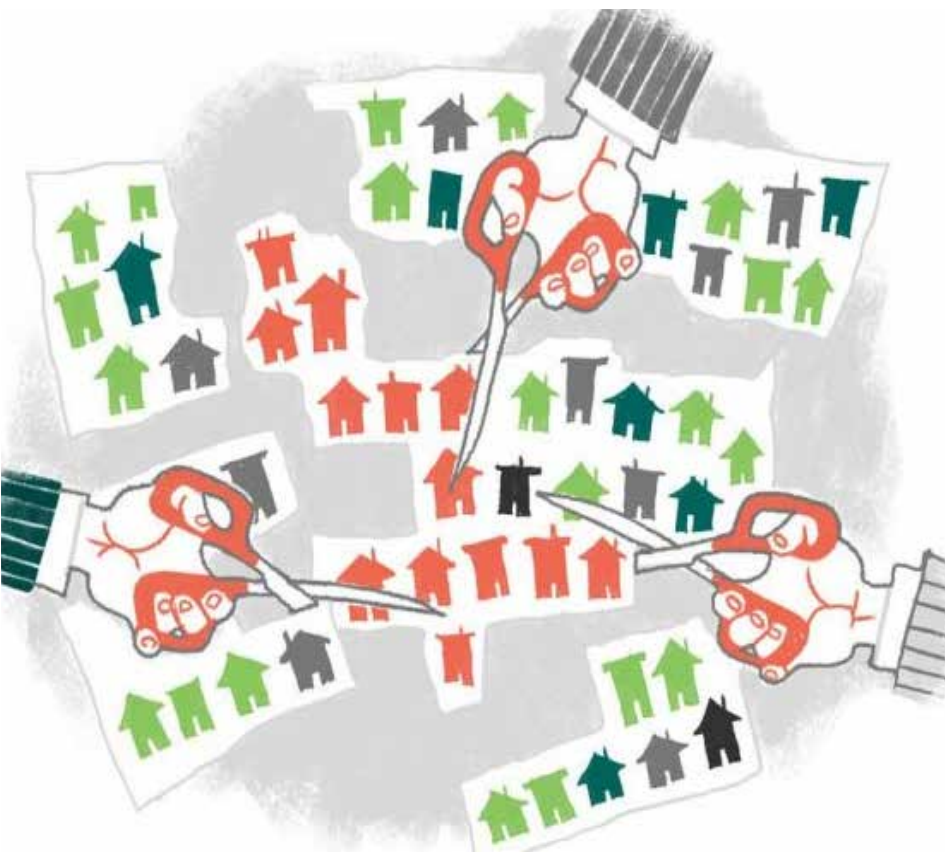


THE REDISTRICTING MESS



Secretary of State William Galvin expressed concern about the stalled debate relative to the Boston City Council’s revived redistricting process, as there is a May 30 deadline to have a new district map in place or risk delaying a city election. Galvin stated, “This isn’t fair to the voters, and it would likely cause a great deal of confusion. If this continues to be dragged out and the council doesn’t pass a map promptly, it will inevitably lead to the need for a court to draw the district lines, instead of the city council.”

Last fall’s redistricting process was contentious and drawn out, ending with four of the 13 councilors voting against the map and two councilors challenging it in the courts. In the aftermath, A lawsuit was filed by several organizations around the city and focused on Districts 2 and

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EDITORIAL

Nip Speeding Bikers In The Bud Before Someone Gets Killed

With the return of warm weather, police are bracing for the probable coming of more problems with out of control 'bikers'. No, we don't mean hordes of Hells Angels. The people we speak of are often referred to as 'Wannabe Hells Angels'. If you've lived in this city for more than a year, the odds are you've seen them flying through the streets at speeds in some cases of 50 or 60 miles per hour. The groups consist of up to 15 to 30 young, mostly males, and their vehicles of choice range from Quads/ATV's/4 Wheelers, to dirt bikes and

motorized scooters. The bikes are unregistered, uninsured and according to police, often stolen.

They fly through the streets driving recklessly and very often deliberately harassing traffic and pedestrians alike. Two years ago, one of these 'bikers' was killed on a South Boston Street at the corner of E. Broadway and N Street. But most residents know that story as it was big news for weeks.

There have been city officials who have actually taken the part of the bikers and do not want them penalized for what they do.

The attitude by said officials is that these 'kids' are just blowing off steam and having fun and should not be harassed. This has made the job of police more difficult when it comes to enforcement and putting an end to the behavior. There was even a 'do not chase' restriction put on police, which in ways may make some sense as street chases could increase the possibility of causing injuries and crashes or worse. But as was stated in the old Blues Brothers Movie – "No vehicle; no matter how fast, can out run a Motorola (Police Radio)". Calling ahead

to alert other police would allow road blocks to be set up and catch the speeders where they can be arrested and should be arrested for the several laws they are breaking and dangerous situations they cause.

People are not allowed to drive unregistered and uninsured cars or trucks without penalties so there is absolutely no excuse to allow unregistered motorized bikes to do it.

The Boston Police are asking for assistance from the community to help nip this potential problem in the bud this summer. If you see speeding bikers

going through the streets, call 911. OR, if you see gathering groups of offenders using locations as their 'staging areas' preparing to ride, you can also call 911 but also call Crime Stoppers at 800-494-TIPS or text 'TIPS to CRIME' with the info.

It's most important that a stop is put to racing bikes this season so that local children, or senior citizens and everyone else; including pets don't become victims of irresponsible youths 'just blowing off steam and having fun'. It should be the goal of everyone to keep South Boston streets safe.

"Honesty is the first chapter in the book of wisdom" - Thomas Jefferson

Let's Play Ball!

South Boston Sr Babe Ruth Baseball tryouts will be held on Tuesday May 23rd and Tuesday May 30th at 6pm at King Field in Moakley Park. The team plays a 15 game regular season schedule in the South Shore Sr Babe Ruth League throughout June and July with

playoffs that follow.

Players 16-18 years old as well as those that have turned 19 on or after January 1 of 2023 are eligible to play. There are several openings on the roster this year.

The team is also in desperate need of a couple of coaches to volunteer for this season. Even

those who may only be able to only make home games or help out on certain days of the week would still be greatly appreciated. Coaching experience is preferred but not necessary.

Any player who is interested in trying out and would like to pre-register for the team or any volunteers interested in coaching can send an email to wconnor16@gmail.com.



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Homeless Veterans Evicted and Illegal Migrants Moved In. REALLY!!?

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Finally, the walls have closed in on Rachael Rollins – the US Attorney for Massachusetts appointed by Biden, and the former DA for Suffolk County here in the Bay State. Ethics charges after an investigation which is still ongoing, has caused her to resign. Not soon enough but better late than never. A left wing activist, put up by the likes of George Soros, she was a terrible DA while at the helm in Suffolk County. She made it clear that she would not prosecute the crimes that she didn't want to whether it was her job to do so or not. By shirking her duties, she caused the crime rate to spike. The criminals knew they had an ally that would allow them to pretty much do what they wanted and get away with it. Her reputation was so bad, that when she was nominated by Biden, every Republican US Senator voted to block her nomination and the only reason she got confirmed was that every Democrat US Senator voted for her, making a tie breaking vote cast by Kamala Harris necessary to get her the job. But now, Rollins is gone and good riddance.

However, yet another Soros backed DA, Alvin Bragg in New York will hopefully, someday soon, be the next one out the door. As most of our readers have been following the case that happened on the New York subway, they are familiar with the death of long time criminal Jordan Neely. Neely, who had been arrested at least 40 times; many of those arrests for violent crimes, and always let back out on the street to commit more, last week was allegedly on another rampage assaulting people,

threatening to kill people and pretty much terrorizing everyone on the train, was stopped cold. A US Marine Veteran named Daniel Penny, stepped in to prevent Neely from hurting or even carrying out the threats to kill people, put Neely in a choke hold in an effort to subdue him. The struggle was violent and Neely was killed. Riders on that subway stepped up to thank Dan Perry and have come forward as witnesses on his behalf; saying he defused the terrible and dangerous situation and probably saved lives.

In most every incident like that, the hero of the day; which by all reports, Penny clearly is, he would not only be thanked by the people he protected, but also by city officials. Ah, but the city is New York, and Alvin Bragg, who like Rachael Rollins, is considered to be a leftist activist, calls the shots, and has charged Daniel Perry with murder. If found guilty, Penny could face 15 years in prison. But thankfully, it seems the American people have had enough, in just a few days, millions of dollars have been raised for Penny's defense fund with more money pouring in from all around the country.

Alvin Bragg is a man, who by his warped policies, has released all sorts of violent criminals back out onto the streets which has made NYC a war zone now. People who commit armed robbery, murder, assaults on police, carjacking, home invasions and rape, are released with slaps on their wrists as they continue to terrorize that city thanks to Alvin Bragg. But Dan Perry, a man who stepped up to stop a dangerous incident, Bragg will try to send to

prison for 15 years. Yes, Bragg needs to go too. He and Rachael Rollins should be put on the same barge and floated out to sea.

And now my take on one of the other big stories of the week. Yes, I'm guessing you've also heard of the 20 homeless veterans that have been evicted from a hotel with a one day notice by the feds to make room for illegal migrants. Who would have thought that our country would have a government in place that would do such a thing to their veterans who have served our country with honor? The Biden

Administration has discarded these veterans in need to cater to people who have broken our laws and illegally entered the country. What Biden has done is a slap in the face, not just to those veterans and all veterans, but to every American citizen. They should be embarrassed and ashamed, but they're not and we can expect more of the same to continue to happen. And this is just one more reason, added to so many others, that this entire administration, from Biden on down, need to get booted out at the earliest opportunity.

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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.

What Does An Endorsement Mean?

How much does timing matter for endorsements, especially after a candidate has already all but won the race? Costas Panagopoulos, head of Northeastern's political science department and editor of American Politics Research has argued that "endorsements can make a difference primarily at the edges, and in very close races."

But in Boston's uncontested 9th Suffolk District race, candidate John Moran has seen two endorsements trickle in the weeks since the Democratic primary, where he was also uncontested after a sole challenger dropped out. The Massachusetts & Northern New England Laborers' District Council and the Boston Teachers Union both threw

their support behind Moran.

It's not sway that the likely soon-to-be freshman state representative needs, but "connection" with voters on what issues matter to him and where he stands in the debate on contentious topics like abortion (pro) and bucking the MCAS. On standardized testing, Moran says "There's more than one way to measure abilities." Early endorsements from Planned Parenthood and the Victory Fund "helped me gain some confidence in communicating what I believe in," Moran told MASterList.

He's currently backed by 10 groups and 14 elected officials. He faces no Republican challenger in the May 30 special election to replace Jon Santiago, whom Healey tapped for Veterans'

Services Secretary. Backing from labor unions can help build momentum while interest groups can serve as a Beacon for voters getting to know new candidates, Moran said.

Fall from grace: US Attorney Rachael Rollins accused of election meddling and more in scathing DOJ report

Days before her planned resignation from her post as U.S. Attorney for Massachusetts, a DOJ report into ethics violations by Rachael Rollins found she leaked information to a journalist in an effort to influence a local election, lied to investigators and improperly attended a fundraiser with First Lady Jill Biden, according to two scathing federal reports released Wednesday.

State of disrepair: Public housing stock falling apart as advocates push for more cash from Beacon Hill

State-funded public housing is home to 70,000 Bay Staters, but advocates say those apartments are under threat as they fall into a state of disrepair compounded by underfunding. They say \$9 billion is needed for the next fiscal year and in a bond bill for housing to bring the units into acceptable condition, reports Andrew Brinker for The Boston Globe. But lawmakers have only proposed \$107 million for yearly operating costs of the state's more than 240 local housing authorities, roughly \$70 million short of what public housing leaders say is needed.



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PUBLIC NOTICE: OPEN DISCUSSION ON THE FUTURE OF MCCA PARCELS ON D & E STREET

The Massachusetts Convention Center Authority will host community discussions regarding the future of MCCA owned parcels on D & E Street by the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center (BCEC) on the following dates:

May 16, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at the Condon School

May 23, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at District Hall Boston

MCCA officials will be presenting and available to answer questions.

SEN. COLLINS NAMED MASSPORT MARITIME CHAMPION OF THE YEAR

Senator Nick Collins was recognized as the Massachusetts Port Authority's (Massport) 2023 Maritime Champion of the Year at the Authority's annual cruise season kickoff event at Flynn Cruiseport Boston in South Boston, which took place on Friday, April 28.

Senator Collins was acknowledged for over a decade of support for the Port of Boston, including crucial improvements to the Conley Container Terminal and Flynn Cruiseport. The Senator was instrumental in securing matching funds from the Commonwealth to complete the Boston Harbor Dredging Project, which allows the harbor to handle larger ships and attract new direct services to enhance connections for New England businesses.

"I am honored to receive this award from Massport for my efforts in support of the maritime community," said Senator Collins. "The Port of Boston has

served as the Commonwealth's connection to the rest of the world for centuries, and I have had the privilege of helping ensure that it continues to operate as a modern, efficient port that generates thousands of good jobs—especially blue collar—in addition to billions of dollars for the state's economy. I would like to thank Massport, the local building trades unions, the International Longshoremen's Association, and my elected colleagues, including Congressman Lynch whose company I am honored to join as a Maritime Champion."

Flynn Cruiseport, owned and operated by Massport, supports more than 2,200 jobs while generating \$135 million annually in business revenue, and contributes \$41 million in federal, state, and local taxes. The Port of Boston represents a key component of the Commonwealth's economy, generating \$8.2 billion annually in economic activity related shipping and commerce.

"We are thrilled to recognize Senator Collins as this year's Maritime Champion," said Massport CEO Lisa Wieland. "The Senator has always been a strong advocate for the maritime businesses and partners of the Port of Boston and throughout his community, and we are grateful for his partnership. We thank him for his dedication and unwavering support."



James T. Brett named to the 2023 Business 100 Honorees

James T. Brett has been named to the 2023 Business 100 Honorees by Irish America Magazine. This annual feature honors the top corporate executives in America who are of Irish heritage. The profile is appearing in the Spring edition of the magazine.

Brett who is the President and CEO of the New England Council, a regional business group, is presently serving his 27th year at the Council. He previously served for 16 years as a state representative in the Massachusetts State Legislature. His parents were originally from Tubbercurry, Sligo.

Mr. Brett was appointed by President Biden in May 2022 to serve as the Chair of the President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities. He currently serves as Chairman of both the Governor's Commission on Intellectual Disabilities and the Chair of the Massachusetts Disabled Persons Protection Commission.

Over the course of his career, Mr. Brett has received numerous awards

and honors in recognition of his achievement and contributions.

In 2013, the University of Massachusetts-Boston established the James T. Brett Chair in Disability and Workforce Development, the Nation's only endowed chair in disability and workforce development. In 1996, Bay Cove Human Services of Boston named a new community home for disabled adults "Brett House" in his honor.

Some highlights from recent years include:

- Michael and Kitty Dukakis Lifetime Achievement Award, Massachusetts Association for Mental Health, 2018
- Junior Achievement of Northern New England Hall of Fame, 2018
- Boston Health Care for the Homeless Tim Russert Award, 2015
- Special Olympics of Massachusetts Hall of Fame, 2014
- Edward M. Kennedy Leadership Award, Disability Law Center, 2014
- Hospice of Boston Humanitarian of the Year, 1989

Mr. Brett has also been named to the Boston Business Journal's "50 Most Influential Bostonians".



Jim Brett, President and CEO, New England Council; and Patricia Harty, Editor-in-Chief of Irish America Magazine.

I Was Just Thinking...



by Kevin Devlin

“There is but one straight course, and that is to seek truth and pursue it steadily.”
(George Washington)

I realize that as a concerned citizen in a democracy I need to be informed. I need to read the newspaper and watch the news on TV. I need to listen to what our leaders are telling us. But these days it's getting harder and harder to do so.

Why?

Because it's stressful.

And because we are not being told the truth.

Take President Joe Biden for instance. Last week, he told the graduating class at Howard University that “White Supremacy” is the greatest threat to the homeland today.

That is not the truth.

It is a lie.

It's simply a classic case of misdirection to take the heat off his administration's failures, since we have far greater problems than that to deal with and he knows it but can't admit it.

The southern border is wide open and everyday thousands and thousands of immigrants are entering our country. It's like opening the front door of your own house and allowing strangers to come in and stay without question. Parents in New York City are protesting migrants being housed in the city's school gyms, to the detriment of their own school children. And homeless veterans kicked out of hotels so migrants can have a place to stay.

The drug crisis is only getting worse with over 107,000 dying

from drug overdoses in 2022.

Just the other day, New York City officials issued a “dire warning” about the rise of a “zombie drug”—the animal tranquilizer xylazine—with the street name “tranq.” When mixed with fentanyl, coke or heroin, it produces a tremendous high which people would die for, because they do. This drug does not respond to Narcan. So, if one doesn't die from using it, one can suffer flesh-eating conditions (necrosis) warranting limb amputations.

There are over 550,000 homeless people in America. Many are drug addicts with mental health problems. Tent cities are in many major cities and now considered the norm.

Crime is out of control and when someone tries to protect others from possible harm, as Daniel Penny recently did on a New York City subway train, they are labeled as the criminal.

It's as if the world has been turned upside down.

Not by accident but on purpose.

The American people want to know the truth.

They are not stupid.

They want problems to be solved.

White Supremacy is real but is not the number one threat to America.

Far from it.

Not having a secure border is a major threat to the stability and overall security of the country as well as to the safety of our citizens.

Allowing the drug epidemic to worsen is a crime itself.

Permitting the homeless to remain on the streets without securing them housing and proper medical and psychiatric assistance is inexcusable.

Rising crime—due to soft on crime policies—and murder in general is a huge problem and thousands have suffered and died because of this ill-conceived path.

Instead of standing behind the curtain and hiding from the Truth we need our president to be honest.

To bring us together and not further divide us.

And solve the country's problems because that's why he's sitting in the Oval Office.

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3, currently held by Ed Flynn and outgoing Councilor Frank Baker. The judge in the case rejected the map and sent it back to the Council to be redrawn. Boston Mayor Michelle Wu has said the council must pass a new map by May 30 to avoid delaying the Sept. 12 preliminary election.

Rasheed Walters was the lead plaintiff in that case and seemingly managed to affect the judge's decision by his presence. Mr. Walters is a Black resident of Dorchester. He argued that in drawing the map, they ignored the risk the move posed to a Black councilor holding the neighboring seat in District 4, where he lives. The district 4 seat is currently held by Brian Worrell, a Black first-term councilor. Walters believes that Worrell himself, despite voting for it, wasn't happy with the map.

Bottom line is that US District Court Judge Patti Saris granted an injunction blocking the new map from going into effect, ruling that the plaintiffs had a strong likelihood of prevailing in showing that race played too great a role in the redistricting plan.

Post Mortem: Realizing that they miscalculated the outcome of Walters lawsuit, lawyers for several voting rights advocacy groups, which played a role last fall in redrawing the political boundaries of the nine City Council district seats, are now seeking to intervene in the federal court case at the center of the city's chaotic political scene. NAACP Boston, MassVOTE, the Chinese Progressive Association and other groups are seeking to intervene in the federal redistricting lawsuit. They filed a motion to do so, requesting the opportunity for an oral argument to make their case. “In a voting rights case in the City of Boston, Boston's communities of color should have both voice and legal representation,” said the motion, which was filed Wednesday and attacked the defense of the map offered by City Hall attorneys as “anemic.”

These voting rights groups, upset over the case's outcome and unhappy with the map proposed by Mayor Michelle Wu in the days after last week's court ruling, are now attempting to enter the courtroom as defendants themselves. NAACP Boston and the other groups also attacked the map submitted last week by Mayor Wu. Tanisha Sullivan, the head of NAACP

Boston, in a declaration attached to the filing, claimed Wu's map divides neighborhoods with voters of color, such as Jamaica Plain. But Wu's map also unites large numbers of neighborhoods which have a diverse population, particularly Dorchester's Fields Corner, Uphams Corner, and Bowdoin-Geneva, within District 3. (The map also unites Neponset within District 3, a key focus of the judge's order.)

The Wu administration is hoping for the Council to take up a final compromise map by its May 24 meeting, and to get something passed by May 30 in order to preserve a timeline that calls for a Sept. 12 preliminary and a Nov. 7 final election. Meanwhile, a home rule petition moving deadlines for candidates gathering voter signatures to get on the ballot, since the dates were upended by the judge's order, passed the Council. Once the petition, first proposed by Wu earlier this month, has the mayor's signature, it speeds to Beacon Hill for approvals from the governor and the legislature.

If approved, the new date considered to be the last day for filing signature-gathering papers would be June 23, instead of the current May 23 deadline.

REP. BIELE HELPS PASS \$56.2 BILLION HOUSE FY24 BUDGET

Invests in transportation, local aid, public safety, and public health and recovery services

Recently, State Representative David Biele joined his colleagues in the Massachusetts House of Representatives in passing the House's Fiscal Year 2024 (FY24) budget. Funded at \$56.2 billion, the House's FY24 budget provides strong support for the Commonwealth's cities and towns, and among many critical investments, includes significant funding for education, transportation, health care, housing, and workforce development.

"The House budget responds to the needs of residents through targeted investments in programs and services, such as transportation, public safety and recovery services, that will help individuals and families in our community," said Rep. Biele. "I am thankful to Speaker Mariano, Chair Michlewitz, and my colleagues in the House for their support in making

these crucial investments in our community while also increasing resources to the City of Boston for education and local aid from last year's levels."

Due to the Commonwealth's strong revenue collections, the House's FY24 budget provides increased financial support in several critical areas. Additionally, the House recently passed a comprehensive tax relief package targeted at residents across all income levels that would provide \$654 million in direct financial relief in FY24. As a result of the same fiscally responsible leadership that has allowed for tax relief, the state's Stabilization Fund is estimated to stand at a record high of \$9.04 billion.

Transportation

To address ongoing safety concerns at the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) that have been identified by the Federal Transit Administration's Safety Management Inspection, the House budget allocates \$65 million, as well as \$250 million for capital projects, and \$5 million to explore the feasibility of implementing a means-tested fare program.

Local Aid

The FY24 House budget funds Unrestricted General Government Aid (UGGA) at \$1.250 billion and Chapter 70 education funding at \$6.584 billion. The budget funds the third year of a six-year implementation plan for the Student Opportunity Act (SOA), which was enacted in 2019 to ensure that public schools have the resources needed to provide high-quality education to

students across the state, regardless of zip code or income level. It provides an additional \$30 per pupil in minimum aid supplements, bringing the minimum aid total to \$60 per pupil.

Locally, the City of Boston is set to receive \$230.7 million in Chapter 70 education funding and \$222.9 million in Unrestricted General Government Aid under the House budget-- representing an increase from last year's budget, and providing additional resources for the City of Boston.

Public Health and Recovery

The House budget proposes funding the Department of Public Health at \$962 million and the Department of Mental Health at \$1.12 billion. Investments include:

- \$584.9 million for adult support services
 - \$208.2 million for the Bureau of Substance Abuse Services (BSAS), including \$3.5 million for opening of five new recovery centers
 - \$117.9 million for children's mental health
 - \$42.9 million for the Early Intervention program
 - \$1.25 million for prostate cancer awareness, education, and research
- The House budget also includes the following allocations for public safety programs, including:
- \$12.3 million for the Shannon Anti-Gang Grant Program
 - \$59.6 million for the Executive Office of Public Safety
 - \$38.4 million for the Department



of Fire Services, the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy, and our local fire departments.

- \$532.5 million for the Department of State Police
- \$824.2 million for the Department of Correction
- \$702.2 million for the Commonwealth's 14 Sheriff's offices
- \$500,000 to combat human trafficking

Locally, the House budget adopted amendments filed by Rep. Biele to provide for local public safety programs, including funding for dedicated state police patrols along state properties in South Boston, the Boston Fire Department Training Academy, and the Boston Fire Department's hazardous materials response team.

Speaker Mariano and the House Committee on Ways & Means introduced their FY24 budget proposal on April 12, 2023, following a review of the Governor's proposal and a series of public hearings. The budget passed the House of Representatives 156-0, and now goes to the Senate for consideration.



Cookies, Cookies and More Cookies

South Boston Girl Scout Sells 3,001 Packages of Girl Scout Cookies

Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts is thrilled to share that South Boston Girl Scout Phoebe S. sold 3,001 packages of Girl Scout Cookies during the program that ran from early December to early March.

The Girl Scout Cookie Program teaches Girl Scouts about entrepreneurship as they have fun learning essential skills like money management, public speaking, and decision making, which set them up for a lifetime of success. As the largest entrepreneurship program for girls in the world, every cookie purchase

is an investment in the world-changing business leaders of tomorrow.

This year, 14,586 Girl Scouts in eastern Massachusetts participated in the iconic Girl Scout Cookie program selling over 2.2 million packages of Girl Scout Cookies. Over 700 Girl Scouts sold over 500 packages or more of Girl Scout Cookies.

To learn more about Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts, please visit www.gsema.org.

About Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts

Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachu-

setts (GSEMA) is 31,500 strong, with 20,000 girls and 11,500 volunteers in 178 communities in eastern Massachusetts, building girl scouts of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. GSEMA is the largest girl serving organization in Massachusetts and the 10th largest Girl Scout council in the United States. Girl Scouts is the preeminent leadership development organization for girls. To volunteer, reconnect, donate, join, or learn more, visit gsema.org.

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The Wine Guy

Have a Chenin Blanc

Although it's technically Spring (though it's been so cold that I recently saw a Robin Redbreast with a fleece on), I'd like to look at a few lesser-known white wines today, made from Chenin Blanc. These wines are great in their own rite and provide a delicious alternative to the usual Chardonnay or Sauvignon Blanc...

Painted Wolf The Den, 2021 Chenin Blanc, South Africa, (\$14.99). This South African riff is a total bargain, with zero frills but enough to keep you coming back for

more. The winery touts its ability to play alongside complex food dishes like macaroni and cheese. Really, though, it's great for the money, offering tropical fruit like a good Sauv Blanc but not beating you over the head with it.

Kiona 2021 Columbia Valley Chenin Blanc, Washington, (\$19.99). Kiona has been making Chenin since 1980 and knows the grape well. Whatever the vintage, expect a crisp wine made all the more so thanks to production in stainless steel. The brand's 2020 is clean and built around flavors of honeydew, with a tiny but balancing pinch of residual sugar on the backend.

Day Wines 2021 Chenin Blanc, Willamette Valley, (\$21.99) Bri-
anne Day is a real champion of under-celebrated varieties so it's no shocker that she's making a standup Chenin Blanc. Her 2021 version is made from Ribbon Ridge fruit in the Willamette Valley and affords a great mouthfeel thanks to neutral oak fermentation.

Lieu Dit 2021 Chenin Blanc, Santa Ynez, (\$23.99). This Califor-



nia producer is behind an intoxicating New World Chenin. Made from fruit grown in the Santa Ynez Valley, the 2021 is one more fine Loire-inspired wine in the brand's portfolio. You can almost taste some of the great French producers who inspired both the label and this wine.

Domaine François Pinon Vouvray Trois Argiles 2021, (\$29.99) It wouldn't be a valid Chenin list without a reliable French producer. The 2021 vintage is produced from older

vines rooted in Vouvray's legendary chalky limestone soil. It's organic and a great mashup of minerality and ripe fruit.

Domaine Vigneau-Chevreau Vouvray Brut Vigneau, Loire Valley, France, (\$19.99). This wine is characterized by its fine bubbles, its bright yellow color and aromas of apples, quince, citrus and white peach. On the palate, its fresh and lively character, a brioche aroma, fades, giving way to hazelnut and almond.

Keep It Moving Southie!

Are you looking for a good reason to do some Spring cleaning of your closets? Boy, do we have a great local clothing drive for you to support called Keep It Moving Southie. All you need to do is drop off your unused clothing & shoes (clothing sized Newborn- Adult Medium and shoes up to size 10) at the bins listed below. And, you have over 3 weeks (5/19-6/9) to do it to support this community drive.

My Brownie co-leader, Lydia Polaski, and I along with our Brownie Troops have been working on this new community initiative and we wanted to share with each of you. And, if you are looking for some community fun this Friday, 5/19- PLEASE feel free to join us for a brief kickoff at the Tynan Community Center. Even if you can't make the event this Friday, thank you again for supporting our new initia-

tive Keep It Moving Southie, check out the details below and please feel free to share and/or post on any of your social media feeds.

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Keep It Moving Southie Background:

This past April, in recognition of Earth Day, South Boston Brownie Troops 64224 and 70041 learned about the catastrophic impacts of textile waste on the environment through a lesson on using resources wisely - part of the Girl Scout Law and words scouts pledge to live by. The troops/girls decided to do something to stop clothing waste in our community by offering an alternative. This led to the creation of a clothing drive for kids in partnership with Cradle to Crayons ([https://](https://www.cradlestocrayons.org/boston/)

www.cradlestocrayons.org/boston/) and the launch of Keep It Moving Southie. We congratulate our girls for their desire to address this very important issue while helping other local kids in the process. The goal is to keep our used or unwanted items moving and out of landfill.

Donation Items: New or used kids' clothing items and shoes: size newborn - adult medium. See full descrip-

tion of items accepted here: <https://www.friendsneighbors.org/>

Donation Locations: Perry School and 5 others locations throughout Southie and the Seaport. Look for the purple Cradles to Crayons bins. Find all participating locations here: <https://www.friendsneighbors.org/>
Contact: hello@friendsneighbors.org
Website: <https://www.friendsneighbors.org/>





Virtual Public Meeting

South Boston Transportation Action Plan

June 6, 2023

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Zoom Link: bit.ly/SBTAPGuide

Toll Free: (833) 568 - 8864

Meeting ID: 160 070 3797



Project Description:

The Boston Planning & Development Agency (BPDA) and Boston Transportation Department (BTD) released A Guide to South Boston's Transportation Planning and the Development Review Process. This guide will help residents better participate in the South Boston Transportation Action Plan (SBTAP) and the processes for proposed development projects in their neighborhood.

At the public meeting, the SBTAP project team will present on how transportation safety improvements are implemented through planning and development, and what kinds of interventions are used to improve the safety and comfort on City streets. There will be an opportunity for public comments and questions after the presentation.

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Virtual Public Meeting

34 B St, South Boston


June 5, 2023

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Zoom Link: bit.ly/34Bsouthie

Toll Free: (833) 568 - 8864

Meeting ID: 160 115 4832



Project Proponent:

Joe Hassel

Project Description:

The information at this meeting is crucial to you as a City of Boston resident, and stakeholder. Interpreting services are available to communicate the content of these documents at no additional cost to you. If you require translation services, please contact the following: Tyler.C.Ross@boston.gov. The meeting is scheduled for 6/5/2023. Please request interpreting services no later than 5 days before the meeting date.

Meeting of the general public to review the proposed 34 B st, South Boston project proposal.

Please note that this is a Public Meeting. The meeting will begin with a 45-minute presentation of the project by the development team, followed by 45-minutes of public Q&A.

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Drive dates:

MAY 19th - JUNE 9th

Visit www.friendsneighbors.org for more info

St. Peter Academy

SBCA Sings Unto Spring!

On May 10, the students in the South Boston Catholic Academy's Early Childhood Program did a fantastic job singing at their SBCA Spring Concert, much to their parent's and families' delight. They joyfully sang a medley of songs that included... "You are my Sun-

shine", "This Little Light of Mine" and a grand finale by all the students who sang "ABC-You Later."

Our Grade K2 to 6th Grade performed their concert on May 11. Their performance was outstanding also, and included both vocal and instrumental solos. They did a fantastic

job singing at their SBCA Spring Concert, much to the delight of their parent's and families. They wonderfully sang a medley of songs that included... "You'll Be in My Heart", "Seasons of Love" and a grand finale by our 6th Graders who sang "Queen Medley" led by their classmate Emmett Shelton, who surprised us all with his fabulous vocals. The 6th Graders were also accompanied by another classmate of theirs, Kanav Vashishth, who did a fantastic job playing the electric guitar.

A BIG Thank You to our very

talented Music Teacher, Mr. Carlo Bunyi, who sang a wonderful rendition of "Danny Boy" and all the wonderful students, families, faculty and staff at SBCA and to everyone who made these Spring Concerts possible and so enjoyable! Spring has sprung at SBCA! "Music is life itself." - Louis Armstrong. "Music can change the world." — Ludwig van Beethoven. New families are welcome to email our admissions team at: admissions@sbcatholicacademy.org for more info about South Boston Catholic Academy.



Saint Monica Peace Breakfast Celebrates Mothers

Last Saturday at St. Monica's Church Hall, the celebration of Mother's Day and coming together was alive and well at St.

Monica. The Peace Breakfast is in its 7th year and a joint collaboration between St. Monica, St. Peter Churches along with BPD (C-6). Deacon Paul,

BPD Officers, Housing Officers and the many volunteers who support the Good Samaritan Ministry were busy cooking, serving and spreading

happiness. Each mother received a gift to keep those hard working hands beautiful. See our Facebook page for more photos.



Touch A Truck At South Bay

Just after noon time last Saturday, shoppers and children were drawn to the parking lot in front of Old Navy. Why you ask? Old Navy spon-

sored its annual Touch A Truck Event in partnership with Boston Police (C-6), BPD SWAT, BPD MOP, Transit Police and the Boston Fire Department. The

children were given stickers, fire hats and great toys from Old Navy and CSO Ayesha Lawton (BPD-C6). One boy said the SWAT team was impressive and

it was! It may have been a toss-up between SWAT and BFD. Everybody who attended both young and younger engaged in great conversation, asking questions to learn more about each unit and department. It was a good day at South Bay!





This week, Danny shared his thoughts on Mike Vrabel being voted into the Patriots Hall of Fame:

Former Patriots linebacker and current head coach of the Tennessee Titans, Mike Vrabel, has been voted into the New England Patriots Hall of Fame.

Vrabel was voted in by the fans this month as the 34th inductee. He is the eighth player to enter the Patriots Hall of Fame as a three-time Super Bowl champion.

Fans voted for Vrabel over the other two finalists, Logan Mankins and Bill Parcells.

And the fans got it right.

"It's my pleasure to announce Mike Vrabel as this year's selection to the Patriots Hall of Fame," said Patriots owner Robert Kraft. "Mike's leadership and versatility were principal to one of the most successful eras in franchise history, propelling the Patriots to three Super Bowl titles in four years and establishing multiple NFL records for consecutive-game win streaks.

"Many Patriots players have made contributions in all three phases of the game, but none more significantly than Mike," added Kraft. "He was an eight-year starter on defense who also

regularly contributed on special teams and is the only player in NFL history to score touchdowns on his first 10 career receptions, including touchdowns in back-to-back Super Bowl victories. He was respected for his football intellect and was destined to become a head coach in this league. I look forward to welcoming him back to New England, where his induction will preserve his legacy as one of the greatest players in franchise history."

Vrabel was part of the press conference and reminisced on his playing days with the Patriots.

"I tried to prove that I belong there," he said. "I think every day, every week, I wanted to try to be there and be productive and know as many positions as I could and play special teams and embrace playing special teams. Learning from guys like Bill and learning the history of football from Ernie Adams, learning special teams from Brad Seely, watching Dante Scarnecchia coach and the passion and what he put into it. Obviously, the defensive coaches that we had Dean Pees, Romeo Crennel,

Eric Mangini, Rob Ryan, Pepper Johnson, all these guys that we got to be associated with. It was fun coming to work. Obviously winning makes it fun, but it was something that we're all better off for having spent time there.

"There's amazing people that allowed us to be successful," said Vrabel. "When the team has success, individuals get rewarded. And I'm appreciative of that and having been a part of that. It's just great to see everybody having success after football and doing some really cool, positive things in every avenue that we've pursued, whether that's TV or coaching or business. That's what I think I'm probably the most proud of, that everybody has gone on to quite a lot of success."

Vrabel has gone on to coach the Titans. In his five seasons in Tennessee, he's 48-34, has won the AFC South twice, and has been to the playoffs three times.

As a Patriot, Vrabel will obviously be remembered for being a defensive player. But his touchdowns as a receiver will always be at the top of his highlight list.

When asked about his receiving

skills, Vrabel said his favorite catches came in the Super Bowl.

"Oh, probably the ones in the Super Bowl," he said. "There was a back line one against the Jets that I don't think we've ever thrown. It's like the third progression in the goal line and I was like on the backside and never thought that I would even get the ball, and I turned around and it's like, it's already left his hand. I'm like, 'Well, I guess he got to his third progression,' because normally it's just like one, two and then throw it away on the goal line. And I turned around and the ball was there, and I was like, 'I don't think I've ever caught that end line on the goal line,' So those are the ones that stand out to me. But the Super Bowl one, where just everything's a fog and blur and all of a sudden through a bunch of helmets and hands, Tom managed to find the football and get it through."

The Patriots Hall of Fame is a well deserved honor for Vrabel. The date for the 2023 induction ceremony will be announced at a later time.

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SPORTS TODAY

TATUM CARRIES CELTICS TO EAST FINALS REMATCH VS HEAT

SBT Staff

The Boston Celtics are back in the Eastern Conference Finals, and like last year, they're taking on Jimmy Butler and the Miami Heat.

Boston beat Miami in seven games last May. This year's Eastern Conference Finals rematch marks the third time in four years that the two teams meet in the East Finals. The Heat beat the Celtics in the East Finals in 2019-20 in the Covid bubble.

Miami is the No. 8 seed in the East this time around, having knocked off the No. 1 seed Milwaukee Bucks in the first round, and then beating the No. 5 seed New York Knicks in the East Semifinals.

Boston is the No. 2 seed. The C's beat the No. 7 seed Atlanta Hawks in the first round, and the No. 3 seed Philadelphia 76ers in the East Semi-

Tweet of the Week



New England Patriots 🏈 @Patriots
12 is coming home.



finals. It took Boston seven games to beat Philadelphia, as Jayson Tatum took over the series in the fourth quarter of Game 6 and the entire Game 7.

In a must-win Game 6 in Philadelphia, Tatum outscored the entire Sixers team in the fourth quarter, 16-13, forcing a Game 7 back at the TD Garden.

In that Game 7 on Sunday, Tatum made history, scoring an NBA Game 7 record of 51 points, leading the Celtics to a 112-88 win over Philadelphia and advancing to the Eastern Conference Finals for the second consecutive year.

"It's a movie. It's a big movie,"

Marcus Smart said to the media after the game, when describing Tatum's dominant Game 7 performance.

"Being able to just sit back, eat your popcorn and watch. Sometimes we do get in that mode where we forget that we're on the court playing with him and you've gotta continue to play because he's able to make shots at a high difficulty and get really hot like he did tonight. But it's a beauty. It's a thing to watch. He works his tail off every day, he comes and has a game like Game 6 and then he comes out here and explodes. That's what you ask for from one of your best players."

Al Horford agreed.

"The thing that I'm most proud

WHAT TO WATCH

NBA FRIDAY, MAY 19
Eastern Conference Finals
Gm 2: Miami at Boston
8:30 P.M. TNT

SUNDAY, MAY 21
Eastern Conference Finals
Gm 3: Boston at Miami
8:30 P.M. TNT

TUESDAY, MAY 23
Eastern Conference Finals
Gm 4: Boston at Miami
8:30 P.M. TNT

MLB FRIDAY, MAY 19
Boston at San Diego
9:40 P.M. NESN

SATURDAY, MAY 20
Boston at San Diego
10:10 P.M. NESN

SUNDAY, MAY 21
Boston at San Diego
4:10 P.M. ESPN

of [Tatum] is just how resilient he is," Horford told the media after the Game 7 win. "Because this series wasn't ideal for him. It wasn't going well for him individually on the offensive end, but he continued to defend. He continued to have an impact on the game. And when he broke through in that Game 6, I feel like that really helped him get going and it was just great to see him put on this show here tonight."

"It's just so remarkable," added Horford. "In a Game 7, this type of magnitude, there are so many emotions. There's a lot of intensity and for [Tatum] to play like that, I mean, that's what special players do."

PATRIOTS SCHEDULE RELEASED, WILL HONOR BRADY IN WEEK 1

Tom Brady is coming home. The New England Patriots have announced that Brady will be honored in the "Thank You Tom Game" during the 2023 home opener, in Week 1, as the Pats host the Philadelphia Eagles on Sunday, Sept. 10, at 4:25 p.m. on CBS.

According to Patriots owner Robert Kraft, it will be "the beginning of many celebrations to honor Tom Brady and say thank you for what

he did for us in 20 years playing for the New England Patriots."

Kraft made the special announcement on the NFL Network, prior to the official schedule being released.

"The NFL is over a century old, and 20 percent of those years of the NFL, the greatest player in the history of the game played right here in Foxboro," said Kraft. "I'm happy to tell you and your audience that I invited him back to

come here and be with us at the opening game and let the fans in New England thank him for the great service he gave us for over 20 years."

Brady announced his retirement in February.

The Patriots open the season with two straight home games, in Week 1 against the Eagles, and Week 2 against the Miami Dolphins. That game against the Dolphins will be on NBC's Sunday

Night Football.

The Patriots have a total of four games in prime time, including their Week 2 game against the Dolphins, which is their only NBC Sunday Night Football game. The other three are after their Week 11 bye: Week 14 in Pittsburgh for Thursday Night Football, Week 15 at home against Kansas City for Monday Night Football, and Week 16 on Christmas Eve in Denver on NFL Network.

Mayor Michelle Wu's **NEIGHBORHOOD COFFEE HOURS**

9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Join Mayor Wu and City staff for conversation, coffee, and more!



Bay Village/Chinatown | Tuesday, May 2
Elliot Norton Park, 295 Tremont St.

Roslindale | Wednesday, May 3
Fallon Field, 910 South St.

Roxbury | Friday, May 5
Marcella Playground, 260 Highland St.

South Boston | Wednesday, May 10
A Street Park, 135-141 A St.

Dorchester | Friday, May 12
Doherty-Gibson Playground (Town Field)
1545 Dorchester Ave.

East Boston | Wednesday, May 17
Noyes Playground, 86 Boardman St.

Downtown/West End | Friday, May 19
City Hall Plaza, 1 City Hall Sq.

Allston-Brighton | Monday, May 22
Brighton Common, 30 Chestnut Hill Ave.

North End | Wednesday, May 24
Langone Park, 529 Commercial St.

South End | Thursday, May 25
Hayes Park, 158 Warren Ave.

Charlestown | Wednesday, May 31
McCarthy/Edwards Playground
10 Eden St.

Hyde Park | Thursday, June 1
Amatucci Playground, 1460 Hyde Park Ave.

Mattapan | Thursday, June 8
Hunt-Almont Park, 40 Almont St.

Fenway/Kenmore | Tuesday, June 13
Symphony Community Park, 30 Edgerly Rd.

West Roxbury | Wednesday, June 14
Billings Field, 369 LaGrange St.

Jamaica Plain | Friday, June 16
Mozart Street Playground, 10 Mozart St.

Mission Hill | Tuesday, June 20
Mission Hill Playground, 1497 Tremont St.

Back Bay/Beacon Hill | Wednesday, June 21
Commonwealth Avenue Mall, 15 Commonwealth Ave.
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