit and determination show off in their wines, especially **Pilizota Dalmatia Babić Reserve 2013, (\$27.99)**. A deep red wine from Croatia's north coast, with a strong, mineral earth profile reminiscent of a Douro or Dao wine of Portugal. Made from the indigenous Babić grape variety - described by the Pilizota family as Croatia's 'gentle giant' grape. This red would pair well with all sorts of hearty country fare, from rich lamb stews to braised beef, roasted squash, or burgers.

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## Councilor At-Large Althea Garrison Earns Endorsement of Boston Firefighters Local 718

Boston City Councilor At-Large Althea Garrison, Independent candidate for re-election to the Boston City Council, has received the endorsement of Boston Firefighters Local 718.

The endorsement letter states: "Dear Councilor Garrison: We are pleased to inform you that after much consideration, Boston Firefighters Local 718 endorses your re-election to the Boston City Council. We have been impressed with your commitment to public



safety, to the health and welfare of our members and your support for having a professional, well trained, fully staffed and equipped department. We will urge all of our members, their families and friends to re-elect you to the Boston City Council."

Upon accepting their endorsement, Councilor Garrison remarked, "I am honored to receive the endorsement of the Boston Firefighters Local 718. I have made no secret that preserving, protecting and maintaining public safety are among my top priorities on the Boston City Council. The self-

sacrifice, service and integrity of our Boston Firefighters and their families are an inspiration to all citizens in the City of Boston."

Councilor Garrison is running for re-election to the City Council in the general election on November 5th, having advanced from the September 24th primary. A former Massachusetts State Representative and current resident of Dorchester, Councilor Garrison was sworn onto the Boston City Council on 9 January 2019 and is now seeking a full 2 year term on the Council.



# Recent South Boston Real Estate Sales

Property/Type	Price	Sale Date	Rooms	Baths	Sq Ft
300 Pier 4 Blvd UNIT 2D Condo	\$4,619,850	7/11/19	5	2.5	1,933
86 Marine Road Three Family	\$1,930,000	7/8/19	21	3	3627
300 Pier 4 Blvd UNIT 6L Condo	\$1,453,000	7/12/19	3	1.5	696
141 Dorchester Ave UNIT 807 Condo	\$1,247,000	7/10/19	4	2	1,340
14 West Broadway UNIT 705 Condo	\$1,130,000	7/9/19	5	2	1,087
768 East Fifth St UNIT 1 Condo	\$1,125,000	7/11/19	7	2.5	1,692
532 East Fifth Street Three Family	\$1,095,000	7/12/19	10	3	2,490
45 West Third St UNIT 413 Condo	\$935,000	7/11/19	4	1	959
518 East Sixth St UNIT 7 Condo	\$925,000	7/12/19	4	2	1,300
258 West Third St UNIT PH3B Condo	\$830,000	7/8/19	4	1	889
22 Loring Street Single Family	\$805,000	7/12/19	6	1.5	1,400
48 Gates St UNIT 1 Condo	\$800,000	7/11/19	5	1	1,112
442 East Fifth St UNIT 1 Condo	\$705,000	7/12/19	5	2	1,232
279 Gold Street Single Family	\$600,000	7/8/19	6	2	1,616
9 West Broadway UNIT 417 Condo	\$590,000	7/9/19	3	1	770
13 Colebrook Street Single Family	\$585,000	7/11/19	5	1	1,200
418 West second St UNIT 1 Condo	\$412,000	7/11/19	3	1	417

## bpda | Public Meeting

# 776 Summer Street

**Monday, October 28** | **Tynan School**  
 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM | 650 E 4th Street  
 South Boston, MA 02127

**Project Proponent:**  
 HRP 776 Summer Street LLC

**Project Description:**  
 The purpose of this meeting is to discuss next steps for the BPDA review of the 776 Summer Street project.

mail to: **Tim Czerwienski**  
 Boston Planning & Development Agency  
 One City Hall Square, 9th Floor  
 Boston, MA 02201  
 phone: 617.918.5303  
 email: tim.czerwienski@boston.gov

**Close of Public Comment Period:**  
 11/08/19

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## bpda | Public Meeting

# Fort Point District 100 Acres Open Space Community Workshop

**Saturday, October 26** | **Epicenter**  
 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM | 100 W 2nd Street  
 South Boston, MA 02127

**Project Description:**  
 The Boston Planning & Development Agency (BPDA) invites you to join the Fort Point District 100 Acres Open Space Community Workshop. The Fort Point District 100 Acres Open Space public engagement and concept design process will serve as a guide for future development of open spaces in the area. Current goals of the project include: (1) Provide a vision and programmatic plan for future development of parks and open space that are accessible and available to all. (2) Ensure a diverse and balanced mix of parks uses based on community input and user needs. (3) Develop a system of open space areas that relate to each other, the surrounding built context and the historic Fort Point Channel District. (4) Design landscapes that are adaptive and resilient to climate change impacts including sea level rise, storm surge, heat island, and stormwater, and contribute to neighborhood flood protection. (5) Establish meaningful connections to the Fort Point Channel watershed and surrounding open space, streets and linear connections, including Harborwalk and the South Bay Harbor Trail.

An overview presentation will begin at 10 am followed by the community workshop activities.

mail to: **Joe Christo**  
 Boston Planning & Development Agency  
 One City Hall Square, 9th Floor  
 Boston, MA 02201  
 phone: 617-918-4447  
 email: joe.christo@boston.gov

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## bpda | Public Meeting

# 218-220 Old Colony Avenue

**Wednesday, October 30** | **Tierney Learning Center**  
 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM | 125 Mercer Street  
 South Boston, MA 02127

**Project Proponent:**  
 218-220 Old Colony Ave, LLC

**Project Description:**  
 218-220 Old Colony Ave, LLC propose to construct a five-story, mixed-use development totaling approximately 45,948 square feet. The proposed project will have thirty-two (32) rental units which includes five (5) IDP Units, an approximately 1,700 square feet of commercial retail space, and thirty-three (33) garage parking spaces.

mail to: **John Campbell**  
 Boston Planning & Development Agency  
 One City Hall Square, 9th Floor  
 Boston, MA 02201  
 phone: 617.918.4282  
 email: john.campbell@boston.gov

**Close of Comment Period:**  
 11/15/2019

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# Betty Flaherty Retires From Presidency at West Broadway Task Force

SBT Staff Report

Long time president of the West Broadway Task Force, Betty Flaherty, officially retired last week after 50 years of dedicated service to the people of South Boston and, in particular, the residents of the West Broadway (D Street) Housing Development. Hard working and always ready to help a neighbor in need, Betty made a positive difference in the lives of countless people who would turn to her for help for reasons too numerous to count. Betty is now 81 years old and felt the time to step down from the presidency was here. But she emphasized that she will still be attending meetings and help out if asked. She may have stepped away from the leadership position, but her concern for others will always remain.

There was no way the people at West Broadway and beyond would let her retire without giving her a party and express their appreciation to her for all she has done. This advocate for the people and for safety in the community certainly deserved the recognition and the crowd of over a hundred people made sure it was a good one. Bill Higgins Sr.

started off the time with a bit of reminiscing about growing up with Betty. Others spoke of their years of knowing and working with her.

South Boston Today was there and had the honor and pleasure of speaking with Betty. We learned that she has 6 children: Beverly, Ricky, Cathy, Tommy, Karen and Bettyanne – all raised in ‘D’ and she has 17 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. When asked what prompted her to get involved with the task force those many years ago, she replied that she saw that tenants needed help, assisting single mothers, working with the children and different cultures and navigating different avenues to achieve common goals.

She told of working with different nonprofits and politicians as a team to resolve quality of life issues throughout the years. When asked about what she will remember most fondly about her years on the task force she said it would be the people, the children, socializing with her neighbors at so many good times and events and watching neighbors helping neighbors. But as she said, she will still be there to help out. “I am an oldie but a goodie”,

Thank you Betty Flaherty for your 50 years of dedication and leadership.





# The Annual Italian Dinner at Gate of Heaven Hall

**C**olumbus Day weekend! Is there a better time to celebrate Italy and all of its delicious foods? Gate of Heaven lower church hall was filled with pasta, families, friends, and lots of carbohydrates!

After the 4pm Mass was said Saturday night, October 12, 2019 by Bishop Daly, the faithful

headed into the lower church hall to mangia! Penne, meatballs and salad were served as Italian music serenaded the crowd!

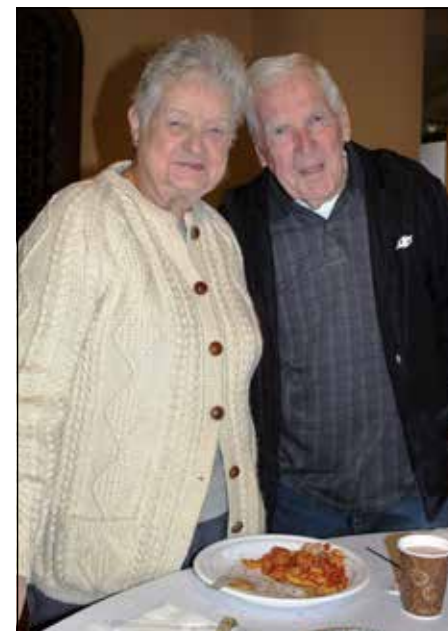
Fr. Casey's favorite was the meatballs! Everyone loved the bread from Parziale's in the North End. Dessert was a festively decorated vanilla and chocolate sheet cake frosted in green and white

with red roses celebrating "Italian Dinner 2019."

Whether you had a little bit of Italian in your blood or a lot, one thing is for sure, a grand time was had by all! This event was wonderfully hosted by the gals that host the Coffee and Conversation Hour at Gate of Heaven's lower hall on the 2nd Sundays of each month.

Many thanks as always to Mary Maiullari and Family, Karen Evans and Mary McCarthy Collins and their team of volunteers.

These social events have created a buzz among parishioners about the resurgent role of the Lay Apostolate as partners with the clergy in encouraging participation in the liturgy on a regular basis.



## St. Peter Academy Happenings

### Boston Fire House Museum Field Trip/ Schoolwide Professional Development

By: Maria Blasi

**O**ctober is really rolling along! Grades 2 through 6 acknowledged Fire Prevention Week with a field trip to the Boston Fire Museum. Thank you to our wonderful tour guide Mr. Dan O'Neill for the history

lesson and tour around the museum. What an awesome learning experience it was! The Lower Academy will visit the D Street Fire House this week.

On Friday October 11th, St. Peter Academy was closed for a Schoolwide Safety Training/Professional Development Day. After the intensive morning of training, our wonderful

Principal Mr. Galligan treated the staff to an afternoon of team building and professional collaboration at South Boston Bowlarama. Thank you to John Tunney and South Boston Bowlarama for the hospitality. A great time was had by all.

*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. Join us for our Open House November 5th 9:00 – 11:30 am.*

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



# Huge Flea Market at 'The Ollie' This Saturday and Sunday Lots of Good Quality Items at Great Prices

SBT Staff Report

**Y**ou can get some great deals at a Flea Market, especially those that are just loaded up with great stuff. Often real treasures can be found at these events; items that you can't get anywhere else.

This coming weekend – Saturday and Sunday, October 19th and 20th from 9am till 4pm both days, should prove to be one of the truly great Flea Markets of all time. It will be held at the South Boston Neighborhood House, affectionately known to many as 'The Ollie', Senior Center, located at 136 H Street at the corner of H Street and E. Sixth Streets here in Southie. The donations of items to be sold at better than bargain prices have been pouring in from countless generous folks. And it's all being organized and run by the seniors themselves, who, by the way, have

been enjoying putting it all together. It's been a lot of hard work but has definitely been a labor of love for a great cause – The Ollie.

Articles such as furniture, toys, items for babies, bedding, nick-naks, clothing, beautiful framed pictures, hand-made wooden doll houses and other carved items, bedding, kitchen ware and so much more. The list is endless and still growing as of this writing.

South Boston Today had the pleasure of speaking with Toby Messina, the program coordinator at the center. She was excited about the flea market and how it has all been coming together. She wanted to emphasize how grateful everyone who has been working on the event is for the wonderful generosity of so many people who have been donating such a big variety of items to be sold. And in addition to talking about this coming weekend and all

it has to offer, she filled us in about some of the many activities that go on at the center for the seniors. There are exercise classes, Tai-Chi, yoga, and the Boston Police have even been running a tennis sessions. They take trips; lots of trips, guest speakers have come in to give talks on important issues.

They recently had a 50's Night dance with music by a DJ that had the place 'rockin'. There is bingo too, but not always just the traditional kind. The most recent one was a Kentucky Fried Chicken Bingo. Toby stated that even though the Ollie senior center is for 55 plus, the atmosphere and enjoyment level often feels more like 35 plus. There is that much fun taking place on a regular basis. It is a very active place. The Ollie Senior Center is also a good resource that helps seniors with housing, fuel assistance,

filling out forms, legal services getting people to doctors appointments and a large variety of other services.

The South Boston Neighborhood House/The Ollie, has been serving the community for generations. It's one of South Boston's most valuable resources and it has programs for all age groups; from babies to teens to young and middle age adults and seniors. To say it serves everyone would be a statement right on target. Thanks to the great work of executive director Kathy Lafferty and her hard working and competent staff, it gets better all the time.

A huge turnout at this weekend's Flea Market will make Toby Messina, Rainey Fiasconaro, Jane Babine, Carole Sullivan and all of the other dedicated people working so hard to make this Flea Market a memorable event very happy for the support. And best of all, the odds are, you'll go home with some really awesome stuff. Remember. It's this Saturday and Sunday, October 19th and 20th from 9am till 4pm.

## South Boston Catholic Academy News

### Highlights from our Spanish Class

**T**his year we welcomed back our Spanish Teacher, Ms. Emily Cimino... "We

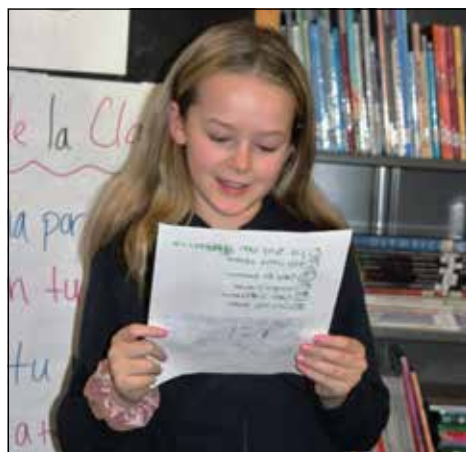
are starting off the school year in Spanish learning all about animals in Spanish in all grade levels. We are learning to describe ourselves in Spanish and learning new Spanish greetings and sayings! This year in Spanish class we are going to focus on communicating in and understanding the Spanish

language while learning about the culture in many different Spanish speaking countries.

Happy Halloween to all! Feliz Halloween a todos!"

South Boston Catholic Academy ([www.SBCatholicAcademy.org](http://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](mailto:j.brown@sbcatholicacademy.org) or phone 617-268-2326 for more information.



# SOUTH BOSTON YOUTH SOCCER

**A**nother great weekend. So far we have been very lucky that the weather has been holding out. Let's hope it stays this way.

## 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, **NO** 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](mailto:soccernana54@gmail.com) or drop them off to Dianne Horne at 373 West 2nd Street by **MONDAY MORNING**.

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 Coyne-Adams Club and The South Boston Today.

### UNDER 6 DIVISION:

#### GANG GREEN

Both teams played a great game that ended in a tie. The Gang Green sponsored by the Billy Flaherty Gang was led by Thomas "the Tornado" Murphy was outstanding in the net and outside of it. Alyssah Lake was nonstop offense and added an assist to her stat sheet. Rudy Kieve played outstanding, and was a great teammate

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

teams sponsored by Boston Firefighters Credit Union, South Boston Dental Associates, Massport, 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.



**STOP HERE FOR**

**Trick or Treat on Broadway**

**Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup>**

**4:00 – 6:00 pm**

Sponsored by:  
The South Boston Chamber of Commerce & South Boston Neighborhood Development Corporation

## Trick-or-Treat on Broadway

By Donna Brown

**T**he South Boston Chamber of Commerce member businesses, and the South Boston Neighborhood Development Corporation invite the neighborhood children in costumes to "Trick or Treat along East and West Broadway" on Thursday, October 31, 2019 from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. Participating establishments from D Street to L Street will be clearly marked with an orange and black poster inviting the children to stop in for a treat.

Due to the narrow sidewalks along East Broadway between I Street and L Street, and for the safety and enjoyment of all participants, we are asking that all Trick-or-Treaters walk in the same direction in order to avoid congestion that would cause anyone

to step into the street to pass. If you are starting in the area at I Street, please walk along the southern side of the street (odd numbered stores) and continue to L Street, using the cross walk, cross over to the northern side of the street (even numbered stores) and continue back toward I Street.

If you are starting in the area at L Street, please walk along the northern side of the street (even numbered stores) and continue toward I Street, using the cross walk, cross over to the southern side of the street (odd numbered stores) and continue back toward L Street.

Broadway businesses wishing to participate – that have not already received a poster, should contact the South Boston NDC office at 617-268-9610 or email [donna.brown@sbndc.org](mailto:donna.brown@sbndc.org).



## This week, Danny talked with Mike Giardi from the NFL Network:

**DANNY PICARD:** When you look back at all of Week 6, I think one thing with the officiating that stands out to me is that they're not reversing — or they're refusing to reverse the pass interference challenges. My theory on this is that the league now hates the rule.

They're realizing it was stupid. It would set a bad precedent if they just eliminated the rule in-season, so they can't officially eliminate the rule until the end of the season. And so they're unofficially trying to end it by basically telling coaches, "We're not going to reverse this, so stop throwing the flag." Do you buy into that theory, and do you think there's a method to their madness by not reversing any of these pass interference challenges?

**MIKE GIARDI:** Yeah, I buy into that theory completely. I think it's something like the last 19 that were challenged, only one was overturned. And then you look at some of these and you say, "How in the hell did you not overturn that?" So, yeah, I think there's definitely a part of it where I can see the

league being like, "Look, it's not working for us, so don't even bother." To me, then why don't you just officially admit it's not working and do what you said, eliminate the rule. Just eliminate it now. Don't give me this, oh we put it in and it's trial [by error]. No, it's clear that it's failing, or you feel like it's failing, so you're putting coaches in this weird spot where — and [Lions coach] Matt Patricia said [Monday] night, and that was a blatant pass interference, and Patricia was like, I'm not challenging it because they're not going to overturn it. I'm not going to waste my challenge on that. Save it for a potential turnover. So, I think they should just admit it didn't work, and table it for the rest of the year.

**DP:** Now we turn our attention to the Patriots. They're coming off a Thursday night win over the Giants. The news is they're going to bring Ben Watson back. Did you see this coming when they first released him [last week]? I'm somewhat confused by bringing him back so quickly, but you have to do something with [Matt]

LaCosse and his MCL injury. They also sign [tight end] Eric Tomlinson. I don't know who the hell that is, but that's who they brought in. When we look at the Patriots' offense, should we be concerned here in new England about what they're going to be throwing out here, moving forward?

**MG:** I guess there should be some level of concern because what we're seeing happen right now is what we saw at the end of last year, in the sense that, they had to scheme things up perfectly, to move the ball passing efficiently, late in the year and in the postseason, at points. Obviously there were some moments in the Chiefs game where they were able to get it to Edelman and Gronk and things happen. But now no Gronk, and Edelman is the only guy who can consistently beat man-to-man coverage. So I think Josh [McDaniels] and Tom [Brady] are feeling like, "If we don't scheme it up properly, if we don't make the right play call against the right defense, then I'm checkdown Charlie here and we don't get guys open on

the outside." I even put Josh Gordon in that crew as well. Even before his injury, I think he started off strong, and then I think you've sort of seen a tapering off in his play. So I think they're in a spot where, in the offseason they said, "Let's go get someone else who can beat man-to-man defense." They went for [Adam] Humphries, came in a little too low at first. And then when they changed their offer, he had already committed to Tennessee. They went after Cole Beasley, and Beasley chose Buffalo for whatever reason. And you're left throwing darts at guys like Mo Harris and Dontrelle Inman to try and fill that void. And obviously those guys didn't stick, so they're in a similar spot now, and that's why you're going to keep hearing — right up until the trade deadline — potential additions to that receiving corps.

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# SPORTS TODAY

## KRAFT: GRONKOWSKI HAS NOT FILED RETIREMENT PAPERS

SBT Staff

Rob Gronkowski made his FOX Sports debut during the pregame of Thursday Night Football last week. The Thursday night game was being played by his former team, the New England Patriots.

New England defeated the New York Giants 35-14, but it was the pregame comments of both Gronkowski and Patriots owner Robert Kraft that stole the show.

Kraft joined the NFL Network's pregame show, from the field at Gillette Stadium, and said that he's still hopeful Gronkowski unretires and returns to the team.

"We all love Gronk, and I think the bottom line is, he hasn't put his retirement papers in," said Kraft. "So we can always pray and hope."

"That's a good academic argument, that, there is hope for us still with Gronk."

Over on the FOX pregame show, which was live from New York City, Gronkowski made his debut as an NFL "analyst" and was asked if he's done playing football. Once

again, Gronkowski left the door open to a return.

"I would have to be feeling it, you know, feeling it big time to come back," said Gronkowski. "It's always gonna be open in my mind. I love the game of football. I love playing the game. I love being around the game. I even love watching the game of football now. The appreciation to watch it, just seeing the hits, seeing the glory of it, you understand the game so much more, and why fans love the game so much more."

"So, I'll always keep it open. I'll always keep it open, I'll always keep it open. I'll always keep the door open."

Then, fellow FOX analyst Terry Bradshaw asked him a somewhat bizarre question: "What about money? Did you have to take a pay cut to come here [to FOX Sports]?"

Gronk responded with what seemed like a very calculated jab at his old team.

"Did I have to take a pay cut?"

## Tweet of the Week



Boston Bruins @NHLBruins · 24h  
Fifth career regular-season hat trick ✓  
First career four-goal game ✓  
25th four-goal game in team history ✓



Let me tell you this. To get a deal done here was a lot easier than getting a deal done with the Patriots," said Gronkowski.

Five days later, Gronkowski was in-studio at WEEI 93.7 FM in Boston, and told "The Greg Hill Show" on Tuesday morning that he's not coming back.

"It's a no," said Gronkowski. "In my mind, that's how it is. It's a no."

As long as the Patriots need offensive help — and they do — and until he files his retirement papers — which he hasn't — a potential Gronkowski return will still be discussed.

## WHAT TO WATCH

**NFL Week 7**  
**THURSDAY, OCT. 17**  
Kansas City (-3) at Denver  
8:20 P.M. FOX/NFL Network

**SUNDAY, OCT. 20**  
Houston at Indianapolis (-1)  
1 P.M. CBS

**MONDAY, OCT. 21**  
New England (-10) at NY Jets  
8:15 P.M. ESPN

**NHL**  
**SATURDAY, OCT. 19**  
Boston at Toronto  
7 P.M. NESN

**NBA**  
**WEDNESDAY, OCT. 23**  
Boston at Philadelphia  
7:30 P.M. ESPN/NBCSN

## BRUINS OFF TO A HOT START

SBT Staff

If there was ever any question as to how the 2019-20 Boston Bruins would respond to losing Game 7 of the Stanley Cup Final back in June, well, now we know the answer. The B's picked up right where they left off as one of the best teams in the NHL, winning five of their first six games to begin the 2019-20 regular season.

Leading the way is David Pastrnak and Brad Marchand, who've combined for 10 of the Bruins' first 16 goals, entering Thursday night's game at home against the Tampa Bay Lightning. Through the first six games, Pastrnak leads the team with 10 points on six goals

and four assists. Four of those six goals came in Monday's 4-2 matinee win over the Anaheim Ducks at the TD Garden.

Both Tuukka Rask and Jaroslav Halak have been stellar between the pipes, with each goaltender splitting starts through the first six games. Rask is 3-0 with a 1.33 goals-against average and .957 save percentage, while Halak is 2-1 with a 1.69 goals-against average and .951 save percentage.

The Bruins get their first taste of Atlantic Division action this week when they take on the Lightning on Thursday, the Maple Leafs in Toronto on Saturday night, and then the Maple Leafs again on Tuesday night at the Garden.

## PATRIOTS RE-SIGN WATSON, SUSPEND BENNETT

SBT Staff

The New England Patriots made several roster moves this week, as they prepare for Monday night's Week 7 game against the New York Jets at MetLife Stadium.

First, the Pats re-signed veteran tight end Ben Watson just a week after releasing him. Watson was back at Patriots practice this week, along with rookie wide receiver N'Keal Harry, who is now eligible to practice with the team after be-

ing placed on injured reserve with an ankle injury to begin the season.

Then, it was reported that the Patriots have suspended veteran defensive lineman Michael Bennett one week for conduct detrimental to the team. He will miss Monday night's game against the Jets.

Bennett issued a statement saying, "On Friday, I had a philosophical disagreement with my position coach that has led to my suspension. I apologize to my teammates for any distraction this

may have caused."

The Patriots' defense has been dominant this season, and Bennett's role has not necessarily factored into that dominance, as he's played a total of 25 snaps in the last two games against Washington and the Giants.

On top of all that, the Patriots also signed free agent tight end Eric Tomlinson, giving them three active tight ends in Tomlinson, Watson, and Ryan Izzo, now that Matt LaCosse is expected to miss several weeks with an MCL sprain.



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