

SEN. COLLINS, REP. BIELE SUPPORT PASSAGE OF DISTRACTED DRIVING LEGISLATION



ecently, State Senator Nick Collins and State Representative David Biele joined their colleagues in the Massachusetts State Legislature to pass legislation to ban drivers from using hand-held electronic devices in vehicles unless they are in hands-free mode. The bill defines hands-free mode as one that engages in voice communication with and receiving audio without touching, holding or otherwise manually manipulating a mobile electronic device. Law enforcement officials will issue warnings to drivers for first offenses of the new law until March 31, 2020.

"This piece of legislation will save lives and protect everyone who uses our roads and sidewalks," said Senator Collins. "Many accidents in-

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EDITORIAL == The Lights and the Spirit of the Season are Upon Us

ow that Thanksgiving has come and gone, we can expect the usual headlong rush into and through the Christmas Season. But it doesn't have to be all rush. hustle and bustle. There are other always a favorite with the kids, ways to enjoy the season. Our neighbors seem to be getting into the spirit right on time this vear as brilliant light displays are already showing up in the windows, on the doors and around the doorstep railings of so many homes. We predict that within a week or so, just a stroll down

any street in South Boston will be a feast for the eyes; especially after dusk with all the Christmas lights illuminated. In addition, the annual Enchanted Trolley Tour and Christmas tree lighting; will be this Sunday at Medal of Honor Park at 1pm. The hot cocoa is always delicious. Stop in to our local churches and watch them or even volunteer to help them prepare to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas. Yes, there is shopping and gift wrapping and menus to plan and all the other activities

that make this a busy time of year. But why not set some time aside to relax, catch your breath and enjoy all the other great things that come with the season too? There are the children's pageants, and concerts. We're guessing you'll be happy you did. But in addition to the festive appearance in the neighborhood, the feeling of typical South Boston closeness; with neighbors ready to help each other is setting in as well. And that's one of the best things about what many call "The most wonderful time of the year."



"When you stop believing in Santa, you get socks for Christmas" - Jay Leno



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- A prominent spot in the 2020 parade for the Mayor & up to 5 supporters & a key role in the parade opening ceremony
- 'Mayor of Southie 2020' sash & plaque
- 2 tickets to & recognition at both Chief Marshal Banquet & Evacuation Day Banquet
- 2 tickets to the Dropkick Murphys at House of Blues Boston (your choice of dates from March 14, 15, or 17 shows), & VIP passes to the friends and family pre and post-show in the House of Blues Foundation Room
- Media attention & interviews from local media & parade website/social media
 - A surprise gift

Those interested in participating must first officially register with the Parade Committee by attending the following meeting:

- Mon, 12/16 at 7pm at McDonough Post #368 at 329 West Broadway
- If unable to attend either meeting, please contact info@southbostonparade.org

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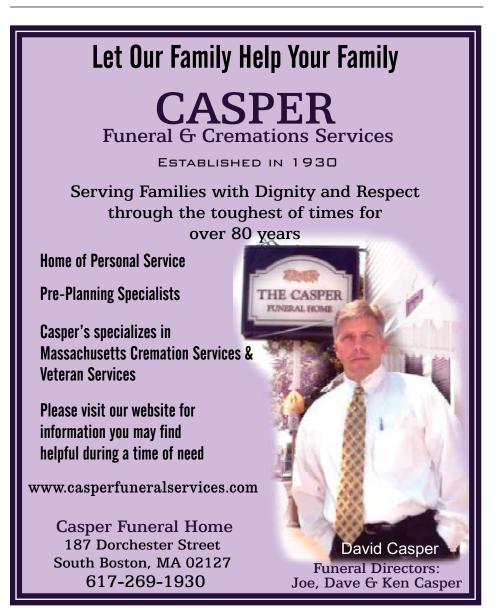
efore I get into the usual business of this week's column, I want to give a heartfelt THANK YOU to the students in the 6th Grade Class at South Boston Catholic Academy for the beautiful handmade Happy Thanksgiving/Thank You card they sent into this newspaper. They thanked me and the entire staff at South Boston Today for the coverage we give the School's activities in the paper. The card is a 3X5 foot bright orange masterpiece with their own words, signatures and photos and it is absolutely awesome. One look at it and you can see that quite a bit of hard work, creativity and talent went into making it. Once again, THANK YOU sixth graders and in fact, ALL the students, their teachers and of course the school's Principal Mrs. Civian at the school for the thoughts and kindness you shared. God Bless you All.

As I was going around the neighborhood during Thanksgiving week, I got to talk to a lot of residents. Most of them long timers, some of them newcomers shared their thoughts on a lot of different topics. With some, there was political talk as you'd expect. There is after all, a lot going on. It wasn't surprising that the ridiculous Impeachment hearings in DC held little interest among those I spoke to. But what was of interest was the news coming out of Hong Kong. By now, everyone has seen the news clips on TV news or online of the protests taking place there. The people of Hong Kong are in the streets by the tens of thousands protesting that Communist government's policies and the lack of freedom the people have. But the most amazing thing is that something that has the tyrannical government stunned is that these protestors are waving huge American flags, singing the American National Anthem and carrying pictures of President Trump.

These brave Chinese people, of every age, long for the freedom and liberty that we enjoy here in the United States and are demanding that their own country be more like ours. Yet, contrast the Hong Kong protesters with many of the protesters here in our country. Here, we have the leftist element actually clamoring for a Communist system, while burning our nation's flag and in the case of the likes of people like Colin Kaepernick, kneeling for our Anthem. And it's not just the radical protesters singing the praises of Socialism in their ignorance of what that system really is and wanting to take us in the direction of a Communist system, we even have presidential candidates who are doing the same and can't seem to bring themselves to say anything positive about our country. The names Sanders and Warren among others come to mind.

More than one resident here has suggested that since the Hong Kong protesters would love to come to America and our home grown leftist clearly are not happy here, we swap our disgruntled leftists for the pro- America Hong Kong protestors. For each one of our own we deport, we can invite one Chinese protester to come here and become legal citizens of our country. That really would 'make America even greater'. If anyone is oppressed, it's not Colin Kaepernick, the fools in ANTIFA or Megan Rapinoe, it is the people of Hong Kong and in fact every Socialist and Communist country. And yet, the people there are defenseless against their oppressors. They are victims of brutality and totalitarian laws that make them subjects and even servants of those governments. And this is one of the big reasons that left leaning politicians in this country who want to take America in the same direction, want so

badly to disarm the American people. As the brave people of Hong Kong defy their own oppressors by carrying those American flags and singing our Anthem, and as they are being beaten with clubs, tear gassed and thrown into prisons, they are also expressing the wish that they, like free Americans, had something similar to our Second Amendment. Our Founding Fathers wrote it into our Constitution to prevent what's happening in Hong Kong from ever happening here.





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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.

As other states take aggressive action on housing, Massachusetts can't even pass one measly housing-reform bill

The Globe's Tim Logan reports that other states – such as New York, Washington and Oregon – have recently passed aggressive action to address the housing crunch in their respective domains. In Massachusetts? Lawmakers can't even pass Gov. Charlie Baker's rather modest proposal to ease restrictions on new housing construction in towns and cities.

Well, at least one municipality is stepping up to the plate, for a change. From MassLive: "Newton City Council approves largest housing project in city's history; Plans include 800 apartments and 14 buildings."

Boston's Zoning Board of Appeal: Impervious to even the smallest change?

Speaking of seemingly intractable problems, Boston's Zoning Board of Appeal, currently at the center of a bribery scandal, might seem ripe for major reform. But ... but no reform proposals have emerged yet, and the board seems destined to keep on rubber-stamping those zoning variances until ordered otherwise. WGBH's Isaiah Thompson has the details. **Globe's Spotlight Team gets results:** **Editor starts taking commuter rail**

Speaking of mass-transit matters, Bruce Mohl at Common-Wealth magazine reports that it was Globe editor Brian Mc-Grory's idea to launch the paper's recent investigation of traffic-congestion woes in Greater Boston, after he personally experienced one too many commutes from hell. At the suggestion of a Spotlight Team editor, McGrory has since started taking the commuter line to work on most days.

Herald editor Joe Sciacca jumps ship for TV post

Notice we didn't say 'sinking ship'

in the headline. Callum Borchers at WBUR and Jon Chesto and Travis Andersen at the Globe report that Herald editor Joe Sciacca is leaving the paper for an editing post at WHDH-TV (Channel 7). A 37-year veteran at the Herald, Sciacca, who has headed the paper's newsroom since 2010, bolts the paper as it, let's face it, fights for survival, as are most other newspapers.

Sciacca is a virtual walking encyclopedia of local politics, so his departure will definitely be felt at the Herald. Fyi: Curiously, the Herald's non-bylined story on its editor's departure amounted to just six paragraphs.

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304	Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court	CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR Docket No. RESIGNATION REMOVAL TERMINATION OF A GUARDIAN OF AN INCAPACITATED PERSON	Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court
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Hero Square to be Dedicated to Martin F. **McDonough** This Saturday

here are Hero Squares located all over South Boston. In fact, there are more than 1200 Hero Squares across the entire City of Boston to honor the many local veterans who have served this country so well. For those who may not be familiar with what a Hero Square actually is; perhaps you are new to the city, they are located on city blocks or 'squares' and highlighted by beautifully engraved plaques attached to street sign polls.

Appearing on each of these Hero Square plaques is the name of a member of the United States Armed Forces, a veteran, who had been killed in service to our country. Veteran's Services is adding a biographical history to each Hero Square so that people can read about the life and service of the individual named on the plaque.

This coming Saturday, December 7th, Mayor Martin J. Walsh and the Office of Veteran's Services will dedicate the area outside 329A W. Broadway which is the address of the Martin F. McDonough Post. It will be named for and in honor of Martin F. McDonough who was a South Bostonian. This dedication to one of our neighborhood's heroes will take place at 10:30 am on location at the



post. The public is invited to attend. Martin F. McDonough enlisted in

the Navy in 1942 and just 3 days after he enlisted, he began his active duty tour. His rank at the time he was killed in action was Seaman 2nd Class. His assignment was to the Navy Cruiser the USS Juneau which was deployed to the Pacific. The USS Juneau, with Mc-Donough on board, fought many ocean engagements against enemy ships.

On November 13, 1942, the Juneau was sunk by a torpedo. Seaman 2nd Class McDonough was lost at sea and presumed dead. There were only 10 who survived the battle and unfortunately, Martin F. McDonough was not among them. For his sacrifice he was awarded the Purple Heart. His name will be forever memorialized on the Tablets of the Missing at the Manila/ American Cemetery in the Philippines.

Martin F. McDonough is one of South Boston's many military heroes killed in action in defense of freedom. His patriotism and courage epitomizes the fighting spirit of South Boston's veterans – past and present and his memory will forever live in the heart of a proud community and a grateful nation. Saturday's dedication of the Hero Square in his honor is a noble gesture fitting for the stature of this great man. Again, it will take place this Saturday, December 7th at 10:30 am. All are invited.



Presidential candidate and former Governor Deval Patrick stopped by "Politics & Eggs" in New Hampshire. The event is sponsored by the New England Council and the Institute of Politics at Saint Anselm College.

Councilors Flynn & Flaherty, DND Senior Programs Meeting Dec. 7th

oston City Councilor Ed Flynn & Councilor At-Large Michael Flaherty, in partnership with the Department of Neighborhood Development (DND) and the Boston Home Center, will be holding an informational meeting on senior home repair programs offered by the city. The meeting will be held on December 7th at 11am in the South Boston Library. This event will serve as an opportunity for residents to learn more about programs such as Seniors Save and the Senior Home Repair. These programs are for eligible seniors who can obtain 0% interest loans to replace aging heating systems, or to make repairs on their homes. The Boston Home Center and Boston Department of Neighborhood Development will discuss the application process and provide information on these programs to interested residents.

"Seniors Save and Senior Home

Celebrate Julie's Family Learning Program with a Night at the **Boston Holiday Pops!**



Repair are valuable programs offered by the city to help our seniors stay safely and comfortably in their homes," said the Councilors in a joint statement. "Thank you to the Department of Neighborhood Development and the Boston Home Center for your commitment to our seniors and your partnership. I will continue to work closely with our city departments and residents to raise awareness about available resources and programs."

For more information, please contact Councilor Flynn's office at 617-635-3203 and Ed.Flynn@ Boston.gov, or Councilor Flaherty at 617-635-4205 and Michael.Flaherty@boston.gov.



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Remembering Pearl Harbor

By Kevin Devlin

eventy-eight years ago, on December 7, 1941, the Japanese Imperial Navy launched a surprise attack on American military forces when they bombed Pearl Harbor, a two-hour bombardment killing more than 2.400 American sailors and civilians, damaging 20 ships, and destroying 164 planes. President Franklin Delano Roosevelt declared the Pearl Harbor attack as a day which would live in infamy; a "dastardly deed" which would not go unpunished. Knowing his nation couldn't sustain a protracted war against such a vast industrial power, Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto was quoted, but was never verified as saying, "I fear all we have done is to awaken a sleeping giant and fill him with a terrible resolve."

Our involvement in World War II began on that dark day in Hawaii and ended four years later on the shores of Japan. On August 6, 1945, the Enola Gay dropped the atomic bomb on Hiroshima. Three days later, on August 9, the city of Nagasaki was bombed. Overall, over 210,000 people died during the two bombings while others suffered and subsequently died from radiation exposure. Under the leadership of Emperor Hirohito, the Japanese surrendered on August 14. Shortly thereafter on September 2, the surrender documents were signed on the USS Missouri. The Japanese started this war and suffered the horrific consequences for their actions. "The Japanese began the war from the air in Pearl Harbor," President



Harry Truman said. "They have been repaid many fold."

Fast forward to 2019 and the world still stands on shaky ground. Terrorism intermittently rears its ugly head as innocent men, woman, and children are murdered; the victims of Jihad, the victims of Hate. Conflict, war, and disorder are the order of the day. Iran poses a serious threat. And the rest of the Middle East, as usual, like Iran, is in turmoil. North Korea is a riddle wrapped in an enigma. China is our number one threat with a strong military, but ignored by those who feel Russia is, deluded by the perception of Russian collusion hiding in every corner of America. Europe and Great Britain's glory days are mere memories etched in history books not read. Africa, Mexico, Central America, and South America overall aren't desirable places in which to live. And at home, we are divided by partisan politics which threaten to destroy the very fabric of American life.

The Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor provides witness, to this day, that one must prepare for war to secure peace. Evil men prey on weakness but fear strength. That's why we must never forget those Americans who died on December 7, 1941. That's why Americans



have to stand tall against those who want to destroy us and our way of life. That's why we must forget our differences when it comes to matters of national self-defense; and why we must have a strong military to protect us from harm. We must always be ready and ever vigilant. We mustn't be the aggressors but we need to be prepared to defend our nation, our people.

Sadly, that's the way the world is and we must never forget that.

Otherwise, we may suffer another Pearl Harbor.

And we surely don't want that. (With modifications this story first appeared in SBT in 2017)

> **CITATION ON GENERAL PROBATE PETITION** Docket No. SU19P0457EA **Commonwealth Of** Massachusetts **The Trial Court Probate and Family Court** Estate of: Sue B McDavitt Date of Death: 01/30/2019 Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300 To all interested persons: A Petition has been filed by: **James McDavitt of South Boston MA Requesting General Probate** Petition to determine and declare that the real property outlined in the General Probate Petition was owned by the decedent, Sue B. McDavitt

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 12/26/2019. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without

further notice to you. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. November 19, 2019 Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate December 5, 2019

Distracted Driving continued from front page

volving phones and other handheld distractions are avoidable, and this bill reinforces our shared commitment to prevent tragedies and reduce risks in our communities."

"Distracted driving is a serious public safety issue and factors into too many preventable accidents," said Rep. Biele."I'm proud to vote with my colleagues to pass this final bill to prohibit handheld cell phone use while driving. Requiring drivers to keep their hands on the steering wheel and their eyes on the road, instead of on their cell phones, will make our streets safer, and I'm proud to join my colleagues in the Legislature in passing this legislation."

Additionally, this legislation improves transparency in public safety by granting expanded access to traffic stop data. It has been 15 years since the last public report on traffic stop data; under this bill the state will be required to publish and analyze the data annually.

Other provisions in the legislation:

• Allow for drivers to use mapping or navigation devices if they are affixed to the windshield, dashboard or central console or integrated into the vehicle and only involve a tap or a swipe;

• Exempt use of electronics in the case of an emergency and for first responders if they are using the devices as part of their duties;

• Penalize drivers with \$100 fine for the first offence, \$250 fine and safety course for the second offence and \$500 fine and surcharge for third and subsequent offences;

• Expand data collection of identifying characteristics when police issue a uniform citation;

• Require the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS) to publish data online annually as well as hold public hearings to present the findings of the annual report and analysis and field public testimony; and

• Create a public awareness campaign informing and educating drivers on the dangers of using technological devices while driving.

The bill was recently signed into law by Governor Baker and will go into effect in February 2020.

Getting a Drone This Holiday Season? "Know the Rules" to Fly Safely regulations include the following: Flying around and above airports



oday, the Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport) kicked off an advertising campaign aimed at educating the public about the safe use of drones. The campaign encourages drone operators to be responsible: "Fly your drone safely this Holiday Season. Know the Rules." The ads will appear on print media, social media, and billboards. The campaign will run from November 27, 2019-January 10, 2020.

Drones have been among the list of popular holiday gifts. According to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), nearly 1.5 million drones are registered in the U.S. and a majority of them—over 1 million—are intended for recreational use. The FAA also predicts the number of drones sold in the U.S. to reach nearly 2.5 million by 2022.

"We are most concerned about the people who are unaware of the rules on drones," said Massport Chief Security Officer Hank Shaw. "With the growth and advancement of drone technologies, we recognize there are significant benefits for commercial or business purposes, recreational use, and support to our first responders. But, drones must be safely integrated into the airspace and pose a significant concern when operators do not follow the rules."

All drones over .55 lbs. must be registered with the FAA and must be marked with the registration number. Operators are required to carry proof of registration. Other regulations include the following: \cdot Flying around and above airports is prohibited without prior FAA approval. Violators will be subject to penalties.

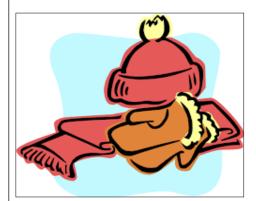
 \cdot Never fly near any aircraft, especially near airports.

 \cdot Keep your drone in sight at all times and always lower than 400 feet.

Since 2016, Massport has installed "No Drone Zone" signs in several parks and other properties around Boston Logan International Airport. The locations include Piers Park, Bremen Street Park, Festa Field, and the Neptune Road Buffer in Easton Boston. Signs have also been posted at the Maritime Park and Cruiseport Harborwalk in South Boston. Massport is also working with neighboring communities to install signs in other public places.

For more information, visit FAADroneZone.FAA.gov.

Seventh Annual Hat and Glove Drive



et's help our community stay warm this winter. Please join "The South Boston Post Office Hat & Glove Drive" for The South Boston Neighborhood House, aka The Ollie!

Your donation of any new hats, gloves, or mittens will help our youth get through the cold weather season a little easier. Look for the box located in the lobby at the South Boston Post Office, 444 East Third Street.



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REGISTER YOUR DRONE

You must register your drone with the Federal Aviation Administration at **faadronezone.faa.gov** Mark the outside of your drone with the registration number and always carry proof of registration.

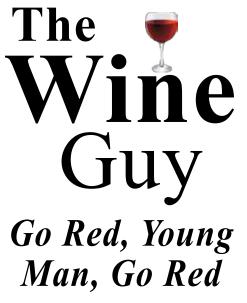
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Deverybody had too much to eat and drink and that nobody got hurt during any arguments about sports or politics at the dinner table. That said, it's winter now and that means red wine more often than not, so read on and warm up.

France's Rhone Valley contains some of the oldest vineyards in Europe; the Romans first brought organized wine production to the region over 2,000 years ago. The most prolific name in the valley today, though, is pretty new-founded in 1946 by Etienne Guigal. He started as a fruit picker, saved and sacrificed to buy his first piece of land and never looked back. Today, Maison Guigal, in its third generation, produces a portfolio of wines that are nothing short of extraordinary, both in depth and quality. Their 2014 Guigal Crozes Hermitage, (\$18.99), is a great wine to have with a holiday roast, rack of lamb or slow-cooked beef stew. This 100% Syrah offers intense aromas of blackberry, black olive and spice. It's full-bodied with penetrating intensity of flavor and has good length on the finish.

In the States, we have a region

that's similar to the Rhone Valley in a lot of respects, but it's Zinfandel, not Syrah, that's the predominant grape in the region. I'm talking Lodi in California and the Zins are big here, many from vines that are 50 years old and more. Ironstone Reserve Old Vine Zinfandel 2017, Lodi, (\$21.99), is rich and wellstructured, lingering dark fruit finish. The dark fruits and sweetness of the Reserve Zinfandel will pair perfectly with a creamy and herbaceous fettuccine pork Bolognese or a rich braised beef dish with lots of hearty vegetables. There's also a little bow to the Rhone Valley, though, as this one has 8% Syrah in the blend.

It doesn't really get very cold in any part of Australia, yet they provide some of the heartiest reds on the planet and a great example of that is Australian Shiraz. The range of body and style of this wine is really broad, but one of the best representations has got to be Penfolds, Bin 128, Coonawarra Shiraz, 2016, (\$39.99). Notes of sage and bay leaf, along with Indian spices combine with dark-berried fruits, all infused from 12 months in French oak. Have this one with Beef Wellington, New York strips or Filet Mignon with bernaise and roasted vegetables.

KWV Classic Collection Cape Tawny, (\$26.99), is a great tasting way to end a great meal. This beauty is reddish brown, almost a caramel color, with notes of sweet dates and apricots apricot notes, as well as light orange peel, milk chocolate and almond notes with an unusually long finish. Don't be in a hurry with this one; the 17.5% ABV makes it one of the strongest dessert wines in the world. It's a natural for strong cheeses with fresh fruit or Creme Brulee. *Talk To The Wine Guy at jdris8888@gmail.com*

Polish Triangle United Recognizes BPD C-6 Service To The Neighborhood

ith 300 members and growing, Polish Triangle United, the advocacy organization for the Polish Triangle Community with the motto "Respect, Advocacy and Unity Where Everyone Matters ", celebrated its second anniversary at the November 25th meeting with a ceremony dedicated to the Boston Police Department - C-6.

The members of PTU voted to honor the Community Service Officers and Captain of C-6 for their hard work, willingness to listen and dedication to their community. Award plaques with personal inscriptions for each officer were presented and State Representative David Biele presented State Citations to the dedicated men of C-6 on behalf of himself and Senator Nick Collins.

PTU president Bill Trabucco introduced Patrick Fandel as the

Office of Neighborhood Services Dorchester Liaison for the Polish Triangle. Patrick explained how he was there to work and address issues within the community. Operating on a short time frame, he handed out business cards and encouraged people to reach out to him and engage. Welcome Patrick.

The remainder of the meeting was focused on Boston Transportation Department (BTD) issues such as extended bike lanes and NOT blocking the box, otherwise known as the intersection. On hand to present and answer questions was Charlotte Fleetwood (BTD planner), Jennifer Rowe (BTD planner), John Monocelli (an engineer with transportation).



L to R: Dorchester ONS Liaison Patrick Fandel, BTD Planner Charlotte Fleetwood, C-6 Police honorees and State Rep. David Biele



L to R: Captain Joe Boyle, CS Officer George Billotte, CS Officer Sean "Sully" Sullivan and Sargent Stephen McNeil



Members of the PTU with BPD C-6

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South Boston Seaport Strategic Transit Plan

Monday, December 9 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM **290 Congress Street** BSA Space, Fort Point Room (Second Floor) Boston, MA 02210

Description:

The South Boston Seaport Strategic Transit Plan will prioritize 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.

Open House - 5:30 to 6:00 PM: Overview of the proposed transit strategies & evaluation methodology to improve transit.

Presentation - 6:00 to 7:00 PM: Presentation of the proposed transit strategies & evaluation methodology in more detail. Other topics include study overview, progress since the October meeting, updates on modeling & next steps.

Open House Continued/Feedback Opportunity - 7:00 PM: Opportunity to ask questions & provide feedback on the proposed transit strategies & evaluation methodology.

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Public Meeting

South Boston Innovation Campus

Thursday, December 19 6:30 PM **22 Drydock Avenue** 3rd Floor Conference Room Boston, MA 02210

Project Description:

BPDA-hosted Article 80 Public Meeting for the proposed redevelopment of the approximately 4.36-acre site located at the intersection of Northern Avenue and the Massport Haul Road on Parcels T and T1 of the Raymond L. Flynn Marine Park. The Proposed Project calls for the demolition of the existing warehouse on-site and construction of a ten (10)-story, approximately 381,000 square foot building including laboratory, research and development, office, and supporting uses. Parking for 325 vehicles is also proposed in surface lots and a belowgrade garage.

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Public Meeting

776 Summer Street

Wednesday, December 18 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM BCYF Curley Community Center 1663 Columbia Road South Boston MA 02127

HRP 776 Summer Street LLC

Project Description:

Project Proponent:

HRP 776 Summer Street LLC has filed a Master Planned Development Area application. HRP 776 Summer Street LLC proposes to redevelop an approximately 15.2-acre site located at 776 Summer Street in the South Boston neighborhood. The proposal entails approximately 1.78 million square feet of occupiable space, including: approximately 636 residential units, approximately 960,000 square feet of office/research and development uses, approximately 80,000 square feet of retail uses, 240 hotel rooms, and up 1,214 parking spaces. The proposal will also preserve several historic buildings on the site and provide 5.5 acres of new outdoor public spaces, including approximately 2.5 acres of open space on the waterfront.

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Public Meeting

Rescheduled: 15 Necco Street

Wednesday, December 18 6:00 PM **300 A Street** 1st Floor Boston, MA 02210

Project Description:

Rescheduled BPDA-hosted Article 80 Public Meeting for the proposed Notice of Project Change for 15 Necco Street. The originally scheduled Public Meeting on Monday, December 2nd was cancelled due to inclement weather.

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The Thanksgiving Spirit Was On Full Display At Florian Hall

Friends of Metro Boston celebrated their 16th annual Thanksgiving Dinner At Florian Hall. This is a charity near and dear to the heart of our own Billy Higgins, Sr.

Billy has been working with this organization since 1986 and credits a lot of the hard work to his friend and associate, Kenny Mack. This event is an all-volunteer event. Wednesday, Thanksgiving Eve, Florian Hall was bustling with an army of smiling volunteers serving over 500 sit-down, delicious turkey dinners to the clients of Friends of Metro Boston.

The tables were elegant, complete with linen table cloths and flower center pieces. The food was delicious and the clients along with the staff had yet another great Thanksgiving feast. Our elected officials stopped in to wish the clients a Happy Thanksgiving and included US Senator Ed Markey, Governor Charlie Baker, Senator Nick Collins, State Rep David Biele and US Senate candidate Joseph Kennedy. At the end of the event Billy Higgins sat with his longtime friend Billy Coyne, to eat and reflect on the success of this year's event. Billy said, "this is what we do, we're here to help and do things." Billy has certainly instilled this action of giving to his grandchildren - Seamus, Liam, Delia and Ronan. The children of Donny Higgins are kind, polite and in training by their grandfather to giving back to the community and helping others.

The event was sponsored by

Senator Nick Collins, Billy Higgins, Sr., Boston Fire Fighters, Massport, Mass Dept. of Health and Vinfen.

Governor Charlie Baker even took to Twitter to express his thanks to all who participated:

"Great to spend time at Friends of Metro Boston's annual Thanksgiving Dinner in partnership with @MassDMH, serving hundreds of DMH clients here at Florian Hall. Thanks to @BostonFire members for volunteering their time to support this terrific event."









































I was just thinking...

By Kevin Devlin

ast September, liberal billionaire and former New York City Mayor, Michael Bloomberg, who recently announced his Democrat candidacy for the presidency, was interviewed on PBS. While initially discussing China's response to greenhouse gas emissions, he ended up defending the country's leadership, stating the Chinese government as being responsive to its people. And that Xi Jinping, the country's leader, was not a dictator. Not a dictator. That's right. It's not a typo.

"He's not a dictator?" PBS's

Margaret Hoover asked Bloomberg to which he replied, "No, he has a constituency to answer to...Xi Jinping is not a dictator...He has to satisfy his constituents to survive." So, as far as Bloomberg is concerned, the communist party in China listens to the public, to their beloved people. And it's not a dictatorship.

Bloomberg made these remarks during this interview after months of widespread reports concerning the violent crackdowns against Hong Kong protesters by the Chinese government. The Chinese government routinely jails dissidents and led the world in political prisoners in

2018. A 2019 international tribunal in London declared that the government was harvesting organs from prison camp detainees, some of who were still alive. Over the years, the regime has led a campaign against Christian churches which recently included the government's attempt to rewrite scripture. The government has tightened control over Tibetan Buddhism in Tibet and seeks a "strategy of forced assimilation" and suppression of Buddhist thought throughout Tibet. Over one million Uighur Muslims are in Chinese concentration camps and these people are under high tech surveillance throughout China. A 2018 report accused the government of sanctioning live organ harvesting of members of

the Falun Gong religious group. According to the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom, this group also faces government harassment, detention, intimidation, in addition to "physical violence, psychiatric abuse, sexual assault, forced drug administration, and sleep deprivation."

In 2018, Xi Jinping effectuated changes to his country's constitution allowing him to remain in office for the remainder of his life. But he's certainly not a dictator because Bloomberg told us so. Yet I'm confused and now wonder what type of government that it's supposed to be, if indeed it's not a totalitarian one, ruled by someone rightly and commonly known as a dictator.

The 'Write Stuff' at St. Peter Academy

By Frank Galligan

ason Hubert, third grade teacher at St. Peter Academy, is an advocate for instilling a love for writing in children. "As our world and way of living changes, the ability to read, write, and communicate effectively remains the same" notes Hubert. "It is important that today's students develop and strengthen these skills to be successful in their lives and careers." To differentiate his instructional methods for kids, Hubert utilizes the classroom interactive display board, a computerized version of a traditional blackboard, that allows students to actively engage in the English/Language Arts curriculum on a daily basis. One recent lesson focused on writing one-paragraph essays with a specific focus; students were encouraged to create a "hook" or interesting line to capture the reader's attention for the written piece. After reading various examples of humorous, inciteful, or inquisitive hooks on the display board, Hubert encouraged students to write their own creations that would fit paragraphs already written by them during the previous school day. One student's hook asked: "Did you know there are over 170,000 words in the English language?" whereas another student cleverly wrote: "Reading is as sweet as honey." The kids enjoyed sharing ideas and hearing what others conjured up for their hook statements, while Hubert was happy to see their writing skills getting stronger. "Students will continue to write lengthier and more detailed statements as the year progresses", Hubert says. "Throughout this process, its important that a fun approach is maintained to make the initiative relevant to and beneficial for the kids."

Hubert received his Bachelor of Science degree from North Carolina State University and his Master of Education from the University of Florida. He holds dual-state certification for instruction of Grades K-6 and prides himself on making education accessible to all students. Now in his second year at St. Peter Academy, Hubert enjoys the school's small class sizes that allow for individualized student attention. "I love my kids and I really love what I do each day. I'm very fortunate" he says.

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

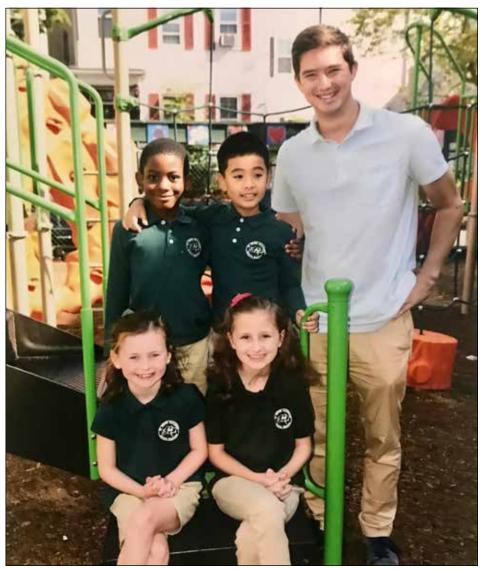


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and grades 1-6. Join us for our Open House January 22, 2020 from 9:00 – 11:30 am and 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm.

Appointments for individual tours

can be made by contacting the Principal, Frank Galligan, at 617-268-0750 or by emailing spa@StPeterAcademy.com.

Good Food, Great Company and a Sense of Community Another Successful Msgr. Thomas J. McDonnell/Frank Kelley Thanksgiving Dinner

SBT Staff Report

I twas once said by someone somewhere that good deeds that come from the heart will not fail. Add to that theory the incredible teamwork and coordination from dedicated volunteers, throw in a lot of caring and you have the recipe that made the Thanksgiving Dinner at St. Monica/St. Augustine Church a beautiful experience and a big success. This annual event, named in recognition of Msgr. Thomas J. McDonnell and Frank Kelley, was truly of huge proportion. The count was more than 100 people that actually attended and broke bread and of course turkey together at this sit-down meal and hundreds more had fully cooked turkey dinners delivered to their homes for a total of more than 1,300 meals served.

More than 125 volunteers of every age and many professions formed a team with a mission and that mission was to feed everyone on Thanksgiving who needed a turkey dinner with all the fixings complete with desserts. Children made placemats for the dining tables, servers were busy filling plates with turkey, potatoes, vegetables, stuffing, as well as coffee and pie. Teenagers prepared and bagged containers for transport to homes and helped with cleanup. Young adults and families were helping with the home deliveries and brought meals to the homeless. Talk about teamwork, this operation was done with military like precision combined with a whole lot of love.

There were many sponsors who generously donated turkeys for this

dinner, making sure there was plenty to go around for everyone. And the prep work for it all actually began days prior to the big day itself.

The annual Thanksgiving feast didn't just provide good food to deserving people. It was also highlighted by great conversation and a feeling of closeness and happiness and of course a sense of community shared by volunteers and diners alike. There are some things that actually do take a village and we certainly have one here in South Boston. *Pictures continued on page 14*



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DENVER BRONCOS (+9) over Houston Texans

-This game is Sunday at 1 p.m. in Houston. The 8-4 Texans are coming off a big win over the Patriots and are currently the No. 3 seed in the AFC. If I had to put my money on it, I'd say Houston will remain in that No. 3 seed, as their schedule the rest of the way isn't too difficult. And even though I'm taking the points here, I don't think the Texans will lose at home to the 4-8 Broncos. But I do think this feisty Denver team will keep it interesting. The Broncos have turned to rookie quarterback Drew Lock, who led Denver to a win in his NFL debut last week, beating the Chargers 23-20. Lock was 18-of-28 for just 134 yards, but he threw two touchdown passes. Will he lead the Broncos to their second-straight win this Sunday? I doubt it. But Denver has a top-five pass defense that could pose some problems for Deshaun Watson and a Texans offense that perhaps might be feeling a little too comfortable after their biggest win of the season. I'll take Denver to cover.

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS (+3) over Tampa Bay Buccaneers

-Even though the 6-6 Colts and the 5-7 Buccaneers are both mathematically alive in the playoff race in their respective conferences, Indianapolis is the only team of the two that has a realistic chance at getting into the tournament. Right now, the Colts are on the outside, looking in. They probably won't win the AFC South, so it's Wild Card or bust. Indy plays three of its last four games on the road, which includes this one on Sunday at 1 p.m. in Tampa Bay. The Bucs are 1-4 at home and have won two straight - both on the road. This is a must-win for the Colts, who are missing T.Y. Hilton with a calf injury. Having lost two straight, I expect Indianapolis to bounce back with a hard-fought win in Tampa, while feeling somewhat disrespected being an underdog. Give me the Colts to win the game.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS (-3) over Kansas City Chiefs

-You would think the Patriots are 2-10, not 10-2. The 10-2 Pats have taken plenty of heat this week after losing in Houston on Sunday night. With that loss to the Texans, and because Baltimore beat the 49ers, the Ravens moved up to the No. 1 seed in the AFC, bouncing New England down to the No. 2 seed. Things won't get any easier for the Patriots this Sunday, as they host the 8-4 Chiefs at 4:25 p.m. New England's offense is the hot topic this week, and has been for a while, but they should be able to score on Kansas City. The Patriots are 5-0 at home, and we could be looking at a big day for

running back Sony Michel, against a Chiefs run defense that allows 141 rush yards per game, which ranks thirdworst in the NFL. Kansas City has won two straight, and it'll be interesting to see what Patrick Mahomes can do against this Patriots defense that still ranks No. 1 in the league, allowing just 12 points per game. Being at Gillette Stadium, I don't see the Pats losing this game. Will they cover? Let's hope so. I'm taking the Patriots by a touchdown. LOS ANGELES RAMS (+1) over Seattle Seahawks

-This game is the Sunday Night Football game of the week, in LA. The 10-2 Seahawks are on a roll, having won five straight. Their win on Monday night over the Vikings put them in first place in the NFC West, moving them up to the No. 2 seed in the NFC and bouncing the 49ers down to a Wild Card spot. Meanwhile, the 7-5 Rams are staying alive in the NFC Wild Card race, having won four of their last six. LA is coming off a win over the Cardinals, and I'm making this pick with the idea that this is a stupid league. And believe it or not, the Seahawks actually have the fourth-worst pass defense in the NFL, allowing 270 pass yards per game. Even though Seattle is 6-0 on the road this year, it would be par for the course in this crazy league to see

their hot streak get snapped by a Rams team that seems broken. Perhaps the Vikings' loss on Monday night opened LA's eyes to the fact that the playoffs are still a possibility. So I'm doing it, I'm taking the Rams to beat the Seahawks on Sunday night. LOCK OF THE WEEK: OAK-LAND RAIDERS (+2) over Tennessee Titans

-How about those Titans? Tennessee is 7-5 and has won three straight, including a big win over the Colts last week. So far, the Ryan Tannehill era has been a good thing for these Titans, who are currently on the outside, looking in at the AFC playoff picture. But make no mistake, the Titans are very much still alive. The 6-6 Raiders are still alive too though, even though they've been embarrassed the last two games, scoring a total of just 12 points in losses to the Jets and Chiefs. I'm betting on Oakland to bounce back in a big way Sunday at 4:25 p.m at home, where they're 5-1. Give me the Raiders to win the game. Listen to "The Danny Picard Show" on iTunes, Spotify, Google Play, and

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PATRIOTS Fall to No. 2 Seed in AFC

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ith Sunday night's loss to the Texans in Houston, the New England Patriots dropped down to the No. 2 seed in the conference, thanks to the Baltimore Ravens' win over the San Francisco 49ers in Week 13.

Entering Week 14, the 10-2 Ravens are now the No. 1 seed in the AFC because they hold the all-important head-to-head tiebreaker over the 10-2 Patriots, having defeated the Patriots back in Week 9. If the playoffs began today, both Baltimore and New England would get a firstround bye in the playoffs, while Houston would be the No. 3 seed, Kansas City would be the No. 4 seed, Buffalo would be the No. 5 seed, and Pittsburgh would be the No. 6 seed.

The Patriots host the 8-4 Chiefs this Sunday at 4:25 p.m. After that, the Pats close out the regular season with games against Cincinnati, Buffalo, and Miami.

As for the Ravens, they are in Buffalo this Sunday at 1 p.m., followed by games against the Jets, Cleveland, and Pittsburgh to wrap up their schedule.

Many are buying into Baltimore, as the Ravens have now become the favorite in Vegas to win Super Bowl LIV at +275. The Patriots have the secondbest odds at +400, then the Saints at +600, the Chiefs at +800, the 49ers and Seahawks both at +900, and the Packers at +1600. NHL Public Relations 🥏 @PR_NHL · Dec 1

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NFL Week 14 THURSDAY, DEC. 5 Dallas (-3) at Chicago 8:20 P.M. FOX/NFLN

SUNDAY, DEC. 8 Baltimore (-5.5) at Buffalo 1 P.M. CBS

Kansas City at New England (-3) 4:25 P.M. CBS

> Seattle (-1) at LA Rams 8:20 P.M. NBC

MONDAY, DEC. 9 NY Giants at Philadelphia (-8.5) 8:15 P.M. ESPN





RED SOX TRADE LEON TO CLEVELAND

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he Boston Red Sox traded catcher Sandy Leon to the Cleveland Indians on

Monday, in exchange for minorleague right-handed pitcher Adenys Bautista.

Leon, 30, has spent the last five seasons with the Red Sox. In those five seasons, Leon hit .223 with a total of 24 home runs and 118 RBI in 358 games. In 15 postseason games with the Red Sox, Leon hit .258 with a home run and three RBI.

The Red Sox receive a 21-yearold pitcher in Bautista, who made his professional debut in 2018 after signing with Cleveland out of the Dominican Republic. In 2019, Bautista made seven relief appearances in the Dominican Summer League, and seven relief appearances in the Arizona League, posting an ERA of 7.79.

During his first two professional seasons in the Dominican Summer League and Arizona League, Bautista is 1-6 with a 5.98 ERA in 27 appearances, 26 of them out of the bullpen.