

M Street Beach's Despicable Dumpster



The calls and social media complaints are pouring in regarding not only its existence, but its ‘insulting to the neighborhood’ location that the M Street Beach “Despicable Dumpster” was placed in. It is highly likely that no other - we repeat no other - community, town or neighborhood would put up with the sheer and unmitigated disrespect that the decision-makers at the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) must have for South Boston.

Blame is being spread around but, sources have informed this publication that, because the City Administration will not open the Curley Recreation Center for the limited use by visitors needing the restroom facilities, and about which the answer to ‘why not?’ is a mys-

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EDITORIAL

The Dumpster at M Street Beach Stinks; Open The Curley Rec Center

M Street Beach in Southie seems to be an appealing destination for crowds of people over the last several years. And it is. There are not many big cities that can boast such a beautiful place to swim (at least at high tide) and/or relax in the sun. But although there is a mix of opinions regarding the dumpster that was recently dropped at that location and whether it should be there at all; there is no disputing that it is ugly and definitely

does not smell like a rose garden. In addition to the ‘aroma’ that emanates from the eye sore, it is now also according to many disgusted residents, attracting rats.

One of several questions that come to mind regarding the decision to locate the dumpster there is this: Would the residents of Hingham or Duxbury or Marshfield tolerate a large stinky dumpster to be located on their beaches in the middle of peak beach season or at any

time for that matter? The answer is no; nor should they. So why are South Bostonians expected to put up with it?

Within the last few days, barrels have been placed at the location. So, another big question is why is the smelly dumpster still there? Could it be because crews have been seen dumping trash from other locations into it and private citizens are also finding it convenient to deposit their own household trash there as well.

Porto Potties are a poor

substitute for actual rest-rooms with running water - and far less sanitary. To open the Curley Recreation Center building for that purpose only would make for a healthier and cleaner environment in the area, even if the rest of the building is kept closed to public use. COVID-19 seems to be a convenient excuse lately for not maintaining public areas properly. Our tax dollars pay for proper care and maintenance but in

some cases, that care is not being provided. It’s time for officials who make these decisions to think and properly plan before they act and start using a bit more common sense.



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Are Current Events Getting To You? They Should Be

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By now, as we all watch current events taking place, it is pretty clear that everyone but the hopelessly naïve or those in denial realizes that there is now in place an organized effort to take down our country and make it into something that Joseph Stalin, Mao Tse Tung and Barack Obama would be proud of. Much of it is either being led by or at the very least meets with the approval of prominent members of the Democrat party. Had I said something like this several years ago, those words would be met by shock, anger, and disdain in this community. But not so much any longer. People, and this includes many lifelong Democrats, see what's going on and they don't like it and they are getting angrier by the day.

Voters are watching as statues are being torn down, businesses and companies are being threatened with boycotts and even violence if they don't submit and an effort to not only weaken law enforcement and even disband it in many places, but also to make people no longer even want to become police officers now and into the future.

The NFL is run by cowards who actually have agreed to play something called the 'The Black National Anthem' before our nation's Anthem. Like every other country, the United States has one anthem only. Elected officials in liberal run cities are cowering in the face of the most unreasonable demands imaginable. Eliminating police departments? Really? And since there is a campaign against our National Anthem and statues of our Founding Fathers and its being allowed by a growing number of elected officials, what's going to happen when they demand that American flags stop being flown

from public buildings because they are offensive or 'racist'? Personally, I have no doubt that when flying 'Old Glory' becomes the next target, there will be some Democrat politicians, including some in this city and certainly in this state that will actually agree with it and others that won't dare take a stand to prevent it. That could never happen you might say? Well, who would have believed that when activists demanded that a statue of Abraham Lincoln be removed, no one in authority would dare raise a voice to in opposition? South Dakota has a governor who stood up and said 'no way' when the radicals clamored to remove the carvings on Mount Rushmore. That kind of courage doesn't exist in Massachusetts. If events continue their current course, it will be up to the American people to rise up and put an end to it. The chances of that happening become more likely by the day.

The radicals believe they have the wind at their backs and are pushing for everything they can get; especially in the face of the groveling they are witnessing. Colin Kaepernick is a perfect example. His statement last week on Independence Day made clear what his agenda is. He said, 'We reject your July 4th celebration of White Supremacy'. Well, millions of Americans reject his race baiting hatred for this country. They are making it known by boycotting his sponsors; among them NIKE, which announced that they have lost hundreds of millions in profits and are now making massive layoffs because of that company's support of Kaepernick. The people are speaking up against him, but again, those in elected office, with the exception of President Trump and a few others don't utter a word.

In California, they have been allowing large organized demonstrations which include many paid protesters, to go on unrestrained. But their governor, who gives these protests the green light, is trying to prevent Christians from singing in church because he says the singing might help spread Corona Virus.

So yes, we are witnessing a disturbing pattern here and this is why patriotic Americans are concerned and are ready to put a stop to it.

Over the last few weeks, I have been contacted by so many of you

asking my opinion about gun ownership. Questions regarding the process on how to get a license to carry firearms, where to take firearms safety courses, what kind of guns would be best for a beginner to learn, the cost and where to purchase. But the main question is seeking an opinion about whether I thought it was a good idea or not. My response to that would be if you feel comfortable becoming a gun owner it is your right. The Second Amendment allows all law-abiding Americans to do so. The choice is yours. Do what you feel you must do.

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MAYOR WALSH ANNOUNCES FRANKLIN PARK ACTION PLAN VIRTUAL WORKSHOP

Mayor Martin J. Walsh and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department invite park users and local residents to attend the second community workshop for the Franklin Park Action Plan being held online on July 14 at 12 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Learn more about the plan at www.franklinparkactionplan.com.

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department, in collaboration with a team led by landscape architects Reed Hilderbrand, has embarked on a planning process to study the park's current strengths and potential improvements, including its landscape health, relationship to neighboring communities, and uses. The resulting Action Plan will be informed by extensive community engagement to set a shared vision for a sustainable future for Franklin Park.

"Franklin Park is a space for all residents, and it's vital this action plan reflects the voices of the community. That is why we're collecting public input about the future of Franklin Park in an extensive series of public engagement events within the park, around the surrounding neighborhoods, and across the city," said Mayor Walsh. "I encourage all resi-

dents to share their voice by attending the meeting, asking questions, and lending your input to this process."

With the sale of the Winthrop Square Garage, Mayor Walsh committed \$28 million to revitalize Franklin Park. In preparation for this investment, which includes \$5 million earmarked to create a maintenance endowment, the Boston Parks and Recreation Department is launching a new action plan for the park.

In this 18-month planning process, the City of Boston has partnered with a team of landscape architects, planners, ecologists, and community engagement experts to create a community-driven action plan for an engaging and diverse Franklin Park.

The team's goal is to understand the planning efforts that have come before it, what is working and isn't working in the park, and what the Franklin Park neighborhood wants to see in the future. It's your opportunity to help shape the future of the park and connections to the surrounding neighborhoods.

Join the conversation at a convenient time: July 14 at 12 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. Learn about the park's history, ecology, communities, connections and, most importantly, share your



Martin J. Walsh, Mayor

feedback. As neighbors and visitors, the team welcomes your insights.

To join the 12 p.m. workshop, follow the instructions below. For those who need a few minutes to learn more about and experience the meeting platform ahead of the workshop, we will open up the Zoom platform at 11:30 a.m.

To join by computer, tablet, or smartphone: bit.ly/franklinparkactionplan-12p

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To join the 6:30 p.m. workshop, follow the instructions below. For those who need a few minutes to learn more about and experience the meeting platform ahead of the workshop, we will open up the Zoom platform at 6:00 p.m.

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Docket No. SU20P1012EA

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The Trial Court

Probate and Family Court

Estate of: Kenneth Charles Sullivan

Date of Death: 05/29/2020

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To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by

Deborah Coughlin of Quincy MA

requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that:
Deborah Coughlin of Quincy MA

be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve on the bond in an

unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 08/12/2020**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline

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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.

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Councilors Flynn & Essaibi-George File Resolution Celebrating Americans with Disabilities Act

City Councilor Ed Flynn and City Councilor Annissa Essaibi-George filed a resolution at this week's Council meeting to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and to affirm the City Council's commitment in advocating for persons with disabilities.

Signed into law in 1990, the ADA prohibits discrimination against persons with disabilities in areas such as in jobs, schools, and public spaces. It guarantees that persons with disabilities are entitled to the same rights as those without disabilities, and provides construction standards on building accessibility. According to a 2018 US Census Bureau



conducted American Community Survey, 12.2% of Boston residents identify as persons with disabilities. This includes difficulties in self-care, hearing, vision, independent living, cognition, and mobility. In the City of Boston, the Disabilities Commission works with individuals with disabilities to ensure that they have full and equal participation in all aspects of life, as well as works to address ADA compliance and accessibility improvements in City Hall. The Office of Language and Communication Ac-



cess also works to ensure that all City departments have translation and interpretation services for non-English speaking residents and residents with disabilities. This work builds on the ADA, and it is important we continue to support our persons with disabilities in city government.

"As we celebrate the 30th anniversary of the ADA, it's critical that we again affirm that persons with disabilities deserve to be treated with dignity and respect," Councilor Flynn said. "As someone with

family and friends who are disabled, I understand the importance of the ADA and accessibility. I want to thank Councilor Essaibi-George for her partnership in this resolution and for her advocacy. I will continue to work with my colleagues, Mayor Walsh, the Disabilities Commission and other agencies to make sure that our residents with disabilities receive equal access to programs, services, and opportunities."

"Passing the ADA 30 years ago marked the beginning of our society's efforts to rethink what it means to be a person with a disability and what it means to live in a world that was not built with them in mind," Councilor Essaibi-George said. "I am particularly concerned with the barriers our students with disabilities have when trying to access education that supports and celebrates them. This anniversary is a reminder that we still have so much work to do."

For more information, please contact Councilor Flynn's office at 617-635-3203 and Ed.Flynn@Boston.gov and Councilor Essaibi-George's office at 617-635-4376.

BPS Partners With NWEA to Administer Exam School Admissions Test



The Boston Public Schools (BPS) today named NWEA as the vendor to administer the assessment for its three high schools that require an exam as one part of admissions criteria. The "examination schools," Boston Latin School, Boston Latin Academy and John D. O'Bryant School of Mathematics and Science, all serve students in grades 7-12. In February, BPS issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a new examination. The goal of the RFP was to ensure a fair test that is aligned to Massachusetts curriculum standards, is bias-free, and measures student knowledge and readiness for a rigorous high school curriculum.

Following extensive analysis of the proposals, the RFP Review Committee recommended the contract be awarded to NWEA. NWEA's test is

an untimed, computer adaptive Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) Growth assessment in math, reading and language usage. Items on MAP Growth are strongly aligned to the Massachusetts Curriculum Framework grade-level standards, with a wide range of cognitive demand. Throughout the review process, NWEA provided compelling evidence that the assessment is valid for use with diverse student populations as evidenced by a breadth of bias reviews and statistical analyses.

"I am excited to partner with NWEA and appreciate their desire to work with BPS on our shared goal of increasing the diversity of our exam schools," said BPS Superintendent Brenda Cassellius. "BPS has identified a fair assessment that is aligned to the Massachusetts state standards, tests students on material they have learned in school, and has been reviewed and validated for bias. Administering this new entrance test is an important step forward in expanding access to the exam schools for all students."

BPS has worked to expand equitable access to the exam schools, particularly for Black and Latinx students who have historically been underrepresented. The MAP Growth assessment provides data during the school year that shows how student learning is progressing, lending the insight educators can trust to meet the needs of learners as they teach. The assessment also includes several built-in accommodations for students with disabilities and English learners. These factors create visibility to critical learning needs of students, so they can get the right degree of support.

As the contract with the previous vendor was set to expire, BPS began the process of developing a new RFP during the 2018-19 school year. To develop the RFP, BPS participated in an extensive process that included input and recommendations from an internal working group. BPS received three proposals.

An RFP is required by law in order to contract with an organization for the admissions exam. The assess-

ment is part of the admissions policy and is available to all Boston residents in grades 6, 8, and 9, including students who are not currently enrolled in a BPS school. All three exam schools accept new students for grades 7 and 9. The O'Bryant School also accepts a limited number of new students for grade 10.

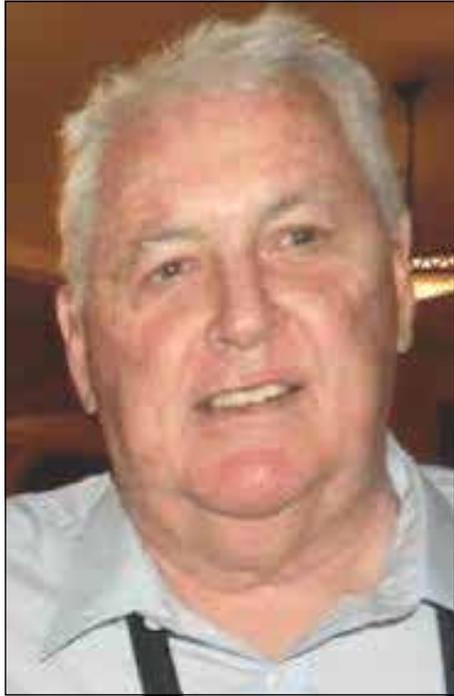
"Our organization is driven by our mission of Partnering to help all kids learn. This begins by making the needs of all students more visible to educators, so they can take action in support of students who have not had the same opportunities as their peers," said Chris Minnich, CEO of NWEA. "We believe that measures like MAP Growth, along with other measures, can help address bias and create a high school system that values diversity and fairness. We are looking forward to supporting Boston Public Schools as they push for greater fairness and equity for the students in the district."

BPS has taken several steps over the

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I Was Just Thinking...

By Kevin Devlin



What began as protests concerning the senseless murder of George Floyd by the hands of dirty cops served as a grand excuse for the radical Left-progressives to attack America. To attack our history. To destroy our culture. They used the toppling of Confederate statues as their cover to attack our grand flag, to burn it. To destroy a statue of an abolitionist, of George Washington, and even Frederick Douglass, a writer, an orator, and champion of the antislavery movement. And they will not stop until we stop them.

They desire to erase our history, eerily reminding me of Orwellian goals and 20th century communist purges to reeducate people (while murdering millions) and eradicate the past as never occurring. I believe the radical Left does hate America. They see nothing but evil. They don't, won't recognize that it is, with all its flaws, still the best nation in the world in which to live.

They refuse to believe that history teaches us the good and the bad and from these mistakes we grow and change. Without knowing our history how do we move on

to better days? These so-called progressives are bent on destroying our culture, obliterating our past and to stuff their beliefs down our throats. Like it or not.

"History and progress are inextricably linked," wrote Ken Buck from the National Review. "History tells the story of progress, and progress is possible by studying history — and, in some cases, learning from past mistakes.

"Slavery is a dreadful part of our history," Buck wrote further. "Despite what progressives say, the abolition of slavery occurred because of, not in spite of, our history and foundation. A nation that was formed with liberty as the chief objective of government was on the right path. The 19th century improved what the 18th century got horribly wrong, and the 20th century continued to build upon the 19th century's advancements. With each century that passes, we move toward a more perfect union. That is progress.

"Progressives are determined to destroy not just statues," Buck added. "... but historical memories because they know American history is incompatible

with their goals. America's founding documents, and even the stories behind the statues in the U.S. Capitol building, tell the story of American greatness and offer a roadmap for us to renew our commitment to our Founding principles."

They want to replace our Constitution. Tear it to pieces.

Deny individual freedom and dismiss personal responsibility.

Force their socialist and godless views of society upon us, thinking they know what is best for us. Thinking they should control our lives, tell us how to live, what to teach our children.

Erase our history and replace it.

Destroying statues is where they started in their goal of reshaping America's future.

They are dangerous and close-minded people, unwilling to open their minds to diverse views which they allegedly defend.

We need to fight against this destructive cultural revolution.

And not let this anarchy, destruction, and disorder continue because our future depends upon it.

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years to increase equitable access to the exam schools. For the first time, during the 2019-20 school year, the district administered the entrance exam to BPS sixth-grade students in their home schools. This change allowed students to take the test in a familiar environment and have the test administered by educators they know. Previously, students taking the entrance test had to travel to one of a handful of testing locations on a Saturday morning.

BPS has also addressed equitable access and student representation at the exam schools by creating and expanding the BPS entrance test prep program, Exam School Initiative (ESI), which focuses on serving Black, Latinx, English Learner, and economically disadvantaged students. With the support of Mayor Walsh and the Boston Latin School Association, the ESI program expanded from serving 400 students in 2014 to serving 775 in 2019. In addition, the BPS Office of Opportunity Gaps overhauled the direction of the program in 2017 and made important changes to ESI recruitment that resulted in enrollment shifts. This summer's remote ESI program begins Monday, July 6.

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tery, since sanitation concerns are naturally better managed there, the City Administration asked the State Administration to step in and install the dumpster and the Porto-Potties.

It was reported earlier this week that, 'even as Boston relaxes its Covid-19 restrictions more next week and museums and other tourist attractions begin to re-open, Mayor Walsh isn't expecting an immediate return to our traditional tourist-crammed streets.' The question then needs to be asked: why does that not mean the same for the mainly tourists and visitors, who flock to South Boston beaches all week long?

"We're still a bit away before we see that booming thriving tourism industry," Walsh said at a press conference. He said that as people watch their own cities' Covid-19 numbers rise exponentially, they're not going to want to get on a plane or in a car and come here. Walsh was optimistic and said that Boston's success to date in tamping down Covid-19 numbers could one day become a tourist attraction all by itself - people might want

to come here because they know they're unlikely to contract the virus here.

M Street Beach is, as one neighbor commented, a 'petri dish of potential virus infection', since none of the beach-goers are seen wearing masks and the portopotties are a veritable Covid-19 isolation unit. This past week we were told about the fact that families and others were entertained by a barely clothed couple, dancing and writhing, as they stood in the water playing music on their cell phones. They then took their performance to their blanket where they actually set up a full-length mirror in the sand, so they could admire themselves as the writhing continued. Social distancing was evident as anyone around them moved their blankets further away from the display.

The Mayor, as reported, did not discuss how the city might protect its residents from potential Covid-19 infection from visitors coming from places with high Covid-19 rates. Theoretically, visitors from outside New England, New York and New Jersey are supposed to self-quarantine for two weeks after arriving in

Massachusetts, but the state is not actively enforcing that.

Back to the Despicable Dumpster. As DCR and The City of Boston Parks and Recreation Department point fingers at each other, or rather point fingers at others, who were never part of the decision-making between those two agencies, the neighborhood has to contend with what no other coastline beach community has to. Not Hingham, not Cohasset, not Tenean, not Malibu, not Swampscott, not Manchester by the Sea... and so on.

DCR should post its employees strategically in the beach area, monitor the trash being accumulated by beach-goers and with State Police on duty, direct and even escort, if necessary, the visitors enjoying the South Boston oasis to trash receptacles provided. Then at the end of the beach day, DCR can empty the barrels, returning again in the morning to empty what accumulated overnight and so on and so on.

In the meantime, Parks and Rec and DCR can figure out the safe and sanitary way to allow beach-goers to relieve themselves.



Rep. Lynch's Oversight Committee Request Briefing On Murder Of Army Specialist Vanessa Guillen

U.S. Representative Stephen F. Lynch, Chairman of the Subcommittee on National Security, U.S. Representative Carolyn B. Maloney, the Chairwoman of the Committee on Oversight and Reform, and Committee Member U.S. Representative Jackie Speier, issued the following statement after the Committee requested a briefing on the Army's response and investigation into the disappearance and murder of Army Specialist Vanessa Guillen:

"The emerging details about the disappearance and murder of Specialist Vanessa Guillen are truly horrific, and our

hearts go out to her family. We are also deeply disturbed by reports that Specialist Guillen was sexually harassed prior to her disappearance, but according to her family, was too fearful of the professional consequences to report her concerns. Our Committee has requested a briefing from the Army on its response to this incident, its handling of sexual harassment and assault allegations at Fort Hood, and steps Army commanders are taking to enforce a zero-tolerance policy of sexual harassment and assault in the military and specifically at Fort Hood."

The Committee on Oversight and Reform has fought vigorously to protect government personnel and others from sexual assault and harassment:

• **Department of Education:** On February 14, 2020, Chairwoman Maloney led all Democratic Mem-

bers of the Committee in a letter to Education Secretary Betsy DeVos requesting information about a proposed rule that would encourage schools to pursue fewer investigations of sexual harassment and assault. On June 22, 2020, Chairwoman Maloney and Democratic Members of the Committee sent a subsequent letter to Secretary DeVos demanding the Education Department produce documents relating to the rulemaking.

• **Coast Guard Academy:** On December 11, 2019, the Committee on Oversight and reform and the Committee on Homeland Security issued a joint staff report that found that Coast Guard leadership failed to promptly, thoroughly, and impartially address harassment, bullying, and retaliation allegations at the Academy and hold senior officials accountable. That same day, the Committees held a joint hearing on

the results of the investigation. Since December 2019, the Committees have worked with the Coast Guard to ensure that the recommendations from the joint investigation are implemented.

• **National Park Service and Forest Service:** The Committee held multiple hearings with whistleblowers and Forest Service officials to examine sexual harassment and retaliation in the agency. On February 14, 2019, a report by the Department of Agriculture Inspector General identified numerous failures by management in the Forest Service's Region 5 to respond to and act on allegations of sexual harassment or misconduct. The Inspector General's review followed requests from, and an investigation by, then-Chairman Elijah Cummings, Rep. Speier, and Rep. Raúl Grijalva, the Chairman of the Committee on Natural Resources.

BOSTON EMS TO RECEIVE FEDERAL GRANT

Massachusetts Receives \$426,470 to Assist Local Fire Departments & EMS in Latest Round of Grants

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announced today \$4.6 million in direct assistance grants to 85 fire departments nationwide through the agency's FY2020 Assistance to Firefighters Grant COVID-19 Supplemental program (AFG-S). Additional phases will soon be announced.

The AFG-S Program includes grants to the following fire departments in Massachusetts:

- Ashland, MA – Fire Department - \$11,893
- Barnstable, MA – West Barnstable Fire District - \$3,757
- **Boston, MA – Boston Emergency Medical Services - \$192,817**
- Boxborough, MA – Fire De-

partment - \$2,857

- Dennis, MA – West Dennis Fire Department - \$123,676

- Hanover, MA - Fire Department - \$10,554

- Holbrook, MA – Fire Department - \$11,223

- Ipswich, MA - Fire Department - \$5,048

- Millbury, MA - Fire Department - \$9,160

- Shrewsbury, MA - Fire Department - \$46,563

- Topsfield, MA – Fire Department - \$2,990

- West Bridgewater, MA – Fire Department - \$5,926

The Fiscal Year 2020 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program – COVID-19 Supplemental (AFG-S) is a supplemental funding opportunity under the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program (AFG). AFG is one of

three FEMA grant programs that focus on enhancing the safety of the public and firefighters with respect to fire and fire-related hazards. The AFG-S Program accomplishes this by providing financial assistance directly to eligible fire departments, nonaffiliated emergency medical service organizations, and State Fire Training Academies for critical Personal Protective Equipment and supplies needed to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency. The AFG-S Program represents part of a comprehensive set of measures authorized by Congress and implemented by the Department of Homeland Security.

FEMA obligates funding for this project directly to the recipient agencies. It is the



recipient agency's responsibility to manage their grant award within federal guidelines with technical assistance and monitoring provided by FEMA Fire Program Specialists.

Additional information about FEMA's Assistance to Firefighters grant program(s) may be found at <https://www.fema.gov/firegrants>.

The Wine Guy



Beat The Heat

We're in the thick of it now.....heat and humidity so thick you think you might melt. It's the time of year when the wine you drink shouldn't only quench your thirst, it should be refreshing as well. So, no need to work up a sweat; read along, find a shady spot and try a few of the following....

The *Crochet* family have been making some of the region's best wines for the last few centuries with only a minimal accommodation to modern technology. Their *Sancerre Blanc Cuvee Prestige, 2018, (\$34.99)*, is one of the re-

gion's premier wines and the whole process is done by hand. Deep, rich notes of honey and mountain flowers on the nose, dry, flinty notes with a full mouthfeel and an unusually long finish means this one can be enjoyed with a wide array of foods, from Turbot to Salmon to Pork Loin Vincennes, as well as goat cheese or bleu cheese salads.

Les franchises Sancerre, Pascal Jolivet, 2018, (\$32.99), is a unique expression of Sancerre; this intense and chic wine's fragrant bouquet is full of citrus fruit and also shows remarkable notes of delicate white flowers. Pair with goat cheeses and seafood. The grapes are hand-picked, put in small baskets so as not to bruise the skins and they're all aged in old French oak barrels. Like many other families in this region, the Jolivets try to use as little modern technology as possible; this style of Sauvignon Blanc is very much the same as wine made several hundred years ago.

The Jolivets also produce a Rose wine that is among the best of all Rose wines in the region; the vines are over 85 years old, the skins are

never left with the juice for more than 72 hours and the aging takes place in old French oak. The process produces a Rose that's strongly aromatic with a surprisingly full body and pleasant finish. You can have this one with dessert, but don't be surprised at the dryness and balance it presents. Really refreshing.

Le Roi des Pierres Sancerre, 2019, (\$29.99), "Le Roi des Pierres", meaning "King of Stones," pays homage both to the Loire Valley's decorated royal past and its unique terroir, particularly silex's designation as "the king of all stones." Sancerre's wines, perhaps more than anywhere else in the world, represent a sense of place, reflecting the land and the history. A beautiful gold color with pale reflections, this Sancerre delivers mineral-driven aromas (oyster shell) which intertwine with floral notes (rose) and vine peach skin. This combination brings a beautiful elegance to the wine. On the palate, it has a softness that balances with a salty minerality, traces of the flint terroir and nuances of peach and orange quarter. The finish is concentrated,



with lingering notes of ripe lemon. Any seafood dish will be tastefully enhanced with this wine.

2019 Henri Bourgeois Sancerre Les Baronnes, Loire, France, (\$27.99), "Les Baronnes" is a wine of exotic fruit and citrus aromas; subtle yet powerful. Its persistence and harmony find their origin in the variety and quality of the terroir. This one has a delicate nose with aromas of white flesh fruits and citrus and is highlighted by its pronounced minerality. This one is especially good with shellfish and especially creamy seafood entrees like Lobster Savannah.

Talk To The Wine Guy at jdris8888@gmail.com

Coordinated Recovery Marketing by MA Regional Tourism Councils Results in Statewide Billboard Campaign

"With love from" campaign will feature fourteen tourism regions in Massachusetts on 17 billboards over three months

Beginning in July, expect to see billboards sending "postcards of love" across the Commonwealth from the state's own tourism destinations. Over the next three months, statewide digital billboards and MBTA stations will display "With Love From..." postcards from the tourism regions around Massachusetts. It is meant to help restart the industry as the state slowly reopens, and to remind locals that they can be a tourist at home.

"At the same moment Governor Baker declared a state of emergency on March 10, the 16 Regional Tourism Council directors were meeting in

Boston," said Ann Marie Casey, Co-chair of MA RTCs. "It was immediately evident to us that the damage to the tourism industry was going to be historic and we needed to plan for the day we could reopen."

A marketing subcommittee of the councils quickly convened, reviewed the emerging research, committed funding and produced the "With Love From" theme with a new SpiritofMa.com landing page. The billboards will lead to a landing page where visitors may choose a region of interest and click through to destination websites for regional updates and travel info.



"Congratulations to the Regional Tourism Councils (RTCs) for this innovative and creative way to promote the true spirit of Massachusetts," said Keiko Orrall, executive director

of Massachusetts Office of Travel & Tourism (MOTT). "During these challenging times, we applaud this unified effort to market the Commonwealth as an ideal place to vacation when the time is right."

Recent traveler sentiment surveys show that people will travel close to home and will look for accommodations, dining and activities outdoors that are attesting to safety guidelines. Travel and tourism is one of Massachusetts' key industries, accounting for nearly \$24.2 billion in direct spending in 2018 and generating \$1.6 billion in state and local taxes. The industry supports 153,200 jobs across the Commonwealth and \$5.6 billion in wages. This sector has suffered the largest job loss during the pandemic, touching every part of the state. The "With Love From" campaign reminds Massachusetts residents that the travel industry is open and safely caring for guests, and that its family and neighbors who work in the tourism industry are looking forward to going back to work.



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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

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Online applications are available **July 13, 2020** on the website, SouthBostonFoundation.com. Applications must be complete and submitted on or before **Friday, July 31, 2020**.

For more information about the South Boston Foundation and its mission, please visit SouthBostonFoundation.com

Gate of Heaven, St. Brigid Parishes and St. Augustine Chapel News



Thank you Fr. Karlo Hocurscak

Many thanks to Fr. Karlo Hocurscak for his ministry to our Parishes these past months. He was assigned to us last November for a temporary assignment as our Parochial Vicar. In March he volunteered to assist with the COVID-19 priest response team. Fr. Karlo ministered along with other priests to those sick with COVID-19 who were in need of the sacraments. We thank him for his ministry to our Parishes and to the sick these past eight months. He will be moving on to his new assignment following next weekend's Masses on July 13th.

Thank you Fr. Karlo - you will be in our prayers!



Welcome Fr. Christopher Boyle Our Parishes New Parochial Vicar

We welcome Fr. Christopher Boyle as our new Parochial Vicar. Fr. Boyle was assigned by Cardinal Sean O'Malley to our Parishes - St. Brigid Parish, Gate of Heaven Parish and St. Augustine Chapel effective July 15, 2020. Fr. Boyle was ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Boston on May 18, 2019 by Cardinal Sean at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross. Raised on the South Shore, he is the fourth of 13 children of Arthur and Judith Boyle. He received a B.A. in communications from St. Joseph's College, Maine. Fr. Boyle taught and coached at Catholic Memorial High School, before entering St. John's Seminary for his priestly studies. He is an alumnus of the Pontifical North American College at Rome. Fr. Boyle is looking forward to his new assignment in South Boston. We are very happy to welcome Fr. Boyle to our Parish Community and School Community!



Congratulations to Monsignor Liam 35th Anniversary of Priesthood

Congratulations to Msgr. Liam Bergin on the anniversary of his priestly ordination. He was ordained for the Diocese of Ossory, Ireland on July 13, 1985. Msgr. Liam has been a priest in residence at our Parishes for the past eight years and has been Professor of Theology at Boston College. As you know, Msgr. Liam, has been more than a priest in residence - and we thank him for his wonderful homilies, his reverent celebration of the Mass, his humor and his wonderful presence to our Parishioners.

Thank you and Congratulations Msgr. Liam!

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It will never truly feel like summer until we get to watch a baseball game. Well, that day is soon coming, we think.

The 2020 MLB schedule was released this week, and for the Red Sox, they'll play their first five at Fenway Park, beginning Friday, July 24 against the Baltimore Orioles.

With the shortened, 60-game season, the Red Sox will only play against two divisions: the AL East and NL East. And yes, this year there'll be a DH even in the National League ballparks.

The New York Yankees will only be making one trip to Fenway, and that will be in the form of a three-game series from Friday, Sept. 18 - Sunday, Sept. 20. Meanwhile, the Red Sox will be making two trips to the Bronx, with a three-game series from Friday, July 31 - Sunday, Aug. 2; and a four-game series from Friday, Aug. 14 - Monday, Aug. 17.

Boston's longest home stand is a 10-game home stand from Friday, Aug. 28 - Sunday, Sept. 6 against the Washington Nationals, Atlanta Braves, and Toronto Blue Jays.

The Red Sox close out their regular season with a three-game series against the Braves in Atlanta, with the final game on Sunday, Sept. 27.

There are still some Coronavirus hurdles that the league and the players must try to jump through in the coming weeks. For instance, some players are opting out of the season because of Coronavirus fears. Most notably, former Red Sox starter David Price has opted out of the season with the Los Angeles Dodgers.

With more and more test results coming in, and assuming some will come in positive, it's likely that we'll see some more players follow Price's lead.

In fact, the Coronavirus spotlight is currently on the Red Sox

after starter Eduardo Rodriguez tested positive this week. He is back home in Miami and is not feeling 100 percent, according to the team.

The biggest issue with that, for the Red Sox, is that Rodriguez is currently expected to be Boston's No. 1 starter to begin the season. Chris Sale will miss the entire season after Tommy John surgery. Price was traded to LA in the winter. And Rick Porcello signed with the Mets.

If Rodriguez can't be ready for Opening Day on July 24, then manager Ron Roenicke will most likely call on Nathan Eovaldi to be the team's No. 1 starter to begin the season.

But with so many unknowns about Coronavirus, the fear is that it could pop up at any time. And so, right now, teams are being extremely cautious. For example, Rafael Devers had been staying away from team workouts the last couple

days because he was believed to have been exposed to someone who tested positive for Coronavirus.

What happens if there's a surge of positive tests once the games actually begin? Would certain teams shut it down? Would games be postponed? Would players start to consider the option that Price took: to opt out of the season?

These are all legitimate questions in the face of Coronavirus and sports in 2020.

So while the schedule looks nice, and while it gets us another step closer to summer feeling like summer, let's just hope it all goes according to plan.

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2020 RED SOX SCHEDULE

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| 30 1:35 WSH | 31 7:30 ATL | | | | | |

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■ HOME GAMES □ AWAY GAMES

*ALL GAME TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

SPORTS TODAY

SOX' RODRIGUEZ TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19



SBT Staff

As Major League Baseball prepares to begin its 2020 season later this month, positive Coronavirus tests and testing delays around the league have created some concern.

Now, the Boston Red Sox are in the Coronavirus spotlight, as starting pitcher Eduardo Rodriguez has become the fourth Red Sox player to test positive.

With Chris Sale having season-ending Tommy John surgery, and David Price being traded to the Los Angeles Dodgers in the winter, Rodriguez is supposed to be Boston's No. 1 starter entering this season. That is all up in the air now.

Rodriguez is reportedly still home in Miami and is "not feeling 100 percent" according to Red Sox manager Ron Roenicke.

The Red Sox also have three other players who've tested positive: third baseman Bobby Dalbec, and pitchers Darwinzon Hernandez and Josh Taylor.

Boston is scheduled to begin the shortened 2020 season on Friday, July 24 against the Baltimore Orioles at Fenway Park.

Tweet of the Week



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CHIEFS SIGN MAHOMES TO LARGEST CONTRACT IN SPORTS HISTORY

SBT Staff

Patrick Mahomes and the Kansas City Chiefs have agreed to a 10-year contract extension that's worth a whopping \$503 million, with \$477 million in "guarantee mechanisms." As part of the extension, if some of those "mechanisms" are not exercised, then Mahomes has the ability to opt out.

Mahomes, 24, still has two years remaining on his current rookie contract, keeping him in Kansas City through the 2031 NFL season.

The \$503 million contract is the largest contract in sports history, making Mahomes the first NFL player to be crowned as the highest paid athlete in all of sports.

Since 2000, only five other NFL players have signed 10-year contracts. Those players are Drew Bledsoe (\$103 million) in 2001, Brett Favre (\$100 million) in 2001, Donovan McNabb (\$115 million) in 2002, Daunte Culpepper (\$102 million) in 2003, and Michael Vick (\$130 million) in 2004.

NFLPA WANTS TO CANCEL ENTIRE PRESEASON

SBT Staff

The NFL Players' Association board has voted in favor of canceling the entire preseason, prior to the beginning of the 2020 regular season. This vote came just days after the NFL canceled two weeks of the preseason, which usually includes four games for each team.

Now, teams will play in just two preseason games, as the first week and the last week of the preseason have been removed from the schedule. But the NFLPA board still has some concerns about Coronavirus, so much so that they are now trying to cancel the entire preseason.

The NFLPA put out a four-stage, 48-day plan that would prepare players for the regular season. Those stages include medical physicals upon reporting to camp, followed by a 21-day strength and conditioning program, then 10 days of non-contact, non-padded practice, and a final 14-day period of traditional training camp practices.

PATRIOTS, BURKHEAD REWORK CONTRACT



SBT Staff

According to ESPN's Field Yates, the New England Patriots have reworked running back Rex Burkhead's contract for the 2020 season, which will save the team \$1 million in salary cap space.

It's the final year of Burkhead's deal. His base salary will drop from \$2.5 million down to \$1.05 million. However, Burkhead will receive a \$500,000 signing bonus and up to \$400,000 in roster bonuses.

With the move, the Patriots are now expected to have around \$1.2 million in salary cap space.

WHAT TO WATCH

UFC SATURDAY, JULY 11
UFC 251
Jorge Masvidal vs Kamaru Usman (-285)
10 P.M. PPV

PGA THURS, JULY 9 - SUN, JULY 12
Workday Charity Open
3 P.M. GOLFC/CBS

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