



## Sheriff Tompkins Mass & Cass Interim Solution Is The Only Real One On The Table

While multiple efforts are “moving forward” on Mass and Cass, re-energized by Governor Baker’s reconvening a previously established roundtable convening, a new community-led working group is also starting back up and the Suffolk

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# EDITORIAL

## Will We Be Looking AT Bare Shelves Once Again?

It's being said that Americans are poised to make a rush on retail stores and begin the hoarding process many areas saw at the beginning of the Covid scare in 2020. We all remember that. Paper towels and toilet paper were the prime targets of bulk shoppers. There were some homes that grabbed up more than they could use if they lived to be 300 years old. And then the shelves with can goods, pasta and so many other items listed as 'non-perishables' began to empty. The sight of this set off an even bigger rush to grab arm loads of whatever was left in the stores whether it was needed or not.

And this brings us to the present time and why

people are on the verge of panic once again. And it's understandable why Americans are getting worried. They watch video footage of hundreds of huge container ships and freighters anchored offshore up and down the East Coast, West Coast, the Gulf of Mexico and the Great Lakes. Giant ships laden with building supplies, appliances, vehicles, electronics and even food just sitting there when they should have been unloaded weeks ago. These necessities are vital to keep our already hurting economy alive and even our people fed. The longer the ships sit there, the emptier the stores, lots and lumber yards might become. But why is this happening?

Some say it is a labor shortage, with people who have been paid not to work for so long reluctant to return to the labor force. That is part of it to be sure. But many suspect that a major reason this is all happening is a deliberate attempt to cause as much disruption in the country as possible in an effort to bring America down a notch or two. Just as more people each day suspect the lockdowns and mandates are part of a deliberate effort to cause chaos, frustration and hardship among the population, people are starting to think that all of this is somehow connected. When government officials are openly saying, we might want to do our Christmas shopping now, because the items might not be around in December, it causes concern and even more suspicion.

At least at this point in time, there is no conclusive evidence to confirm those suspicions - that might be coming soon, but with all that has been hap-

pening around the country; especially since the controversial transfer of power in Washington DC since last January, it causes many to be suspicious as they watch what is happening to our communities and to the nation as a whole. But if all of these situations Ameri-

cans are facing now, are being caused by the results of an election, the important thing to remember is the next election, the one coming in 2022, can be used to get our country out of this mess and back to where we should be. This is definitely something to keep in mind.



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# The Information Center

## *OK With Statues Of George Floyd But Not Columbus? Really?*

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Columbus Day 2021 has now come and gone and it brought with it the usual controversy and gnashing of teeth by leftists who want all mention of the Italian explorer purged from history and from our memories. And though acting mayor Janey has declared that the day be renamed to 'Indigenous Peoples Day', a blatantly racist move (that's right, I said it was a racist move on Janey's part), the overwhelming majority of Bostonians defiantly said that it will always be Columbus Day, whether Boston city officials like it or not.

Two points about the Columbus Day controversy before I move on: First, surveys show that by a 58% - 26% margin, Americans are just fine with celebrating the holiday as is and want it to stay Columbus Day. The remaining 18% didn't have an opinion either way. So by a better than 2 to 1 margin, the country insists that they will celebrate it as is no matter what liberal 'woke' politicians and leftist activists want.

The second point is this. Many people have noticed that the those screaming the loudest and demanding statues of Christopher Columbus be torn down, are just fine with putting up statues honoring George Floyd as a hero. Floyd has a documented violent criminal past. He served time in prison as a convicted felon. Among his offenses he is accused of are Armed Robbery, Home Invasion, Assault, illegal firearms possession, drugs, passing phony money and more. Yet, this is a man that liberals have given hero status, deserving of praise and erected statues. This speaks volumes about the warped mentality and questionable morality

of American liberals/progressives/leftists.

Joe Biden seems to be doing his best to tick off and alienate a new segment of the American public practically every day. But this time, he (or whoever is telling him what to do) waded into a hornets' nest as his administration is accusing parents of public school children of being terrorists and threatening them with the FBI. Parents all over the country are rising up and confronting school boards about the effort to teach the racist Critical Race Theory (CRT) in schools and making sexually explicit reading materials available to students even in elementary school libraries. Parents have had enough. People will overlook a lot of things, but mess with their kids and they will, without hesitation or fear, jump in to protect them.

The resistance by concerned parents of all backgrounds to what their kids are being indoctrinated by in their classrooms is spreading like wildfire. Like a snowball rolling down a hill gathering size and momentum, it has school boards, teacher unions and so called academic educators in a panic because they have been caught in the act and are being challenged, in person, by furious parents who are organizing to stop what's going on. Another big mistake by the Biden Regime, in addition to allowing the indoctrination to go on, is to threaten parents for coming to the defense of their children. Instead of causing the parents to cut and run, it has infuriated them, making them even more determined to put an end to what's happening in the schools.

The democrats in power, in their arrogance, actually believe that school children belong to the government, not to the parents.

Why, because that's how it is in Communist countries and with each passing day, with every new policy they try to implement, its clear that this is the direction they want so desperately to take America. But America's parents, to their credit, are collectively putting their foot down and saying NO. Their children do not belong to the government or to the school departments or the teacher unions. And they aren't just saying NO by sending emails of protests and with Facebook posts. They are showing up in person, in growing numbers and confronting officials

face to face. And this has corrupt school officials absolutely quaking in their sandals. And that's exactly what should be happening.

I'll close this week with a response that is going viral, to the remarks by Biden, Fauci and others as they hint that if Americans don't obey government mandates in regard to Covid, they may not be able to gather with family and friends for upcoming holidays. It reads as follows: "NEWS FLASH! The government is not in charge of Halloween, Thanksgiving or Christmas. Stop asking if we are still going to have them. We are".

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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.

### All the maps in the world

We have the maps. We have the maps. We have the maps. Sing that to the tune of Dora The Explorer's "I'm The Map" song and you'll get a good feel for what Tuesday felt like inside the halls of the State House.

Those around Beacon Hill call it Map Day --- a decennial experience where lawmakers release preliminary redistricting maps, elected officials and advocates fire back with complaints and threats of potential legal challenges, and those interested spend most of the day hunched over a computer screen figuring out what the new proposed lines mean.

So here's where we stand with the dust settled (for the moment): the House proposed adding 13 new majority-minority districts and several incumbent-free districts in Chelsea,

Brockton, Lawrence and Framingham. The Senate decided to add two new majority-minority districts and two incumbent free districts. For all your intricate map needs the State House News Service's Matt Murphy and Chris Lisinski have you covered. Boston Globe's Emma Platoff and Matt Stout point out that the major -- but low-drama overhaul -- pits few incumbent lawmakers against each other.

Haverhill Democrat Rep. Andy Vargas, who plans to run for the Senate, voiced frustration with the decisions to divide his city up, tweeting early in the day, "This is absolutely ridiculous. There is no other way to put it. We will have more to say about it." And he kept true to his word, releasing a statement later in the day that read in

part: "While I understand the challenges that come with redistricting, it is unacceptable to cut out the heart of Haverhill and segregate the most diverse precincts from the rest of the city. The proposed Senate map splits Haverhill by ethnic and racial lines."

There's also unwelcome news for Rep. Dan Hunt: lawmakers decided to split Ward 16 in Dorchester. He told the Dorchester Reporter on Monday that the Ward 16 Democratic Committee would consider legal action if the ward was carved up. So where does this leave us? MassLive's Alison Kuznitz notes that public comment will be accepted through Monday, and Democratic leaders said the goal is to send Gov. Charlie Baker maps to sign by the beginning of November. Candidates for House seats in 2022 must establish residency in the district they plan to run in by Nov. 8. But for now, we'll just have "I'm The Map" playing on repeat as the debate moves forward.

### Stay home: Boston suspends 812 workers over coronavirus vaccine mandate

The city of Boston will be a tad short-handed for the foreseeable future after 812 workers were suspended Tuesday for failing to comply with a COVID-19 vaccination mandate, Sean Phillip Cotter of the Herald reports. Hundreds of workers got their first shots in the days just before enforcement began, but some 4 percent of the city's 18,000 workers are still on the sidelines.

### 'They do it their way, we do it our way'

It's been just over seven months since nurses at St. Vincent Hospital first went on strike. Negotiations are still at a stalemate with disagreements now focused on a return-to-work agreement. Telegram & Gazette's Cyrus Moulton spoke to one group of nurses about their decision to keep working and not go on strike.

Three weeks left: Poll shows Wu with big lead as first debate looms

The marathon has become a sprint. With three weeks to go before the final votes are cast, a new poll shows Michelle Wu with a 30-point lead over fellow city councilor Anissa Essaibi George. Gintautas Dumcius and Bill Forry of the Dorchester Reporter have all the numbers. So what could change the dynamic of the race? The Globe's Emma Platoff and Meghan Irons explore how Essaibi George might be able to shake things up, starting with today's first televised debate.

### A quick preview of tonight's Boston mayoral debate

The first 1-on-1 debate between Boston mayoral candidates Michelle Wu and Anissa Essaibi George is all set for tonight. So what should you expect? GBH News' Saraya Wintersmith has you covered with a complete preview of tonight's event. More from Wintersmith: "For Essaibi George, it's a chance to dim the rosy media glow Wu has enjoyed since winning more than 30 percent of the vote in September and nabbing endorsements from several major political figures. For Wu, it's a test to defend and also expand the coalition that put her ahead of the other candidates in the first leg of the race."

### Apples and oranges? Machine-gun range foes say Cape Army officials omitted Devens upgrades

Foes of a planned machine-run range on Joint Base Cape Cod are criticizing Army National Guard officials for not mentioning plans to upgrade another firing range at Devens, but the military says there is no comparison: The large guns the Cape base is designed to handle can't be fired at the Devens facility. Jeannette Hinkle of the Cape Cod Times has the details.

### Hamilton letter returned to Massachusetts

A very old letter is back in state possession. A 1780 correspondence written by Alexander Hamilton to Marquis de Lafayette was returned to the Massachusetts Archives after a federal ruling said its rightful owners were residents of the state. Commonwealth's Shira Schoenberg reports that Hamilton wrote to Lafayette to warn of imminent danger to French troops in Rhode Island.



### 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](http://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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# Councilors Flynn and O'Malley Filing Hearing to Discuss Investments in Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure & Electrifying the City's Vehicle Fleet



**B**oston City Councilors Ed Flynn and Matt O'Malley are filing a hearing order at this week's City Council meeting to discuss Boston's electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure, and plans to transition our municipal vehicle fleet to electric vehicles. A significant driver of climate change, sea level rise, and pollution is transportation. One of the most important ways to cut carbon emissions is to encourage the adoption of personal EVs, and replacing the municipal fleet with EVs. This hearing aims to discuss measures to further invest in EV infrastructure, as well as increasing the number of EV charging stations in Boston, both at new construction developments and municipal locations.

With the most recent bipartisan infrastructure bill by the Biden Administration, there is a proposed \$7.5 billion in funding to build EV charging stations across the country, presenting an unprecedented opportunity for our city to expand our EV infrastructure. In addition, the Budget

Reconciliation legislation would also increase tax credits for purchasing EVs to \$12,500. It is therefore timely and important that we discuss how we can leverage this potential funding to expand our EV charging infrastructure, and our plan to electrify Boston's municipal fleet.

Transportation accounts for nearly a third of Boston's total greenhouse gas emissions, 65% of which comes from personal vehicles. To reach carbon neutrality and address climate change, the City sets a goal for 23% of new car purchases in the City are electric vehicles by 2025, and that every household is within a 10-minute walk of an EV car share facility or a publicly accessible charging station by 2030. Moreover, under the City's Electric Vehicle Readiness Policy, all vehicles purchased for the Central Fleet must be EVs or zero emission vehicles (ZEV), or best in class if an appropriate ZEV is not available, with the goal of having a fully emissions free fleet by 2060. However, the available charging infrastructure does not meet current demand,

and is insufficient to further encourage a transition to EVs.

"As our country aims to adapt to cleaner technologies, we need to ensure that the City of Boston has the infrastructure in place- both at new developments, as well as our public facilities, schools and municipal lots- to meet future demand and further incentivize neighbors to transition to EVs in the coming years," said Councilor Flynn. "We should also discuss accelerating the transition of our city's municipal fleet, to ensure that we reach our carbon neutrality goals and do our part to combat pollution, climate change and sea level rise."

"The City of Boston must maintain its goal of becoming carbon neutral by 2050. Investing in Electric Vehicle infrastructure is essential in order to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions," said Councilor O'Malley. "As we continue to push for the adoption of electric vehicles and other zero-emission transportation, we must ensure that the infrastructure is accessible and affordable for residents."

## Fauci Says Yes Then No; Baker Says No To Mandates Then Yes; 812 Say No Janey Suspends

**D**r. Anthony Fauci told CNN's Wolf Blitzer on Monday that the federal government is trying to persuade people to get vaccinated on their own, but some may need to be required. Fauci said he and fellow health officials don't like to tell people what they need to do with regard to vaccines. "But we know that mandates work," he said.

Gov. Charlie Baker instituted a vaccine mandate for all Executive Branch employees Aug. 19 with a deadline of Oct. 17 to be fully vaccinated or face being suspended without pay and then fired.

Acting Mayor Kim Janey in August announced a vaccine mandate for all of the city's employees and contractors. It's not an absolute mandate, as people who don't wish to get a vaccine can instead opt to submit weekly evidence of a negative coronavirus test, and medical and religious exemptions were possible. The city created an online portal at the end of August for employees to submit proof of vaccination or tests.

Janey said the city's willing to eventually fire any employees who refuse to follow its vaccine mandate as the number of workers out of compliance dropped from 812 to 637 — though the administration's not saying when the next phases of enforcement against others will move ahead.

"If they continue to not comply — yes, at some point, then, it will lead to termination," Janey said Wednesday when asked about the matter. "But the goal, again, is to make sure that we are giving our workers every opportunity to comply."

Janey's administration on Tuesday had announced it had placed 812 workers on unpaid leave because they weren't in compliance with the mandate. Her office said Wednesday that the number dropped to 637 as more people came into compliance.

The vaccination mandate is playing out in the political arena but decision-makers are compelled to invoke medical and scientific data that is not universal in its opinion. The citizenry is wrestling with the infringement on the right to choose on the one hand and the health of the greater good on the other. Both sides are passionate and the righteousness of either is a conundrum for the politicians.

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County Sheriff Steve Tompkins is forging ahead with his plan to house homeless addicts in unused building 8 at the South Bay jail.

“For the first time in the last three years, I really feel that there is a concerted effort to get something done,” Tompkins, whose offices are right near the heart of the Mile, told the Herald on Wednesday. “Longest journey begins with a first step, and this was that.” District Attorney Rachael Rollins and Attorney General Maura Healey both said it should be on the table.

Tompkins’ plan to use the building that formerly was used for federal immigration detainees has drawn fire from various advocates including U.S. Rep. Ayanna Pressley, but Tompkins reacted saying, “What’s your plan? Until they come up with something, I’m going to keep moving ahead with mine.”

With the only realistic, short-term option on the table, the sheriff was a common thread in the two high-profile meetings that took place this week around the

dangerous open-air drug market in the South End’s Newmarket area. Gov. Baker’s roundtable brought together Acting Mayor Kim Janey, Suffolk District Attorney Rachael Rollins, Attorney General Maura Healey, Suffolk County Sheriff Steven Tompkins, trial court high-ups, Boston police brass and the public defenders’ office — with the decision makers themselves plus assorted aides.

Tompkins, speaking a few hours after he attended the meeting, said he felt good about the conversation, which he said focused on how to get people moving off the streets and to whatever supporting housing or recovery programs they would be headed toward — whether that’s Tompkins’ building, the former Shattuck hospital, or something else.

Later, on Tuesday evening, an alliance of civic organizations led by Steve Fox of South End Forum and Sue Sullivan of Newmarket Business Association held the first meeting of a Mass-and-Cass-focused working group that’s been dormant for the past couple of

years. The public forum had been on pause, deferring to the city-run Mass and Cass Task Force since 2019, but the neighborhood groups started it back up after the task force ground to a dysfunctional halt this summer.

A lot of the talk centered around Tompkins’ plan, with elected officials including City Councilor Frank Baker and former state Sen. Linda Dorcea Forry, now of Suffolk Construction, expressing support for something like it. Both Baker and Forry suggested using the Nashua Street jail instead of the South Bay building right next to Methadone Mile, with one of the hospitals downtown managing it, but Tompkins said there would be significant logistical issues there, including in keeping this new population separate from the people incarcerated.

Acting Mayor Kim Janey’s office stated that one of the city’s priorities is for the state to get the \$15.7 million to house people in some of the surrounding cities going. “Boston cannot continue to carry this burden,” she told the Herald. “And

so, this will take state leadership and state coordination.”

A Baker spokesperson said the administration “has been engaging with the City of Boston and other stakeholders on how to support the City’s efforts to address the Mass & Cass crisis. The Administration supports a regional approach and is making several resources available including treatment beds, supportive housing units and financial support.”

Tompkins is preparing for the likelihood of his proposal being acted on and receiving those on the street if it so happens. This involves being able to have the staff, medication and caseworkers able to receive people — which he said he could have ready in four to six weeks. He did add that if people are put in another institution, such as the old Shattuck hospital, which is an acceptable option as well. With the wintry weather coming soon, the goal is to get people under a roof with services. Tompkins stated, “The sheriff’s department is not looking to criminalize this. I wish people would really believe that.”

## ACTOR, SHALYN GROW, STARS IN THE ROCKY HORROR SHOW

*October 14th – October 31st  
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Brattle Street, Cambridge*

**S**outh Boston actor, Shalyn Grow, stars in Moonbox Productions upcoming productions of the The Rocky Horror Show opening on October 14th and running through October 31st. Moonbox will perform the production in a pop-up theatre located in the heart of Harvard Square at 25 Brattle Street. Performances are Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 8:00pm, Saturday at 7:00pm and 10:00pm and Sunday at 8:00pm. Tickets are \$35 general admission and \$20 Students. Pay-What-

You-Can tickets are available day of at the Box Office at 25 Brattle Street. All tickets are general admission seating and are available at <https://bit.ly/ROCKYTKTS>. (Press Performances are Thursday, October 14th and Friday, October 15th at 8:00pm)

The Rocky Horror Show is a humorous tribute to the science fiction and horror B movies of the late 1940s through to the early 1970s. A cult classic, The Rocky Horror Show tells the story of Brad Majors and his fiancée, Janet Weiss, who get caught in a thunderstorm with a flat-tire and are forced to seek help at the castle of Dr. Frank 'N' Furter, a transvestite scientist with a manic genius and insatiable libido. Brad, Janet, and Frank 'N' Furter’s cohorts are swept up into the scientist’s latest experiment, a Frankenstein-style monster in the form of an artificially made, fully grown, physically perfect muscle man named Rocky Horror. The



night’s misadventures will cause Brad and Janet to question everything they’ve known about themselves, each other, love, and lust. With an irresistible rock ‘n’ roll score, The Rocky Horror Show is a hilarious, wild ride, that no audience will soon forget.

The cast of Moonbox Productions’ presentation of The Rocky Horror Show features Peter Mill\* (Dr. Frank-n-Furter), Christina

Jones (Janet Weiss), Ryan Norton (Brad Majors), Jack Manning (Rocky Horror) Kevin Hanley (Riff Raff/Usher), Lori L’Italien (Magenta/Usherette), Shalyn Grow (Columbia), Shonna Cirone\* (Eddie/Dr. Scott), Alex Jacobs (Narrator), Janis Hudson (Phantom/Dance Captain), H.C. “Len” Lee (Phantom), Steven Sawan (Phantom), Lillie Reising (Phantom), Emma Harris (Phantom). (\*Member of Actors’ Equity Association).

With each of their shows, Moonbox Productions partners with a local non-profit, sharing space on their website and in promotional materials. Moonbox also gives non-profit partners access to their audiences, helping non-profits to raise awareness for their cause, create connections within their community, and increase the reach and impact of their work. For the production of The Rocky Horror Show, Moonbox will be partnering with Trans Resistance Massachusetts.





## Press Release

# Boston Zoning Commission advances updated zoning measure to prepare new and retrofitted development for future climate risks

*Marks final step prior to Mayor's signature, and will require development to take additional steps to prepare for sea level rise and coastal storms*

The Boston Zoning Commission today approved a zoning overlay requiring new development and retrofits to take additional steps to limit the damage and displacement related to the impacts of coastal storms and sea level rise. This marks the final step in the approval process prior to the Mayor's signature. The Coastal Flood Resilience Zoning Overlay District, goes beyond the areas identified in FEMA flood maps, applying to areas of the City that could be inundated during a major coastal storm event, known as a 1 percent chance flood event with 40-inches of sea level rise. Fulfilling steps outlined in Climate Ready Boston, the Boston Planning & Development Agency (BPDA) Board of Directors approved this new zoning overlay in September. The zoning overlay promotes resilient planning and design, provides consistent standards for the review of projects, and maximizes the benefits of investments in coastal resilience.

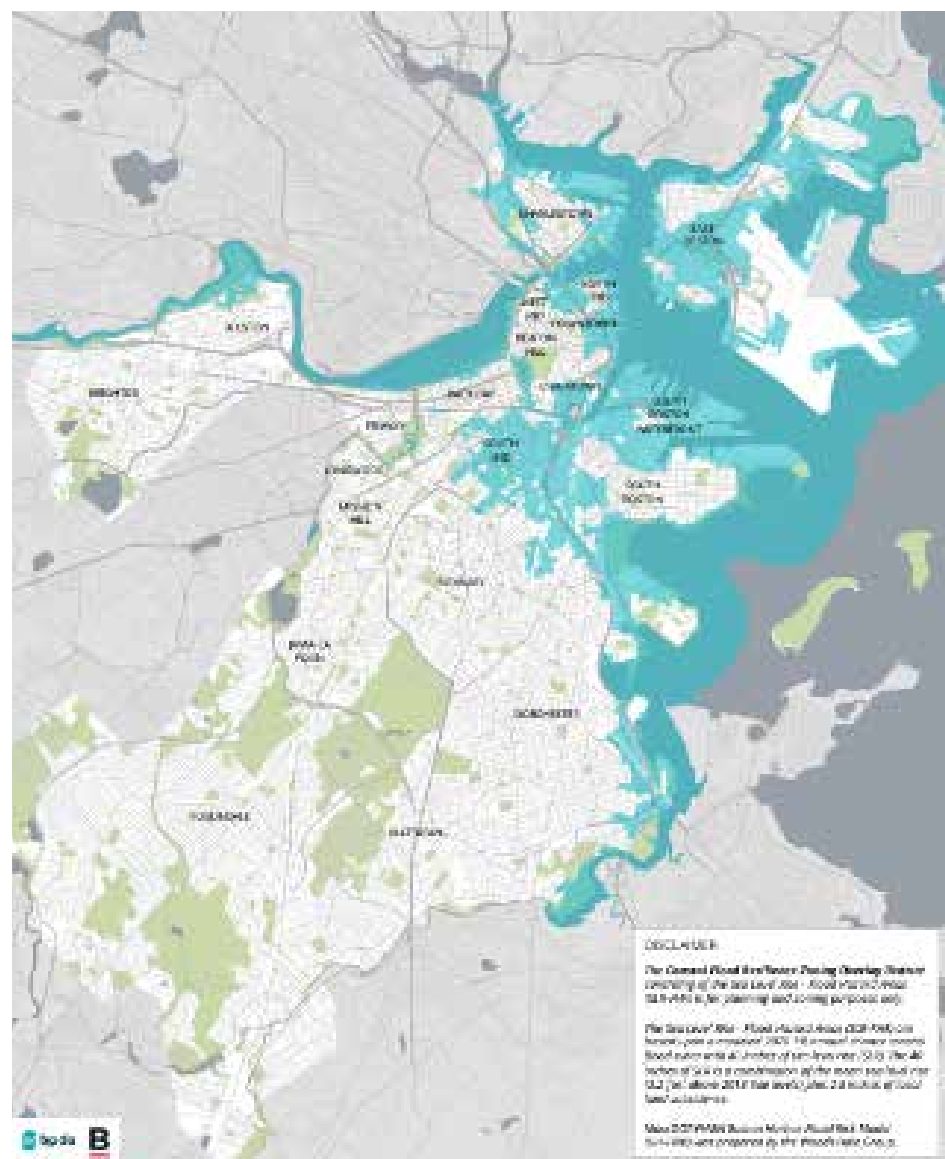
"We must take the steps that will better protect our neighborhoods from the increasing threat of coastal storms and sea level rise," said Mayor Kim Janey. "By requiring developers to do more in vulnerable areas, we are protecting our infra-

structure, our jobs, and our homes."

"For Boston to grow and thrive for generations to come, we must ensure that buildings constructed today are resilient and protected from the impacts of climate change," said BPDA Director Brian Golden. "By updating our zoning code to go above and beyond the FEMA flood maps, Boston is leading the way in not only preparing for the storms of today, but the storms of tomorrow."

"In Boston, we know that our most vulnerable communities are disproportionately bearing the burden of the climate crisis," said Reverend Mariama White-Hammond, Chief of Environment, Energy and Open Space. "As a City, we must work together to take the crucial steps to protect all of our residents from the effects of climate change. I am grateful to Mayor Janey and the BPDA for updating zoning measures to enhance our collective resilience."

"Boston Harbor Now has been pleased to be a part of the development of these guidelines, and we appreciate the BPDA's leadership on this critical topic," said Kathy Abbott, President and CEO of Boston Harbor Now. "As we've learned the hard way over and over again in recent years, Boston sorely needs



updated zoning--along with district-wide coastal solutions--to make sure that our most vulnerable citizens and more of our neighborhood buildings are prepared for sea-level rise, storm surges, and other impacts of climate change. We look forward to working with the City to implement these protections."

"The Coastal Flood Resilience Zoning Overlay District is the result not only of hard work to understand the City's vulnerability to climate change and other hazards but reflects a commitment to employ available tools to address and proactively respond to these imperatives," said Greg Minott AIA, BSA president and co-founder and managing principal of DREAM Collaborative. "The effects of climate change demand bold and continuous action, and the Boston Society for Architecture applauds the City's vigilance in seeking to address the risks climate instability pose to Boston's future."

Based upon climate modeling, 40-inches of sea level rise

is expected around 2070, which is within the usable life of most buildings currently undergoing BPDA review. The 40-inch inundation area is integrated into the BPDA Zoning Viewer.

The Zoning Overlay (Article 25A of the Boston Zoning Code) will provide new definitions and standards for building dimensions and uses to facilitate flood resilient design for new projects and building retrofits. Intended to prevent flood damage by elevating building occupiable space, flood proofing areas beneath flood elevations, and promoting health and safety by preventing uses such as living space below the flood elevation, the specific provisions of the overlay include:

- **Building Height:** Projects undergoing Resilience Review will have their height measured from two feet above the Sea Level Rise Base Flood Elevation (SLR-BFE), rather than at grade, which is what current zoning requires.

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# The Wine Guy This and That

It's been a pretty nice October so far, sun's still warm on your face, no frost yet, needing a sweater now and then. It's that time of year for wine drinkers when reds or whites will do, depending. So, let me give you a couple of each to consider (and hopefully, drink!).

The **2014 Ridge Zinfandel, East Bench, Sonoma, (\$35.00)**, is one of the few wines that Ridge makes using only 100% Zinfandel grapes, not a field blend. Parker gave this one 90 points and coming from

him, that says a lot; he says, "The 2014 Zinfandel East Bench (100% Zinfandel as well) is the biggest of these wines at a whopping 14.9% alcohol. Nearly Provencal in character, this wine displays good, fleshy, ripe black cherry and blackcurrant fruit and loads of spice, with zesty acids and light tannin. This medium to full-bodied Zinfandel is a beauty and should drink nicely for the next 4-6 years." This really is a huge wine; serve it with prime cuts of meat, especially from the grill on a Sunday afternoon. Even if the Patriots don't win, you'll still be happy!

**Lapostolle Cuvee Alexandre, Atalayas Vineyard, 2016, (\$23.99)**, comes from one of the Lapostolle family's best Chilean vineyards. Lapostolle was founded in 1994 by Alexandra Marnier Lapostolle and husband Cyril de Bournet upon their discovery of a unique Clos in the Apalta Valley sheltering 100-year-old pre-phyllloxera vines. The Marnier-Lapostolle family has been recognized for fine wines and liqueurs since the early 19th century. It's hand-picked at night to keep that cool Pacific mist on the grapes and is fermented in new French Oak for 18 months. Smooth layers of apple, caramel, tropical fruit and baked Apple Crunch on the palate are supplemented by a surprisingly long finish. This is one you can enjoy with



grilled Pork Loin, served in a Raspberry/ Chili powder glaze, as well as fuller seafood, like grilled Sea Bass.

In the Bordeaux region of France, home to many of the world's most iconic wines, there are "Petits Chateaux"- vineyards that are small, but abutted by properties that are very famous (and expensive). While they don't have the name recognition of their famous neighbors, they do share the same terroir; so what you get is a real value. One of the most consistent vineyards in this category is Chateau Joinin. Their **2019 Chateau Joinin, Bordeaux, France, (\$11.99)**, is a medium bodied Cabernet Sauvignon with a structured blend of cherry, tabac and vanilla notes on the palate and a finish that certainly belies its price. As you might suppose, it's perfect with any red meat or red sauce

dish and, by the way, when you see it, always get more than one-you'll be glad you did.

Finally, I'd like to recommend a wine from a region and Bodega that's among the most famous in Rioja and Spain, for that matter. **Bodegas Muga Blanco, 2020, (\$18.99)**, is often overshadowed by its more famous red wine offerings, which we've mentioned here several times. However, this one is similar to a good white Bordeaux, at about half the price; flinty dry, firm mouth feel with flavors of citrus fruits and Cantaloupe on the palate, this wine finishes more like a red than a white. The Spanish love it with grilled shellfish Tapas and believe me, you will, too.

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- **Building Setbacks:** Projects will have allowances to extend into side yard, rear yard, and front yard setbacks for structures needed for vertical circulation, such as stairs or ramps to get from surrounding grade to a higher first floor elevation. There are also allowances for side yard and rear yard encroachments for new structures to house mechanical systems to ensure they are not located in basements or beneath the Sea Level Rise Design Flood Elevation (SLR-DFE), which consists of the SLR-BFE plus one to two feet based on type of use.
- **Lot Coverage and Required Open Space:** The structures needed for vertical circulation and mechanical systems referenced above will

be excluded from measurement of lot coverage and open space

- **Gross Square Floor Area:** Will exclude structures needed for vertical circulation and areas devoted to flood protection measures.
- **Limitations on Use Below the Sea Level Rise Design Flood Elevation:** For health and safety purposes, uses beneath the SLR DFE are limited to access for vertical circulation structures; flood prevention measures, storage, and parking.

All development projects subject to BPDA's Article 80 Large and Small Project review will be required to undergo Resilience Review, and comply with the Coastal Flood Resilience Design Guidelines. In 2019, the BPDA adopted Coastal Flood Resilience

Design Guidelines to provide clear strategies and best practices for developers, business owners, and residents to respond to climate change. Last year, the American Planning Association (APA) Sustainable Communities Division awarded the BPDA's Coastal Flood Resilience Design Guidelines with the 2020 APA Excellence in Sustainability Award in the Policy, Law or Tool category.

The BPDA released the draft zoning overlay in January and held two public meetings and accepted community feedback. In response to feedback, the draft was updated and posted on August 23. The zoning overlay will now be brought to the Boston Zoning Commission for approval before going into effect.

The BPDA has also launched the Zero Net Carbon Building Zoning Initiative to assess and identify strategies to strengthen green building zoning requirements to a zero net carbon standard for new construction, to meet the City of Boston's goal for Boston to be carbon neutral by 2050.

Climate Ready Boston assesses Boston's climate projections and vulnerabilities to climate change, and identifies city-wide strategies for reducing vulnerability to sea-level rise, extreme heat, and intense precipitation. Climate Ready Boston is a Citywide initiative to deliver an all-of-government approach across many City and community partners and residents to ensure Boston is resilient to the effects of climate change.



## 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](http://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](http://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](http://bit.ly/Get-Parks-Emails) and follow our social channels @bostonparksdept on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram.

## 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/Get-Parks-Emails](http://bit.ly/Get-Parks-Emails) and follow our social channels @bostonparksdept on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram.

## 5 essential tips on how to safely trick or treat with your dog this Halloween

Here are the 5 essential tips on how to trick-or-treat with your dog from Dr. Caroline Wilde, staff veterinarian at Trupanion.

**1. Candy and Chocolate** – Trupanion has found that historically there is a noticeable increase in chocolate toxicity claims beginning now, through the end of the year. Given that spooky fact, Trupanion recommends that pet owners keep any candy or treats they may have around for Halloween in a safe place that is not accessible by their pet.

Chocolate contains a naturally occurring stimulant called theobromine, which is similar to caffeine, however, unlike people, dogs and cats can't metabolize this com-

pound, so its stimulant effects are amplified. Candy and baked goods containing the sugar substitute xylitol can also be extremely toxic and should be kept away from your pets.

**2. Pumpkin candles and decorations** – Candles may bring an extra glow to that jack-o'-lantern, but make sure they are not in reach of your dogs and cats. Flames can easily find wagging tails and curious noses.

**3. Costumes** – We've all seen those adorable pets dressed in their Halloween costume – they're irresistible! Just make sure they are comfortable wearing a costume and the getup you choose is not annoying or unsafe for your furry friend. Take time to get your pet

accustomed to the costume before Halloween, and don't leave your pet unattended in its costume.

**4. Trick-or-Treat Visitors** – One of the best things about the Halloween is all of the costumed kids that grace your front doorstep, but all of the added commotion and noise can be stressful to family pets. It's best to keep your pet in a separate room away from the front door during the trick-or-treat activities. If your pet is particularly anxious with noises and new people, talk to your veterinarian to see if an anti-anxiety medication would be appropriate for your pet.

**5. Visible and Identifiable** – Never leave your pet unsupervised, but in case your dog or cat does manage



to dart outside make sure they have on a reflective collar for visibility and proper identification attached to that collar to help get you reunited with your pet if needed. Getting your pet microchipped can help ensure your pet's safe return if it does get out, any time of year.

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# South Boston Catholic Academy News Grades 6A & B Class of 2022

We are excited to have the 6th grade, South Boston Catholic Academy Class

of 2022, leading the new school year! This year we have two 6th grade classes lead by Ms. Hoisl and Ms.

Smith. The 6th graders took part in our first school Mass for this school year and did a fantastic job with the readings at this Mass. Father Casey, the Pastor and Father Boyle, the Parochial Vicar were the celebrants at this Mass at St. Brigid Church. The students were eager to get

back in the classroom, and are off to a great start. We look forward to seeing what this year brings for our wonderful 6th graders! New families are welcome to email Mrs. Jamie Brown at [j.brown@sbcatholicacademy.org](mailto:j.brown@sbcatholicacademy.org) to learn more about South Boston Catholic Academy.






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## This week, Danny gave "Pic's Picks" for Week 6 in the NFL:

I went 2-3 against the spread in Week 5. My record on the season is now 12-13.

There'll be less games to choose from this week, as it's the first week on the bye schedule. Atlanta, New Orleans, the New York Jets, and San Francisco all have a bye in Week 6.

For the second straight week, we'll see another early morning game in London on Sunday, as the 1-4 Miami Dolphins take on the 0-5 Jacksonville Jaguars. Miami is a 3.5-point favorite. But please stay away from this game. It's really not worth your time or money.

But enough about the games that don't matter. Here are my picks for Week 6:

### GREEN BAY PACKERS (-4.5) over Chicago Bears

-This game is Sunday at 1 p.m. in Chicago. Normally, in an NFC North game in which the road team is the favorite, I'd be leaning towards taking the underdog at home. But I think rookie quarterback Justin Fields is going to get his first big test this Sunday against the Packers. Green Bay is 4-1 and has won four straight. Chicago is 3-2 and has won two

straight. The Packers should be able to win and cover against a Bears team that just doesn't score a lot of points. This was almost my "Lock of the Week" but we'll keep it as a regular pick. Give me the Packers by 10.

### CAROLINA PANTHERS (+1) over Minnesota Vikings

-I'm taking this game before knowing whether or not Panthers running back Christian McCaffrey will return after missing the last two games with a hamstring injury. If he ends up getting the green light to play, the 3-2 Panthers will probably become a 1-point favorite at home against the 2-3 Vikings on Sunday at 1. After starting the season 3-0, Carolina has lost two straight, to the Cowboys and Eagles. The Panthers' issues are on offense, as their defense ranks third in the NFL, allowing just 17.4 points per game. Minnesota is coming off a win over the still-winless Lions. It wasn't too convincing a win for the Vikings though, so there's no way I can take them in this game, especially if McCaffrey plays for Carolina. I'll take the Panthers to get their fourth win of the season.

### BALTIMORE RAVENS (-3) over Los Angeles Chargers

-If they did the TV schedule over right now, they'd probably make this the Sunday Night Football game on NBC. It's a battle between two of the best teams in the league, as the 4-1 Ravens host the 4-1 Chargers on Sunday at 1. The Chargers are immediately at a disadvantage having to travel across the country for a 1 o'clock start in Eastern Time. Baltimore has won four straight, while LA has won three straight. This has potential to be a back-and-forth shootout. In which, I'm taking the home team. Three points actually feels like a lot, but still, I'm going to put the bet in. Give me Baltimore by a touchdown.

### LOS ANGELES RAMS (-10) over New York Giants

-This is another game that sees a West Coast team traveling to the East Coast for a 1 o'clock kickoff. Doesn't seem right to the West Coast team, but it is what it is. Where this one differs from my previous pick though, is that the 1-4 Giants are banged up and brutal, while the 4-1 Rams are a Super Bowl contender. The Gi-

ants lost their quarterback, running back, and top wide receiver to injury last week in a loss to the Cowboys. The Rams are coming off a Thursday Night Football win over the Seahawks. So LA has had extra time to prepare. And I just feel comfortable that they could wipe the floor with the Giants on any day, in any time zone. I'm taking the Rams to win and win big.

### LOCK OF THE WEEK: KANSAS CITY CHIEFS (-7) over Washington

-I feel bad for Washington. They find themselves in the wrong place at the wrong time. Kansas City is coming off a loss on national TV to the Buffalo Bills. The Chiefs are now 2-3 and in last place in the AFC West. That's right, last place in the AFC West. Washington is 2-3 and is coming off a loss to the Saints. Even though this game is in D.C. on Sunday at 1, I don't see any reason why Patrick Mahomes won't go into Washington and light it up to get his team back to .500. Chiefs bounce back strong and win by at least two touchdowns.

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## RED SOX ELIMINATE RAYS, TAKE ON HOUSTON IN ALCS

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After losing Game 1 of the American League Divisional Series to the Tampa Bay Rays, the Boston Red Sox won three straight to win the series in four games.

Boston will now head to Houston to take on the Astros in the American League Championship Series. Games 1 and 2 are in Houston on Friday and Saturday.

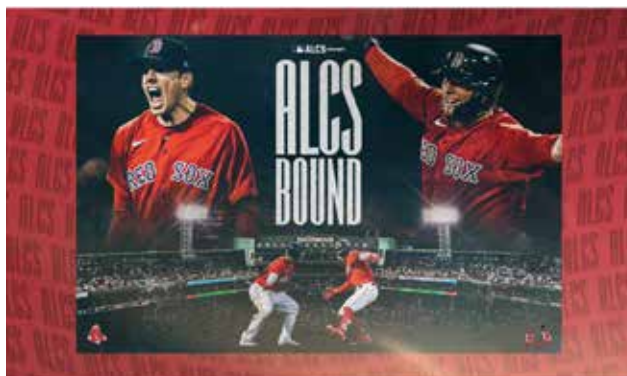
It will be a 2-3-2 series, with Games 3, 4, and 5 being played at Fenway Park, while Games 6 and 7 will be back in Houston. Game 3 in Boston is on Monday night.

The Red Sox closed out their ALDS series against the Rays with a walk-off sacrifice fly by Kike Hernandez in the bottom of the ninth in Game 4 at Fen-

## Tweet of the Week



Red Sox @RedSox SEE YOU IN THE ALCS!



way, scoring pinch runner Danny Santana easily from third base to give Boston the 6-5 win.

In Game 3 the night before at Fenway, Christian Vazquez hit a two-run walk-off home run in the bottom of the 13th to give the Red Sox a 6-4 win and 2-1 series lead. The story of that game was starting pitcher Nick Pivetta coming out of the bullpen and pitching the final four innings, allowing zero runs and striking out seven.

The Sox got their first win of the series by scoring 14 runs in Game 2 in Tampa Bay. Boston won 14-6, thanks to a 20-hit night by the offense, including five home runs. Leading the way was Hernandez, who went 5-for-

6 with a home run, three RBI, and three runs scored.

Boston's upcoming best-of-seven series against the Astros will be a rematch of the 2018 ALCS. The Red Sox won that series in five games and went on to win the World Series.

Houston will be making its fifth straight ALCS appearance, dating back to 2017 when they won the World Series. In 2019, the Astros won the ALCS and then lost in the World Series. Last year, the Astros lost to the Rays in seven games in the ALCS.

The last time Boston and Houston met in the ALCS in 2018, the Astros were caught stealing the Red Sox's signs, which led to more major sign-stealing accusations

## WHAT TO WATCH

**NFL SUNDAY, OCT. 17**  
Dallas (-4) at New England  
4:25 P.M. CBS

**MLB FRIDAY, OCT. 15**  
ALCS  
Gm 1: Boston at Houston  
8:07 P.M. FOX

**SATURDAY, OCT. 16**  
ALCS  
Gm 2: Boston at Houston  
TBD FOX/FS1

**MONDAY, OCT. 18**  
ALCS  
Gm 3: Houston at Boston  
TBD FS1

**TUESDAY, OCT. 19**  
ALCS  
Gm 4: Houston at Boston  
TBD FS1

**WEDNESDAY, OCT. 20**  
ALCS  
Gm 5 (if necessary): Houston at Boston  
TBD FS1

against the Astros and Red Sox manager Alex Cora, who was the Astros' bench coach during their 2017 World Championship season.

Boston is expected to name their current ace Nathan Eovaldi as their Game 1 starter on Friday night in Houston, as he'll be on normal rest, having pitched five innings in Sunday night's extra-innings win in Game 3 against the Rays.



## PATRIOTS SNAP TWO-GAME SKID WITH COMEBACK WIN OVER TEXANS

SBT Staff

It came down to a field goal on the final drive, but the New England Patriots were able to overcome a 22-9 second-half deficit to beat the Texans, 25-22, on Sunday in Houston.

Nick Folk kicked a 21-yarder with 15 seconds left in the game to seal the deal on the win, snapping a two-game losing skid for the Pats. Folk's game-winning kick came as the result of a 15-play, 84 yard drive in the final seven minutes.

Houston controlled the game until its

special teams got a little too cute in the third quarter. With a 22-9 lead, the Texans punting unit pretended to call an audible and lined up as if they were going to go for it on 4th-and-2 from their own 36-yard line. Instead of going for it, their punter backed up and punted. However, he did not back up enough, and as a result, he kicked the ball off the back of his own teammate's head and out of bounds.

The Patriots took over at Houston's 36-yard line, and Folk kicked a 52-yard field goal to cut the Texans' lead

to 22-12 with 8:25 left in the third quarter.

It all fell apart for the Texans at that point, as they then missed a field goal in the fourth quarter, while the Patriots took advantage with a touchdown and a field goal of their own in the fourth, for their second win of the season.

New England is now 2-3 and in second place in the AFC East, behind the first place Buffalo Bills who are 4-1.

The Patriots host the 4-1 Dallas Cowboys on Sunday at 4:25 p.m. Dallas is a 4-point favorite.