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Photos by Derek Kouyoumjian

Éirinn go Brách: Doyle's Café was packed with St. Patrick's day revelers on Sunday, March 17, to celebrate the Boston holiday. Friends and families came out to Doyle's for music and fun. See Page 14 for more photos.

Police share JP's crime stats, talk about importance of neighborhood crime stoppers

LAURA PLUMMER,
POLICE AND COMMUNITY
RELATIONS BEAT REPORTER

Around twelve people gathered at Curtis Hall in Jamaica Plain on Thursday, March 7, for the monthly police and community relations meeting organized by District E-13 of the Boston Police Department (BPD).

Every month, representatives from BPD, MBTA Transit Police and the Massachusetts State Police are invited to update community members on recent crime statistics and crime-fighting initiatives, and to provide advice on how to avoid becoming a victim.

In attendance at Monday's meeting were eight local residents, a representative from Arbor Hospital, and Officer William Jones and Captain John

Greland from BPD's District E-13.

Officer Jones provided copies

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BPD comparte estadísticas de la delincuencia, habla sobre la vigilancia comunitaria

LAURA PLUMMER

Doce personas se reunieron en Curtis Hall en Jamaica Plain el jueves 7 de marzo para la reunión mensual de la policía y la comunidad organizada por el Distrito E-13 del Departamento de Policía

de Boston (BPD).

Asistieron a la reunión del lunes ocho residentes locales, una representante de Arbor Hospital y el Capitán John Greland y su colega el Oficial William Jones del

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Centre St. marijuana dispensary receives conditional use permit

BY LAUREN BENNETT

Jamaica Plain is one step closer to having a recreational marijuana dispensary on Centre St. The Zoning Board of Appeal (ZBA) granted marijuana entity Core Empowerment, who has presented numerous times to the neighborhood, a conditional use permit to open the cannabis establishment at 401A-405 Centre St.

The 6,000 square-foot facility will be below-ground, and have a pickup/dropoff area on Centre St., according to Core Empowerment's lawyer, Mike Ross. Ross

said that Core Empowerment is "in the process of obtaining off-street parking within a quarter mile radius," and has agreed to a police detail for the minimum of the first month "to manage and handle logistics relating to parking," he said. The off-site parking would be a dedicated lot with a minimum of 12 parking spaces for Core Empowerment only. They are also in the process of working with the Hyde Square Merchants Association to create a shared valet zone for businesses in the area.

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Update for community room, garden on Flanagan & Seaton site provided at SNA

BY LAUREN BENNETT

The Stonybrook Neighborhood Association (SNA) had a light meeting on March 11, with not much to report and not many people in attendance. Jennifer Uhrhane said that there is no update for 84 Stonely—they were thinking about doing something different with the property, and "they would share plans once they came up with that," she said.

50 Stedman Street was approved by the BPDA on February 14, but the SNA said they have not yet heard about a Zoning Board of Appeal date.

Fred Vetterlein talked about three parts of a community agreement for the old Flanagan & Seaton site at 3521-3529 Washington St.: a mural that is being paid for by the developer of the Flanagan & Seaton site, a community garden, and a community room. Vetterlein said that the community garden would be a "significant

contribution to extending the Southwest Corridor Parkland," and he's looking for an organization that would be the agency to run the community garden, including "organizing and supervising yearly things that have to go on," Vetterlein said. He also said that the community room "needs to be defined" so that they can find people to begin using it.

"We're going to meet with PMAC (Park Management Advisory Committee) [for the Southwest Corridor Park] and combine this garden with those in the DCR in the Southwest Corridor parkland," Vetterlein said.

Landscape architect Ray Dunetz has been hired by the developer to design the community garden, according to Vetterlein. Dunetz has "several plans" for the garden, he added. There will be further discussion of this project as more details are hashed

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Non-traditional art show Projections seeking submissions for third year

BY LAURA PLUMMER

The Jamaica Plain Arts Council (JPAC) and Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Development Corporation (JPND) are currently accepting art submissions for their third ever Projections event, a non-traditional art show that projects digital images of submitted artwork onto the exterior walls of the Jamaica Plain Brewery.

Innovative and original artists from across New England

are invited to submit photos of their artwork in all mediums, including 2D and 3D, until midnight on Monday, April 15. Artists can then watch their artwork displayed on the walls of the Sam Adams Brewery beer garden during an outdoor art event on May 11 featuring live music and local food and drink. The event is free and open to the public.

"It's like a block party," said Anne Sasser of JPAC in an interview with the Gazette. "It's mission is to bring together the

community to celebrate a night of art, neighbors and fun."

A panel of jurors will evaluate all artwork.

"We ask local art professionals in the Boston area who have experience curating, teaching art and overseeing artists," said Sasser.

Prior to the event, jurors then select from among the submitted artwork pieces for the Juror's Choice Award and the Best in Show Award and notify the award-winning artists, who will

be honored during the event.

Images are assessed on a points system. Each juror selects his or her top picks for Juror's Choice Award. The Best in Show Award is the image that receives the top score by all combined jurors.

Artists can submit their work on the following website: <https://client.smarterentry.com/JPAC>. The cost of submission is \$5 and includes up to three high-quality images no greater than 8MB each.

During its first year, Projections featured the artwork of almost 150 local and national artists. After this year, the next Projections event will be in 2020.

According to its website, "The Jamaica Plain Arts Council is a non-profit organization supporting artist in the Jamaica plain community, through its annual Open Studios, periodic exhibitions, professional development offerings, and a commitment to cultivating local audiences for the visual arts."

Police

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of a chart comparing the year-to-date crime statistics from 2019 with those from 2018.

According to this chart, so far in 2019 there were 143 reported crimes in Jamaica Plain, down from 172 this time last year, a reduction of 17 percent. Crimes that have seen a decrease so far in 2019 compared to the same time period in 2018 included rape, non-domestic aggravated assault, commercial burglary, motor vehicle larceny, other larceny and auto theft. Crimes that saw an uptick in 2019 included homicide, domestic aggravated assault, residential burglary and other burglary.

Officer Jones also provided a

comprehensive list of the individual crimes reported in the area the previous month, including the date, time and location of each incident. According to this list, the month of February saw 39 larcenies (up from 37 in January), 20 burglaries (up from 17 in January), 10 aggravated assaults (down from 12 in January), 2 robberies (down from 4 in January), and no arsons, rapes or auto thefts (all down from one in January). One murder was registered in February when an individual succumbed to a previous shooting injury that occurred in November of 2018.

There was some confusion over the difference between robbery and burglary. Captain Greland explained that robbery is the taking of someone's property directly from that person and involves

intimidation or force, while burglary is unlawfully accessing a residence or building with the intent to commit theft.

Due to the recent uptick in burglaries, Officer Jones passed out a document with suggestions for how people can prevent burglaries of their homes or places of business.

For people living at street level, Officer Jones suggests keeping all valuables out of view from windows where passersby can easily see them. This might be as simple as moving a laptop from a window desk under a pillow.

Securing valuable items in a safe could add another level of difficulty for those who enter a home with bad intentions. Having to spend time and energy to break into a safe might deter a would-be thief, and the noise of doing so might alert neighbors to an intruder.

For those in multi-level homes, Officer Jones emphasized the importance of locking the main access doors to the building, and not just to the individual units. This is because someone breaking into a building is easily seen from the street, whereas once a thief is inside, he can access individual units without being observed.

Other tips include obvious measures such as using sturdy, solid doors as opposed to hollow doors that are easier to break, using safe locks instead of spring-latch locks, and properly securing all doors and windows when not home.

More tips on how to avoid becoming a victim of a crime can be found at bpdnews.com/tips.

Officer Jones and Captain Greland also highlighted the im-

portance of community policing, echoing the "if you see something, say something" slogan of the DHS.

"We do most of our best police working from people willing to reach out and call us," said Officer Jones.

Officer Jones also highlighted the importance of profiling, but not racial or ethnic profiling.

"We suggest to profile people's behaviors," said Officer Jones. "If you see someone standing on your neighbor's stoop and you don't know them, call 9-1-1 and say you don't think that person belongs there."

Residents who dial 9-1-1 to report a crime should know that they may be asked to identify a suspect or to testify in court. Failing that, the suspect would likely go free.

Some residents at the meeting expressed concern about how they can report crime while also keeping themselves safe from any possible retaliation.

Captain Greland assured that incidents of this nature are rare, and would bring a charge of "intimidating a witness" on top of the original charge.

"If you're not willing to testify, then don't complain about the crime in your neighborhood," said Officer Jones. "You can't have it both ways."

Officer Jones has witnessed successful community interventions and suggests that neighbors on the same block create a "phone tree", a way to alert all residents of the same street at the same time in the event of a crime in process.

He added, "Community policing means the community comes forward and stands up and says,

'That's the person that did it.'"

"If I'm a criminal and I'm going to a neighborhood where these people aren't afraid of testifying, I'm going to go somewhere else," said Captain Greland. "I'm going to go to the place where people don't say anything and I can get away with it."

Boston does have an anonymous tip line where residents can report suspicious persons or activities while also maintaining their privacy. The tip line is not affiliated with the BPD and no identifying information is stored. Tips can be submitted via call or text.

However, Captain Greland noted the limitations of the tip line and stated that this isn't the best choice for reporting a crime in progress. Because tips take awhile to get to the right individuals, the tip line should only be used to report recurrent criminal activity such as drug dealing at a certain locale, and not be used for emergent situations. For crimes in progress, 9-1-1 is always the best choice.

Learn more about how to submit an anonymous tip at bpdnews.com/crime-stoppers-text-a-tip-program.

The BPD puts out real-time crime updates via its Twitter account @bostonpolice. Roughly 530,000 people follow this Twitter account.

The police and community relations monthly meeting is on the first Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at Curtis Hall at 20 South Street. The next meeting is April 4. These meetings are open to the public and all interested residents are encouraged to attend.

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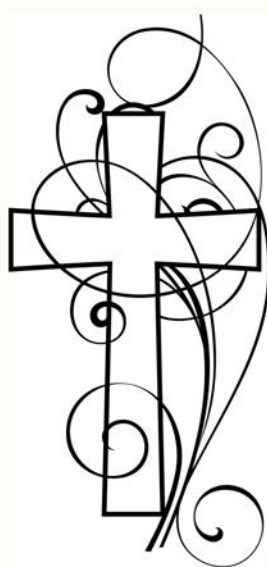
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Traffic, development updates presented at JHA meeting

BY LAUREN BENNETT

Updates on various projects and previous business was the subject of the Jamaica Hills Association (JHA) meeting on March 13. Polly Selkoe of the Zoning Committee gave an update on 960 Centre St, saying that the applicants have submitted their application to subdivide the lot into two lots, with a single family home on one lot and a two family home on the other.

They will need to appear before the Zoning Board of Appeal for relief for rear and side yard setbacks, among other things, Selkoe said. "Typically, this association has not been supportive of developing undersized lots," she said, adding that they have made exceptions in the past. There has been no abutters meeting scheduled yet, and a neighbor came to the March 13 meeting who is "totally against" the project.

At 98 Rockwood Terrace, the developer wants to build 12 units in six buildings on four acres of land, Selkoe said. She said a neighbor has land in JP with

a house in Brookline. He is a commercial developer, and does not want any more traffic on Rockwood St., she continued, and said he has requested that all traffic be diverted to Avon St. and Parkside Dr. There has been some discussion about how the traffic will be routed, but "none of this is decided or approved," Selkoe said. "I think it will come back to us in the near future to show us a real plan." Plans to complete a traffic study have been agreed upon, she added.

EMERALD NECKLACE CONSERVANCY

JHA Board member Celeste Walker gave an update on the Emerald Necklace Conservancy meeting. She said the main topic was the Shattuck Hospital site, as they are planning what they are going to put in its place. Walker said that the Conservancy wants the land to be returned to the Emerald Necklace, but the state wants to add more buildings. "What form it will take is up in the air," Walker said, adding that they don't know what the

main building will be. They are looking into building supportive housing for the chronically homeless on the site.

FRIENDS OF ALLANDALE WOODS

Walker gave an update regarding the lawsuit that was brought forth against the Zoning Board of Appeal and the developer of the proposed project at 64 Allandale St over a now 16 unit development that is to be built at that address. Walker said that the lawsuit is still pending, and the "decision could be any time and could go either way."

There is news with the second lawsuit brought forth by Springhouse, however. Walker said that Springhouse is settling with the developer. They have a board meeting on March 13 and a court date of May 23 to "report their progress," Walker said. "Supporters of the plaintiffs have sent an offer to the developer asking them to remove two units making it 14 units," she added. "We felt confident doing this. 90 Allandale next door has not been

sold to a developer," she said. She said that the developer has not yet responded to the offer.

UPDATE ON LETTER TO MANNING SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

As previously reported in the Gazette, the JHA discussed drafting a letter to Manning School principal Ethan d'Ablemont Burnes regarding their concerns with traffic in the neighborhoods surrounding the school. At the March 13 meeting, JHA member Andrea Howley said that the letter has now been drafted and tweaked regarding speeding on the side streets and buses idling on neighborhood streets.

Lastly, the group announced

that Chief of Streets Chris Osgood will be the keynote speaker at their annual meeting. They want to ask him what can be done to control traffic issues instead of having police officers on every street. They also discussed having someone from the state police come to the meeting, as they have jurisdiction over several areas of Jamaica Plain. Dottie Farrell said she thinks someone from the Department of Conservation and Recreation should come and leave the state police out of it. "Our main concerns in this neighborhood are traffic," responded Susan White.

The next JHA meeting will be held on April 10.

SNA

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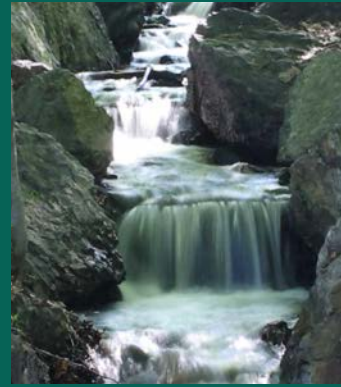
out.

The SNA also spoke briefly about the proposed Pine Street

Inn building on Washington St, and had general discussion about their new steering committee members, which were elected at the meeting. The next SNA meeting will be April 8 at 7:00pm at Doyle's Cafe.

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JP OBSERVER

The longer one lives, the more services offered here, it seems

BY SANDRA STOREY / SPECIAL TO THE GAZETTE

Life is getting better for people getting older in Jamaica Plain these days. Innovative services for local residents approaching traditional retirement age and beyond are on the increase.

At two events in JP last month programs were highlighted that are designed to improve a range of activities, from shopping, home safety, intergenerational relations, and income stability to decision-making itself for those residents—thereby helping the whole JP community.

[Note: What to call people over 60 or so is controversial these days, as I have observed and was reported in the Boston Globe on March 7. This column and its headline attempts to avoid using various terms that offend various people, such as: senior, elder, old(er) person, aging person, geriatric person, and person in their golden years—not always with success.]

Speaking of labels, the City of Boston recently announced its romantic sounding Commission on Affairs of the Elderly—around for decades—has been transformed into the powerful Age Strong (AGE+) Commission by Mayor Marty Walsh's administration. (Strong-ager? Hmmm.)

The Age Strong Commission is now sponsoring the Age and Dementia Friendly Business designation. Nicole Chandler from Age Strong described what the City's Boston Seniority magazine called the "new pilot program that encourages local businesses to make their spaces and services more inclusive for all ages" at the Jamaica Plain Business and Professional Association meeting on Feb. 20.

Becoming an Age and Dementia Friendly Business is both simple and substantial for local businesses. Business people fill out an application, take a 50-minute training and check off items on a list showing they have taken seven of various actions like ensuring patient staff, providing resting areas and non-slip floors, etc. In exchange, the City of Boston gives those businesses free publicity and recognition of their commitment to older adults.

So far, eleven JP businesses, most in Hyde and Jackson Squares, have become certified. AGE+ staff are reaching out to other business districts in JP now, too. For more information, visit boston.gov/age-strong; call the Age Strong Commission at 617-635-4366; or contact a local

JP Main Street program.

What was called an "Intergenerational Homeshare Pilot" conducted by the City of Boston in 2017 was so successful, Nesterly, an online service founded by two MIT graduates that worked with the City on the pilot, now regularly matches Boston area graduate students with empty-nesters who have spare bedrooms.

More than 50 matches have been made in the greater Boston area over the past year with no major problems, according to Nesterly's Boston Community Manager Nieves Edwards.

She and other representatives of local organizations supporting people who want to live in their private homes as long as possible, described helpful housing related services to members of JP@Home recently. The information session sponsored by the member-driven program of Ethos was held on March 8 at Rogerson House on the Jamaicaaway.

The genius of Nesterly lies in how simple it is for two deserving parties—a homeowner and a grad student—to cooperate to make both of their lives significantly better for a time. Basically, homeowners offer a room to a grad student for something

around \$700 a month for no fewer than 30 days in a row. The two learn about one another and reach agreement by communicating on the secure Nesterly platform. They put up profiles and go on to answer set questions about time, furnishings, any tasks the grad student might offer or the owner might seek, etc.

This program matches empty-nesters in bigger spaces here with grad students who want housing in a great neighborhood near the T.

Nesterly staff offers ongoing support with the online part and answers other questions, too. Rents get paid securely through the Nesterly site. The service is reasonably priced at a one-time matching fee of \$90-\$195 plus just 2.15 percent of the rent each month. For more information about this much-needed, new intergenerational homeshare program, call 781-205-9607 or go to www.nesterly.io

ESAC Executive Director Emily Morris Litonjua told the crowd about a range of Senior Assistance Programs the 53-year old JP-based nonprofit offers that focus on health and safety as it relates to their housing. The Senior Assistance Program motto of "Helping Seniors Age Safely at Home!" fits nicely with JP@

Home's "Aging Well Together."

Senior Assistance Programs for low and moderate income people include: Fall Prevention, Benefit Enrollment Center, Home Repair for Seniors and Disabled Persons, and Mortgage Assistance.

ESAC's Home Modification Loan Program (HMLP) offers very affordable loans for home improvements, including bathrooms so "seniors can plan to live in their homes longer." A household of two, with one person with an ambulatory deficit, can make up to \$165,600 to still qualify. This program is funded by the Mass Rehab Council through CEDAC and Boston Metro Housing.

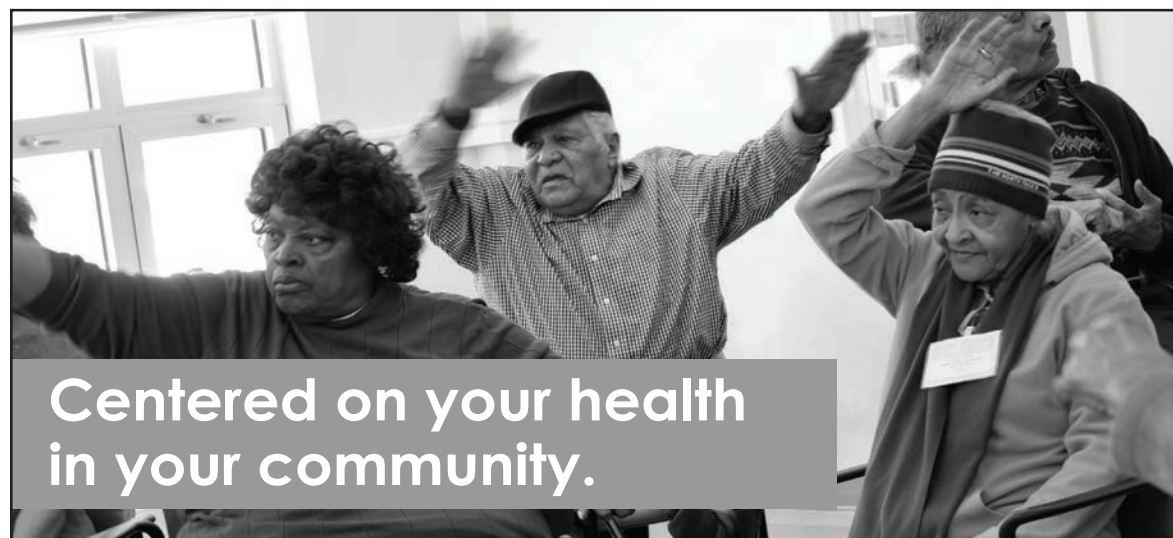
For more information about ESAC programs, see www.esac-boston.org or call 617-524-2555.

Silvie Agudelo spoke to the group about the great concept of "universal design." She called it a "way of thinking" that recognizes that all humans to be safe and secure. So, for a simple example, an older or disabled person may need grab bars in the shower, but the bars might be handy for younger adults as well. More and more new building plans incorporate the concept.

"Options Counseling" sounds mysterious until you listen to

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Pine Street Inn and Community Builders present informal proposal for affordable housing

BY LAUREN BENNETT

Homeless and housing services provider Pine Street Inn and non-profit developer Community Builders presented an informal proposal for their proposed affordable housing building at 3368 Washington St. at the Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council (JPNC) Housing & Development Committee meeting on March 19.

This was purely an informational meeting and a time to ask questions—the JPNC did not vote on this matter. It will be heard many more times in the coming months as the plans are finalized.

Jan Griffin, Vice President of Housing Development for Pine Street Inn, gave a little bit of background about the organization and its foray into housing development, which she said began in 1984. “Today, Pine Street Inn now has more housing units than we do shelter beds,” Griffin said. “That was our goal ten years ago, to get to that point.” She said that 50 people live in the Bowditch School on Green St., and this is the largest housing building that Pine Street Inn currently manages.

Griffin said that Pine Street Inn has owned the building at 3368 Washington St. for almost 20 years, and they are “excited to be teaming up and partnering with the Community Builders,” she said. In the past, the building has been used for such things as a thrift store, but right now, it’s used for Pine Street Inn’s

purchasing, facilities, and supportive housing departments, as well as a storage place for things like ice melt and blankets. “It’s a very multi-purpose use building for us,” Griffin said.

Lydia Scott, Project Manager for the Community Builders, presented the informal proposal to the group. She said they have been working on this concept with Pine Street Inn for about a year, and that the Community Builders are “very familiar with working in JP.”

Right now, the building is a single story, but they are proposing to demolish that building, relocate existing uses offsite, and then move them back to a six-story, mixed use building with 225 residential units and about 18,000 square feet on the ground floor for the replacement offices, Community Builders management office, a community room, and amenities for residents. There will be 60-65 parking spaces divided between Pine Street Inn staff and the residents, as well as 13,000 square feet of open space for residents, according to Scott.

For the units themselves, there will be 140 studios at 30 percent Area Median Income (AMI)—these will be the supportive housing units for chronically homeless individuals, Scott said. The remaining 85 units would be a mix of 60 percent to 80 percent AMI, and these would be from studios up to two bedroom units. “The building is 100 percent income restricted,” Scott said.

Scott said that the goal is to fund services to all 140 Pine Street Inn supportive housing units at about \$1 million annually. The services funded by reserve will include: case management, services supervisor, client transportation, licensed clinician, and more.

Scott said that the goal is to get permitting by this fall, and get to construction by next summer. She added that this building is currently zoned in an industrial area, so they will have to get a zoning variance for residential use, among other things.

Scott said that this will be founded by a mix of public and private funding sources, including state and federal tax credits.

Griffin said that some money will come from Boston’s Way

Home Fund, which was created out of Mayor Walsh’s desire to develop 200 units of housing for the chronically homeless in the city of Boston. “Together we’ve been raising the funding into that fund,” Griffin said. “At this point, we have about five million dollars toward the fund.” She said that if there is an operating deficit, Pine Street Inn doesn’t want that to affect services, so they will control the support service money for this project, as well as have other sources of funding.

Scott added that a portion of the rental income received from the 140 units will be put into that funding reserve.

There were several comments and concerns about renewable energy and building green. Scott said that they are keeping net

zero in mind, but sometimes it “can be cost prohibitive,” she said. “We are looking into solar for this building,” she said, and there will be 80 bicycle parking spaces onsite to encourage people to use alternative modes of transportation.

Overall, the feedback from the room was very positive. People are generally in support of supportive housing and were happy to see a 100 percent affordable development.

Scott said there will be a website for this project with FAQs, community presentations, and more information about the proposal that will be up by the end of the week. This is the first of many community meetings and people

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Jamaica Plain's real estate market soars to new heights

There are only two words to describe the real estate scene in Jamaica Plain: red hot.

With the major city excitement, green spaces, excellent restaurants, vibrant arts community, and of course - location, location, location - Jamaica has become one of the most desired neighborhoods in which to live.

Local real estate agents are as busy as ever, working hard to find their clients the best value for their investment in homes and condominiums or apartment rentals.

The Jamaica Plain Gazette talked with some of the leading realtors about the increasing popularity of JP and the outlook for the future of the real estate market:

Alex Lacroix, branch manager of Coldwell Banker, Jamaica Plain

Alex Lacroix said the reason many people are considering JP for home ownership and residences is "the nice blend of being an urban feel, but also having the green spaces it's famous for: the Jamaica Pond, the Arbore-

tum, Emerald Necklace - and a thriving arts community. It's got a little bit of everything."

He said people have been inquiring about single-family homes and condominiums - "and the rental market has picked up quite a bit, there are a lot of rental units available."

Lacroix said the price of a single-family home depends on the neighborhood, "but I think over the last six months or so, the average sale price on a single-family home has been around a million dollars."

For single-family homes, Sumner Hill has emerged as one of the most popular neighborhoods, according to Lacroix.

"Anything close to transportation is always going to be hot in terms of condos and rental units," he added. "Anything near Forest Hills (MBTA Station) or 'T' stations in general is always attractive."

Lacroix said there are currently several home and condominium ownership opportunities available in Jamaica Plain.

"And interest rates are still

very low as well - between 4.3 and 4.5 percent - that's really low. The interest rates haven't jumped the way people were afraid, so that really helps buyers as well," he said.

John Maxfield, Maxfield & Company Real Estate

John Maxfield said the Jamaica Plain real estate market "has been booming since 2008."

"It's been unbelievable. Everyone keeps asking, 'when is it going to turn, when is it going to soften,' because everyone understands it has to happen at some - and it depends on so many factors: supply versus demand, interest rates, political happenings, the weather - there are so many things that impact the market - but nothing is hurting it right now."

Maxfield, former owner of the Prudential Real Estate Offices in Boston, cited a recent sale of a property as an example of the rising reputation of JP as one of the places to live in Boston.

"I went in to appointment to present nine offers to a seller, who got 10 percent above the

asking price ultimately," said Maxfield. "Every single offer was the asking price, but two of them were 10 percent above and she accepted one of those. That's crazy."

In fact, Maxfield said, the entire real estate market in the area "is heating up."

"It's Brookline, West Roxbury, Roslindale - it goes up to Cambridge and Medford - Revere and Winthrop are going crazy. It happened in East Boston and then Chelsea."

He attributes the continuing resurgence of Jamaica Plain market to the same factors that have always been attributed to Jamaica Plain. "It (JP) has location, it's very close to the South End, it's bordered by Brookline, but it's also bordered by parks. It's got green all the way around it, from the Arboretum to the Frederick Olmstead Riverway, to Franklin Park."

"And there's not a single parking meter in all of Jamaica Plain. It's accessible by train. Parking is easy. And it has a quaint downtown district with a nice restaurant scene," said Maxfield, a board member of the Jamaica Plain Business and Professional Association (JPBA-

PA).

An interesting mix of architecture also characterizes Jamaica Plain, added Maxfield. "It's created this aura about Jamaica Plain."

Rob Oteri, owner, and Rachael Kulik, office manager of Jamaica Plain Rentals and Sales, Inc.

The rental market in Jamaica Plain is also hitting new heights as doctors, doctors in residency, young families, medical school students and college graduate students, and young families seek apartments in the various neighborhoods.

"We're getting a lot of people looking for apartments in Jamaica Plain," said Kulik.

Why the adoration for JP as a highly-sought address?

"Proximity to the hospitals (Boston VA Hospital in JP, Beth Israel Deaconess, Brigham and Women's) is a big draw," said Oteri.

"Jamaica Plain also has some great restaurants," said Kulik. Jamaica Pond is a popular attraction. And Ponside, Jamaica Plain is where the most expen-

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Your home is your castle: How to protect it through the years

(StatePoint) For many people, owning a home is the American dream, and the single biggest financial investment they will ever make. With the stakes so high, in addition to picking out the perfect property, it's critical to have the right insurance.

While homeowners may start out with the right amount when they first purchase their home, over time, their policy can become outdated. Why? One big reason is inflation.

"Labor and building material costs go up over time, which means that if your home were destroyed by a fire or natural disaster, for example, and you had to rebuild it in today's dollars, it would very likely cost much

more," said Bob Buckel, vice president and product manager, Erie Insurance. "That's why we recommend that all homeowners get 'guaranteed replacement cost' coverage."

In addition to making sure your insurance keeps up with inflation, experts also recommend homeowners reach out to their insurance agent when:

- **You remodel:** 2019 is expected to be a popular year for remodeling, according to the Leading Indicator of Remodeling Activity. Whether it's putting on an addition or finishing the basement, be sure the extra square footage and finishes are listed on your policy. Why? If something were to happen (think: fire, water damage,

etc.), you'll want your insurance policy to provide enough funds for everything to be repaired or replaced.

- **You make changes to outdoor space:** The same is true with any remodeling to your outdoor space. The addition of an in-ground pool or fence can add value to your home. There are also liability concerns associated with certain equipment, such as a swimming pool or trampoline. Unfortunately, at least 148 children drowned in swimming pools last summer and many more were injured, according to the Consumer Product Safety Commission. You'll want to make sure you're properly covered in the event of an accident.

- **You install a security system:**



Homeowners going over insurance options with an agent. PHOTO SOURCE: (c) GutesaMilos / stock.Adobe.com

You may qualify for a discount on your insurance if you've recently installed a security system. One study by the Electronic Security Association (ESA) looked at the 10 largest insurance companies and found many offer worthwhile premium discounts.

- **You start a home-based business:** Whether you have a side hustle or draw a full-time income from a home-based business, you may not have the right coverage in place. For example, if you're selling LuLaRoe clothing and there's a fire, your merchandise might not be covered since typical policies don't always cov-

er home-based businesses. You'll most likely need an incidental business endorsement. Coverage from Erie Insurance could cost about \$30 to \$70 per year.

- **You acquire valuables:** Homeowners insurance covers your belongings, but generally only up to a certain dollar amount per item. So, if you acquire an expensive item, such as an engagement ring, a fur or a valuable artwork, you should talk to your insurance agent about adding special coverage. You may also need to provide a receipt or appraisal.

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sive luxury units are for us. Everybody wants to live in the Pond. Condos go for over \$1 million here.”

Oteri said a lot of young families are moving in to Jamaica Plain. “A lot of the doctors that are doing their residency and fellowship program at the local hospitals – they tend to have young families or they’re starting young families, so the JP area because it’s got such a nice mix of green space and city living, it tends to attract those types of clients.”

Kulik said Boston neighborhoods such as Jamaica Plain “have their own vibe.”

“It’s a big arts community here. It’s a great working professional community. JP has a lot of unique, converted multi-family homes. And a lot of the homes have great history to them. It’s its own world, I guess you could say. JP is a

very hot place.”

Oteri agrees, saying JP properties have much more character and history than in other areas of Boston.

“You’ll get more unique-type units here, than the cookie-cutter, luxury condos that are going up in the Seaport District,” said Oteri.

The rental prices vary but Kulik said the agency’s least expensive one-bedroom apartment this year was \$1,950 per month. Jamaica Plain Rentals and Sales currently has a two-bedroom unit on the market for \$3,600 per month.

“They range from \$2,300 all the way up to \$4,000,” noted Oteri.

Property investment opportunities are also on the rise. JP has a lot of two-and-three-family homes, which has become a big draw for investors.

“Because we do both, rentals and sales, we have a lot of people that will ask us: ‘What we could potentially rent this for?’” said Kulik.

Sarah Carroll, Coldwell Banker, Jamaica Plain

Sarah Carroll attributes the increasing popularity of Jamaica Plain to its “proximity to public transportation, green spaces, the new restaurants and shops – and there is a great energy here.

“People like being close to the downtown, Longwood Medical, all the colleges and universities,” said Carroll. “You can also go outside of the city and go south and be on many different highways in under 30 minutes.”

Carroll said the transformation of JP has been exciting to watch.

“When I first moved in to JP, the cabs wouldn’t come to JP, and there was no such thing as Uber,” she said. “They wouldn’t drive me home, but that’s all long, long gone. That was in 2002.”

Carroll said the most popular properties she is selling are in the American Brewery Lofts (Heath Street, Jamaica Plain), along with Roslindale, southern JP (near the Forest Hills T stop).

“All of that makes it easier to sell because of the proximity to public transportation,” said

Carroll.

She also praised Whole Foods as a key component in the JP community.

“They (Whole Foods) give back to the community,” said Carroll. “They hire local residents as their employees. They give back to the

schools and the neighborhoods. They hire local farmers for their produce. When they first moved here, there was some controversy – but Whole Foods came in to the town and brought so much by way of healthy food options, and their prices are affordable.”



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Home updates that pay off

(StatePoint) Whether you're remodeling for a fresh take on an old style or contemplating a new build, there are choices you can make that will definitely pay off, say experts.

To add value to your project, consider these recommended tips from Stephen Quick of Stephen Alexander Homes, builder of the 2018 Coastal Virginia Magazine Idea House.

Once an afterthought, lighting takes center stage in a home's design. "Consider your lighting needs at the start of the project. Wait too long and it can become expensive to move or add lights," advises Quick.

When planning lighting basics, think of the design as a whole: choose your decorative lighting fixtures at the same time you choose recessed. A large fixture throws a lot of light, so keep adjacent recessed lights to a minimum.

Dimming capabilities are a

must, and Quick recommends using "smart" dimmers like Hubbell's iDevice to customize the dimming range. The control offered by these dimmers means you can use larger statement lighting pieces with many bulbs to create amazing, but not overwhelming, spaces.

Quick tends to use lighting with a classic foundation, but loves to play with the eclectic. Adding a bold piece that is "whimsical" in an unexpected area offers a surprising focal point, he says.

"We've relied on Progress Lighting for 20 years," says Quick. "Especially in the past few years, as they've taken giant leaps in design."

Stephen Alexander Homes incorporate "lifestyle focus" open floor plans as their signature look. Now, they are pioneering a new trend in home culinary spaces. Pantries are re-imagined to not only be practical, but



Let lighting take center stage in your home's design.

a spot to display the homeowner's hobbies and interests. Think useful collectibles like olive oils, wine or beer. Lighting this room properly is a must, as the light needs to be functional, yet have an added element of drama to showcase the hobby.

Beyond mere dollars and cents, make style choices based on the manufacturer rather than the component. As a builder, Quick starts with a "basket" of

necessary elements, but it's how they are applied that ultimately makes the design special.

Consider engaging an interior designer. Even with a smaller remodel budget, hiring an expert who knows which brands give you the most bang for your buck is worth their fee. You're more likely to end up with the look you want at a price that is worth the investment.

Paint is one of the biggest design tools at your disposal. "A new coat of paint sets the tone for everything. Choosing the perfect

colors can be hard, but paint companies are on target with the latest trends within the color spectrum, adding colors that hit the mark to give your spaces a fresh look," says Quick.

And if you don't like the color once it's on the walls? "Don't be afraid to change it. Paint is not expensive. It's more expensive to keep a look you don't like."

For design ideas, visit progresslighting.com/styles.

When making home updates, think of those projects that will pay off the most.



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Several great ways to boost your home's curb appeal

(StatePoint) When it comes to your home, you only get one chance to make a great first impression -- and that takes place before anyone ever steps inside, making curb appeal upgrades an effective way to beautify your home while boosting its value.

Here are some great ways to enhance curb appeal that will give you a great return on invest-

ment, according to Remodeling Magazine's 2019 Cost Vs. Value Report.

Garage Door Replacement
Whether you want your garage door to take center stage or provide a demure complement to your home's overall exterior, the right selection will make a great visual impression. Luckily there are a growing number of ways to

personalize a garage door. New color options, which include two-tone combinations, are growing in popularity, and an expanding array of panel designs can help you work in harmony with your home's architectural style.

But know that this is not just any cosmetic upgrade. A new garage door has the potential to improve your family's safety

and comfort, providing safety features not found in older models, while reducing heat and cold transfer for lower energy bills.

Manufactured Stone Veneer
A manufactured stone veneer project can enhance the aesthetic appeal of any space, indoors or out, and can be customized to suit your needs and style. When applied to a home exterior, this

project has an impressively high return on investment at 95 percent, according to the 2019 Cost vs. Value Report.

Maximize this upgrade by opting for high-quality materials that look like authentic stone, even upon careful inspection. For example, the choices available

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from ProVia are molded and colored to produce a realistic, dramatic effect, mimicking stones from unique geographic regions in a range of cuts. Their online resources, which can be found at provia.com, include design ideas

and tools for selecting harmonious color groupings, helping you make the best choices for your home.

Siding Replacement

Of all the home updates that will boost your curb appeal, new siding has the third highest return on investment, according to the report. When making this upgrade, consider materials wisely. Thanks to its overall low cost, ease of installation, minimal

maintenance required and long-term durability, vinyl is the most popular home siding material. Whether you opt for insulated, traditional or decorative siding, this can be a great way to give your home a high-impact facelift that's well worth the cost.

To add beauty and value to your home, start with curb appeal, selecting projects that offer a great return on investment.



Pine Street

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will be able to ask questions and provide feedback as the project gets closer to reality.

"Our goal is to be a good neighbor," Scott said.

SHATTUCK HOSPITAL

The JPNC Housing & Development Committee also talked about the Shattuck Hospital and discussed different ideas of how the space could be used. It has been said that the hospital will move to the South End in 2021-2022, leaving many JP residents

to wonder what will happen to the Shattuck campus.

The campus is 13 acres of land that used to belong to Franklin Park, but was turned over to the state and must be used for public health, said JPNC member Carolyn Royce. The state has said that it would like to build 75-100 units of supportive housing on the campus, and there will be at least one more public meeting before the Request for Proposal goes out for what can be there.

"We lack so much clarity about what the state is thinking about [to put on the campus]," Royce said. She said that they have said they would like to have some kind of public/private partner-

ship and they would like to keep 600,000 square feet of building on the campus.

JPNC member Kevin Rainsford read off a list of programs that currently exist on the campus, including a methadone treatment program, detox treatment facilities, and the Shattuck Shelter, which is operated by the Pine Street Inn. Rainsford said that there was a question of whether or not these programs would return to Long Island when the bridge is built, and that it was something to think about when they plan. "There would be a need to reconstruct buildings to accommodate these programs [on the Shattuck campus]," he

said.

There was another comment made about this proposed supportive housing on the campus being surrounded by detox programs and "no neighbors." Others felt that the supportive housing will not be as secluded as others were saying, and that it will be on a beautiful section of Franklin Park.

Celeste Walker, a member of the Jamaica Hills Association, said she attended some community meetings where she felt that the park advocates were very serious about their wishes to have the land returned to the Emerald Necklace. Others who attended community meetings

said that there was lots of strong support for the housing element as well.

The group came to a consensus that partnerships with non-non-profits would be better, though defining what a non-profit was seemed to be a sticking point. People wanted organizations that are familiar with the community, and someone said she didn't want to see state land being used to help for-profit companies make money.

There are still conversations to be had and more solidified information to be given about the Shattuck Hospital site.

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El Oficial Jones distribuyó una tabla que compara las estadísticas de delitos de 2019 con las de 2018.

Entre enero y marzo de 2019 hubo 143 delitos denunciados, una reducción del 17% de 2018. Los delitos que han experimentado una reducción incluyeron la violación, el asalto agravado no doméstico, el robo comercial, el hurto de vehículos, otro hurto y el robo de autos. Los delitos que vieron un aumento en 2019 incluyeron el homicidio, el asalto agravado doméstico, el robo residencial y otro robo.

El Oficial Jones también proporcionó una lista completa de los

delitos individuales denunciados el mes pasado. Se registraron 39 hurtos (hubo 37 en enero), 20 robos (hubo 17 en enero), 10 asaltos agravados (hubo 12 en enero), 2 atracos (hubo 4 en enero), y sin incendios, violaciones o robos de auto. Se registró un asesinato cuando un individuo murió a causa de un disparo que ocurrió en noviembre del año pasado.

Debido al reciente aumento de robos, el Oficial Jones distribuyó un documento con sugerencias sobre cómo las personas pueden prevenir los robos. Sugiere mantener todos los objetos de valor fuera de la vista de las ventanas donde son fácilmente vistos desde la calle. También sugiere asegurar cosas valiosas en una caja de caudales.

El Oficial Jones enfatizó la importancia de cerrar con llave las puertas principales de los ed-

ificios con múltiples unidades.

Se puede encontrar más consejos sobre cómo evitar ser víctima de un delito en bpdnews.com/tips.

El Oficial Jones y el Capitán Greland también destacaron la importancia de la vigilancia comunitaria.

"Si usted ve a alguien en la puerta de su vecino y no lo conoce, llame al 9-1-1 y diga que no cree que esa persona pertenezca allí", dijo el Oficial Jones.

Los residentes que marcan el 9-1-1 para denunciar un delito deben saber que se les puede pedir que identifiquen a un sospechoso o que declaren en el tribunal.

"Si no está dispuesto a declarar, entonces no se queje de la delincuencia en su barrio", dijo el Oficial Jones.

El Oficial Jones sugiere que los vecinos en la misma cuadra creen una red de teléfono, una manera

de notificar a todos los residentes de la misma calle en caso de un delito en proceso.

"La vigilancia comunitaria significa que la comunidad dice: 'Esa es la persona que lo hizo'", agregó.

"Si soy un criminal y me voy a un vecindario donde los residentes no tienen miedo de declarar, voy a ir a otro vecindario", dijo el Capitán Greland.

Boston tiene una línea de denuncias anónimas donde los residentes pueden denunciar personas o actividades sospechosas y al mismo tiempo mantener su privacidad. La línea de denuncias anónimas no está afiliada a BPD.

Las denuncias anónimas tardan un rato en llegar a las personas correctas, y por eso la línea de denuncias anónimas sólo se debe utilizar para denunciar las actividades sospechosas recur-

rentes, como la venta de drogas, y no para las emergencias. Para los delitos en progreso, la mejor opción es llamar al 9-1-1.

Obtenga más información sobre cómo enviar una denuncia anónima en bpdnews.com/crime-stoppers-text-a-tip-program.

El BPD publica noticias sobre delitos a través de su cuenta de Twitter @bostonpolice, una cuenta con más de 530 mil seguidores.

La reunión mensual de la policía y la comunidad es el primer jueves de cada mes a las 6.30 pm en Curtis Hall en 20 South Street. La próxima reunión es el 4 de abril. Todos los residentes interesados son bienvenidos. (Se ofrece la versión española de esta reunión el segundo jueves de cada mes a las 6.30 pm en 155 Lamar-tine Street.)

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Options Counselor Marie Alice Similien of Ethos describe it. People over 60 and people with disabilities of any age who need it—as they try to figure out where and how they should live based on changing circumstances—really appreciate it.

Similien, as an Options


Counselor, helps people develop their own personal long-term care plan and connects them to supports for that. Options Counseling is a free service funded by a consortium of Massachusetts public and private non-profit entities.

Similien can be contacted at Ethos at 617-477-6727 or at optionscounselor@ethocare.org. Ethos is a private, non-profit organization established in 1973 that is dedicated to promoting independence, dignity, and well-being among the elderly and disabled through quality, affordable and cultur-

ally-appropriate home and community-based care.

In addition to hosting the membership-based JP@Home for many of the southwest Boston neighborhoods, Ethos also coordinates all the non-institutional home and community-based services for elderly and disabled residents of West Roxbury, Hyde Park, Roslindale, Jamaica Plain, and Mattapan. Information about JP@Home and all Ethos programs can be found at Ethocare.org or 617-522-6700.

LAST YEAR, IT HURT TOO MUCH TO STAND. TODAY, SHE CARRIES A NATION ON HER SHOULDERS.



At her clinic in Freetown, Sierra Leone, Dr. Olabisi Claudius-Cole treated patients of all ages with any condition, and would often take no payment in return. When arthritic hips and knees kept her from the rigors of daily patient care, a disaster loomed.

Dr. Claudius-Cole's sister led her to an American orthopaedic specialist, who had just heard rocker/activist Bono issue his mandate for caring people everywhere to step up and make a difference. As he listened to Dr. Claudius-Cole, he saw his own chance to do just that. Donating his own surgical services, he helped mobilize an entire medical team to get Dr. Claudius-Cole back on her feet. He even arranged free hip and knee implants.

Today, Dr. Claudius-Cole is fully recovered, and back at her vital healing practice in West Africa. Her story truly brings new meaning to the term "pro-Bono." We share it here because it sends two of the most contagious messages we know. Don't give up, and remember to give back.

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Local artists to be featured in juried exhibition

The Menino Arts Center proudly announces its Juried Exhibition “Abstracts, a Departure from Reality: Slight, Partial, or Complete.” The exhibition will run through May 5, with a reception on Sunday, March 24, from 2 – 4 p.m. The exhibition and reception are free and open to the public at the Menino Arts Center, 26 Central Avenue, second floor, Hyde Park, MA 02136. Normal gallery hours are Wednesdays

from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.; Thursdays from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.; Fridays from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.; during scheduled workshops and events; and by appointment.

The exhibition was juried by Judith Brassard Brown, Professor in the Painting and Foundations Departments, Monsterrat College of Art, Beverly, MA. It will feature 41 pieces from these 22 artists including the following from Jamaica Plain:

Myrna Balk
Sharon Berke
Gail Bos
Dawn Colsia
Elizabeth Slayton
Ginny Zanger

The Menino Arts Center is home of the Hyde Park Art Association. The mission of the Hyde Park Art Association is to support local artists, make cultural opportunities accessible to families, students, and seniors

who may not otherwise have the means to participate; enrich community life, serve as a unifying force in the neighborhood; and help create a more vibrant commercial district. The Menino Arts Center serves the neighborhood of Hyde Park, greater Boston and its suburban counterparts. With over 4,000 square feet of space, the MAC is home to the Paul Nolan Studio, seven affordable artist work studios, three

galleries, a library and resource center, an auditorium and our organization’s home offices. The center hosts workshops, concerts, readings, exhibitions, and other events in the service of promoting the arts in the Hyde Park community.

More info on the MAC and the HPAA at <http://www.hpaa-mac.org>

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The first month of business will also be appointment only, with the ability to serve walk-in clients if there’s room, Ross said. The hours of operation will be from 11:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m., seven days a week. They are looking to have a staff of 24 people to start, 12 per shift. For the first month, however, they would like to have 16-18 people per shift and then scale it back to the 12 per shift as time goes on. They anticipate that each person will spend 5-10 minutes inside the dispensary, Ross said.

Ross explained to the ZBA how the flow of the building would work. He said they anticipate about 350 people per day, but the space is large enough to comfortably handle 1,500 people per day. “But we think that number is going to be closer to 350,” he said.

Customers will walk in on Centre Street, where they will be greeted by an employee who will tell them to have their ID ready to be inspected. This is also where the handicap lift is located to bring people down to the dispensary area. Once people are underground, they will walk into a reception area, “which has substantial capacity in it of itself for about two to three dozen people,” Ross said. “At that point, they would have the ID check with the security personnel,” he said, and then they would enter the public space. This space will have five point-of-sale systems with the potential to be increased up to eight. This is where people would fulfill their orders, Ross said.

Ross also said that there is a security desk at the dispensary entrance where online fulfillment would be taken care of. People who ordered online will wait in a

separate line to come pick up the orders that they paid for ahead of time.

There is also a secure storage area for employees only. “Each of the doors are going to be secured for your level of access depending on who you are as an employee,” Ross said. “The product itself will come in through a separate door off Centre Street on the leftmost part of the space where security staff will arrive on a randomized basis” to drop off product, etc., Ross said.

Ross said that delivery will be randomized, but they are looking at having deliveries “at least three times a week.” He also said that they will not be selling any loose leaf flower—all products are child-proofed and have been prepackaged outside of the facility. Certain edibles, such as lozenges and tinctures, will be available, but “state regulations don’t allow animal shapes or certain items to be wrapped colorfully,” Ross said.

The ZBA requested to hear about the security process, so Dan Linskey of Kroll Experts provided a rundown. “We will exceed the state standards for cameras and limited access control,” Linskey said. He also spoke about the Good Neighbor Policy that each customer must sign upon their first visit. It includes such agreements as safe utilization, proper storage, proper transportation, and keeping it from being placed in the hands of underage people, he said.

This includes utilizing the product in public spaces in the surrounding neighborhoods. “If we get notification from anyone in law enforcement, anyone from the community, that one of our customers has gone and violated that policy, we will immediately send them a notice of trespass and they will not be allowed to return back to our facility,” Linskey said. All products are also

able to be tracked.

“We are working with the Cannabis Control Commission to make sure we have the certified RFID program so that the product coming in will be tracked from seed to sale and work very hard liaising with law enforcement and the various community groups so that if there are any concerns outside of the security issue with quality-of-life issues in the neighborhood, they can contact us in addition to the Boston Police to we can turn over information to them in a timely manner to make sure we’re dealing with it,” Linskey said.

He said there will be “overlapping” security staff, including two security personnel supplemented by police details. He said that based on the community feedback they’ve heard, people are “not as concerned about the safety and security of the facility” as they are “the traffic and pedestrian management,” he said. “We want to make sure the quality of life around the facility is ongoing.”

Tom Tinlin of Howard Stein Hudson said that this dispensary is located in an “exceedingly accessible area” by public transport and bicycle. “We’re going to encourage people to take transit and to walk and bike,” Tinlin said. “We met with the [Boston Transportation Department] commissioner to step up the enforcement in that area.”

There’s got to be somewhat of a long-term look at this because enforcement comes and goes, and I think the community needs to be sure that in fact this is going to be something constant, that’s going to be a constant spot where they can rely on customers to park,” said ZBA Chair Christine Araujo.

Ross responded by saying that in the Community Host Agreement, Core Empowerment “agrees to the representations

it made to the community regarding a shared valet zone, a pickup/dropoff zone, and police details.” He said that the city’s Emerging Technologies office is holding Core Empowerment to those community commitments, and “we’re prepared to do that,” Ross said.

Core Empowerment COO Tomas Gonzalez said that they will be holding job fairs with JP based organizations like Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Development Corporation, Urban Edge, Mildred Hailey, and the Union of Minority neighborhoods.

Several people and organizations spoke in support of the project, saying that Core Empowerment has been working with the community on working through issues. Faisa Sharif said that the Mayor’s Office of Neighborhood Services is in support of the proposal. “I want to put on the record that this proposal is supported by JP Zoning, Jamaica Pond Association, and businesses in the Hyde Square area. They have been in touch with the Commissioner’s office at BTM and the parking mitigation and enforcement around this issue is something that is priority for the city as well and we will be continuing to work with both the applicants and also business in that area to make sure some of that quality of life issues improves,” Sharif said.

Will Poff-Webster from City Councilor Matt O’Malley’s office said that O’Malley’s primary concerns have been to make sure the “impacts on the neighborhood are positive,” and that he “has received assurances from the applicant that they will be appointment only for the first month and so they’re going to be managing some of that initial demand and continuing to work with the community.”

A JP resident on Perkins St. said he is a card-carrying patient in the medical marijuana

program and has attended all public meetings related to this particular dispensary. “All the feedback that was heard at all the public meetings I feel has been addressed,” he said. He added that “this is a transit oriented site if there ever was one,” and people do not drive to dispensaries at rush hour.

Other comments in support include that the dispensary will bring in foot traffic to other businesses in Hyde Square, and that people will go to the dispensary that is closest to them and will not be driving to the dispensary in large quantities. There will also be no flashing signs and no children allowed in the dispensary, unlike liquor stores.

Others, however, did not think the proposal was so great. A JP resident on Sheridan Street said that the dispensary will “encourage children to see the use of drugs,” as it is located just outside of the required two block radius of a public school. “It’s on the route where children are walking and all the buses are going by,” she said. “350 customers going in and out is a good sign for children that drug use is okay.”

Susan Mahoney mentioned several businesses in the area who are opposed to the dispensary, and said that “it’s a matter of parking. There is no specific plan for the parking as far as I know,” she said, saying that traffic and congestion in the Hyde Square area is a major concern.

After hearing the proposal and the feedback, the ZBA approved the application with the proviso that it is for this applicant only, meaning anyone else who would want to use the space in the future would need to get their own conditional use permit. Core Empowerment hopes to open their location on Centre Street in October of this year.

DOYLE'S CELEBRATES ST. PATRICK'S DAY

PHOTOS BY DEREK KOUYOUMJIAN

Many St Patrick's Day revelers descended upon Doyle's in Jamaica Plain to celebrate all things Irish, or at least the drinking aspect, as the storied Bostonian institution became the scene of a chaotic but good-natured party. Those who grew up in Jamaica Plain, or descended from those families, came back home to be together again, and have a few drinks, too.



Danielle Ross and Nicole Munchbach.



Kaleigh, Colleen, and Natalie Fitzpatrick with Mary Kate Cruise.



Riley Smith gets a ride from her aunt, Caitlin Greenwood, during the St. Patrick's musical celebration with traditional Irish music.



Doyle's proprietor Jerry Burke with an old Boston telephone booth his dad had in the garage that he admired.



Jennifer Lynn, Jessica Martinez, Brett Garrett, and Rudy Lopez raise their glasses and cans.



Tina Cosentino and her son, Matthew, enjoying one of his favorite days of the year.

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Soundtrack to Saturday:

WROL 'Irish Saturday' a fixture for Boston's Irish community for decades

BY SETH DANIEL

Over kitchen table discussions, while doing the dishes, or quiet moments over tea – the 'Irish Saturday' soundtrack on WROL radio has reigned supreme in most Irish American households in Jamaica Plain and beyond.

Older residents remember a lifetime of putting on the radio to hear the show, and younger residents share a common bond in remembering the sounds of Irish music and culture in the kitchens and parlors of their grandparents' homes.

Since 1967, residents have listened faithfully to the music of their native land – or their parent's or grandparent's native lands – as they tended to the business of the weekend. Getting the news from the Emerald Isle, some of the old traditional songs from the past, and even the new hits from the other side of the pond, WROL's 'Irish Hit Parade' show has stood the test of time and now is more popular than ever.

Host Paul Sullivan stumbled into the job 37 years ago after he had put college on hold to pursue a career in radio. Wanting to expand on a show that was gaining popularity, WROL's owners saw he had an Irish last name and figured he was perfect for the job. That was 1982, and now the long-time educator in Dedham, has spent a lifetime also moonlighting as the most popular Irish radio host in New England.

"There is a lot to be said for people saying they put our show on the radio in the kitchen," he said. "Families doing things and having discussions while having our music as a soundtrack is quite real. We've been pretty

constant for so many years. The music is dependable. We're there every weekend. It's like a comfortable old pair of shoes."

General Sales Manager Carole Howley Simmons said the 'Irish Saturday' has expanded in recent years to Sunday, while also expanding in hours on Saturday. Despite the increased availability online of their music and news from overseas, the show is gaining listeners on the radio.

"It's more popular than ever now," she said, noting they have millions of listeners and a very healthy audience that streams the show online. "The audience is huge and nobody in the U.S. does it like we do it. It started as a way for those who immigrated to Boston to keep in touch with Ireland and its culture, news and music. Now all the people who grew up in Boston Irish homes listen to it because they remember it as kids and its familiar. We have so many people that have left Boston, and they still tune in."

Sullivan said he continued as the host of 'Irish Hit Parade' for years as a hobby, and as this St. Patrick's Day on March 17 proved, his star status as a link to the Irish culture in one of the most Irish cities in America. The show had a float in the South Boston St. Patrick's Day Parade, and broadcasted live from dozens of Irish pubs throughout Greater Boston all weekend – including a major stop at Doyle's Café in JP.

"It's amazing if you think about it," he said. "It's 37 years ago. It's a tribute to the fact that no one stays on the radio without someone listening. When I started in 1982 it was really the only place to hear Irish folk, Irish traditional music or Irish news on this side of the ocean. That's changed. You can pull



The Fineian Sons guitarist/singer Bill Carey gets the WROL 950 Irish Hit Parade leprechaun to come up on stage with him at Doyle's Café. The station celebrated St. Patrick's Day in a big way this year, but in all reality, it celebrates the culture of Ireland every weekend.

out a smart phone and listen to Irish music all the time and to think we still have our listeners and are so popular is amazing. We actually now get calls from people in Ireland who say we're the only place to her traditional Irish music because all they play in Ireland now is rock and roll."

The 'Irish Hour' began in 1967, but no one is quite sure who started it or why it began. However, former host John Latchford was the one that truly catapulted the show into most Irish American homes in the 1970s. Latchford had an importing business in Arlington, and along with the other imports, he would frequently get the latest Irish records hot off the presses. Having those sorts

of connections, he could play the latest music and all of the old favorites – plus he had a great, natural radio personality, Sullivan said.

When Sullivan started, the show was broadcast from a small cottage on stilts out in the marshes near Saugus. Now, with WROL owned by Salem Communications, they have a modern studio in Marina Bay, Quincy. That has brought modern equipment and even the online presence for the show – allowing it to grow outside of its traditional market.

But tradition is what drives the 'Irish Saturday,' and particularly among those who trace roots back to Irish American households in the 1970s and 1980s.

"I think there is that tendency when you're young to rebel against your parents and what they listened to," Sullivan said. "My generation tossed aside the Irish music for the Beatles or REM. But then at a certain point, you become interested in where you came from and you start to see the validity and value of the music and the culture and the connection to it. That's where we get this constantly renewed circle of listeners. There's really something to that. If I know anything about Irish American people, they are American, but they are also very proud of the Irish heritage as well...I love that I could be a part of that connection for so many people."

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Sorella's to close after 36 years of business

BY LAURA PLUMMER

All good things must come to an end. That's what the residents of Jamaica Plain are telling themselves as Sorella's---a breakfast staple in the community for almost four decades---prepares to

serve up its last meal on March 31.

Sorella's has been a favorite of generations of JP residents, who can be seen waiting in a line that snakes around the corner to score one of the coveted tables at 386-388 Centre St. in Hyde Square.

During its impressive run, the restaurant was perhaps best known for its elaborate menu, spanning several pages. Sorella's pushed the boundaries of brunch cuisine, offering decadent pancakes that were more dessert than breakfast and savory om-

lets pregnant with fresh cheese and overflowing with vegetables.

Sorella's invited customers to choose their own adventure, whether they came in for a quick egg bagel and a cup of joe, or wanted to tackle the coma-inducing Ben's Thunder---raspber-



Sorella's prepares to serve up its last meal on March 31.

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ry, banana, walnut pancakes loaded with whipped cream, strawberries, coconut and spices. In addition to the dizzying menu, last-minute creations were scribbled on chalkboards, hoping to entice the daring diner.

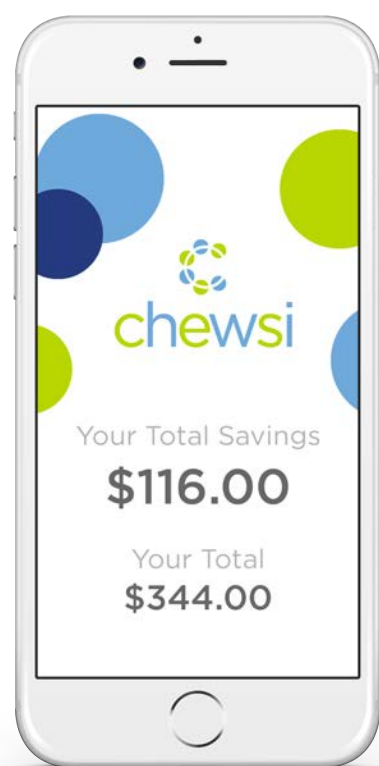
A lot of places that offer such a diverse and creative menu also have prices to match. But Sorella's always aimed to keep their food affordable and their atmosphere down-to-earth, catering to families with children, and college students seeking some carb-heavy fare after a night of too much drinking. The mint green, and black checkered floor, pastel-colored walls and unassuming decor was reminiscent of a simpler time.

In fact, the original aesthetic remained largely untouched since sisters Antoinette and Ellie Elias opened the diner in 1983 and aptly named it Sorella's ("sister's" in Italian). The spot soon became a hit among locals.

In the 80s, Jamaica Plain looked much different than it does today. It was underdeveloped and known for its high crime rate. Few people wanted to visit, much less open a business there. Sorella's was a pioneer in that sense.

"My sister and I were happy to have paved the way for other businesses in Hyde Square when nobody else wanted to do business here," said Antoinette in an interview with the Gazette.

Rumors of the hidden gem started to spread to other neighborhoods and Sorella's eventually became well known throughout the city. In 2002, an addition was built next door to accommodate the ever-growing crowds.



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JP STUDENT RECEIVES ATHLETICS' AWARD



On February 19, Chapel Hill-Chauncy Hall School held their Winter Athletics' Awards Night. Jake McConathy from the class of 2021 was given the Most Improved Player Award for the Wrestling team. In addition to Jake's award, other CH-CH students were honored for their extraordinary work in athletics during the winter trimester. The wrestling and basketball teams presented awards and citations, and a highlight reel was viewed.

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Sorella's

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"Late Mayor Menino, Rep. Jeffrey Sánchez and other local representatives were frequent visitors and friends," said Antoinette.

When Ellie passed away in 2015, Antoinette took over, but by this point she was already running Dedham Diner, which she opened in 2009. Juggling the two properties was a lot to handle, and Antoinette decided it was the right time to bid Sorella's addio.

"It was a wonderful run," said Antoinette. "Not many people get to see their dream realized. My sister Ellie and I were very fortunate."

Antoinette also expressed her gratitude to the locals who kept Sorella's in business for almost half a century.

"On behalf of my late sister Ellie, myself and her children,

we would like to thank all our patrons from the past 36 years, who made us all feel like family in such a close-knit neighborhood," she said.

Antoinette also extended a personal thanks to her nephew Bruce and her cook Sandra, who "have been instrumental, especially in the last few years."

It is still unclear who or what will occupy the space with the iconic forest-green awning in Hyde Square. But until the last day of the month, residents can still grab a muffin and say farewell to a community hub where a lifetime of memories have been made. Their hours through March 31 are Thursday through Sunday from 7am to 1pm.

Fans of Sorella's can also take comfort knowing that Antoinette's Dedham Diner is just a twenty-minute drive away and features a small venue similar to when Sorella's first opened. Antoinette hopes to be able to expand her current menu in the future.



Kesem, the middle school group of the Rashi School, Dedham, is shown performing a piece about the love of dance at the 2018 Israeli Folkdance Festival of Boston. Kesem was one of 21 groups at this year's Festival.

Jamaica Plain residents performed at the Israeli Folkdance Festival

Jamaica Plain residents Gabrielle Grappo and Elah Jonas were among those participating in the Israel Folkdance Festival of Boston. Elah Jonas is a member of Kesem dance group from the Rashi School, Dedham. Kesem is comprised of middle school students. The group will perform an upbeat piece reminiscent of the 1950's entitled "Zahav" (Gold). Gabrielle Grappo will dance with Kesem Katan, the lower school dance group of the Rashi School. Kesem Katan's dance is choreographed to "Ahava Zo Ahava" (Love is Love). The lyrics of the song state: "Looking

through the eyes of a child, love is love."

Israeli dance is unique, reflecting the heritage of an ancient country which is now a modern technological state. Among the earliest record of Israeli and Jewish dance is Miriam dancing with the women in the book of Exodus, after the Israelites crossed the Red Sea. King David composed songs and danced, as we read in the Book of Psalms. But sadly there are no visual representations of what those dances looked like. As Israel became an independent state, there was a need to recreate its lost heritage. Choreog-

raphers looked to the Bible for traditional celebrations of the harvest, but drew on steps from Europe, North Africa and the Middle East. A new tradition was needed. It was necessary for the new nation and its people to have a way to express themselves, in happiness and in sadness, on holidays and just for fun. Israeli dance reflects all the different strands of Israeli culture. Today Yemenite steps and tangos, hip hop and hora are all part of modern Israeli dance. As the country evolved, so did Israeli dance, making for a vibrant, living artistic expression.

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Officials celebrate redevelopment effort at Armory Street Apartments

Mayor Martin J. Walsh, Boston Housing Authority Administrator Bill McGonagle and Amory Street Partners last week celebrated the launch of redevelopment efforts at BHA's Amory Street Apartments in Jamaica Plain.

Amory Partners, a joint venture that brings together three local non-profits - The Community Builders (TCB), Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Development Corporation (JPNDC) and Urban Edge - will renovate and preserve 199 public housing units and repurpose BHA administrative offices into 12 new affordable units at 125 Amory St. They will also develop an additional 134 units of affordable housing and 215 market rate apartments in three new buildings that will be constructed adjacent to the BHA property.

"This is an exciting milestone in our efforts to preserve and expand affordable housing for residents in Jamaica Plain and all over the city of Boston," said Mayor Walsh. "This project will add hundreds of new affordable units to our city's housing stock and make critically important upgrades that will preserve the affordability of the BHA's existing building for our Amory Street residents for many decades."

The 199 existing units and 12 new units at 125 Amory Street will be preserved as deeply affordable through Section 8 project-based vouchers (PBV) which will be provided by the Boston Housing Authority. The three new adjacent buildings will in-

clude 21 deeply affordable project-based voucher units provided through Urban Edge, 41 additional affordable units supported with Low Income Housing Tax Credits, and 72 affordable units funded through inclusionary housing programs. There will also be 215 market-rate apartments.

"BHA is using whatever assets we have available, including our land and our own administrative offices, to advance the preservation and expansion of affordable housing in our city," said BHA Administrator McGonagle. "This partnership secures an affordable, sustainable future for hundreds of current and future BHA residents, and will greatly improve the quality of life of our residents."

The renovations will include improvements to all existing apartment units within the 105-year-old building. Most units require comprehensive renovations and will receive full kitchen and bathroom upgrades. All units will receive new windows, new high efficiency central heating and cooling, and repaired ventilation systems. In addition, common areas will receive accessibility and code improvements, along with new ceilings and flooring. The existing community room will be expanded and a new kitchen will be installed. The renovation will additionally add a new game room, TV lounges, a computer lab, a wellness room and create two new laundry rooms with additional washers and dryers.



City and Housing Authority officials broke ground on renovations to the Amory Street Housing development in JP on March 13.

"The Community Builders is one of the nation's largest developers and owners of affordable and mixed-income housing, but Boston will always be our home," said Bev Bates, senior vice president of development at TCB. "We look forward to working with our trusted partners at the Boston Housing Authority, Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Development Corporation and Urban Edge, to provide current residents at Amory Street Apartments with an even better place to live, while adding additional affordable apartment homes for elderly and disabled community

members."

Renovations to the existing building will begin immediately. Construction of the three new buildings which will utilize the existing vacant land at the site will soon follow. Construction on the first of the new buildings is expected to begin within a year.

"Over the past three years, JPNDNC has been working with the residents of 125 Amory Street and hearing their concerns and goals for the future of their home," said JPNDNC Executive Director Richard Thal. "It's a great step forward to begin the renovations that will upgrade

the quality of people's homes and assure that this building remains a permanently affordable resource for our community."

The Amory Street Apartments renovation is being funded with \$37.15 million in tax-exempt bonds issued by MassDevelopment, construction and permanent financing from Eastern Bank, and \$25.61 million in funding from the federal low-income housing tax credit (LIHTC) program with AEGON as investor.

Renovations are expected to be completed by December 2020.

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O'MALLEY LEADS IRISH FLAG RAISING AT BOSTON CITY HALL

Several elected officials gathered on City Hall Plaza on March 14 for the annual Irish Flag Raising, led by City Councilor Matt O'Malley. The crowd enjoyed lively selections from the Boston Police Gaelic Column of Pipes and Drums, the Boston Latin School Treble Choir, and the Boston Latin School Wolftones. Among those who helped crank the flag were City Councilor Frank Baker, Suffolk Register of Deeds Steve Murphy, City Councilor Tim McCarthy, and DA Rachael Rollins.

"It all started in 432 in Ireland and that was when St. Patrick came to the shores," said Seamus Mulligan, president of the Irish Cultural Centre of New England. St. Patrick worked for a few years in Ireland as a slave, then moved to Rome and studied for the priesthood. "And here we are and this is many, many years ago but it all started with St. Patrick...we are thrilled to bits that you're here and as the president of the Irish Cultural Center and the one who is trying to promulgate the history,

the culture and the lore of Ireland, it's a real pleasure to welcome you here," Mulligan said.

District Attorney Rachael Rollins talked about being the

daughter of a second-generation man from Ireland and a woman from Barbados, saying that she's "full Irish on St. Patrick's Day, of course," and wished everyone a

happy St. Patrick's Day.

"This is an event that we all look forward to," City Councilor Matt O'Malley said. "It gets better and better every year and

we're so grateful to celebrate Irish Americans and celebrate Evacuation Day on this, the high holiday."



District Attorney Rachael Rollins wished everyone a happy St. Patrick's Day.



Irish Cultural Centre president Seamus Mulligan provided a few words on the history of St. Patrick's Day.



A crowd gathered to watch the Boston Police Gaelic Column of Pipes and Drums lead off the festivities.



Ryan Snyder led the Boston Latin School Treble Choir in the American National Anthem.



Government leaders took turns cranking the Irish flag until it was flying high on City Hall Plaza.

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JP Agenda

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Meetings

Stonybrook Neighborhood Association. next meeting is Monday, April 8, 7-9pm, back room of Doyle's, 3484 Washington St. More/latest info: www.sna-jp.org

Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council

The Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council (JPNC) will hold its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 26 at 7:00 p.m. at Farnsworth House, 90 South Street. On the agenda will be a presentation from City Councilor Matt O'Malley. Also on the agenda will be reports from the Working Committees. All interested residents are invited to attend.

The Public Service Commit-

tee of the Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 2 at 7:00pm at Curtis Hall, 20 South Street. On the agenda will be streets needing repair and crosswalks and bike lanes needing repainting.

All interested residents are invited to attend.

The Jamaica Pond Assoc.

The April 1 meeting has been relocated to the First Baptist Church in Jamaica Plain, 633 Centre Street, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. The public is invited to hear presentations on four matters: a proposed retail marijuana establishment at 760 Centre Street; a proposed lodging house at 32 Perkins and 32A Perkins Street that requires rehabilitation of 32 and demolishing and building a new structure at 32A; demolishing the former auto repair shop at 626 Centre Street and constructing a combined business and residential structure of four stories; and 41 Pershing Road,

renovate the existing attic to create additional living space. All are welcome; there is no cost to attend.

Police Community Relations Meeting

will take place on Thursday, April 4 at 6:30 pm at Curtis Hall, 20 South Street. Commanders from Boston Police Area E, MBTA Police and State Police will deal with all issues of public safety raised by the community. All interested residents are invited to attend.

The Egleston Square Neighborhood Association

will meet on Monday, April 1 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. The meeting is in the YMCA Building at 3134 Washington St. Agenda to be determined.

JP Problem Properties

Committee, first Wednesday of the month, 10:30 am, E-13 Police Station Community Room, 3347 Washington St. Info: Liana Poston, 722-2060.

Youth/Families

Franklin Park Zoo

Join Franklin Park Zoo for some Fun in the Tropics on March 23 for a 21+ evening including drinks and appetizers with the animals in the Tropical Forest. Have a magical day on April 6 for a Wizarding Day at Franklin Park Zoo, where guests are encouraged to dress in their wizarding best!

Jamaica Plain Community Softball League

Seeks a team or players to form a team. Adult, co-ed, slo-pitch in Franklin Park. Games at 6 p.m. weekdays from mid April thru August. Email jamaicaplainsoftball@gmail.com for more information or to inquire about signing up

The Roberto Clemente 21

Sports program is now accepting applications (boys and girls ages 6-16). Location: The Hennigan Community Center, 200 Heath St., Jamaica Plain. Info: 617-828-9524 or alliriano@yahoo.com.

Healthy Kids Running Series

(HKRS) is a series of races and competitions held on consecutive Sunday afternoons in the fall and spring for kids ages 3 - 8th grade, and it is a really great way for kids to experience fun competition, enjoy the outdoors and get in some activity on a (hopefully) nice weekend afternoon. They are currently looking for sponsors for the fall season! If your business would like to learn more or has any interest in being a sponsor,

please feel free to contact Adam at amarks555@yahoo.com or 610-999-5937.

Spanish-English Language Exchange / Intercambio de Idiomas en Inglés y Español,

Saturdays / sábados, 12 - 1:45 p.m. Connolly Branch Library.

Support Group for Young Parents,

a program of Jewish Family and Children's Services, open to all faiths, for parents with children from birth to one-year, registration not required. Thursdays, 10:30am-noon. Info: 781-647-5327/info@jfc-boston.org.

Tiny Tots World Music and Movement,

music classes for kids age 2-5 by Helder Tsinine, Mondays 11-11:45am; Saturdays, 10-10:45am, \$17 per class or \$90 for 6 weeks, Egleston YMCA, 3134 Washington St. Info: htsinine@gmail.com.

Family art class,

wheelchair accessible, Tuesdays 10:30am-11:30am, ages 3-5. Tuesdays, 3:30-4:30pm, ages 5+. Family Resource Center, 1542 Columbus Ave. Info: 522-1018.

Egleston Square Library, free homework help, Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, ongoing throughout the school year, 3:30-5:30pm, 2044 Columbus Ave, Roxbury.

Health/Fitness

parkrun is a grassroots, community running event,

run by volunteers for the local running and walking community. We hold free timed 5k events every week. Everyone is invited to run, jog or walk for 5k (two laps around the pond). We are very proud to be the first parkrun in Boston, MA. It's been a very successful initiative for getting people of all ages outside to exercise, and to meet members of their local community. We meet on Saturdays at 8:45 a.m. at the top of the Sugarbowl. Run starts at 9:00am. All welcome, all ages, all abilities.

Yoga, meditation and stress reduction classes

at the Mind-Body Center (SJPHC-HPC) @ 10 Green Street. Low cost or free, in English and Spanish. For more information call 983-4226.

Fitness Walk, Saturdays, 8-9 am, Franklin Park Golf Clubhouse parking lot. Info: alison.g.m.brown@gmail.com.

Care to Care, a support group for family caregivers of people with Alzheimer's and other dementias, second Wednesdays of the month, 6:30-7:30pm. Springhouse, 44 Allandale St. Info: Meredith Griffiths, 522-0043/mgriffiths@springhouse-boston.org.

Forest Hills Runners, several weekly group runs, info/schedule: foresthillsrunners.org.

Seniors

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, 30 South Street, Jamaica Plain (617) 524-2053
Monthly Memory Café. March 25, 10:30-noon. Conversation and activities. Anyone requiring special assistance should be accompanied by a caregiver. Mood, Memory & Aging. March 28, at 1 p.m. This "Meeting of the Minds" program about mental wellness is provided by the Alzheimer's Association.

JP Jubilee "Joyful Singing"

JP Jubilee is a class for all seniors who want to learn new songs and musical skills, make friends, promote good health and perform for the community. Meets Friday mornings 10:30 - noon through May 10. Class is held at the JP Branch of the Boston Public Library, 30 South Street, Jamaica Plain (617) 524-2053

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Day and Time: Thursdays, beginning at 11:00 a.m. Class dates: through March 7. For more information or to register for this workshop contact Ann Glora at 617-477-6616 or aglora@ethocare.org

Monthly Memory Café,

Are you an individual with memory loss? Are you a caregiver to someone with memory loss? Are you looking for an enjoyable way to spend time together? Come and enjoy coffee, creative arts, refreshments and conversations with new friends of all ages. Amory Street Housing Development, 125 Amory St., in the community room. Meets the last Thursday of every month from 1:30-3pm. Free to all. Call Brit-tany McLaren at Upham's Elder Service Plan at 440-1615 or email bmclaren@uphams.org for more info.

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her!) so if you have another pup at home, be sure to ask about setting up a meet-and-greet. She's a great mixture of playful and lazy, and is content to keep you company during these rainy days. Sound like the perfect match? Come meet her today! Email adoption@mspca.com today for more information on Nyla!

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Sights & Sounds

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Special events

"The Boston Suffragists" Women – and men – from Boston were very active in the movement to gain the vote for women. Lucy Stone, Julia Ward Howe, Clara Barton and others gave speeches, wrote articles, and marched in parades during the almost seventy year struggle. Come and listen to present day Bostonians as they read from these writings and speeches that reveal women's determination to be able to vote in order to participate fully in the political life of the country. Saturday, March 30 at 1:00pm, JP Branch Library, 30 South Street. This event is free and open to the public. Co-sponsored by the Boston Women's Heritage Trail and the Jamaica Plain Historical Society to celebrate Women's History Month.

"William Dawes' Secret" William Dawes, Jr., is known today only as the other rider who carried news of the British army march to Lexington in April 1775. Like the more famous Paul Revere, Dawes was deeply in-

involved in the Patriot movement for years before and after that date. This talk by J. L. Bell reveals Dawes the militia organizer, the fashion icon, even the arms smuggler whose secret mission for the Patriots' Committee of Safety helped bring on the Revolutionary War. At the First Church in Roxbury, 10 Putnam Street, Roxbury on Sunday, April 7 at 2:00pm. This event is co-sponsored by the Roxbury Historical Society, the Unitarian Universalist Urban Ministry and the Jamaica Plain Historical Society. Free and open to the public.

Cambridge Children's Chorus, World Rhythm Ensemble at ICA

The Cambridge Children's Training Chorus and World Rhythm Ensemble, both divisions of Boston City Singers, will be performing songs of freedom from around the world at the Institute of Contemporary Art (ICA) on Saturday, March 30, at 1:00 p.m.

The youth singers will be joined by Grammy-nominated singer-songwriter Alastair Moock. The Cambridge Training Chorus will be directed by Wendy Silverberg while the World Rhythm Ensemble will be led by Kimani Lumsden.

The ICA is located at 25 Harbor Shore Drive in Boston. Performance included with museum admission fee.

Founded in 1995, Boston City Singers is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing exceptional music education and youth development programming to children aged four through high school, regardless of financial need, in the Greater Boston area. The organization's programs in Dorchester, Jamaica Plain and Cambridge serve nearly 500 children from urban neighborhoods including Mattapan, Roxbury, Hyde Park and Roslindale, and nearby suburbs such as Arlington, North Cambridge, and Somer-

ville. In addition to extensive music instruction and performance experience, Boston City Singers also offers youth development and leadership training. Since 1995, 100% of our graduating seniors have been accepted to four-year college programs.

On March 30 at 10 a.m. the Boston Symphony Orchestra will present their Family Concert, "Always Take The Scenic Route" under the direction of Germeshausen Youth and Family Concerts Conductor Thomas Wilkins. The education department has designed a program where Jamaica Plain families are eligible to receive free tickets to this concert.

Tickets are available Sympho-nyCharge at 888-266-1200, or by visiting the Symphony Hall Box Office. Please provide the code "JP FAMILY" in order to receive your complimentary tickets. Up to six complimentary tickets may be obtained per person. Tickets are subject to availability on a first come, first served basis.

Jamaica Plain photographer Robin Radin and Woods Hole artist Jon Goldman are currently exhibiting their work at The Boston Convention and Exhibition Center in the second floor Northwest lobby gallery. The BCEC is located at 415 Summer Street in Boston. The exhibit will run through May 27, 2019.

The exhibition's curator Caitlin Foley writes: "Radin and Goldman employ their work as a means of documenting, celebrating, and asking questions about the communities in which they are embedded... These two distinctly different bodies of work complement one another via their shared exploration and documentation of place and community."

On Tuesday April 2, 2019 from 6-7p.m., the Leventhal Map and Education Center is holding a discussion about

their upcoming exhibit, Crossing Boundaries: Art//Maps. The moderator and curator, Janet Spitz, will have an in-depth conversation with three artists, Joyce Kozloff, Bruce Myren and Naoe Suzuki, whose work appears in the exhibition.

Individuals can attend the event at the Boston Public Library's Commonwealth Salon, located at 700 Boylston Street Boston, MA.

Music and Art at the Taylor House, 50 Burroughs St. in Jamaica Plain have two concerts scheduled so far this year. The concerts this year, are held on Fridays at 7:30 pm.

Friday, March 29, Rasa Vitkauskaitė, piano
Friday, April 26, Man On Land Jazz CD Release

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SongBeat Circle hosts another season of improvisational singing and drumming together for wellness, stress relief, and community. It is held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall at First Church in Jamaica Plain. All ages are welcome. A small donation of \$5 to \$10 is encouraged to help with the costs of using the space. No musical experience required. Bring your enthusiasm and willingness to be open to the joyful play of music. For further information, contact songbeat-circle@gmail.com or 617-775-7602. /

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March 2019:
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SATURDAY 3/23 (Day Show) 3pm (\$7.00): TRIPLE THICK, M.O.T.O., The Hi-End, The Inebriations

SUNDAY 3/24 (Day Show) 3pm (\$6.00): Classic Ruins, The Stigmatics, 1.4.5, The Thigh Scrapers

MONDAY 3/25 (\$5.00): Bitter Wind, Skunkhunt, Shatterbox

TUESDAY 3/26 (\$6.00): Skyjelly, Way of the Headband, The Golden Era

WEDNESDAY 3/27 (\$5.00): sister, How!, Kid Disaster, Jon Hollywood

THURSDAY 3/28 (before Queeraoke) \$5.00: Suzanne Friedman

FRIDAY 3/29 (after Hippie Hour) 8:30pm (\$8.00): Gypsy Sidekick, Brian O'Connell Fellowship

SATURDAY 3/30 (Night Show) No Cover!: WitchWood Music Showcase! featuring: Mark Zeldermyer, Jeffrey Perrin, Sensitive Subject, Field Day, Rocky Ludden

SATURDAY 3/30 (Day Show) 3pm (\$5.00): SEE THIS WORLD, The Runouts, DNZL, WarGraves

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Reuniones

Comité de servicio público de JPNC, reunión mensual, martes, 2 abril, 7 PM, Curtis Hall, 20 South Street. Agenda: discusión sobre la seguridad de ciclistas; calles que necesitan mejoras; cruces peatonales que necesitan pintura.

Stonybrook Neighborhood Association, lunes, 8 abril, 7 – 9 pm, Doyle's, 3484 Washington St. sna-jp.org.

Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council (JPNC), martes, 26 marzo, 7 pm, Farnsworth House, 90 South Street. Agenda: una presentación de Matt O'Malley; actualizaciones de los comités de trabajo.

El Comité de Servicio Público de JPNC, 2 abril, 7 pm, Curtis Hall, 20 South Street. Agenda: calles, cruces peatonales y carriles bici que requieren mejoras.

Comité de casas abandonadas en JP, primer miércoles del mes, 10.30, en la comisaría del distrito E-13, salón comunitario, 3347 Washington St. Liana Poston, 722-2060.

Jamaica Pond Association, lunes, 1 abril, 7 pm, First Baptist Church, 633 Centre Street. Agenda: una tienda de cannabis recreativo en 760 Centre Street; 32 Perkins Street; 626 Centre Street; 41 Pershing Road.

Reunión de relaciones entre

la policía y la comunidad, jueves, 4 abril, 6.30pm, Curtis Hall, 20 South Street. Con representación del Distrito E, policía de la ATMB, y la policía estatal.

Egleston Square Neighborhood Association (ESNA), reunión, lunes, 1 abril, 6.30-8.30pm. YMCA, 3134 Washington St.

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Compostaje comunal, sábados, 10am-2pm, mercado de agricultores de Egleston Square, 45 Brookside Ave. greenovateboston.gov.

Spotholes, herramienta para reportar hoyos, 635-4500, con la aplicación móvil Citizens Connect, cityofboston.gov/mayor/24, y usando #spotholes en twitter.

Jóvenes/familias

Franklin Park Zoo, 16-17 marzo, celebración de San Patricio;

23 marzo, 21+ con aperitivos y bebidas; 6 abril, día de magos. Clases de música y movimiento para niños edades 2-5, con Helder Tsinine, los lunes, 11 – 11.45 am; los sábados, 10-10.45 am. \$17/clase o \$90/seis semanas, Egleston YMCA, 3134 Washington St. htsinine@gmail.com.

Clase de arte para la familia, accesible a las sillas de ruedas, los martes, 10.30 – 11.30 am, edades 3-5. Los martes, 3.30 – 4.30 pm, 5+. Family Resource Center, 1542 Columbus Ave. 522-1018. Programa de Deportes Roberto Clemente acepta apli-

caciones para niños y niñas 6-16. El centro comunitario, 200 Heath St. 828-9524 o alliriano@yahoo.com.

Healthy Kids Running Series (HKRS) es una serie de carreras y competiciones los domingos para niños del tercero al octavo. Se buscan patrocinadores. Adam: amarks555@yahoo.com / 610-999-5937.

Intercambio de idioma inglés-español, sábados, 12-1:45pm, Connolly Branch Library.

Grupo de apoyo para padres/madres jóvenes, un programa de Jewish Family and Children's Services, para gente de todas religiones, para padres/madres de niños con menos de un año, no se requiere inscribirse. Los jueves, 10.30am-noon. 781-647- 5327, info@jfcsboston.org.

Intercambio de idiomas inglés-español, los sábados, 12-1.45pm. Connolly Branch Library.

Egleston Square Library, ayuda con la tarea gratuita, los lunes, martes, miércoles y jueves, durante el año escolar, 3.30-5.30pm, 2044 Columbus Ave, Roxbury.

Salud/Bienestar físico

parkrun, evento comunitario de correo, con eventos de 5 kilómetros cada fin de semana. Todos los sábados, 8.45am, Sugarbowl. Carrera: 9.00am.

Paseo para el bienestar, los sábados, 8-9am, Lote de estacionamiento del club de golf de Franklin Park. alison.g.m.brown@gmail.com. Clases de yoga, meditación y la reducción del estrés, bajo costo, algunas gratis, inglés y español, MindBody/Health Promotion Center, 10 Green St. 983-4226.

Care to Care, un grupo de

apoyo para la familia de personas con Alzheimer y otras demencias, segundo miércoles del mes, 6.30-7.30pm. 44 Allandale St. Meredith Griffiths: 522-0043, mgriffiths@springhouseboston.org.

Corredores de Forest Hills, varias corridas en grupo semanales, info/horario: foresthillrunners.org.

Adultos Mayores

Programas para adultos mayores, Jamaica Plain Branch Library. 25 marzo, 10.30-12 pm: Café de la memoria, con conversación y actividades. 28 marzo, 1 pm, programa sobre el bienestar mental. 30 South Street. Llame al 524-2053.

Café mensual de la memoria, para la gente que sufre de la pérdida de la memoria y los que les cuidan, Amory Street Housing Development, 125 Amory St., El último jueves de cada mes de 1.30 – 3pm. Gratuito para todos. 440-1615 / bmclaren@uphams.org.

Programa de música para los ancianos, Curtis Hall, 20 South St., los viernes, 10.30-12. 983-3638.

La Vida Buena Club para la Vida Sana de ABCD, sesiones mensuales del bienestar, para los adultos con más de 50 años, los miércoles, 10am. Mi Vida, Mi Salud, clase para adultos 50+ con condiciones de salud crónicas, clases semanales, jueves, 2pm. Clases de computadora para adultos 50+, los lunes, 3pm. 30 Bickford St. 522-4251.

Talleres de Ethos para el envejecimiento sano, el mantenimiento de las enfermedades crónicas los martes, 10am, SJPHC, 640 Centre St., herramientas poderosas los miércoles, 4.30pm, 555 Amory St. ethoscare.org.



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Man pleads guilty to hate crime on disabled woman in Egleston Square

STAFF REPORT

District Attorney Rachael Rollins announced that her office has secured a plea in a 2017 stabbing motivated by transphobic animus that seriously injured a disabled person.

David Delacruz, 31, pleaded guilty to charges of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, assault and battery on a disabled person, assault and battery for the purposes of intimidation, and violation of the victim's civil rights. Judge Robert Tochka sentenced the defendant to a term of five to seven years in state prison followed by two years of probation, during which time he must stay away from and have no contact with the victim,

stay away from the area of Egleston Square where the attack took place, wear a GPS monitor, and undergo an alcohol abuse evaluation and any treatment deemed necessary.

"The lengthy prison term imposed in this case reflects the seriousness of the attack, which left the victim fighting for her life," District Attorney Rollins said. "This outcome sends a clear message that there's no place in our society for hate or the violence it fuels. Regardless of who you are, where you're from, or how you identify yourself, we will fight for your right to be safe and secure in Suffolk County."

Had the case proceeded to trial, Assistant District Attorney Teniola Adeyemi of the

DA's Special Prosecutions Unit would have presented evidence and testimony to prove that on June 13, 2017, the defendant and the victim were among a group gathered outside a Washington Street pizza shop in Egleston Square. The defendant directed a homophobic slur at the victim, leading to a verbal exchange. In an attack captured in its entirety on a public safety camera, he charged at the victim, knocking her from her wheelchair and stabbing her multiple times in the arms and abdomen. The attack ended only when a witness pulled the defendant from the victim.

The victim was transported to Boston Medical Center, where she required three blood trans-

fusions and remained hospitalized for seven days. During an interview with Boston Police, the victim was able to identify the defendant by name and by his nickname, "Dangerous."

She later positively identified him in a photo array.

"First, I want to thank the person who intervened and pulled the defendant off the victim. Had they not stepped in, this terrifying assault may have ended much worse," District Attorney Rollins said. "The harm caused by hate crimes directly impacts the targeted individual, but it also spreads fear across entire neighborhoods and communities. The prosecutors, advocates, and support staff at my office understand that harm and we're

here to meet every victim and survivor with the dignity and compassion they deserve."

The victims of any crime, including hate crimes, should call 911 in an emergency. The HYPERLINK "<https://fenwayhealth.org/care/behavioral-health/violence-recovery/>" Violence Recovery Program at Fenway Health can be reached at 617-927-6250 for access to services in the aftermath of violence targeting members of the LGBTQ community. The program offers services to survivors including counseling, support groups, and referrals provided by specially-trained staff in an inclusive environment.

Sasha Brown was the DA's assigned victim witness advocate.

Walsh announces summer youth employment registration now available

Mayor Martin J. Walsh announced the opening of SuccessLink, the City of Boston's online tool that enables Boston youth to register for summer jobs. Boston teens between the ages of 15-18 can apply on the Department of Youth Engagement & Employment (YEE) website on youth.boston.gov. The SuccessLink application will be available through 11:59 p.m. on Friday, April 12th, 2019.

"The SuccessLink Youth Summer Jobs program is a critical part of our effort to provide young people with chances to build lifelong skills, confidence and personal success through youth workforce opportunities," said Mayor Walsh. "I encourage all Boston teens to register for the program, and take advantage of this incredible opportunity to get a head start in learning the workplace skills that will last a lifetime."

In 2018, the City of Boston served over 10,600 young people through summer jobs, civic

engagement, career development training, impact projects. Every year, the City of Boston partners with hundreds of community-based nonprofit organizations across the city to provide meaningful employment opportunities. Participants can work in various positions that include after-school program assistant, administrative assistants, mural painters, peer leaders, and more.

"The Mayor's Youth Summer Jobs Program plays an integral role in positively shaping the future trajectory of Boston's youth," said Marty Martinez, Chief of Health and Human Services. "Through the program, youth are introduced to an array of professional development opportunities, mentoring, and work opportunities that can increase our youth's social capital, all while giving them the hard and soft skills they need to thrive in their future career."

The Department of Youth Engagement & Employment serves as a youth engagement resource

center and works to advance the lives of Boston's youth through employment opportunities, career development training, and youth engagement.

The SuccessLink Youth Summer Jobs program advances youth workforce development and increases the impact of community-based organizations by employing almost 4,000 of Boston's youth at local non-profits.

"Creating more opportunities for Boston's youth through workforce and civic engagement is central to our mission, and our department has a unique opportunity to connect youth with organizations that see the value of their work, while moving Boston forward as an innovative and engaging city," said Department of Youth Engagement & Employment, Director, Rashad Cope.

"During high school, youth jobs are important because they expose youth to future career interest while allowing you the opportunity to build relationships with employers. I'm currently

employed as a Youth Director on the Mayor's Youth Council", said Mohamed Abannor, Senior at Horace Mann School for the Deaf. "As a deaf student, at first, I was not confident with public speaking and I only felt connected with deaf and hard of hearing people. Since being employed as a Youth Director on the Mayor's Youth Council, I have gained skills in public speaking, networking, problem-solving, innovative thinking, empathy, and listening to different perspective and ideas. It's made me feel more comfortable and accepted in the hearing community."

Registering for SuccessLink is available online. Teens ages 15-18 interested in registering must meet the following requirements:

- Must be a full-time resident of the City of Boston
 - Must have been born between July 8, 2004, and August 16, 2000
 - Must be legally permitted to work in the United States
- Registering for a summer po-

sition with SuccessLink does not guarantee a job. Applicants are welcome to register online at Youth Summer Jobs or visit Department of Youth Engagement & Employment at 1483 Tremont Street, Roxbury, or call 617-635-4202 for registration assistance.

The City also invites youth to register for the 2019 City of Boston Youth Job and Resource Fair on Saturday, March 30th, 2019, from 10 A.M. - 2 P.M. at the Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center 1350 Tremont St, Roxbury Crossing, MA 02120. This year's theme, "Success Awaits, Come Find It," aspires to connect Boston's youth with onsite summer workforce development opportunities through engaging with employers, job placement, career development workshops, access to youth-serving organizations and more!

We invite youth to register here and parents to sign up to volunteer here to support Boston's youth.

INTRODUCING OPERA TO YOUTH

Pianist Nathan Salazar (BLO Emerging Artist) Teaching Artist/Figaro; Rosina sung by Felicia Gavilanes (Mezzo-Soprano) and Almaviva sung by Omar Najmi (Tenor) from Boston Lyric Opera, recently performed excerpts from Rossini's *The Barber of Seville* as part of the one-hour interactive program introducing opera to youth at the Connolly Branch Library in Jamaica Plain. BLO's Artist Classroom Visits program brought opera to children and students ages 2-18 in more than a dozen schools and libraries throughout Greater Boston in February, as part of BLO's Education and Community Engagement programming.



Review of “Songs of Life and Love”: A Valentine’s Day Performance

BY MATT LORD

Soprano Maire Clement, baritone Davey Harrison, and pianist Sam Partyka delivered a fresh and moving Valentine’s Day recital to a full house at Integrarte, a dance studio housed in the Hope Central Church, on Saturday, February 16. Roslindalers Clement and Harrison, who also perform as the husband-and-wife bluegrass duo The Boston Imposters, presented an eclectic mix of pieces for solo voice and piano—from German lied to folk ballad and parlor song—along with a few songs a cappella; JP resident Partyka accompanied with graceful balance and natural dexterity. The intimate venue of some fifty seats allowed the music to be performed as it was meant to be: not on a large and distant stage, but in a space

shared with the audience.

An entrée from Partyka set the mood with Liszt’s well-known Liebestraum (“Dream of Love”) No. 3, a swelling nocturne evoking the rising and falling of romantic passion. Then came the program’s centerpiece: Robert Schumann’s song cycle *Frauenlieben und -leben* (“A Woman’s Love and Life”), comprising settings of the first eight of nine lyric poems published under the same title by the German poet Adelbert von Chamisso. The texts, written in 1830 in first person, narrate a young woman’s experience falling in love—from infatuation at first sight through marriage, the birth of her first child, and the early death of her beloved. More than a few faces darkened at the piece’s tragic turn, but it was a welcome departure from the holiday’s Hall-

mark clichés. We are not telling the whole truth about love, the program seemed to say, unless we admit that it hurts.

Schumann’s cycle has come in for criticism for what some call its stifling and stereotyped portrait of a wife’s subservience to her husband—both lyrics and music were written by men—but it endures as the only major nineteenth-century song cycle written for female voice from an explicitly female perspective, and it was probably Schumann’s most popular cycle during his lifetime. A snub of the prototypically male Romantic hero, it dares to reveal that women have feelings, too. As Harrison described, Schumann composed the work the same month he learned that a court of law would grant him permission to marry Clara Wieck, a celebrated pianist and

composer whose fame and talent rivaled Robert’s own, despite her father’s protests. Clement sang with a rich and vivid tone reminiscent of Lorraine Hunt Lieberson’s, bringing out the full complexity of the settings and clearly celebrating the power of the female voice to tell its own story. The first half of the program included two more lieder from Schumann and Brahms, a close friend of both Robert and Clara. (The program might have rounded out this picture—and the all-male list of composers—by including a lied of Clara’s own.)

The second half moved through lighter fare, but bittersweetness prevailed. To the predominantly female voicing Harrison added brightness as well as a banjo, accompanying Clement on the latter in a round of Stephen Fos-

ter’s “Hard Times,” which the audience supplemented at the chorus. Tears made yet another appearance in Benjamin Britten’s arrangement of the wistful W.B. Yeats poem “Down by the Salley Gardens,” sung by Clement without altering the beloved’s female pronouns. All three musicians appeared at home in these many styles, from the virtuoso textures of the high art song to the folksier rhythms and less embellished pitches of the parlor pieces. The final words of the night—“joy be with you all,” from the traditional Scottish valediction “The Parting Glass”—were a fitting conclusion to this program of love not as we want it to be, but as it really is.

Matt Lord is an editor and writer based in Jamaica Plain.

JP's Patrick Planeta joins Board at United South End Settlements

United South End Settlements (USES) announced the following five new board members who will join USES’s 20-member Board of Directors starting this month:

Professor of Practice and Director of Urban Leadership Program at Simmons University Gary Bailey;

Director of Diversity Recruiting and Advising at IES Abroad

Gretchen Cook-Anderson;

Investment Analyst at Finepoint Capital Kevin Koslosky;

Executive Director at Parenting Journey Imari Paris Jeffries; and

Owner/Principal at Planeta Design Group LLC Patrick Planeta of Jamaica Plain.

For 127 years, USES has

served families and communities in the South End and surrounding Boston areas; its mission is to harness the power of its diverse community to disrupt the cycle of poverty for children and their families. USES’s strategic plan, Vision125, includes further expanding and enhancing programs to increase access, engagement and impact for families and communities to achieve economic mobility. The plan also includes rebuilding a new Harriet Tubman House at its 48 Rutland Street location, creating a comprehensive campus for programs with community space for the neighborhood.

With support from the Board, which is 40 percent people of color, 50 percent South End residents, and includes USES parents and alumni, USES President and CEO, Maicharia Weir Lytle, is leading the Vision125 initiative. “We’re very excited to welcome these new board members whose diverse experiences and perspectives will be invaluable,” said Weir Lytle. “Their insights and thoughtfulness will help us in implementing our five-year strategic plan, including our new two-generation approach to our programs, supporting children as well as their parents/caregivers so that the whole family can thrive.”

“Our commitment to USES families and our community is steadfast; it is shared by all of

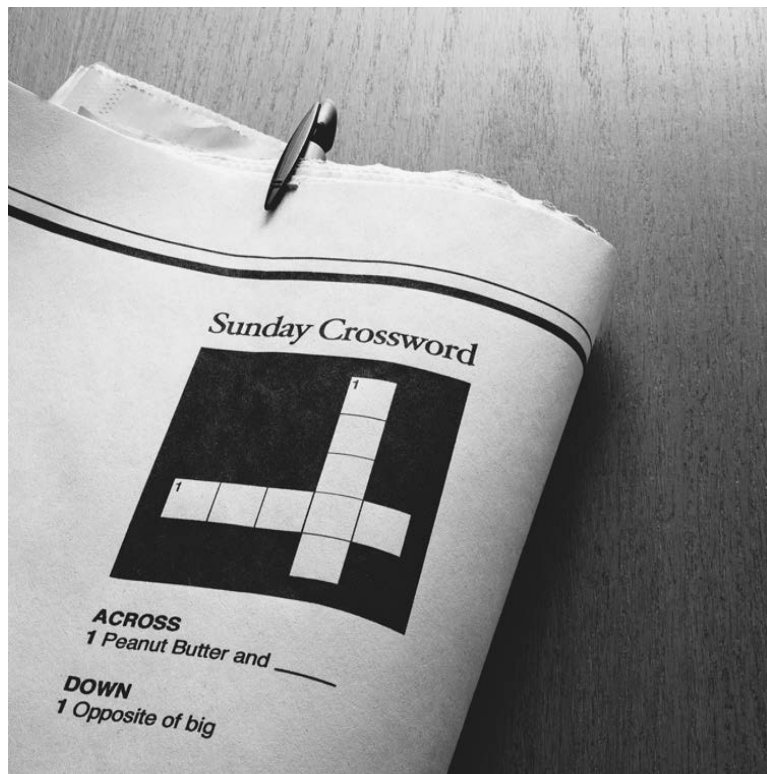


Patrick Planeta.

our board members, including our newest additions,” said USES Board Chair Julia Johannsen. “We’re thrilled to have five outstanding individuals join us in our work, helping to ensure that this long-standing organization continues to be a critical, vibrant part of the city of Boston for many years to come.”

Patrick Planeta is a Boston based interior designer, well known for his work in innovative design solutions that implement client vision and desire. Graduating Magna Cum Laude from Wentworth Institute of Technology with a Bachelor of Science degree, Patrick became a standout Senior Associate/Senior Designer at CBT Architects where he worked prior to and following graduation. After much recognition for his dedication to

his work at CBT Architects for 12 years, Patrick founded his own company, Planeta Design Group LLC. For the past 12 years, Planeta Design Group LLC has been highly praised, and he has been recognized individually as well. In New England Homes’ ‘5 Under 40,’ Patrick was named as “the hottest emerging talent in residential design in New England.” In addition to running Planeta Design Group LLC, he also served on the Board of Directors of Artists for Humanity in South Boston and as a part of the team building the “Creative Industries Epicenter.” Aside from working and serving on numerous boards, Patrick enjoys spending time volunteering at various charities and art-related philanthropic events.



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Save the Harbor/Save the Bay Splashes in the snow to support public beaches

On March 10, over 200 beach lovers braved not only the chilly winter waters but also snowy weather and plunged into Boston Harbor at the BCYF Curley Community Center in South Boston as part of the 9th annual Harpoon Shamrock Splash to benefit Save the Harbor/Save the Bay and the Department of Conservation and Recreation's Better Beaches Program.

This year, the "pledge and plunge" fundraiser raised more than \$50,000 for the Better Beaches Program, which provides grants to community organizations that host free events and programs on the region's public beaches. Jamaica Plain resident Trevor Etheridge won a roundtrip JetBlue ticket for being a top fundraiser for the event, with \$1,655. Each year the program supports free concerts and beach festivals, sand-sculpting competitions, and youth programs on public beaches in Lynn, Nahant, Revere, Winthrop, East Boston, South Boston, Dorchester, Quincy and Hull.

"Thirty years ago nobody wanted to go swimming at the region's beaches and today, they are some of the cleanest urban beaches in the country," said Save the Harbor President Tani Marinovich. "It's amazing to see the community that supports this event and supports our beaches from Nahant to Nantasket."

Before the sprint into the ocean, Boston 25 Meteorologist Vicki Graf was on hand to deliver a real-time weather report -- although the air temperature was 34 degrees, the water itself was a balmy 40 degrees!



Trevor Etheridge (right) of Jamaica Plain was a top fundraiser at the 9th Annual Harpoon Shamrock Splash. Mary Cole (left) of East Boston received the most donations to her splash.

Even though everyone was already wet from the snow and rain before splashing into the Harbor, 2019's Harpoon Shamrock Splash was the best one yet, with splashers enjoying delicious brunch burritos from Baja Taco Truck and fresh, hot chowder from Daily Catch while Mix 104.1 played music on the beach. Harpoon beers invigorated participants after their plunge.

"I love when it snows on Splash day," said Bruce Berman, Director of Strategy and Communications for Save the Harbor/Save the Bay, who has splashed every year since the event began. "We're hearty here in New England and the only thing we love more than snow is the beach."

"All of us at Harpoon look forward to taking a quick dip into the icy water after our Harpoon St. Patrick's festival to support a great cause and warm up with a refreshing Harpoon, brunch burrito, and clam chowder on

the beach with our friends from Save the Harbor/Save the Bay," said Harpoon Brewery President Charlie Storey. "Sure it was cold in the water, but the warm feeling you get from giving back to your community stays with you for a long time."

Participants won JetBlue flights and great Harpoon swag for reaching fundraising goals. In addition to Etheridge, Mary Cole from East Boston, who raised \$1,530 and received the most donations to her splash, won a JetBlue ticket for being a top fundraiser. The two costume contest winners, Elaine Howley of Waltham, as the Banana Minion, and Joe Skahan from Lynn as Beaker from the Muppets, won JetBlue flights as well for their creativity and enthusiasm. Second place costumed splashers were Jane Kepros of East Boston, who dressed as a goldfish, and Nick Russo of South

Boston, who dressed as Aladdin. They won swag from The Harvey Traveler Collection. The costume contest was once again judged by Kennedy Elsey of Mix 104.1. Every splasher and contributor also had the opportunity to win prizes in two post-splash JetBlue flight raffles.

"At JetBlue, we are committed to our community and fun is one of our core values," said Donnie Todd, Corporate Responsibility Liaison for JetBlue, who led a team of 30 participants. "More than 3,500 JetBlue crewmembers call Boston home, we cherish our harbor and proudly support Save the Harbor/Save the Bay and the work they do on the region's public beaches."

Members of Save the Harbor/Save the Bay's leadership team were also key fundraisers, but were ineligible to win JetBlue flights. Save the Harbor/Save the Bay's Chair of the Board, Joe Newman from Arlington, raised \$3,401. Bruce Berman, Director of Strategy and Communications from Brighton, raised \$3,115. Save the Harbor's Vice President of Programs and Operations, Chris Mancini from Somerville, raised \$2,577.

The top five teams also raised significant funds at this year's Harpoon Shamrock Splash. Save the Harbor/Save the Bay topped the list with \$15,964, followed by JetBlue with \$10,990 and the Piers Park Sub-Aqua Warriors with \$4,950. Team YES raised \$3,162 and Team Harpoon! raised \$2,720.

"Save the Harbor would like to thank event sponsors at Harpoon Brewery, JetBlue, Mix 104.1,

Baja Taco, The Daily Catch, The Harvey Traveler Collection, Unreal Candy, Stony Brook Whole-HeartedFoods, and the Blue Sky Collaborative," said Marinovich, "As well as our Better Beaches Program Funding Partners at The Boston Foundation, Richard Saltonstall Charitable Foundation, P&G Gillette, National Grid, Comcast, Beacon Capital Partners, and New England Picture.

"We would also like to thank the Massachusetts Legislature, the Baker-Polito Administration and the Metropolitan Beaches Commission for their support for our beaches," Marinovich continued, "And, our program partners at the Department of Conservation and Recreation, the Boston Centers for Youth and Families and the Greater Boston YMCA for their support."

As the region's leading voice for clean water and continued public investment in Boston Harbor, the region's public beaches, and the Boston Harbor Islands, Save the Harbor/Save the Bay's mission is to restore and protect Boston Harbor, Massachusetts Bay and the marine environment and share them with the public for everyone to enjoy.

For more information about Save the Harbor/Save the Bay and the work they do, please visit their website at www.savetheharbor.org, their blog "Sea, Sand & Sky" at blog.savetheharbor.org, or follow savetheharbor on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

You can download a copy of the most recent Better Beaches program report at http://savetheharbor.org/Content/2018_Beaches_Report.pdf

Students complete grant-funded biotechnology lab at Meridian Academy

BY ISABEL COSTA-SMITH

On a Tuesday morning in January, the father of one of my classmates sat us all down in our science lab to ask us questions that most of us could not answer. We didn't know at the time that this was the beginning of an engrossing week of experimentation about biotechnology.

Biotechnology is one of the most helpful and impressive advances in science, in which genes can be cloned and proteins expressed for specific purposes. For example, the protein-digesting power of household laundry detergent often comes from proteins called proteases, and patients with diabetes are commonly treated with insu-

lin, both of which are commonly produced through biotechnology. In our class, we were going to clone the gene found in jellyfish that make them glow green (green fluorescent protein) and the gene found in coral that makes them blue (midorishi cyan fluorescent protein).

I should mention here that I'm in 10th grade. I never thought I'd have the opportunity to clone jellyfish and coral genes as a teenager, but that kind of work isn't really uncommon at Meridian Academy, where I go to school. Our learning is often based in the surrounding community, and our teachers love including new technologies and resources in their classrooms.

On the first day of the lab, we

divided into teams of two, snapped on our safety gloves, and started the long and meticulous process that would last all week. The lab required many complex techniques. We started with polymerase chain reaction (PCR) which is a process of denaturing a double-strand of DNA by heating it up, adding a gene-specific primer, and then lowering the temperature to create multiple copies of the DNA sequence. On day two, it was time to test whether our efforts from the previous day had worked. Using a technique called agarose gel electrophoresis, we were able to tell if our DNA sequences had made successful copies. If so, we then moved on to the process of cloning the DNA into a construct

known as a plasmid that would express the gene we copied. The next day, we all came in ready for the last day of experimentation, in which we transformed the plasmid into an E. coli bacteria, plated the results and then left them overnight. In the morning, looking under a special light, we could see the proteins in our bacteria glow.

It was a true privilege to be a part of this five-day lab. Thanks to a grant from the Program on Cellular and Molecular Medicine at Boston Children's Hospital, we were provided with technology and resources that most teenagers never get a chance to even learn about. Students were able to see their hard work glowing brightly under a blue light at the end of

the week, and it felt incredibly rewarding to know that all of the painfully specific pipetting and attention to detail had paid off. I came away with a new appreciation of both what biotechnology makes possible in the world, and how this complex field of science works. I hope that more students get to have this kind of classroom experience in the future.

Meridian Academy is located at 54 Brookside Ave, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130. Meridian Academy is a diverse, project-based secondary school that serves students in grades six through twelve from Boston and the surrounding communities.

For more information please call (617) 277-1118.

EDITORIALS

Hands-free driving makes sense

Recent statistics indicate that the single-biggest cause of motor vehicle accidents these days can be attributed generally to what is known as “distracted driving.”

According to some reports, more Americans now are killed on our roads because of distracted driving than from driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

That is why we fully support the legislation recently filed by Gov. Charles Baker that would require all use of a cell phone or other device to be strictly hands-free. It simply is not possible for anyone to keep their eyes on the road while texting, dialing, or reading from an electronic device -- and the epidemic of accidents on our roads is the best evidence of that.

We also support another aspect of Gov. Baker's bill that calls for the non-use of a seat belt as a primary offense, thereby giving police the authority to stop a motorist and issue a civil citation solely for not wearing a seat belt. Under the present law, a person may be cited for a seat belt violation only if the operator has been pulled over for another offense (such as speeding). Massachusetts is fairly unique in this regard, but the governor's bill will bring us into line with the majority of other states.

Another key aspect of the bill would require anyone convicted of a first offense for operating under the influence who applies for a hardship license to use an ignition interlock device for a minimum of six months, and be subject to penalties from the Registry of Motor Vehicles for attempting to drive after drinking or tampering with the device.

In our view, drinking and driving should not be allowed at all. But to the extent that we have a 0.08 threshold, imposing the requirement of an ignition interlock device for first offenders is hardly draconian -- anyone who drinks to that extent and gets behind the wheel of a car clearly has a problem.

Moreover, we are in favor of any additional measures that serve as an added deterrent to drinking and driving and thereby improve public safety.

Tragedy, sadness in New Zealand

New Zealand is a beautiful country that seems far removed, both literally and figuratively, from the problems facing the rest of our troubled planet.

However, the tragic shootings at two mosques in New Zealand this past Friday have demonstrated that there is no place on earth that is immune from the forces of evil and hatred that are tearing apart the fabric of our societies.

As we are writing this, 50 persons have been confirmed dead, with another 31 injured, of whom nine are in critical condition, including a 4-year-old child.

The shootings are typical of the cowardly perpetrators of these deeds: They choose churches, mosques, and synagogues where their victims are unarmed and worshipping their God pursuant to their individual faith in a place where the victims feel most safe.

Are we getting to the point where every house of worship must hire armed guards in order to protect their congregants?

New Zealand's prime minister, Jacinda Ardern, was unequivocal in her resolve to take action in the wake of the tragedy. “Within 10 days of this horrific act of terrorism, we will have announced reforms that I believe will have made our community safer,” Ms. Ardern said.

To be sure, there is no one action that any government can take to prevent this sort of tragedy from happening. Hatred and mental-illness always will exist.

However, common-sense measures can be undertaken regarding the sales and licensing of the sort of military arms that are responsible for these mass shootings.

While none of us can predict the future, we do not have to be Nostradamus to know that until we restrict the sale of these weapons of mass murder, they will occur again -- and again -- and again.

OP-EDS

Sharing the work of community transformation

BY REP. NIKA ELUGARDO

Sharing the Work of Community Transformation

As State Rep for the 15th Suffolk/Norfolk district, the needs of our communities are at the forefront of my mind. I find inspiration in the many examples of transformation in my neighborhood and beyond.

For example, a few blocks from where I live, Mildred C. Hailey Apartments, formerly Bromley Heath, is one of our district pioneers in public housing. A host of tenant leaders represent the struggle of generational transformation, dismantling injustice with love, hope and the old-fashioned community organizing that never goes out of style.

One constant over the last 5 decades has been generations of powerful women who make incredible sacrifices to mobilize the power and beauty of tenant organizing. Wendy Polanco, who leads the Mildred C. Hailey Tenant Organization (MCHTO) alongside exec teammates Josefina Osorio and Yolanda Torres, is no exception. She embodies the transformational leadership I so love about our district. Wendy moved from New York, because the medical care her son needs is better here. Despite complex responsibilities within her family, she pours her time, talent and treasure into mo-

bilizing tenants, partners, and friends of this vibrant JP community that has been evolving in its design and political landscape over 70 years.

Recently, the MCHTO partnered with Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Development Corporation (JPNDC) and the Boston Housing Authority to win one of our district's four grants from Boston's Community Preservation Act tax. The community will build a pedestrian-safe (shout outs to Councillor O'Malley and Will Poff-Webster for that) intergenerational community play space near Martha Eliot Health Center.

This is a perfectly-timed project, as Urban Edge and The Community Builders work with JPND and Wendy's tenant leaders to plan a tenant-driven renovation of the development, and Hyde Jackson Square Main Street businesses work with community leaders to expose the myriad treasures of our historic neighborhood to all JP and beyond. Wendy affectionately calls this initiative “Lovin’ Jackson Square.”

These organizing works of beauty have not evolved apart from pain and struggle. In the same communities, we've suffered violence, loss, and the pervasive impacts of the opioid crisis. I'm proud to represent residents who face this pain together, bringing our best to the work of

restoration. It's a timeless interplay really -- the dance between struggle and transformation. When we dance together the effects are profound.

Transformative projects like MCHTO's take on many forms across our district. From the Back of The Hill CDC to the Jamaica Hills Association, our neighborhoods are filled with passionate advocates and organizers. From attending Chinese New Year, Black History Month celebrations at Mission Park, to Environmental Assembly with Brookline High's Environmental Action Club, and honoring MLK Jr. with Friends of the Roslindale Library (to name a few), it has been my great joy to meet with champions of justice across our district communities and learn how I can support and bring resources to their work.

In our district we struggle together, and we celebrate together. In this dance I think we find the change our generation hungers for. It's an honor to serve you not only in the State House, but also here where we live. I look forward to sharing the journey.

Find office hours locations and sign up for regular 15th Suffolk/Norfolk district email updates at electnika.com. Nika also posts periodic photo journals on Facebook.

Rep. Nika Elugardo represents 15th Suffolk / Norfolk District

Don't build walls; build common grounds.

BY DONGSEI KIM

The U.S.-Mexico border is rugged and hot -- and filled with row upon row of wire and fencing. Crossing this boundary without permission is risky; evading capture is difficult.

On the other hand, the U.S.-Canada border, which stretches more than 5,500 miles, is cool, tranquil, and wild -- and mostly unguarded.

True, few Canadians come to the United States illegally, while many immigrants try to enter through Mexico. But it's not just the landscape -- or the people -- that have created different cir-

cumstances along these borders.

The architecture we build along our boundaries helps explain why Canadians are seen as kind, gentle, neighbors while Latin Americans -- for some, at least -- are viewed with suspicion. Architecture can drive nations apart, but it also has the power to bring them together.

When nations build defensive architecture along borders, they create and reinforce societal divisions that may not otherwise exist. Perhaps no border is more famous for its daunting architecture than the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) between North and South Korea.

Aggressive military structures and war memorials dot the horizon of the 2.5-mile-wide, 150-mile long stretch between the divided Korea. Separated families come to mourn lost loved ones, while military guards in towers overlook them with a watchful eye. The structures between the two Koreas keep the peace. But the DMZ is also an artificial wedge splitting one people in two.

Or consider the border between Israel and the West Bank. In 2003, the Israeli government began construction on a border

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OP-ED

Joint statement from organizations serving communities of color on the lack of diversity in the state legislature, particularly in the education committee

As members and representatives of African-American, Latinx and Asian-American serving communities and organizations, we are disheartened by the abrupt removal of Sen. Sonia Chang-Diaz from the Joint Committee on Education at a critical time when the State Legislature is preparing to debate school finance reform. The decision to remove Sen. Chang-Diaz from this important Committee raises serious concerns about the State Legislature's commitment to our children, particularly English language learners, children from low-income families, and children of color. By removing the most visible and vocal supporter for communities of color from this Committee, we are left without an advocate who will champion the issues that impact our most vulnerable children during one of the most important education equity decisions of our time.

Political representation of African-American, Latinx and Asian-American residents is extremely low in Beacon Hill, even more so when it comes to women of color. In fact, the Massachusetts Legislature is one of the least diverse in the nation. Sen. Chang-Diaz is the only woman of color in the Senate. Of the 160 Representatives in the State House, only four are women of color. It is important to understand that when we elect people of color to represent us, they bring unique cultural and community perspectives to Beacon Hill that should be respected and embraced rather than sidelined and undermined.

In light of the significant challenges facing the Commonwealth to close pervasive racial achievement gaps, we are deeply dismayed by the removal of Sen. Chang-Diaz not only as Co-Chair of the Education Committee, but

from the Committee itself. Sen. Chang-Diaz has been a highly visible and vocal leader on the issue of closing the Commonwealth's achievement gaps for students of color and ensuring equitable funding for our public schools. There is no stronger advocate for our children on Beacon Hill when it comes to educational access and opportunity. She was replaced by two senators who represent predominantly white and affluent suburban districts, creating higher stakes for ensuring that the issues facing low-income children and children of color are kept front and center. We see and feel this loss because her advocacy has consistently been on behalf of our children, families, and communities.

We are also deeply concerned with media reports that attempt to discredit Sen. Chang-Diaz's significant accomplishments on education reform. She has been

unfairly characterized as being too passionate, overly committed to equity issues, and lacking strategic heft. These character attacks — coupled with the disturbing notion that her advocacy for English language learners, low-income children, and children of color lacks pragmatism — have fomented a deeply racist and sexist narrative. This is a troubling narrative that women of color in leadership positions and public office all too often have to fight against.

To be clear, our concerns are not solely about Sen. Chang-Diaz. In this moment, she serves as the latest example of how people of color — especially women of color — are subject to rebuke for representing us too fiercely and too well. We were expecting bold change from the Legislature's leadership, but now we fear that this commitment has moved in the opposite direction, especially

when it comes to closing the opportunity and achievement gaps for the children in the diverse and low-income communities that we serve and represent.

We demand that the State Legislature immediately bring greater racial diversity, including women of color, to its leadership and to the Education Committee so we can be assured that our voices are heard, our issues are addressed, and that our Legislature is working for all of us.

This joint statement was released by the following organizations and individuals:

Alex Oliver-Davila and Vanessa Calderon-Rosado, Co-Chairs, Greater Boston Latino Network. Betty Francisco and Eneida Roman, Co-Founders, Amplify Latinx. Diana Hwang, Asian American Women's Political Initiative and Tanisha M. Sullivan.

Walls

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fence separating Jerusalem from Palestinian-controlled territory.

The U.S.-Mexico border is similar to the West Bank. Border Patrol roams the American side. High steel fences and vehicular barriers cast a looming shadow on Mexican soil just yards away.

What many don't realize is that the U.S.-Mexico border is already a source of community for people on both sides.

Cities have sprung up on both sides of these walls. Houses are built next to the border -- in some cases, using the barrier as a fourth wall. Two cities organized a bi-national yoga class through the border fence.

Mexicans and Americans are defying the architecture meant to split them apart and building community across international lines.

Consider the Rio Grande. Both countries have a stake in sustaining the river's threatened ecosystems. In the past two decades, climate change has dried up a large portion of the river's flow. Several fish species have become extinct.

The Rio Grande offers a chance for cooperation. Gabriel Diaz Montemayor, a landscape architecture professor at the University of Texas-Austin, has proposed building a binational park to support the river's ecology and create a peaceful place of exchange for citizens from both sides of the riverbank.

Using architecture to create common grounds is promoting exchanges across the U.S.-Canadian border too.

Take the Haskell Free Library and Opera House, which sits on the U.S.-Canadian border in Stanstead, Quebec and Derby Line, Vermont. The library, which operates with permission from both governments, serves as a meeting place for separated families in both countries who risk deportation by leaving.

There's plenty more to be done. I've studied the DMZ extensively, and plan to engage the students I teach at New York Institute of Technology to imagine previously impossible scenarios for the area through instruments of spatial design.

Borders are often seen as places that divide people. But building shared spaces reveals how mutable those differences really are.

Dongsei Kim, an architect, urbanist, and educator, is an assistant professor of architecture at New York Institute of Technology.

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LETTERS

Appreciates article on Senator Chang-Diaz

Dear Editor:

Thank you so much for running the article about the removal of Sonia Chang-Diaz from her position as chair of the Senate Education Committee. It is especially important to let people know about the PROMISE act which calls for addressing school funding inequities and I am glad you also included so

much detailed information about the efforts of activists working on school finance reform. Readers of the Gazette should know about two important events involving the Boston School budget. The first is BPS Budgeting:Hunger games or Quality for all, an informational meeting at St. Stephens Youth Program, 419 Shawmut Ave. on Tuesday, March 19, at 6

p.m. The second is the final vote by the school committee on the Education Budget, March 27, at 6 p.m. at the Bolling Building.

Thanks again for writing about this topic which will affect the city and its residents for years to come.

Sincerely,
Fran Perkins

Applying for schools can be interesting

Dear Editor:

While buying your way through the system to get college acceptance has always been around... for the rich, that is, anyone who went through the process of applying to schools with their kids can recall that in the last century, especially in the 1980s and 90's, "helicopter" parenting was taken to the extremes. Parents would make sure their kids were involved in unique activities and volunteer work to complement their academic and, if applicable, athletic record. For instance, a child would take up some oddball instrument like

the Australian didgeridoo or the bagpipes so as to stand out. She/he might be encouraged to work with Habitat or an inner city organization tutoring kids after school. All good causes, mind you, but I will never forget sitting in the formal admission office at a Pennsylvania school while our son was filling out a preliminary application that called for extra-curricular activities. He had plenty, but was stopped dead (as were we) when we overheard two teen girls and their moms trying decide which should be at the top of their lists (and I take the liberty to exaggerate slightly,

only slightly)- the two months working in a leper colony on the island of Molokai, or, the summer helping feed and distribute medicine at the Kakuma Refugee camp in Northwestern Kenya. And what about musical instruments? The Oboe or Harpsichord? The moms replied, list everything in any order, just make sure you don't leave anything out. Their exchanges were meant for all the rest of us, of course, as we wondered, "Hmmm, would the school really check to see if ..."

Sincerely,
Michel L. Spitzer

Support legislation on drivers' licenses

Dear Editor:

Occasionally I leave home without my wallet. If I am driving when I realize this, I feel stressed and somehow more accident-prone. "What-if" scenarios begin to play in my head. If I'm pulled over, if I have an accident, the consequences for driving without a license will be inconvenient and costly. For some in our community, the consequences are detention and deportation. Having a license is reassuring and more importantly allows me to give my full attention to road conditions.

That should be the case for everyone who qualifies. Recognizing that everyone on the road is safer when all drivers have met certain requirements, I support H3000, a bipartisan bill before the Massachusetts House. The legislation calls for a driver privilege card that does not require proof of citizenship and yet mandates

driver education and training, H3000 has reasonable requirements: drivers must demonstrate knowledge of traffic laws, have adequate vision, and carry automobile insurance. Think about it—requiring a social security number or proof of citizenship does not make a person more qualified to drive, but a policy mandating driver education does. H3000 calls for 30 hours or more in the classroom and not less than 18 hours on the road.

Licensed or not, adults will drive to earn a living, to get medical care, to fulfill responsibilities of parenting and elder care. In Massachusetts, approximately 80 percent of residents rely on a vehicle to get to work, They can do it in a lawful way, if given the option. I was appalled to learn that Charlie Baker has declared he will veto legislation providing a form of driver's license to undocumented residents. Governor

Baker's stance is not prioritizing my safety or yours. Fears of attracting more immigrants and creating a pathway for fraud and fake ids are overblown. Neighboring states like Vermont, CT, and NY are among twelve states that issue licenses to applicants with such documentation as foreign birth certificates, passports, and evidence of current residency. There will be no reason for immigrants from NY or CT to surge into Massachusetts RMV offices.

Driving in Massachusetts is harrowing enough. We don't need to play immigration politics on our roads. Please ask your friends and relatives across the Commonwealth to let their representatives know we deserve a reasonable policy like H3000 that will make our roads safer for all.

Martha Merson,
Active Member of JP
Progressives

Let's do the right thing

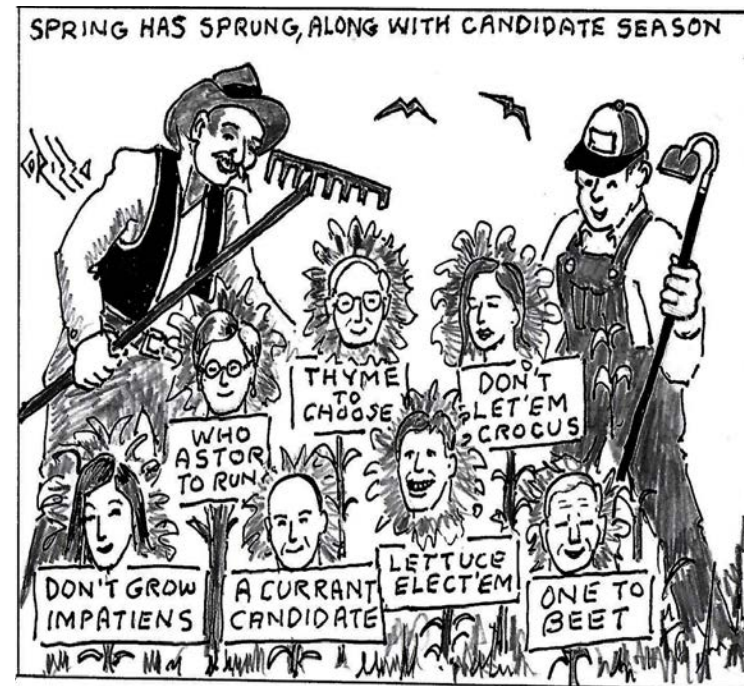
Dear Editor:

Thank you to Rebecca Greening for her informative letter on the future of the Lemuel Shattuck site. If ever there was a need for a comprehensive community to serve the many suffering from addiction, it's now. We see the ravages every day on Boston's streets resulting from the closing of Long Island's treatment facility. The unlikelihood of a bridge or ferry service being provided in the near future should cause everyone real concern. One needs only to take a short ride to the B.U. Medical area and the Melnea Cass/Mass. Ave. intersection to witness the extent of this scourge as these poor souls wander from corner to corner stemming for change, looking for their next fix. This is exactly the population that once was served by the Long Island Treatment center and there are

many sober people today who will testify that it was there that they finally got hope and the guidance to living without drugs or booze. It was there that they were introduced to 12-step programs like AA and NA that now are part of their every day success story.

For years, the Shattuck has been the home of several well-attended 12 Step meetings, detoxes, and long term rehabilitation programs. The Shattuck Shelter has helped thousands over the years and worked in concert with recovery meetings in the main building. Come on, Boston, let's do this thing. Let's rally behind a therapeutic community that could become a model for the rest of the country. For once, let's not cave to developers whose only objective is to make a profit.

Sincerely,
Michel L. Spitzer



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Joy Kogut to run Boston Marathon for Samaritans services

Members of the Samaritans Marathon Team including Jamaica Plain resident Joy Kogut will be running in the 123rd Boston Marathon to honor loved ones lost to suicide, while raising funds, hope, and awareness for suicide prevention.

All proceeds generated from this year's team will benefit Samaritans' suicide prevention services. This includes their 24/7 Crisis Services phone and text Helpline, suicide prevention workshops for schools, businesses, and community groups, and SafePlace support groups for those who have lost someone to suicide.

"Each of our team members have been touched by suicide and are passionate about raising awareness and educating the public about this important issue," said Executive Director of Samaritans Steve Mongeau. "The stigma and misinformation that surrounds the discussion of suicide and suicide prevention is an unfortunate reality. Our Marathon runners are performing a tremendous service to our organization and the community



Joy Kogut.

at large, and are helping to save lives."

This is the 12th consecutive year that Samaritans, a suicide prevention organization serving the Greater Boston and Metro West communities, has received bib numbers for their Marathon Team. The donation was made to help Samaritans generate awareness about the issue of suicide, educate the public about suicide prevention, and raise much-needed funds.

Samaritans will once again be participating as a non-profit partner in the John Hancock Non-Profit Marathon Program.

Each year, John Hancock donates guaranteed entries to select nonprofits which use these entries to recruit individual runners to raise money for their cause.

In 2018, John Hancock provided more than 1,000 bibs to nonprofit runners who raised more than \$13.1 million for local organizations. For over 30 years, John Hancock has been the principal sponsor of the Boston Marathon.

About Samaritans

For over 40 years, Samaritans, Inc. volunteers have answered more than 2.5 million phone calls. The agency has trained more than 4,500 volunteers and instructed more than 100,000 individuals through its Community Education and Outreach Program, and has supported over 10,000 individuals who have lost a loved one to suicide. For more information about Samaritans, please visit www.samaritanshope.org or contact Samaritans' business office at 617-536-2460 or info@samaritanshope.org.

Hayden Idson wins Concord Orchestra's Ehlers Young Artists concerto competition

Hayden Idson, was the winner this year of the Concord Orchestra's Ehlers Young Artists concerto competition.

Hayden is an eighth grader at the Park School in Brookline. He began his cello studies at the age of four and a half with Sandy Kiefer at the Longy School of Music, was a student of Michael Bonner from 2013-2018, and is currently is a student of Ronal Lowry, Paul Katz and Yehuda Hanani.

Hayden appeared as a soloist for the first time at the age of 10 with the Waltham Philharmonic Orchestra, playing the first two movements of Elgar's Cello Concerto in E minor. In the subsequent year, he was invited to perform Tchaikovsky's Pezzo Capriccioso, Op. 62 with both the Sharon Community Chamber Orchestra and the Brockton



Hayden Idson.
Photo courtesy Susan Wilson

Symphony Orchestra.

Hayden was the winner of the 2017 Wellesley Symphony Orchestra Young Soloist Competition, and co-winner of the 2017 Waltham Philharmonic Orchestra Concerto Competition. He performed the Saint-Saëns Cello Concerto No. 1 in A minor

with the WSO March 2018, and with the WPO in October 2018. Hayden is also a first-place winner of the 2019 American Fine Arts Festival Concerto Competition.

He is the winner of the 2019 Concord Orchestra Young Artists Competition and will be performing Tchaikovsky, Variations on a Rococo Theme, Op. 33 with the orchestra on March 22 and 23.

Also on the program are Benjamin Britten's "Four Sea Interludes" from Peter Grimes and Stravinsky's "Firebird Suite." Performances are at the Performing Arts Center, 51 Walden in Concord. Tickets for adults are \$25/\$30 at the door, \$23/\$27 online. Tickets for students under 21 are \$10. For tickets and information, call 978-369-4967 or visit concordorchestra.com.

Council approves CPA funding

BY JOHN LYNDS

Last month Mayor Martin Walsh and the City's Community Preservation Committee (CPC) recommended that projects in Jamaica Plain and across the city, totaling more than \$34 million, would be included in the fall funding round for the Community Preservation Act (CPA).

The last hurdle in the process was a vote by the City Council to appropriate the funds, and that moment came during last Wednesday's Council meeting.

The Council voted unanimously at the time to release the recommended funding to the projects here in Jamaica Plain and citywide.

"It's an exciting day in Boston," said At-Large Councilor Michael Flaherty who chairs the Council's CPA Committee. "Whether it is the affordable housing opportunities or the beatification of our parks this round of funding will continue to benefit Boston residents for generations to come. This is why we supported the CPA and now voters and the residents are finally seeing these projects come to fruition."

In Jamaica Plain \$498,000 was approved to build a new



At-Large City Councilor Michael Flaherty, who chairs the Committee for CPA funding, during last week's Council meeting. City

playground adjacent to the Martha Eliot Health Center, Boston Housing Authority Mildred Hailey Apartments, and Jackson Square shops.

By adopting the CPA in November 2016, the City has created a Community Preservation Fund. This fund is capitalized primarily by a one percent property tax-based surcharge on residential and business property tax bills that began in July 2017. The City will use this revenue to fund initiatives consistent with CPA guidelines: affordable housing, historic preservation, open space and public recreation.



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Chapter & Verse at Loring-Greenough

Chapter and Verse Literary Reading series will be held again on Friday, March 8, 7:30 p.m. at the Loring-Greenough House, 12 South Street, Jamaica Plain Center. The following will be the night's activities.

Hilary Sallick is the author of a chapbook, *Winter Roses*, and a full-length collection, *Asking the Form*, soon to appear from ervená Barva Press. Her poems have appeared recently or are forthcoming in *Exposition Review*, *Muddy River Poetry Review*, *The Bookends Review*, *Ibbetson Street*, *The Inflectionist Review*, and other publications. She teaches reading and writing to adult learners in Somerville, and she is vice president of the New England Poetry Club.

Natalie Shapero is the Professor of the Practice of Poetry at Tufts University and an editor at large of the *Kenyon Review*.

Her poetry collections are *Hard Child* and *No Object*, and her writing has appeared in *The New Yorker*, *Poetry*, *The Nation*, *Granta*, and elsewhere. She lives in Somerville.

Lindsay Turner is the author of the poetry collection *Songs & Ballads* (Prelude Books, 2018). She is the translator of several books of contemporary Francophone poetry and philosophy, including *adagio ma non troppo* by Ryoko Sekiguchi (Les Fives, 2018) and *The Next Loves* by Stéphane Bouquet, forthcoming from Nightboat Books in the fall. She holds an MFA in poetry from New York University and a PhD in English from the University of Virginia. She currently lives in Greenville, South Carolina and teaches at Furman University.

Suggested donation: \$5.00 or whatever you can afford. (We mean this. We would rather

have you than your money.) Free refreshments are served.

Parking Information: The Loring-Greenough House has a parking lot, but four spaces are reserved for ZIP Cars. Please respect these spaces, and also please try not to park on the grass. There is nonrestricted street parking and a large, free public parking lot off Centre Street between Burroughs and Thomas Streets just a block from the Loring-Greenough House.

For more information check our website at <http://jamaicapondpoets.com> or email dorothy.derifield@gmail.com or call 617-325-8388. The last Chapter and Verse Literary Reading in the 2018/2019 Series on Friday, May 10, 2019, will be a celebration of the 25th anniversary of the series. The Jamaica Pond Poets will read their poems relating to poetry itself.

15th Anniversary of the Blue Frog Bakery

This year marks the 15th anniversary of the Blue Frog Bakery. Owner Chef Brad Brown will host a big celebration at the bakery, located at 3 Green Street, in Jamaica Plain, on Saturday, March 23, 2019, from 9am to 3pm. The party will feature special pastries and desserts, chocolates, coffee, and cocktails. We will also have a cake-cutting ceremony with a special guest! We are excited to share this milestone with the community that has supported us for the last fifteen years, and made us part of their family and memories.

The Blue Frog Bakery opened on March 19, 2004, with Mayor Tom Menino cutting the ribbon. We faced our first obstacle when eighteen months of construction began almost immediately, directly in front of the business. But the Blue Frog Bakery survived and built momentum over the


years. Our baking methods have not changed in the last fifteen years. Croissants are cut and rolled by hand almost every day. The recipes have evolved through trial and error, culminating in Boston Magazine's Best of Boston 2015 - Best Bread award. The seasons are punctuated with special offerings on holidays, such as stollen and yule logs, chocolates and cookies, King cakes and more. We serve challah on Fridays, and introduced Pizza Party Fridays in 2017.

Acutely aware and grateful of the support from the community, Chef Brad Brown has sought to give back. He served as president of the JP Business and Professional Association from 2013 to 2014, and continues on their Board of Directors. He is also on the Board of JP Centre/South Main Streets, and served as president from 2014 to 2017.

He was recognized as JP Centre/South Main Streets Volunteer of the Year in 2017. Chef Brown is also active in promoting local non-profits. He has hosted the JP Canine Costume Parade for 15 years, whose proceeds benefit the City of Boston Animal Shelter; he has cooked for the Men of Boston Cook for Women event at Codman Square Health Center, the Taste of JP event for ESAC Boston, and the Banned in Boston Urban Improv gala, all for over 10 years, as well as contributing to various other local events.

We welcome the entire Jamaica Plain community to join us for the celebration on:

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CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU19P0512EA Estate of: Rita S. Allen Date of Death: 01/09/2019

To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by James R. Allen of Jamaica Plain, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: James R. Allen of Jamaica Plain, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration.

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You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 04/19/2019. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return

day, action may be taken without further notice to you. **UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)** A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: March 08, 2019
Felix D. Arroyo
Register of Probate

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LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon St.
Boston, MA 02114
(617)788-8300
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU19P0434EA Estate of: Phyllis A. Gary Date of Death: 01/25/2019

To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with has been filed Susan R. Edghill-Yard of Roslindale, MA

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

The Petitioner requests that: Susan R. Edghill-Yard of Roslindale, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve on the bond in an unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 03/29/2019. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: March 1, 2019
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LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Suffolk Probate And Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300 NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME Docket No. SU18CO484CA In the matter of: Andrea Marion Mendivil Romero To all persons interested in petition described:

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Andrea Marion Mendivil Romero of Jamaica Plain, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: Andrea Marion Mendivil Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Suffolk Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 03/28/2019. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: March 08, 2019 Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Suffolk Division 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU19PO148EA Estate of: Ann Wells Miller Date of Death: 03/05/2017 To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Michael J. Godderz of Dorchester, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Michael J. Godderz of Dorchester, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration. IMPORTANT NOTICE You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 04/16/2019. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you. UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: March 05, 2019 Felix D. Arroyo Register of Probate

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL APPOINTMENT OF SUCCESSOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE Docket No. SU04PO464D1 Estate of: Anthony Digrezo Date of Death: 05/31/2003 To all interested persons: A Petition has been filed by: Andrew J. Quintiliani, Jr. of San Diego, CA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order that Andrew J. Quintiliani, Jr. of San Diego, CA be appointed as Successor Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on 04/11/2019. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you. The estate is being administered under formal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but recipients are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: February 28, 2019 Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT

PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Suffolk Probate And Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300 CITATION ON GENERAL PROBATE PETITION Docket No. SU17P1572GD To all interested persons: Lianna Manos, 138 High St., Dedham, MA 02025 A Petition has been filed by: George Soto of Jamaica Plain, MA 02025 requesting That this Honorable Court Grant Me Visitation To See Sally McAuliffe, which would benefit her health and would grant me happiness to spend time with my best friend. You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on 04/04/2019. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: March 07, 2019 Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

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LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Suffolk Division 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR REMOVAL OF A GUARDIAN OF AN INCAPACITATED PERSON Docket No. SU19PO480GD In the matter of: James D. Grant Of: Jamaica Plain, MA To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Lemuel Shattuck Hospital of Jamaica Plain, MA in the above captioned matter requesting that the court: Remove the Guardian. The petition asks the court to determine that the Guardian and/or Conservator should be allowed to resign; or should be removed for good cause; or that the Guardianship and/or Conservatorship is no longer necessary and therefore should be terminated. The original petition is on file with the court. You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 4/16/2019. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

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LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT

TO G.L.c. 190B, s 5-304 Docket No. SU14PO145GD In the matter of: James D. Grant RESPONDENT Alleged Incapacitated Person Of: Jamaica Plain, MA To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Lemuel Shattuck Hospital of Jamaica Plain, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that James D. Grant is in need of a Guardian and requesting that George Rodriguez of Quincy, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve Without Surety on the bond. The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority. You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 04/16/2019. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date. IMPORTANT NOTICE The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: March 19, 2018 Felix Arroyo, Register of Probate

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Suffolk Division 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU19PO417EA Estate of: John Bernard Cahill Date of Death: 11/02/2018 To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Margaret M. Cahill of Brighton, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Margaret M. Cahill of Brighton, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of

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LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION TO EXPAND THE POWERS OF A GUARDIAN

Docket No. SU09PO200G11 In the interests of: James Chuminski of: Jamaica Plain, MA To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Cambridge Health Alliance of Everett, MA in the above captioned matter requesting that the court: Expand the powers of a Guardian. The petition asks the court to make a determination that the powers of the Guardian and/or Conservator should be expanded, modified, or limited since the time of the appointment. The original petition is on file with the court. You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 04/19/2019. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date. IMPORTANT NOTICE The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: March 19, 2018 Felix Arroyo, Register of Probate

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Suffolk Division INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE Docket No. SU19PO126EA Estate of: Nora Levine Date of Death: November 09, 2018 To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Noam Levine of Arlington, MA. A will has been admitted to informal probate. Noam Levine of Arlington, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond. The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner. 3/22/19 JP

LEGAL NOTICE

ZONING HEARING The Zoning Commission of the City of Boston hereby gives notice, in accordance with Chapter 665 of the Acts of 1956, as amended, that a

public hearing will be held on April 10, 2019, at 9:00 AM, in Room 900, Boston City Hall, in connection with Map Amendment Application No. 717 filed by the Boston Redevelopment Authority d/b/a Boston Planning & Development Agency. Said map amendment would amend "Map 5E, Dorchester Neighborhood District," by changing the existing zoning designation of the property located at 469 Neponset Avenue, Dorchester, from "OS-SL," indicating an Open Space-Shoreline Subdistrict to "NS," indicating a Neighborhood Shopping Subdistrict; amend "Map 9A, Jamaica Plain Neighborhood District," and "Map 9C, Jamaica Plain Neighborhood District," by changing the existing zoning designation of the property located at 3850 Washington Street, Jamaica Plain, from "OS-A," indicating an Open Space Air Rights Subdistrict to "NS," indicating a Neighborhood Shopping Subdistrict; and amend "Map 11A, West Roxbury Neighborhood District," and "Map 11B, West Roxbury Neighborhood District," by changing the existing zoning of an approximately 19,881 square foot lot located on Brucewood Street from "OS-RC," indicating an Open Space-Recreation Subdistrict, to "1F-6000," indicating a One-Family Residential Subdistrict. A copy of the petition, maps of the areas involved may be viewed at the office of the Zoning Commission, Room 952, Boston City Hall, between 9 AM and 5 PM any day except Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays. For the Commission, Jeffrey M. Hampton Executive Secretary 3/22/19 JP

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT SUFFOLK DIVISION DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING

Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300 Docket No. SU190376DR William M. Simon vs. Toni-Anne Murray To the Defendant: The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for IRRETRIEVABLE BREAKDOWN. The Complaint is on file at the Court. An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411. You are required to serve upon: William M. Simon, 3383 Washington St. Apt. 403, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130, your answer, if any, on or before 04/25/2019. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court. Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: February 27, 2019 Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

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