



## Boston Globe Takes Another Cheap Shot At South Boston

As the State Senator and Representative from South Boston over a span of 35 years, former Massachusetts Senate President William ‘Bill’ Bulger, tongue in cheek, but with a thick thread of truth, characterized journalists in general, but those associated with the Boston Globe in particular, as “men of unsleeping malevolence”. Taking on the press during his career was for him “the price of independence”.

This is not a report on the career of Mr. Bulger, but his use of both the noun “malevolence” and the

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# EDITORIAL

## Senator Nick Collins and Just 6 Others Stand By Law Enforcement Will The House Correct the Sins of the Senate?

The radicals in the defund the police movement and yes, even some Boston City Councilors and Massachusetts legislators are demanding that law enforcement be hamstrung with a long list of restrictions, budget cuts and in some cases even defunded and disbanded. Many others, not so vocal in support of such ludicrous demands, are so lacking in courage that they remain silent and won't dare stand up and defend police, because



they believe it could be detrimental to their reelection chances. So, they meekly go along with the unreasonable and unrealistic demands. There is no abundance of courage to be found among the majority of law makers

in the Bay State and that might be the case all the way up to the corner office on Beacon Hill. We shall see. But credit must be given to those who DO stand up to the anti-cop noise makers and it was on display by seven Senators, including South Boston's own Senator Nick Collins earlier this week with the vote taken on Senate bill S2800.

Collins was joined by Senators Ryan Fattman, Ann Gobi, Michael Moore, Michael Rush, Dean Tran

and John Velis in defense of law enforcement and in opposition to the oh so trendy movement to render police officers almost unable to do their jobs to protect and serve the public and keep this state's communities safe from the violent and the lawless. They voted 'NO' to a bill that would in effect, make the people of Massachusetts less safe, if it ultimately becomes law. That there were 30 senators who voted in favor of this dangerous anti-police bill

and 3 others who showed even less courage by voting 'present', speaks volumes about why there should be a major shakeup at every level of government in Massachusetts in the next election.

One of the remaining question to be answered is will the Massachusetts House of Representatives support law enforcement when that branch brings it to a vote or will they also desert the men and women in uniform who put their lives on the line to keep us all safe?

*"The summer looks out from her brazen tower, through the flashing bars of July" - Francis Thompson*

## Five Simple Steps for Removing a Tick from Your Skin

By Angela Patterson, Chief Nurse Practitioner Officer, MinuteClinic at CVS

If you're spending time outdoors as a way to get some fresh air while physical distancing, or if you have a pet who needs to go outside, it is important to know that ticks are most active in the summer months. While there are actions you can take to prevent ticks, such as avoiding grassy and wooded areas, using insect repellents, and treating your clothing with products containing permethrin, you should always

do a body scan and check for ticks after spending time outdoors.

1. Grab a pair of fine-tipped sterilized tweezers.

2. Using the tweezers, grab and pinch the tick's head vs its swollen abdomen (do not grab at swollen abdomen of tick).

3. Pull straight out; do not twist. Nail polish, petroleum jelly or heat will not help you remove the tick. If the tick breaks in half, remove the mouth-parts with clean tweezers. If you are unable

to remove the mouth-parts easily, leave them alone and the skin will heal.

4. Wash the site where the tick was on your skin with rubbing alcohol or soap and water.

5. Never crush a tick. To dispose, put the tick in alcohol or in a sealed bag or container. You may want to save the tick for further reference, if needed.

After removal, keep an eye on the bite region over the next month, and watch out for the following potential symptoms of tick-

borne diseases:

### **Symptoms of Lyme Disease**

- An expanding bullseye ring developing where the tick was removed

- Fever
- Chills
- Headache
- Excessive fatigue
- Muscle and joint aches
- Swollen lymph nodes

### **Symptoms of Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever**

- Fever
- Nausea or vomiting
- Stomach or muscle pain
- Loss of appetite
- Headache



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## Is Maturity No Longer Required To Run For Office?

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John Ciccone

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There was a time when, in order to be elected to public office, one had to possess a certain degree of maturity, otherwise he or she just wouldn't get enough votes to win an election for the position of Dog Catcher. Common sense was also a basic requirement no matter which political party one belonged to. There were standards to meet. That was just the way it was and still is in most areas of the United States. But after watching the news in current times, many have come to realize that standards, common sense and certainly maturity are pretty much out the window, because in the other parts of the country, we have people elected to office who are devoid of anything even close. And I'm not just speaking about screaming Maxine Waters, Nancy Pelosi tearing up President Trump's State of the Union speech on national TV or the likes of Anthony Weiner texting out photos of his body parts.

Watching New York City mayor Bill DeBlasio (accompanied by Al Sharpton and members of the New York City Council) painting giant yellow letters that read 'Black Lives Matter' in front of Trump Towers last week reminded me of my childhood days growing up in South Boston. Its common knowledge that DeBlasio hates Trump. So, he wanted to be seen painting words that he felt would upset the President on the street in front of Trump's hotel. Many locals might remember the practice of 6 and 7 year old kids in Southie, when there was another 6 or 7 year old kid you were mad at or didn't like in the neighborhood, you might take chalk and write bad things on the side walk in front of that kid's house for spite or to make them mad. Pretty much the same thing DeBlasio was doing with his paint brush and rollers on the streets of New York. DeBlasio, Sharpton and the rest of them are so consumed with hatred for Trump that they don't even realize how childish and ridiculous they looked.

DeBlasio was called out on it by many people, but the best response to his street painting tantrum came from former South Carolina governor Nikki Haley. She said the following directed at DeBlasio. "You can paint a road. Why don't you get law enforcement to meet with the community; talk with those who are concerned... work on what you're going to do to change things? Painting a road? Is that all Bill DeBlasio has left? It's pretty pathetic. And doing it in front of Trump Towers is just childish". She also referred to the mayor as immature, petty and an embarrassment and as always, Nikki Haley who pulls no punches was right on the mark. It would be hard to imagine that the people of New York City will reelect a clown like the incompetent Bill DeBlasio as their mayor. But it's also hard to believe that the same city that once elected Rudy Giuliani as mayor; who brought prosperity and reduced crime to almost nothing there when he was mayor could now vote to reelect someone who is responsible for turning the city into the crime ridden hell hole it is today. But if they do, they have only themselves to blame.

And now to comment on yet another liberal boycott that backfired. GOYA. We've all heard of this excellent company that produces some really great food products. But in addition to that, the GOYA Company has been among the most generous in the nation when it comes to donating to worthy charities, supplying the hungry with food and even providing scholarships to students. GOYA employs 4000 people. Well, as most Americans learned last week, the GOYA Company has become the latest target of Hollywood celebrities and other left-wing political activists who have organized a boycott of. Why? Because GOYA's owner, Robert Unanue had kind words for President Trump. Because he dared say something nice about the President and refused to apologize for it, the

Left went into meltdown and is demanding that everyone stop buying GOYA products. But as many have heard, this boycott didn't go as the angry activists had planned. Millions of Americans, many of whom had never bought GOYA food before, went on a buying spree and have sent sales through the roof reaching record levels that GOYA has never experienced before. The delicious rice, beans, spices, cooking oils and everything else the company makes were selling out so fast, stores couldn't keep them on the shelves and it hasn't slowed down a bit.

So, what does this tell us? It confirms

pretty much what most people always suspected. The radical leftists and the other crazies working to tear down our country's institutions and put good people who are loyal Americans out of business are in reality, just a small, loud minority and that Americans will stand up and defend those being unfairly attacked for speaking their minds. It also proves that there is a hell of a lot more of us than them and we can offset any boycott the Left demands just by sheer numbers.

As for me, I think I will load up my shopping cart again this week with some delicious GOYA rice, olive oil and spices.

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## Window Into The State House

Window Into The State House provides our readers a synopsis of important issues of interest, past and current, that are being proposed, debated or acted upon by the Massachusetts Legislature. Many issues that are not related to local city government services are acted upon and have a direct impact on daily life. They are tax policy, transportation infrastructure, judicial appointments, social services and health, as well as higher education. We will excerpt reports from the gavel-to-gavel coverage of House and Senate sessions by news sources focused on this important aspect of our lives. These sources include a look ahead at the coming week in state government and summaries and analyses of the past week, re-caps of a range of state government activity, as well as links to other news.

### As Senate finally passes police-reform bill in early morning vote ...

The fourth time was indeed the charm. From SHNS's Matt Murphy: "The Senate overcame a difficult rollout and several false starts to pass a far-reaching reform of policing in Massachusetts on Tuesday that would ban chokeholds, limit the use of tear gas, license all law enforcement officers and train them in the history of racism." And the legislation, passed by a 30-7 vote at 4 a.m., "would also controversially scale back a legal protection for police and other public employees that currently shields them from civil lawsuits unless there was a clearly established violation of law." And now it's the House's turn to take up police reform – and the thorny issue of qualified police immunity.

### ... the debate over qualified police immunity intensifies

The Senate may have finally passed a police-reform bill early this morning. But the debate over stripping police of their qualified immunity seems to be just getting started. The Globe's Gal Tziperman Lotan, writ-

ing before this morning's Senate vote, notes how many Beacon Hill lawmakers are uncomfortable about leaving police exposed to possible civil lawsuits. The Herald's Erin Tiernan, also writing before the Senate vote, reports the issue is dividing Democrats, some of whom worry about other government workers losing qualified immunity. The Herald's Joe Battenfeld thinks Democrats are making a huge mistake by pushing the immunity issue so aggressively.

### Stepping aside: Lynn police chief latest to announce departure

Add one more to the list. Lynn Police Chief Michael A. Mageary is the latest law enforcement leader to announce he plans to retire, saying he'll step away after 34 years on the force and three-and-a-half years as chief, Gayla Cawley of the Lynn Item reports. Mageary joins fellow chiefs in Framingham, Brookline and Newton who have recently announced they're stepping down amid demands for police reforms.

### 'Boston police are not Minneapolis police'

This must be a welcome change

for embattled police used to almost no-stop criticism these days: In a Globe opinion piece, Eugene Rivers and Christopher Winship are praising progressive reform steps taken by the Boston Police Department since the 1990s -- and they declare that Boston police are not Minneapolis police. But some city councilors still want changes. From the Herald's Sean Philip Cotter: "Boston councilors proposing police civilian review board."

### Is Charlie Baker afraid of the State Police?

Speaking of police reforms, Gov. Charlie Baker says he wants to reform the scandal-plagued Massachusetts State Police. But the Globe's Joan Vennoch doesn't see a lot of action on the State Police reform front and wonders if the governor is as committed to change as he says.

### Warning shot: Amherst town manager casts doubts on UMass reopening plan

After all, students will be students. Amherst Town Manager Paul Bockelman is warn-

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### CITATION ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT

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## Councilor Flynn Advocates for Persons with Disabilities with City Hall Plaza Renovation

As the renovations for City Hall Plaza begin, Boston City Councilor Ed Flynn expressed his continual strong support for persons with disabilities, and ensuring that buildings and open spaces are accessible and welcoming to everyone.

Boston City Hall Plaza is one of Boston's largest public spaces, and the city is planning to renovate the space to improve accessibility for persons with disabilities, as well as making the plaza easier to utilize for the public. The construction will include connecting the plaza to Cambridge and Congress

Streets with an accessible sloped promenade that will make the space accessible to residents of all abilities. The promenade will have shady seating and gathering areas, a water feature, public arts space, and a play space. The renovation will also include the planting of 100 new trees, 3,000 new seating spaces for residents, and the re-opening of the North Entrance, which will make it easier for visitors to access the 2nd floor of City Hall.

"Advocating for our persons with disabilities has always been a top priority for me, and I'm happy to know

that the renovation of City Hall Plaza will make this important space more accessible to everyone," said Councilor Flynn. "City Hall Plaza is one of the most iconic civic spaces that we have in the city, and it is critical that people of all ages and abilities are able to access and enjoy the plaza. I want to thank Mayor Walsh, Commissioner McCosh, and the Boston Disabilities Commission for their work, and I look forward to working with them to support our disability community."

For more information, please contact Councilor Flynn's office at 617-635-3203 and ed.flynn@boston.gov.

## SEN. COLLINS, REP. BIELE DELIVER FOR FAMILIES OF BOSTON FIREFIGHTERS

*Collaboration provides health insurance coverage for surviving spouses and children of firefighters*

BOSTON—Recently, **Governor Charlie Baker** signed into law An Act concerning health insurance benefits for surviving spouses of firefighters in the City of Boston. The law allows the surviving spouses and dependent children of City of Boston firefighters to retain health insurance benefits, regardless of marital status.

Previously, a surviving spouse

lost the option to retain group health insurance if he or she remarried. This new law eliminates the “Remarriage Penalty.”

Pursuant to the new law, a surviving spouse of a Boston firefighter who died from injuries or illness received in the performance of his or her duty now has the ability to retain insurance coverage for the spouse and any dependent children through the City of Boston’s Employees’ Healthcare Insurance.

With this change, pension and health insurance benefits will now be treated the same under the law. Prior to enactment of this law, surviving spouses were allowed retain pensions, regardless of marital status, however, would lose health insurance coverage upon remarriage.

The legislation was a “Home-Rule” petition filed by City Councilor **Michael F. Flaherty** that was passed by the Boston City Council and approved by **Mayor Martin J. Walsh**.

Following passage by the City of Boston, the petition was carried

through the Massachusetts State Legislature by **State Senator Nick Collins** and **State Representative David Biele**.

“Our firefighters prepare everyday to lay it on the line to keep us safe, so the least we can do is make sure their families get taken care of if they do make the ultimate sacrifice”, said **Sen. Collins**. “This bill is about providing for the families of fallen firefighters, and I was proud to work with my colleagues to get it signed into law.”

“Firefighters in the City of Boston risk their lives each and every day. This law recognizes the sacrifices made by firefighters who died while protecting the City of Boston and its citizens by providing benefits and health care coverage for their surviving spouses and children,” said **Rep. Biele**. “I was proud to work with my colleagues in city and state government on this important legislation.”

The text of the law can be viewed at: <https://malegislature.gov/Laws/SessionLaws/Acts/2020/Chapter94>



## Chairman Stephen Lynch Seeks Commitments From Apple And Google

*U.S. Intelligence Agencies confirmed the national security risks of foreign smartphone applications*



U.S. Representative Stephen F. Lynch, the Chairman of the Subcommittee on National Security, sent letters to Apple and Google after the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) confirmed that mobile applications developed, operated, or owned by foreign entities, including China and Russia, could potentially pose a national security risk to American citizens and the United States.

“As industry leaders, Apple and

Google can and must do more to ensure that smartphone applications made available to U.S. citizens on their platforms protect stored data from unlawful foreign exploitation, and do not compromise U.S. national security,” Chairman Lynch wrote. “At a minimum, Apple and Google should take steps to ensure that users are aware of the potential privacy and national security risks of sharing sensitive information with applications that store data in countries adversarial to the United States, or whose developers are subsidiaries of foreign companies.”

On February 26, 2020, Chairman Lynch wrote to FBI Director Christopher Wray and Acting Director of National Intelligence Richard Grenell requesting information on whether mobile applications developed, operated, or owned by foreign entities pose a potential national security risk.

On July 7, 2020, ODNI told the Subcommittee, “Mobile applications developed, operated or

owned by foreign entities present a potential national security risk because developers can deliberately code kill switches, backdoors or vulnerable data streams into mobile applications that allow access to the application’s software, application-generated data, or even — in some cases — the device itself, — and because application owners/operators can filter, censor, corrupt, intercept, and illegitimately divert or share data generated by applications.”

On July 10, 2020, the FBI told the Subcommittee, “[I]f users voluntarily provide information to a mobile application that is based in a foreign country or that stores information in a foreign country, the information is subject to the respective foreign country’s laws, which may allow its acquisition by that country’s government.”

On December 13, 2019, Chairman Lynch sent letters to Apple and Google requesting information about whether the companies re-

quire mobile application developers to disclose potential overseas affiliations before making their products available to U.S. users. Apple confirmed that it does not require developers to submit “information on where user data (if any such data is collected by the developer’s app) will be housed” and that it “does not decide what user data a third-party app can access, the user does.”

Google stated that it does “not require developers to provide the countries in which their mobile applications will house user data” and acknowledged that “some developers, especially those with a global user base, may store data in multiple countries.” In today’s letters, Chairman Lynch seeks commitments from Apple and Google to require information from application developers about where user data is stored, and to make users aware of that information prior to downloading the application on their mobile devices.

# BOSTON POLICE REFORM TASK FORCE ANNOUNCES SERIES OF LISTENING SESSIONS

Mayor Martin J. Walsh and the Boston Police Reform Task Force announced a series of listening sessions to gather community feedback related to police reform in four areas: implicit bias training, body worn cameras, Boston's existing police review board, and use of force policies. This input will guide the Task Force as it performs its duties of reviewing the Boston Police Department's policies and practices and recommending reform measures.

"We're going to provide opportunities for robust public input and community leadership in our work to advance racial justice in Boston," said Mayor Walsh. "I've pledged to continue the conversation on racism as a city--not in a top-down manner, but by centering the voices of the Black and Brown communities who have been the most severely impacted. That is the purpose of the Boston Police Reform Task Force that we have appointed."

Last month, Mayor Walsh signed the "Mayor's Pledge" issued by the

Obama Foundation's My Brother's Keeper Alliance as one of the strategies to address racism as an emergency and public health crisis. The Mayor committed the City of Boston to review police use of force policies; engage communities by including a diverse range of input experiences and stories; report review findings to the community and seek feedback; and reform police use of force policies. The Boston Police Reform Task Force is composed of members from the community, law enforcement, advocacy organizations, and the legal profession, to ensure that these commitments are translated to actions.

Community engagement is an important aspect of the Boston Police Reform Task Force's strategy to gather information that accurately reflects the needs of the City and make effective recommendations for police reform. Hosting these community conversations to collect testimony from members of the public will help to better inform their work. At the end of these sessions, the Task Force will submit their initial recommendations by August 14, 2020. Those recommendations will have a two-week public comment period before the final recommendations are submitted to Mayor Walsh no later by September 14, 2020.

"An important part of our work as a task force on police reform is to hear the thoughts and ideas from those served by the Boston Police Department," said Chairman of the Boston Police Reform Task Force Wayne Budd. "The Task Force members strongly believe that this community input will be of invaluable



assistance as we formulate our recommendations on police reform to Mayor Walsh."

Residents are encouraged to share their experiences on any of the four topics being covered:

- The Body Worn Camera Program: Wednesday, July 22, 3 - 5 p.m.
- Implicit bias training: Thursday, July 23, 3 - 5 p.m.
- Strengthening Boston's existing police review board, known as the Co-op Board: Wednesday, July 29, 3 - 5 p.m.
- Reviewing the use of force policies: Thursday, July 30, 3 - 5 p.m.

Testimony can be submitted in any language either written or via the WebEx listening sessions. Residents who are unable to testify live can submit written testimony prior to, or after, the listening sessions by emailing [BPDTaskforce@boston.gov](mailto:BPDTaskforce@boston.gov). More information on how to participate can be found on [boston.gov/ending-racism](http://boston.gov/ending-racism).

Members of the Boston Police Task Force include: Chairman Wayne Budd, former U.S. Attorney for the District of Massachusetts; Al-

lison Cartwright, Attorney in Charge at the Roxbury Public Defender's Office; Joseph D. Feaster, Jr., Chairman of the Board, Urban League of Eastern Massachusetts; Tanisha Sullivan, President of the NAACP Boston Branch; Darrin Howell, President of DRIVE Boston Community Resources Inc. & Political Coordinator for 1199SEIU; Boston Police Superintendent Dennis White, Chief of Staff; Marie St. Fleur, former Massachusetts State Representative; Rev. Jeffrey Brown, Associate Pastor at the Historic Twelfth Baptist Church in Roxbury; Boston Police Sergeant Eddy Chrispin, President of the MA Association of Minority Law Enforcement Officers, Inc.; Javier Flores, Partner at Dinsmore & Shohl, LLP and Jamarhl Crawford, Boston resident.

The Boston Police Department has recently reviewed their Use-of-Force policies and procedures, and implemented recommendations by 8 Can't Wait and the Ethical Policing is Courageous (EPIC) Peer Intervention Program into their existing rules.

## MAYOR WALSH ANNOUNCES ORDINANCE ALLOWING PLASTIC BAGS EXTENDED TO SEPTEMBER 30

Mayor Martin J. Walsh announced the City of Boston's executive order to exempt all establishments from the plastic bag ban ordinance will stay in place until September 30. This transition period will allow stores to use up any single-use plastic bags that they have purchased during the emergency. The five-cent per bag fee will also not be in effect.

"In March, we suspended the City's ban on plastic bags and the 5-cent fee for paper bags in order to give both stores and customers more flexibility during this difficult time," said Mayor Walsh. "While we're extending that suspension to best serve businesses and residents, I want to be clear that the Boston Public Health Commission and the state Department of Public Health have said that

reusable bags are safe and people should feel free to use them."

On October 1, all provisions of the plastic bag ban ordinance will come back into effect. This includes the elimination of most single-use plastic bags and the requirement for the five-cent fee. The ordinance still allows the ISD Commissioner to grant exemptions on a case-by-case basis. Residents in Boston are now able to use



reusable bags if they would like to.

More information about the City's plastic bag ban is available on [boston.gov](http://boston.gov). The City's previous guidance on allowing plastic bags during the COVID-19 health emergency is available on [boston.gov](http://boston.gov).

# Boston Police Deserve A Show Of Support From Boston Citizens

Around the country, law enforcement supporters have been and are gathering to publicly challenge the ‘defund the police’ activists, who are protesting and in some cases taking advantage of the uncalled-for death of George Floyd in Minneapolis.

A ‘We Back Blue’ rally in New Jersey, organized after local residents attended the inaugural ‘We Back Blue’ rally in Washington DC, counted hundreds among the group. According to an interview with a reporter from the Asbury Park Press, one of the supporters, a Darius Mayfield said he understands the “grievances, aggression and violence” from the Black Lives Matter movement. But Mayfield, a Black man from East Brunswick, wants protesters to realize that each community must work to stop hate against everyone - including police officers. “We need to have a real vision and a sensible vision,” said Mayfield. “Disbanding police departments is not a sensible vision. We’ve seen in places like New York City and areas around the country where they have

tried to already do that and the violence, killings and murders are spiking. Nobody wants that.”

At his rally, supporters held dozens of American flags, with many carrying signs and wearing shirts that honored police officers who have fallen in recent weeks. The rally was organized by Spring Lake Heights resident Priscilla Confrey and her friend Melissa Robey of Washington, D.C. The two said they were fed up seeing police officers vilified or facing violence during the hundreds of protests that have taken place in the weeks since George Floyd’s death May 25. The two said the rally was designed to keep politics and race-driven topics out of the conversation and show support for local law enforcement and the work that they do.

Interestingly, the rally was being held at a stadium, rather than the streets, because organizers wanted the protest to be respectful and not cause havoc, so that businesses beginning to start back up from the pandemic would not be affected in



any way. In the report, Ms. Confrey said, “This is totally different than the Black Lives Matter movement, so you won’t see signs that say ‘Blue Lives Matter’ or ‘All Lives Matter,’ because it’s divisive language. That’s not what we’re trying to do.”

With this type of protest as a template, could a ‘We Back Blue’ rally be planned for Boston? If Mr. Mayfield

from New Jersey’s final comment is used as a guide, perhaps it could. He said, “Let’s be respectful, let’s be nonviolent in the approaches that we take and let’s just make sure we continue to build up each other, knowing that we’re going to have differences and we’re not going to agree on everything, because that’s the American way. That’s why it’s a free country.”

## I Was Just Thinking...

By Kevin Devlin



Last week during one of her press briefings, Speaker of the House, Nancy Pelosi,

was asked what she thought about the destruction of Confederate statues. She replied that she wasn’t a big fan of statues. Then right afterwards when asked what she thought about the behavior of people destroying these statues, she merely shrugged her shoulders, and nonchalantly replied that people will do what people do. It’s truly amazing that she is the leader of the House of Representatives and said that with a straight face.

Let that sink in for a moment. She said, without hesitation, that people will do what people do. So, according to that response, it okay to vandalize, topple, and destroy public property?

Really?

Think about it?

The definition of this unlawful act is as follows verbatim: Destruction of property is considered a criminal act in which a person intentionally destroys property, whether private or public, for the purpose of vandalism. To destroy

property in the eyes of the law means that it is an intentional act and one that does not occur by natural means.

Yet based on the Pelosi Doctrine (I just made that up) it’s okay to destroy property because people do what people do. So, following that logic, does that also mean anyone can rob a bank because people do that? Does it mean local hoodlums can break into homes, threaten people, and steal their property, because people do that? Does it mean anyone, anytime, can do whatever they choose, break any law, hurt others, destroy whatever or whomever they choose, because let’s face it, people will do what people do.

The House of Representatives shares equal responsibility for lawmaking with the United States Senate. One of the main duties of Congress is to write, debate, and pass legislation. They make the laws (laws which we supposedly want passed) and I’d like to assume, expect to be enforced.

They are not supposed to pick and choose which laws they want enforced, those which they’ve previously enacted, but of late appear to be doing a good job of picking and choosing, anyway. And merely turning a blind eye as they shrug their shoulders and walk away into their tunnels of complacency.

Members of Congress are elected and swear by our Constitution to abide by law and order, to enforce law and order without prejudice or omission. They can’t say nobody is about the law, then deny reality, deny that which is occurring on our streets. They simply can’t excuse those who commit unlawful acts, allowing them to do so with impunity.

Everyone must take personal responsibility for their own actions and suffer the consequences, otherwise all misdeeds will be conveniently dismissed at the altar of anarchy and disorder.

People will do what people do.

For all its folly, I had to repeat those words one more time.

# The Wine Guy



## Cancel Cold White Wines.... Never!!

*(Man the ramparts and don't forget the Sauvignon Blanc!)*

**B**efore anything else gets “cancelled”, let me tell you what they better not try cancelling-

the package stores. They're ready for anything and they won't take it lying down. I've heard that almost every 'packy' in the neighborhood has purchased the Stuffed Olive Popper -one olive round from one of those babies could give a whole new meaning to the term, “dirty martini”.

But I digress. Here are some white wines worth fighting for...

This week, I want to start with a country that many people love and one from which many of our families came- Italy. One of the oldest and most noble wine producing families of that nation, the Antinoris, are leading the way back for the country's wine industry; their ancestors would expect nothing less. Emblematic of every wine the family produces, *Antinori Guado Al Tasso Vermentino, Bolgheri, Italy (\$23.99)* is produced from some of the best Vermentino plots there are. Dry, with a hint of Jasmine and Honeysuckle on the nose, this rich white goes through several taste and mouthfeel changes before a long finish. Seafood, especially shellfish, really brings out the best in this wine.

When the Hapsburgs and their Austro-

Hungarian Empire owned what is today Italy's Alto-Adige region, they put their stamp on everything-especially the wines. *Lechthaler Pinot Grigio, 2018, Trentino-Alto Adige, Italy, (\$15.99)* is a great example of the real Pinot Grigio-fruit-forward, extra crisp and refreshing, despite the higher alcohol-13%. The natives have it with everything, from cheeses to stews to gamebirds. Do what the natives do; they're some of the hardest people in Europe!

Once the backwater of Italy's wine industry, the Island of Sicily is producing some of the country's best white wine values. *Cusumano 2018 Alta Mora Bianco (Etna), (\$24.99)*, is a prime example of why the wine world is excited by the potential of this island and its microclimates. Notes of apples, pears and Mediterranean lavender mix with hints of melon, lemon and cloves. The finish is medium-bodied and very crisp. As you might guess, this one is seen on the tables of many of the island's restaurants and for good reason- it goes with anything that comes out of the water.



Lastly, for sparkling wine drinkers, the region of Prosecco and the wine of the same name offers an ample selection. *Tesoro della Regina Prosecco, Veneto, (\$19.99)*, makes a wine that is very dry, yet full tasting. The vineyards of this region benefit from the Mistral winds that come at night during harvest time. The winds cause the plants' roots to go deeper to defend against their force; that produces stronger vines and richer grapes. Have this one on hand for any Happy Occasion or brunch. You and your guests will be the better for it.

*Talk to The Wine Guy at jdris8888@gmail.com*

## USS Bunker Hill Returns Home From Deployment

**T**he guided-missile cruiser USS Bunker Hill (CG 52) returned to San Diego, July 8, after a deployment to the U.S. 7th Fleet area of operations. Bunker Hill is part of the Theodore Roosevelt Carrier Strike Group and departed on a deployment to the Indo-Pacific, Jan. 17.

“While this deployment has been unlike many deployments of the past, the Bunker Hill team is excited to return home to San Diego after completing a very successful deployment,” said Capt. Shea Thompson, commanding officer of Bunker Hill. “The crew executed a broad spectrum of missions over the last six months while serving as air defense commander for Carrier Strike Group

(CSG) 9. During the course of our six-month deployment, we supported multiple freedom of navigation operations directly enhancing maritime security in the Indo-Pacific. I couldn't be more proud of this high-powered team.”

Bunker Hill's primary mission was conducting maritime security operations while in U.S. 7th Fleet, ensuring a free and open Indo-Pacific. Both ships also engaged in theater security cooperation engagements and multiple joint exercises with the U.S. Marine Corps and Air Force. Bunker Hill participated in expeditionary strike force (ESF) operations in the Philippine Sea in March with the aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) and the USS America Expeditionary Strike Group highlighting the interoperability of joint forces.

Bunker Hill participated in dual carrier strike group operations in June that showcased the tactical power of two individual carrier strike groups, demonstrating flexibility, endurance, firepower, maneuver-



ability, and capability unmatched in the history of warfare. Additionally, Bunker Hill participated in freedom of navigation operations in the U.S. 7th Fleet area of operations in accordance with international law.

Although COVID-19 inhibited many scheduled port visits, Bunker Hill was able to visit several ‘safe haven’ ports. Bunker Hill made port visits in Saipan, Vietnam and Guam while Russell was able to visit Sasebo, Yokosuka, and Guam. Prior to the COVID pandemic, Sailors participated in community relations events and experienced local culture in Vietnam, Sasebo, and Saipan.

Bunker Hill is home ported in San Diego, the home of the U.S. 3rd Fleet. U.S. 3rd Fleet leads naval forces in the Pacific and provides the realistic, relevant training necessary for an effective global Navy. U.S. 3rd Fleet works constantly with U.S. 7th Fleet to complement one another and provide commanders with capable, ready assets across the spectrum of military operations in the Pacific.

USS Bunker Hill is named after the Battle of Bunker Hill. A battle between the British and Americans during the American Revolutionary War on Breeds Hill in Charlestown, Massachusetts.



# Recent South Boston Real Estate Sales

Property/Type	Price	Sale Date	Rooms	Baths	Sq Ft
133 Seaport Blvd UNIT 1708 Condo	\$2,825,000	4/10/20	5	2.5	1,571
796 East Fourth Street Condo	\$2,175,000	4/15/20	12	3.5	4,411
527 East Broadway UNIT Ph5 Condo	\$1,900,000	4/15/20	6	2	1,894
537-539 East Second St UNIT 401 Condo	\$1,649,000	4/16/20	5	3	1,833
161 Tudor St UNIT 4 Condo	\$1,340,000	4/15/20	6	2	1,838
25 Channel Center St UNIT 210 Condo	\$1,325,000	4/14/20	6	2.5	2,351
437 D St UNIT SE Condo	\$1,295,000	4/15/20	4	2	1,752
86 West Third Street Two Family	\$1,258,000	4/17/20	11	4	1,641
437 D St UNIT SC Condo	\$1,200,000	4/15/20	4	2	1,546
545 East Third St UNIT 18 Condo	\$950,000	4/10/20	4	2	1,016
355 Congress St UNIT 404 Condo	\$900,000	4/10/20	2	1	760
171 West Fourth St UNIT 2 Condo	\$848,000	4/14/20	6	2	1,191
259 Gold St UNIT 2 Condo	\$760,000	4/10/20	4	2	850
542 Dorchester Ave Unit 201 Condo	\$660,000	4/15/20	4	1	972
183 L St UNIT 2 Condo	\$630,000	4/10/20	5	1	781
188 West Seventh St UNIT 3 Condo	\$540,000	4/16/20	4	1	650
225 Bowen St UNIT 2 Condo	\$525,000	4/17/20	4	1	607
203 D St UNIT 1 Condo	\$477,000	4/15/20	4	1	600
225 Bowen St UNIT 1 Condo	\$475,000	4/10/20	3	1	507



## Virtual Meeting

### PLAN: South Boston Dot Ave Transportation Study Virtual Kick-Off Meeting

Wednesday, July 29  
6:00PM - 7:30 PM

Zoom Meeting Link  
bit.ly/dotave29jul

Or

Thursday, July 30  
12:00PM - 1:30 PM

Zoom Meeting Link  
bit.ly/dotave30jul

#### Event Description

Hosted by BPDA and BTDA, the meeting will include a presentation followed by Q&A and comments. **The same content will be presented at each meeting so you will only have to attend once.** All meeting content will be posted on the BPDA website at bit.ly/plandotave.

Interpretation and translation services as well as disability accommodations are available to you. If you need them, please contact us at plandotave@boston.gov or 617.918.4327, by July 22, 2020.

#### Contact:

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Teresa Polhemus, Executive Director/Secretary

South Boston NDC Income-restricted Rental Opportunity  
**O'CONNOR WAY SENIOR HOUSING**  
5 Major Michael J. O'Connor Way, South Boston, MA 02127

46 Income-Restricted Units for seniors 62+

# of Units	# of bedrooms	Price	Income Limit
5	one-bedroom	30% of Household Income	up to 30% AMI
* 17	one-bedroom	30% of Household Income	30% - 50% AMI
** 24	one-bedroom	\$1,111 - \$1,333 (based on your household size income)	over 50% and up to 60% AMI

\*Three units are built-out for persons with mobility impairments  
\*\*One unit is built-out for people who are deaf/hard of hearing and/or have vision impairment.

The 22 units affordable to households earning up to 30% AMI and between 30% and 50% AMI  
Filled directly through the Boston Housing Authority (BHA)

Applications are available by visiting BHA's website and printing an application to be mailed in, by completing an application through CHAMP online, or by calling 617-988-3400 and requesting BHA mail you a paper application. Applications are available at <https://www.bostonhousing.org/en/For-Applicants/How-Do-I-Apply-for-BHA-Housing.aspx>. To apply online please visit CHAMP at <https://publichousingapplication.oed.state.ma.us/>

Minimum Incomes (set by owner + based on # of bedrooms + AMI)  
Maximum Incomes (set by DND + based on the household size + AMI)

# of bedrooms	Household size	Min-Max Yearly Income 30% AMI	Min-Max Yearly Income 50% AMI	Min-Max Yearly Income 60% AMI
1	1	0 — \$24,900	\$24,901 — \$41,500	\$41,501 — \$53,760
1	2	0 — \$28,440	\$28,441 — \$47,400	\$47,401 — \$61,440

for the 24 units affordable to households earning between 50% and 60% AMI, income minimums do not apply to households with housing assistance such as Section 8, MRVP, or VASH.

Applications are available during the application period for 22 days, from Monday, June 29 – Tuesday, July 28, 2020 from 10 AM - 4 PM and on Thursday, July 9 and Thursday, July 23 evenings until 7 PM and Saturday, July 11, 10:00am – 2:00pm

60% AMI units - To request an application online, please visit <https://bit.ly/OConnorWaySeniors>. After careful consideration and an abundance of caution, the City of Boston has decided to cancel the in-person application distribution period. If you cannot complete the application online or from your smartphone, please call us at 617-464-2483 to request that we mail you one and to ask for any guidance you might need to complete the application. When you call, you will be asked for your full name, complete mailing address, and phone number. This is a City and HUD requirement.

DEADLINE: Applications must be submitted online or postmarked no later than Tuesday, August 4, 2020  
Mailed to: 273 D Street, South Boston, MA 02127

- Selection by Lottery for the units affordable to households earning between 50% and 60% AMI
- Age Restricted, must be 62 years or older by the move-in date.
- Asset & Use Restrictions apply.
- Preferences for Boston Residents.

For more information, language assistance, or reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities please call Michelle Zenga at 617-464-2483 or email [oconnorway@sbndc.org](mailto:oconnorway@sbndc.org)





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**Cheap Shot continued from front page**  
 adjective “unsleeping” has proved prophetic. An article appearing in the July 13 edition of the Boston Globe reported the behavior of some “nitwit”, - as likely as not from somewhere other than the South Boston neighborhood - who happened to be traveling along Day Boulevard at the Curley Recreation Center (the popular cut-through route in and out of Boston from the South) on a sunny day, and that he allegedly made a racist comment to two African-American women in their 30s, who were with others visiting there.

With due respect to the right of the two women and their friends to spend time on such a wonderful city oasis as the public beaches in South Boston, their visit, as reported in the Boston Globe article, had an agenda. Their intent was to gather and “protest at Carson Beach to commemorate the end of slavery for Juneteenth (June 19th) and to honor Black Americans, including George Floyd, killed by police.”

It is important to point out that the reporter for the Boston Globe, alluding to the 1975 episode, somehow reasoned that their experience, which may not have emanated from

a South Bostonian, “was a harsh reminder of the enduring legacy of racism at Carson Beach”. Yet, it was noted that the report, deeper into the article, contradicted its incendiary headline and lead paragraphs by admitting, in the words of a Roxbury minister who was on the beach in 1975 and who said, “whenever I ride by and I see Black people and White people on the beach and enjoying the beach, it reminds me of how much we fought for them to be able to enjoy that beach today”. The report further stated that the beach ‘draws a more diverse crowd, today’. These two young women were not even born in 1975. Naturally, in the opinion of many residents, this is proof of the Boston Globe’s historic and unabashed malice toward their neighborhood.

It was not lost on any thinking person that the Boston Globe strategically took the occasion of this alleged taunt to shoehorn a rationale for revisiting the 45-year-old demonstration at Carson Beach (1975) during the height of the most intensely passionate period in Boston’s history. This was a period during which the poor of Boston were pitted against each other in pursuit of equal education

in a public-school system that was admittedly inferior. Its inferiority, which should have been the focus, took a back seat to a forced busing solution that, as many have acknowledged 45 plus years later, was preposterous.

More to the point, in the throes of a critical public safety debate over police reforms, in fact on the very day of the vote, the editors of the Boston Globe, some of whom were new reporters back during those busing days, attempted to use their media influence to presumably intimidate Massachusetts state legislators and intimate the threatening of their careers in its likely pursuit of some bogus, self-indulgent and hollow Pulitzer prize-like story.

Most of those whose names appeared on the Boston Globe masthead during the 60s, 70s and 80s are living in the afterlife now, but their journalistic progeny appears to have preserved them, ‘unsleeping’, as their incarnation.

The unvarnished truth, as experienced by South Bostonians and others, is that the once influential Boston Globe never truly attempted to mitigate race relations among neighborhoods. It can be argued that it worsened it. Upon reflection, many

believe that they were complicit in further enflaming the race relations problem, because they knew that the elite white communities of the suburbs, which were never challenged to accept affordable housing mandates (40B or Section 8), were perfectly happy to feign indignation and get cocktail hour pleasure from the salacious reports about presumably penurious families from South Boston, Charlestown and other neighborhoods, who bore the brunt of their ‘TSK TSK’ attitudes. And why? There is a simple answer, they say - money. It sold newspapers and, consequently, the advertisers were thrilled that the conceited voyeurism of the suburbs translated into fattened bottom lines for their companies and in turn mega-advertising dollars for the Boston Globe. The Boston Globe, should one do a review of its financial reports during that era, thrived on it, and made their already rich owners even richer.

Be advised. The ‘thinking people’ of South Boston believe that, as the value of real estate here has risen dramatically since the early 1990s, the “unsleeping” agitators of the Boston Globe still see the dismantling of this urban oasis as its singular ‘trophy’ cause.

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UMass Amherst that its plan to reopen campus in the fall creates risks for the community by not holding students living in off-campus apartments to the same health-safety standards as those in dorms, Scott Merzbach at the Daily Hampshire Gazette reports.

#### **Voting activists file lawsuit to force Galvin to send out ballot applications**

Not exactly an encouraging sign that voting-by-mail will run smoothly this fall. From SHNS’s Chris Lisinski and Chris Van Buskirk (pay wall): “A group of Massachusetts voters and voting rights organizations sued Secretary of State William Galvin on Monday, arguing he is violating the COVID-era elections reform law by hesitating to send out applications for mail-in ballots

without first receiving an allocation to cover the costs.” And they want the mailings to start tomorrow, pronto. The Globe’s John Ellement and Commonwealth’s Shira Schoenberg have more on the legal showdown that must now be decided by the Supreme Judicial Court.

#### **Healey and other AGs sue feds over ‘cruel, abrupt and unlawful’ student visa rule**

In other pandemic-related legal action, Boston Magazine’s Alyssa Vaughn reports that Attorney General Maura Healey is leading a coalition of 18 AGs from around the country who are suing the Trump administration over a new rule kicking international students out of the country if their colleges offer only online courses this fall. The lawsuit is not to be confused with separate legal action taken by Harvard,

MIT and other colleges against the Trump administration over the same international-student issue. That lawsuit gets a hearing today in federal court (see Happening Today section above).

#### **‘Never seen anything like this’**

The pandemic, economic meltdown, historic racial-justice demands, remote legislative meetings, no state budget in mid-July, etc. The Globe’s Matt Stout reports on easily one of the most unusual and surreal legislative sessions in the centuries-long history of the Massachusetts Legislature.

#### **How to snitch on your rule-breaking bosses during the pandemic**

And now back to the unusual and surreal: MassLive’s Tanner Stening and SHNS’s Colin Young (pay wall) report that the Baker administration has unveiled a new

website and phone hotline residents can use to report businesses that aren’t complying with the state’s social-distancing and other health-safety guidelines during the pandemic. We’re sure businesses are thrilled with the new reporting measures.

#### **State allows reusable bags again, but some retailers ask for more time**

Christian Wade at the Gloucester Times reports that the Baker administration, now that coronavirus cases are plunging in Massachusetts, has canceled the ban on reusable bags at grocery stores across the state. But the Globe’s Jon Chesto reports that some retailers aren’t ready yet to dump single-use plastic bags – and Mayor Marty Walsh is giving retailers until September 30 to make the switch back to paper bags.

# Applications open for brand-new, affordable senior apartments in South Boston

Seniors interested in one of the 46 permanently affordable, brand-new apartments at 5 O'Connor Way can now apply to be included in the tenant selection process.

O'Connor Way Senior Housing is an elevator building featuring 46 one-bedroom apartments, a shared community room with kitchenette and bathroom, shared laundry facilities, an onsite resident manager, plus a full-time senior advocate to help residents access services and programs. Three apartments are designed for people with mobility impairments, and one apartment is designed for people with hearing and/or vision impairments. All apartments are one-bedroom and approximately 600 square feet. The building is currently in construction and expected to open to tenants this fall.

Applications for South Boston Neighborhood Development Corporation's latest project became available on Monday, June 29, and will be available through July 28. **All applications must be submitted by Aug. 4.**

"We know how hard it can be for seniors to stay in South Boston," said Donna Brown, Executive Director of South Boston Neighborhood Development Corporation, the local nonprofit that is building O'Connor Way in partnership with Caritas Communities. "Even if they are somehow able to afford increasing rents on a fixed income, they are often living in homes that were not designed with older people in mind. O'Connor Way apartments are permanently affordable homes specifically designed for seniors."

The rental process for income-

restricted apartments is strictly governed by Fair Housing laws and is different from the process with which most people are familiar. *Prospective applicants should carefully review the following information, and call South Boston NDC at 617-464-2483 or email o'connorway@sbndc.org with any questions, before submitting an application.*

All apartments at O'Connor Way are age-restricted, so residents must be at least 62 years old by the move-in date, and there is a preference for Boston residents. These apartments are also income-restricted, which means that prospective tenants cannot earn more than a maximum annual income.

Five of the apartments are designated for households earning up to 30% of the Area Median Income (AMI), which is \$24,900 for a household of one person, or \$28,440 for households of two. Seventeen apartments are available to households earning between 30% and 50% of AMI, or up to \$41,500 (\$47,400 for households of two). The remaining 24 apartments are reserved for households earning between 50 and 60% AMI, or up to \$53,760 (\$61,440 for two-person households). These apartments will be filled by a lottery process.

The maximum rent at O'Connor Way is \$1,333, and tenants with lower incomes will pay less.

## TO APPLY

Due to the ongoing pandemic, applications are only available by mail or online. **Applications cannot be picked up in person.**

Please see below for details on how to obtain an application, which is determined by the applicant's annual household income and size.

### For households of 1 person:

- **Earning no more than \$41,500 (up to 50% AMI):** Apply through the Boston Housing Authority. Apply online at [www.bostonhousing.org/en/For-Applicants/How-Do-I-Apply-for-BHA-Housing.aspx](http://www.bostonhousing.org/en/For-Applicants/How-Do-I-Apply-for-BHA-Housing.aspx) or call 617-988-3400 to request an application by mail.

- **Earning between \$41,501 - \$53,760 (50-60% AMI):** Apply through South Boston NDC. Apply online at <https://bit.ly/OConnorWaySeniors>. If you are unable to

apply online, call 617-464-2483 to request an application by mail. Submit paper applications to 273 D Street, South Boston, MA 02127.

### For households of 2 people:

- **Earning no more than \$47,400 (up to 50% AMI):** Apply through the Boston Housing Authority. Apply online at [www.bostonhousing.org/en/For-Applicants/How-Do-I-Apply-for-BHA-Housing.aspx](http://www.bostonhousing.org/en/For-Applicants/How-Do-I-Apply-for-BHA-Housing.aspx) or call 617-988-3400 to request an application by mail.

- **Earning between \$47,401 - \$61,440 (60% AMI):** Apply through South Boston NDC. Apply online at <https://bit.ly/OConnorWaySeniors>. If you are unable to apply online, call 617-464-2483 to request an application by mail. Submit paper applications to 273 D Street, South Boston, MA 02127.

### IMPORTANT DATES

- **June 29:** First day that applications are available.
- **July 28:** Last day that applications

are available. By law, no applications can be given out after this date.

- **Aug. 4:** Completed applications must be submitted or postmarked by this date. By law, no applications can be accepted after this date.

For more information, visit [www.sbndc.org/oconnor-way-senior-housing](http://www.sbndc.org/oconnor-way-senior-housing).

South Boston NDC is South Boston's nonprofit affordable housing and community development organization. SBNDc has developed more than 300 units of affordable housing in South Boston since the organization's founding in 1983. SBNDc also currently owns and manages more than 120 affordable homes, provides housing counseling to neighborhood residents, operates the South Boston Farmers Market and the local Chamber of Commerce, and organizes the South Boston Street Festival, Taste of South Boston, and the Christmas and Spring Strolls. Visit [www.sbndc.org](http://www.sbndc.org) to learn more.

## O'CONNOR WAY SENIOR HOUSING

5 Major Michael J. O'Connor Way, South Boston, MA 02127

**HOW TO APPLY!** Depending on your household income, there are different ways to apply.

**Household Size of 1**

<p style="font-size: small;">For Household Incomes within this range up to \$41,500 - \$47,400 depending on household size</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">Rent: 30% Household Income</p> <div style="background-color: #800000; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center; margin: 5px 0;"> <p><b>Apply through BOSTON HOUSING AUTHORITY</b></p> </div> <p style="font-size: small; text-align: center;">at <a href="https://tinyurl.com/bhahousing">https://tinyurl.com/bhahousing</a> or call (617) 988-3400</p>	<p style="font-size: small;">For Household Incomes within this range between \$41,501 - \$53,760 or \$47,401 - \$61,440 depending on household size</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">Rent: \$1,111 - \$1,333</p> <div style="background-color: #800000; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center; margin: 5px 0;"> <p><b>Apply through SBNDc</b></p> </div> <p style="font-size: small; text-align: center;">at <a href="https://bit.ly/OConnorWaySeniors">https://bit.ly/OConnorWaySeniors</a> or call (617) 464-2483</p>
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**Household Size of 2**

Current BHA Resident? Apply for a transfer at your site management office.

For more information, contact SBNDc at

(617) 464 - 2483 or [o'connorway@sbndc.org](mailto:o'connorway@sbndc.org)

Developed by South Boston Neighborhood Development Corporation and Caritas Communities

Applications available until **JULY 28**.  
Due by **AUG 4**.

# Enough Subsidies for Electric Vehicles

By Robert L. Bradley Jr.

Americans are naturally wary of electric vehicles (EVs). Salespeople may pitch battery-powered cars as the future, but most drivers see them as an expensive, chancy alternative to petroleum-fueled automobiles. This has been true for more than a century. Electric cars once stood on their

own. “In the late 1890s, at the dawn of the automobile era, steam, gasoline, and electric cars all competed to become the dominant automotive technology,” wrote David Kirsch in *The Electric Vehicle and the Burden of History*. “By the early 1900s, the battle was over, and internal combustion was poised to become the prime mover of the twentieth century.”

In 1896, in fact, when a young Henry Ford asked Thomas Edison about electricity for his horseless carriage, Edison banged the table with a “no,” citing reduced driving range from a heavy battery and inconvenient recharging. Today, government policies have put EVs back into the market—for the elite. There are federal write-offs of \$7,500 per vehicle and 30 percent for EV refueling sta-

tions. Car dealers use EV credits to average down regular SUVs to meet Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) standards too. Still, range is poor and recharging time-consuming for EVs, not to mention searching for scarce refueling stations. And far from emission-free, EVs are “elsewhere emission” vehicles since nearly two-thirds of U.S. electricity is generated from natural gas and coal. Throwing good money after bad, states are handing out subsidies to EV buyers. New Jersey recently instituted rebates of up to \$5,000 per car. California offers up to \$7,000 in electric vehicle rebates, while Oregon provides \$2,500.

Will this change true ways of driving? New Jersey officials believe their plan will increase electric vehicles to 330,000 in just five years. By 2040, lawmakers hope that electric motors will power 85 percent of light vehicles sold or leased in the Garden State. That’s fantasy. Electric vehicles only accounted for 2 percent of new vehicle sales nationwide in 2019 even with a host of tax bribes. In fact, EV sales have stagnated; California, which provides the strongest incentives for purchasing electric vehicles, saw sales decline in 2019.

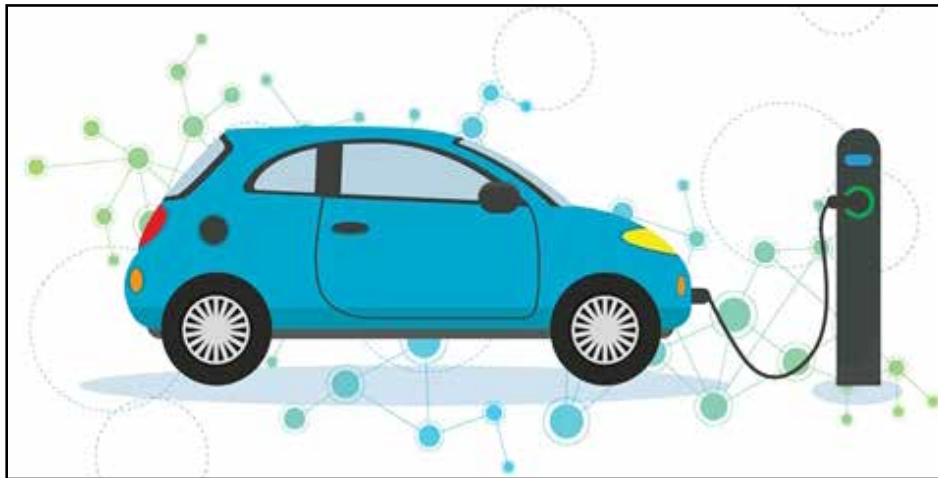
It should be no mystery. While gas-powered cars can travel up to 500 miles on a single tank, electric

vehicles get a mere 100 to 300 miles per battery charge. Winter heating and summer cooling drain batteries, leading to “range anxiety” wherein drivers fear the engine might die before reaching its destination. Future battery costs are unsettling to buyers. The Nissan Leaf, for example, requires a new battery every 10 years at a cost of as much as \$8,500. This is one reason why the average new EV loses more than half of its value in just three years, with some losing almost 70 percent. By comparison, the average three-year depreciation for all vehicles is just 38 percent.

Inexpensive gasoline and diesel have made traditional cars even more desirable. Advances in drilling and other technologies were behind gasoline’s drop to below \$3 a gallon. Today, regular unleaded averages below \$2 per gallon nationally. Post-pandemic, when oil demand returns to normal levels, gasoline will remain far below \$4 a gallon price in the summer of 2008, thanks to the shale-oil revolution. Car emissions, too, have significantly declined since the 1970s.

Environmentally conscious regulators and prudent lawmakers can let Americans buy regular cars. Taxpayers will be thankful too.

Robert L. Bradley Jr. is the founder and CEO of the Institute for Energy Research.



## MAYOR WALSH ANNOUNCES START OF IN-PERSON SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMMING

*All programming will be operated in accordance with public health guidelines*

Mayor Martin J. Walsh and Boston Centers for Youth & Families (BCYF) announced that online registration has opened for City-operated summer youth programs and classes, all of which are designed and will be operated in accordance with current public health guidelines. All BCYF community centers have been closed for in-person programming and recreation due to the COVID-19 public health emergency, with the exception of select locations that have served as meal sites only.

Some summer teen programs were transitioned to be offered virtually.

“It is very important that our youth in every neighborhood can continue to have access to programming this summer as many families rely on them,” said Mayor Walsh. “BCYF has worked hard to create a menu of recreational activities at each center, both virtual and in-person, that will offer youth a variety of fun and enriching opportunities.”

Programming for Boston youth ages 7 and above is available for registration now at [Boston.gov/BCYF](http://Boston.gov/BCYF)-  
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# MAYOR WALSH LAUNCHES PROJECT OPPORTUNITY TO HELP RESIDENTS

*New pilot initiative connects residents with legal services, job-training programs*

Mayor Martin J. Walsh announced the launch of a new pilot initiative, Project Opportunity, to help residents seal, expunge, and manage their criminal records (CORIs) to gain access to better jobs, housing, and educational opportunities. Project Opportunity draws on the collaborative expertise of various City departments and external partners to connect residents with the necessary legal and support services.

“We launched Project Opportunity because in Boston all residents deserve a fair chance to gain quality jobs, housing, and education,” said Mayor Walsh. “No matter their past, we owe it to our residents to provide the legal services and job-training programs to achieve a better future, and I’m proud this program builds on our commitment to improving lives in Boston.”

Led by the Mayor’s Office of Workforce Development and the Mayor’s Office of Public Safety,

Project Opportunity will:

- Connect residents with free legal consultation to determine if their CORIs are eligible for sealing or expungement;
- Cover the filing costs of sealing or expungement;
- Convene experts to discuss CORI-related challenges and potential solutions;
- Connect residents with employment opportunities, job training, and related services, such as housing, food access, and transportation;
- Train City of Boston departments that work with residents with CORIs.

The cornerstone of Project Opportunity is the sealing and expungement of CORIs, which severely limit employment opportunities and disproportionately affect communities of color. Black men with a criminal record, for example, are less likely than white men with a criminal record to receive a callback or job offer. This



barrier takes a toll on both the individual and society: Stable employment has been found to be one of the most significant factors in preventing a person’s relapse into criminal behavior.

However, new pathways to sealing and expunging CORIs have opened in recent years due to a series of Massachusetts legislative reforms. As of 2018 most felony cases can be sealed after seven years, and most misdemeanors after three. Additionally, cannabis charges can now be expunged from one’s record.

Working with various City departments and external resources, Project Opportunity helps residents avail themselves of these routes to a clear record. The nonprofit Lawyers Clearinghouse supplies volunteer lawyers to meet with residents for a thorough review of their CORI options. SOAR Boston, a City of Boston violence prevention program which stands for Street Outreach, Advocacy, and

Response, offers computer access and a private space, if needed, for these remote appointments. The Mayor’s Office of Public Safety and the Mayor’s Office of Returning Citizens provide outreach to those who could most benefit from these services, while the Mayor’s Office of Workforce Development supplies resources on CORI-friendly jobs and job training programs.

In 2017, Mayor Walsh launched the City’s Office of Returning Citizens as part of the Office of Public Safety to support the nearly 3,000 individuals who return to Boston after being released from state, federal and county facilities each year, as well as others who were previously incarcerated. Mayor Walsh created the Office of Public Safety in 2014 with the mandate of establishing cross-agency and cabinet coordination to tackle the challenging and complex problems in our neighborhoods that lead to and perpetuate violence.

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Summer. The free programs will be held both remotely and in person at BCYF community centers across the city. A wide variety of options are available, including arts and computer activities, recreational programs, virtual field trips, workshops, and more. At this time, BCYF centers and indoor pools will be available only for youth during registered in-person summer programming, following public health guidelines.

“While this summer will certainly be different, we are committed to

providing safe, healthy, and engaging summer activities for our youth,” said William Morales, Commissioner of Boston Centers for Youth & Families. “We are carefully reviewing programming guidelines as they are released and updated and all of our summer programs were designed and will be operated in accordance with current public health guidelines. We can’t wait to see your children in our buildings—and virtually.”

Parents will be able to search for one-time classes or on-going programs where they can then narrow down their search by com-

munity center, age group, category, and more. As more programs and activities are finalized they will be added to the website and available for registration.

Overnight camps will not be permitted until Summer 2021 due to State regulations during the current COVID-19 public health crisis. For current summer day programs there can be no field trips, activities are restricted, enrollment is restricted, volunteers are not allowed, visitors are not allowed, no outside groups can come to centers and very strict cleaning and sanitation guidelines

need to be followed.

These programs are in addition to a variety of expanded BCYF programming for teens which began on Monday, July 6 and includes over 600 youth jobs through the Mayor’s Summer Jobs Program. Job applications are still available for youth between the ages of 15 and 24 in the City of Boston.

BCYF community centers will also continue to distribute meals to youth throughout the summer as part of the Boston Summer Eats program. The complete list of meal locations can be found here.

# ABCD Board of Directors Reelects Community Leader Yvonne Jones as Chair Elects Board Officers, including South Boston resident Marie Greig

The Board of Directors of ABCD (Action for Boston Community Development), Greater Boston’s anti-poverty agency, has reelected community leader, educator, and activist Yvonne Jones of Dorchester to a fourth year as Chair. Jones will serve in that role for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

A retired educator and senior administrator, Jones holds a Bachelor of Science degree in human services management from Lesley University and a Master of Education degree in education administration from the University of Massachusetts. She is a former site director with VIP Child Care and a longtime director with the Metropolitan Council for Educational Opportunity (METCO) for the towns of Cohasset and Belmont.

Roxbury resident Sean Daughtry, who serves in a Public Sector seat representing State Representative Elizabeth A. Malia, was elected First Vice Chair. In that capacity, he will be second to the chair

and serve in her stead when she is unavailable. Daughtry, who holds a Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry from Morehouse College and a Master of Science degree in inorganic chemistry from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, is a Director of Technical Operations, Analytical at Vertex Pharmaceuticals.

ABCD President/CEO John J. Drew said, “In reelecting Yvonne Jones to a fourth year as Chair, the ABCD Board of Directors acknowledged her exceptional leadership and tireless commitment to our neighbors who face the toughest social and economic barriers. Her vast experience in K-12 education, management and of course her passion for the Dorchester community and underserved residents of Greater Boston bring insight and vision to this important work.”

As a federally recognized Community Action Agency, ABCD is required to have a tripartite

Board of Directors. A minimum of one-third must be democratically selected representatives of low-income individuals and families residing in the geographic area served by the agency. One-third must be elected officials or their representatives. The remaining board members must be chosen from business, labor, religious, law enforcement, education, or other major groups and interests in the community served.

“ABCD is very near and dear to me,” said Jones, an ABCD Board member since 2005. “When I arrived in Boston, I learned about ABCD’s Urban College program. That rich experience would become the foundation for continuing my education, including earning an advanced degree. ABCD changed my life, and I am honored and humbled to contribute what I can so that others can gain access to previously elusive opportunities and to live happy, fulfilling lives.”

Drew also thanked Eleanor A. Evans, Esq., former General Coun-

sel at ABCD, for her tireless work to advance community action and for her expert guidance through the years. Evans stepped down after six years as Assistant Clerk. She joined the law firm Hemenway & Barnes LLP in 2019.

At its June 24 2020 annual meeting, the ABCD Board of Directors elected the following slate of officers:

- Dorchester resident Yvonne Jones, Chair
- Roxbury resident Sean Daughtry, First Vice Chair
- South Boston resident Marie Greig, Vice Chair
- Charlestown resident Edward Katz, Vice Chair
- Medford resident Rev. Dr. Florence King, Vice Chair
- Roxbury resident James Owens, Jr., Vice Chair
- Martha’s Vineyard resident Patricia Washington, Treasurer
- North End resident Andres Molina, Assistant Treasurer
- West Roxbury resident Julie Hardy Cofield, Esq., Clerk



Yvonne Jones



Sean Daughtry



Marie Greig



Edward Katz



Rev. Dr. Florence King



James Owens, Jr



Patricia Washington



Andres Molina



Julie Hardy Cofield, Esq





## This week, Danny reacted to the Patriots making the Cam Newton signing official:

I still don't know that I'm ready to watch the New England Patriots in the post-Tom Brady era. In fact, it still hasn't really hit me that Brady won't be the Patriots quarterback in Week 1 this September.

The reality is, Brady is the quarterback for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. We've seen Brady play the last game of his career in a Patriots uniform. Since his official departure, a lot has been going on in the world, which has distracted many of us from the sports world.

But now that we get closer to sports actually returning from the Coronavirus shutdowns, the reality that Brady is long gone is starting to creep back into my everyday thought.

Also, the signing of Cam Newton is another shot to the gut. Not that I dislike Newton. In fact, I'm one of Newton's biggest fans. I just prefer Brady for the next two years.

That won't happen. And it's time for us to move on. If we have to move on, and the Patriots need to rely on a new quarterback in 2020, then okay, fine, I guess the Newton signing is interesting

enough to prevent me from packing up and moving to Tampa Bay.

What's that? Newton posted a motivational video on Instagram last week?

"You know what makes this [expletive] different, is, they ain't never seen this Cam," said an out-of-breath Newton in the two-minute post-workout clip. "They ain't never seen him. [Expletive] because you want to know how I know? [Expletive] they ain't never seen him. The forgotten Cam. The [expletive]-on Cam. The tired of being sick and tired Cam. It felt like I was just left to die. You know what I'm saying? Just, 'It's over with for him. He ain't the same player.'"

"I love it. I adore it. I admire it. I want to taste it. I want everything about it. You know what I'm saying, because, oh, I ain't never seen that me. I ain't never waking up energized after a hard day like 'What's next?' I'm loving on my kids more. Got more energy. My children say, 'Daddy, Daddy, Daddy, we going to Charlotte?' I say, 'No, that's over with. We got another place we're going to. We're going North.'"

Ok. I'm in.

That's all I needed. Again, I'm actually one of Newton's biggest fans. It won't look weird for me to see him in a Patriots uniform, because every year in Madden, I make Newton my quarterback, on the Patriots.

It's just, in real life, we're so accustomed to old reliable. We know that Brady gives the Patriots the best chance to win, every single year. Newton might give the Patriots a chance to win in 2020 after signing a one-year incentive-based deal that could be worth up to \$7.5 million. But this isn't a video game. And Newton is no Brady.

Say what? Newton just commented on replacing Brady?

"We have to talk about the elephant in the room," said Newton this week on a Youtube show with several other NFL players. "And it's like, 'You know who you coming after?' I'm like, 'Yeah, great.' What he was, what he is, is great. Needs no even talking about it. But one thing about it though, coach [Josh] McDaniels, you able to call some stuff that you ain't never been able to call now. You're

getting a dog. You're getting one of these ticked off dogs too. And I'm looking at the schedule, I'm like, 'Who we play? That team passed on me. Okay. That team passed on me.'"

Ah, the underdog card. Yes, that will work here in New England. It's how the dynasty was born.

All I needed was to see those two clips to know that Jarrett Stidham is not going to touch the field this season, unless it's garbage time.

There's no quarterback controversy. Newton is the Patriots' No. 1. There's incentive for him to thrive, which means there's incentive for Bill Belichick to start him Week 1 and beyond.

Belichick might've lost a legendary GOAT. But he's gained a ticked off dog. In case you were wondering, that's enough for me to still care about the Patriots in 2020.

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# SPORTS TODAY

## BRUINS ANNOUNCE 'CRITICAL DATES' FOR RETURN- TO-PLAY PLAN, REVEAL TRAINING CAMP ROSTER

SBT Staff

The Boston Bruins opened training camp on Monday at Warrior Ice Arena. It marks the second training camp for the team this season, as they prepare for the NHL's return-to-play plan.

In that plan, the league announced the critical dates for each team, moving forward.

The Bruins will travel to Toronto on Sunday, July 26, where they will play all of their Eastern Conference playoff games at Scotiabank Arena. All Eastern Conference games will be held in Toronto, while all the Western Conference games will be held at Rogers Place in Edmonton.

The top four teams in each conference — based on points percentage — will play a three-game round-robin format to determine seeding for the Stanley Cup Playoffs. Meanwhile, the No. 5-12 seeds will play in eight best-of-five series. The winners of those series will advance to the first round of the playoffs against the four teams from the round-robin.

Boston is the No. 1 seed in the East, so they will participate in the round-robin. The Bruins' first round-robin game is Sunday, Aug.

2 against the Philadelphia Flyers. Their second game is Wednesday, Aug. 5 against the Tampa Bay Lightning. And their third and final round-robin game is Saturday, Aug. 8 against the Washington Capitals.

The first round of the Stanley Cup Playoffs begins on Tuesday, Aug. 11. The second round begins on Tuesday, Aug. 25. The Conference Finals begin on Tuesday, Sept. 8. And the Stanley Cup Final begins on Tuesday, Sept. 22.

Also part of the NHL's "critical dates" schedule release was the 2020 NHL Draft taking place on Friday, Oct. 9 and Saturday, Oct. 10.

The Bruins also revealed their roster for training camp:

Forwards: Patrice Bergeron, Anders Bjork, Anton Blidh, Paul Carey, Charlie Coyle, Jake DeBrusk, Trent Frederic, Ondrej Kase, David Krejci, Sean Kuraly, Karson Kuhlman, Par Lindholm, Brad Marchand, Joakim Nordstrom, David Pastrnak, Nick Ritchie, Zach Senyshyn, Jack Studnicka, and Chris Wagner.

Defensemen: Brandon Carlo, Zdeno Chara, Connor Clifton, Matt Grzelcyk, Torey Krug, Jeremy Lauzon, Charlie McAvoy, John Moore, Urho Vaakanainen, and Jakub Zboril.

Goaltenders: Jaroslav Halak, Max Lagace, Tuukka Rask, and Dan Vladar.



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## Tweet of the Week Starting fresh.



## WHAT TO WATCH

**PGA THURS, JULY 16 - SUN, JULY 19**  
The Memorial Tournament  
3 P.M. GOLFCBS

**NASCAR SUNDAY, JULY 19**  
O'Reilly Auto Parts 500  
2 P.M. NBCSN

**WWE SUNDAY, JULY 19**  
Extreme Rules  
7 P.M. WWE NETWORK

**MLB TUESDAY, JULY 21**  
Exhibition  
Toronto at Boston  
7:30 P.M. NESN

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 22**  
Exhibition  
Toronto at Boston  
7:30 P.M.

## PATRIOTS ANNOUNCE REDUCED CAPACITY FOR POTENTIAL FANS THIS SEASON

SBT Staff

The New England Patriots will begin their 2020 season at home against the Miami Dolphins on Sunday, Sept. 13 at 1 p.m.

As of today, no fans have been officially permitted inside Gillette Stadium for Patriots home games this season. That much will require approvals from state and local officials.

But in the case that there is approval, the Patriots announced this week that Gillette Stadium is expected to host only 20 percent capacity. Among that 20 percent, each ticketed party will be asked to maintain physical distancing of at least six feet from other ticketed parties. All ticket sales will be done through mobile ticketing.

Tickets will be arranged in blocks of 10 seats or less, and the first eight rows of the stadium will be empty. Also, fans will be required to wear face coverings at all times.

The Patriots have also announced that parking for all 2020 home games will be free of charge in all Gillette Stadium parking lots.

## RED SOX TO HOST BLUE JAYS IN EXHIBITION GAMES

SBT Staff

The 2020 Major League Baseball season begins on Thursday, July 23 with two games: New York Yankees at Washington Nationals at 7 p.m.; and the San Francisco Giants at Los Angeles Dodgers at 10 p.m.

For the Boston Red Sox, their season begins the next day, on Friday, July 24, as they host the Baltimore Orioles at Fenway Park at 7:30 p.m. But over the weekend, the Red Sox announced that they'll play in two exhibition games before the regular season begins, both against the Toronto Blue Jays at Fenway Park, this coming Tuesday, July 21 and Wednesday, July 22.

First pitch for each exhibition game is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. and will be televised on NESN.



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