



## The Edison Development Process Still Needs Your Attention

**T**his coming **Monday, January 13**, one of the last public meetings regarding the Edison Power Plant Re-development will be held at the **Tynan Community Center at 7:00 p.m.**

In anticipation of one of the last meetings on this proposal, here is a brief primer since the development team filed their letter of intent in April 2017 which has resulted in almost three years of public deliberation on the proposal.

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# EDITORIAL

## You Can Disagree with the Mission but Still Support our Troops

The drone strike that took out Iranian terrorist general Suliemani has most Americans talking. While surveys show that the majority of Americans agree that it had to be done to put an end to Suliemani's constant targeting of Americans around the world, there are those who don't agree and some of those in opposition would be against the use of any military force no matter how many American lives it saved. But as the debate

swirls and tensions build, it's important that every American come together and support our deploying troops. That saying, "Hate the mission, but support the soldiers", should be a motto that we can all get behind.

American troops are the best trained, best equipped and most motivated to defend and protect their country of any military in the world. They are patriots all and follow orders when those orders are given. If there follows a major conflict with Iran, we must remember well

the lessons learned when our men and women in uniform returned from the Vietnam War. The sight of crowds protesting their arrival at airports, being yelled at, insulted and even referred to as baby killers was a sad and shameful time in our nation's history that must never be repeated ever again. Don't agree with this most recent deployment, fine. It's your right as an American to speak out. But don't take it out on America's heroes who are just doing their jobs.



*"January is when everyone on Facebook becomes a weather forecaster" - Joanne Wilkes*



Boston City Councilors Ed Flynn & Michael Flaherty were inaugurated this week for a new term at the Council.

"I'm thankful for the support of friends, family, neighbors & the residents of District 2," said Councilor Flynn.

"I will continue to focus on the issues pedestrian & public safety, public health, and other neighborhood & quality of life issues."

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# The Information Center



## *Mourning the Death of a Terrorist? How Creepy is That?*

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I'm betting most of our readers never thought the day would come when there would be Americans, or leaders of one of this country's major political parties, who were furious that a guy considered to be the world's biggest terrorist responsible for killing Americans, was taken out by the United States Military.

According to government data, Qassem Suleimani was responsible for the deaths of 606 Americans and the wounding and maiming of thousands more, including both military personnel and civilians. He, and another top Iranian general, had no plans to end it there, they would continue killing Americans for as long as they could get away with it. It's what they do. Oops, correction. It's what they USED to do. Thanks to President Trump, they will kill no more of our countrymen because, well, they are dead now.

As expected, the hand wringing and howls of anger came swiftly from the news media, the kukus running for president and from Hollywood and most members of the disgraceful Massachusetts congressional delegation. To his credit, Congressman Stephen Lynch was not among them. But the likes of Markey, McGovern, Pressley, Kennedy and McGovern and of course the forever shrieking Elizabeth Warren all went ballistic because Trump ordered the strike. Most of them admitted that the guy killed Americans as a career, but insisted Trump was wrong and was a monster for doing this. Let me translate this for you: 'Yes, Suleimani has the blood of hundreds of Americans on his hands and his goal was to keep killing Americans and to plan more attacks on our embassies. But the United States should not have done anything; especially using

military force to stop him because it might make Donald Trump look good and anything, even more dead Americans, is better than that'.

If you don't think this was their motivation for the opposition, you probably haven't been paying attention for the last 3 years. I'm well aware that some don't like the president – dislike bordering on all consuming hatred for the guy. But I for one am happy that we finally have a Commander in Chief who has made it clear to Iran and other terrorists nations that if they kill Americans, they will pay for it with their lives. That quote that says "It's about time we use our tax dollars to eliminate terrorists rather than appease them" says it all.

Nancy Pelosi was indignant that the president didn't notify her before he ordered the strike. But why would he? To be successful, a military strike like this had to be a top secret – there could be no leaks. Between Pelosi and members of her delegation like Pressley, Tlaib and Omah, the Iranians would probably have been warned before Trump even hung up the phone. There is something fundamentally wrong with the leadership of today's Democrat party. Seeing the causes so many of them champion, brings to mind that social media meme that is going viral of a distraught looking JFK asking, "My GOD, what have you Democrats done to my party?". The idea of ending the lives of babies in the 3rd trimester of a pregnancy and even after the child has been delivered from the womb in some states, does not faze so many of them. But let our president order the death of a vicious and barbarous terrorist, who kills Americans and it sends them into hysteria. And let's not forget the Hollywood crazies, who are actively and openly

siding with the Iranians and mourning Suleimani's death.

Now Speaking of Hollywood, the ego driven glitterati at the Golden Globe Awards, got the shock of their lives last weekend and still have not recovered. Some of them are probably curled up in a fetal position in their safe spaces. Personally, I wouldn't watch one of those award shows if my eyes were glued open to my TV screen. But, like millions of other Americans, I loved watching the big highlight of the event. The video continues to be shown over and

over again all around social media and even on some TV networks. To quote what most of you can also quote word for word, because it was so darn satisfying, the host of the show, Rick Gervais said the following to the insufferable live audience who usually use the platform to scold America about pretty much everything: "...you people are in no position to lecture the public about anything. You have no idea what the real world is like". The quote, along with Gervais implying that some of them were hypocrites and even perverts was priceless.

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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.

### Thinking big: Walsh proposes \$500M housing program

As the Globe's Adrian Walker notes, Mayor Marty Walsh last night was definitely thinking big on the issues, and perhaps thinking big about his legacy, regarding housing, transportation and education. Sarah Betancourt at CommonWealth magazine reports on Walsh's proposal to "spend \$500 million over the next five years to create more affordable housing and provide rental subsidies for low-income and homeless people." Isaiah Thompson at WGBH has more on the housing front.

Meanwhile, from the Globe's Milton Valencia: "Walsh challenges state officials to act on transportation." And from CommonWealth's Michael Jonas: "Walsh calls for big boost in school spending/Commits \$100 million in anticipation of new state aid."

### Mystic misery: Encore Boston trims human payroll, hires robots, as revenue falls short

The cold streak is costing some jobs. Encore Boston has slashed 70 non-union positions as revenue at the Everett resort casino continues to lag

behind pre-opening projections, Bob Ward reports at Boston 25. Among those getting pink slips were floor workers, apprentices and bartenders -- some of whom are being replaced by drink-dispensing robots.

### Poll: Warren only major Dem not leading Trump

SHNS's Michael Norton (pay wall) reports on a new Morning Consult poll that shows U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren as the only major Dem candidate for president not beating President Trump in a general election, though she's clearly within the poll's margin of error.

Meanwhile, from James Barnett, former chairman of the Vermont Republican Party, at The Hill: "Why Trump should fear Sanders much more than Warren in 2020." And the Herald's Howie Carr expresses similar sentiments: "Elizabeth Warren can't out-Bernie Bernie."

Make of it all what you will. We still think she's positioned well in the race. As they say, anything can happen. Btw, this is interesting, via the AP at CBS Boston: "Elizabeth Warren's new bankruptcy plan may spark a clash with Joe Biden."

### 'Galvin's war with Wall Street': The pushback

The Globe's Jon Chesto and SHNS's Katie Lannan (pay wall) report that the Wall Street types in Boston are pushing back hard against Secretary of State Bill Galvin's new "standard of conduct for broker-dealers" in Massachusetts. The latest battleground, as Chesto notes: A packed State House hearing yesterday.

### State government's #MeToo problem: More than 100 sexual harassment complaints

Shira Schoenberg at MassLive has an excellent package of #MeToo-era stories this morning (here and here) on sexual harassment in state government -- and how hard it is to track the extent of the problem and how the cases are resolved. But she did piece together some numbers: "Republican/MassLive compiled a list of 117 complaints made to executive branch state agencies alleging sexual harassment, or in a few cases gender discrimination, from fiscal 2016 through fiscal 2018. A small number of these cases may be duplicates."

### Koch's latest development plan: Tearing down half of city hall

No, it's not a sop to the populist masses. It's Quincy Mayor Thomas Koch's latest downtown re-development proposal: "Demolition of half of city hall and the construction of a performing arts center and new, 15-story building that would house both city offices and the campus of Quincy College." Mary Whitfill has more at the Patriot Ledger.

### 'Time to play New Orange Line Train Lottery again'

Boston Magazine's Spencer Buell and SHNS's Chris Lisinski (pay wall) report that the MBTA is "ever-so-gingerly" returning the new Orange Line cars to service, after apparently fixing that "uncommon noise" that plagued them for a while. We loved Universal Hub's headline on the return of the new cars: "Time to play New Orange Line Train Lottery again."

### Filling a void: WGBH to open news bureau at old Telegram & Gazette site in Worcester

In another example of the non-profit media filling the for-profit media void, Kaitlyn Locke at WGBH reports on her station's plan to open a news bureau in Worcester as part of its overall regional expansion. The location of the new bureau/studio: 27 Federal St., the former location of the Worcester Telegram & Gazette. The expansion is being funded in part by the C. Jean & Myles McDonough Charitable Foundation and the George F. and Sybil H. Fuller Foundation, according to a statement.

Cyrus Moulton at the Telegram and Noah Bombard at MassLive, which has also stepped up its coverage of Worcester of late, has more on the WGBH move.

### Now it's Worcester looking at fare-free bus service

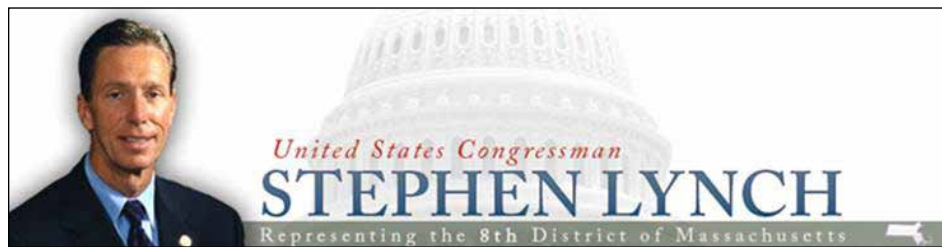
One more city and it's a trend. Steven Foskett Jr. at the Telegram reports that the Worcester City Council is signaling its support for possible fare-free bus service, following a recent similar experiment in Lawrence. Recall Adam Vaccaro's Globe story from yesterday: "The wild idea of making MBTA buses free is gaining traction." Traction indeed.

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**Happy New Year To All!**

All are welcome to join us on the 2nd Sunday of each month at the Gate of Heaven Parish Coffee and Conversation Hour, downstairs in the lower Hall, following the 9AM Mass.

Looking forward to seeing old and new friends this Sunday, January 12, 2020.



## Rep. Lynch Joins Colleagues In Announcing Over \$3.5 Million In Federal Grants Awarded To Public Housing Agencies In Massachusetts

*The funding will support education, employment and savings for HUD-assisted families.*

Representative Stephen F. Lynch (MA-08) joined United States Senators Elizabeth Warren (D-MA) and Edward J. Markey (D-MA), along with Representatives Richard E. Neal (MA-01), James P. McGovern (MA-02), Joseph P. Kennedy III (MA-04), Seth Moulton (MA-06) and Lori Trahan (MA-03) to announce that the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has awarded over \$3.5 million in federal grants to public housing agencies (PHAs) in Massachusetts.

The funding, which was awarded through HUD's Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program, will fund caseworkers who will help residents of public and voucher-assisted housing further their education, gain skills, and build savings.

"As someone who grew up in public housing, I know firsthand the hardships families face who depend on housing subsidies, especially as the cost of living continues to increase," said Representative Stephen F. Lynch. "I am very pleased to see

all these public housing agencies receive this funding and I believe it is imperative we continue to invest in these programs that provide those struggling with the education and assistance necessary to help improve their lives and become self-sufficient. I am grateful to Senators Elizabeth Warren and Ed Markey for the work that they have done to help make this happen."

"These grants are wonderful news for our public housing agencies across the Commonwealth," said Senator Elizabeth Warren. "This new funding will help Massachusetts residents living in public housing access the education, training, and support they need to further their careers and build better financial futures for themselves and for their families."

"Democratizing access to the opportunities of housing, education, and work training strengthens communities and futures," said Senator Ed Markey. "Thanks to this federal funding, our public housing agencies will be able to help hard-working families earn more, achieve more, and prosper more. These kinds of investments for our public housing residents help lead to self-sufficiency and financial independence."

"Lifting up families and empowering workers requires a collaborative approach that increases access to

housing, health care and educational opportunities," said Congressman Joe Kennedy III. "With this funding, communities across our Commonwealth will be able to provide their neighbors with the support they deserve."

HUD's FSS Program funding helps local public housing authorities to hire Service Coordinators who work directly with residents to connect them with existing programs and services in the local community. These Service Coordinators build relationships with networks of local service providers, which provide direct assistance to FSS participants. The broad spectrum of services made possible through FSS enables participating families to find jobs and increase their income and savings.

More information about HUD's FSS program is available here.

Senator Warren has led efforts in Congress to increase funding for affordable housing. In March 2019, she led her colleagues in reintroducing the American Housing and Economic Mobility Act, historic legislation that would help bring down costs for renters and buyers, level the playing field so working families everywhere can find a decent place to live at a decent price, and take the first step to address the effects of decades of housing discrimination on communities of color.

## REP. BIELE SUPPORTS HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS FOR SURVIVING SPOUSES AND CHILDREN OF BOSTON FIREFIGHTERS



Recently, Representative David Biele submitted testimony in support of S.1483, An Act concerning health insurance benefits for surviving spouses of firefighters in the City of Boston. The legislation is a home rule petition from the City of Boston.

As written, the legislation would allow a surviving spouse of a Boston firefighter who died due to an injury or illness received in the performance of his or her duty to continue receiving health insurance coverage through the City of Boston's Employees'

Healthcare Insurance.

The home rule petition applies to surviving spouses regardless of marital status. Currently, a surviving spouse of a Boston firefighter is not eligible to receive health insurance coverage if he or she remarries. Similar "remarriage penalties" for pension benefits have been eliminated by the Massachusetts Legislature, allowing surviving spouses of firefighters to retain pension benefits regardless of marital status.

In addition to surviving spouses, the legislation also allows any dependent chil-

dren of firefighters to continue receiving health insurance coverage.

"Firefighters in the City of Boston risk their lives each and every day, and deserve our thanks, appreciation and support" said Rep. Biele. "This legislation acknowledges the sacrifices made by firefighters who died while protecting the City of Boston and its citizens by providing benefits and health care coverage to their surviving spouses and children."

This bill is currently under review in the Massachusetts House of Representatives.

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Plant is located next to Conley Terminal, which is owned and operated by Massport. Since 2017, the development team, led by Redgate and Hilco, have sought to include residential housing on this location. However, the **underlying zoning currently in effect allows for marine industrial uses—residential uses are not currently allowed at this location under current zoning.**

In addition to zoning, **Massport holds a residential deed restriction that prohibits residential housing from being built at this site.** Massport negotiated the deed restriction with the prior owner of the former Boston Edison, Exelon Corp. Taken together, there is no right to build housing at this location—to do so would require changes to the zoning and lifting the residential restriction. Moreover, Redgate and Hilco purchased the former Boston Edison in 2016 when these restrictions were already in place.

Regarding Massport and the deed restriction, the Boston Herald reported in November that Redgate was on a team of consultants hired by Massport to develop a comprehensive strategic plan for Massport properties. According to the Herald, which obtained a copy of the strategic plan, the report warned against the impacts from extensive development and recommended that Massport protect their properties and the Port from developments that can hurt maritime industries. According to the Herald's reporting, Massport negotiated the residential deed restriction at the former Boston Edison one month after the report was released, and the report listed Redgate as a paid consultant of the strategic plan. Against this backdrop, Redgate will have to petition Massport to lift the residential deed restriction if residential housing is to be built.

In conversations on the deed re-

striction, many have pointed to the importance of the Port of Boston as an economic engine for the state of Massachusetts and the entire Northeast. Based on most recent figures, the Port supports \$8.2 billion in economic impact, with five consecutive years of record-breaking productivity. This includes 9,000 direct jobs, making the Port of Boston one of the largest employers in the state, and supports over 2,500 business across the state who utilize Conley Terminal.

**The International Longshoremen Association and Teamsters have voiced their concern with the impacts of residential housing on Conley Terminal, pointing to experiences at Moran Terminal in Charlestown, where residential developments built near an active port resulted in decreased hours, resulting in job losses and lost productivity.**

In addition to the developer's preferred residential proposal, **Redgate and Hilco also presented a commercial project that does not require use changes or lifting the residential deed restriction to the South Boston community earlier this year. There has been no further public communication on the commercial option, ironic?** During these conversations, residents also learned that Redgate and Hilco signed a project labor agreement, meaning anything built at the former Boston Edison would be subject to prevailing wages.

During a recent public meeting on both commercial and residential proposals, one resident criticized the size and density, regardless of commercial or residential use. Another resident echoed similar sentiments, asking that the scale be further rolled back. One woman commented that the city and community should take all the time necessary to get something of this size right. Another gentleman asked why a commercial project could not go forward, observing

that a commercial only project would create good paying jobs in the trades while addressing concerns from the Longshoremen on impacts to the Port.

Following a meeting this past fall, Andrew Chused, an Executive Vice President for Hilco, spoke with a woman regarding the impacts of a commercial project and a residential project. During the conversation, he stated he could build as high as he wanted for a commercial project, while volunteering that one of Hilco's out-of-state projects moved forward despite community concerns and brought in "quality jobs, quality buildings, and quality people." When asked about his definition of "quality people," Mr. Chused mentioned highly-educated individuals with high-paying salaries. When asked about his background, **Mr. Chused responded "it doesn't matter... I'm sorry. I wasn't born in a bathtub in South Boston." To date, there has been no apology for these comments.**

Even with two proposals, residents and watchdog groups have monitored the proposal and raised concerns. In the last year alone, over 1,600 residents signed a petition to city, state and federal officials objecting to the size and density of the current proposal. Residents have voiced similar concerns in public meetings or submitted letters and emails in opposition to size and density, as well, arguing that this height and density will set a negative precedent for the First Street corridor. Additionally, others have questioned the impact on an already overburdened bus system and impacts on roadway congestion by adding hundreds, if not thousands of new residents.

Other community groups and activists criticize the project for doing too little to create affordable workforce housing. In addition to comments heard in the

neighborhood, the **Conservation Law Foundation has questioned whether conflicts of interest exist due to Redgate's prior history as a consultant for Massport's real estate holdings.**

**This past November, Redgate and Hilco submitted a PDA to the BPDA that would allow for up to 636 residential units to be built at the former Edison. The PDA would create eight new blocks, with maximum building heights up to 198 feet, and would also allow the developer to increase the gross floor area applicable to any block by up to 10% without a having to file an amendment. Here is a breakdown of the specific proposal for the PDA:**

BLOCK	Maximum Building Height
A	72'
B	84'
C	198'
D	117'
E	194'
F	154'

BLOCK	Maximum Gross Floor Area
A	230,000
B	150,000
C	380,000
D	290,000
E	240,000
F	370,000

**If approved, the PDA becomes zoning law, but requires a vote of approval by the BPDA Board followed by approval by the City of Boston Zoning Commission.**

Monday's meeting is expected to discuss the PDA and next steps for the project. **Public comment period is still open and will be open until 1/24.**

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## The State Of The City Has A Big, Bold View Of Boston's Needs

Mayor Marty Walsh vowed to expand efforts to address Boston's affordable housing shortage in his annual state of the city address Tuesday night, presenting



plans to raise \$500 million over five years to support the endeavor. He also announced \$100 million in additional funding for Boston Public Schools, to

be phased in over the next three years.

Speaking at Symphony Hall, the mayor started by taking stock of high notes: continued economic strength of the city, a reduction in crime, and signs of a stabilizing housing market. Walsh: "Over six years, we've cut the crime rate by nearly 30%, arrests are down 33%, and our police officers have taken nearly 5,000 guns off the streets."

But Walsh also addressed longstanding struggles for the city, calling Boston Public Schools "a tale of two districts."

### Education

Walsh touted investments in universal pre-K; longer school days; English-language learning; special education; and announced \$100 million in new funding (a 3% increase).

The funding will be phased in over three years — \$33 million this year, \$66 million next year and \$100 million in 2023, the mayor's office said. Superintendent Brenda Cassellius says they plan to target their spending on

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# SENATOR COLLINS WELCOMES LOCAL YOUTH BASKETBALL PROGRAMS TO STATE HOUSE WITH BOSTON CELTIC JAYLEN BROWN

To kick off the New Year, State Senator Nick Collins invited more than a hundred local student athletes to participate in a ceremony at the Massachusetts State House in recognition of Celtics star guard Jaylen Brown. Jaylen was being recognized for his work in the community, supporting youth sports programs, and helping young people reach their full potential in athletics and academics.

“Jaylen sets an example on and off the court of what it means to be a team player, and to uplift others,” said State Senator Nick Collins. “It was a great opportunity to recognize his hard work, and show these kids that with commitment, dedication, and teamwork, it is possible to achieve great things.”

The ceremony took place in the Senate Chambers, with kids from all corners of the First Suffolk



District and the City of Boston watching on. Youth from several BCYF Community Centers participated, as well as several nonprofits supporting student athletes.

Jaylen Brown was being recognized specifically for work done through his 7uice Foundation,

dedicated to uplifting youth and families through athletics and academic excellence. The foundation continues to donate resources to local services and centers in an effort to break cycles of poverty and create opportunities for young people in the city.

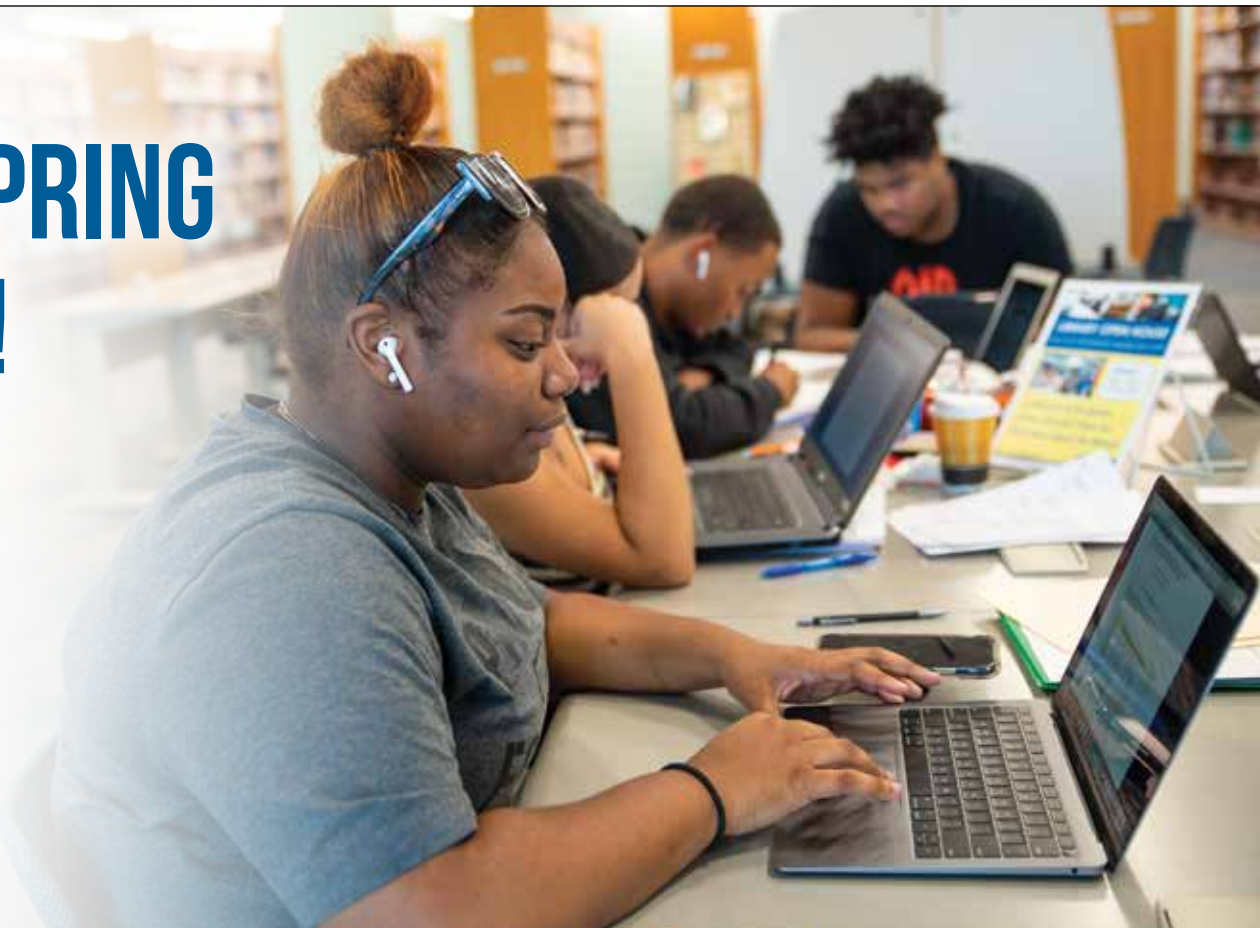
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# The Wine Guy Resolutions



It's that time again. A lot of us are going to try and lose something besides the car keys. Start our Christmas Club now instead of November. Actually see the inside of the gym you give money to every month. Resolutions time.

However, there's no rule that says all your resolutions have to be about things that you don't like to do; what about some fun resolutions? How about resolving

to get out of your comfort zone and try something new? Here are some suggestions to help you on your way...

So, this time of year, maybe you've usually had Cabernet; well, why not try some *Seghesio Sonoma Zinfandel, 2017, Sonoma, California, (\$24.99)*? This wine has aromas of wild blueberry, briary raspberry patch and baking spice that gives way to a palate of juicy, ripe blackberry and black plum notes. Soft tannins, a rich mouthfeel and focused acidity create a long finish, giving you a great wine to pair with red sauces, pizza, and barbeque, as well as sopressata and dry jack. It's a blend of 87% Zinfandel, 9% Petite Sirah, 2% Carignane, 1% Syrah and 1% mixed reds. Big bodied, like any good Cab, but a definite departure from your usual. Lastly, it gets high marks from Parker and the Wine Spectator.

If you're typically a dry, dry white kind of person, you ought to



try to sweeten it up a little bit. Try a South African Sauvignon Blanc for a change. Dry, but with some fruity bite to them. For example, *Southern Right Sauvignon Blanc, Western Cape, 2018, (\$15.99)*, is made reductively in order to maximize the fruit personality of the vintage, and this one shows more marked fruit aromatics than usual, while maintaining the typical Southern Right balance of Old World minerality and length with hints of New World palate coverage and body. 2018 was a vintage that favors individuality, minerality and palate complexity along with pure, pungent varietal aromas. A significant percentage of fruit from clay-rich soil gives an intense mid-palate structural component complexity to this wine. Dry, but definitely a different kind of taste experience!

I know that winter isn't the time that you'd typically have a Rose wine, but hey, it's not like there's a law against it. There are still plenty of Southern French and Provençal Roses to be had and you might look for some *Saint Aix Provence Rose, 2018, Coteaux d'Aix, Provence, France, (\$14.99)*. A fragrant and well-balanced wine, AIX's salmon pink color reveals a fruity freshness with a nose that's fresh and fragrant, delicate yet youthful and offers distinctive

notes of watermelon, strawberries and flowers. Created using 30% of rosé bleeding and 70% direct pressing, the softest hint of Carignan was added to the classical Provence blend of Grenache, Syrah and Cinsault to give the 2018 vintage an even more profound depth. So, sit a little closer to the fire, close your eyes and sip some summer!

If you're having a Beef stew or some Beef and barley soup to ward off the cold, skip the Merlot and try something different to complement it. One of my favorite areas in Spain, the Jumilla region, produces some of the smoothest reds in the country. The Gil family has been making wine there for generations and the current head of the family, Juan Gil, keeps tradition, but brings his own personal touch as well. The *2017 Juan Gil Silver Label Mourvedre, Jumilla, Spain, (\$14.99)*, is a perfect wine to pair with hearty stews and soups. Monastrell, as the Spanish call Mourvedre, is a dark-skinned fruit and you can see it immediately on the pour as the wine is about as dark as it can be. The nose has loads of juicy black fruit and blueberry pie and the finish is long and pleasant.

So, a few different kinds of resolution for you; try to keep them all!

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564 East Seventh Street Three Family	\$1,285,000	10/1/19	16	3	3,732
613 East Sixth St UNIT PH Condo	\$1,150,000	10/10/19	4	2	1,604
821 East Sixth St UNIT 2 Condo	\$950,000	10/7/19	5	2	1,190
606 East Eighth St UNIT 2 Condo	\$925,000	10/9/19	9	2	1,500
141 B St UNIT 3 Condo	\$857,500	10/3/19	4	2	1,166
141 Dorchester St UNIT 504 Condo	\$815,000	10/2/19	3	1	969
616 East Sixth St UNIT 102 Condo	\$800,000	10/1/19	4	2	857
488 Dorchester Ave UNIT 4E Condo	\$735,000	10/3/19	5	2	1,050
145 N St UNIT 2 Condo	\$729,000	10/3/19	6	1.5	1,096
9 West Broadway UNIT 209 Condo	\$702,000	10/10/19	3	1	862
174 Bowen St UNIT 2 Condo	\$550,000	10/2/19	4	1	595
606 East Eighth St UNIT 1 Condo	\$525,000	10/9/19	4	1	725
249 A St UNIT 455 Condo	\$381,663	10/10/19	2	1	911



## Public Meeting

# 776 Summer Street

**Monday, January 13**  
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

**Tynan School**  
650 East 4th Street  
South Boston, MA 02127

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

**Project Description:**

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.

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

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# Get plugged in.

Learn about an approved substation project in South Boston.

You are invited to join us as we share information about an upgrade to the fence surrounding our existing K Street Substation, located on the corner of K Street and East 1st Street in South Boston.

Eversource is in the process of finalizing the design of the substation's upgraded security fence. As an important part of the process, residents of the South Boston community are invited to attend an information session and offer feedback about the aesthetic design of the fence.

**Information Session:**

Tuesday, January 21, 2020  
Drop in between 6–8 p.m.  
Lincoln Tavern & Restaurant  
425 W. Broadway, South Boston, MA 02127

Keeping the lines of communication open is an important part of our work in the community. The information session is designed to give residents an opportunity to provide feedback and ask questions about the next steps in the project.

For more information about this project, please send an email to ProjectInfo@eversource.com or call 800-793-2202.



## LEGAL NOTICE OF COMMUNITY OUTREACH MEETING

### REGARDING A MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENT PROPOSED BY HOLLAND BRANDS SB, LLC

Notice is hereby given that a community outreach meeting for **HOLLAND BRANDS SB, LLC** (“Holland Brands”)’s proposed **Marijuana Establishment** is scheduled for **Wednesday, January 29, 2020, at the Tynan Community Center, 650 E. Fourth Street, MA 02124, at 6:30 p.m.** The proposed Marijuana Retailer is anticipated to be located at **538 E. First Street, South Boston, MA 02127** (the “Property”). Community Members and members of the public are encouraged to attend, and will be permitted to ask questions and receive answers from representatives of Holland Brands.

A copy of this notice is on file with the City Clerk’s office at Boston City Hall, 1 City Hall Square, Boston, Massachusetts 02201. A copy of this notice was published in a newspaper of general circulation at least fourteen (14) calendar days prior to the community outreach meeting and mailed at least seven (7) calendar days prior to the community outreach meeting to abutters of the Property, owners of land directly opposite the Property on any public or private street or way, and abutters to the abutters within three hundred (300) feet of the property line of the Property as they appear on the most recent applicable tax list, notwithstanding that the land of any such owner is located in another city or town.

# Councilor Flynn Releases Annual Report



borhoods of his district.

“As we enter the new year and a new term at the Council, I’m thankful for the support of the residents of District 2. My priority as a City Councilor is to advocate for working families, our seniors, persons with disabilities, our immigrant communities and the most vulnerable,” said Councilor Flynn. “It is a great honor to represent this diverse district, and I will continue to work hard every day to ensure that the residents of Boston have access to the resources and opportunities that our city offers.”

### **Housing and Development**

- Called for & held a hearing on the implementation of the Short Term Rentals Ordinance
- Called for & held a hearing on strengthening the Inclusionary Development Policy (IDP) and increasing affordable housing
- Called for hearing on ways to support tenants facing eviction & displacement in Boston
- Opposed development projects that are unfavorable to neighbors, residents & civic groups at the Zoning Board of Appeals

### **Social & Economic Justice**

- Called for & held a hearing on the

impact of the partial government shut-down on veterans & military families

- Called for & held a hearing on services for persons with disabilities and ensuring accessibility in our buildings, sidewalks, and public spaces.
- Passed two resolutions on state bills that would help improve accessibility in housing & expand job opportunities for persons with disabilities
- Passed a resolution opposing the recent rule change to Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits
- Stood with the working families of United Steelworkers (National Grid), Unite Here Local 26 (Marriott, Battery Wharf) & UFCW 1445 (Macy’s, Stop & Shop) as they sought fair wages, safe working conditions, affordable healthcare & a secure retirement.

• Advocated for expansion of language access all city departments

### **Traffic and Public Safety**

- Called for & held hearing on Transportation Network Companies (Uber/Lyft)
- Called for & held a hearing on pedestrian crossing signals & traffic calming
- Called for a hearing on methane gas leaks in Boston
- Called for & held a working session on stray voltage harmful to resi-

dents & pets

- Called for a hearing on construction safety to discuss the existing safety procedures

### **Public Health**

- Called for & held a hearing on domestic violence & sexual assault
- Held a hearing on public health disparities in communities of color

### **Quality of Life**

- Called for a hearing on after hours construction,
- Called for a hearing on City services and public facilities on South Boston Waterfront

### **Other Actions**

- Passed a resolution to support a state bill requiring curriculum unit on the Holocaust & genocide
- Passed a resolution recognizing the contributions of Asian Americans & Pacific Islanders during AAPI Month in May
- Passed a resolution supporting children born abroad to military members and federal workers
- Held neighborhood coffee hours and community meetings with the Transportation Department, Department of Neighborhood Development, Boston Police Department, and the Office of Community Preservation.

**B**oston City Councilor Ed Flynn has released his annual report to update the residents of District 2 on his work during his second year in office. The report summarizes Councilor Flynn’s work on areas related to housing & development, pedestrian & public safety, social & economic justice, public health, and other quality of life issues. Councilor Flynn continues to focus on constituent services, issues that impact the everyday lives of residents, and remains committed to delivering responsive city services to the neigh-



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strategies aimed at closing achievement gaps, such as improving access to technology for students experiencing poverty and increasing mental health support. Initially, 39 underperforming schools are expected to be targeted with this year’s funding. The district says all schools will be impacted by the funding increase by 2023.

### **Transportation**

The mayor zeroed in on transportation as a major problem that needs fixing. He expressed frustration with the state Legislature, which he says has failed to fix the region’s transportation woes. He said lawmakers need to allow Boston to raise its own revenue to make transportation investments. Walsh calling on legislative leaders to be bold on transportation “and if you can’t move this forward, let us lead,” asking for authority to raise revenue for big transit projects.

“It’s time to change the law.”

### **Housing**

The third pillar of Walsh’s state of the city was housing. He said the city’s current housing policy is working, and there are signs that rents and home prices are beginning to stabilize. “But they’re still too high for too many people. There’s much more work to be done. So tonight, I am announcing an unprecedented investment: \$500 million over five years, to create thousands of homes, all across our city—affordable to a range of incomes, from the most vulnerable to the middle class.”

City councilor Andrea Campbell, rumored to be a potential mayoral candidate, said there needs to be more substance behind Walsh’s big spending pledges, saying that promises are one thing but there needs to be a plan to ensure that all families truly have access to a high quality school.

# New Mindsets for a New Year at St. Peter Academy

By Frank Galligan, Principal of St. Peter Academy

“We will open the book. Its pages are blank. We are going to put words on them ourselves. The book is called Opportunity and its first chapter is New Year’s Day.”

This thought by Edith Lovejoy Pierce is an idea that many individuals can relate to at some point. How many of us have sought – or know people who have pursued – opportunities to better their lives with the turn of a calendar year? Resolutions to save or better manage money, exercise more, eat healthier, or travel abroad typically top the list within my own circle of family and friends.

At St. Peter Academy, our mission statement encourages each child to attain his or her maximum potential – spiritually, emotionally, academically, physically, and socially. Therefore, we consider each day – rather than each year – as an opportunity to embrace positive change. The mindsets of “I

cannot do it” and “I am not good at it” are immediately replaced with “I cannot do it yet” and “I am not good at it yet.” Thanks to our dedicated team of professionals who impart this growth mindset, children are continuously challenged to be better thinkers, students, and leaders. This mindset is not merely limited to children, either. During our Fall professional development sessions for staff, faculty engaged in a variety of workshops that focused on self-reflection and ways to improve instruction or programming for the benefit of our community. These days also offered vital opportunities for teambuilding, subsequently sparking conversations that promoted collaboration in our continual quest for excellence. As we begin 2020, St. Peter Academy welcomes each day and the many changes they bring, while viewing these moments as opportunities for reflection, growth, and self-improvement in our community of lifelong learners.

*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 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](mailto:spa@StPeterAcademy.com).*

## Library Lecture by Ken Gloss on the Value of Old and Rare Books

Kenneth Gloss, proprietor of the internationally known Brattle Book Shop in Boston’s Downtown Crossing section, will give a free and open talk Monday, January 13, 6:00 pm at South Boston Branch of the Boston Public Library, 646 East Broadway, South Boston, MA. Ken will discuss the value of old and rare books.

Ken, who is also a frequent guest appraiser on PBS’ Antiques Roadshow, will talk in part about the history of his historic bookshop ([www.brattlebookshop.com](http://www.brattlebookshop.com)), which goes back to circa 1825. He is a second-generation owner.

Ken will talk about and show some of his favorite finds and describe some of the joys of the “hunt,” as well as explain what makes a book go up in value. He has many fascinating anecdotes to share as well as guidelines for what to look for when starting a collection. There is also a Q&A session before the conclusion of his talk.

Following the talk and question-

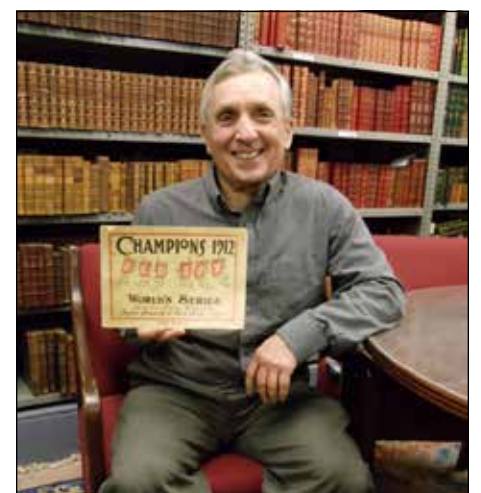
and-answer session, he will give free verbal appraisals of all books that attendees have brought with them or will do so at his shop in Boston.

Yankee Magazine Editor’s Choice Award for Best of New England, the Brattle Book Shop is one of America’s oldest and largest antiquarian bookstores. 2020 is the 71st year of Gloss family ownership. Kenneth Gloss succeeded his late father, George Gloss, a well-known figure both in Boston and national antiquarian circles. He had worked in the store since childhood and chose to go into the book business rather than pursue a doctorate in chemistry. He became the sole proprietor upon his father’s death in 1985. “I found that books were in my blood and that I would never be really happy if I abandoned the business.”

Among the many organizations in which Kenneth Gloss is a member are the Antiquarian Booksellers Association of America, the International League of Antiquarian Booksellers, the New England

Antiquarian Booksellers of America, the Massachusetts and Rhode Island Antiquarian Booksellers Association, the Committee for the Boston International Antiquarian Book Fair and the Boston Society. He also is a Fellow of the Massachusetts Historical Society as well as serving on the Board of Overseers of the USS Constitution Museum.

For further information about this talk and more about book-collecting, appraisals, and future free and open talks, call the store toll-free at 800-447-9595, or visit their website, [www.brattlebookshop.com](http://www.brattlebookshop.com).



# VISIBILITY 2020: Foresight & Hindthought fpacgallery

**Richard Hackel & Michael Bourque**

Exhibition: January 9, 2019 – February 20, 2020

Reception & Artist Talk: Thursday, January 16, 6:00 – 8:00 pm

The Fort Point Arts Community Gallery is pleased to announce VISIBILITY 2020: Foresight & Hindthought, the first show of the 2020 season. The two-person show features the work of FPAC members Richard Hackel and Michael Bourque. It heralds the start of the 2020 season for the 300 Summer Street Gallery with an exploration of what the artist sees. For both artists, it is about how the subject matter changes at varying vantage points, lighting, and time periods—presenting foresight and hindthought.

**Richard Hackel -**

[www.richardhackel.com](http://www.richardhackel.com)

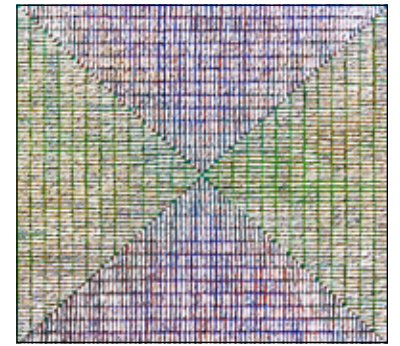
“My work seeks to bring new insight into how landscape exists and changes. I am interested in time, and how it changes the landscape predictably and surprisingly. It is important to me to be familiar with

the landscape so that as I see change I am better aware of subtleties, as in an old friend. Sometimes, this manifests itself as a singular image of a familiar spot or as a sequence of the same spot seen at two different times. I hope to capture the magic of things unplanned and unpredictable. Ultimately, I hope to photograph the invisible: something not seen until the camera and I converge at the same moment.”

**Michael Bourque -**

[www.studiobourque.com](http://www.studiobourque.com)

“2020 brings to mind visual acuity. Though 20/20 is a measurement of the quality of sight at 20 feet, paintings may present one or more distances for visual acuity. How does the painting appear close up or at 20 feet or a distance in between? My paintings employ a layering of color and repetitive brushstrokes that can



appear quite different as distance changes. Someone walking by them often perceives my paintings to be a textile. At closer range, the texture and depth of paint appears. As the observer walks up close to my paintings, he/she can't resist a furtive touch to fully understand the richness of the surface. It is at that point that the layering of the color becomes most apparent.”

**About the Fort Point Arts Community Gallery**

[www.fortpointarts.org](http://www.fortpointarts.org), [gallery@fortpointarts.org](mailto:gallery@fortpointarts.org)

The FPAC Gallery is fully programmed and staffed by a volunteer

Gallery Committee of the Fort Point Arts Community, Inc. of South Boston (FPAC), a nonprofit community organization founded in 1980. FPAC's mission is to promote the work of member artists to a broad and diverse audience; to preserve the artists' community in the Fort Point Channel area; to ensure the continuance of permanent, affordable studio space; to build community; and to increase the visibility of the arts in Fort Point.

FPAC Gallery: 300 Summer Street, M1, Boston, MA 02210

Gallery hours: Tues-Fri: 11:00 am–3:00 pm and by appointment.

## South Boston Catholic Academy News Congratulations to Andrew in K2A!

Andrew in K2A, was a runner up winner in the Scholastic Book Club Pigeon's Birthday Party Contest!

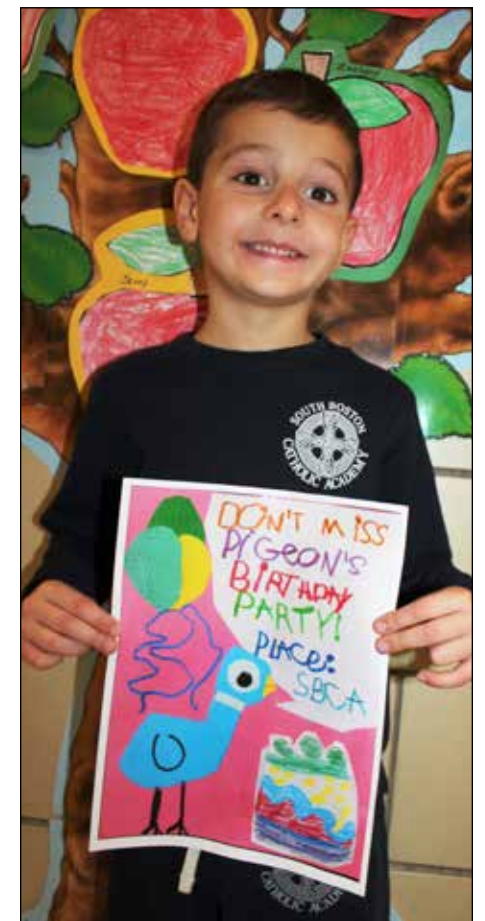
Scholastic Book Club received so many very colorful and well-done invitations to Pigeon Birthday Parties across the country. It was a big job to decide which eleven children would be selected winners. So many of the entries were deserving of the great prize of winning a Scholastic Library which included a set of 22 great books and videos for the winning student to take home and a duplicate set for the winning student's classroom. After a lot of consideration and discussion, Andrew's entry was chosen as one of the eleven winners. Congratulations to Andrew, to his teacher, Mrs. Connolly, and to all of his classmates in K2A! Happy reading K2A!

South Boston Catholic Academy



([www.SBCatholicAcademy.org](http://www.SBCatholicAcademy.org)) is currently accepting applications for all classes PreSchool-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@sbccatholicacademy.org](mailto:j.brown@sbccatholicacademy.org) or phone 617-268-2326 for more information.

# 'CHRISTMAS BOWL II' RAISES MONEY FOR BOSTON CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

SBT Staff

The holiday season is a time of giving. It's also a time for football. "Christmas Bowl II" combined the two, and saw the community come together for the second-annual Madden video-game tournament, benefiting Boston Children's Hospital. This year, the event was

held at Southie Bowl. Between the 16 contestants, several great raffle prizes, and other donations, "Christmas Bowl II" raised over \$2,000 for the Seacrest Studio and Entertainment Center inside Boston Children's Hospital.

Darby Lonergan was the winner of the two-game elimination "Madden 20" tournament, finish-

ing with a perfect 5-0 record. Sponsors for the event included, State Representative David Biele, City Councilor Ed Flynn, Senator Nick Collins, Mirisola's, and Rondo's Sub Shop. Raffle prizes were donated by the Dodo Nee Foundation, the Boston Bruins, Bryan McGrath, and Jeff Haynes.

The Christmas Bowl is an annual

charity video-game tournament run by South Boston's Danny Picard. "I'd like to thank everyone who supported the event," said Picard. "The hope is to make this tournament bigger and better each year. Already looking forward to Christmas Bowl III."

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# Gatey Hoop Notes

By Kevin Devlin

**G**ate of Heaven CYO Hoop is alive and well on the weekends at the McDonough gym; which is located within the James "Stretch" Walsh Community Center. Gate of Heaven Commissioner, Sean Monahan, has

once again done a tremendous job overseeing the boys' midget house league program. Monahan also oversees the boys' instructional league with Michael Donovan, is a travel league team coach, and provides invaluable assistance for the boys' cadet house league program. But now the commissioner is focused on teams gearing up for the midget house league playoffs.

"With playoffs around the corner in a few weeks, the Ryan Club remains undefeated in the boys midget league, coached by Paul Hogan, and led by the three veterans: Alex Beau- lieu, Sammy Flood and Evan Pierce," Monahan said. "The Dedham Sav-

ings Club is just one game behind and has a fast-paced team, coached by John Costello. Their point guard, Sean Costello is always looking to push the ball up court looking for the fast break opportunities for his big targets, Sean Buchanan and James Barrett. The Joe Evans Club is just a few games behind Dedham Savings coached by newcomer, Jack Tucker, from the University of Maine. The Evans Club has been led all season by their quick guard, Ryan Collins, and two outstanding rebounders, Bobby Rehm and Derek Austin.

"Next up is the East Boston Sav- ings Club, a young team coached by Bobby McGarrell, and anchored by

veteran Jackson Ballard," Monahan added. "The future looks bright for East Boston with an outstanding group of younger players; John Kane, Max Donovan, Jake Rae and Liam Long.

"The Coyne-Adams Club coached by Greg Lally and Pat Donohue, also have a young team," Monahan fur- ther stated. "Andrew Evans and Max Atchue provide steady leadership with tough defense and solid rebounding. Andrew Boynton, Liam Nagel and Nicholas Miani provide ferocious defense. They have Vincent Liang who sets the best picks in the league and they also have a solid group of younger players coming up with Evan Donohue and Jack and Matt O'Connell."



Coach John Costello and Commissioner Sean Monahan (left) pose with the DEDHAM SAVING BANK CLUB. The midget house league players pictured are: Sean Costello, Dimitri Markos, Ismal Ibrahim, Emmet Sheldon, and Robert McEachern. Also pictured is Gatey midet league commissioner, Sean Monahan.



Coach Bobby McGarrell is proudly standing beside his three sons, Lydon, Mason, and Ryan. Reminds me of the old sitcom, "My Three Sons"-an endearing series which aired in the sixties.



Coach Bobby McGarrell is pictured with his EAST BOSTON SAVING BANK CLUB midget house league team. The players are; Mason McGarrell, Finn Cawley, Jandel "JR" Resto, Max Donovan, John Rae, Owen Sullivan, and Ronan Foley.



Gatey midget house league commissioner, Sean Monahan, and METRO ENERGY CLUB cadet house league player, Alex Polena.



Gatey Commissioner, Sean Monahan, and PS DELI CLUB cadet house league player, Aidan Kineavy.



METRO ENERGY CLUB cadet house league player, Owen Donovan (on left) with PS DELI CLUB player, Max Smith.



JACK MCDONOUGH CLUB cadet house league player, Stephen Flynn.



BOSTON HOME INSPECTORS CLUB cadet house league player, Ryan Alexander.



Boston City Councilor, Edward Flynn, is at the gym with his son, Stephen.



Coach Paul Hogan is pictured with his RYAN CLUB midget house league team. The players are; Evan Pierce, Alex Beaulieu, Andrew Wisniewski, Donovan Lombard, Sam Flood, and Kiren McGarry.



Coach Jack Tucker is pictured with his JOEY EVANS CLUB midget house league team. The players are: Nolan Brook, Derek Austin, Bobby Rehm, Michael Hughes, Ryan Collins, and Shane Collins.



Coach Greg Lally and Pat Donohue, are pictured with their COYNE-ADAMS CLUB midget house league team. The players are; Andrew Evans, Vincent Liang, Andrew Boyton, Liam Nagle, Jack O'Donnell, Matthew O'Donnell, Evan Donohue, and Luke Secher.



I went 2-2 against the spread in the Wild Card round last weekend. Now, there are just eight teams remaining in the NFL Playoffs. Unfortunately, the Patriots are not one of those teams. But for now, it's time to put the emotions aside and pick some winners for the Divisional Round:

**SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS (-7) over Minnesota Vikings**

-The No. 1 seed 49ers host the No 6 seed Vikings on Saturday at 4:35 p.m. Minnesota is coming off an overtime win in New Orleans in the Wild Card round. That win was somewhat controversial, given the fact that offensive pass interference could've been called on Kyle Rudolph as he pushed off the defender before catching the game-winning touchdown in the back of the end zone. At the same time, there was hand contact on both sides and I can understand not making that call in that spot. Either way, there's nothing anyone can do about it now. The Vikings upset the Saints, and because of that, they go to San Fran. I'm taking the 49ers here because I think they'll get to Kirk Cou-

ins and force him into some bad throws and a few turnovers. I'm not overly confident in Jimmy Garoppolo in his first career playoff start, and if the 49ers had to go on the road, I'd probably be picking against them. But it's in San Francisco, so give me the Niners to win by 10.

**BALTIMORE RAVENS (-9.5) over Tennessee Titans**

-I think the Titans' Cinderella story is about to come to an end in Baltimore on Saturday night. The spread is high for a playoff game, but rightfully so, as Tennessee is the No. 6 seed, and Baltimore finished the regular season with the best record in the NFL. The Titans are coming off a huge win over the Patriots in New England in the Wild Card round. But let's be serious here. That was Tennessee's Super Bowl. And the Ravens are going to end their season by stomping on the Titans on Saturday night. Put Lamar Jackson and the No. 1 seed Ravens in the AFC Championship. Baltimore wins by two touchdowns.

**HOUSTON TEXANS (+9.5) over Kansas City Chiefs**

-Let me be clear. I don't think the

No. 4 seed Texans will win this game on Sunday afternoon. I believe the No. 2 seed Chiefs will win this one at home and move on to face Baltimore in the AFC Championship. But a 9.5-point spread here is way too high, especially considering the fact that Houston already beat Kansas City this season, in Kansas City. Now, that game happened all the way back in mid-October, but it still happened, and Houston still put up 31 points and won in the same building they'll be playing in this Sunday in the Divisional Round. Let me repeat. The Chiefs will win the game. But it will be close. So I'm taking the points.

**LOCK OF THE WEEK: SEATTLE SEAHAWKS (+4) over Green Bay Packers**

-It's tough to have a "lock of the week" when there are only four games to choose from. But here we are. These are the rules. And my lock is the No. 5 seed Seahawks, who are coming off a win in Philadelphia over the No. 4 seed Eagles in the Wild Card round. I picked Seattle to beat the Eagles in Philly last week as my "lock" because the Seahawks were 7-1 on the road

in the regular season. Now, the Seahawks are 8-1 on the road, and I expect them to go into Green Bay and knock off the No. 2 seed Packers. Or, at the very least, if Green Bay does win, I expect the Seahawks to cover in game that could be decided by a field goal or less. But there's just something about Green Bay this season that leaves me underwhelmed with them, even though they won 13 games. That has to be the quietest 13-win season I've ever seen. Silent but deadly? We'll find out on Sunday night at Lambeau. Aaron Rodgers needs another Super Bowl ring to bolster his legacy. And maybe they'll surprise me. But I doubt it. My money is on Seattle here. I've grown to love them on the road this year. And I'll probably also love them on the road, in San Francisco, in the NFC Championship.

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# SPORTS TODAY

## PATRIOTS SEASON ENDED BY TITANS, OFFSEASON COULD INCLUDE MAJOR CHANGES



SBT Staff

It's all over but the crying. The New England Patriots' season has come to an end, thanks to a 20-13 loss to the Tennessee Titans in the Wild Card round of the NFL Playoffs last Saturday night.

The Patriots' Week 17 loss to the Miami Dolphins knocked them out of the No. 2 seed, which would've given them a first-round bye. Instead, New England entered the playoffs as the No. 3 seed, and had to host the No. 6 seed Titans on Wild Card weekend.

Tennessee scored 13 unanswered points to win the game, jumping on the back of the NFL's leading rusher, Derrick Henry, who finished the game with 182 rush yards and a touchdown on 34 carries. Now, the Titans head to Baltimore to take on the No. 1 seed Ravens in the Divisional Round.



Julian Edelman @Edelman11 · Jan 5

Pats Nation, thank you for your unparalleled support this year. We didn't accomplish our goal this time, but we will come back focused and hungry. On to 2020. 🙌



## Tweet of the Week



As for the Patriots, they'll spend the next few months trying to pick up the pieces of a 12-4 season that, at one point, had many wondering if this was the year they'd actually complete the perfect 19-0 season, after beginning the season with an 8-0 record and one of the most dominant defenses the NFL has ever seen.

Not only will the Pats have to make some serious changes to their receiving unit, but they also have a major question at the quarterback position.

Tom Brady is scheduled to be an unrestricted free agent when the new league year begins on March 18. After Saturday night's loss to the Titans, Brady said that retirement is "unlikely." He also has a clause in his contract that says the Patriots cannot place the franchise tag on him. So if Brady is going to return to New England next season, the Patriots will have to give him what he wants.

Is that more money? More offensive weapons? A piece of ownership when he retires? Whatever it is that Brady is negotiating for, as of right now, we don't know for sure. But his future in New England is certainly in question this offseason.

## JUDGE LEAVES PATRIOTS TO BECOME GIANTS HEAD COACH



SBT Staff

The New York Giants have hired Patriots special teams coordinator and wide receivers coach Joe Judge as their new head coach.

He replaces recently-fired Pat Shurmur, who spent two seasons as Giants head coach. Former Dallas Cowboys head coach Jason Garrett was also being considered for the Giants job, but reports suggest that Garrett could now end up being Judge's offensive coordinator instead.

Judge spent eight seasons with the Patriots. Prior to joining the Patriots' staff, Judge worked for three years as a football analyst under Nick Saban at Alabama.

## WHAT TO WATCH

### NFL DIVISIONAL ROUND

SATURDAY, JAN. 11

No. 6 Minnesota at  
No. 1 San Francisco (-7)  
4:35 P.M. NBC

No. 6 Tennessee at No. 1 Baltimore (-9)  
8:15 P.M. CBS

SUNDAY, JAN. 12

No. 4 Houston at  
No. 2 Kansas City (-9.5)  
3:05 P.M. CBS

No. 5 Seattle at No. 2 Green Bay (-4)  
6:40 P.M. FOX

### NCAA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

MONDAY, JAN. 13

No. 3 Clemson vs No. 1 LSU (-5.5)  
8 P.M. ESPN

## REPORT: RED SOX STOLE SIGNS FROM REPLAY ROOM IN 2018

SBT Staff

According to a report from The Athletic, three anonymous people who were part of the Boston Red Sox organization in 2018 claim that Red Sox players stole signs throughout the 2018 regular season by visiting their video replay room during games, and then relaying opponents' signs to the dugout.

Those signs would then be sent from the dugout to the baserunner, who then used body language to tip off the hitter.

The Red Sox sources in The Athletic's report said that the sign-stealing did not take place in the postseason because Major League Baseball controlled the video replay rooms. The Red Sox won the World Series in 2018.

In a statement given to The Athletic in response to the allegation, Major League Baseball said it "will commence an investigation into this matter."



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