



## The Education System Of Boston May Be Turned On Its Head

This could be the tale of dueling petitions. At stake is a plan by the Boston Public School Committee to change the exam school entrance formula that has kept Boston Latin School, Boston Latin Academy and The John D. O'Bryant School at the top of the academic ladder across Massachusetts, and with The Latin School annually ranked high nationwide.

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# EDITORIAL

## To The Police Reform Task Force: Veterans Earned Their Preference

As was reported last week, the 'Boston Police Reform Task Force' has released its report and recommendations. City officials seem to be on board with implementing it in full and word for word and imply that it is a universally acceptable plan and no one will or should disagree with any part of it. Well, not so fast. First of all, a committee that claims to be all for diversity and inclusion wasn't really all that diverse and inclusive. It's right, correct and proper that the group advocates for the 'Black and Brown' communities. No one should be left out of the process in

developing recommendations for law enforcement. But there seemed to be little, if any input by those representing White and Asian citizens of Boston. And while there are points in the recommendations that are worthy of implementing and should be enacted, there are some that are questionable and one in particular is disturbing to many residents; particularly to veterans and their families.

Particularly in question by veterans who have contacted this newspaper is 'Recommendation 2.03: To summarize, it would give equal preference in hiring for the Boston Police Department

to an applicant for simply graduating from a Boston Public School or certain programs like METCO or any other 'Compact institution'. As veterans receive an additional 2 points on their police exam scores for serving their country and putting their lives on hold while doing it and even risking those lives in defense of our nation's freedom, public school students would be granted the same extra 2 points for simply graduating. If the decision makers in Boston and on the Boston Police Reform Task Force are not able to see that there is a big difference between veterans who vol-



unteer to serve and students just doing what they should, perhaps they could benefit by going back in session for some training and counseling on exactly what veterans sacrifice and even risk that

grants them those 2 extra points on the exam and why they have earned that preference. It is the opinion of this newspaper that the BPR Task force should go back to the drawing board.

*"A judge may never subvert the law or twist it in any way to match the judge's convictions" - Amy Coney Barrett*

## Boston Native Pilots MH-60S Knighthawk Helicopter



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# The Information Center

## *The 'Celebrities' Continue to Lose Their Minds And THAT's Entertainment*

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**W**ith the election getting closer, the craziness is on the uptick in Hollywood. Yup, the pampered celebrities are so much into their ongoing desperate frenzy at the thought that President Trump could win another 4 years, that they are issuing their ultimatum to America, again: 'If Trump wins, we're moving; leaving the country and never coming back'. 'We really REALLY mean it this time'

In one way its sad, to think there could be people so out of touch that they think by their leaving, Americans will be devastated. In another way its actually hilarious, that they think so much of themselves that they are convinced that people care what they do and where they go. But even more than that, the public is amused at their ranting because everyone knows they won't leave; they are bluffing and the response by millions of people at these statements are 'we wish you ALL would leave', 'go now', 'we'll help you pack', 'what other country would want them?' and some that cannot be printed in a family newspaper.

The latest to join the 'I'm moving if Trump wins are of course Tomi Lee and Bruce (no longer the boss) Springsteen. Yes they still believe they are relevant. They join the long list of other washed up has beens like Whoopee Goldberg, Cher, George Lopez, Rosie O'Donnell, Amy Schumer, Alec Baldwin and of course, that roll model to America's youth – Snoop Dog. If these people ever did leave, which they won't, what will become of America? How will the United States survive without these ridiculous, preening egotists?

In fairness, there was one celeb that actually did move out of the country when Donald Trump won the first time. George Clooney moved to England, but there were too many 'undesirables' infringing on his space

too close to his walled mansion. He didn't feel safe so, yes, he's back in the USA. At least he tried. Among the appreciated accomplishments of President Trump is that he has made the self important 'stars' so crazy, they are providing quite a bit of entertainment to Americans. The melt downs, the exploding heads, the drool and spittle dripping from the sides of their mouths is truly something to behold. And no one fits that description better than Robert DeNiro. In his films, he often plays a swaggering tough guy. Trump has turned him into a crazed, cursing lunatic. I'm guessing that never, in the history of the world, has there been a group of people so consumed with hatred (along with that self importance), but still able to entertain so many. True, the way people are entertained by them isn't what the Hollywood types want to be known for, but entertaining they certainly are.

And yet, not all of the Trump Derangement Syndrome (TDS) afflicted celebs have threatened to move – at least not yet. This week, the old cast of 'Happy Days' got together to say that they will go to the state of Wisconsin and campaign against Trump to make sure he doesn't win there. You remember Richy Cunningham and The Fonz. They believe that by their very presence and 'appeal', they will sway an entire state's voters because, well, they are who they are and believe they are worshipped like gods.

Leading up to the 2016 election, when these insufferable characters were threatening to all move to Canada, it was said that some Canadian officials were considering building their own border wall to keep them out. Think about it. Would Canada really want Jim Carrey roaming loose in their country again? With what goes on in Hollywood, what country would actually allow some of these people

to get within 10 feet of children? And when this bunch were all threatening to move to Canada; you know, the same people who constantly call everyone else racists, why were they not considering a move to Mexico? Do they have a problem with Mexicans?

The bottom line is this: They will not leave America and everyone knows it. They couldn't get away with anywhere near what they do here. Most other countries don't have the freedoms we have here. The ability to make the money they do in 'the states' just doesn't exist and it would be far more difficult to live their ex-

travagant fantasyland lifestyles once their fortunes were depleted. And the perversions that so many of them practice and get away with here would get them locked up or worse in many other places. But as the comedian Ricky Gervais so accurately pointed out to them all, they know nothing of the real world and they are clueless. So clueless in fact, that they still believe the American public loves and admires them; when in reality, they are being mocked and laughed at. So again, Yes, it's kind of sad, but most of them deserve it. And I admit, I kind of enjoy watching all play out.

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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 the T sees long-term ridership declines due to telecommuting ...

The Globe's Adam Vaccaro and Commonwealth's Bruce Mohl report that MBTA officials are revising downward their already grim ridership and revenue projections. The reason: They see today's surge in telecommuting, spurred by the pandemic, becoming "standard practice for the foreseeable future" here and elsewhere. Meaning: Budget cuts. Here's more evidence of telecommuting's long-term impact

on transportation in general, via SHNS's Chris Lisinski (pay wall): "Study Finds Old Rush Hour Patterns Not Returning Soon."

### Mayors and others urge T to avert service cuts

SHNS's Chris Lisinski (pay wall) reports that Boston Mayor Martin Walsh and Somerville Mayor Joseph Curtatone are adding their voices to those urging the MBTA to abandon tentative plans to make deep service cuts to balance its pandemic-ravaged operating

budget, saying the T should seek new outside funding. Meanwhile, SHNS's Michael Norton (pay wall) reports that a coalition of 30 groups wants the T to wait until the 2020 legislative session concludes before making any cuts.

### Maybe the tsunami hits today?

Granted, it's early. The state's eviction moratorium only ended over the weekend. Still, the Herald's Erin Tiernan reports there was little sign of a 'tsunami' of eviction filings yesterday, the first

work day in which landlords could make filings, or at least there were few signs of a tsunami where Tiernan looked.

We suspect filings will dribble in eventually, followed by waves, particularly if and when federal protections expire. There's no doubt many people are behind in payments. And there's no doubt there's a housing problem out there. See post immediately below.

### As housing instability grows, Cambridge opens public showers

Have we come to this? As Martha Bebinger reports at WBUR, two trailers with showers inside officially opened yesterday in Cambridge, as city officials and others deal with growing housing instability in the region.

### Boston Education continued from front page

The plan looks to succeed with a scheduled vote by the Committee October 21 to adopt its proposal.

The messages of local parents and alumni were clear as they rallied this past Sunday on the front steps of Boston Latin School in both protest and support of the proposal that aims to eliminate the entrance exam for the city's three public exam schools next year.

In July, Boston Public Schools Superintendent Brenda Cassellius appointed a working group to develop and revise exam school admissions criteria ahead of the 2021 school year — for Boston Latin School, Boston Latin Academy, and the John D. O'Bryant School of Mathematics and Science — in response to the COVID-19 pandemic

and its impact on students' learning.

Superintendent Cassellius said in an August statement, "In this time, as we examine all policies with an antiracist lens and with equity at the forefront, I am looking forward to a thoughtful and thorough discussion on exam school admissions and the goal of ensuring our Black and Brown students have the same opportunity and access. I'm grateful to this Working Group for dedicating their time to ensure we have a fair process."

The nine-member task force recommended this month that instead of issuing an exam for the next school year, the district could decide eligibility based on grades, 2019 MCAS scores, and students' zip codes to ensure geographic and socioeconomic diversity amid the

ongoing pandemic. They also noted that administering a test safely in a COVID-19 era would be difficult, and the public health crisis has already had a greater impact on families who are low-income, Black, or Latinx. In a recent report outlining the proposal, members also ensured that this recommendation does not indicate an "unwillingness to consider using the MAP Growth or other exams as an admissions factor in future years."

A petition created on Change.org to suspend the entrance exams for a year had garnered nearly 5,000 signatures as of Sunday evening. And a counter-petition, created by Sarah Zaphiris on the same platform, calling on administrators to keep the test had almost 3,000 signatures. These numbers are projected to dramatically increase before the vote is taken.

The pressure appears to be squarely on Mayor Marty Walsh regarding the promised scheduling of an exam date for the 2021 school year, given that the school committee members are his appointees. The annual preparation process for exam school test taking is a critical factor in the lives of school age parents. Many of these parents, when contacted by SBT, appreciate the need for addressing the disparity in diversity but most feel that it is a process that needs time and should not penalize those children

who have striven to be academically competitive in their formative years. Parents have expressed their support for addressing systemic problems, but the solution must be a systemic commitment to achievement gap reduction in the early grades, and not take a short-sighted approach to address longstanding challenges and doing so on the backs of middle-schoolers.

Petitions are circulating by both the proponents of the change that seeks to seemingly turn the exam process on its head and the proponents of the status quo, with agreeable modifications, that seek to protect the integrity of the academic rigor that has been the hallmark of these programs for decades.

As a political football, many believe that the exams schools are being scapegoated as the Boston Public School system has been failing to provide the foundational curriculum, programs and remedial support that students need to achieve at a high level. The direction of the Boston schools and the deployment of resources are compounded by the responsibility to educate a growing immigrant population, special needs students and a culturally diverse population. This unique situation and the pending decision will certainly impact the choice parents will make regarding educating their children.

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# MAYOR WALSH FILES HOME RULE PETITION TO ENACT CIVIL SERVICE REFORMS AT THE BOSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT



Mayor Martin J. Walsh has filed a home rule petition at the Boston City Council: “Petition for a Special Law Re: Hiring Preference for Boston Resident-Graduates for the Boston Police Department.” This special act would amend the Commonwealth of Massachusetts’ Civil Service rules that govern police department hiring by establishing a new preference for Boston

residents who graduated from the Boston Public Schools, Metropolitan Council for Educational Opportunity (METCO), schools in the Boston Compact, which includes charter and parochial schools, or other high schools in Boston. This home rule petition is part of reforms recommended by the Boston Police Reform Task Force, which submitted their final recommendations last week.

“Boston is committed to systemic change to ensure the Boston Police Department promotes equity and justice for all Boston residents, and we are moving swiftly to enact the Boston Police Reform Task Force’s recommendations.” said Mayor Walsh. “This home rule petition will give Boston school graduates the opportunity to join the Boston Police Department, and provide a pathway for more of our residents to

serve their communities.”

This change will build on the success of Boston’s Police Cadet program by developing a new pipeline for diverse Boston residents into law enforcement careers. Existing state law provides preferences for disabled veterans, veterans and the widows or widowed mothers of veterans. This special act will create a new preference category for Boston Police candidates who graduated from any public or private secondary school located in Boston or from any secondary school as a participant in the Metropolitan Council for Educational Opportunity (METCO) program, and who was a Boston resident at the time of graduation from high school.

In 2015, Mayor Walsh reinstated the Boston Police Cadet Program, which has successfully grown Boston’s pipeline of diverse talent. In

the Boston Police Department, 63 percent of cadets have been people of color, from Boston’s Black, Latino, Asian, and Native American communities. The percentage of female cadets has steadily increased, and the 2019 cohort of cadets was exactly 50 percent female. In June, 108 new Boston Police graduated from the Academy. The class had 32 women. About 21 percent of the class is African American, nearly 16 percent Latino and 4 percent Asian. Collectively, they speak a total of 11 languages.

If passed by the Boston City Council, the home rule petition will then go to the Massachusetts State House, where it must also be passed, pursuant to State law. The full recommendations of the Boston Police Reform Task Force are available on [boston.gov/policereform](http://boston.gov/policereform), and have been translated into five languages.

## The Investigation of 2 Torched Vehicles Continues




As of this writing, the investigation continues into the burning or ‘torching’ of two cars in South Boston. It happened early Tuesday morning in the area around Dorchester Heights. One vehicle was a jeep, the other was a Honda and it is reported by WHDH News that officials believe the blazes were set and done so within an hour of each other. At this time, no motive was confirmed and as of Tuesday evening, no one was in custody; although one police source stated that one or more suspects may have been mentioned.

One of the burned vehicles was in and around the South Boston High School area; the other near Thomas Park close to National Street.

Neighbors say that there was intense heat in the area as the vehicles burned

and the height and intensity of the flames caused some to be fearful that the fires could possibly spread to nearby homes or even to some of the trees that line the Thomas Park area. Fortunately, neither happened. There have been no reports of injuries but the vehicles themselves suffered extensive damage. ‘South Boston Today’ will update this story when and if more details are released. In the meantime, anyone who might have information on who was responsible is asked to please contact the Boston Police and/or the Boston Fire Dept. If anyone has video footage from home security systems or personal devices, you are asked to share that as well.



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# Boston Public Schools Shifts to All Remote Learning Due to Rising COVID-19 Cases Citywide

*Students Will Return for In-Person Learning Following Sustained Decrease in Positivity Rate*



**B**oston Public Schools (BPS) announced today that due to a rising COVID-19 infection rate in the city, and in support of efforts to contain the spread, all students will shift to remote learning effective tomorrow, Thursday, October 22. The city's seven-day average COVID-19 positive test rate was reported at 5.7%, an increase from last week's rate of 4.5%. Students will remain in remote learning until there are two

full weeks of falling infection rates.

"We have said all along that we will only provide in-person learning for students if the data and public health guidance supports it, and this new data shows that we are trending in the wrong direction," said Mayor Martin J. Walsh. "We will continue to monitor the metrics and work towards our goal of welcoming students back into our classrooms, learning among their peers, supported and educated by our dedicated staff."

The announcement was made in consultation with public health officials and in reviewing data that shows two weeks of increased confirmed positive cases across the entire City of Boston.

"I am heartbroken that today we have to close our doors to our highest need students. Our families are desperate for these services for their children, many of whom are non-verbal and unable to use technology in the home. We will work with the

Boston Teachers Union and remain committed to providing in-person learning opportunities to our students as we are able, as we continue to prioritize our students with the highest needs for in-person learning," said BPS Superintendent Dr. Brenda Casellius. "I look forward to the broader Boston community doing its part in complying with the public health guidance and helping us bring this infection rate down so we can open our doors. We need your help. Our children are depending on all of us."

Once the citywide seven-day COVID-19 positivity rate is at 5% or below for two consecutive weeks, students with the highest needs will have the option to return to in-person learning. When the citywide seven-day COVID-19 positivity rate is at 4% or below for two consecutive weeks, BPS will restart the phased return of students for in-person learning, beginning with our youngest students. BPS will continue to respect

family choice and will provide fully remote learning for all who choose it.

BPS will provide updates to plans as soon as they develop. In addition, schools will work with families who may need to pick up technology or other personal items students may have left at school. The district is exploring options for providing services for our students with complex disabilities and will update families with more information in the coming days.

All BPS students started the school year learning remotely on September 21. Families were able to select if they wanted to keep their students in all-remote learning or opt into a hybrid learning model. Students recognized as High In-Person Priority were able to return for in-person learning beginning October 1. Families will be notified of an updated timeline for their children to resume or begin in-person learning for the school year as soon as public health data allows.

For more information on the BPS reopening plan, work done to prepare buildings for in-person learning, and the district's health and safety protocols visit [bostonpublicschools.org/reopening](https://bostonpublicschools.org/reopening).

## Commerce Center to Host New Bluebikes Station

*A 19-dock station added at 645 Summer Street, and 10 bicycles added to the Bluebikes fleet*

**O**xford Properties ("Oxford"), a leading global real estate investor, developer and manager, and Pappas Enterprises announced today that 645 Summer Street will become part of the Bluebikes, Metro Boston's public bike share system.

The new station will include a 19-dock station and 10 bicycles. The popular bike sharing model offers members access to more than 3,500

bikes located at over 330 stations across 8 communities in metro Boston including Arlington, Boston, Brookline, Cambridge, Everett, Newton, Somerville, and Watertown (Chelsea and Revere Stations are launching later this year). The addition is sponsored by Oxford and Pappas Enterprises as part of their commitment to supporting greater connectivity across the South Boston community. They are exploring a second station in the neighborhood with the City of Boston.

"Pappas Commerce Center sits in a critical location along the evolving waterfront surrounded by job growth and great residential neighborhoods. This area continues to grow and flourish and Oxford and Pappas are pleased to bring Bluebikes to the neighborhood to be proactive about mobility solutions and support access to healthy, convenient and affordable transportation," said Brian Barriero, Vice President of Operations (US Region) for Oxford Properties.

"A leading recommendation of The South Boston Seaport Strategic Transit Plan is to expand biking connections in the community," said a Pappas Enter-

prises spokesperson. "Adding a new Bluebike station in this highly-travelled corridor addresses an important community concern and we are pleased to offer this new option."

Oxford Properties, the global real estate subsidiary of the Ontario Municipal Employee Retirement System (OMERS), and Pappas Enterprises, a fourth-generation family business that has developed commercial and industrial real estate in Boston for over sixty years, jointly own the 42.3-acre business park known as Pappas Commerce Center, which includes 645 Summer Street, in Boston's Seaport District. Pappas Commerce Center consists of nine buildings and approximately 750,000 square feet of space currently serving industrial, logistics, and research uses. Oxford and Pappas highly value community-focused business operations. Together, they will continue to make significant and thoughtful contributions to tenants and local communities in this important area of the city.

### About Pappas Enterprises, Inc.

Pappas Enterprises, Inc. is a fourth-generation family business that has been



developing and managing commercial and industrial real estate for more than sixty years and is part of a family-owned group of companies founded in Boston in 1914. With a long and diverse history, Pappas Enterprises has operated grocery and liquor businesses, transportation carriers, and construction businesses. Since 1985, Pappas has built over 1.5 million square feet of industrial, residential, commercial, and retail space in and around Boston. The firm co-owns Pappas Commerce Center, an approximately 42.3-acre industrial park, with nearly 2000 feet of frontage on the Reserved Channel in Boston's Seaport District. Pappas is at the forefront of green building initiatives in Boston and is deeply committed to progressive design.

# Councilor Flynn Unsafe Streets Are A Public Health Emergency

## *Recommends Updated Safe Streets 12 Point Plan*



For several months during the COVID-19 pandemic, there was a significant drop in the number of commuters driving through our neighborhoods, as well as less congestion and traffic due to stay at home advisories and work from home policies. Although these developments provided benefits in terms of less pollution, we unfortunately saw reports regarding an increased number of fatal and serious crashes in Massachusetts, and also locally on our streets in Boston. Many residents contacted my office to report incidents where drivers treated open roads like a race track and a license to speed in our communities.

In just the last couple of weeks in South Boston, we've seen tragic and serious crashes in Andrew Square, as well as vehicles driving off the road and into businesses like McGoo's Pizzeria at Perkins Square, into a house at L & 3rd St, a two-car crash at Old colony Ave & Dorchester St, and another vehicle crashed into a fence at this

same intersection.

Many neighbors, parents with their children in strollers, our seniors and persons with disabilities have contacted me to report speeding cars flying by them while crossing on L St, crossing East Broadway at Medal of Honor Park, or on Dorchester St. & West 4th St by Marian Manor. We also have a problem on East Broadway of what safety advocates, like Walk Boston, refer to as "double threats"; where the first car will let the pedestrian pass, but the vehicle behind will speed around and pose serious danger to people in the crosswalk.

My fellow South Boston elected officials and I remain in constant contact with Mayor Walsh, Boston Police Dept. (C-6) Captain Boyle, Chief of Streets Chris Osgood, and Boston Transportation Department Commissioner Greg Rooney. Prior to the pandemic, city officials also met with concerned residents, Councilor Flaherty and I for office hours during the winter.

However, as a result of the increased danger to my constituents and the people of District 2 - including our seniors, persons with disabilities, children, parents and residents just out for a walk - I am advocating for our unsafe roads to now be declared a Public Health Emergency. I am also recommending an updated Safe Streets 12 Point Plan.

To make our streets safer, I continue to advocate for a combination of infrastructure improvements to our built environment, slower speeds in our residential neighborhoods, and enforcement. These policy recommendations are based on my previous 12 Point Plan, hearings I've held each year at

the Boston City Council, safety walks with advocacy and civic groups, and feedback from the people of South Boston. I will continue to work closely with my fellow elected officials, the Boston Transportation Department and Boston Police on this critical issue for the people of South Boston.

**1. A complete study of all high traffic, commuter-heavy roads throughout South Boston.**

**2. Reduction of the speed limit to 20 MPH throughout all of South Boston.**

**3. Substantial speed humps (permanent asphalt or large temporary ones to move for plows) and raised crosswalks high enough to force cars to slow down along high traffic and heavy commuter used roads like L St, near parks and recreation centers where children and seniors gather.**

**4. 4-way stop signs along L St and relevant locations, 3-way stops along one-way streets throughout the neighborhood. An all way stop on East First St & Pappas Way (BTD currently working on this location).**

**5. Additional Speed Feedback Signs on high traffic roads throughout South Boston, like what BTD has recently installed on Farragut Road, L St, East Broadway, Dorchester St, East First St, and Old Colony Ave.**

**6. Rapid Flash Beacons with pedestrian islands like we have on Summer Street; Blinking Pedestrian Crossing signs at high traffic areas like BTD installed at Stop & Shop on East Broadway or near CVS at West Broadway.**

**7. Eliminate the use of concurrent phasing traffic signals in high traffic areas, where cars and pedestrians simultaneously have the right of way signals to proceed. Implement Exclusive Pedestrian Phasing signals in the South Boston Waterfront and other locations with heavy pedestrian foot traffic, along with longer pedestrian signal times to cross in our neighborhood.**

**8. Road Diets and one lane of traffic on Preble St (from Andrew Square to the Rotary), on East Broadway (from Perkins Square to L St) and appropriate locations to prevent the risk of "double threats" - when a car will let a pedestrian cross and a second vehicle will try to go around and pass them, and potentially hit the people in the crosswalk.**

**9. Curb extensions and bumping out sidewalks at crosswalks on Farragut Road, school zones and elsewhere to shorten crosswalks, make stop signs visible and narrow streets to encourage slower speeds.**

**10. Increased "Operation Crosswalk" patrols from Boston Police in order to reduce speeding. Increased fines for driving the wrong way on a one-way street, and delivery trucks over the weight limit.**

**11. More delineators, or signs, in crosswalks at high traffic areas reminding drivers to stop for pedestrians; paint in the roads advising drivers to slow, yield and stop.**

**12. Additional Uber/Lyft pick up & drop off pilot zones in the South Boston Waterfront. Reviewing potential areas for additional loading zones with designated time and space for delivery trucks.**

To improve pedestrian safety in South Boston, we all need to continue to work together to slow down traffic and increase awareness for others on our roads. Drivers, pedestrians, and cyclists alike must always show common courtesy, respect and concern for one another. We all can do our part to be better and I respectfully ask, once again, for all of us to take it upon ourselves to make our streets safer. It will take all of us as a community to implement traffic calming policies to help try and realize Vision Zero - the goal of no serious or fatal crashes in the City of Boston.

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

# The Wine Guy

## Game Options?



It's hard to believe that we're in the middle of the season and that it won't be too long until the Holidays have gone, and the Playoffs will begin. In the meantime, it's football at home this Sunday between the Pats and the Browns and the two big questions are: "who'll win the game, offense or defense?" and "what's to eat and drink?"

I'm not sure about the first one, though the McCourtys and Matthew Slater continue to strike fear into the opposing offenses, but let's get right into the second one. Since the weather outlook for game day is pretty wet, let's stick to the indoor options for

some food to go with the wines.

Before the game begins, you might want to put out some Korean Pork Eggrolls (slow roasted pork, cabbage, carrots and Korean BBQ sauce) and some Coal Fired Wings (lemon juice, fried onions and rosemary) along with some *Seghesio Zinfandel, Sonoma, 2019, (\$19.99)*. This family has been making fantastic wines since the mid-1890s and their Zin vines are some of the oldest they have—90 years+. This one is big and edgy, with lots of blue fruit and smoky notes, as well as spicy overtones. It's not structured, but a good Zin shouldn't be; big, juicy finishes that'll really complement the egg rolls and wings.

What about a couple of Chicken Broccoli Alfredo pizzas, (Alfredo sauce, parmesan cheese, mozzarella cheese, chicken and broccoli) and some *Trimbach Riesling, 2019, Alsace-Lorraine, France, (\$17.99)?* Since Riesling is rarely made with oak or blended with other grapes, its dry versions showcase this wine's pure green apple, citrus and peach flavors with a refreshing acidity, topped off by honey, spicy and smoky flavors on

the finish, which is longer than most Rieslings. (BTW, this one is also great both before and with Thanksgiving and Christmas Turkey.)

Halftime is usually when everyone is usually looking for the "prime item", so don't take a chance on disappointing anybody. How about some Top Sirloin Sliders (Thin-sliced Top Sirloin, sauteed mushrooms and Bearnaise sauce on artisan rolls) and some *Alexandria Nicole 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon "A Squared" Horse Heaven Hills, Washington, (\$19.95)?* This Cab is superb; if it said Napa instead of Horse Heaven Hills on the label, you'd easily pay \$50+ a bottle. This A Squared Cabernet is sourced entirely from Nicole's Destiny Ridge Vineyard. It's a blend of 77% Cabernet Sauvignon, 14% Merlot and 9% Malbec aged for 20 months in 40% new French oak barrels; it's a bold expression of Columbia Valley Cab with layers of flavor. Black cherries, currants, plums, and black olives with vanilla and caramel notes from the oak expand on the palate while ripe, round tannins create a

lively mouthfeel and a balanced acidity keeps the flavors fresh and vibrant. This clearly has the body to mature in the bottle for another 4-6 years as well, but it drinks so well now you may not be able to wait.

Finally, if the game turns out as we all hope it will (and it should), how about a victory toast with a glass of *The White Knight Prosecco, NV, Prosecco, Italy, (\$15.99)?* Made from the Glera grape, which was formerly and confusingly called Prosecco, this wine is notable for its pleasant flavors of peach, pear, melon, green apple, and honeysuckle. Lower pressure during the carbonation process (also called the tank method) means that the bubbles are lighter and frothier than in Champagne or other traditional method sparkling wine, and less persistent. Crisp aromas of acacia flower, apple, white peach and citrus fruit captivate the nose before the palate is satisfied with an avalanche of fresh and delicate flavors that culminate in a tantalizing and memorable ending.

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

## I Was Just Thinking...



By Kevin Devlin

I wish people on social media would stop comparing President Donald Trump to Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini, just to name two infamous personalities they usually mention.

Trump isn't planning on conquering other countries. He's not planning on marching troops up north

and annexing Canada. He's not planning on invading Central America or South America and murdering innocent people. We haven't been embroiled in any new wars. His administration spearheaded peace in the Middle East. He's reducing our military footprint in that region and wants to bring our troops home.

His goal is simple.

Maintain a strong military so peace can be preserved.

And so far during his administration it has worked.

Now let's compare that to Hitler and Mussolini.

Adolph Hitler, who started the war in Europe, occupied Czechoslovakia, and Austria, then invaded the countries of Poland, Sweden, Norway, France, Belgium, Russia, Luxembourg, Greece, Yugoslavia, and Italy. By the end of World War II, the Nazis systematically murdered over six million European Jews, and an estimated four to six million non-Jews. This does not include the millions of soldiers and civilian casualties, in other coun-

tries, resulting from his attempt at world conquest. In Russia alone, the war the Russians named as "The Great War" - approximately 25 million Russians died because of Hitler. There's simply not enough room in this paper to detail the deaths, hangings, persecutions, and tortures perpetrated by the Nazis.

Then we have Benito Mussolini. During the Second Italo-Ethiopian War, the Italians used chemical weapons such as mustard gas. According to the Ethiopian government, 382,800 civilians died during this Italian invasion. It has been reported that 17,800 women and children were killed by bombing, 30,000 people were killed in the massacre of 1937, 35,000 people died in concentration camps, and 300,000 people died due to privations which resulted from the destruction of their villages and farms. The Ethiopian government also claimed that 2,000 churches and 525,000 houses were destroyed by the Italians.

In April 1941, when Italy invaded Yugoslavia they adopted the tactics of

"summary executions, hostage-taking, reprisals, internments, and the burning of houses and villages" to suppress Partisan resistance. In May of 1942, Mussolini informed his commander of the Italian 2nd Army, that he "...must take numerous hostages and shoot them whenever necessary."

The Italian occupation of Greece was just as brutal. The Greek government claimed that Italian occupation forces destroyed 110,000 buildings and executed 11,000 civilians. The Italians also presided over the Greek famine, simultaneously initiating wide-scale plundering of the country which ultimately led to the deaths of 300,000 Greek civilians. Again, a small sampling of the anguish which occurred.

It's absurd to compare these two heinous characters to our president.

Maybe the next time someone actually wants to make a worthwhile comparison, that person can compare Nancy Pelosi to the angry old lady in the neighborhood or Joe Biden to the old man next door who doesn't seem to know who he is.



# Recent South Boston Real Estate Sales

Property/Type	Price	Sale Date	Rooms	Baths	Sq Ft
537 East Fourth Street Single Family	\$1,695,000	9/30/20	13	3.5	3,681
513 East Broadway Single Family	\$1,300,000	9/14/20	8	2.5	2,253
616 East Eighth Street Single Family	\$1,265,000	9/14/20	7	2.5	1,950
369 Silver Street Single Family	\$1,100,000	9/15/20	6	2.5	1,335
91 Baxter Street Single Family	\$975,000	9/15/20	7	2.5	1,486
11 Earl Street Single Family	\$965,000	9/14/20	7	2.5	1,734
71 Marine Road Single Family	\$950,000	9/30/20	7	2	1,358
2 Dixfield Street Single Family	\$865,000	9/18/20	7	2	1,538
436 East Fourth St UNIT 3 Condo	\$565,000	9/1/20	3	1	729
530 Dorchester Ave UNIT 2 Condo	\$560,000	9/3/20	3	1	641
695 East Fourth St UNIT 2 Condo	\$560,000	9/8/20	3	1	698
126 G St UNIT 2 Condo	\$550,000	9/1/20	4	1	558
216 E St UNIT 1 Condo	\$548,000	9/24/20	4	1	660
514 1/2 East Third St UNIT2 Condo	\$540,000	9/24/20	3	1	571
192 West Fifth St UNIT 2 Condo	\$538,500	9/22/20	4	1	673
281 West Second St UNIT A 1 Condo	\$514,000	9/1/20	4	1	860
522 East Third St UNIT 1 Condo	\$491,000	9/1/20	3	1	516
595 East Broadway UNIT 1 Condo	\$465,000	9/8/20	3	1	882



## Virtual Public Meeting

# 80 West Broadway

**Wednesday, November 4**  
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

**Zoom Link:** bit.ly/37ebPwY  
**Toll Free:** (833) 568 - 8864  
**Meeting ID:** 161 027 7029

**Project Proponent:**  
80 West Broadway, LLC

**Project Description:**

80 West Broadway, LLC proposes to redevelop an approximately 21,770 square foot property located at 80-110 West Broadway in South Boston. The project site currently contains a four-story, mixed-use building occupied at its ground level by Amrheins Restaurant, a one-story addition at 84-88A West Broadway, and a surface parking lot for 44 vehicles.

The proposed project consists of retaining the four-story building, which will continue to include ground-floor bar/restaurant space for Amrheins, with six residential units above, and to construct on the remainder of the project site an eight-story, approximately 123,400 square feet of gross floor area, mixed-use building with ground-floor retail space and research and development/office space above. The proposed project will also include approximately 25 below-grade parking spaces.

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**Close of Comment Period:**  
11.20.2020

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Teresa Polhemus, Executive Director/Secretary

## South Boston Specific Projects

**More than 61 percent of residential units approved at BPDA October Board are income-restricted**

The Boston Planning & Development Board of Directors this month approved development projects that will result in new market-rate and income-restricted residential units, economic development, and jobs across the City of Boston.

The following development projects also moved forward at tonight's Board meeting:

Newly-approved 472 West Broadway will bring 16 residential, Compact Living Units to South Boston

Live: 16 residential units compliant with the City's Compact Living Policy

Work: 40 construction jobs

Connect: \$20,000 in community benefits, transportation infrastructure improvements

472 West Broadway will construct a five-story, mixed-use building in South Boston with 16 homeowner-

ship units, 2 of which are income-restricted and includes a 1,839 commercial retail space on West Broadway.

The project is compliant with the City of Boston's Compact Living Policy Pilot Program, which aims to increase options for housing in response to growing demand, promote sustainable development, encourage innovation and creative design solutions, and minimize potential traffic resulting from increased density.

With public realm and pedestrian improvements, 401 Congress Street will create dynamic destination in the South Boston Waterfront.

Work: 518,500 square feet of office and life science use workspace

Connect: 115,000 square feet of public realm improvements

Sustain: Sustainable and resilient design with LEED & WELL certification



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Located in the South Boston Waterfront, the newly-approved 401 Congress Street includes the following components to transform the project site from an undeveloped area and parking lot into a dynamic, pedestrian friendly destination in Boston:

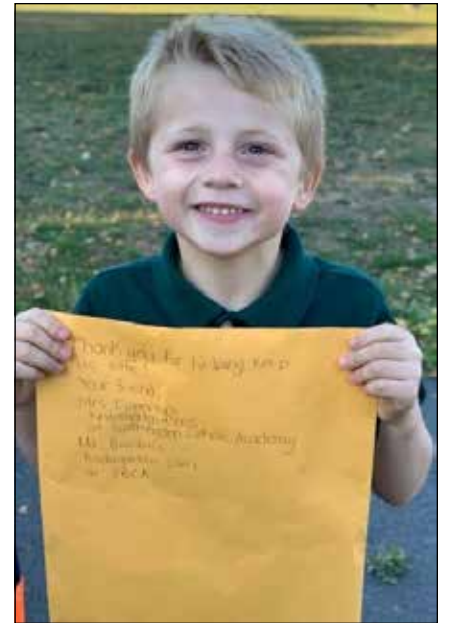
- New 17-story laboratory/research and development and office building totaling approximately 518,500 square feet with a lobby that will include spaces for cultural, retail, public access, amenity uses
- Approximately 50,000 total square feet of outdoor public realm space
- Approximately 20,000 square feet

of outdoor landscaped area, and 15,000 square feet of outdoor sheltered flexible space with a new land bridge for pedestrian connection

The project will generate many benefits for the surrounding neighborhood and City of Boston as a whole, including a two-story public Great Hall with public access and use, fully accessible 24/7 elevator connection from Congress Street to World Trade Center Avenue, approximately \$4.5 in Linkage payments to the City of Boston, and approximately \$4 million in contributions to non-profit organizations.

# South Boston Catholic Academy News A Big Thank You to all our Firefighters!

South Boston Catholic Academy students practiced Fire Safety Week with their first fire drill of the year. Dr. Civian, our Principal, was very impressed with how efficient and cooperative South Boston Catholic Academy's students were. Students continued to learn about Fire Safety throughout the week and even got the chance to thank South Boston's Local Firefighters. K2 students made cards to say thank you to our firefighters for keeping us safe. A few students were kind enough to hand-deliver their cards to the South Boston Fire Station. We are so thankful for our local heroes and for our incredible students who continue to support our community!



SOUTH BOSTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PRESENTS

## Jack O'Lantern's

# HALLOWEEN SCAVENGER HUNT

October 12<sup>th</sup> thru October 30<sup>th</sup>

Find the shamrocks hidden in the Halloween decorations of participants throughout the neighborhood - and enter to win goodie bags, gift cards and more. Open to all ages!

Visit: [SouthBostonChamber.org/scavenger-hunt](https://SouthBostonChamber.org/scavenger-hunt) or scan the code below for a list of hints.

## MAYOR WALSH ANNOUNCES FALL DRIVE-IN MOVIE SERIES

Free, Halloween inspired drive-in movie series coming to the BCEC this October.

Mayor Martin J. Walsh today announced the City of Boston Fall Drive-In Movie Series, organized by the Boston Parks and Recreation Department and the Mayor's Office of Tourism, Sports, and Entertainment. This Halloween-themed Drive-in Movie Series is made possible by support from the Highland Street Foundation and Xfinity, and host site, the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center.

Attendees are encouraged to get in the holiday spirit and dress in their most festive costume while enjoying Halloween classics. This Drive-in Movie Series will include double-feature showings on select nights in October, as well as a special matinee showing in partnership with the Age Strong Commission. This series is free and open to Boston residents only.

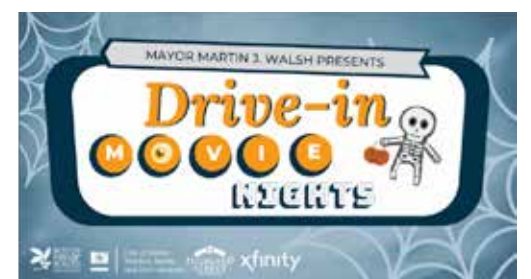
"While Halloween festivities will look different this year, we are proud to offer free, family-friendly entertainment for residents of Boston this fall," said Mayor Walsh. "We are thankful for the Highland Street Foundation's support to make this happen, and to the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center for hosting. Our hope is that these movie nights can provide a safe, fun fall activity for Boston residents of all ages."

"In the midst of these challenging times, Highland Street Foundation is pleased to partner with the City of Boston to provide the community with an opportunity to enjoy a relaxing, safe evening with loved ones," said Executive Director Blake Jordan.

All event attendees must pre-register by car through an RSVP on Eventbrite which can be accessed through [boston.gov/drive-in-movies](https://boston.gov/drive-in-movies).

Residents ages 55+ looking to attend the Age Strong matinee must register directly with the Age Strong Commission by calling 617-635-3959 or emailing [Marybeth.kelly@boston.gov](mailto:Marybeth.kelly@boston.gov). Registration for these events begins on Thursday, October 15 at 12:00 p.m.

**For additional information about the drive-in movie series and our COVID-19 safety guidelines please visit [boston.gov/drive-in-movies](https://boston.gov/drive-in-movies).**





## This week, Danny gave "Pic's Picks" for Week 7 in the NFL:

I went 4-1 against the spread for the second straight week in Week 6. My record on the season is now 18-6-1, from when I began making my 2020 NFL picks in Week 2.

Not to jinx it, but it kind of feels like the NFL is done with COVID-19, doesn't it? Since the Patriots vs Broncos got postponed from Week 5 to Week 6, multiple teams have seen positive tests, but it's resulted in nothing more than a day or two of closures at those teams' facilities, and all systems go for the regularly-schedule games.

Also, more and more teams are starting to allow a limited number of fans into their buildings, even the indoor stadiums. These are positive signs, folks. Anyone telling you different is a brain-washed lunatic.

Anyways, let's get back to the games, shall we?

Here are my picks for Week 7:

**PHILADELPHIA EAGLES (-4.5)** over New York Giants

-Well, somebody has to win this game. The NFC East is, by far, the worst division in football. Dallas is in first place, with a 2-4 record! The Eagles are in second place with a 1-4 record. And the Gi-

ants are in third place with a 1-5 record. The G-Men are coming off their first win of the season, beating Washington in Week 6. But without Saquon Barkley, who's out for the season with a torn ACL, there's not much hope for the Giants in 2020. The Eagles are just as bad though. Their only win came in Week 4 against the San Francisco 49ers. But the 49ers played that game without an injured Jimmy Garoppolo under center, so take that for what it's worth. A 4.5-point spread might be a little high here for a game between two one-win teams, but I still think the Eagles are closer to turning things around than the Giants. Give me Philly by a touchdown at home on Thursday Night Football.

**ATLANTA FALCONS (-2.5)** over Detroit Lions

-Both the 2-3 Lions and the 1-5 Falcons are coming off a win in Week 6. It's crazy to think the Falcons began the season 0-5, but after firing coach Dan Quinn, Atlanta immediately responded with a win for new coach Raheem Morris, beating the Vikings 40-23. Julio Jones seems to be back and healthy for the Falcons as well, which is always a dangerous thing

for opposing defenses. I'm not saying Atlanta is going to make the playoffs after an 0-5 start just because they fired their coach. But I definitely think they can build some momentum with a second straight win, this time against the Lions on Sunday afternoon in Atlanta. The 2.5-point spread is basically a pick-em. I'll take the Falcons to win and cover.

**TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS (-3)** over Las Vegas Raiders

-The 4-2 Buccaneers head to Vegas to take on the 3-2 Raiders on NBC's Sunday Night Football. The Raiders are coming off the bye, while the Buccaneers are coming off a statement win over the Packers. I expect Tom Brady and the Bucs offense to have a big day against a Raiders defense that allows 30 points per game. Meanwhile, Tampa Bay's defense allows only 20 points per game and should be able to challenge Derek Carr just as much as they got after Aaron Rodgers last week. The Bucs will begin to claim their title as one of the most dangerous teams in the NFL after they go into Vegas and win. Give me Tampa by 10.

**PITTSBURGH STEELERS (-2)** over Tennessee Titans

-This game is Sunday at 1 in Tennessee, and it's a matchup between two undefeated teams. Both the Steelers and Titans are 5-0, but the one stat that jumps out to me in this one is Pittsburgh's run defense allowing just 66 rush yards per game, which ranks second best in the NFL. That could keep Derrick Henry in check, enough for the Steelers to pull out a win on the road over a very good Titans team. Pittsburgh wins by 3, which is enough to cover.

**LOCK OF THE WEEK: GREEN BAY PACKERS (-3.5)** over Houston Texans

-I mentioned the Packers' loss to the Buccaneers in Week 6. That was Green Bay's first loss of the season. There's no doubt that the Packers bounce back to beat the 1-5 Texans, and beat them by more than a touchdown. Houston allows 30 points per game. They stink. Green Bay all day in a potential blowout.

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# SPORTS TODAY

## PATRIOTS LOSE TWO STRAIGHT, HOST 49ERS ON SUNDAY

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In a game that was postponed a full week because of positive COVID-19 tests in the Patriots organization, the Denver Broncos went into Gillette Stadium and defeated New England, 18-12, last Sunday in Week 6.

The Patriots have now lost three of their last four, including two straight losses, and are 2-3 on the season. They are in third place in the AFC East, behind the 4-2 Buffalo Bills and the 3-3 Miami Dolphins.

New England looks to snap that two-game losing skid this Sunday as former Patriots quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo and the San Francisco 49ers come to Gillette Stadium this Sunday at 4:25 p.m.

Garoppolo — while playing the



role of Tom Brady's backup — was traded to the 49ers during the 2017 season for a 2018 second-round pick.

With a 3-3 record, the 49ers enter this game as the last place team in a stacked NFC West. San Francisco is coming off a huge, 24-16, win over the Los Angeles Rams on Sunday Night Football in Week 6. It snapped a two-game losing skid for the 49ers, and it also answered some questions about Garoppolo, who has been dealing with an ankle injury and was benched at halftime in Week 5.

Garoppolo responded by throwing three touchdowns on 23-of-33 passing for 268 yards and no turn-

overs, against one of the best pass defenses in the NFL.

The Patriots' pass defense is just as good, so it won't get any easier this Sunday at Gillette. However, for New England, it's the offense that's hurt them the most in their last two losses to the Kansas City Chiefs and Broncos.

They get a pass for the Week 4 loss at Kansas City, because Cam Newton had to miss the game after testing positive for Coronavirus. Newton returned and was fully healthy against the Broncos last Sunday, but he was shaky in his return.

Newton finished the loss to Denver with only 157 yards passing, zero

## WHAT TO WATCH

**NFL SUNDAY, OCT. 25**  
San Francisco at New England (-2.5)  
4:25 P.M. CBS

Tampa Bay (-2.5) at Las Vegas  
8:20 P.M. NBC

**MONDAY, OCT. 26**  
Chicago at LA Rams (-5.5)  
8:15 P.M. ESPN

**CFB SATURDAY, OCT. 24**  
#18 Michigan (-3) at #21 Minnesota  
7:30 P.M. ABC

**MLB FRIDAY, OCT. 23**  
World Series  
Gm 3: LA Dodgers vs Tampa Bay  
8 P.M. FOX

**SATURDAY, OCT. 24**  
World Series  
Gm 4: LA Dodgers vs Tampa Bay  
8 P.M. FOX

touchdown passes, and two interceptions. It should be noted that Newton did score the game's only touchdown — a 1-yard run midway through the fourth quarter that cut Denver's lead to 18-9. But Newton's attempt to run in the two-point conversion failed, keeping it a two-score game.

If you wanted to make an excuse for New England's offense, you could. They had minimal in-person practice time leading up to the game, and positive COVID-19 tests left the Patriots without running back Sony Michel, center James Ferentz, and right guard Shaq Mason.

Still, the Patriots will be a 2.5-point favorite on Sunday against the 49ers.

## BETTS' DODGERS FAVORED TO WIN 2020 WORLD SERIES

SBT Staff

By the time you read this, the first two games of the 2020 World Series between the Los Angeles Dodgers and Tampa Bay Rays will have been played. This year, because of COVID-19, the Fall Classic will be played at

a neutral site for the first time ever, at the brand new Globe Life Field in Arlington Texas.

A limited number of fans — 11,500 tickets available — will be in attendance for each World Series game.

The Dodgers entered the series as the favorite

to win the championship, at -200. The Rays' opening odds were +175.

As for the World Series MVP, the Dodgers' Cody Bellinger and Corey Seager entered the series as co-favorites to win the award, while Clayton Kershaw and Mookie Betts were tied for the second-best odds at +900.

## BRUINS SIGN GRZELCYK, KUHLMAN TO NEW CONTRACTS

SBT Staff

One week after losing Torey Krug to the St. Louis Blues in free agency, the Boston Bruins signed defenseman Matt Grzelcyk to a four-year, \$14.75 million deal, which comes out to an annual cap hit of \$3,687,500. Grzelcyk, 26, was a restricted free agent, but avoided an arbitration hearing with this deal.

The Bruins also re-signed 25-year-old forward Karson Kuhlman to new contract. Kuhlman's deal is worth \$1.45 million over two years, with an annual cap hit of \$725,000.



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