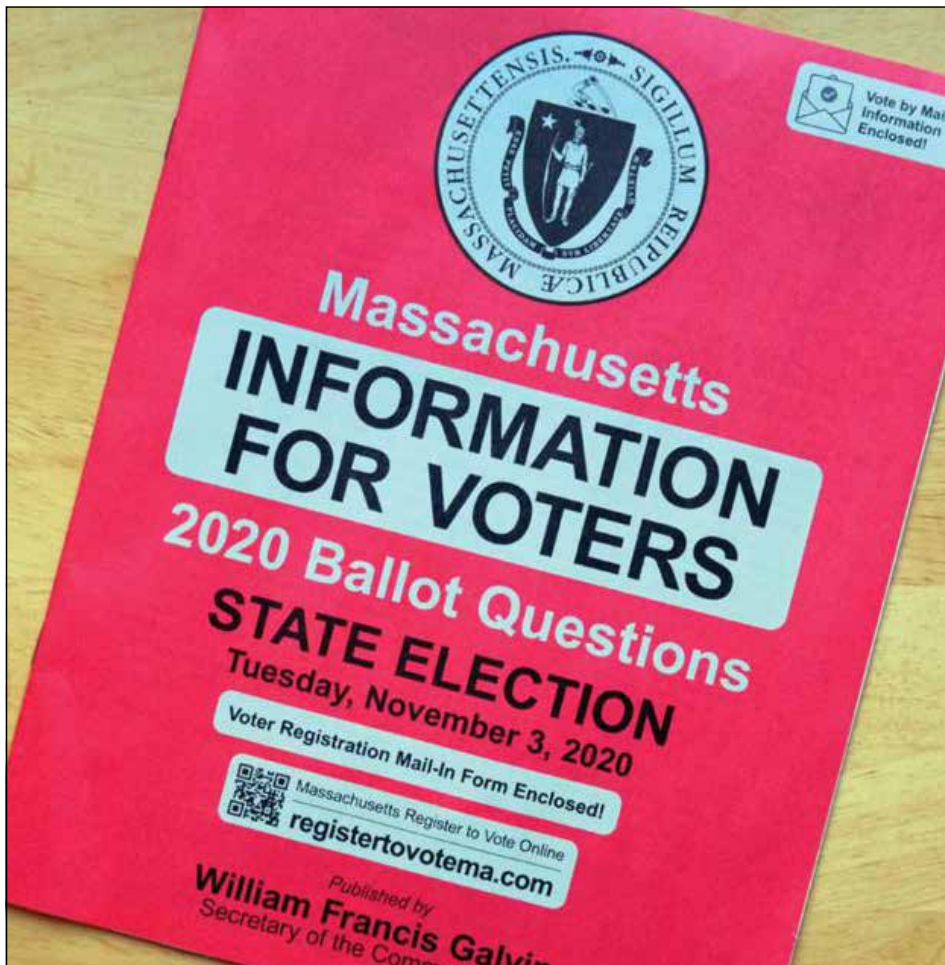


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## November 3 2020 Ballot Questions Are Hot Topics

Opponents of the Right to Repair law, one of two binding ballot questions Massachusetts voters will decide November 3, warn that if approved, the law will expand sharing of car repair data in ways that could jeopardize public safety. Supporters call that a diversionary message being sent to reduce consumer choice.

The second ballot question involves ranked-choice voting, where voters aren't confined to voting for one candidate, but instead list all candidates in the


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# EDITORIAL

## YES on Question #1/NO on Question #2. Here's Why

For those who have not yet voted either in person, by mail or absentee, South Boston Today has brief commentary on two of the Questions on the ballot. Please bear in mind, we understand that neither this newspaper, nor anyone else has the right to tell you who or what to vote for. That decision is ultimately made by the individual, hopefully after thorough research on candidates and issues. This is how it works in America. But here are our suggestions and how we see things on Question 1 and Question 2:

Question #1: The Right to Repair. It is our belief that a

'YES' vote is the way to go. And after consulting with local repair shops and doing the research, here is why. First of all, in 2020, nearly 90% of all new cars made have what's called 'telematic sensors' that collect data in real time. If your car has a problem with its electronics or even some non electronic components, there are scanning devices that can locate and detect that problem enabling the mechanic to repair it. Since newer cars are like 'computers on wheels' now, small repair shops should have the access to that data which would give the owner of the car the choice

of taking it to the dealer OR to the local repair shop. To deny access to the neighborhood shop could eventually cause those mostly small businesses to go under and that, in our opinion, would be tragic. And this is why South Boston Today urges a YES vote on Question 1 – The Right to Repair.

Question #2: Ranked Choice Voting. On this one we urge a 'NO' vote and here are some of the reasons. In an era when we should be urging more people to be casting ballots, Ranked Choice Voting will just add more confusion to the process and more than likely



decrease voter turnout. There are some municipalities across the country that had implemented this method, but then rescinded it because in those cases, it just didn't work the way it was hoped for. When you factor in that some of the people and groups pushing Ranked

Choice Voting are the same one's pushing the abolition of ICE and defunding police, that alone should make voters suspicious. It certainly makes this newspaper question the agenda behind it. For these reasons and others South Boston Today urges a 'NO' vote on Question 2.

*"It really bugs me that someone will tell me, after I spent 20 years being educated, how I'm supposed to think" - Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas*

## The Re-Education Of South Boston's Dog Owners



Social Media, through Twitter and Facebook, were burning up cyberspace with the "presumed-legitimate" post on the City's 311 site, by a resident of South Boston, who stated that children who visit the Memorial Park at M Street should be confined to the playground area. The person apparently claimed that one reason for purchasing an expen-

sive home in South Boston was to have exclusive use of the Memorial Park at M Street for their dog. If they were told that by a real estate agent (who was likely over-selling but not necessarily misrepresenting), then it was inaccurate.

Interestingly, 200 or so yards from M Street is a designated dog park that serves that purpose. Over the years, humans and dogs have coexisted on

M Street notwithstanding that, while feces are normally picked up by dog owners, not everyone complies, as is evidenced by droppings left all over the neighborhood streets. It is a hazard of urban living one could say.

It seems that this is a good opportunity to re-educate those newer residents of South Boston as to the hierarchy of **continued on page 11**

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## *Good Luck to America's New Supreme Court Justice*

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And after 80 years, it has finally come to pass, that a Conservative majority is now 'locked in' at the Supreme Court of the United States'. Amen. They said it would happen, the patriotic activists worked hard to make it happen. It was a long struggle but so worth it. And one of the good points is that 'part time', undependable, 'Conservative' Chief Justice Roberts' vote is no longer even necessary for good decisions to be made, thanks to new member Amy Coney Barrett.

Barrett is absolutely qualified to sit on the highest court in the land. Even her haters know that she has all the legal qualifications and the experience needed. That they disagree with her positions on the issues is just too darn bad for them. To quote the opposition's hero, Barak Obama, "Elections have consequences". Well, they certainly do. America elected President Donald Trump who promised, while campaigning in 2016, that he would appoint Conservative Judges and he has kept that promise. The fact that, in addition to his 3 Supreme Court appointees, he has put nearly 300 other of his picks on the lower courts (so far) pretty much means that the federal court system will lean to the Right and uphold the Constitution of the United States for generations to come. Yes, Trump's legacy, whether he wins or loses the next election, is that he has all but taken over the courts and will they bear his mark deep into the 21st Century.

The voting to confirm Justice Barrett was definitely a spectacle. It was at the same time

embarrassing to watch and comical. Some, not all, of the Senate Democrats acted like toddlers. Like little children they at first boycotted the process because they knew they didn't have the votes to stop Barrett. In their place they put cardboard cut outs to occupy their seats. When the actual vote to confirm was taken by the full Senate, they childishly gave the thumbs down sign as they voted 'no'. To stand out from the crowd of the rest of her immature colleagues, the obnoxious lady, the Senator from Hawaii, felt the need not just to say 'no' and put thumbs down when calling out her vote, she had to yell 'HELL No', like a kid in an elementary school gym class so mad that her team lost the soccer game, she would take her ball and go home.

And so, it went throughout the vote. The huffing and puffing and scowling faces of the losing side continued during the evening until the final tally was announced. Justice Amy Coney Barrett was confirmed by a 52-48 margin.

The next day the gnashing of teeth and screams of anguish and of course the threats of retaliation were being spewed by the news media and the insufferable Hollywood buffoons who truly believe that it is they who should be running the country and that the American people are just 'common folk', who must be required to do as they are commanded and be grateful for such an opportunity. The usual declarations by the butt hurt celebrities that they will be moving out of the country were coming fast and furious. Let's not forget the illustrious 'singer'

Stevie Nicks, who has even vowed to leave the earth and move to outer space if President Trump is reelected. With the confirmation of Justice Barrett, Ms. Nicks might even blast off before the election. With Justice Barrett now on the court, listening to the shrieks of horror from the media and the 'celebs' about what will follow, you would think earthquakes, monsoons and tidal waves would now devastate the nation.

Pelosi, Schumer, Omar, Ocasio Cortez and the rest of that

party's mouth pieces are now threatening to pack the courts should they ever regain control. More ridiculous bluster of their part. They are furious and melting down and need to blow off steam, because they lost a real big one with the Barrett confirmation. But they can take heart, all is not so bad. October 31st will be a big day for them. They get a 'two-fer'. Because not only is it Halloween, but there will be a full moon that night at which they can howl until the sun comes up the next day.

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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.

### Poll: Question 1 headed for passage, Question 2 a toss up

A new WCVB/UMass poll shows, not surprisingly, that Joe Biden holds a huge lead over Donald Trump in Massachusetts. But what we found interesting is the poll numbers for the state's two ballot questions. Seventy-five percent of those surveyed say they'll vote 'yes' on 'Right to Repair' (Question 1), but only 48 percent say they'll vote 'yes' on ranked-choice voting (Question 2) while 43 percent say they'll vote 'no' on Question 2. Nine percent are unsure about ranked-choice voting.

### At least the Herald, Leicester and Acushnet have Trump's back in Massachusetts

Speaking of next week's elections, the polls continue to show Joe Biden holding leads in key swing states, as well as in Massachusetts, as MassLive's Benjamin Kail reports.

But fear not, Trump fans: The Boston Herald, proving we're still in a two newspaper town,

has endorsed the president. The paper's argument is a perfect encapsulation of the modern conservative/Republican mindset: It's not about what they stand for, but about what they're against. In the Herald's case, it's the lurking shadows of ... Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, Bernie Sanders and other 'social justice warriors.' Meanwhile, Trump also has a slim majority of campaign donors in Leicester and Acushnet at his back in Massachusetts, the only two towns where Trump donors outnumber Biden donors, reports Boston.com's Nik DeCosta-Klipa.

### Security tightened around ballot drop boxes after weekend fire incident

It turns out an 'emotionally disturbed' man was allegedly responsible for setting a Copley Square ballot drop box on fire over the weekend, as the Globe's Matt Stout reports. But the incident definitely put a scare in officials who fear copy-cat attempts to destroy ballots before election day. Commonwealth's Sarah Betancourt

reports Secretary of State Bill Galvin, among others, is calling for heightened security surrounding ballot drop boxes. Meanwhile, from Universal Hub: "No more 24-hour voting in Cambridge as city seeks to secure drop boxes." From the Patriot Ledger: "Milton closes ballot drop box at night." This appears to be more than mere coincidence, via Universal Hub: "Postal box with burned mail found about a block down Boylston from flamed ballot drop box."

### Super PAC tied to Baker is spreading the dough around ... except to Dean Tran

SHNS's Matt Murphy and Commonwealth's Bruce Mohl report that a super PAC affiliated with Gov. Charlie Baker is throwing big bucks around in local elections, mostly to Republican candidates, except to state Sen. Dean Tran, who's facing his share of ethical questions as he tries to fend off Dem newcomer John Cronin. Speaking of Democratic newcomers, Kip Diggs has been

endorsed by Attorney General Maura Healey, the Barnstable Patriot reports, as Diggs tries to unseat Republican Rep. Will Crocker, who has received more than \$3,000 from the Baker-tied PAC. Also, from the Cape Cod Times: "Crocker, Diggs square off in 2nd Barnstable District."

### 21st Century elections, 19th Century election-news results?

Maybe reactivating the Pony Express will help speed things up? It couldn't hurt, considering we may have to wait until 2021 to learn the results of next week's elections across the nation, from Alaska to Maine. The Globe's James Pindell has more on the mail-in ballots and ranked-choice delays the nation could be facing in coming weeks and months.

### Call it a comeback: Kerans runs again for House seat, after 23 years away from politics

Just like riding a bike. Anne Marie Tobin at the Lynn Item checks in on the candidacy of Sally Kerans, who is running for the 13th Essex District state representative seat being vacated by Ted Speliotis -- after a 23-year absence from electoral politics. Kerans represented the district for three terms in the mid-1990s.

## I Was Just Thinking...

by Kevin Devlin



**R**obert Bernard Reich, a former Secretary of Labor, professor, author, and politi-

cal commentator, recently suggested that when the Democrats win the White House, that a Truth and Reconciliation Commission be established to root out dissenters.

On October 17, Reich tweeted, "When this nightmare is over, we need a Truth and Reconciliation Commission. It would erase Trump's lies, comfort those who have been harmed by his hatefulness, and name every official, politician, executive, and media mogul whose greed and cowardice enabled this catastrophe" Then the following day he wrote, "I love the people responding to this tweet as if it's a radical, undemocratic idea."

Well, it is an undemocratic idea.

It is radical.

It is dangerous.

George Orwell's book, *Nineteen Eighty-Four*, published in 1949,

centers on the consequences of totalitarianism, mass surveillance, and repressive regimentation of society. The book examines how truth and fact in the political sphere is twisted to fit the narrative. The so-called Ministry of Truth in his book is essentially a ministry of falsehood, rewriting history to change the facts to fit the needs of the party. This Ministry of Truth, heavily embedded with the news media, entertainment, the fine arts, as well as education, is all about propaganda, not truth. It decides what "truth" is in a world devoid of truth. It is not news based on reality. It is a farce, an affront to honesty, integrity, diversity, equality, inclusion, and freedom of thought.

It is astounding that Reich, who was bullied as a child, thinks forming a commission to crush dissent by punishing those who look and think

differently, is a good idea. Is the bullied desirous of being the bully? Obviously so.

We don't need the thought police to tell us what to think, what to say, or what to do.

Freedom will only survive if we don't have to look over our shoulders every time we speak.

We must not be retroactively (and subjectively) punished for deeds we didn't commit.

If truth prevails, freedom of expression and freedom of thought won't be trampled by the footsteps of repression.

Weaponizing intolerance by allowing those in power free rein to settle old scores as a means of soothing their (perceived) indignation will further alienate us.

And unbridled retribution would rule the day.



# DAVID BIELE

## STATE REPRESENTATIVE

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

I hope you and your loved ones are staying safe and healthy during these unprecedented times.

Next Tuesday, November 3rd, is election day here in Massachusetts. It has been my greatest honor and privilege to serve you and represent our communities in South Boston and Dorchester in the Massachusetts House of Representatives for the past two years.

This term, I have worked with my colleagues in the House of Representatives to pass emergency legislation in response to the COVID-19 pandemic while also supporting major legislative efforts to improve education, transportation, and economic development.

These legislative efforts include:

### COVID-19 Response and Public Health

- Extended unemployment benefits and protected public health
- Increased access to healthcare services through the use of telemedicine
- Approved investments in technology for community health centers
- Authorized and food security grants
- Created opportunities for restaurants to serve alcohol, beer and wine for carry out service in response to challenges brought on by COVID-19

### Transportation, Infrastructure, and Economic Development

- Kept Chapter 90 level-funded at \$200 million for key repairs for the maintenance and upkeep of city and municipal roads and bridges in Massachusetts
- Authorized \$18 billion in investments for the Commonwealth's transportation infrastructure
- Approved a comprehensive economic development bill that legalizes sports betting, provides support to small businesses and at-risk populations and makes investments in affordable housing

### Education and Safety

- Prohibited distracted driving from hands-held cell phone use
- Approved \$1.5 billion statewide investment in public schools – known as the Student Opportunity Act
- Strengthened oversight policies and operations at the Department of Children and Families to protect our most vulnerable children and protect persons with intellectual or developmental disability from abuse

Since taking office, I have also been committed to providing top-notch constituent services. My office has been hard at work assisting residents in navigating government, ranging from unemployment benefits to motor vehicle registrations, working with colleagues in government to distribute PPE, and attending community meetings, both in person and virtually, on development, transportation, and public safety.

I have listened closely to the needs of our neighborhood and have been advocating on issues that matter to our community, including public safety, recovery programs, mental health initiatives, veterans services, support for seniors and youth programs.

We have accomplished a great deal in two-years, however, there remains more work to do. I am honored to represent this community in the Massachusetts House of Representatives and I humbly ask for your vote on Tuesday to continue the important work of improving the quality of life for all throughout this district and throughout the Commonwealth.

Sincerely,

**-David**



**Remember to Vote Tuesday!**

**Nick Collins**  
STATE SENATOR

**I am honored to be the Democratic nominee for re-election on November 3rd, and I look forward to continuing our work together!**

# Remember To Turn Clocks Back One Hour Sunday

## *And To Change the Batteries in Smoke Detectors*

SBT Staff Report

**A** Reminder: This Sunday is the day that we turn back the clocks one hour. Daylight Savings Time comes to an end officially at 11:59:59 PM on Saturday, October 31. Eastern Standard Time begins at Midnight or 12 AM on Sunday, November 1st. If you are someone who craves that extra hour of sleep, short lived as it will be, this will be good news. However, if you are in the majority nationwide who likes having that extra daylight, well, you are out of luck till next year when Daylight Savings Time returns.

The changing of the clocks is also a good time to remember to change the batteries in your smoke detec-



tors. As we all know, batteries don't last forever and for safety reasons it's always a good idea to replace them at least twice each year with new ones. Alkaline batteries are suggested since they have a longer life.

The time on Tech Devices such as computers, cell phones, tablets etc. is usually changed automatically.



# This November 3rd, make sure your voice is heard

By Mayor Martin J. Walsh

**W**e are slowly approaching the most important day of the year: Election Day. This year, although we'll be voting under different circumstances because of the COVID-19 pandemic, please be assured the City of Boston is doing everything within our power to make sure you can make your voice heard with your vote. November 3, 2020 is a special date. The lives of families, businesses and communities are on the line. Voting is more important than ever before, and we need to elect officials who are able to help ensure Boston's response and recovery from COVID-19 so we can restore our normal lives.

This election includes the following races: Senator in Congress,



Representative in Congress, Governor's Councilors, Senator in General Court, Representative in General Court, Register of Probate, and Office of the President of the United States. Additionally, there are two ballot questions: Law Proposed by Initiative Petition Motor Vehicle Mechanical Data & Law Proposed by Initiative Petition Ranked-Choice Voting. Make informed decisions by viewing your

sample ballot here.

This election cycle, all Massachusetts residents have been given the option to vote by mail, as well as many options to return their ballots either by mail, at an early voting site, or at a dropbox near you. We have had a robust early voting schedule, with dozens of neighborhood locations open for any Boston registered voter during weekdays and weekends. We even had Fenway Park as one of them, where over 4,000 Bostonians chose to cast their ballots. As of October 26, voter turnout in Boston stands at 24 percent. If you still haven't cast your ballot yet, there's still time: early voting runs through Friday, October 30, and if you have your ballot, you can still drop it off at a dropbox by 8 p.m. on November 3. You can also still vote in person,

at your assigned polling place, on Election Day.

All polling locations in Boston are operating under COVID-19 safety guidelines: poll workers will receive face shields, face masks, gloves, disinfectant wipes, disinfectant spray and hand sanitizer. Cleaning will take place at each site every two to three hours. Voters waiting in line will be instructed to stand six feet away from others and wear a face covering. On Election Day, polling locations are open from 7 a.m. - 8 p.m. on Tuesday, November 3, 2020. Individuals can find their polling location online.

Every vote counts. I encourage everyone to vote whether by mail or in-person. The City of Boston depends on your vote. For more information on how to participate in this year's elections, please visit [boston.gov/elections](http://boston.gov/elections).

## FAISA SHARIF APPOINTED AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE MAYOR'S OFFICE OF NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES KIMBERLY CRUCIOLI AS NEW LIAISON TO SOUTH END AND BAY VILLAGE



**Faisa Sharif**

**M**ayor Martin J. Walsh announced the appointment of Faisa Sharif as the deputy director of the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services (ONS) and Kimberly Crucioli as the new South End and Bay Village liaison. They will work to encourage,



**Kimberly Crucioli**

facilitate and maximize citizen input and participation through service requests, neighborhood meetings, mailings, and emergency responses.

As Deputy Director, Faisa will oversee the operations of the Office of Neighborhood Services with an aim to improve overall engagement

across City neighborhoods, delivering city services, and ensuring the department's quality of the work under the leadership of Chief of Civic Engagement, Jerome Smith. As the new South End and Bay Village liaison, Kimberly will distribute information and facilitate the delivery of services in collaboration with City departments to South End and Bay Village constituents.

"I am very excited to have Faisa in this new role and proud of all the work she did as my former neighborhood liaison to the South End and Bay Village. Faisa was also indispensable in the process of the Boston Police Reform Task Force submitting their final reform recommendations, and I couldn't be more grateful for her service," said Mayor Walsh. "I know that the South End and Bay Village will be in good hands with Kimberly, and I encourage everyone to welcome her in her new role. She has grown to love this city in the time that she's lived here and I am confident that she will do an excellent job in serving her constituents and ensuring they are connected to their city government."

"Being a neighborhood liaison on behalf of Mayor Walsh has been the best education in city government that I could ask for,"

said Faisa Sharif. "I'm grateful to Mayor Walsh for the opportunity to grow in this new leadership role supporting operations in the Office of Neighborhood Services and working across departments to serve our communities."

Faisa brings to the deputy director role an extensive background in community engagement and experience solving resident issues and concerns as the former liaison for the South End, Bay Village, and Somali community in the Office of Neighborhood Services. She grew up in the South End and has lived and worked in the neighborhood for the past 15 years. Kimberly Crucioli will take the role of the new South End and Bay Village liaison.

Kimberly was born and raised in North Andover and has been a resident of Boston for the past eight years. She graduated in 2017 from Suffolk University with a bachelor's degree in marketing and business management and a minor in psychology. Kimberly is currently a resident of the North End.

"I am honored to serve the South End and Bay Village neighborhoods on behalf of the Mayor's Office," said Kimberly Crucioli. "I love this city and I look forward to serving its residents on behalf of Mayor Walsh."



# Councilors Flynn & Baker File Hearing to Discuss Speeding Cars And Safety



**B**oston City Councilors Ed Flynn and Frank Baker are calling for a hearing at this week's City Council meeting to discuss speeding cars and unsafe streets as a Public Health Emergency to raise awareness about this critical issue, as well as to talk about traffic calming infrastructure needed to improve pedestrian safety. Last week, Councilor Flynn also recommended an updated Safe Streets 12 Point Plan to the city aimed at infrastructure improvements, slower speeds and enforcement.

There were several car crashes in recent weeks in various parts of the city. Two pedestrians were fatally struck by vehicles in South Boston, one at Andrew Square and another on First St, and another pedestrian was struck by a pickup truck at the entrance of the Public Garden when the truck crashed into a stone pillar. Just last week, there were four separate incidents where cars crashed into buildings or light poles in South Boston - on L St, East Broadway, West Broadway, and on Old Colony Ave -causing

not only injuries, but also displacing families and businesses. In Dorchester, there was a motor vehicle crash that resulted in an SUV rollover with a baby inside, as well two pedestrians struck while in the crosswalk during broad daylight - both on the same day. Even as we see less traffic during the COVID-19 pandemic, some drivers view these less congested roads as a license to speed and put the safety and lives of our neighbors in danger.

These crashes illustrate that work still needs to be done to reduce speeding and achieve Vision Zero - the goal of having zero serious or fatal crashes in the City of Boston. Advocates and public health agencies have long viewed road safety as a public health issue, as car crashes are one of the leading causes of death and injuries in the nation and worldwide. In fact, the World Health Organization highlighted road safety as a public health issue in 2004, and the New York State Department of Health identifies motor vehicle traffic injuries as a major public health problem. In recognizing speeding cars and road safety as a public health emergency, we elevate this issue and provide the urgency needed to make the infrastructure improvements required to address this public health and safety issue. Moreover, it will also allow city departments and the Boston Public Health Commis-

sion to work together to develop strategies to reduce car crashes and traffic fatalities and injuries.

"I believe it's time we call our unsafe roads what we all know them to be - a Public Health Emergency," said Councilor Flynn. "Declaring a Public Health Emergency will help to bring the awareness and resources needed to address this serious issue to hopefully prevent serious and fatal crashes like the ones that we continue to see all too frequently in our neighborhoods. I want to thank Councilor Baker for his partnership on this issue, I look forward to working with my colleagues and the city on making our streets safer."

"My number one constituent complaint is the need for lower speed limits and traffic calming measures," said Councilor Baker. We were already successful in lowering the speed limit to 25 miles per hour but we need to do more to make our streets safer. As elected officials we must make a commitment to eliminate traffic fatalities and severe injuries from road crashes, while increasing safe, equitable mobility for all and improving the quality of life in Boston."

For more information, please contact Councilor Flynn's office at 617-635-3203 or [Ed.Flynn@Boston.gov](mailto:Ed.Flynn@Boston.gov) and Councilor Baker's office at 617-635-3455 and [Frank.Baker@boston.gov](mailto:Frank.Baker@boston.gov).

## 80 West Broadway Virtual Impact Advisory Group & Public Meeting Wednesday, November 4, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

**D**ue to the COVID-19 public health emergency, the Boston Planning & Development Agency (BPDA) has postponed all in-person BPDA-held public meet-



ings regarding Article 80 development projects and planning initiatives. View more information on the BPDA's COVID-19 response.

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 develop-

ment/office space above. The proposed project will also include approximately 25 below-grade parking spaces.

### How to Participate

This meeting will be hosted online, using Zoom. You must register using this link, then you will receive a confirmation email with instructions for joining the meeting. You will also receive an email prior to the meeting regarding technical assistance. The meeting will open 15 minutes before 6:00 PM for you to join and troubleshoot any technical issues. If you're calling in by phone, you'll need to download the Zoom application to see our presentation.

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# The Wine Guy

## Some Quick Sips

How about a \$15 Cabernet that drinks more like a \$25-30.00 bottle? The San Pedro 1865 Selected Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon is one of those wines. It's what I like to call the whole package. Rich red and blue fruit, a deliciously herbal, earthy side, nicely integrated tannins and a distinctive, balancing acidity. What more could you want? How about a homemade meatball slider or a big, steaming bowl of homemade pasta? Or maybe a prosciutto, mozzarella, black olive, onion and basil pizza?

"The ultimate viticulturist." That's what Australia's greatest critic, James Halliday, called Bleasdale winemaker Paul Hotker after naming him 2018-2019 Winemaker of the Year. The award caps an unprecedented hot streak dating to 2007, when Hotker arrived at Bleasdale. Since then, Hotker has turned out more than 10 wines rated 95 points or above. From this tremendous winemaker, the **2016 Frank Potts Cabernet Blend, (\$25.99)** from Bleasdale's "Flagship Range" named for the founder and representing one of the finest expressions of Langhorne Creek Cabernet. 96 points from a mesmerized Halliday, and a gold medal from Australia's most prestigious wine competition, the National Wine Show. What Halliday heralded as Hotker's "extraordinary skill" is on full display in this 2016.

**Michel Torino Cuma Malbec Cafayate Valley, 2018, (\$14.99)**, is another wine worth considering. Herbs, particularly rosemary, and black plummy fruits, greet the nose followed by decidedly balsamic and bitter aromas of quinine and China-

to. Light, fresh, and energetic in the mouth, there's a nice blend of power and clarity here and a dryness which is more like a smooth Bordeaux. At its core, there's a faint bitterness and touch of black spice that Malbec is capable of and this gains complexity in the mouth while retaining the fresh perfumes of crushed berry fruits, most notably mulberries and blackberries. Clean, fresh and clear on the finish, this one holds a touch of length, giving off some nuanced, oak-influenced complexity as the fruit, now turning red and a touch austere, fades from the palate.

**Fontaleoni 'Colli Senesi' Chianti, 2014, (\$13.99)**, is a family whose centuries of great wines speak volumes. Reticent on the nose and herbal, with aromas of dried grasses, hay and spicy red fruits. Light, fresh and zesty in the mouth, this is laden with bright, clear and slightly sweet cherry fruit. It's a simple wine, round and bright in the mouth. Very refreshing and gaining some savory complexity on the backend, this goes down dangerously easily



and has just enough tannin to add some real body.

**Jose Maria Da Fonseca Jose De Sousa 2015, (\$24.99)**, is a fantastic value, with dense, full body, ample fruit and beautifully balanced acidity. The Trincadeira and Aragones grapes temper the intensity of the Grand Noir (aka Baga) beautifully. Fill your glasses and enjoy this one with lamb and pea samosas to start. A big, steaming bowl of pasta with spicy red sauce is perfect for the bold nature of this wine, or, if it's a Sunday afternoon, a Prime Rib roast. The pronounced acidity of the wine also works well with rich dishes, like fried rice with char siu, Chinese sausage and bok choy attest to the versatility of this wonderful red.

**Talk To The Wine Guy at [jdris8888@gmail.com](mailto:jdris8888@gmail.com)**

## It's A Moms Club Halloween Car Parade In 2020 Style!

Calling all happy haunts! Join us for a safe and festive Halloween celebration. Dress up your cars and yourselves and roll into this socially distant car parade.

This parade is being hosted by The MOMS Club of South Boston. EVERYONE is welcome to participate! Please feel free to RSVP even if you don't belong to the club. Southie, this is for you!

Awards for costumed cars!! Categories to be announced.

### Time/Schedule:

- 9:50am - Vehicles line up for the parade at the Boston Athletic Club Parking Lot (Pappas Way Entrance)
- 10:30am - The parade begins (parade will conclude at the end of the route)

### Parade Route:

A parade map through South Boston will be made available online, via email and on the day of the parade. Participating vehicles will be asked to place a special parade flyer on their dashboard.

### Rules of the Road:

- Participants agree to remain in their vehicles while in the Boston Athletic Club Parking Lot and for the duration of the parade
- Please come with masks in the event we need to communicate with you while in your vehicle
- Abide by all COVID protocols. Please be safe and consider the health and wellbeing of those around you
- Please no consumption of any prohibited substances
- Please do not throw anything out of your vehicle
- Pedestrian and traffic safety is of imminent importance. All participants agree to abide by all traffic laws. Note: pedestrians always have the right of way. If you see someone in the crosswalk or attempting to cross the street, kindly stop and let them cross.
- The South Boston Police Department will be assisting vehicles through the parade route. We are grateful for their involvement to ensure a safe and successful parade.



**Please reserve a spot in the parade by letting us know on evite. Space is limited.**

**Special Thanks To:** Boston Athletic Club, Boston Mayor Martin Walsh, City Councilor Ed Flynn, Massport, South Boston Neighbor-

hood Liaison: Haley Dillon, South Boston Police Department, and Representative David Biele. You made this event possible. We are so grateful!

**Questions:** Please email us at [southbostonmomsclub@gmail.com](mailto:southbostonmomsclub@gmail.com)





# Recent South Boston Real Estate Sales

Property/Type	Price	Sale Date	Rooms	Baths	Sq Ft
827 East Broadway UNIT 4 Condo	\$790,000	9/21/20	5	1	1,241
320 West Third St UNIT 106 Condo	\$786,025	9/10/20	4	2	1,170
221 L St UNIT 3 Condo	\$785,000	9/11/20	6	2	1,130
511 East Eighth St UNIT 1 Condo	\$760,000	9/18/20	6	2.5	1,070
33 Story St UNIT 1 Condo	\$749,000	9/30/20	6	2.5	1,228
552 Dorchester St UNIT A2 Condo	\$739,000	9/1/20	3	2.5	1,300
477-479 East Third St UNIT 2 Condo	\$737,500	9/11/20	4	2	988
443 East Seventh St UNIT 3 Condo	\$735,000	9/25/20	5	1	1,188
542-544 East Eighth St UNIT 4 Condo	\$735,000	9/30/20	4	1	760
371-373 Dorchester St UNIT 5 Condo	\$723,500	9/4/20	5	2	1,419
496 East Third St UNIT 3 Condo	\$720,000	9/25/20	3	2	906
215 D St UNIT 1 Condo	\$720,000	9/25/20	4	2	1,160
558 East Eighth St UNIT 3 Condo	\$690,000	9/29/20	4	1	800
734 East Second St UNIT 2 Condo	\$615,000	9/1/20	4	1.5	777
530 Dorchester St UNIT 1 Condo	\$602,000	9/11/20	3	1	725
431 East Third St UNIT 1 Condo	\$592,500	9/17/20	4	1	698
5 Grimes St UNIT 3 Condo	\$585,000	9/25/20	3	1	630
87 I St UNIT 1 Condo	\$581,000	9/2/20	4	1	680



## Virtual Public Meeting

# Dorchester Bay City

**Thursday, November 4**  
6:00 PM

**Register:** bit.ly/DBCNov4  
**Call-in:** 833-568-8864  
**Webinar ID:** 161 909 0401

**Monday, November 16**  
6:00 PM

**Register:** bit.ly/DBCNov16  
**Call-in:** 833-568-8864  
**Webinar ID:** 160 760 2881

**Wednesday, December 2**  
6:00 PM

**Register:** bit.ly/DBCDec2  
**Call-in:** 833-568-8864  
**Webinar ID:** 160 776 4081

**Project Description:**

The Boston Planning & Development Agency will be hosting a series of Virtual Community Advisory Committee ("CAC") and Public Meetings in connection with the proposed Dorchester Bay City project. A Virtual Kick-Off Public Meeting was held on October 19th, which was followed by an Urban Design focused Virtual Public Meeting on October 28th.

**The next topic-specific Virtual Public Meetings are as follows:**

- Wednesday, November 4th: Open Space, Public Realm & Resiliency
- Monday, November 16th: Transportation & Infrastructure
- Wednesday, December 2nd: Topic TBD

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## 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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# South Boston Catholic Academy News Highlights from Grade 1B

Article and photos by Ms. Peggy Byrne's our Grade 1B teacher... The children in Grade 1B watched a video and listened to a story called-The Lego Ocean Mystery! It was a story about a container of Legos that ended up falling off a ship and opening so all the Legos ended up floating in the ocean. It was more than 21 years ago!! Lego pieces are still being found today all over the world!

The children did some brainstorming... They pretended to find some of THOSE Legos!

Their Stem Challenge was to think of what to build and see how high it could go without falling! The

children realized that it all depended on a strong foundation! They wrote where they found them and what they made.

Grade 1B students, also, surprised Dr. Civian, our Principal, by making handmade cards for her, in honor of Boss's Day, thanking her for all that she does for us at South Boston Catholic Academy. One of the students wrote: "Good Afternoon, Mrs. Civian, We love you so much for being our Principal."

Students that are celebrating their Fall birthdays have been sharing all of the various activities they've enjoyed including pumpkin carving and apple picking.



## Mayor Walsh and Public Health Officials Urge Halloween Covid 19 Caution



Mayor Martin J. Walsh and the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) released guidance on celebrating Halloween safely during the COVID-19 pandemic, urging residents who choose to celebrate Halloween to take extra precautions to keep themselves and others safe. Health officials have advised that many traditional activities, such as trick-or-treating, costume parties or crowded, confined spaces like haunted houses, raise the risk of spreading viruses.

"Halloween is one of the best nights, and what's most important this year is that any person participating in activities does so in a way that is safe for not only themselves, but also their neighbors and community," said Mayor Walsh. "We're asking people to take the extra precautions that are necessary this year, including avoiding direct contact with trick-or-treaters, wearing masks at all times, washing hands before eating any treats, and avoiding attending or hosting gatherings."

### Tips for safe trick-or-treating:

- Trick-or-treat only with immediate family members.
- Avoid direct contact with individuals passing out candy.
- Wash hands before handling treats.
- Wear a mask. A costume mask is not a substitute for a cloth mask.
- Stay at least 6 feet away from others who do not live with you.
- Bring hand sanitizer with you and use it after touching objects or other people.

### Tips to safely prepare for trick-or-treaters:

- Avoid direct contact with trick-or-treaters.
- Wash hands before handling treats.
- Set up a station outdoors with individually wrapped goodie bags for trick-or-treaters.

- Wear a mask. A costume mask is not a substitute for a cloth mask.
- Stay at least 6 feet away from others who do not live with you.

BPHC health officials encourage families to find safer, alternative or virtual ways to have fun this season. The safest celebrations involve people from your household, are outdoors, allow for social distancing and other safety measures. In addition, BPHC is urging adults not to participate in gatherings or parties on Halloween.

### Halloween activities without risk:

- Carving or decorating pumpkins
- Decorating your home
- A virtual Halloween costume contest
- A family Halloween movie night
- A trick-or-treat scavenger hunt at home
- A Halloween neighborhood scavenger hunt from a distance

### Halloween activities with risk:

- Traditional trick-or-treating
- Trunk-or-treat events
- Haunted houses
- Hayrides or tractor rides
- Fall festivals
- Halloween parties or celebrations

Any Halloween activities should comply with COVID-19 safety guidelines and participants should limit the risk of exposure to COVID-19 by following these safety tips:

- Wear a face covering. A costume

mask is not a substitute for a cloth or paper mask. Do not wear a costume mask over a protective cloth mask because it could make it hard to breathe. Instead, consider using a Halloween-themed cloth mask.

- Stay at least six feet apart.
- Avoid large parties or gatherings.
- Avoid crowded areas.
- Wash your hands or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer, especially before eating candy.
- Avoid touching your face.

Keep in mind, if any Halloween activities may lead to screaming, make sure everyone is wearing a face covering and staying more than six feet apart. The greater the distance, the lower the risk of spreading a respiratory virus.

**If residents may have COVID-19 or may have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, stay home and do not participate in in-person Halloween festivities. Residents who may have COVID-19, who are not feeling well, or have been exposed to the virus should not give out candy to trick-or-treaters.**

As a reminder, any Halloween activities are subject to the current gathering size limits set by the City of Boston and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.



# Therapy Horses Bring Smiles to Seniors at Compass on the Bay

**W**hile Idaho, the miniature horse, may be small in stature, he performs a very important job. Residents of Compass on the Bay, a Memory Support Assisted Living Community in South Boston, recently enjoyed a visit from Idaho and the team at Lifting Spirits Miniature Therapy Horses, who travel to senior living

communities and other care settings providing comfort, and a little laughter, to everyone they meet.

Lifting Spirits' therapy horses are trained to interact with people of all ages to assist in alleviating both mental and physical stress on the body. Along with bringing joy to seniors, contact with animals has several benefits including lowering

blood pressure, releasing endorphins, reducing agitation, and may even stimulate fond memories from residents' pasts, which is particularly comforting to those experiencing memory loss.

"Our miniature horses offer a really unique experience for these residents, and can be a much-needed distraction from any loneliness or challenges

they may be experiencing that day," said Toni Hadad, Founder and President of Lifting Spirits. "People can't help but smile when we walk in. It is incredible how these little horses make such a big impact."

Compass on the Bay is a Memory Support Assisted Living community dedicated exclusively to those with memory loss. For more information on Compass on the Bay's holistic approach to Memory Care, please visit [www.CompassontheBay.com](http://www.CompassontheBay.com). For information on Lifting Spirits Miniature Therapy Horses, visit [www.MiniTherapyHorses.net](http://www.MiniTherapyHorses.net).



**Compass on the Bay residents Marilyn McGrath (left) and Natalie Tyrrell (right) with Idaho**



**Compass on the Bay resident Jenna Fitzgerald with Idaho, the miniature therapy horse**



**Compass on the Bay residents Janice Andrews (left) and Paul Schaffrath (right) enjoying the Lifting Spirits visit**

**Dogs & M Street continued from page 2**  
influences on this neighborhood, specifically as to the reasons for the increase in property values community-wide and the relative impact of the newcomers.

The deep-rooted reason why people move here is because of what the native South Bostonians created, which was maintaining a way of life by raising families here, promoting the education of their children, the giving back to the further development of the next generation and the gradual welcoming of new residents, who in many cases long for that kind of community.

That long and winding road was not without speed bumps and potholes, figuratively speaking.

Notwithstanding some documented and in some cases false presentations of those who were born and raised here, the end result is manifesting itself in ways the natives could never have imagined. Add to this the proximity to Boston, the access to a beautiful and history-rich harbor, the oasis that is Castle Island, as well as history at the Heights, and you have a "little slice of heaven" outside one's front door.

This history has enhanced a progression of value in the property that was forged from this community foundation. For anyone to suggest that their purchase of an expensive piece of property in South Boston somehow, in and of itself, contributes to the

achievement of high quality urban living displays not only an arrogance by that person, but underscores a misunderstanding about what a community is all about.

To place a premium on a residence that is in proximity to a place where your dog defecates over the sheer delight in seeing children enjoying freedom to roam, not to mention paying respect to our military veterans, suggests a mixed up set up priorities. It is possible that this was a planted story, to foster acrimony, however, regardless, the person who planted it is just as misguided, if not worse than the one who may have proffered it.

The reason why there is a designated dog park on First Street

is precisely for dogs to exercise, play and defecate in a controlled environment and as a potential way to socialize with other dog owners, unless of course one prefers not to socialize. The fenced in playground at M Street is there as a safety net for wandering children, a phenomenon of the human stage of growth.

There is a favorite line that veterinarians say to owners when neutering their male dog – "Relax, I am neutering your dog, not your son". So, as much as animals are an important part of the life of many individuals, it is a dog, not a human. So, dog owners, either put up with the children or walk an additional 200 yards. The exercise may do you good.



**Ballot Questions continued from front page**  
order they prefer them. A third question, on whether Massachusetts should shift to 100 percent renewable energy use in the next two decades, is an advisory referendum only.

HERE IS AN OVERVIEW OF THE TWO PRIMARY QUESTIONS

### **Massachusetts Ballot Question 1: Right to Repair**

Massachusetts voters already passed Right to Repair eight years ago, requiring carmakers to provide independent repair shops with the same computerized information that the manufacturers' dealerships use to diagnose and fix problems in their models. Independent mechanics can plug into your car's onboard data portal to get that info. But technology has advanced since then, such that 90 percent of new cars have built-in systems for collecting and transmitting mechanical data to automakers wirelessly—but not to independent shops. The ballot question, if approved, would require carmakers to outfit every car, beginning with 2022 models, with an open-access platform for mechanical data, available to car owners and local repair shops.

A report by WBUR, the University's National Public Radio station, notes that this is, for now, a solution without a problem. Telematics allows manufacturers to ping your phone or dashboard with an alert that something may need fixing, but there's nothing to stop you, under current law, from getting that thing checked

by your local garage.

What about the vote-no side's ads about predators? The proposed law specifically requires sharing "mechanical data" only. But WBUR cites Right to Repair opponent Conor Yunits, who told the station that "the 'mechanical data' language in Question 1 could be interpreted to include location information, because driving in certain environments—the salty sea air of Cape Cod, for example—may corrode parts of a vehicle. If a vehicle were to transmit location info to a shared database, that could create 'personal safety risks,' Yunits argued."

Supporters of Question 1, like the Boston Globe's editorial board, retort that the possibility of hacking exists now, for a database accessible to hundreds of dealerships. But expanding that access is precisely why the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration is nervous about Question 1, warning that the measure "might open up a whole host of cybersecurity risks, including the possibility of hackers—or 'malicious actors'—exploiting the broader wireless access to vehicle systems and causing crashes by seizing control of a vehicle's braking and acceleration."

The Globe concedes that if voters approve the question, "the Legislature must follow up to better regulate telematics and ensure that all connections to vehicles are as safe and secure as possible." Supporters and critics have spent millions of dollars to sway

voters, flooding the TV market with political ads for and against. By early October, the "Yes" side had spent \$16.6 million, the "No" side, \$15.5 million.

### **Massachusetts Ballot Question 2: Ranked-Choice Voting**

It's an age-old voter complaint: I love Candidate A, who doesn't stand a chance, while Candidate B, whom I sort of like, does. If I vote my conscience for A, Candidate C, whom I loathe, will likely beat B and win the election. Hoping to sidestep such dilemmas, some jurisdictions—including several Massachusetts municipalities and the state of Maine—use ranked-choice voting, which would let that hypothetical voter rank their choices on their ballot in order of preference: A, B, C.

If no candidate wins a majority of first-place votes, the candidate with the least votes is eliminated, and his or her votes are redistributed to his or her voters' second choice. This goes on until one candidate has a majority.

Question 2 would put this system in place, starting in 2022, for primaries and general elections for statewide offices, and for certain state and federal legislative offices. It wouldn't be used in elections for school committee, county commissioner, or president, but could be expanded someday to those contests, advocates say.

"If your favorite candidate doesn't win, your vote is instantly counted for your second choice so candidates must compete for every vote," reducing polarization, advocates write

in the state's voter information guide. "Ranked-choice voting ensures the winner has majority support and reflects the true will of the people." Supporters as varied as Bill Weld, former Republican governor, and Deval Patrick, former Democratic governor, back the measure.

Opponents worry that ranked-choice voting is too complex, requiring voters to bone up on a potentially crowded bench of candidates for some races. In the voting guide, they note that Jerry Brown, former California governor, vetoed a similar plan in 2016 on the grounds that it was "overly complicated and confusing," potentially discouraging voter participation.

A judge discounted that argument in a challenge to Maine's ranked-choice law—the only statewide system in the country—saying it was based on "wobbly demographic data." Still, the Boston Globe reports, Maine's law has not fulfilled advocates' dreams of draining big money and uncivil campaigning from politics.

Supporters of the question, financial or otherwise, include the Massachusetts Democratic Party, the League of Women Voters, the Massachusetts Immigrants and Refugees Advocacy Coalition, and some CEOs and advocacy groups. The Globe endorses a yes vote. The vote-no side is supported by fiscal conservatives, including the Massachusetts Fiscal Alliance, some of whom say the state would be better off adopting runoff elections instead.

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I went 3-2 against the spread in Week 7. My record on the season is now 21-8-1, from when I began making my 2020 NFL picks in Week 2.

Next week is the NFL trade deadline, so after this weekend's games, there could be some major changes around the league. Some of those changes might come right here in New England. And no, I don't mean the Patriots will be "buyers" at the trade deadline. They'll most likely be "sellers."

They could ship Pro Bowl cornerback Stephon Gilmore to a contender. There have been some rumors emerging recently that the Patriots had talked to teams about trading Gilmore before this season began. I don't think it's a coincidence that these rumors are popping up now. They're most likely being leaked by the Patriots, in the hopes that someone will reach out and make them an offer they can't refuse.

It's crazy to think that this is where we stand with our football team in New England. Tom Brady leaves and the whole thing falls apart. Well, that and some key defensive pieces are sitting out the season because of Coronavirus concerns.

But there's no denying that, without Brady, the Patriots offense stinks. And I'm one of Cam Newton's biggest fans. But he's no Brady. Anyone who thought he would be is delusional.

So here they are, 2-4, and in third place in the AFC East. The Patriots are underdogs in Buffalo this Sunday. Will New England lose four straight games?

Here are my picks for Week 8:

**BUFFALO BILLS (-3.5)** over New England Patriots

-The 5-2 Bills are in first place in the AFC East. They host the Patriots Sunday at 1 p.m. New England has lost three straight. Normally I would bet that a Bill Belichick led team would snap such a losing skid against an AFC East opponent, but this year is different, for both the Patriots and the Bills. It's no fluke that Buffalo is in first. Sure, they just barely beat the lowly Jets, 18-10 in their last game, but don't let that fool you into thinking the Patriots are going to go into Buffalo and slap the Bills around. I can assure you that won't happen. Perhaps the spread here should be at 2.5 points. But oh well, I'll still take Buffalo to win by a touchdown. And for what

it's worth, I can't believe I just said that.

**PITTSBURGH STEELERS (+3.5)** over Baltimore Ravens

-Quick. Without looking it up, how many undefeated teams are left in the NFL this season? The answer? One. It's the Pittsburgh Steelers at 6-0. And they're an underdog? What kind of crazy nonsense is that? Ok, so the 5-1 Ravens are pretty good too. And this game is in Baltimore Sunday at 1. But still, the Steelers deserve a little more respect. If Vegas won't give it to them, then I will. Give me Pittsburgh to remain undefeated after a three-point win over Baltimore.

**SEATTLE SEAHAWKS (-3)** over San Francisco 49ers

-The 5-1 Seahawks are coming off their first loss of the season on Sunday night to the Arizona Cardinals. It's not often that you see the Seahawks defense rank as one of the worst defenses in the league, but here we are, as they allow more yards per game than any other team at 479. And yet, they're still 5-1 and one of the best teams in the NFL. San Francisco has a much better defense and is coming off a big win over the Patriots

at Gillette Stadium. The 49ers are pretty banged up though, and I expect Seattle to hold down the home fort Sunday at 4:25 and win a high-scoring affair. I'll take the Seahawks by a touchdown.

**TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS (-10.5)** over New York Giants

-Do I really need to explain this one? Buccaneers should roll at MetLife Stadium on Monday night. Tom Brady leads Tampa to a 20-point win.

**LOCK OF THE WEEK: KANSAS CITY CHIEFS (-19.5)** over New York Jets

-The spread here is high. Some would say too high. Usually, I would say the same. But the 0-7 Jets are brutal. Le'Veon Bell goes up against his old team, so the revenge-game factor here is real. But not as real as Patrick Mahomes putting up 50, regardless of what Bell does in a Chiefs uniform. Kansas City by a million.

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# SPORTS TODAY

## PATRIOTS LOSE THREE STRAIGHT, HEAD TO BUFFALO AS UNDERDOGS

SBT Staff

New England Patriots fans aren't used to this. The Pats lost their third straight game last Sunday, getting slapped around by Jimmy Garoppolo and the San Francisco 49ers, 33-6, at Gillette Stadium. With the loss, New England fell down to third place in the AFC East with a 2-4 record.

Now, the Patriots travel to Buffalo for a divisional showdown this Sunday at 1 p.m. to take on the first place Bills, who are 5-2 on the season. Buffalo opened as a 3.5-point favorite.

The 49ers had their way with the Patriots' defense last Sunday at Gillette, but the bigger story is that of New England's offense. Things seemed promising with Cam Newton leading the way to a 2-1 record to begin the season. But since that 2-1 start, the Patriots' offense has looked completely out of sync.

Newton tested positive for COVID-19, which forced him to miss the Week 4 loss in Kansas City. He returned for the next game against the Broncos, but was no good in an 18-12 loss.

And last Sunday, Newton was just 9-of-15 for 98 pass yards and three interceptions in the loss to San Francisco. He was benched in the second half, in favor of Jarrett Stidham.

Newton has now thrown zero touchdown passes and five interceptions in his last two games.

## Tweet of the Week



Conor McGregor  
@TheNotoriousMMA

Good performance @TeamKhabib.

I will carry on.

Respect and condolences on your father again also. To you and family.

Yours sincerely, The McGregors.

## BROWN REUNITES WITH BRADY IN TAMPA BAY

SBT Staff

Tom Brady and Antonio Brown will get another chance to play together. This time, in Tampa Bay.

The Bucs officially signed Brown to a one-year deal on Tuesday. The contract is worth a base salary of \$750,000 and also includes incentives that could make the deal worth a total of \$2.5 million, according to reports.

Brown, 32, last played in the NFL as a

member of the New England Patriots in Week 2 of last season. In his only game with the Patriots, Brown caught four passes and a touchdown from Brady.

The Patriots released Brown five days later, after the receiver was accused of sexual assault.

Now, a year later, Brown is getting another shot to play with Brady. Though, Brown won't be able to play until next weekend, as he's still serving an eight-week suspension for violating

the NFL's personal conduct policy.

Also, Brown still faces a civil lawsuit filed by his former trainer Britney Taylor, who accused Brown of rape and sexual assault. The trial is set for Dec. 14.

Brown also remains under probation for felony burglary with battery charges for the next two years.

Still, the Buccaneers are bringing him to Tampa Bay, under what head coach Bruce Arians calls, "an insurance policy," given all the injuries the Bucs have had on offense this season.

Tampa Bay enters Week 8 in first place in the NFC South with a 5-2 record.

## KHABIB ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT AFTER UFC 254 WIN

SBT Staff

At UFC 254 in Abu Dhabi last Saturday, Khabib Nurmagomedov retained his lightweight championship by making Justin Gaethje tap out in the second round. After the fight, Nurmagomedov announced his retirement.

According to UFC president Dana White, Nurmagomedov won the fight with a broken foot, making the win all that more dramatic.

Nurmagomedov, 32, lost his father

— who was also his head coach — in July, and said that he promised his mother this would be his first and last fight without him in his corner.

He finishes his MMA career with a perfect 29-0 record, which includes a 13-0 record in the UFC. Nurmagomedov is only the second fighter to start his UFC career with 13 straight wins. The other is Anderson Silva.

Arguably Nurmagomedov's biggest win came against Conor McGregor in 2018 when he made McGregor tap out in the fourth

round. Chaos ensued immediately after the fight, as Nurmagomedov jumped out of the Octagon and got into an altercation with McGregor's camp. Both Nurmagomedov and McGregor were suspended and fined for the post-fight drama.

McGregor showed his respect for Nurmagomedov after Saturday's fight, tweeting, "Good performance @TeamKhabib. I will carry on. Respect and condolences on your father again also. To you and family. Yours sincerely, The McGregors."

## WHAT TO WATCH

**NFL THURSDAY, OCT. 29**  
Atlanta at Carolina (-2.5)  
8:20 P.M. FOX/NFLN

**SUNDAY, NOV. 1**  
New England at Buffalo (-3.5)  
1 P.M. CBS

San Francisco at Seattle (-3)  
4:25 P.M. FOX

**MONDAY, NOV. 2**  
Tampa Bay (-10.5) at NY Giants  
8:15 P.M. ESPN

**CFB SATURDAY, OCT. 31**  
Boston College at #1 Clemson (-31)  
12 P.M. ABC

#4 Notre Dame (-20) at Georgia Tech  
3:30 P.M. ABC

#3 Ohio State (-11.5) at #18 Penn State  
7:30 P.M. ABC



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