



Civilianized Special Police Might Need More Than A Flashlight

700 special police officers, newly “civilianized” under the state’s police reform law, all of whom have or could have public safety training, could help keep the peace, especially in schools and perhaps other places of intense activity. But any suggestion that they replace the presence of armed police is not the ‘rei-

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EDITORIAL

Its Columbus Day And Will Always Be Columbus Day

In the world of Politically Correct, Woke and Cancel Culture Bullying, it is believed by the advocates of that train of thought, that all they need do is claim they are offended by something they don't like, and it will be removed. Claiming it's racist, gives the effort an even bigger boost. Those pushing this movement believe this, because in some cities around the country, they are correct. They've seen the results – the fruits of their labor. 'Ban everything we don't like, or we'll protest; maybe even violently if we must'. And the cowardly authorities bow and grovel to these demands and do the bidding of the radicals. Whether it's a statue, a song on the radio, the name of a street or a picture on a tub of butter, it has been working.

This brings us to the upcoming Columbus Day holiday. There are those who demand it be eliminated. They don't like the Italian explorer, so they want statues of Christopher Columbus torn down and the name of the holiday changed to things like 'Indigenous People's Day', 'Fall Festival'



or Pumpkin Seed Jamboree etc. The fact that millions of Italian Americans like Columbus Day just the way it is and look forward to it each year, matters not to the 'Woke' crowd. They want what they want, and tradition be damned. The statue of Columbus in Boston was removed, because a tiny group demanded it. And this is why the cancel culture mob keeps coming for more and more. There will be no end to the traditions they want gone and there never will be until people stand up to them and say 'NO'.

There are some who don't like Thanksgiving. They have been actively working over the years to end this uniquely American and beautiful tradition. Give in to them and they will set their sights on getting rid of Christmas in an even bigger way than they have been trying already

for many years. The thought of one day, eliminating America's Independence Day celebration every year held on July 4th, makes those who hate our country salivate. All those Red, White and Blue Flags, fireworks and patriotism makes them nauseous. That would be perhaps the biggest feather in their caps if they could end that one.

Think about it. If people don't step up and draw that line in the sand and face down the radicals whose goal it is to eliminate every cherished American tradition, they will just keep on coming. If elected officials, whether federal, state or municipal continue to duck and run for cover every time the malcontents with a chip on their shoulder for one holiday and tradition or another and don't stand up to them, our country will one day lose its identity completely.

Americans, no matter what their background, are welcomed to celebrate the long Columbus Day weekend. If the radical/politically correct/woke/cancel culture types don't like it or if it offends them well, that's just too bad.

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Dr. Fauci's Credibility And Relevance Has Expired

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So, according to Dr. Fauci, "It's still too early to tell if we'll be able to gather together for Christmas". Oh really? Spoken like a guy who continues to live in the year 2020 and still believes he's relevant. Sorry 'Fauch', but your credibility has expired. It happened many months ago when you contradicted yourself, were shown to be clearly wrong about so many things, and were caught in lies, some of those lies you actually admitted to telling – for the greater good of course.

The fact of the matter is, it doesn't matter what Dr. Fauci or his cheerleaders say. Most Americans, in fact the overwhelming number of Americans, will celebrate Christmas this year along with Thanksgiving and any other holiday they want to and do so with family, friends or anyone they choose. Most will even go to church on Christmas if they wish, much to the displeasure of the wannabe tyrants, who bristle at the thought of people attending religious services.

Americans can be thankful to God or even to the NRA that our country has not gone the way of Australia. If you don't know what's going on 'down under', do a bit of research. The once proud, independent rugged individualist Australian people are under severe lock down and other fascist style restrictions. Video footage shows even when people step outside their homes to have a smoke or get some fresh air by taking a walk, they are arrested and fined under the guise of protecting them from 'the pandemic'. When the 'Aussie' people, including the unions, children, mothers with babies etc. try to march in peaceful protest against these total lockdowns and vaccine mandates, they are clubbed, tear gassed and shot with rubber bullets.

It was not too long ago, that the Australian people allowed their government to confiscate their guns. They

were ordered to turn in their personal firearms and foolishly they did it. This was the goal of their government – to disarm the public, so that when the crack downs and head cracking begins under whatever pretense, the people would be all but defenseless.

Still wondering why the Democrats in our country wanted so desperately to take away guns from law obeying Americans? The goals were the same as in Australia. Only in our country, it didn't work out as they were hoping. In fact, the gun grabbing plans in America backfired. The harder Democrats tried to ban guns, the more Americans bought them and are determined not to give them up. I guess in addition to God and the NRA, we can also certainly thank our Founding Fathers for having the foresight to place safeguards in our Constitution to prevent future tyrants from leaving the populous defenseless. It's being said by many of those in the know, that one of the biggest safeguards against what's happening in Australia from happening here is our Second Amendment.

In response to all the restrictions and lockdowns some DC and Blue State politicians are demanding be implemented to combat Covid again - you know, the same ones that haven't worked after 18 months - and the accusations of being 'extremists' leveled at anyone who refuses to comply, the president of the Turning Point organization, Charlie Kirk had this to say: "The one's asking to be left alone aren't the extremists. The one's demanding we all comply or lose all of our rights are the extremists."

When he isn't sleeping, Joe Biden is in the news, even as his puppet masters try to prevent it. One of Biden's campaign slogans when running for the presidency was 'Build Back Better'. But anyone paying attention to what's happening to our country can see that in reality, the only thing Biden has built

back better is the Taliban. Because everything he and his administration touches falls apart like stale crumb cake, prompting one Republican Congressman to echo what so many Americans are also asking when he said "What else will Biden and his party ruin today?"

Good question. Look around. Look at the border, the prices of everything skyrocketing, the hundreds of unloaded freighters just sitting offshore and so much more and one has to also ask, will there be anything left standing when these people now in control get tossed out of office?

The good news is that real Ameri-

cans, the ones who have a love for our country, have always been able to overcome. Though the Australians and the Europeans may have lost their tough spirit and will to remain free and prosperous, there are still millions of Americans who have not. Eventually, when the nightmare of the Biden/Harris administration has become a thing of the past, the odds are the United States will recover. But it's something that we'll all have to work at to make happen for the future of our country men and women and especially for the young ones coming up in our own families. Because they deserve the same freedoms that we grew up with.

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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.

The question of overlap

The fate of the federal infrastructure bill is on the minds of state legislative leaders as they start to craft a plan to spend Massachusetts' share of American Rescue Plan Act funds. State House News Service's Chris Lisinski reports that Senate President Karen Spilka addressed possible overlap between an ARPA bill crafted at the state level and what is included at the federal level.

Rollins: A tie, not a loss

It was a "surreal" experience. That's how Suffolk District Attorney Rachael Rollins described hearing Sen. Tom Cotton go after her record during a U.S. attorney nomination hearing last week. Boston Globe's Travis Andersen reports that Rollins made the comments during a regular appearance on GBH Radio. "I remain optimistic, and look forward to the confir-

mation in the full Senate," Rollins said on the program. "And it's a tie, it's not a loss."

Letting it stand: Supreme Court won't take up challenge to Baker's pandemic power

No comment. Without explanation, the U.S. Supreme Court said Monday it would not take up a challenge that sought to undo Gov. Baker's pandemic restrictions on the grounds that he overstepped his authority when he shut down businesses and limited gatherings early in the COVID crisis, the Associated Press reports via the Globe. The move lets stand a December ruling from the Supreme Judicial Court that the governor was acting within his powers and reacting to a true emergency.

Former BPPA head is 15th officer charged in OT investigation

A former Boston police officer

who also served as the head of the Boston Police Patrolmen's Association is the 15th officer to be charged in a federal investigation into overtime fraud at BPD's evidence warehouse. Boston Herald's Rick Sobey reports that Thomas Nee agreed to plead guilty to collecting over \$16,000 in overtime he did not work.

Go West: Auditor calls for more help for rural corners of state

Help needed -- send cash. State Auditor Suzanne Bump will release a report Tuesday that calls for lawmakers to funnel more federal relief funds to rural communities in the western part of the state, which is facing a host of criss-crossing crises, Larry Parnass of the Berkshire Eagle and Shira Schoenberg of Commonwealth report. Coming as lawmakers prepare to finalize plans for spending

billions in federal aid, Bump's report calls for as much as \$100 million to be pumped into a 'rural rescue fund.'

A professor of Haugen reflects on her time as a student

A professor who taught Frances Haugen, the recently revealed Facebook whistleblower, reflected on Haugen's time at Olin College, calling her "enthusiastic," "committed," and "a student who always had her hand up." Boston Globe's John R. Ellement, Nick Stoico, and Jeremy C. Fox have more details.

'Nothing that moves the needle'

The prospect of legislation that would make it illegal to manufacture certain firearms in Massachusetts led Smith & Wesson to announce that the company is moving its headquarters from Springfield to Tennessee. But MassLive's Jim Kinney reports that Savage Arms, another gunmaker based in Westfield, doesn't feel threatened by the law.

BC and BU saw their endowments grow by a lot this year

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What Are You Going To Do About It? Or Do You Agree? *The New York Post Dissed Boston* (Reprinted)

Boston — not even good enough to be nicknamed "The Second City" will surely never be New York — and here are just a few reasons why:

- Incapable of making a good pizza.
- Use the word "wicked" to describe everything other than witches.
- The accent.
- The people with the accent.
- Bill de Blasio roots for you.
- Drivers there get into accidents once, on average, every 4.4 years. That's according to an insurance study that also found that Boston has the second-highest accident rate of all large US cities.
- Mark f-king Wahlberg
- John f-king Kerry
- Tom f-king Brady
- Pasquale "Patsy" Parisi from "The

Sopranos," talking about Boston: "That place is Scranton, with clams."

- Gotham. Big Apple. City That Never Sleeps. Them: Beantown.
- Having a "Happy Hour" in a bar or restaurant is illegal.
- People are too embarrassed to say, "I went to Harvard." They say, "I went to school in Boston."
- As if going to school in Boston is somehow better.
- After losing to Islanders, coach of the Bruins was fined \$25,000 for whining.
- Two seasons: Winter and road construction.
- Once spent \$22 billion to dig a hole in the ground.
- Dunkin' Donuts is considered fine dinin'.
- Jenny from the Block could do so much better.

- Dueling is still legal — so long as it's a Sunday and the governor is present.
- 684,379 residents — equal to the number of crime, mob and heist movies set in the city.
- Deflategate. Spygate.
- There's a whole series of beer commercials about how obnoxious Bostonians are.
- Worst Batman
- ^a Of 2,302 meetings between the two teams: Yankees 1,232 – Boston 1,033.
- Rap from New York: Jay-Z, Nas, Wu-Tang. Boston: Marky Mark and the Funky Bunch.
- Boston sex symbol: They wear the new flannel.
- Did you see that Brady hug with Belichick? Hahahahahaha!



- Faneuil Hall, the world's first and most overrated food court.
- The city that always sleeps. Most restaurants in Boston close at 10 p.m.
- There are no superheroes from Boston.
- They're jerks: Massachusetts is 47th most friendly state, according to a survey by Big 7 Travel.
- Chumps — New York ranks 50th. If you're going to be rude, go big.
- They would all move here if they could.

Boston just replied to New York:
Red Sox 6 Yankees 2 – Sayonara, Adios, Ciao, Na, Na, Na, Na, Na, Na, Na, Na; Hey, Hey, Hey, GOODBYE!

MAYOR JANEY APPOINTS OFFICE OF POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARD MEMBERS



Thursday, September 30, 2021, Mayor Kim Janey today announced four mayoral appointments to the Civilian Review Board (CRB) for the Office of Police Accountability and Transparency (OPAT), including one youth representative. The OPAT Commission also announced its first community meeting held on Monday Oct. 4, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. virtually.

The signature recommendation of the Boston Police Reform Task Force, OPAT creates a single point of public access to a new standard in police accountability and community oversight. The Civilian Review Board is charged with reviewing and recommending action on complaints against the Boston Police Department. The Internal Affairs Oversight Panel (IAOP) is also housed within OPAT.

“As we make progress on our commitment to provide safety, healing and justice for all Boston residents, it’s vital that we continue building the Office of Police Accountability and Transparency,” said Mayor Janey. “I am proud to appoint these qualified individuals to the

OPAT Civilian Review Board. Their work will help foster accountability and trust between the Boston Police Department and Boston residents.”

The Civilian Review Board is comprised of nine members. In total, the Mayor will appoint six members independently. The Mayor will also appoint three members from nine individuals recommended to serve on the Board from the Boston City Council, expected later this year. Once all nine seats are filled by the Mayor, a chair of the Board will be chosen.

“I am grateful to have these individuals serve on the Civilian Review Board to help advance our work ensuring transparency and accountability within the Boston Police Department,” said Director Everett. “I look forward to continuing our work to bring about necessary reforms to enhance and build public trust and confidence.”

Mayor Janey appointed the following individuals to serve on the Civilian Review Board:

- **Danny Y. Rivera, Jr., Mattapan Youth Representative on the Civilian Review Board**
- **E. Peter Alvarez, West Roxbury**
- **Dexter G. Miller, Dorchester**
- **Joshua Dankoff, Jamaica Plain**

Today’s appointees will work to implement Mayor Janey’s goals to ensure safety, healing, and justice for every Boston resident across all neighborhoods. The Civilian Review Board will work with the Chair of the OPAT Commission. Earlier this year, Mayor Janey announced attorney Stephanie Everett to lead the Office of Police Accountability and Transparency as the Executive Director.

U.S. Coast Guard Decides To Maintain Operations At Station Scituate

Representative Stephen F. Lynch, Senator Elizabeth Warren, Senator Edward J. Markey and Representative Bill Keating announced the United States Coast Guard (USCG) has decided to maintain operations of Station Scituate and officially rescinded their proposal to close the station. In August, the lawmakers wrote to the USCG urging Coast Guard First District Commander Rear Admiral Thomas G. Allan to reconsider plans to consolidate Station Scituate, a small seasonal station in Massachusetts, as part of an effort to consolidate redundant Coast Guard Boat Stations.

“After united opposition from South Shore communities and elected leaders, we are pleased that the United States Coast Guard has agreed to maintain its presence in Scituate,” said the lawmakers in a joint statement. “Station Scituate



is a geographically necessary station for critical search and rescue operations as the South Shore waters continue to see an increase in commercial and recreational boater activity. We are grateful that the USCG heeded our calls and look forward to continuing to work with them to ensure the safety of our boaters and coastal communities.”

Notice of Community Update

Green Stratus Corp

Notice is hereby given that Green Stratus Corp will hold a virtual meeting on October 14, 2021 at 6:30 PM relative to its proposal to site a Cannabis Establishment at 558-560 Dorchester Avenue in South Boston. This meeting will be held in accordance with the Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission's Administrative Order Allowing Virtual Web-Based Community Outreach Meetings. A copy of the presentation will be made available at least 24 hours prior to the meeting by visiting [GreenStratusCorp.squarespace.com](https://www.GreenStratusCorp.squarespace.com).

Interested members of the community will have the opportunity to ask questions and receive answers from company representatives about the proposed facility and operations. Questions can be submitted in advance by emailing GreenStratusMA@gmail.com or asked during the meeting.

Zoom Meeting

Event Link: <https://bit.ly/3AurXWF>

Meeting ID: 860 0153 0239

Meeting Passcode: 932974

Civilianized Police continued from front page maging of public safety’, it’s a prescription for a range of liabilities and unfortunately potentially dangerous situations.

As of July 1, those 700 officers on the city payroll — plus another 500 or so special police previously certified by the Boston Police Department but working for private corporations — were suspended as special officers but not yet given a clear path to their futures. The Boston School Department has already made its choice: Boston School Police who became School Resource Officers are now unarmed School Safety Officers.

The police reform law enacted by the State Legislature, negotiated to include key aspects that were acceptable to the needs of Boston Police Department and its police officers, have some issues that remain as topics for further discussion. This ‘special police’ matter, it would seem, could be considered as being in a ‘testing phase’.

Having unarmed persons, who may be called on to intervene in a split second, armed with only a flashlight, could be called into question if the situation he or she is asked to intervene were it to be too dangerous for that person, as well as the potential victims - and the perpetrator. Even if the situation seems, on the surface, to be relatively manageable, should it deteriorate, what liability does the

intervening officer have if it escalates? Furthermore, why would a previously trained and armed officer even accept that kind of position, which on the surface amounts to, on school grounds, a glorified corridor monitor.

According to a spokesperson quoted recently, Boston Public School superintendent Brenda Caselli stated that she wanted to rebrand these officers, even before the police reform bill passed. “Her vision was to take them out of the uniforms and out of cruisers and have the system more focused on restorative justice.” Restorative justice? What do those words actually mean? What does the implementation of that platitude mean to anyone in an untenable situation that needs swift and sensible action? The answer for the time being (until someone is hurt or killed) is that these corridor monitors will rely on a special BPD school unit, whose presence on campus is unclear.

In addition to school premises, this development includes Park Rangers, Code Enforcement Police, Housing Police, Inspectional Services, the Public Health Commission, Transportation Police, an arson unit, and the Municipal Protective Services, which patrols city-owned buildings.

All of the categorized Rule 400 and 400A officers were informed in June by BPD that their special

officer licenses were suspended effective July 1 “for failing to meet the training standards for law enforcement officers” under the police reform act. A labor lawyer for the city told union officials in a letter posted on their Facebook page, “Please be assured that the City is not contemplating any reduction in staffing for SPOs at this time in response to the new law.” Nonetheless, in a follow up interview, Frank Mejia, president of the Boston Special Police Officers Association, called the statement “hogwash” and “an empty promise”. He went on to say, “The reality is that individuals working in the field are already stressed. Now we have another tool taken away from us. Some are walking around with just a radio and a flashlight.”

Many of these officers have already made other career choices, Mejia said. Others are eager for the enhanced training that would bring them up to speed and allow them to be recertified by the state Municipal Police Training Committee (MPTC), which now has charge of all police certification in the Commonwealth. The Training Committee is establishing the new requirements that will be offered at the “Bridge Academy” to bring all officers whose training didn’t meet new state-wide standards up to speed. That academy is expected to include at least 200 hours of additional training. However, State

Representative Michael S. Day, the House Judiciary Committee chairman, has already expressed some skepticism in a letter to the secretary of Public Safety. Day asks how a 200-hour Bridge Academy can “offer the same level and depth of training that graduates of full-time police academies receive.” According to the MPTC website, a full-time police academy lasts about 800 hours.

But now Boston has some serious choices to make about special police in departments other than the schools and whether they too need to be not just ‘rebranded’, but ‘reimagined’. Rebranding is, for all intent and purpose, a misnomer. It’s what talking heads call ‘spin control’. The use of the word ‘reimagine’ is for all intent and purpose, a conscious ambiguity, that is meaningless to most citizens, not to mention criminals, mental health sufferers or other unexpected perpetrators. The very essence of the word ‘reimagine’ tells the public precisely nothing about what that future of public safety will look like.

Do Park Rangers need to be special police or are they simply public relations symbols without a badge and arrest powers? Does the Boston Public Health Commission need special police, or more EMTs trained to deal with the opioid crisis? Officials need to be careful not to reimagine itself into dangerous situations. Time will tell.

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These colleges witnessed large increases to their endowments this last year. Boston Business Journal’s Grant Welker reports that Boston College’s endowment grew by nearly \$1.2 billion over the past year while Boston University’s jumped by \$971 million.

More from Welker: “Those increases come as colleges have both reaped significant investment returns and enjoyed fundraising drives that in many cases have exceeded even colleges’ own goals.”

Amherst council candidate expresses ‘disbelief’ in endorsement

They what? Amherst city council candidate Ellisha Walker says an endorsement from local PAC Amherst Forward was both unsolicited and unwelcome, saying the group “tokenized” her by endorsing her without even asking her about her positions on the issues, Scott Merzbach of the Daily Hampshire Gazette reports.

Decision time

How does a town spend \$2.1 million in federal funds? That’s the question facing the Great Barrington Select Board. Berkshire Eagle’s Heather Bellow reports about half of the more than \$2 million in American Rescue Plan

Act funds earmarked for the town has arrived and now officials are deciding how to spend it.

Thinking big: Carney promises Vegas-like feel at revamped Raynham Park

Go big or go home. Developer Chris Carney says his redevelopment of Raynham Park, which is poised to begin the local permitting process, will “rival Las Vegas” when completed -- but his vision requires the state to both legalize sports betting and grant him a license for the onetime dog racing facility, the Taunton Daily Gazette’s Chris Helms reports.

Jealous much? New York Post trolls

Boston ahead of Wild Card showdown

Read this list of reasons the New York Post -- under the byline of ‘all New Yorkers’ -- says Boston sucks and tell us there’s not a hint of envy behind it all.

Beverly officials ask two residents to remove the roosters

No more roosters. Beverly health officials asked two residents to remove the male chickens from their property as it violates their city-issued permit. Salem News’ Paul Leighton reports that Anita and Brian Deeley say removing the rooster would hurt their egg-selling business.

Climate Control Issues In Many BPS Buildings -How safe is the air quality?-

-(some content taken from The Boston Scope publication)-



During a meeting held in late September, Boston Public Schools Executive Director of Facilities Brian Forde presented

BPS' plans to provide air conditioning in every school. BPS secured a contract to purchase 6,4000 air conditioners from George Washington Toma TV and Appliance (GW-TOMA) with support from the City of Boston Procurement Office. The BPS Facilities Department is finalizing the contract with Lynnwell Associates Electrical Contractors for air conditioner installation, addressing the electrical infrastructure of BPS buildings, and preparing windows to hold the air conditioners. BPS anticipates the installation to begin in October and continue through spring. This plan may change due to changes in the supply chain, COVID-19, and labor issues.

Forde also presented BPS' plans to assess the use of window shades in buildings and compare the costs of materials and labor to install and repair window shades to upgrading the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems in the

buildings. According to Forde, BPS provides access to drinkable water at all schools, and outdoor water sources are not available at every school. Many BPS buildings were built before World War II.

BPS plans to equip new school buildings with "modern Comprehensive HVAC systems," which will allow for heating and cooling to be "adjusted by the touch of a button" and will be operated and monitored both in-school and remotely. In summer 2021, the Extended School Year (ESY) operated at 13 BPS buildings. TechBoston Academy was the only school without air conditioning.

BPS Deputy Superintendent of Operations Samuel DePina addressed Flaherty and Mejia's concerns about current classrooms and buildings that currently experience temperatures and the air quality. According to DePina, these schools are instructed to contact their custodians, who should contact their school

principal, who should then contact the Energy Division of Building Services to adjust the temperature controls within school buildings.

In May 2021, BPS published the results from indoor air quality (IAQ) tests and air exchange testing (Air Changes Per Hour, ACH) and concluded that most schools "did not need additional repairs or updates" besides 13 schools that had necessary repairs, including, among others, Boston Arts Academy, Charlestown High School, Lee, Joseph K-8 School, Mission Hill K-8 School and Murphy, Richard J. K-8 School.

Chief Operations Officer Indira Alvarez acknowledged that BPS classrooms could reach extreme temperatures before COVID-19 affected schools. Alvarez emphasized that the main differences between combating the issue in the past and present are the available funds to upgrade or repair the infrastructure in BPS buildings.

Fall-o-Ween Children's Festival coming to Boston Common October 22

Mayor Kim Janey and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department will host the Fall-o-Ween Children's Festival on the Boston Common Parade Ground near the corner of Beacon and Charles Streets on Friday, October 22, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Adults and children are encouraged to wear Halloween costumes and participate in a wide range of fun and spooky family activities. Test your skills and courage to find your way out of the Haunted Fun House Maze, hop on the train hosted by Cabot Creamery Co-operative, and make your way over to our glow in the dark play space for some nighttime fun featuring LED illuminated swings, seesaws, and cornhole. Join LEGOLAND® Discovery Center Boston to build a LEGO® pumpkin for our pumpkin patch and learn how to build spooky creatures with Lego Master Model Builder, Sean. Enjoy exciting acts from the Boston Circus Guild with performances by an aerial artist and stilt walker between 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

The Fall-o-Ween Children's Festival is presented by the Boston Parks and

Recreation Department in partnership with the Skating Club of Boston. Key sponsors are LEGOLAND® Discovery Center Boston, the Farm Families who own Cabot Creamery Co-operative, HP Hood LLC, Dunkin', and L.L.Bean. The media sponsor is Magic 106.7. Additional support provided by Perfect Parties and the Boston Circus Guild.

This free family-friendly event will also include glow-in-the-dark games, children's crafts, scarily delicious snacks and refreshments provided by Cabot Cheese, Dunkin', and HP Hood LLC. Join Harvard University's Stress & Development lab for fun games focused on learning about the brain and how we think. A monster mash of activities will include a visit from the Massachusetts Horticulture Society, the Mass Audubon Society, an art activity with the Mayor's Mural Crew, and other fun fall and Halloween activities.

To stay up to date with news, events, and improvements in Boston parks, register for our email list at bit.ly/GetParks-Emails and follow our social channels @bostonparksdept on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram.



776 Summer Street Deconstruction Informational Meeting

On Tuesday, October 19 at 6:00 PM there will be a second virtual meeting held to update the neighborhood on upcoming work at the former Edison power station at 776 Summer Street. Deconstruction and environmental clean up of the site will begin in the coming months as part of the redevelopment of the property, and this will be a chance to hear from members of the development and construction teams about that work and how the neighborhood can stay updated on progress.

When: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at 6:00 PM

Register: <https://bit.ly/776Summer10-19>

We also encourage you to visit the new dedicated deconstruction website at suffolk-lstreetstationboston.com for up-to-date information and schedule of deconstruction activity, and to follow the redevelopment on Twitter and Instagram @LStreetStation for more information.

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The Wine Guy

The Colors of Fall

As we all know, this is that time of year when the leaves are turning and the colors of fall are with us for a while. If you're a wine lover, the color that most appeals to you is red—as in Cabernets, Tuscan Reds and some good Malbecs, as well as Pinot Noir. So.....

Not everyone is looking for that deep, super-rich Cab with the complex structure and long finish; sometimes, especially this time of year, a nice, fresh, easy-sipping wine is the order of the day. If I'm talking about you, then you should have some 2019 Three Thieves Cabernet Sauvignon, California, (\$11.99). This exuberant wine is packed with expressive fruit aromas and irresistible flavors that range from cherry to black plum and blackberry.

No noticeable oak gets in the way of the wine's fruit flavors. Medium body, good balance and gentle tannins make it easy to sip. It's also great with some Beef Bolognese, grilled Flank steak and vegetables or some Black Angus burgers with smoked bacon, caramelized onions and aged Cheddar.

Right now, in Tuscany, like Boston, the days are shorter and cooler and Tuscans love a good stew with an equally good wine. *Morellino di Scansano* (\$19.99-27.99) is a popular red that comes in several grades, from multi-vineyard blends to single estate bottlings and they all hit the spot. Produced in the coastal area of Maremma, these red Italian wines are primarily based on Sangiovese, which is locally known as Morellino. The wines are usually released young, when they are typically lively and medium-bodied, with good acidity and notes of cherries, red fruits, and plums, and subtle hints of leather and spices.

Some styles can age well, while the Riserva label must be aged for at least two years, including one year in oak. Aging produces well-structured, slightly tannic wines with a more complex character. Morellino is a perfect food-friendly wine that can accompany stews, grilled or roasted meat dishes, particularly beef or game, but it can also work well with seafood.

While Oregon and Burgundy are well-known for their Pinots, Sonoma has been coming on strong for the



last decade or so and with good reason. One of the best examples of why is: *Gary Farrell Pinot Noir Russian River, Sonoma, California* (\$29.99). This wine opens with alluring ripe cherry, raspberry and strawberry aromas and has plush, succulent dark berry flavors, complimented by lavish, spicy oak elements. It's deeply colored with layered complexity and a silky, sensual, long finish. Great with grilled red meats, it's also great with shellfish, particularly with sauteed Scallops in a Parmesan butter sauce flavored with Sauvignon Blanc and Capers.

Since we're talking about great reds for Fall, we can't forget to mention at least one good Argentinian Malbec. The *2019 Piattelli Vineyards*

Reserve Malbec, Cafayate Valley, Salta (\$13.00) is relatively new to the U.S. market, but definitely worth seeking out, especially at this price point. Grown at 5,900 feet above sea level, this Malbec finds its footing on the floral end of the spectrum -- candied violets, the suggestion of jasmine -- with anchoring notes of juicy, generous plums and blueberries. A scrubby herb character hovers in the background, and a seam of mineral cuts through the center. This is a lot of wine for a very reasonable price. You've got to have a bottle (or two) of this beauty with your favorite grilled red meat—definitely a great way to welcome the Fall.

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Mayor's Pumpkin Carving Contest Begins October 12

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department has announced that it will be celebrating the spooky season with Mayor Janey's Pumpkin Carving Contest featuring a grand prize provided by the Farm Families who own Cabot Creamery Co-operative.

Mayor Kim Janey recognizes the effort that Boston residents of all ages put into carving their Halloween pumpkins and wants to give everyone the chance to display their artistry. The Mayor and the Parks Department are hosting an online pumpkin carving contest with photo submissions welcomed from Tuesday, October 12, until Sunday, October 31.

Enter your jack-o'-lantern into the

contest and find contest rules at Boston.gov/Pumpkins. Winners of each category will receive a \$75 gift basket courtesy of the Farm Families who own Cabot Creamery Co-operative. Winners will be selected from three categories: Most Creative; Scariest; and Inspired by Boston Parks.

Need inspiration? The Parks Department has downloadable, printable stencils available for use as a guide to help you carve your pumpkin at boston.gov/pumpkins. Stencils include the Parks Department logo, a Park Ranger horse, a spooky death's head from a historic gravestone, George Washington, Mrs. Mallard, Bagheera (from the Jungle Book and the Public Garden



fountain), and a Boston Park Ranger. Share your work with us and we will publish our favorites on social media. Be sure to tag @cabotcheese and @bostonparksdept on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

After Halloween, please be sure to

compost your pumpkin! To stay up to date with news, events, and improvements in Boston parks, sign up for our email list at bit.ly/Get-Parks-Emails and follow our social channels @bostonparksdept on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram.

Virtual Public Meeting

44 Ellery Street

Wednesday, October 13
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Zoom Link: bit.ly/3un9xVT
Toll Free: (833) 568 - 8864
Meeting ID: 160 347 1111

Project Description:
The BPDA is hosting a Public Meeting for the 44 Ellery Street project located in South Boston. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the Small Project Review Application proposal. The meeting will include a presentation followed by Q&A and comments from the general public. The Proposed Project will erect a new six-story residential building that will contain 18 condominium units, and 6 off-street parking spaces. Please register for the meeting using the information above.

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Virtual Public Meeting

212 Old Colony Ave.

Tuesday, October 19
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Zoom Link: bit.ly/212-Oldcolony
Toll Free: (833) 568 - 8864
Meeting ID: 161 471 5183

Project Proponent:
Old Colony LLC

Project Description:
The BPDA is hosting a Public Meeting for the 212 Old Colony Ave project located in South Boston. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the Small Project Review Application proposal. The meeting will include a presentation followed by Q&A and comments from the general public. The proposed project consists of the development of a 5,200 square-foot lot located at 212 Old Colony Ave in South Boston. The project proposal is to build a new 6 story building that will include thirty (30) residential units with a common residential entry lobby and (1) commercial retail space on the ground floor.



Ready to Register?
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33-39 Ward Street

Tuesday, October 26
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Zoom Link: bit.ly/3Dd2dix
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Meeting ID: 161 428 2703

Project Description:
The proposed NPC would convert the fourteen (14) condominium units including two (2) IDP condominium Units (affordable) to rentals.

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Gate of Heaven & St. Brigid with St. Augustine Chapel News The Blessing of the Animals

On Sunday afternoon, October 3, 2021, following the 12PM Mass, all were welcomed and many came at 1PM and

brought their lovable family pets to the Parish Blessing of the Animals in honor of St. Francis of Assisi, Patron Saint of all God's Animals,

whose Feast Day was October 4. This was done to Honor of St. Francis of Assisi. St. Francis loved and cared for all God's people, animals and the environment. St. Francis is one of the most famous saints in Church history. St. Francis designed the Nativity Scene that we find in many churches and homes at Christmastime today. He's so significant that the current pope—Pope Fran-

cis—chose to take his name. This event took place outside Gate of Heaven Church downstairs in the I Street Courtyard, in St. Josephs Courtyard, down by the large Celtic Cross. Father Christopher Boyle, our Parochial Vicar, was glad to see everyone and to say a special prayer and bless all the wonderful pets and their families who came to this parish event at Gate of Heaven Church.





This week, Danny gave "Pic's Picks" for Week 5 in the NFL:

I bounced back strong in Week 4, going 4-1 against the spread. My only loss was Tampa Bay as a 6.5-point favorite in New England. The Buccaneers won the game, as I assumed they would, but they only won by two, so they didn't cover the spread, costing me a perfect week.

My record on the season is now 10-10. It's time to get back above .500 with another strong week.

Here are my picks for Week 5:

DETROIT LIONS (+8.5) over Minnesota Vikings

-The Lions are one of just two winless teams in the league. I'm not necessarily taking Detroit to win this game on Sunday at 1 p.m. in Minnesota. But I do think this divisional matchup against an also-struggling 1-3 Vikings team will be close. So I'll take 8.5 points all day here. Minnesota is coming off a home loss to the Cleveland Browns. That's not as bad a loss as it used to be, because the Browns are now pretty good. The Lions are coming off a loss in Chicago. I won't be shocked if the Vikings beat the Lions on Sunday. But I will be surprised if it's a blowout. At the very least, I'm banking on a back-

door cover on a late and possibly meaningless drive by Jared Goff, who's already had to face some good defenses in San Francisco, Green Bay, Baltimore, and Chicago thus far. Give me the Lions to cover.

NEW YORK GIANTS (+7) over Dallas Cowboys

-The 1-3 Giants are in Dallas to face the 3-1 Cowboys on Sunday at 4:25. The Cowboys look great and have won three straight. The Giants are coming off their first win of the season, in which they beat the Saints in overtime in New Orleans. Did the G-Men find something in that win? Perhaps they found enough to go into Dallas and give the Cowboys a game, which I'm expecting them to do. The NFC East is always a dogfight. I expect nothing less on Sunday. Giants might not win, but they cover. I'll take the points.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS (+5.5) over Arizona Cardinals

-The Cardinals are the last undefeated team remaining in the NFL. They host the 2-2 49ers on Sunday at 4:25. San Francisco has lost two straight, to Green Bay and Seattle. It's a divisional matchup, and while I believe the

Cardinals are going to be Super Bowl contenders this season, I don't see them going undefeated. The 49ers are going to give them a game. I expect this to be decided by a field goal. Give me San Francisco to cover.

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS (-2.5) over Buffalo Bills

-The 2-2 Chiefs turned things around with a big 42-30 win over the Eagles in Philadelphia in Week 4. Now, Patrick Mahomes goes up against the No. 1 ranked defense in the league, as Kansas City hosts Buffalo on Sunday Night Football. The 3-1 Bills have won three straight and just shut out Houston 40-0 last Sunday. Buffalo has allowed an NFL-best 11 points per game. However, the Bills' schedule has been fairly easy, with their three wins coming against Miami, Washington, and Houston. The Chiefs' schedule has been more difficult, having to play Baltimore and the Los Angeles Chargers in back-to-back weeks in Weeks 2 and 3. Something tells me that Mahomes won't be shut down by Buffalo's stingy defense in the national TV spotlight. Give me the Chiefs to win by at least three points at

home on Sunday night.

LOCK OF THE WEEK:
TENNESSEE TITANS (-4) over Jacksonville Jaguars

-True story: before I made this pick, I had to go to ESPN.com real quick to make sure the Jaguars haven't fired Urban Meyer yet. He hasn't. But I predict he will be fired after the winless Jaguars lose to the 2-2 Titans on Sunday at 1 in Jacksonville. After last week's loss to the Bengals, Meyer was seen in a bar with a woman dancing up on him. That woman was not his wife. I mean, do what you've got to do, but it was a very weird scene all around. Jaguars ownership was obviously not happy. The team is 0-4. And the Titans are a good team that is coming off an overtime loss to the Jets. Meyer reportedly told someone that in the NFL it feels like he's preparing to play Alabama every week. So clearly he's overwhelmed. It might be a blessing in disguise for Jacksonville to lose again this Sunday, so they can then fire Meyer and move on asap. Titans win big.

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SPORTS TODAY

RED SOX WIN ONE-GAME PLAYOFF, ADVANCE TO ALDS VS RAYS

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The Boston Red Sox are going to the American League Divisional Series, thanks to a 6-2 win over the New York Yankees in the AL Wild Card Playoff Game at Fenway Park on Tuesday night.

Games 1 and 2 of the ALDS are Thursday and Friday night. Games

Tweet of the Week



Red Sox @RedSox

This energy right into the ALDS.



3 and 4 at Fenway are Sunday and Monday. And if Game 4 is necessary in this Best-of-5 series, then it will take place on the same day as the rescheduled Boston Marathon, which also takes place on Monday morning.

Nathan Eovaldi picked up the win over the Yankees on Tuesday

night, striking out eight and allowing just one run in 5.1 innings. The Red Sox chased Yankees ace Gerrit Cole from the game in the third inning, after he allowed home runs to Xander Bogaerts and Kyle Schwarber that got Boston out to an early 3-0 lead.

Alex Verdugo drove in three more runs on an RBI double in the sixth inning, and an RBI single in the seventh to put the Red Sox up 6-1.

Garrett Whitlock came in to close it out in the ninth inning and seal the deal on the Sox' first trip to the ALDS since 2018.

WHAT TO WATCH

NFL THURSDAY, OCT. 7
LA Rams (-2.5) at Seattle
8:20 P.M. NFLN

SUNDAY, OCT. 10
New England (-9) at Houston
1 P.M. CBS

Buffalo at Kansas City (-3)
8:20 P.M. NBC

MLB THURSDAY, OCT. 7
ALDS
Gm 1: Boston at Tampa Bay
8 P.M. FS1

FRIDAY, OCT. 8
ALDS
Gm 2: Boston at Tampa Bay
7 P.M. FS1

SUNDAY, OCT. 10
ALDS
Gm 3: Tampa Bay at Boston
4 P.M. MLBN

PATRIOTS RELEASE GILMORE

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Stephon Gilmore is now a free agent. The injured Pro Bowl cornerback was released by the New England Patriots this week. According to ESPN's Adam Schefter, the decision was made after the two sides could not agree to a restructured contract.

Gilmore, 31, is expected to be fully recovered from his quad injury later this month, after undergoing surgery on the torn quad in December.

It had been reported that Gilmore was unhappy with his current contract. He was

on the final year of a five-year, \$65 million deal.

On Wednesday, Gilmore said goodbye to New England in a social-media post.

"It is with mixed emotions that I announce my goodbye to this great fan base," said the Super Bowl champion. "We enjoyed so much success together and you have been an incredible inspiration for my individual achievements. Thank you for supporting this Rock Hill kid and allowing him to achieve his NFL dreams."

"To Mr. Kraft, the coaches, and the organization, thank you for providing me with this platform and allowing me to be part of greatness," Gilmore added. "Most of all I want to thank my teammates who lined up next to me every Sunday with one goal in mind. Those moments on and off the field will never be forgotten."

BUCS BEAT PATRIOTS IN BRADY'S HISTORIC RETURN TO GILLETTE

SBT Staff

It was an emotional — and historic — night in Foxboro on Sunday, as Tom Brady made his return to New England.

Brady, now quarterback of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, did not throw a touchdown against his old team, but he was still able to escape with a 19-17 win over the Patriots, while also breaking Drew Brees' career passing yards record in the process.

New England had a chance to win the game in the final minute, but kicker Nick Folk hit the left upright on a 56-yard field-goal attempt.

After the game, Brady was embraced on the field by several former Patriots teammates and coaches, including Bill Belichick and Josh McDaniels. According to reports, Belichick also met with Brady after the game, inside the Buccaneers locker room at Gillette Stadium, where the two reportedly spoke for about 20 minutes.

On the field though, Patriots rookie quarterback Mac Jones created a nice little storyline for himself, putting up better numbers than Brady on national TV. Jones finished the game 31-of-40 with 275 passing yards, two touchdowns, and one interception. He was also sacked four times.

Brady finished the game 22-of-43 with 269 passing yards. He broke Brees' record of 80,358 passing yards in the first quarter, to become the NFL's all-time passing leader. Brady entered the game needing just 68 passing yards to break the record. A 28-yard completion to Mike Evans gave Brady 80,359 career passing yards.

Former Patriot Rob Gronkowski did not make the trip to New England. He suffered a cracked rib and punctured lung the week before the Buccaneers' loss to the Rams.

The Patriots have now lost two straight and are 1-3 on the season. They'll now travel to Houston to take on the 1-3 Texans on Sunday at 1 p.m. New England is a 9-point favorite.