



## In Fact, No One Knows What The Right Thing To Do Is?

**R**ecreation and entertainment businesses across Massachusetts are now required to close each night at 9:30 p.m. This decision comes after several months of up and down, knee-jerk reactions

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# EDITORIAL

## Flying by the Seats of Their Pants. More Covid Mandates.

Charlie Baker is beginning to sound like some of these other governors around the country who believe that they are lord and master and the final word on how we must live our lives during what some seem to hope will be a never ending “pandemic”. And it would be easier to swallow if he and other officials knew what they were talking about and how to effectively deal with this issue. But a growing number of people now believe that they don’t. The say-

ing ‘flying by the seats of their pants’ comes to mind. Apparently, basing his reasoning for his attempted mandates on data, numbers and medical advice from ‘experts’ who are constantly being proved wrong on almost a weekly basis, his administration is now like a ship lost at sea without GPS or even a compass.

Small businesses in this state are being devastated. The number of them that have closed for good grows every day with each new restriction placed on them. Livelihoods are lost and

people find themselves without jobs and no means to support their families that come with it. The latest call ordering restaurants and bars to shut down by 9:30pm and for people to be off the streets and in their homes by 10pm begs the question – is the virus only active between the hours of 10pm and 5am and how did they come up with THIS bright idea?

As the Baker Administration continues to flounder about, issuing one order after another with questionable results, people are just starting to ignore it all. His



latest decree that everyone must now wear a mask, whether inside or outside isn’t working well. It’s not going unnoticed that fewer people are wearing masks now; especially with all the conflicting reports about whether masks actually work or if they could in reality, be causing more

harm than good to certain individuals and groups. And of course, they want to limit and restrict family gatherings for the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday. From the talk around this town at least, few people are going to comply with this mandate either, and at this point, who can blame them?

*“I was raised to believe in hard work, in faith and family” - Vice President Mike Pence*

## Face Covering Enforcement Took Effect November 6

### **T** Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority

The MBTA announced face covering enforcement efforts effective today, November 6, pursuant to the revised Executive Order issued on November 2. The revised Executive Order applies to

any person over the age of five who is in a place open to the public, and expressly requires masks or face coverings worn over the nose and mouth when using public transportation. Mask use by children two years of

age and up to the age of five is encouraged but also at the discretion of the child’s parent or guardian.

The revised Executive Order effective November 6 authorizes Transit Police to enforce the Order onboard MBTA vehicles and within the system by issuing a civil fine up to \$300 per violation. The MBTA has issued internal guidance to its employees consistent with the revised Executive Order. Customers observed not wearing a face mask or covering will first be reminded of the Executive Order. If the unmasked customer does not



immediately put on a mask or face covering following the reminder, the observation will be reported to the Operations Control Center, who will report and coordinate next steps with Transit Police.

The revised Executive Order includes an exemption for individuals with

certain medical conditions but does not require a person who is so exempt to produce documentation of their condition. For more information, please visit [mbta.com](http://mbta.com), or connect with the T on Twitter @MBTA and @MBTA\_CR, on Facebook / TheMBTA, or on Instagram @theMBTA.

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# The Information Center

## *Will There Be Recounts, Lawsuits and SCOTUS Intervention? Election 2020 Continued*

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY

John Ciccone

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In last week's column I said I'd have more commentary on the election and here it is. And as most readers know, I am a Trump supporter, so you can probably guess where this will go.

We've all heard the news reports. Joe Biden is now the president-elect. And there is definitely a good chance he will be. But news reports from the mainstream media don't decide and certify elections in America, as much as they think they should be the one's calling the shots and running the country. What will ultimately decide the election is when the 'electors' for the 'Electoral College' finally make that certification call. And coming up will be some recounts, lawsuits and maybe even an intervention by the United States Supreme Court.

Are these long shots? Perhaps, But we shall see. When there have been so many voting 'irregularities' and alleged cheating, the American people have the right to know that their votes have been accurately counted. But if this still doesn't change things in the end, whenever what many Conservatives consider to be bad news becomes reality, we can take heart with some of the positive results that took place on election day around the country such as:

At least 13 new Pro-Life Republican women have been elected to Congress. They are expected to go right to work when they take office pushing to save the lives of precious, innocent babies. Conservatives have taken over the federal court system from the top on down and can be counted on to prevent the radical leftists in America from turning our nation into a Third World Dump, as they have been hoping to do. It looks like the 'good guys' will be holding on to the US Senate and even more Pro Second Amendment candidates have been elected around the country.

So, what's next for American Patriots? As the saying goes "In Poker, you never tip your hand and in war, you never reveal the battle plans". And we still have Donald Trump as President for at least another 2 months. I'm sure he will be quite busy solidifying all the good things he has accomplished and adding new ones to that long list as well. We had a good run, we will again at some point. One step back, 2 steps forward. Setbacks always serve to make Americans stronger and more determined.

There are some other things to think about since election night; one of which are all of these 'calls for unity and acceptance' of the results of the election. But, there are many who don't see it that way, especially since those calling for that unity and acceptance are some of the very same people, who for the last four years have refused to accept the results of the 2016 election. In fact, not only did they refuse to accept those results, but they have fought tooth and nail trying nonstop to overturn those results. The impeachment scam, the phony dossiers, the phone calls that never existed, the spying and constant harassment and obstruction of everything President Trump has tried to do. There are few who doubt that there were many people on the left side of the political divide who would rather see America crash and burn than for Trump to succeed or even get credit for a thriving economy, great unemployment numbers, border security, no new wars and bringing home our troops and even getting recognized for receiving 3 Noble Peace Prize nominations. Add to all this, all the vile personal attacks on the president's wife and children and it's not an easy thing for his supporters to want to 'unify' with people who have acted that way for the entire length of his first term.

And now, we have Congresswom-

an Alexandria Ocasio Cortez, also called AOC among other things, who wants to compile an enemies list of all the Trump supporters in America. She says she wants to 'Archive the Trump Sycophants' for future reference. Hitler did that in Nazi Germany. Anyone with an opposing view would get a visit from the Gestapo at some point and would be punished for daring to disagree with 'Der Furor'. This is also a tactic in Communist countries even today. And to be blunt, there is not too much difference between the tactics of the Nazis and Communist and what some elect-

ed officials in the Democrat party.

Don't believe it? Just compare the positions on issues like freedom of speech, religious freedom, gun rights, taxes and much more held by some of this country's leftists and dictators throughout history and into the present time. If AOC and the like thinkers in her party are going to compile such a list; a list of people 'complicit' in being supporters of the current president and the liberties that the Constitution of the United States guarantees, then I volunteer to have my name placed at the top of that list.

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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.

### T's proposed service cuts: They're as bad as feared

The MBTA yesterday unveiled its proposed service cuts in reaction to the pandemic-era plunge in ridership and revenues – and they're as bad as transit advocates feared. We're talking elimination or reduction of weekend and weeknight commuter rail, bus routes, and peak-time rapid transit and ferry services, not to mention a handful of commuter-rail sta-

tion closures. The BBJ's Greg Ryan, SHNS's Chris Liskinski, the Globe's Adam Vaccaro, the Telegram's Cyrus Moulton and the Patriot Ledger's Joe DiFazio have the full list of proposed service cuts, scheduled to start next year. Which leads to the question: What will Gov. Charlie Baker and lawmakers do to avert the transit carnage? Does this breathe new life into stalled transportation-funding bills on Beacon Hill?

### Could we soon have two COVID-19 vaccines?

Pfizer Inc. created huge news yesterday by announcing that testing of its coronavirus vaccine shows it's more than 90 percent effective at protecting people, as the Washington Post reports. But the BBJ's Allison DeAngelis reports that Cambridge's Moderna Inc. saw a huge surge in its share prices yesterday as a result of rival Pfizer's announcement. Why? Because it's developing

a vaccine using a similar experimental approach, prompting Dr. Anthony Fauci to say it "gives you hope we might even have two vaccines."

### Biden's new pandemic task force: The Massachusetts connections

It's begun. Joe Biden has made his first appointments as president elect, creating a new coronavirus advisory board that has multiple members on it with ties to Massachusetts, including Dr. Atul Gawande, a surgeon at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, reports Jackson Cote at MassLive. But here's some discouraging transfer-of-power news, via the Globe's Liz Goodwin: "Trump delays transition to Biden as COVID-19 pandemic worsens."

### Right Thing To Do continued from front page

by some in authority to the fear-inducing headlines of both the national and local mainstream media. Politicians are tendering decisions, in part, fearful they may be accused of accelerating death rates, as in the cases of nursing home patients, particularly in Massachusetts and New York.

Consequently, jobs, livelihoods, dreams, investments, nest eggs and those who finance them are on the verge of ruin, because no one knows what to do. So, rather than set the ground rules, and then enforce them such that the burden of compliance is on the individual, for all intent and purpose, the government has seemingly decided to put its constituencies on a course of economic ruin for some greater good, yet ill-defined. And, to that point, the real facts may be painting a different and circumspect backdrop, it would seem.

Surging, resurgence, increasing, grim milestone, catapulting, widespread – these are the descriptions that pepper the reporting on the Covid-19 pandemic that, if you wish to put a cynical twist on it, has increased the readership of newspapers in print and online, the eyeballs on broadcast and cable media and affected psyche of those on social media.

Chronicling death, destruction and pestilence is the mother's milk of info-tainment, to coin

a phrase made famous by California politician Jesse Unruh as it related to money and politics. Granted, this new strain of virus is deadly, but in perspective, notwithstanding the need for a vaccine, in the United States, there are 240,000 deaths out of 10,300,000 cases reported or 2.3% of the population; worldwide there are 1,270,000 deaths out of 51,300,000 cases reported or 2.4% of the population. Naturally, if one of those million plus deaths was a loved one, your perspective is different and understandable. However, the net effect of shutdowns cold manifest itself immeasurably in the 'living lives' of those who have not been infected.

The rules are pretty clear. Face-masks, social distancing, discretionary limiting of the size of private gatherings, be concerned for both yourself and others, in other words, common sense.

The 9:30 PM shutdown order was one of several that Gov. Charlie Baker announced Monday in response to surging numbers of COVID-19 cases and increasing hospitalizations across Massachusetts. Restaurants will be required to cease in-person dining by 9:30 p.m., although takeout or delivery of food can continue. Liquor stores and other establishments will be required to cease alcohol sales at 9:30 p.m. Other businesses affected

by the closure order include various indoor and outdoor activities, including sporting events.

The other orders Baker issued, which took effect on Friday November 6, include an overnight stay-at-home advisory from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. and an update to the masking order which requires face coverings to be worn at all times in any public space.

### Businesses required to close early:

- Restaurants (in-person dining must cease at 9:30 p.m., although takeout and delivery may continue for food and non-alcoholic beverages, but not alcohol)
- Liquor stores and other retail establishments that sell alcohol must cease alcohol sales at 9:30 p.m. (but may continue to sell other products)
- Adult-use marijuana sales must cease at 9:30 p.m. (not including medical marijuana)
- Indoor and outdoor events
- Theaters/movie theaters (including drive-in movie theaters), and performance venues (indoor and outdoor)
- Youth and adult amateur sports activities
- Golf facilities
- Recreational boating and boating businesses
- Outdoor recreational experiences
- Casinos and horse tracks/simulcast facilities
- Driving and flight schools
- Zoos, botanical gardens, wildlife reserves, nature centers

-Close contact personal services (such as hair and nail salons)

-Gyms, Fitness Centers and Health Clubs

-Indoor and outdoor pools

-Museums/cultural & historical facilities/guided tours

And a word of further caution: Covid symptoms last 'well beyond' expectation. As researchers learn more about the virus, they're noticing that the impacts can drag on. Some patients have reported symptoms lasting even after they have tested negative from a coronavirus infection.

"We do know for absolutely certain that there is a post-Covid-19 syndrome -- referred to sometimes as 'long Covid', chronic 'Covid, long haulers'," Dr. Anthony Fauci said. "We're seeing variable percentages, and anywhere from 25 to 35% or more have lingering symptoms -- well beyond what you'd expect post any viral syndrome, like influenza and others," he said.

Symptoms include fatigue, shortness of breath, muscle aches, sleep disturbances and what is referred to as "brain fog." "So, there's no doubt that it's going on, and that it can last anywhere from weeks to months," he said, adding that it could be longer, but that isn't known, because the novel virus was discovered less than a year ago.

As someone or others have said over time, 'let's not impose a cure that is worse than the disease'.

# Help Your City By Getting Tested For COVID-19



By Mayor Martin J. Walsh

The COVID-19 pandemic has challenged us in profound ways and has impacted nearly every aspect of city life. Although we have made great progress since the spring in controlling the spread of the virus, Boston has been facing an increase in COVID-19 positive rates for the last few weeks. Currently, 7.1

percent of people who get tested are testing positive. Since anyone can be infected and spread the virus even if they don't show symptoms, testing is a key part of stopping the spread.

I recently announced a new campaign called "Get The Test, Boston," a pledge that encourages every Boston resident to make testing a regular part of their routine. It also encourages employers to let their employees know about testing resources available to them. The City of Boston is offering benefit-eligible City employees one paid hour every 14 days to get tested during their normal work hours. Several local businesses have also committed to signing the pledge, to ensure their employees know how and when to get tested for COVID-19.

I encourage everyone in our city to look at the testing resources

we have worked so hard to make available, and seriously consider getting tested to protect themselves and their communities as we work to stop this increase in COVID-19 cases. Here are some reasons why you should get tested:

- If you are experiencing COVID-like symptoms, like fever, cough, or shortness of breath
- If you are at high risk for complications from COVID-19
- If you have been in contact with someone who was infected with COVID-19
- If you have traveled or have been in large gatherings

The City offers free testing for residents with or without COVID-like symptoms through our mobile testing teams currently in East Boston's Central Square and at Jubilee Christian Church in Mattapan through Satur-

day, November 14. The teams change locations every couple of weeks to increase testing accessibility and availability, prioritizing neighborhoods that need dedicated testing efforts. For locations and hours of the more than 30 COVID-19 testing sites we have in the City, including these mobile sites, please visit [boston.gov/covid19-testing](https://boston.gov/covid19-testing).

We are entering a critical time in this pandemic, and everyone who does their part will help save lives, and make a real difference. By following the safety guidelines, everyone can minimize the spread. In addition to getting tested, residents should continue to wear a face covering or mask, stay six feet apart from others, wash your hands often with soap and warm water, and avoid crowds and gatherings.

Together, we will continue to keep our city and our communities safe.

## White House Dogs

It's been four years since a four-legged friend graced the halls of the White House. With unofficial President-Elect Joe Biden planning to move in come January, the White House may not only have one dog, but two dogs roaming the hallowed halls - Biden's German shepherds, Champ and Major. What can we expect from these two fearless canines soon to call 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue home?

German shepherd dogs are the epitome of a working dog. Think of them as the blue-collar dog. Utilitarian, no-nonsense, extremely trainable, and loyal. Sounds perfect for the task at hand.

Although German shepherds enjoy and excel in a variety of dog sports and activities including, nosework, tracking, service animal training,



search and rescue, and herding – one more activity will now need to be added to that list: Presidential Pets!

One of the most famous German shepherds got his start in the United States. Rin Tin Tin, a German shepherd rescued as a puppy from the battlefield by American soldier Lee Duncan during World War I, became a famous canine movie star during the 1920s and popularized the breed.

Champ and Major may not have their own star on the Hollywood walk of Fame like Rin Tin Tin, but they will both, no doubt, quickly win the hearts of Americans over.

Trupanion, a leader in medical insurance for pets, knows that German shepherd dogs, as a breed, are at greater risk for hip dysplasia. In fact, some consider this breed the "poster child" for the condition. If you are consider-

ing getting a German shepherd (say, in the next four years), you should talk to your vet about having your puppy screened for hip dysplasia. This is done with both a physical exam and radiographs (X-rays). While the development of hip dysplasia can't necessarily be prevented, the pain, mobility issues, and other negative symptoms of the condition can be minimized with proper diagnosis and management.

# I Was Just Thinking...



by Kevin Devlin

“Something is rotten in the state of Denmark.”  
(William Shakespeare)

Stop complaining and shut up. You don't know what you're talking about as they shout at those they want to control like little sheep, demanding blind acceptance of the election results as if

there weren't any irregularities. Yet there was something amiss and it is now being investigated. It may not alter the results of the election, but if vital questions aren't answered, Americans will never believe in our election process ever again.

Voter-fraud allegations must not be summarily dismissed by the press and by those who benefit from such possible skullduggery. Americans are concerned that something is rotten, something doesn't pass the smell test. Were ballots tampered with? Were fraudulent ballots added? Did dead people vote? Were ballot signatures matched?

“President Trump is 100 percent within his rights to look into allegations of irregularities and weigh his options,” said Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell. “If Democrats feel confident they have not occurred, they should have no reason to fear any extra scrutiny,” and he concluded by saying that, “The president has every right to look into allegations, and request recounts under the law.”

It's funny that everything else we do in America we need an ID. I was in my credit union office the other day depositing checks into my own account which were issued in my name. Guess what? I had to show the teller my license.

I say vote in person. I say one vote for one American who has been identified in positive fashion. I say allow for absentee ballots accompanied with positive identification. If mass mailings are to continue, we need safeguards to prevent fraud. Ballot harvesting should be illegal everywhere.

I get it. People hate President Trump. They say he is an autocrat, a racist, xenophobic, a liar, he's everything under the sun. On his first day in office, his enemies started their crusade against him, their mission to destroy him. They cursed when they saw him, heard him speak. How could anyone support such a man?

Personally, I consider much of this discomfort to be classic psychological projection, a “defense mechanism (in-

troduced to psychology by Sigmund Freud) in which the ego defends itself against unconscious impulses or qualities (both positive and negative) by denying their existence in themselves by attributing them to others.”

But I digress.

So, Trump Derangement Syndrome reached fever pitch in 2020. He couldn't win again. We can't take another four years of this. Enter those who might consider any avenue to drive down to win the election.

Pollsters pummeled the public with dubious polling results.

Mainstream media crucified Trump. Big Tech censored what they called misinformation.

Ballots were tampered with.

All forms of voter suppression which influenced the election in a dangerous manner.

All bias, no hiding this fact, no need to do so anymore.

But who cares about that?

We needed to get rid of that monster in the White House.

Even if it meant destroying faith in our democracy in the process.

## Msgr. Thomas J McDonnell and Frank Kelley Thanksgiving Dinner

The details have changed but the mission is the same, being grateful for what we have and serving those in need.

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## BOSTON COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL MARKS VETERANS DAY WITH ADDRESS TO STUDENTS BY FATHER OF NAVY CORPSMAN & BC HIGH GRADUATE

**B**oston College High School marked Veteran's Day by inviting Joe Cook, the father of 2003 BC High graduate Tim Cook - who served as a medical corpsman in Iraq - to speak about serving others, being a veteran, and the importance of giving back. The address, part of the school's "Mental Health Awareness Week: Gratitude and Giving Back" observation, took place on Tuesday, November 10, 2020 inside BC High.

Tim Cook returned from war with PTSD and died in 2013, just a few months after finishing his military service. The Timothy "Doc" Cook Foundation was set up the next year; it is dedicated to educating youth and increasing awareness of PTSD (Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder) within the community and abroad. A scholarship was set up in Tim's memory a year later. Since its inception, more than \$75,000 in Cook Awards have been distributed to graduating high school seniors in the area.



Joe Cook addresses an estimated 200 students at Boston College High School as part of the school's "Mental Health Awareness Week: Gratitude and Giving Back" observation.

## Ice Castles Returning to New Hampshire With New Design

**A**winter wonderland in New Hampshire will return this season with new features designed with safety in mind. Ice Castles will offer New England families the same fun experience this year with ice slides, crawl spaces, caves, and fountains illuminated at night, but the design will be enhanced and slightly different.

"We are thrilled to welcome families back to Ice Castles this winter," CEO Kyle Standifird said, "The safety of our guests and staff has always been our top priority, and the new features and guidelines we have in place this season are designed to create a safe and magical environment for everyone."

Ice Castles will operate at a reduced capacity this season to promote social distancing. All tunnels and crawl spaces will be clearly marked as one-way features to limit face-to-face

exposure with other guests. In accordance with New Hampshire mandates, all staff and guests will be required to wear a mask or face covering. Additionally, Ice Castles in New Hampshire will be introducing new features including a quarter mile-long winter light walk in the forest and a sledding hill to enhance the experience while encouraging physical distance among guests.

If weather permits, ice artisans will begin growing and harvesting up to 10,000 icicles each day beginning in late-November to construct the frozen attraction. The winter playground is projected to open in early January 2021. This season, the Utah-based company will have four locations across North America. Other locations include Colorado, Wisconsin, and Utah.

**About Ice Castles:** Ice Castles gives guests a joy-



ful, fairy tale experience. The Utah-based company creates the most unique, beautiful, and fun

interactive winter attraction in the world using ice, snow, and lots of innovation.

# 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 wine-

maker 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 monster blend.

*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 Chinato. 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, 2016*, (\$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 Aragonese 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; they attest to the versatility of this wonderful red.

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## South Boston Catholic Academy News

### Grade 4B Highlights

From our Gr. 4B Teacher, Mrs. Maryann Dawson...Class 4B has gotten into the swing of things quickly and just finished writing, addressing, and mailing personal letters to friends, family members, and quite a few authors. We are eagerly awaiting any responses. We finished up a study of *Because of Winn Dixie*, by Kate DiCamillo, and completed our first book report of the year. We have included a picture of our "Ghost Tree", which symbolizes all of the lessons we learn through a lifetime. In math, we are learning various strategies for solving multiplication problems. Games are set aside for Fridays to practice those skills in a more entertaining way.

We have included some pictures

showing our favorite game of X's and O's being played with flashcards, dice, and Unifix cubes. We are learning how to move about the room and confer with our classmates, during Writer's Workshop, while still observing distancing protocols. What started out as an overwhelming checklist of things to do and not to do, has transitioned into the normal operating procedure at this point. Masks are beginning to feel normal, but the mask breaks are delightful! The month of November offers us the chance to reflect on all God provides for us and to practice feeling grateful for the gifts in our lives.

We are most especially grateful for our family and friends. We also watched a favorite clip by Kid President and then we listed those things for which we are most grateful; hot cocoa, pizza and books were some of the items on the list!



## Recent South Boston Real Estate Sales

Property/Type	Price	Sale Date	Rooms	Baths	Sq Ft
48 Marine Rd UNIT 2 Condo	\$1,225,000	9/30/20	5	2.5	1,859
15 Sleeper St UNIT 502 Condo	\$1,150,000	9/4/20	1	1	1,450
148 Athens St UNIT 1 Condo	\$1,150,000	9/18/20	5	2	1,384
48 Gold St UNIT 302 Condo	\$1,090,000	9/21/20	4	2	1,355
535 East First St UNIT PH5 Condo	\$1,035,000	9/14/20	4	2.5	1,420
33 O St UNIT 3 Condo	\$1,009,000	9/4/20	3	2	1,129
844 East Fourth St UNIT 3 Condo	\$995,000	9/18/20	4	2	1,316
663 East Seventh St UNIT 1 Condo	\$994,000	9/25/20	6	1.5	1,722
171 West Fourth St UNIT 9 Condo	\$986,000	9/11/20	5	2	1,452
174 L Street UNIT 3 Condo	\$880,000	9/28/20	5	2	1,082
340 West Second St UNIT 14 Condo	\$880,000	9/15/20	4	2	1,016
682 East Eighth St UNIT 1 Condo	\$850,000	9/11/20	8	2.5	1,733
209 West Sixth St UNIT 209 Condo	\$850,000	9/14/10	6	3	1,390
170 West Broadway UNIT 201 Condo	\$849,000	9/4/20	4	2	1,057
45 West Third St UNIT 504 Condo	\$842,000	9/18/20	4	1	761
141 Dorchester Ave UNIT 312 Condo	\$840,000	9/30/20	4	2	1,180
152 Old Colony Ave UNIT 12 Condo	\$807,500	9/3/20	5	2	1187
328 West Third St UNIT 1 Condo	\$799,000	9/15/20	6	2	902
744 East Third St UNIT 2 Condo	\$795,000	9/8/20	3	1.5	1,223



## Virtual Public Meeting

# Dorchester Bay City

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

**Register:** [bit.ly/DBCNov4](https://bit.ly/DBCNov4)  
**Call-in:** 833-568-8864  
**Webinar ID:** 161 909 0401

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

**Register:** [bit.ly/DBCNov16](https://bit.ly/DBCNov16)  
**Call-in:** 833-568-8864  
**Webinar ID:** 160 760 2881

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

**Register:** [bit.ly/DBCDec2](https://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

# Old Colony: Final Phase

**Wednesday, November 18**  
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

**Zoom Link:** [bit.ly/2GIYWjr](https://bit.ly/2GIYWjr)  
**Toll Free:** (833) 568 - 8864  
**Meeting ID:** 160 307 6929

**Project Proponent:**

Boston Housing Authority and Beacon Communities

**Project Description:**

The **FINAL** Phase will include the demolition of 208 and the construction of 342 apartments that will be undertaken in 3 phases (phase 4, phase 5 and phase 6). This will accomplish the goal in Phases 4 and 5 with a 1-to-1 replacement of 208 apartments, plus in Phase 6, a new production of 134 additional affordable apartments and affordable condominiums.

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**Close of Comment Period:**  
11/30/2020

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# Happy Haunting Halloween Parade! *MOMS Club Saves Halloween*

The frost was on the pumpkin for Halloween 2020. Between the snow and Covid 19, it was looking

like Halloween would be cancelled. However, in true South Boston style, The MOMS Club of South Boston put their cre-

ativity to work and organized a Halloween car parade through the streets of South Boston, escorted by Boston's Finest – C6

(BPD). The Cars were decorated splendidly, the kids were thrilled and looked fabulous in their costumes and the parents were able to save the day with their innovative thinking. Hmmm, maybe a new Southie tradition going forward, car parade in the day – trick or treat at night and double the fun!

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**The MOMS Club of South Boston**  
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## This week, Danny gave "Pic's Picks" for Week 10 in the NFL:

I went 2-3 against the spread in Week 9, bringing my record to 26-13-1 on the season, from when I began making my 2020 NFL picks in Week 2.

It's already Week 10, which means before you know it, we'll be breaking down the Wild Card round of the NFL Playoffs. Ok, I'll stop rushing your life away. But let's be honest here. We should all want to be rushing out of 2020 as fast as we can.

Here are my picks for Week 10:

**LAS VEGAS RAIDERS (-5)**  
over Denver Broncos

-The 5-3 Raiders host the 3-5 Broncos on Sunday at 4:05 p.m. It's the first of two games between these AFC West foes this season. Denver has shown flashes of promise that could make them a playoff team in the very near future, but Las Vegas seems like a playoff team right now. The Raiders have won two straight, and find themselves in a dog fight for an AFC Wild Card spot. No, it's not too early to look at that. And because Kansas City has a commanding lead in the AFC West playoff race, it looks like a Wild Card spot will be the Raiders' only

realistic route to the playoffs. A home loss to the Broncos would be a devastating blow. I don't see that happening. Make it three straight for the Raiders with a 10-point win.

**ARIZONA CARDINALS (-2)**  
over Buffalo Bills

-This game is Sunday at 4:05 in Arizona. The 7-2 Bills are looking for their fourth straight win after a huge win over the Seattle Seahawks last Sunday. The first-place Bills look to be for real. Meanwhile, the 5-3 Cardinals are coming off a home loss to the AFC East's Miami Dolphins last Sunday. This is Arizona's third straight home game, and I think they bounce back strong with a win over Buffalo. Given the tight race in the NFC West, it really is a must-win for the Cardinals. With a low spread here, Arizona by three is a no-brainer.

**BALTIMORE RAVENS (-7)**  
over New England Patriots

-I miss looking at the AFC Playoff picture and seeing the Patriots at the top of race. Now, at 3-5, they're not even in the mix. Sure, New England is coming off a win over the

winless Jets on Monday Night Football. But they just barely won. Did that impress you? It didn't impress me at all. I think this Patriots team stinks. The 6-2 Ravens come to an empty Gillette Stadium for Sunday Night Football. And I'm actually shocked this spread is not in the double digits. Are the Patriots getting too much credit here? I think so. I guess there's always the potential for Bill Belichick to surprise us. But at the end of the day, when it comes to the Patriots, I'm already on to 2021. Give me the Ravens by two touchdowns.

**CHICAGO BEARS (+2.5)**  
over Minnesota Vikings

-The 5-4 Bears and 3-5 Vikings look to be going in different directions at the moment Chicago has lost three straight, while Minnesota has won two straight. It might seem like a crazy idea to put money on the Bears offense right now, but they still have a top-10 defense in the NFL. And I expect this NFC North battle on Monday Night Football, in Chicago, to be tight. So I'll take the underdog Bears at home by a field goal.

**LOCK OF THE WEEK:**  
**TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS**  
**(-4.5)** over Carolina Panthers

-What in the world happened to Tom Brady and the Buccaneers last Sunday night against the Saints? New Orleans went into Tampa Bay and gave the Bucs a prime time beatdown, 38-3. Brady and the Bucs are now 6-3. They head to Carolina for another NFC South showdown this Sunday at 1. This is a rematch from Week 2 in Tampa Bay. The Buccaneers won the first game, 31-17. The Panthers are 3-6 and have lost four straight. I expected this spread to be at least 7 points. But I guess that loss to the Saints last Sunday night has people down on Tampa Bay. I'm not. Give me a big bounce back performance by Brady, who'll lead the Buccaneers to a two-score win on the road.

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# SPORTS TODAY

## RED SOX BRING BACK CORA

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The Boston Red Sox officially announced Alex Cora as their new manager during a re-introductory video conference on Tuesday.

Cora was named Boston's manager last weekend. He signed a two-year contract that also includes a two-year club option for the 2023 and 2024 seasons.

This comes nearly 10 months after the Red Sox fired Cora in mid-January, after Cora was accused of being involved in a sign-stealing scandal while he was the Houston Astros bench coach in 2017. Cora was later suspended by Major League Baseball for the entire 2020 season.

Cora's Red Sox bench coach, Ron Roenicke, replaced him as Red Sox manager, but was fired in September after the team finished in last place in the AL East with a 24-36 record.

Needless to say, Cora is grateful for a second opportunity.

"I am grateful for the opportunity to manage once again and return to the game I have loved my entire life," said Cora in a statement through the Red Sox last weekend. "This past year, I have had time to reflect and evaluate many things, and I recognize how fortunate I am to lead this team once again. Not being a part of the game of baseball, and the pain of bringing negative attention to my family and this organization was extremely difficult. I am sorry for the harm my past actions have caused and will work hard to make this orga-

**Tweet of the Week**

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nization and its fans proud. I owe John Henry, Tom Werner, Mike Gordon, Sam Kennedy, Chaim Bloom and Brian O'Halloran my gratitude for giving me another chance. I am eager to get back to work with our front office, coaches, and especially our players. Boston is where I have always wanted to be and I could not be more excited to help the Red Sox achieve our ultimate goal of winning in October."

Red Sox ownership said that Chief Baseball Officer Chaim Bloom made the decision to re-hire Cora.

"We are excited to have Alex's leadership and energy back in the Red Sox dugout," said Red Sox President and CEO Sam Kennedy in the team's statement. "Our ownership group and leadership team appreciate the thorough search conducted by Chaim and the entire Baseball Operations department that led to this decision. Alex brings to this position a record of success at the highest level, an embrace of the intensity of the Boston market, a connection with our core group of players, and an appreciation for the culture and individuals within our organization. During his Red Sox career as a player and manager, Alex continually made us better. He owns, and has learned from, his past mistakes, and with his incredible talent, he will build on the deep

bonds he's fostered over time to make us better in the years to come."

"Alex Cora is an outstanding manager, and the right person to lead our club into 2021 and beyond," said Bloom in the statement. "The way he leads, inspires, and connects with everyone around him is almost unmatched, and he has incredible baseball acumen and feel for the game. We considered a very impressive slate of candidates – the brightest managerial prospects in the game today. Because of all that had happened, I knew that I wanted to speak with Alex once his suspension ended,

## WHAT TO WATCH

**NFL THURSDAY, NOV. 12**  
Indianapolis at Tennessee (-2)  
8:20 P.M. FOX/NFLN

**SUNDAY, NOV. 15**  
Tampa Bay (-4.5) at Carolina  
1 P.M. FOX

Buffalo at Arizona (-2)  
4:05 P.M. CBS

Baltimore (-7) at New England  
8:20 P.M. NBC

**MONDAY, NOV. 16**  
Minnesota (-2.5) at Chicago  
8:15 P.M. ESPN

**GOLF THURS, NOV. 12 - SUN, NOV. 15**  
The Masters  
1 P.M. ESPN/CBS

but I didn't yet know if it made sense to consider him for the job as well. Our conversations were lengthy, intense, and emotional. Alex knows that what he did was wrong, and he regrets it. My belief is that every candidate should be considered in full: strengths and weaknesses, accomplishments and failures. That is what I did with Alex in making this choice. He loves the Red Sox and the game of baseball, and because of that we believe he will make good on this second chance. I join our whole organization in welcoming Alex back to Boston and Fenway Park."



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