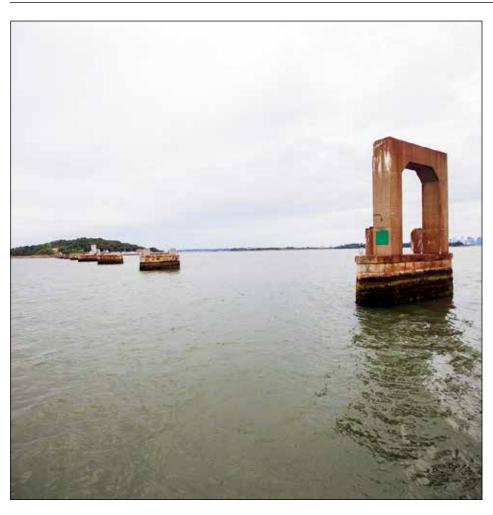
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# **Ferry Service** To Long Island Still **A Possibility**

ith former mayor Marty Walsh no longer in charge, the solutions to the crisis of drug-addicted persons, who seek help but often become victims again on the stretch of roadway known as 'Methadone Mile' or 'Mass & Cass', are now being reviewed through a broader lens. This includes the previously proposed ferry service option.

Walsh stuck to his primary solution of rebuilding the Long Island Bridge and upgrading the facilities there, while rejecting ferry service, even as an interim solution.

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# EDITORIAL =

## In Southie, Memorial Day Is Much More Than Cold Beer And Hot Dogs

he above headline is taken to heart by most long time South Bostonians. And the good news is that so many of our new arrivals feel the same way about this sacred holiday. Oh, don't get us wrong, there is plenty of room for barbecues, spending time at our local beaches and even travelling to get away for the long weekend – the unofficial start to the summer season. But the deeper meaning, the reason for the day is of course to remember, honor and pay tribute to America's true heroes. They served our country in the armed forces and willingly put their lives on the line and often lost those precious lives. This they did so that all Americans could enjoy the freedoms and liberties that our nation's brilliant Founding Fathers envisioned for us when they created that amazing and unique document called the Constitution of the United States. The Founders were far ahead of their time and we reap the benefits of their foresight to this day.

In 2021, things are finally getting back to normal after being put on hold for far too long because of Covid-19. The ways in which some people usually celebrated Memorial Day last year were all but suspended but it should not diminish the spirit and feelings that go into the true meaning of this federal holiday moving forward from here on. The traditional parades had been cancelled, religious services were on hold and the special ceremonies with color guards; pipes and drums were far fewer. But the

pride and respect for those fallen heroes still remained in the hearts of the patriotic and it would take a heck of a lot more than any virus to remove that pride. And we see no reason; no reason at all, that the traditions should not be returning to normal. In much of the rest of the country they have, this area should follow their lead.

What special meaning and significance the long Memorial Day weekend holds for people would probably depend on who you ask. And as was stated above, there is plenty of room for celebrating with outdoor activities – weather permitting and happy gatherings with family and friends. But the fact that most Americans; the vast majority still understand that this holiday means so much more,

bodes well for our country going into the future. That the political atmosphere among some segments of the population; including many of this country's political leaders and operatives seems geared to discourage patriotism and pride in our military, the country as a whole is not buying into that and it looks like now that it never will.

Our fallen military heroes laid lives on the line and many gave all to make sure that the United States would always remain strong and free. Without the sacrifices of the fallen and in fact all of our veterans throughout our history, our country would not exist today – its as simple as that. Let us all remember that this coming weekend and be forever grateful for their service.

"The willingness of our veterans to sacrifice for our country has earned them our eternal gratitude" - Jeffrey Miller

# Postal employees will celebrate Memorial Day

**National Holiday Honors Those who Paid the Ultimate Price** 

Post Offices across the commonwealth will be closed on Monday, May 31, as our employees pause to celebrate Memorial Day. Street delivery on Monday will be limited to guaranteed overnight parcels and there will be no collection of mail. Full retail and delivery operations will resume on Tuesday, June 1. The Postal Service receives no tax dollars for operating expenses and relies on the sale of postage, products and services to fund its operations.



# South Boston Remembrance and Tradition For Memorial Day



he Thomas J. Fitzgerald VFW Post 561 invites the South Boston community to join them in their annual Memorial Day Services.

When: Sunday, May 30, 2021

Time: 9:00AM - Assembly at Post Headquarters 9:30AM - Parade/March to Medal of Honor Park for the laying of the wreath ceremony at the Vietnam Memorial.

Bring a flag and line the parade route to remember those who are no longer with us. God Bless.

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# The Attacks On Tim Tebow Just Roll Off His Back

**SOUTH BOSTON TODAY** 

John Ciccone

Note: talk back to John Ciccone by email at jciccone@southbostontoday.com

ike so many of our readers, I'm no longer a fan of the National Football League. The NFL has become far too political and once they started allowing and, in some cases, condoning the disrespect of our National Anthem, they lost my support. Not that me leaving is any big deal to them, but when the number of former fans begins to number into the millions, it has an impact. But also, like many of you I am a fan of Tim Tebow. Unlike Colin Kaepernick, Tebow in not a spoiled and pampered America-hater. Tim Tebow shows respect and gratitude for the opportunities he gets, earned by his hard work. Tebow is a good man and yet, he causes so many people on the left side of the political divide to meltdown at the mere mention of his name. The following quote speaks volumes.

"Tim Tebow sure stirs up a lot of scorn and mockery for someone who has never been accused of wrongdoing, treats everyone with respect and organizes a high school prom every year for kids with disabilities".

There are those critics who will say that Tebow and Kaepernick both kneel before the start of the game and yet Tebow gets a pass by Conservatives who attack Kaepernick for the same thing so it must be racism. Ah, no. It's not the same thing, not even close and the Tebow haters know it. Tebow kneels in prayer before the Anthem – never during. He would never disrespect our country, our flag or our military. Kaepernick kneels to politicize everything and demands his followers do the same. He thrives on controversy and causing a spectacle, demands huge pay days and then complains that he's oppressed. Oh, and there is another thing that causes the heads of Tim Tebow's

haters to explode. He is a Christian. Anti-Christian and anti-Jewish religious bigots hold prominent positions in the Left's hierarchy.

Many find it interesting that the people who scream racism the loudest are themselves the biggest racists in the land. One only has to look at the mayor of Chicago, Lori Lightfoot to see the poster child for racism. Especially after her announcement two weeks ago that she will only give interviews to Black and Brown reporters. She will not even speak to White and Asian members of the press. Her city has the toughest gun laws in the country and yet it has earned the title of 'Murder Capital of the World' because of all the shootings. But of course, none of this is her fault. She still blames Trump. She is such a failure of a mayor that her own police department just gave her a vote of no confidence because of the disrespect she shows to law enforcement, the way she coddles criminals. Because of her incompetence, Chicago is a war zone. So, the question to ask is why would a reporter of any race want to interview her?

Also, in the news this last couples of weeks are the so-called Disgruntled Royals. Harry and Meghan continue to make fools of themselves while alienating more and more Americans AND Brits too, each time they open their mouths. Here's another quote that fits these two like a snug glove: "Harry and Meghan announced their completion of their one millionth interview speaking about how they just want their privacy".

Americans are pretty much becoming nauseous watching these two complain about how hard life has treated them. Harry has announced that he finds America's

First Amendment which protects freedom of speech to be "Bonkers". He actually said that on one of those rare occasions when Meghan allowed him to speak. Imagine his shock as he returned to England's former colony to find that the common people are actually allowed to speak their opinion here. He might want to study up on what happened in 1776 to learn what most Americans think about his opinion of our country.

But this is America, where we no longer need be concerned about European royalty and their outdated ways. And the fact that we are coming up on Memorial Day weekend reminds us of why we are free. We remember those who fought and died throughout so many wars to protect our independence and all the many God given liberties that we are blessed with. We owe it to our fallen service members to carry on what they have fought for and protected for well over two centuries. It's up to the Americans of today to carry on the tradition of defending our nation's freedom from enemies foreign AND domestic. Happy Memorial Day to all.



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# Memorial Day and Honoring Those Who Made the Supreme Sacrifice

his coming Monday, May 31st, is Memorial Day.
This is a day to honor those that made the supreme sacrifice for our nation while serving in the U.S. military.

The origin of Memorial Day began when after the Civil War, Maj. Gen. John A. Logan, the head of a Union veteran organization, established Decoration Day on May 30th as a time for people to decorate the graves of the war dead with flowers. By the late 1860s, many different localities around the country were holding their own springtime tributes to fallen soldiers and those who died in war, and decorating their graves with flowers. The first large observance of Decoration Day was held in 1868 at the Arlington National Cemetery. Decoration Day continued to be observed on the local level and, in 1968, Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act, which

established Memorial Day as the last Monday in May, with the change going into effect in 1971.

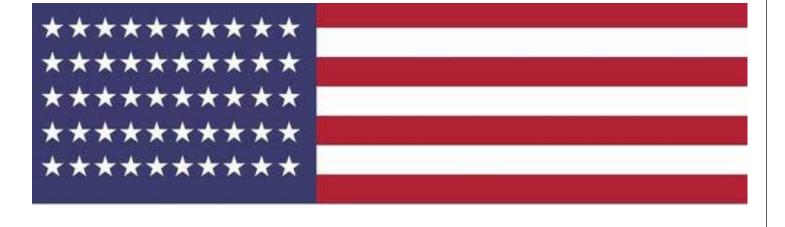
On Memorial Day, we honor the more than 1.1 million American military personnel who made the supreme sacrifice for their country while serving in uniform. We also honor our Gold Star Families, whose family members have paid the supreme sacrifice while serving in the military, and recognize the sacrifice that all Gold Star Families have made for our nation.

Boston has a number of events on Memorial Day, one of the most prominent being the annual flag garden in the Boston Common, where tens of thousands of American flags are placed to commemorate fallen soldiers dating back to the Revolutionary War. Other Memorial Day events include wreath laying ceremonies at the South Boston Vietnam Veterans Memorial (Medal of Honor Park), at the Puerto Rican Veterans Me-

morial in the South End, and the annual rededication of the Massachusetts Fallen Heroes Memorial in the South Boston Waterfront. The City of Boston's Veterans Services and other local veteran organizations are also safely and individually placing flags at our military cemeteries in honor of those that paid the supreme sacrifice for our country, including with our Gold Star families.

I have sponsored and passed another resolution this year commemorating Memorial Day at this week's Council meeting, so that the City of Boston can officially honor and pay tribute to those who made the supreme sacrifice in service to our country, including our Gold Star Families. Their bravery and sacrifice shall never be forgotten.

Ed Flynn is the chair of the Veterans & Military Affairs Committee on the Boston City Council, U. S. Navy (Retired) and Veteran - Operation Enduring Freedom.



# CITATION ON PETITION FOR REMOVAL

Docket No. SU14P2338EA

Commonwealth Of
Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court

Estate of: Ellen E Hegarty

Date of Death: 06/30/2014

Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300 To all interested persons: A Petition has been filed by:

Joshua Krefetz of Somerville MA requesting that

William M Hegarty of Boston MA

be removed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate.

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 06/22/2021. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn,

First Justice of this Court.

May 11, 2021
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

May 27, 2021

# Jim Brett to Receive Two Honorary Degrees



im Brett, President and CEO of the New England Council, is being recognized for his work on a national level to improve the quality of life for people with disabilities. He will receive two honorary Doctor of Law degrees – one from Regis College and one from Assumption College.

Mr. Brett was appointed by President Barack Obama to chair the President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities, and Speaker Nancy Pelosi appointed him to the National Council on Disability. He is presently the Chairman of both the Governor's Commission for People with Intellectual Disabilities and the Disabled Persons Protection Commission.

\In 2018 he was awarded the Michael and Kitty Dukakis Lifetime Achievement Award from the Massachusetts Association for Mental Health. In 2014 Mr. Brett was inducted into Massachusetts Special Olympics Hall of Fame. In

2013 UMass Boston established the James T. Brett Chair in Disability and Workforce, the first and only endowed chair in workforce and disability in the country. In 1996 Bay Cove Human Services designated the Brett House in his honor.

The New England Council, the country's oldest regional business organization, is an alliance of businesses, academic and health institutions, and public and private organizations throughout New England formed to promote economic growth and a high quality of life in the region.

# Councilors Flynn & Flaherty to Hold Hearing to Discuss Fines for Large House Parties

n this Friday May 28 at 11:00am, Boston City Councilor Ed Flynn & Councilor At-Large Michael Flaherty will be holding a hearing to discuss increasing fines for large house parties. The hearing aims to discuss ways to provide stricter enforcement rules regarding large house parties and the city's noise ordinance. To watch the hearing, you can go to boston.gov/citycouncil-tv. To submit written testimony or request to testify at the hearing, please reach out to Juan Lopez at Juan.Lopez@Boston.gov.

Neighbors have reported an overwhelming number of large house parties, oftentimes between 30-40 people and hosted by renters with absentee landlords - with 600 911 calls in one weekend alone in South Boston. These partiers often disturb neighbors with loud noises at all hours, and leave behind trash and litter on the street which at-

tracts rodents and pests. Last fall, Councilor Flynn and Councilor Flaherty held a hearing with the administration and city officials on this issue.

Residents are to report large house parties to the Boston Police Department at 911, which can trigger potential placement on the city's Problem Properties List. Councilor Flynn and Councilor Flaherty are urging the City of Boston to look at issuing increased fines for this out-of-control behavior, perhaps starting at \$1,000 for a first offense, and exploring \$2,000 for a second offense, and \$3,000 for a third offense for those that repeatedly violate the city's noise ordinance.

"I've heard from literally hundreds of neighbors that are outraged over these huge house parties in South Boston. Time and again we're seeing renters, from absentee landlords, who



want to extend their college frat days every Thursday to Sunday at all hours while showing blatant disrespect for their neighbors next door; young families, our seniors and persons with disabilities. The neighbors that helped to build this city, that live here and contribute to their community, that are paying increased property taxes while dealing with more quality of life issues - they've had enough," said Councilor Flynn. "This was a significant issue prior to COVID-19, and though restrictions will be lifted due to the success of vaccination efforts, large house parties will undoubtedly continue to present these quality of life issues beyond the pandemic. It's critical that we look to increase fines for



those who violate city regulations, so that we help keep our neighborhoods peaceful, healthy and clean."

"Enough is enough. These out of control parties have been a burden on South Boston and communities across the city for too long," said Councilor Flaherty. "We have tried to control them with the tools currently available to us, but these landlords and their tenants are not getting the message. It is time to hit absentee landlords and their tenants in the pocketbooks with increased penalties. We have no other choice if we stand any chance of improving the quality of life for our residents."

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

## SEN. COLLINS, REP. BIELE SUPPORT SUMMER JOB PROGRAMS IN STATE BUDGET



s the summer fast approaches, State Senator Nick Collins and State Representative David Biele would like to remind their constituents that summer jobs are in season.



The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) is accepting applications for seasonal jobs. The Department recruits for positions such as lifeguards, rangers, park interpreters, supervisors, forestry assistants, buildings and ground maintenance workers, and office assistants, and more.

Short-term seasonal employment opportunities are available at various locations throughout Massachusetts. For a list of available positions and information on how to apply visit the MassCareers website at: https://jobquest.dcs.eol.mass.gov/jobquest/.

For over 45 years, Action for Boston Development (ABCD) has offered summer jobs with financial support from the State through their SummerWorks program, which provides over 5,000 Boston youth jobs at more than 500 partner worksites throughout Boston.

Youth ages 14 to 21 are eligible for the SummerWorks program. Ap-

plications and additional information can be found at: https://www.summerworks.net.

"We are heading into the summer season and that means summer jobs opportunities are available," said Senator Nick Collins. "It is important that the Boston youth get out outside and take advantage of these great opportunities. That is why each year I prioritize summer jobs in state budget through organizations like the DCR and SummerWorks."

"In addition to providing employment opportunities, these summer job programs are important in youth development and growth, teaching the importance of teamwork and discipline, while allowing youth to explore different areas of interest," said Rep. Biele. "I'm proud to support these programs which invest in our youth and encourage anyone interested to seek out more information and apply."

# I Was Just Thinking...



by Kevin Devlin

he biggest item in President Biden's infrastructure bill now being negotiated with

Congress is \$213 billion which he wants to use to increase affordable housing. Their goal is to put the federal government in charge of zoning throughout the nation and distribute apartment buildings in single-family home neighborhoods.

The federal government wants to control local politics and tell people what they must do, how they must live. When I told a lifelong friend of mine what the Democrats wanted to do, and what he thought about it, he replied, "Yeah, the federal government should be in charge of everything."

Really, the feds should have local control of our lives.

I couldn't believe he said it and be-

lieved what he said. Talk about walking around life with blinders on. Are we going to have mayors, selectmen, town councilors, and every other political entity appointed by the feds? If so, there won't be any need to have any local elections and we might as well dissolve local governments.

The feds are here, they're in charge, not to worry.

After all, they know what is right for us. Are you kidding me?

And what about Democrats who support this initiative?

Biden owns a four-acre, lakefront home in Greenville, Delaware. Vice President Kamala Harris owns a \$5 million gated home in Brentwood, California. Former President Barack Obama owns an \$11.75 million mansion on Martha's Vineyard which includes twenty-nine acres of waterfront property. Won't be any multi-unit buildings being built in their neighborhoods. Won't be any renters or low-income housing built near them. Won't be any quality-of-life issues staring them in the face.

You can bet your life on that.

The Dems do enough damage on the national stage.

They should stay out of local politics and mind their own business. Let the local governments and local people decide their future without outside interference.

And do you know what?

If you're not going to be personally affected by what you advocate, then just don't advocate it.

Why?

Because it's simply hypocritical.

#### Ferry Service...continued from front page

However, resistance from the City of Quincy residents and officials, at the very least, stalled whatever plans may have been viable and its likelihood has either diminished or is not expected to be realized for a decade, according to many.

Walsh's 2019 Melnea Cass/ Mass Ave 2.0 plan primarily called for better coordination of efforts across departments and additional manpower, both police and drug treatment workers on the streets. However, a statement of one resident at the time summed up the chronic nature of the problem - "It's working, but homeless people are going to find a place to be. If they get run out of here, they're going to find another place to go. They're just getting shifted around." That was then and this is now.

Acting Mayor Kim Janey, who is running to become the mayor permanently, is "exploring ways to reimagine the delivery of these vital services in a way that doesn't rely entirely on the reconstruction of the Long Island Bridge," a spokeswoman told the Boston Herald.

Continuous violent episodes and open drug use in this area has

emerged as a top campaign issue in the upcoming mayoral race, as well as the city council races, as constituents and business owners alike call out the situation as a major quality of life issue. There are hundreds of food service and other workers of all ethnicities who make their living in the Newmarket Square area. Many feel intimidated and are concerned for their safety.

During a press conference last month, Newmarket Business Association Executive Director Susan Sullivan decried the "open-air drug market" that has taken over at the intersection of Massachusetts Avenue and Melnea Cass Boulevard.

Property owners and business owners, some of whom want to upgrade their facilities are simply biding time. Some are entertaining offers from developers, but the uncertainty has devalued their multi-generation businesses and assets. An underlying question is 'where do those who depend upon the food industry and related businesses find work, if properties change hands?'

"It's getting more violent — there have been multiple stab-

bings, shootings, the drug dealing is going crazy down there," said City Councilor Frank Baker, whose district includes half of the intersection. This was backed up by a review of published police reports reported by the Herald. Baker called on the city to "take the cuffs off the police, so to speak" and allow warrant sweeps to clean up the area.

The following candidates for mayor also weighed in.

Councilor Andrea Campbell said, "I know it can't wait until the next administration." Campbell made the remark pointing out that she had published a plan outlining a coordinated response in the city's epicenter of addiction. Councilorat- Large Michelle Wu said the response so far amounts to a "stark failure of government." Councilorat-Large Annissa Essaibi-George is calling for a "continuum of care" for homeless addicts in the area that would draw on funds headed to the city from the president's American Rescue Plan. Former city Economic Development Chief John Barros has also discussed the issue on the campaign trail. State Rep. Jon Santiago called for a

halt to new public services in that South End area and the creation of a new police subdistrict.

As stated in the Herald, many of Santiago's suggestions, particularly decentralizing services, taking a regional approach and shifting homeless services from shelters to supportive housing, aren't breaking new ground — they have been talked about for years or are already attempting to be underway.

Nonetheless, with near universal acknowledgement that this crisis can no longer 'wait and hope' that a bridge will be built any time soon, it appears that addressing the range of options as referenced herein – and others – will hopefully become a priority.

Stakeholders led by South End residents, businesses, property owners, and the Newmarket Business Association representative(s) need to aggressively engage with Boston City Hall, State Officials and Agencies, and Quincy City Hall and get them to stop kicking this can, which has become a Rai stone, down the road. Otherwise, the result, it appears, could be more than a broken toe or foot.

# Where to Use and Not Use Your Barbecue Grill

# Rules and Safety Tips for 2021

**SBT Staff Report** 

veryone knows that we are well ✓ into spring and will soon be deep into the summer season when the usual summertime activities will probably be going strong, even after the long bout with the Corona Virus. One of the greatest pleasures in the warm months is of course the fine art of grilling or barbecuing. Each year, South Boston Today receives inquiries by residents about what the rules are within the city limits as far as where grills are legally allowed to be used and where they are prohibited and this is still the case in 2021. In response, we did some checking and with the help of some neighbors and city officials and of course with our friends on the Boston Fire Department, we obtained the info some of you have been curious about.

Now first and foremost we want to be clear, no one here at SBT is trying to tell you where or how to use your grill; that's not for us to decide, but here are the restrictions you should be aware of. And the reason for concern is that there have been incidents of grills causing fires over the years here in the neighborhood. We live in the city and the houses are close together. An out of control grill fire could cause not only a tragedy to the people using the grills but to surrounding homes as well.

(The following does not apply to the use and storage of Natural Gas grills permitted through ISD and installed by a licensed installer in accordance with proper codes and standards but does apply to the standard type charcoal and LP (propane) grills commonly used.)

Charcoal Grills: These are not allowed to be used on top of or within a building or a structure per order of the Boston Fire Dept.

LP (propane) Grills: City of Boston

regulations prohibit the use and storage of the propane tanks or containers inside or on balconies above the first floor of any building or structure used for habitation. Also on first floor porches, decks or balconies enclosed by a roof/ceiling or other confining material and never on fire escapes or fire escape balconies.

At Castle Island and some park areas, there are designated areas where you can use them, but if its your goal to stay within the law, it is recommended that you check for signage regarding outdoor cooking. But here is a very important rule to follow: Wherever you decide to grill, if you are using charcoal, please – PLEASE, do not discard the hot coals where people; especially young children could get burned by stepping on or falling on them or dogs might come in contact with the hot embers. Hot coals can cause serious injuries.

Boston Fire Department officials also urge all to keep grills clean for safety reasons.

Well readers, these are the rules put forth by the city that some of you have been asking about. Do with this information what you wish but please, by all means, this spring and summer when using your grills; do so carefully for your own personal safety, the safety of your family and guests and for your surrounding neighbors as well.

(Note: On July 30th, 2014, the City of Boston updated its regulations for the use of outdoor cooking grills by adding Article XXXIII to the code and these rules are still in place in 2021. To view, in detail these rules and regulations and for safety tips to consider when barbecuing, you can log onto the Boston Fire Department web page at www. cityofboston/fire and go to the link titled 'Barbecue Safety Info'.)





# Virtual Public Meetings 244 - 284 A Street (Fort Point)

#### **Project Description:**

The BPDA will be hosting a series of Virtual Public Meetings in connection with the Draft Project Impact Report ("DPIR") submission for the Proposed Project at 244 - 284 A Street in the Fort Point neighborhood of the South Boston Waterfront. You may register in advance for these meetings through the links provided below.

 June 7th at 6:00 PM | Kick-Off Public Meeting Zoom Link: bit.ly/AStreetJune7 Webinar ID: 160 246 0903

June 21st at 6:00PM | Public Meeting (Open Space & Resiliency)
 Zoom Link: bit.ly/AStreetJune21
 Webinar ID: 161 132 7449

July 12th at 6:00PM | Public Meeting (Urban Design & Ground Floor Activation)
 Zoom Link: bit.ly/AStreetJuly12
 Webinar ID: 161 170 9098

July 26th at 6:00 PM | Public Meeting (Transportation)
 Zoom Link: bit.ly/AStreetJuly26
 Webinar ID: 161 431 7060

Should you require language interpretation services for any of these meetings, please contact Aisling Kerr through the email address/phone number available below to submit your request.

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# The Wine Guy Beating The Heat

ell, it's definitely warming up and like everyone else around town, we're looking for those things that will help us enjoy the heat instead of being overwhelmed by it. In my mind, that means an ice-cold glass of two of the summer's most enjoyable white wines- Sauvignon Blanc and Riesling.

Sauvignon Blanc, originally from France, has been re-planted over the last 150-200 years with great success in many countries in both the Northern and Southern hemispheres, but most especially in New Zealand and South Africa. You'll recognize New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc in your glass almost instantly with its jaw-dropping herbaceous-yet-floral aroma that's complimented by a juicy, yet zesty, citrus zing in your mouth. (Your lips will pucker from the high acidity, too.)

The Spencer Hill Group owns vineyards located in the Upper Moutere Hills and along the Coastal Ridge area of Tasman Bay near Nelson, at the top of South Island. The Upper Moutere vineyards consist of seventy-five acres located on two blocks and are planted to Chardonnay and Sauvignon Blanc. The 2016 Ant Moore Sauvignon Blanc, (\$22.00), is herbal, crisp and presents flavors of pineapple, guava and slight citrus notes. The minerality gives it a creamy feel on the palette and you could have this one with oysters, cherrystones or pasta with white clam sauce.

On North Island, in the Hawkes Bay region, Decibel Wines are the vision of winemaker Daniel Brennan. After life in the music industry touring America, living in Europe, and running a Philadelphia restaurant, Daniel moved to NZ in 2008. While studying Oenology & Viticulture in Hawkes Bay, Daniel worked with some of the region's top producers (Unison, Vidal Estate, TeAwa, Paritua). His 2016 Decibel Sauvignon Blanc (\$15.99) is deep-flavored and presents dry, grassy notes, but with a distinctive finish of kiwi and green apples. Great with lobster, scallops or grilled pork loin with a rosemary/pepper rub, you'll want this one again.

South Africa's wine industry is among the oldest in the Southern Hemisphere and the breadth and quality of its wines is witness to the world-class level of winemaking going on there. The 2014 Reyneke Sauvignon Blanc, Stellenbosch (\$27.00), presents more of the classical French style-dry, flinty and earthy but with a



twist- a finish on the palette of multiple fruit flavors that almost burst out on the finish. Honey/bourbon-glazed wild boar or a Beijing duck would enhance it all the more.

Groote Post Vineyards, also in Stellenbosch, has some of the oldest vineyards in the country, going back to the 1600's. Their Groot Post Riesling, 2016, (\$10.00) will surprise you with its fresh rose petal, grapefruit and citrus notes on the nose and a spicy, refreshing finish on the palette. Bring this along to a cookout, get some ribs on the grill and the pairing is one you'll want to have again and again.

Stay Cool, My Friends! Talk To The Wine Guy at jdris8888@gmail.com

# Happy 98th Birthday Kay White

n Monday, May 24, friends, and family members got together to celebrate Catherine "Kay" (Glavin) White's 98th birthday at her home in Savin Hill. Kay is Savin Hill's First Lady and is indeed a wonderful person. HAPPY BIRTHDAY KAY!



Party crown on head Savin Hill's First Lady, Kay White, is so happy, gleeful that she's celebrating her 98th birthday with family and friends.





Kay White (center front) is pictured with her daughter Cathy on her left and her daughter Barbara, on her right. In the back row are her four sons and another daughter. They are (from left), Father Joe, Wally, Margie, Robert, and Edward.



Counting money/holding a cigar.
Kay White is counting her blessings as well as her monetary birthday gifts. She's also holding a cigar, but we all know she doesn't really smoke. She's too smart to do that.

# Recent South Boston Real Estate Sales

Property/Type	Price	Sale Date	Rooms	Baths	Sq Ft
141 Stret UNIT 2	\$349, 200	5/18/2021	5	1	1,061
Condo					
758 East Broadway	\$1,802,500	4/16.2021	12	3.5	3,125
Single Family					
510 East Eighth Street	\$755,000	4/9/2021	4	1.5	1,,215
Single Family					
298 Bolton St UNIT 3	\$549,000	4/1/2021	4	1	641
Condo					
5 Grimes St UNIT 2	\$485,000	4/30/2021	4	1	502
Condo					
39 Story St UNIT 2	\$475,000	3/15/2021	4	1	608
Condo					
177 West Sixth St UIT 5	\$475,000	4/9/2021	3	1	488
Condo					
528 East Third UNIT 1	\$468,000	5/7/2021	3	1	635
Condo					
19 Knowlton St UNIT 4	\$455,000	5/18/2021	4	1	627
Condo					
41 Gates St UNIT 2	\$450,000	5/3/2021	4	1	764
Condo					
250 Athens St UNT 1	\$440,000	4/30/2021	4	1	619
Condo					
298 East Eighth St UNIT 3	\$436,000	5/24/2021	4	1	585
Condo					
218 West Seventh St UNIT3	\$420,000	5/13/2021	3	1	538
Condo					
62 O Street UNIT 8	\$420,000	4/2/2021	3	1	415
Condo					
791 East Third Street	\$\$1,350,000	5/4/2021	8	4	3,125
Two Family					

## CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Docket No. SU21P0245EA

#### Commonwealth Of Massachusetts The Trial Court

#### Probate and Family Court Estate of: Louise B Bacanskas Date of Death: 11/20/2016

Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300 To all interested persons:

#### Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by

John Kalen of South Boston MA

A Petition for Formal

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

#### John Kalen of South Boston MA

be appointed as Personal
Representative(s) of said estate to
serve Without Surety on the bond in
unsupervised administration
IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 06/23/2021. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

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

May 17, 2021

Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

May 27, 2021

## CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Docket No. SU21P0779FA

# Commonwealth Of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

Estate of: Frank B DeGiacomo Also known as: Frank D. DeGiacomo Date of Death: 01/28/2021

Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300 To all interested persons:

#### A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Mary T Maiullari of South Boston MA

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

#### Mary T Maiullari of South Boston

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# Gatey Hoop Notes

By Kevin Devlin

n Sunday, May 23, the Gate of Heaven CYO basketball program concluded its spring season at the Michael Pano basketball courts which are located within M Street Park. Without doubt it was a hot day, surprisingly hot for late May,

yet the players had fun nevertheless and welcomed the competition.

Gate of Heaven Athletic Director, Kevin Lally, was excited for the players and their parents who were watching their children compete and enjoying themselves. And now he is looking forward to the fall when the players can compete indoors once again.

"This was great for the youngsters to have the opportunity to get outside and play some hoop," Lally said. "This outdoor league ends today but hopefully we'll be back in full operation this fall and winter and let the players spend quality time competing and interacting with their peers."

Sean Monahan, the instructional

and midget league commissioner, was grateful for the Gatey volunteers who make this program tick.

"I'd like to thank the coaches and all the volunteers for helping out with this league at the park," Monahan said. "And like Kevin Lally I'm looking forward to returning to the Walsh Center in the fall to start the indoor leagues. Have a great summer everyone."



Donovan (on left) and Conal volunteering their time at the scorer's/timer's table.



Gatey instructional league players are pictured with Gatey volunteers (back row from left), Michael Donovan, Sean Monahan, Conor Strickland, Eddie Murray, Tommy White, James Donovan, and Kevin Lally.



Team Number One coached by John Kane and Bobby McGarrell (not pictured). The players are Mason McGarrell, Donovan Lombard, Mike Hughes, Liam Long, Ja'Kobe Tatum, Shane Collins, Jayvaro Grant, John Kane, Nolan Brock Toland, Jack Huges, Noah Brooks, and Jose Miquel Disla. (not all players pictured)



Team Number Two coached by Eddie Murray and Greg Lally (not pictured). The players are Vincent Liang, Sean Costello, Aayush Patel, Fred Haddad, Jhordan Keel, Oliver Sullivan, Liam Nagel, Donald Hatem, Ronan Foley, Alex McNamara, Yadiel Soto, Dante Gonzales, Jared Torres, and Brayden Siva. (not all players pictured)



Team Number Three coached by Owen Donovan, Paul Hogan, and Jake Harrison. The players are Amaru Barros, Finn Cawley, Max Donovan, Jakob Baldwin, Steven Novak, Ty Bell, Robert McEachern, Owen Michaud, Becket Michaud, Brendan Nee, Emmett Shelton, and Jack Stark. (not all players pictured)



Team Number Four coached by Tommy White and Conor Strickland. The players are Max Atchue, Jake Rae, Neil Sullivan, Jack O'Connell, Matt O'Connell, Patrick Kennedy, Sean Bianchi, Carson Skelly, Aires Soto, Aiden Azun, Colin Rogers, and Jax Raukoul. (not all players pictured)



Jackie Czar (on left) and Allison Baker ready to score and time the game.



Kevin Lally (on left) pictured with James Donovan ready and eager to officiate the games.



Coach Bobby McGarrell (left) along with Coach John Kane on the sidelines shouting instructions to their players.

# Tim 'Doc' Cook Legacy Is Joe Cook's Mission

oe Cook life was changed, if not shattered, by the unexpected death of his son, combat veteran Tim 'Doc' Cook, who served with distinction as a Petty Officer in the U.S. Navy in Iraq, and who volunteered for one of the most difficult military assignments as a U.S. Navy Hospital Corpsman. That experience took its toll on Tim as he developed the symptoms of post-traumatic stress (P.T.S.) upon his return home and succumbed to its ef-

fects on March 3, 2013.

Since that moment in time, Tim's memory has been kept alive, as Joe has become an inspirational speaker about and promoter of the little known yet devastating effects of P.T.S. His mission, through the auspices of the Timothy Doc Cook Scholarship, has resulted in raising more than \$75,000 to provide funds for the educational endeavors of the recipients, who in turn have become ambassadors of the message of hope

to past and returning military veterans who may be suffering.

June is PTS awareness month and June 27th is PTS Day. Prior to 1980, psychiatric syndromes resulting from combat exposure were known by other names such as Traumatic War Neurosis, Combat Fatigue, Shell Shock, and Combat Exhaustion, all of which were viewed as transitory conditions. Without a mission, some Veterans adapt and overcome, while others struggle to reintegrate into society.

Even better news resulting from Joe's efforts is that On February 21st, 2020, the North Atlantic District of the National Cemetery Administration gave the green light to the 'Timothy Doc Cook Trust' and 'Bridges For the Fallen' to erect a PTS memorial at the Bourne National Cemetery on Cape Cod. Support will be needed for this 1st of its kind memorial, which will be designed by Architect Robert Shure with Skylight Studios. The communities of friends, businesses and allies of Doc will come through as always, Joe says.

#### **2021 Scholarship Recipients:**

Kathryn Greene will be attending Hebron 9th grade in the fall Michael Callow 11th grade Saint Sebastian School Kaleigh Rosemond 11th grade Archbishop Williams Jane Matthews 11th grade Newton County Day (who was not present)

Gregory Matthews 9th grade BC
High (who was not present)
Phoebe Alto 8th grade
Ursuline Academy
Joshua Pascarelli 11th grade
BC High
Vasya Montrov 9th grade BC High
Mae Lafferty 10th grade Matignon
Garret Smith 11th grade
Catholic Memorial

Thomas Flaherty 9th grade and Erin Flaherty 8th grade Archbishop Williams Lia Blythe 10th grade Matignon (who was not present) Rory Shields 7th grade Archbishop Williams Jack Kenneally 9th grade Archbishop Williams Benjamin Dearden 8th grade Roxbury Latin

#### **Special Thanks To:**

- Jeff Brodeur from the Korean War Veterans of America for giving each student the book Korea A Grateful Nation
- Bobby Ferrara the original spark to this foundation and many other positive groups for Southie kids
- Lynn Morris for making the beautiful awards citations from the foundation
- Senator Nick Collins, represented by staffer Pearse Martin, who provided official citations from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to continued on page 13



























Planting of the Flags at the Korean Memorial

















Joe Cook, Bridget Nee Walsh (Candidate, City Councilor-At-Large), Miss CeeCee

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all the participants

- City Councilor Ed Flynn and State Representative David Biele were each awarded the book 'Korea a Grateful Nation'.
- Vietnam Veteran Ron Tremonte was awarded the book 'Once A Warrior' by Jake Wood
- All the strong love and support from family ,friends and the community of South Boston and abroad who make this scholarship possible to take care of Southie Kids (over \$75,000 to date)

# Sisters Garden of Prayer and Peace

Dedicated In Thanksgiving To All The Religious Sisters Who Have Served The South Boston Community

**SBT Staff Report** 

ast Saturday, May 22nd, at 10am a beautiful ceremony took place at the site of St. Monica Church. A new garden on the outside of the church was dedicated to some wonderful people who have served South Boston and its people as they serve the Lord. It is named 'Sisters Garden of Prayer and Peace' and is named for the religious sisters of South Boston, who served in this community for so many years. This outdoor Garden of Peace and Serenity will be part of the expansion of Monica's Kitchen which helps local residents with much needed meals and other services.

The welcoming and opening prayer was said by Fr. Peter DeFazio, Pastor. Liturgies were read by Sister Maryadele Robinson and Sister Margaret Lanen and by Deacon Paul. The 'Prayer of the Faithful' was given by Marie Charles and 'Sending Forth' by Sister Monica Madden.

The Sisters of South Boston have through the years and yes, through the generations, been true Good Samaritans in the neighborhood. Their example of humility, hospitality and devotion are an inspiration and model for the ministry of hope and healing.

State Representative David Biele was in attendance to show support and for those residents who were not able to attend the dedication last Saturday in person are encouraged to visit it when you are able to see for yourselves this very beautiful and impressive new garden.

























# South Boston Catholic Academy News Gr. 1B News

**▼**rom Ms. Byrne, the Grade 1B Teacher...Grade 1B has been working very hard on their math skills and strategies using IXL Math Program in school, as well as at home. We have reached our goal of answering 15,000 math equations!! The children enjoy using the Chromebook on Tuesdays or during their math center time for review, learning new concepts and to challenge themselves. We proudly share our certificates on the wall right by our room for all to see. Congratulations 1B on achieving our class goal of answering 15,000 math equations! Super job 1B! The students in Grades 1A and 1C, also, took part in this IXL Math Program and did a Super job, too! New families are welcome to email Mrs. Jamie Brown at j.brown@sbcatholicacademy.org to learn more about South Boston Catholic Academy.











# The Story of the Poppy

The poppy flower only grows in the absence of other flowers and only in ground that has been churned. In perhaps the best-known poem of World War 1, when Dr. John McCrae observed poppies growing between the crosses on the soldiers' graves, it inspired him to write the poem In Flanders Fields. The poppy has since become known as "The Flower of Remembrance" and is worn in memory of our veterans.





# In Flanders Fields

BY JOHN MCCRAE

In Flanders fields the poppies blow Between the crosses, row on row, That mark our place; and in the sky The larks, still bravely singing, fly Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow, Loved and were loved, and now we lie, In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.



et the Julio Jones rumors heat up.

There are people in NFL circles talking about a potential trade that would send the 32-year-old Pro Bowl wide receiver to New England. Whether that actually ends up happening or not remains to be seen. But what we do know for sure is that Jones wants out of Atlanta, and there are reports of Jones eyeing two teams: the Patriots and the Tennessee Titans.

As I read and listen to these rumors, all I can think about is, "I wish Tom Brady were still a Patriot."

Can you imagine how easy that decision would be for Jones at that point?

"Do I go play with Brady or Ryan Tannehill?" It would be a lock that Jones pushes for a trade to the Patriots.

Instead, it's, "Do I go play with Cam Newton or Tannehill?" And if I were Jones, I'd actually pick the Titans.

That doesn't mean there aren't other teams involved in a trade for Jones. There very well could be. All I'm saying is, if Brady were still the Patriots quarterback, then we'd be talking about a guaranteed spot

in the AFC Championship Game once again, because Brady would 100 percent be throwing to Jones 15 times per game.

Oh well.

Jones would still help a Newtonled Patriots offense. If anything at all, it would open up some space for Newton to move the ball down field with his legs, because he certainly doesn't have the arm that he used to.

The NFL is all about the quarterback. If it weren't, then Jones would be leading Matt Ryan and the Falcons to the NFC Championship Game every year. And he hasn't done that.

So even if Jones ends up in New England via trade this summer, I still don't see the Patriots winning the division, a division that used to be a lock. But it was a lock because of the quarterback.

Those were the days.

—Kyrie Irving is at it again. I still can't tell if he has a few screws loose or if he is just the biggest troll in the history of trolls. The fact that he's hinted towards believing the Earth is flat, I kind of lean towards him being a complete and utter troll.

Either way, hopefully he doesn't

actually believe the stupidity that came out of his mouth following the Brooklyn Nets' Game 2 playoff win over his former team, the Boston Celtics, on Tuesday night.

In his postgame press conference, Irving responded to a question about returning to Boston for Game 3 on Friday, and implied that some Celtics fans might spew racist comments at him inside the TD Garden.

"I am just looking forward to competing with my teammates and hopefully, we can just keep it strictly basketball; there's no belligerence or racism going on, subtle racism," said Irving. "People yelling s--t from the crowd, but even if it is, it's part of the nature of the game and we're just going to focus on what we can control."

A follow-up question asked Irving if racism was anything he's previously experienced in Boston. To which, Irving responded, "I'm not the only one that can attest to this. It is what it is."

Someone in the background then said, "The whole world knows it." And Irving agreed by saying, "The whole world knows it."

It should be noted that Irving has previously said he's never experienced racism from fans in Boston. So, which is it? And if he's experienced it, can he please give us a specific example of how, when, and where it happened?

Is Irving considering "loud boos" to be a racist reaction? That's insane.

Celtics fans are mad at Irving.
Not because Irving is black. But because all anyone in Boston wanted was for Irving to want to stay here for the rest of his career. The guy is an elite talent. I don't need to talk about just how damn good of a player he is. But if you can recall his time with the Celtics, it was nothing but drama that he created with his own confusing words to the media.

One thing that I can assure you: Celtics fans did not run Irving out of town. If anything, it was the complete opposite: Celtics fans wanted him to never want to leave.

Make no mistake about it, Irving is going to get boo'd louder than anyone in the history of the TD Garden when it nears full capacity for Game 4 on Sunday. But also make no mistake about it, it won't have anything to do with the color of his skin.

Follow Danny on Twitter and Instagram @DannyPicard.





# SPORTS TODAY

## **BRUINS ADVANCE TO SECOND ROUND AFTER DEFEATING CAPITALS IN FIVE GAMES**

SBT Staff

he Boston Bruins closed out their first-round playoff series against the Washington Capitals on Sunday night, defeating the Caps in D.C., 3-1, in Game 5.

Patrice Bergeron scored two goals and Tuukka Rask made 40 saves, as the Bruins sealed the deal on their fourth straight win. They'll now face the winner of the first-round series between the East Division's No. 1 seed Pittsburgh Penguins and the No. 4 seed New York Islanders.

# **Tweet** Week



#### New England Patriots @ @Patriots

Making history.

Congrats, @PhilMickelson! #PGAChamp



NBA FRIDAY, MAY 28 Eastern Conference Quarterfinals Gm 3: (2) Brooklyn at (7) Boston 8:30 P.M. ABC

SUNDAY, MAY 30 Gm 4: (2) Brooklyn at (7) Boston 7 P.M. TNT

TUESDAY, JUNE 1 Gm 5 (if necessary) (7) Boston at (2) Brooklyn

> MLB FRIDAY, MAY 28 Miami at Boston 7:10 P.M. NESN

SATURDAY, MAY 29 Miami at Boston 4:10 P.M. NESN

SUNDAY, MAY 30 Miami at Boston 1:10 P.M. NESN

Boston lost Game 1 in D.C. in overtime, but was able to win the next two games in OT and then in double OT. The B's then took Game 4 at home, and sent the Caps packing in Game 5.

David Pastrnak led the Bruins in scoring with six points on two goals and four assists. Bergeron led the team in goals in the series with three.

When the Bruins play their home playoff games in the second round, they'll be played in front of a "near

full capacity" crowd, according to a press release sent out by the team this week.

The statement read: "In accordance with City and State guidelines, the Boston Bruins will be permitted to return to near full capacity beginning on May 29, 2021. In accordance with NHL guidelines, all guests at TD Garden will continue to be required to wear masks and follow the Play it Safe Protocols (www.TDGarden.com/ PlayItSafe) until further notice."

# **REPORT: JULIO JONES HAS PATRIOTS 'ON HIS** RADAR'

SBT Staff

ro Bowl wide receiver Julio Jones wants out of Atlanta. And according to Pro Football Talk's Chris Simms, Jones has his sights set on two teams: the New England Patriots and Tennessee Titans.

"I was told by someone that the Titans and the Patriots are very much on [Jones'] radar," said Simms this week on PFT Live. "That's from someone I trust that has a little knowledge on the matter, so we'll see where that goes."

On Monday, Shannon Sharpe called Jones while he was live on FOX Sports 1's "Undisputed" talk show. Sharpe asked Jones where he wanted to play next season. To which, Jones responded, "I'm out of there, man."

Sharpe pressed him on where exactly he wanted to play. But Jones responded, "Right now, I just want to win."

#### MICKELSON WINS PGA CHAMPIONSHIP, BECOMES OLDEST MAJOR WINNER IN HISTORY

t's safe to say that, at No. 115 in the world rankings, Phil Mickelson wasn't playing his best golf this year.

But that all changed last weekend, as the 50-year-old Mickelson became the oldest player to win a major by winning the PGA Championship. Previously, the oldest player to win a major championship was Julius Boros, who won the 1968 PGA Championship at age 48.

Mickelson shot 6-under on the tournament, and finished with a round of 1-over par on Sunday, defeating Brooks Koepka and Louis Oosthuizen, who both finished in second at 4-under on the tournament. It marked Mickelson's sixth major championship of his career, and achievements are among the most his first major victory since he won The Open in July of 2013.

The only major preventing Mickelson from the Grand Slam is the U.S. Open, which begins this year on June 17, one day after his 51st birthday, and takes place at Torrey Pines, which is located in his hometown of San Diego.

Because of his low world ranking this year, Mickelson needed a special exemption into this year's U.S. Open. Two weeks ago, he was offered that special exemption by the United States Golf Association, and Mickelson accepted.

"Phil Mickelson's incredible USGA course I grew up on."

playing record and overall career noteworthy in the game's history," USGA CEO Mike Davis said in a statement. "We are thrilled to welcome him to this year's U.S. Open at Torrey Pines."

It will mark the 30th U.S. Open of Mickelson's career. He's finished as the runner-up six times.

"Winning the U.S. Open has been a lifelong and elusive dream, and I've come close so many times," said Mickelson in a statement. "You can't win if you don't play. I'm honored and appreciative of the USGA for the opportunity and look forward to playing in my hometown on a golf