

## Construction Of Washington Village Could Begin This Summer



The upcoming redevelopment of five acres in South Boston's Andrew Square into a mixed-use development spanning six blocks is about to begin. In October 2019, the Washington Village development team filed a Notice of Project Change to propose adjustments to the project. Construction on the multi-building Project near the Red Line's Andrew Square stop in the Dorchester-South Boston borderlands could start by this summer, according to a recent presentation from the development team. That presentation follows major tweaks to the plans, which the Boston Planning and Development Agency approved in January, and added dozens of apartments while subtracting one building.

Washington Village will now have 214 apartments instead of

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# EDITORIAL

## Driver's Licenses for Undocumented Immigrants is a Bad Idea

It should come as no surprise to anyone familiar with the political leanings of so many at the Massachusetts State House that there is a major push to allow illegal or 'undocumented' immigrants to receive a driver's license. The bill has been named 'The Work and Family Mobility Act'. The bill numbers are H.3012 in the House and S.2016 in the Senate. The title of the bill

was created to sound like a positive, almost harmless, piece of legislation. It's how some elected officials manage to sneak their plans by the public. If it were to be called what it actually is, it might sound something like this: Making it easier to stay, work and eventually vote in Massachusetts.

Now, of course, the supporters of this bill are poised and ready to pounce on anyone

who dares express opposition to this bill and will attempt to smear them with the racist label. It's what they do. It's all they have. But the term 'illegal' speaks for itself. In this case it refers to people who have broken our state and federal laws and should not be here at all. And that applies whether they come from El Salvador or from Norway.

If elected officials feel people should be allowed

to ignore laws they disagree with, maybe that should apply to the paying of taxes, speed limits on our roads and arson. Even the Massachusetts Coalition for Immigration Reform isn't falling for this effort. They issued the following statement: This (effort) has nothing to do with safe driving and instead is meant as a way to make it easier to for illegal immigrants to live in our state". They are abso-



lutely correct. They know it, the voters know it too and it's time that those in the legislature respect the wishes of the public rather than doing the bidding of radical activists' groups and their lobbyists.

*"Do not take life too seriously. You will never get out of it alive" - Elbert Hubbard*

## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

The community has been very patient with the developer of the abandoned power plant. We have met with the development team at many community meetings. Health and Safety are the number one priority, we have asked for many months for an independent study of the soil and the buildings on the property by an environmental scientist. The developer has been very disrespectful, dismissive and insulting. Over a thousand residents of South Boston signed a petition with their concerns for the health and safety of the community. The community wants to work with the developer on this project, but health and safety must be addressed first before we move forward with this development.

Thank You,

Joe Cappuccio



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124 and seven buildings total instead of eight—in part via making the apartments smaller. Those dwellings are now due to be in one building instead of two. Recall that a development team that includes Samuels & Associates has been planning Washington Village for several years. Properties that were on the 4.89-acre parcel at 235 Old Colony Avenue—mostly one- to two-story industrial and commercial buildings—have been demolished; but construction has yet to start. The site also includes a former surface parking lot, making the planned development part of an ongoing trend in Boston of redeveloping such parcels.

The Project's public outdoor space will continue to include a landscaped park area known "The Green" however this space will be relocated to the west of the proposed building. A 1.5-acre public plaza and green will be located at Washington Village's center. Heights of buildings at Washington Village will primarily be between three

and six stories, with two buildings closest to Dorchester Avenue ranging from 18 to 22 stories. 110 residential units at Washington Village will be designated affordable.

There have been other changes besides the number of rentals and buildings. The Prellwitz Chilinski Associates-designed Washington Village is now due to have 746 condos and apartments total in buildings as high as 85 feet (the previous peak was 70). And it's due to have 82,400 square feet of retail (previously, there was supposed to be 99,000), and some 663 parking spaces instead of 648. The developers are also planning public plazas connected by new streets, including new open space along Tuckerman Street to better ease Washington Village into the existing neighborhood. The developers would also plant 120 new trees and provide space for the South Boston Historical Society. The first phase of Washington Village is due to be that 214-unit apartment building. The rest come later.

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# The Information Center



## *U.S. Border Patrol on its Way/ Why I am an NRA Member*

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John Ciccone

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**B**y now, most have seen the news about President Trump's plan to deploy Border Patrol agents to the Boston area and other 'Sanctuary Cities'. It is being called an effort to back up ICE Agents in those areas, because officials have moved to prevent municipal law enforcement departments from cooperating in the process of arresting and holding criminal illegal aliens for deportation and imprisonment. Opponents of this move are protesting loudly and have warned that the public will not support such tactics, but these opponents appear to be dead wrong. The reports coming in say most people are in favor of this and feel it's long overdue. This includes people who live in sections of cities, including several North Shore communities, who would like nothing better than to see the criminal gang element terrorizing certain locations hauled away. For too long, members of MS-13 and other gangs who feel they have nothing to worry about, because they are immune to being arrested and held for ICE have been causing people to live in fear of their brutal tactics. This appears to be about to change.

The bottom line about this effort by the President and the deployment of the Border Patrol is that something had to happen. When violent gangs, responsible for flooding our towns with drugs, human trafficking, home invasions, muggings, rapes and murders, feel like they have a ticket to stay out of jail and continue to be released back into the public to keep committing mayhem it becomes a public safety nightmare. Boston is fortunate so far. We are not like Chicago, Baltimore, Detroit, Los Angeles or any number of other liberal run cities where

people are in fear to go out at night and even in daytime- at least not yet. With the relaxation of the laws, which permits the violent element to roam free to carry on with their crime waves, it encourages more of the same and it usually only gets worse. If local police are not allowed to do their jobs because of the restrictions that PC politicians have put on them, let the Border Patrol and ICE get the job done. Raiding the dens of gang members and dragging them out of our cities and towns is what the public wants. If certain politicians can't understand this or are afraid to cooperate with this effort, maybe they should look for a new line of work.

Moving on, I was recently asked by a New York City resident who was visiting one of my neighbors about red, white, blue and gold National Rifle Association (NRA) decal I have on my truck. She wasn't hostile or condemning in her questioning. It was more out of curiosity that she asked if I felt comfortable showing support for that organization. Because of her politeness and what seemed to be a legitimate wish to understand, I took the time to tell her why. I explained that not only did I feel comfortable, but I was very proud to be one of now more than 6 million members of NRA.

The NRA I explained, has been an American institution since it was established back in 1871. Its membership is made up of men and women from all walks of life, all age groups and all races and ethnicities including doctors, nurses, clergy, lawyers, farmers, tradesmen, soccer and hockey moms and every form of first responder. Tens of thousands of law enforcement members as well

as veterans and active military members proudly belong. NRA members are unabashed patriots. I informed her that Donald Trump is not the only United States president to hold an NRA membership which is what she thought. Other American presidents also were members and include Ulysses S. Grant, William Taft, Teddy Roosevelt, Dwight Eisenhower, JFK and Ronald Reagan.

The NRA is an organization that protects and defends the Constitution of the United States; particularly the

First and Second Amendment. They will defend with every fiber of their being the God given right and the sacred American tradition to keep and bear arms. And that is why I and so many other Americans, including many South Bostonians, will always be proud to be among the ranks of the NRA. She thanked me for explaining and said she would ponder what I had told her. I just happened to have an extra membership application in my truck which I carefully slipped under her windshield wiper when she wasn't looking.

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## Massport Announces New Memorial Scholarship Honoring Former Port Director

### *A \$5,000 scholarship to be awarded annually to a high school senior*

The Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport) today announced a new scholarship honoring the late Port Director Deborah Hadden Gray who passed away in September 2019. Hadden Gray, of Melrose, worked for Massport for 20 years and served as Port Director from 2012-2015. She had a tremendous impact on Massport's Maritime mission and was a strong advocate for the working port, and the jobs and businesses it supported, while carefully balancing the priorities of the South Boston community.

"Deb was a vibrant, passionate, and talented leader at Massport for many years. She had a tremendous impact on our maritime mission and was instrumental in starting the Boston Harbor Dredging Project to prepare the Port of Boston for the future," said Massport CEO Lisa Wieland. "Deb was admired by her colleagues not only for her professional accomplishments at Massport, but also for her caring and thoughtful nature. I hope this scholarship will inspire students to

become advocates and leaders in marine sciences and maritime industries."

**The Deborah Hadden Gray Memorial Scholarship will award \$5,000** annually to a high school student who must be:

- A resident of the City of Boston, Chelsea, Revere or Winthrop;
- A high school senior with a minimum 3.0 GPA;
- Accepted to an accredited college, university, or registered apprenticeship program;
- Involved in community service or employment outside of school;
- Interested in pursuing studies in biology, environmental or marine sciences, maritime business, other related maritime field, or a trade.

Massport is also accepting applications for the following scholarships and internship:

**•Thomas J. Butler Memorial Scholarship – \$5,000** scholarship is awarded annually to a high school senior who resides and is involved in community service in South Boston, with a minimum

3.0 GPA, and is interested in pursuing studies in Criminal Justice, Political Science, Public Service, or Social Services.

**•Donna Rauseo Memorial Scholarship – \$5,000** scholarship is awarded annually to a female high school senior who resides and is involved in community service in East Boston, with a minimum of 3.0 GPA.

**•Lowell L. Richards III Memorial Scholarship – \$5,000** scholarship is awarded annually to a high school senior who resides and is involved in community service in Boston, Chelsea, Revere, or Winthrop, with a 3.0 GPA, and is pursuing studies in Government, Public Administration, Management, Planning, Architecture, or Design.

**•Diversity STEM Scholarship – \$6,000** scholarship is awarded annually to graduating high school seniors with a minimum 3.0 GPA who reside or attend schools in Boston, Chelsea, Revere, Winthrop, Worcester, Bedford, Lincoln, Concord, or Lexington. The students must be involved in community service



and are interested in pursuing a degree that could be utilized in the Transportation Industry in areas of study such as Aviation, Business Administration, Accounting, Architecture, Engineering, Finance, or Human Resources.

**•David W. Davis Memorial Internship** – A 13-week paid internship is awarded annually to an exceptional junior or senior in college who resides in Boston, Chelsea, Revere, or Winthrop. Priority is given to first generation students. The scholarship will allow students to develop a professional network that will aid them in their pursuit of a career in government and/or the public sector.

For more information on these scholarships and internship, visit [www.massport.com/massport/community/initiatives/internship-scholarships/](http://www.massport.com/massport/community/initiatives/internship-scholarships/) or [http://www.massport.com/massport/community/initiatives/internship-scholarships.](http://www.massport.com/massport/community/initiatives/internship-scholarships/)

## Local Vietnam Veterans Recognized By The McDonough Post

On Saturday, February 22nd at 11 AM, the City of Boston's Office of Veterans' Services and the McDonough Post will hold a special Vietnam Veterans Recognition Ceremony. The ceremony, which will recognize the Vietnam Veterans at Patriot Homes, will include a brief speaking program. The McDonough Post, at 329A West Broadway, is hosting the event.

South Boston has a long history of recognizing local veterans. As the home of the first Vietnam War Memorial in the country, we have always honored those who have served. The

annual St. Patrick's Day Parade also celebrates Evacuation Day and the contributions veterans have made to our country.

Henry Knox and the Continental Army fortified Dorchester Heights and forced the British out of Boston in 1776. South Boston is home to the statue of Admiral Farragut, perhaps most famous for his role in capturing New Orleans during the Civil War. Perkins Square is named for Michael Perkins, who received the Medal of Honor for his heroism in capturing a German machine gun emplacement in WWI. Martin McDonough, for whom the McDonough Post is named, was killed in WWII when the USS JUNEAU was sunk near Guadalcanal. Castle Island is also home to a Korean War Memorial, commemorating the sacrifices made in that war.

The Office of Veterans' Services and the McDonough Post are proud to carry on this tradition of remembering and honoring our veterans. Community members are encouraged to come to the Post at 329A West Broadway on Saturday, February 22nd at 11 AM to join the Post and the Office of Veterans Services in thanking the Vietnam Veterans of Patriot Homes for their service.



## Vietnam Veterans Recognition Ceremony

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## South Boston Citizens' Association Kickoff Breakfast Next Saturday February 29th, Knox Recipients Announced

**S**BCA President Tom McGrath and the Executive Board are pleased to announce that on Saturday, February 29, 2020, at the Kick-off Breakfast, The Henry Knox Award Presentation will take place at the Seapoint Restaurant, 367 East 8th Street, at 10AM.

Family, Friends and Neighbors are respectfully invited to attend this wonderful event. A \$10.00 donation is requested at door to help off-set costs. This year's event will once again feature great music of Bob Fowkes and Curragh's Fancy.

The Event Chairperson will be South Boston's own State Representative David Biele, who will continue to lead the fight to preserve the historical importance of Evacuation Day, while serving in the Massachusetts House of Representatives. "As president of the Association, it is an honor for me to appoint Dave to kick-off the festivities. Dave's commitment and involvement with the SBCA and our community has been a tremendous asset to me and the Executive Board." Said McGrath.

The awards are presented to everyday volunteers in the community who seek no recognition, who are considered "Unsung Heroes".

This year's first recipient is **Eddie Meagher**, who has continuously offered his service to many organizations and causes throughout the community, to assist in fund-raising efforts, Special Charity Events not

just in South Boston but across the city. I think some may or may not know that Eddie is probably the closest friend of Santa Claus, which has benefitted many of South Boston's Youth Sports Organizations, South Boston Special Kids and Young Adults, The South Boston Yacht Club and too many more to write about. He also can be seen volunteering his cooking talents at many of the summer-time fundraising events year in and year out. He has also quietly volunteered many hours with his painting and labor skills for house renovations that have helped many families that were in unexpected crisis situations.

The 2nd Knox award recipient is **J. Archer O'Reilly III**, who is known to most South

Boston school kids as Colonel Henry Knox. Since 2012, Archer has joined the South Boston Historical Society's annual History Slam, dressing as Colonel Knox to tell the story of Evacuation Day. He has presented the story of Henry Knox in every elementary school in South Boston, as well as at the South Boston Boys & Girls Club and at Dorchester Heights. This was not Archer's first time in South Boston. As a Harvard student in the 1960s, he volunteered to teach wood shop at the South Boston Boys and Girls Club, and the memories of those days in a very different South Boston brought him back at the behest

of the Historical Society.

Though Archer has led a busy life—one-time head of the Boston Housing Authority, community activist in Brookline, chair of the Shirley-Eustis House Association, which oversees the 1747 mansion in Roxbury, and Secretary of the Massachusetts Chapter of the Society of the Cincinnati, an organization formed in 1783 by Henry Knox and the other officers in the Continental Army, he always finds time to visit South Boston and present as Henry Knox. He came to our last Community History Day on Dorchester Heights, just a few days after having major surgery. In all kinds of weather—rain, snow, sleet, hail, and heat—he has trekked up Dorchester Heights and to the schools of South Boston to engage kids and teachers in the story of Evacuation Day. He has joined the South Boston Historical Society at the annual Street Festival in September, at the Historical Exercises every March, and anytime we find a group wanting to hear about Henry Knox.

Mary Ames Mitchell, author of the recent children's book *Henry's Big Kaboom*, redid her illustrations after Archer contacted her to correct the way she presented the cannon. Archer knows the history and wants us all to get it right. Anyone can tell the story of Evacuation Day, but Archer has a special gift for doing so, engaging kids and making this

a story they will never forget. Like Henry Knox, Archer is tireless and completely dedicated to this work. He has brought the story of Henry Knox to life for a new generation of South Boston kids. And the Association proudly recognizes this work and proudly presents Archer with a Henry Knox award.

Next recipient we have is **Patricia J. Reid**. The question is how has she remained an unsung hero for so long? Pat is a life-long South Boston resident, the daughter of the late Dr. William Reid, headmaster of South Boston High School. Pat graduated from Girls Latin, then attended the College of Wooster, and returned to Boston to spend a career at John Hancock. But her exemplary work career made possible an extraordinary life dedicated to some of South Boston's most important institutions.

Pat is the vice president of the Castle Island Association. She has in recent years taken charge of the annual Haunted Castle, overseeing the decorations and recruiting new volunteers. She has also recruited new volunteers for the tour program, and in fact has revamped the tours, offering visitors the opportunity for an expedited viewing of the battlements and parade ground. This has enabled more people to visit this South Boston treasure, and helps to ensure that it will remain a landmark open to new generations.

She has been Treasurer of the South Boston Historical Society practically since its inception. Though the organization has had multiple presidents and officers and committee members, Pat Reid has been the constant, doing the essential work of keeping its books balanced and its mission on track. Pat is also a long-time board member of the South Boston Neighborhood House and can be found on Saturdays at 4 as a Eucharistic Minister at St. Brigid Church. She is also dedicated to her family—her sister and brother and nieces and nephews who, through Pat, maintain their family connection with South Boston. She is the kind of community volunteer who brings not only her enthusiasm and consistent willingness to work, but also a great competence and ability to think through issues, and anticipate

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# SB Citizens' Association Boxing Show Tryouts Ongoing

The date for the 2020 St. Patrick's Day/Evacuation Day Boxing Show has been announced. It will take place on **Saturday, March 14th** and it will once again take place at the **Peter Welch**

Gym located at 371 Dorchester Avenue in South Boston. "Admission is free of charge to the public" stated Tom McGrath, president of the South Boston Citizens Association (SBCA). The Boxing Show is always a fun filled and action packed, crowd pleasing event. It has been part of the holiday celebrations for more than 75 years. Peter Welch, owner of the gym, along with the SBCA, is also a sponsor of the show.

This year's boxing show chairman, Suffolk County Registrar of Deeds, Stephen Murphy as well as Peter Welch will be looking for young boxers; both male and female of all ages to

participate in this year's show. Tryouts will begin on February 7th at 7:30PM at the Peter Welch Gym. Tryout days and times will be Fridays at 7:30PM, Saturdays beginning at 1:30pm and Sundays at 1pm.

Each young man and lady will be trained by experienced staff and trainers Peter Welch, Tommy Connors, Danny Long, James Murrin, Sean Murrin, Anthony Cefalo, Eric Savard, Matt Alger, Brian Ferro and Peter Welch Jr.

All training and tryout will be free of charge to every young man and woman participating in this year's show. All bouts and contenders



will be matched by age, experience and weight and should report to the Peter Welch Gym with mouth guard, shorts and sneakers.

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problems before they materialize. Her common sense, good humor, and commitment to South Boston—past, present, and future—benefit the organizations fortunate enough to have her as a volunteer, and the entire community by helping these neighborhood institutions flourish.

And finally, **Marie Laundry**, about whom you could also say "what took so long?" Is the Commissioner of the Gate of Heaven CYO Basketball

program for girls, Marie Laundry remains a fixture in South Boston, as generations of South Boston alumni still recognize "coach" for her lessons of teamwork, sportsmanship and respect. Nominated for a Henry Knox award, Marie's work has benefited the South Boston community by dedicating and volunteering many numerous hours with the development of young girls for generations through sports.

From soccer to softball to basketball, Marie has coordinated youth

sports for more than 30 years. She was the Athletic Director and Varsity high school basketball coach at the former Mount Saint Joseph Academy under the Sisters of Saint Joseph. She also coached the JV girls in softball at the Mount. After MSJA, she continued her work with the children of South Boston and taught instructional basketball for children ages 12 and under at Gatey. Marie is the proud grandmother of five and continues her work with Catholic Youth Organization Bas-

ketball and volunteers at the Walsh Community Center. She has two daughters Jenn and Christine and married to her husband Wayne.

Tom McGrath, President of the SBCA, said "It is an honor to recognize these individuals who dedicate their time and energy to the South Boston Community. I hope the community will join me and others on Saturday the 29th to honor these men and women."

Tickets are available at the door for \$10.00. Doors open at 9:30AM.

## Councilor Flynn Holds Stray Voltage Working Session

Last week, Boston City Councilor Ed Flynn held a working session on stray voltage issues that have been harmful to pets in recent years. This most recent working session, held on Friday February 14th, was now the third that Councilor Flynn has Chaired for the Committee on City & Neighborhood Services on this issue, and represents a continuation of the efforts to take short term & long term steps to help reduce the likelihood of these incidents. The working group - comprised of members of Mayor Walsh's Administration, the Dept. of Public Works Street Lighting Division, Eversource Energy, Animal Control & the MSPCA - continued their dis-

cussions on infrastructure improvements for older electrical cabinets, coordination with the city and the utility company, and pertinent educational information for pet owners.

In the working session, the Dept. of Public Works indicated that there will be funding in the city's upcoming capital budget for a stray voltage assessment, as well as their continued work with Eversource to address the issue. Eversource highlighted that they have two vehicles that scan the streets for any issues, with a usual response within 30 minutes. Councilor Flynn emphasized the importance of communication to the public and providing relevant information to pet owners. He plans to continue working with relevant



stakeholders on this issue.

"The harm posed by stray voltage for our pets, and potentially our residents, is a concern for many constituents, and I believe that this is an important public safety issue," said Councilor Flynn. "I want to thank Mayor

Walsh's Administration, the Boston Public Works' Street Lighting Division, Animal Control, Eversource, and the MSPCA for their commitment to this issue.

For more information, please contact ed.flynn@boston.gov or 617-635-3203.

# Councilor Edwards Aims to Revamp Boston's Zoning Board of Appeals

## *An Opportunity To Create Change and Participate*

City Councilor Lydia Edwards has announced a public hearing on February 25 at 4 PM at City Hall to hear public comment on her home rule petition - An act relative to the Zoning Board of Appeal. Because, as Ms. Edwards has stated, the ZBA lacks clear and published protocols for avoiding conflict of interest and the board's communications standards do not reflect contemporary expectations for access and transparency, which are limited by its enabling legislation, she is proposing changes that range from the following issues.

Her proposal would make persons from the real estate business as well as construc-

tion, development and even the purchase and sale of property ineligible to be a board member. She would replace them with those with experience in affordable housing, civil rights and fair housing, environmental protection and climate change, urban planning, homeowners, renters, and expertise in zoning and the general laws.

ZBA staff would be prohibited permitting, planning, development or real estate functions, and prohibited from engaging in private business in these areas. She seeks improved recordkeeping, better notice, more stringent standards of review, quarterly reporting, tight conflict of interest language and financial

disclosure by board members.

Two of the more intriguing elements of her proposal is first the creation of the Office of Community Counsel, which would be created to provide neutral advice and guidance explaining standards, votes, procedures, the appeal process and other matters relevant to the board of appeal. In addition, it includes an anti-displacement restriction requiring appellants seeking a variance for occupied or recently occupied structures to submit plans to mitigate displacement and to provide information about any recent evictions.

**The meeting is February 25 at 4PM in the Iannella Chamber on the 5th Floor Boston City Hall.**



## City Council Hearing on Zoning Board of Appeal Legislation February 25th



here: <https://www.boston.gov/public-notices/11562236>.

**Where:** Iannella Chamber on the 5th Floor of Boston City Hall.

**Who:** Representatives of the Walsh Administration will testify. Members of the public are invited to testify or submit written comment.

*Testimony can be submitted to:*

Mail Address: Docket #0233, City Council, City Hall, 5th Floor, Boston MA 02201

Fax Number: 617-635-4203

Attrn: Christine O'Donnell, Docket #0233

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**What:** The Boston City Council will hold a hearing on legislation sponsored by Councilor Lydia Edwards to modernize the Zoning Board of Appeal. The legislation would change the board composition, modernize the ZBA with electronic records, contact information and notice requirements, strengthen conflict of interest protections and require greater financial disclosures from appellants.

**When:** Tuesday, February 25th at 4pm. The public notice can be found

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# The Wine Guy



## About Spring and Warmer Things

It's that time of the early new year when there's a hint of Spring one day and snow and sleet the next; the only comfort is that the direction is unmistakable; you can feel the sun getting warmer and it's out longer. Time to think about warmer weather wines. **2019 Dog Point Vineyard Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough, (\$28.99)**, is a

bright, fresh, citrus driven sauvignon, with elements of honeydew melon, pears and gala apples in the background. A very pure, yet restrained, classic sauvignon expression.

On the palate, the citrus core of flavors are juicy and intense, with a refreshing acidity and mellow rounded texture on the finish. This wine calls for fresh, simple seafood-Oysters and Cherrystones; it's also especially good with Goat Cheese.

As you might expect, it's drinking beautifully now; what you might not know is that this one and most other Sauvignons from New Zealand can be cellared for five years or more.

Grab several or even a case! **2018, Badenhorst Chenin Blanc, Secateurs, Swartland, South Africa, (\$16.99)**. Drought conditions followed by a cool harvest season produced a stunning version of Adi Badenhorst's entry-level chenin. He took an unusual approach in 2018, harvesting the fruit over the course

of 12 days and adding each day's fruit to the already-fermenting musts. All of it was whole-bunch pressed, and one-quarter was fermented in old casks, the rest in tanks. Left on its lees for seven months with occasional stirring, the final wine is as deep and rich in flavor as its yellow hue predicts; it moves from waxy apple flavors to mango, wildflower honey and tangerine. Try this one with Asian Fusion or spicy Thai or Chinese. **Dr. Heidemann's Dry Riesling, 2018, Mosel, Germany, (\$16.99)**. The Wine Enthusiast says, "Heady white-blossom aromas are juxtaposed by cut stones and minerals on the nose of this cutting dry Riesling. The palate offers pert lemon and lime edged by a hint of citrus pith. This is a dry, refreshingly citrusy wine with wide appeal." If you're not inclined towards Riesling or just haven't tried it, this is the one you should start

with. Like Chenin Blanc, Riesling is a very flexible wine and the dryness of this one lends itself pretty nicely to seafood, pasta with white sauce, or a simple Roast Chicken and vegetables.

**Jordan Chardonnay, 2017, Russian River, Sonoma County, California, (\$35.99)**, has been produced for over 40 years now and every year, it seems to epitomize the true nature of crafted White Burgundies. Layers of fruit, a long, expanding mouthfeel and explosions of apricot, peach and mountain flowers, followed by a long, savory finish. This is a sipping wine, tremendous with pit-roasted Boar, game birds or a slowly simmered Coq au Vin.

It should be slightly chilled and opened about 30-40 minutes before it's served. While this is an "occasion" wine, don't hold back; make the occasion any day ending in the letter "y"! **Talk To The Wine Guy at jdris8888@gmail.com**



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43 Baxter St UNIT1 Condo	\$489,000	12/5/19	3	1	460
605 East Seventh St UNIT 3 Condo	\$465,000	12/2/19	1	1	562
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# Making Magic in K1 on February 25th

By Frank Galligan,  
Principal of St. Peter Academy

St. Peter Academy is proud to welcome prospective K1 families from the local community to our school on Tuesday, February 26, 2020 from 5:30-7PM. Enjoy pizza, a performance by Magician, Eric Benton, and meet with our teacher, Mrs. Kathryn Lee! Reservations are required, since space is limited, and can be made by emailing [spa@stpeteracademy.com](mailto:spa@stpeteracademy.com).

The evening will provide an opportunity for interested families to learn more about the school's K1 offerings. Focused on the care and development of the whole child, the program builds essential literacy and math skills in a nurturing environment that is deliberately structured to ensure healthy social-emotional development.

“The small class sizes at St. Peter’s allow me to easily tailor instruction for all of the kids, says Kathryn Lee, who is in her first year at the school. “It’s so rewarding to see the kids grow and experience significant developmental milestones along the way at this age.” Lee received her Master of Education in Early Childhood Education from Merrimack College and Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Holy Cross College. She is an avid believer in using data driven instruction to create differentiated independent work, flexible student groupings, and targeted individualized interventions to meet the unique needs of all 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 ap-*



*plications for the limited spaces available in the year-round toddler program (beginning at age 15 months) and for students in Pre-K, Kindergarten and grades*

*1-6. Appointments for individual tours can be made by contacting the Principal, Frank Galligan, at 617-268-0750 or by emailing [spa@StPeterAcademy.com](mailto:spa@StPeterAcademy.com).*

## Councilor Flynn Meets with South Boston Neighborhood Associations

*Discussed Pedestrian Safety, Quality of Life Issues*

In the last two weeks, Boston City Councilor Ed Flynn attended the monthly neighborhood association meetings for three different civic groups in South Boston - the St. Vincent’s Lower End Neighborhood Association, the Andrew Square Civic Association, and the Cityside Neighborhood Association. Topics of discussion centered on significant issues in our

community that affect the everyday lives of our residents; including pedestrian safety, development proposals and feedback from neighbors and abutters, and public safety with police reports from Boston Police officers at C-6.

“It is critical for my staff and I to continue attending the monthly meetings for every civic group in South Boston, so that we can ad-

vocate effectively on behalf of our neighbors,” said Councilor Flynn. “I will continue to work closely with our civic leaders, neighbors and abutters to ensure that we are providing strong leadership on quality of life issues, accurate feedback from the people of South Boston at City Hall when it comes to development issues at the ZBA, and working closely with the Transportation Dept. or Boston Police on pedestrian and public safety.”

For more information, please contact Councilor Flynn’s office at 617-635-3203 or [Ed.Flynn@Boston.gov](mailto:Ed.Flynn@Boston.gov).



**ASH  
WEDNESDAY**  
**Feb  
26  
2020**

## Schedule

Masses with Distribution of Ashes  
7:00AM St. Brigid Church  
9:00AM Gate of Heaven Church  
10:30AM St. Brigid Church  
12 Noon Gate of Heaven Church  
4:00PM St. Augustine Chapel  
6:00PM St. Brigid Church

## LENT 2020



### Tuesdays During Lent

1. The Holy Rosary – Tuesday Evenings at 6:30PM at Gate of Heaven Church

### Wednesdays During Lent - 6:30 – 7:30PM

PRAYER, REFLECTION, ADORATION & CONFESSION

6:30PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

6:40-7PM Spiritual Talk

7:00-7:30PM Confessions and Adoration

Wednesday, March 4th – Gate of Heaven Church

Presenter: Fr. Robert Casey

### Fridays During Lent - Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent

3PM at Gate of Heaven Church

### Daily Mass

Gate of Heaven Church: Monday Through Friday 9AM

St. Brigid Church: Monday through Friday at 7AM



**W**hat exactly are we doing with this sign-stealing story in Major League Baseball?

To steal a quote from Bill Belichick, “Nobody died.”

The Houston Astros were accused of stealing signs via the use of technology in 2017 and 2018. They won the World Series in 2017. As a result, MLB commissioner Rob Manfred suspended Astros GM Jeff Luhnow and manager A.J. Hinch for the entire 2020 season, forcing Astros owner Jim Crane to fire both Luhnow and Hinch.

It also forced the Boston Red Sox to part ways with manager Alex Cora, and the New York Mets to part ways with manager Carlos Beltran, as the two were part of the Astros organization, and allegedly, part of the creation of the sign-stealing scheme the Astros were using.

Is it a big deal? Well, ya, if the Astros were the only ones using technology to steal signs.

But here’s the thing. They weren’t.

Last month, I wrote an exclusive feature report (which is pinned to the top of my website: [dannypicard.com](http://dannypicard.com)), explaining that sign-stealing via the use of technology is in fact quite prevalent in Major League Baseball. It wasn’t my opinion. I had reached out to several current MLB players, who would only speak to me on

the condition of anonymity.

I had hours of phone conversations with these players, who were adamant it’s not just the Astros doing this type of stuff. There was so much I couldn’t even use because I couldn’t get confirmation on some of the details. But for the most part, I was able to get a lot of the information confirmed, so I ran with it.

A quote from one of the players tells the whole story, when asked about Manfred’s harsh punishment for the Astros: “I don’t know if cutting the head off a snake is the right thing to do, because there’s a lot of snakes.”

Most of the national media has completely ignored my story. That’s not because my story isn’t correct. It is. In fact, since I released it on Jan. 20, not only has my website received a massive amount of daily hits, but I’ve also had a good number of people involved in Major League Baseball reach out to me, privately, with emails and even twitter or instagram messages to let me know that my story is one of the more accurate portrayals of sign-stealing that’s been written.

These people don’t want me to share their names, so I won’t. Much like the players I talked to for the story didn’t want to be named.

Why don’t they want to be named? Well, it’s simple. They don’t want to

throw their own team under the bus.

They don’t want to be investigated by MLB. They just want this story to go away, knowing that sign-stealing is only going to continue, no matter what the commissioner does. Those who speak anonymously about this situation right now are the most truthful.

Unfortunately, with spring training just beginning, every player is being asked by the media to react to what the Astros were caught doing. And what you’ve seen over the last week is a lot of outrage. But I can honestly tell you that the outrage is fake.

It reminds me of when Alex Rodriguez was suspended for the entire 2014 season for using PEDs. Other players stood in front of the cameras and called Rodriguez a dirty cheater. Everyone was outraged. The problem was, A-Rod didn’t get suspended because he failed a PED test. He got suspended because he was linked to a shady wellness clinic called “Biogenesis.”

Rodriguez was passing all the same PED tests that other players had to take. So why should I believe that other players who were pointing the finger were completely clean? Some of the outrage at the time was a little too over the top. Much like this current sign-stealing outrage.

Well, at least one Hall of Famer is

willing to agree with me, publicly.

Former Braves pitcher John Smoltz said this on SiriusXM’s MLB Network Radio late last week: “I just think that people in their anger have to be careful and make sure they’re clean, when they’re going to come out and spew a lot of anger. You’ve got to make sure their club has been clean. Because this is not the only team that has done things. This is the one team that got caught.”

Still, it’s like nobody wants to acknowledge he said that. It went right over the head of MLB reporters like Ken Rosenthal, Jeff Passan, and Buster Olney, to name a few. Why are they ignoring it? Because it would change their narrative, which is that the Astros are the biggest — and only — cheaters in baseball.

It’s a much juicier story that way. And right now, their squeezing the life out of it.

As the drama continues to unfold, just know that the national media is not telling you the full story. In fact, they’re ignoring it completely.

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# SPORTS TODAY

## HENRY ADDRESSES BETTS TRADE IN LETTER TO FANS

SBT Staff

**B**oston Red Sox principal owner John Henry released a letter to the fans earlier in the week, claiming that trading Mookie Betts this winter was “one of the toughest decisions” the organization has ever had to make.

“We at the Red Sox will remember this as one of the toughest, one of the most difficult, decisions we have ever had to make,” said Henry in the letter. “We too love the young man, the great, great smile, the huge heart and the seemingly boundless talent he displayed here.

“We felt we could not sit on our hands and lose him next offseason without getting value in return to help us on our path forward. We carefully considered the alternative over the last year and made a decision when this opportunity presented itself to acquire substantial, young talent for the years ahead.”

The Red Sox traded Mookie Betts and David Price to the Los Angeles Dodgers last week. Betts will become an unrestricted free agent next winter. His asking price is reportedly \$420 million over 12 years.

“I understand there is probably little I can say today that will change how you feel about this, but it is my responsibility to try,” Henry wrote.

“The baseball organizations we compete against have become much



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FOR ME, I GOT A JOB TO DO AND THAT'S PLAYING BASEBALL FOR THIS TEAM AND TRYING TO BRING BACK ANOTHER TROPHY.

CHRIS SALE

### Tweet of the Week



more strategic and thoughtful about how and where they spend their resources in their quest for titles. We cannot shy away from tough decisions required to aggressively compete for World Series. That is what led to this trade.

“Free agency plays into many decisions clubs like ours have to make. Today’s players spend years in the minor and major leagues earning the right to be paid in a free market, earning the right to make choices. They make significant sacrifices to get there and they deserve what they receive.”

Whether or not Betts ends up getting his \$420 million next offseason, it’s clear that his goal was to at least try, which forced the Red Sox’ hand to make the trade.

## RED SOX SIGN PILLAR, LUCROY; LOSE HOLT TO FREE AGENCY

SBT Staff

**F**ree-agent outfielder Kevin Pillar and the Boston Red Sox have agreed to a one-year, \$4 million deal.

Pillar, 31, played 156 games for the San Francisco Giants last season, hitting .264 with a career-high 21 home runs and 87 RBI. Before being traded to the Giants last April, Pillar spent six seasons with the Toronto Blue Jays.

The addition of Pillar was much needed in the Red Sox’ outfield after the Mookie Betts trade, because 23-year-old outfielder Alex Verdugo — one of the players acquired from the Dodgers — might miss some time to begin the season, as he con-

## WHAT TO WATCH

**MLB SATURDAY, FEB. 22**  
Spring Training  
Tampa Bay vs Boston  
1:05 P.M. NESN

**NBA FRIDAY, FEB. 21**  
Boston at Minnesota  
8 P.M. NBCSB

**SUNDAY, FEB. 23**  
Boston at LA Lakers  
3:30 P.M. ABC

**NHL FRIDAY, FEB. 21**  
Boston at Calgary  
9 P.M. NESN

**SATURDAY, FEB. 22**  
Boston at Vancouver  
10 P.M. NESN

**BOXING SATURDAY, FEB. 22**  
WBC Heavyweight Championship  
Tyson Fury vs Deontay Wilder (c)



tinues to recover from a back injury that forced him to miss the last two months of last season in LA.

Boston has also signed 33-year-old catcher Jonathan Lucroy to a minor-league deal, with an invitation to spring training. The Red Sox traded catcher Sandy Leon to the Cleveland Indians in December. The addition of Lucroy is considered to be a depth move, as Christian Vazquez is still expected to be the team’s starting catcher.

The Red Sox will open their spring training schedule this weekend, but they’ll be without utilityman Brock Holt.

Holt, 31, signed with the Milwaukee Brewers this week. He spent seven seasons in the Red Sox organization, was part of the World Series championship team in 2018, hit for the cycle twice, and was Boston’s lone representative at the All Star Game in 2015.



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