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## WINNIE THE POOH KIDS



Photo by Mike Mejia

The Curley K-8 School put on an exciting 'Winnie the Pooh KIDS' show on April 1 — dancing, jumping on and off the stage and running through the aisles to the delight of students and parents. More than 40 students from grades 3, 4 and 5 put on a dynamic performance in the school-wide play. See Page 7 for more photos.

## JPA opposes marijuana store on Centre Street

BY LAUREN BENNETT

The Jamaica Pond Association voted on April 1 to oppose the recreational marijuana establishment proposed for the site of the AAA Appliance building at 769 Centre St. Community members were packed into the meeting room at First Baptist Church on Centre St.

on April 1 to hear the contentious proposal, where not one person spoke in favor of having the establishment at this location.

Brian Bairos, CEO of Giving Tree Health Center, Inc. gave a brief presentation about the proposed dispensary. He said that

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## BPDA approves Green Street Project

BY JOHN LYNDIS

The Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) approved a Jamaica Plain project on Green Street at the board's March meeting.

The developer, City Realty, will redevelop 11,726 square feet of underutilized commercial and residential land by combining two existing parcels at 197-201 Green St.

The BPDA board approved the \$2.25 million project at 197-201 Green St. that will create 23 residential units — including income-restricted artist live/work units near Green Street MBTA station.

According to its ruling, the BPDA commented that the project will revitalize the area by replacing the vacant commercial land and single-family dwelling with a

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## Documentary about Dominican Republic draws huge crowd

BY LAURA PLUMMER

On Monday, April 1, a diverse group of almost eighty people packed the basement of the Connolly Branch Library for a special screening of the documentary "Hay un País en el Mundo" (There's a Country in the World), with more trickling in as the night progressed.

Directed by José Enrique

"Pinky" Pintor and financed by Dominican bank BHD León, the film celebrates the rich cultural heritage of the Dominican Republic. It is named after a poem by the same name by the late Dominican poet Pedro Julio Mir Valentín, better known as Pedro Mir.

Mir's poem opens "There is a country in the world situated in the sun's path, native of the night, located in an unlikely archipelago

of sugar and alcohol..." This imagery introduces the 90-minute film that takes viewers on a visual and musical odyssey of the Caribbean nation of almost 11 million on the island of Hispaniola.

This Spanish-language film with English subtitles is currently being shown as part of a nationwide tour organized by the Global

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## Película sobre República Dominicana atrae una multitud

LAURA PLUMMER

El lunes 1 de abril, un grupo diverso de casi ochenta personas llenó el sótano de Connolly Branch Library para ver una proyección especial del documental "Hay un País en el Mundo". Otras personas llegaron mientras progresaba

la noche.

Dirigida por José Enrique "Pinky" Pintor y financiada por el banco dominicano BHD León, la película celebra el rico patrimonio cultural de la República Dominicana. La película tiene el mismo nombre de un poema del fallecido poeta dominicano Pedro

Julio Mir Valentín, mejor conocido como Pedro Mir.

El poema de Mir comienza: "Hay un país en el mundo colocado en el mismo trayecto del sol. Oriundo de la noche. Colocado

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## RUNNING TO THE BEAT



Photo by Mike Mejia

JP's Jeffrey Ferris running barefoot past Wendell Warriors, an African percussion group, on Williams Street during the 23rd Annual Emerald Necklace 5-Mile Road Race sponsored by Doyle's Café on Sunday, April 7. More than 1,100 runners turned out for the spring run — and as far as we know — only one was barefoot. See Pages 18 and 19 for more photos.

# O'Malley talks environmental issues at JPNC meeting

BY LAUREN BENNETT

The Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council (JPNC) held its monthly meeting on March 26, where they heard an update from City Councilor Matt O'Malley and provided committee updates to the public.

Councilor O'Malley, who is a huge proponent of environmental matters, said it's an "exciting time in the city and in JP," and discussed a variety of environmental issues and policies that affect the neighborhood. A gas leaks bill—the first of its kind in the state—has passed, O'Malley said. He also talked about the plastic bag ban, which he said JP was an "early supporter" of, is "already seeing tangible results," with fewer plastic bags seen in trees and storm drains, he said. He also spoke about the notion of net zero carbon and the work that is being done on that front especially when it comes to zoning and development issues. He said that they are "still committed to curbside composting" as well.

O'Malley also said that the council is also looking at road safety, adding that the West Roxbury Part of Centre St. needs to look more like the JP part of Centre St."

JPNC member Kevin Rainsford wanted to know what the status of PLAN:JP/Rox was. O'Malley said that "it's better than it was a year ago," as there have been some projects that abide by the guidelines of the plan, but "there is more work to go," he said. "There

are some pretty good projects in the pipeline that are coming down and we need to hold the developers to it."

O'Malley also discussed the MBTA fare hike, saying that "it is beyond frustrating" that any of the Hyde Park rail stations cost over \$6.00. "It's frustrating because we talk about equity and fairness—these are Boston neighborhoods who are paying three times what they should be," he said. He said that people would generally be more receptive to a fare increase if it led to better service, but he said it doesn't.

"We need to make a case to legislators outside of Boston that a good system is healthy for the state," he said. He said that increased service will result in more riders, which makes transportation across the city more sustainable. He also talked about dedicated bus lanes, calling them "remarkable" and saying that the city needs more of them, as they will help expedite service to transportation deserts.

O'Malley also discussed the community choice energy program, which gives residents more control over the type and price of energy they use. The program allows communities to buy energy as a group based on what the community wants. "We are miles ahead of where we were a year ago," O'Malley said of the program. He said that a vendor/consultant has been hired, and the next step involves impaneling a working group.

"I really appreciate what you all do," O'Malley said to the JPNC at the end of his presentation. "What you guys do is really important."

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### ZONING:

JPNC member David Baron presented the Zoning Committee report, saying that all items that were spoken about have already been before the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA), so there would be no votes from the full council on this.

At 3231 Washington St., the proponents requested a change of occupancy from two residential units to four, and renovate the kitchen, bathrooms, and systems within the triple decker. They proposed to either paint or replace the existing siding, as well as install a sprinkler. Baron said that at the zoning meeting, there were some people who were concerned with things like density and parking. The Zoning Committee voted to approve the project with the proviso that the porch space next to the building be landscaped or fenced to prevent off-street parking.

At 16R Robeson St., the homeowner is looking to construct a new single-family home with a roof deck above a two car garage on an existing vacant lot for her daughter to live in. There would be two off-street parking spaces that can be accessed through the driveway at 16 Robeson. Baron said that there was some opposition on this application as well,

and though the Zoning Committee voted to approve it, the applicant requested to defer at the ZBA hearing.

At 79 Jamaica St., the proponents are requesting to erect a new two-family dwelling—"the largest building on the street"—on the "smallest lot on the street," according to Baron. He said the proposal is "quite out of scale with the other houses on Jamaica St," and called it "offensive," as this proposal does not have a rear yard setback even though other houses on the street have backyard space. He said he believes it would cast the neighbors in shadow. A number of residents spoke out against this at the ZBA hearing and the Zoning Committee voted to deny the application, but the ZBA granted the zoning relief requested.

Finally, at 106 Forest Hills Street, the proponents originally proposed to demolish the existing building and erect a new three story building with nine residential units with balconies and roof decks and twelve off-street parking spaces. A new description from a handout passed out at the meeting said that the proposal has been changed to relocate the original structure and build a new structure with eight residential units and ten parking spaces. The Zoning Committee voted to approve it with the proviso that the number of parking spaces be reduced to eight, and that a memorandum of understanding is reached with the neighbors. The next Zoning Committee will be April 17, at 7

p.m. at Farnsworth House.

## PUBLIC SERVICE

JPNC member Michael Reiskind said that the Public Service Committee met on March 5 and mostly discussed protected bike lanes (especially on Centre and South Streets) that they had discussed at a previous meeting. He said they have asked the city to come talk about it more at the April meeting, but Director of Planning for the Boston Transportation Department Vineet Gupta cannot make it until the May meeting, so that's when he will be there to discuss the bike lanes and answer questions. Reiskind also said that they are going to compile the annual list of JP streets, crosswalks, and bike lanes needing repair. The next Public Service Committee meeting is April 2, at Curtis Hall.

## EDUCATION

JPNC member Trevor Wissink-Adams provided the Education Committee update, saying that at their last meeting, they discussed some of the priorities that they would like to set for the upcoming year. He said that they would like the JPNC to partner with Boston Public Schools to host a meeting for families to learn how to register their kids for school. Wissink-Adams said they have reached out to the community engagement team at BPS "to see if this is a possibility." The next Education Committee meeting is April 16, at 7 p.m. at Curtis Hall.

## Documentary

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Foundation for Democracy and Development (GFDD), a nonprofit dedicated to promoting "a better understanding and appreciation of the Dominican culture, values and heritage" both home and abroad. It features a number of Dominican figureheads, artists and musicians.

The Jamaica Plain screening was presented jointly by GFDD, the Connolly Branch Library and City Councilor Matt O'Malley, who was present. Also in attendance was Yvette Gonzalez, the coordinator of Boston's annual Dominican Festival, and Enerio "Tony" Varros, Special Assistant to Mayor Marty Walsh.


During the event, guests were invited to enjoy a colorful spread of traditional Dominican foods, including pastelitos, cornbread and assorted sweets familiar to anyone who grew up in the DR.

A special guest was Dominican artist and folklorist Isaías Amaro, who exhibited his artwork while talking about his plans for a new Dominican cultural initiative that would help children and young people to explore the traditional handicrafts of the small but proud Spanish-speaking country.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, Massachusetts has the fourth highest number of Dominicans living in the U.S., with the majority of them living in Greater Boston. Dominicans are the largest immigrant group in the city, according to the Boston College Department of History.

"Hay un País" finished up its Massachusetts screenings on Saturday, April 5, at the Salem Academy Charter Schools in Salem, Mass. View the trailer on YouTube at [youtu.be/AVMINLmk-wI](http://youtu.be/AVMINLmk-wI).

To learn about other initiatives by the Global Foundation for Democracy and Development, go to [globalfoundationdd.org](http://globalfoundationdd.org) for more information on how you can get involved in local initiatives supporting Dominican culture, contact Katy Bernt Polanco at [katy@globalfoundationdd.org](mailto:katy@globalfoundationdd.org).



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## SNA hears informational proposal for triple deckers at 34-36 Rossmore Road

BY LAUREN BENNETT

The Stonybrook Neighborhood Association (SNA) heard an informational proposal on April 8 for a development at 34 Rossmore Road.

Presenters Liam Lydon and architect Elaine Scales live in Jamaica Plain, where Lydon has also developed 12 units. The proposal was for the existing building at 34 Rossmore, as well as the vacant lot at 36 Rossmore. Lydon said that the existing building is “a little bit of a challenge,” as it sits right on top of the property line, so he is proposing to tear it down and put up a new three-family house. He said he would like it to be something that better fits within the area. He also wants to build another three family building on the vacant lot at 36 Rossmore. The proposed units would be 1,000 square foot two bedroom, one bath units for \$600,000, Lydon said.

Lydon also proposed a common driveway between the two houses, that lead to three spaces for each building, in order to get rid of the street parking. He said the two buildings would be similar in scale, but “not cookie cutter.” He said that the only zoning variance he thinks he would need would be for the Floor Area Ratio, as there would be no issues with height or rear, front, or side yard setbacks.

SNA steering committee member Trevyn Langsford said that he was concerned with affordability of homes in the area, and wondered if one or two of these units could be made affordable.

“I don’t think it’s financially possible to make an afford-

able unit to be honest with you,” Lydon responded. He said he has “no problem” with the SNA advocating for that, and if the purchase price of the building was affordable, he would. Lydon said that he is going to purchase the property in about two weeks. The current owners live on the second and third floors, and rent out the first floor, though he said it is currently vacant.

There was a comment made about JP being “overbuilt,” and Elaine Scales said that with the new proposal, there would be less built area on the lot than what is there now.

Another comment was made about the possibility of replacing the stretch of asphalt sidewalk that spans the property with regular concrete sidewalk, which Lydon agreed to.

Though concerns still remain about the issue of affordability, the proposal was generally well received by those in attendance. People were happy with Lydon’s track record of doing “beautiful” work that preserves the appearance of older JP homes, as well as his relationship with people in the neighborhood. Green space was another topic of discussion amongst the community members, and they decided to form a subcommittee for this project to explore in more depth the different issues that were briefly discussed.

Councilor Matt O’Malley also briefly spoke about his latest environmental endeavors and answered a few questions from the community, and new neighborhood liaison Enrique Pepen introduced himself. The next SNA meeting will be on Monday, May 13 at 7:00pm at Doyle’s Cafe.

## Película

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en un inverosímil archipiélago de azúcar y de alcohol.” Estas imágenes introducen la película de 90 minutos que lleva a los espectadores en una odisea, tanto musical como visual, de la nación caribeña de casi 11 millones en la isla de La Española.

Esta película en español, subtitulada en inglés, se muestra como parte de una gira nacional organizada por Global Foundation for Democracy and Development (GFDD), una organización sin fines de lucro dedicada a promover “una mejor comprensión y apreciación de la cultura, los valores y el patrimonio dominicanos”, tanto en la isla como en el extranjero. Cuenta con una serie

de figuras dominicanas, artistas y músicos.

La proyección en Jamaica Plain fue presentada conjuntamente por GFDD, Connolly Branch Library y el Consejero Municipal Matt O’Malley, quien estuvo presente. También asistieron Yvette González, coordinadora del festival dominicano anual de Boston, y Enerio “Tony” Varros, asistente especial del alcalde Marty Walsh.

Durante el evento, los invitados disfrutaron de una colorida variedad de comidas tradicionales dominicanas, incluyendo pastelitos, pan de maíz y caramelos dominicanos.

Un invitado especial fue el artista y folklorista dominicano Isaías Amaro, quien mostró su obra mientras hablaba sobre su plan de construir un centro de cultura dominicana donde los

niños y jóvenes pueden explorar las artesanías tradicionales del pequeño pero orgulloso país de habla hispana.

Según la Oficina del Censo estadounidense, Massachusetts tiene el cuarto mayor número de dominicanos en los Estados Unidos, y la mayoría de ellos vive en Boston. Los dominicanos son el grupo de inmigrantes más grande de la ciudad, según el sitio web del Departamento de Historia de Boston College.

“Hay un País” terminó su gira en Massachusetts el sábado 5 de abril en Salem Academy Charter Schools en Salem, Massachusetts. Vea el tráiler en YouTube en [youtu.be/AVMINLmk-wI](https://youtu.be/AVMINLmk-wI).

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# Benjamin Zander: The mystery of music is still alive at 80

BY SETH DANIEL

When Boston Philharmonic Orchestra (BPO) Conductor Benjamin Zander was just a boy, he would watch his father come home from a hard day's work and sit at the piano and create a language that dazzled the young man – the language of music that went beyond words and still delights the accomplished conductor at the age of 80.

Zander, the founder and conductor of the BPO, which is based in the Back Bay, celebrated his birthday in March, along with the 40th anniversary of the BPO. This week, he sat down with the Sun to talk about the uplifting world of Classical music and the progress that has been made by the BPO and the seven-year-old Boston Youth Philharmonic Orchestra (BYPO) over their successful decades-long run.

"I got it young," he said of his love of music. "Back in England growing up, I watched my father playing. He would come back home from work and sit at the piano and play. His whole body would transform and he was ecstatic. I said, 'Whatever he's having, I want to have it too.'"

It's that communication with music that goes beyond words – a philosophy of sorts – that Zander said moves people to the point of tears. Music, he said, is one of the only mediums that can take

people to such an emotional state, and communicate an idea through harmony.

"Mendelssohn said music is more precise than words," said Zander. "The thing is that it is true, and not just with Classical music. You listen to a Billie Holiday song and you get to places in the song where the tears come to the eyes... Those harmonies and sounds take you to a place of nostalgia and feeling and it's so precise that our tear ducts start working. People don't stand in front of a painting and cry. The only place people really cry is in front of music. It's because it doesn't go to the brain, but rather straight to the heart. No one can decipher how it works that way. It's a great mystery."

Soon after Zander was hit with the music bug listening to his dad play piano, he began studying music at the age of 12 – taking composition under Benjamin Britton and Imogen Holst. From there, at the age of 15, he left his home in England to study in Florence and Cologne with cellist Gaspar Cassado. He completed a degree at the University of London and won a fellowship that brought him to the United States.

He came to Boston in 1965 and never turned back – founding the BPO in 1978 and appearing all over the world as a guest conductor, frequently collecting awards for his interpretation of music.

The BPO started with three



*Maestro Benjamin Zander has led the Boston Philharmonic Orchestra (BPO) for the last 40 years and just celebrated his 80th birthday, but said he feels more effective than ever. The conductor got hit with the love and mystery of music at a young age, and has never turned back. He can be seen with the BPO this month at Symphony Hall on April 26.*

concerts per year, and now they've grown to having 24 concerts and many outreach efforts – with Zander also doing an interpretation class at the Boston Public Library as well.

"I've spent 55 years here and 80 years old is a big one because you really aren't in good enough shape to celebrate your 90th," he said with a laugh. "My love for music started very, very young and it's really grown over time. You get four quarters: 20, 40, 60 and 80. From 80 on is overtime...I think I'm more effective now than ever before...Things are really coming to fulfillment. I don't have any bosses, so I do what I want. If it's too much, I only have myself to blame."

One of the highlights in his late

career has been a recent TED talk he gave on the 'Transformative Power of Classical Music.' That talk has exploded worldwide and is the most popular TED talk in China right now.

As well, the BPO and the BYPO are operating at full capacity right now, he said, and with great popularity. He said they have grown beyond the limits of what anyone expected, and he said he sees a hunger for music and knowledge of music at every performance these days.

"I've never seen so many young children at a concert and it's because parents feel comfortable bringing their children," he said.

The next chance for a great concert from the BPO comes on April 26 at Symphony Hall, where they

will play Mahler's Symphony No. 5 and Ives's Symphony No. 3.

Zander was particularly excited about this concert and the pairing of two very different composers.

Mahler's 5th is one that Zander and the BPO have performed before – with Mahler being their house composer for years. However, Zander said it never gets old and is a piece of music that describes the full potential of humanity.

"You enter into a world that isn't accessible in any other way," he said. "There's nothing that can bring you to that sense of being fully in touch with what human beings can do."

The second piece is by Charles Ives, an American composer that is relatively unknown. His third symphony has only been performed here one other time, in 1983. Ives was moved by the religious "camp meetings" of the 1800s and the aspiration to the highest values, everyone believing together.

"Nobody in the audience will have heard the piece," he said. "There is no way...It will be completely new, which is exciting."

The BYPO will also have a wide ranging concert on April 14 at Symphony Hall at 3 p.m. The BYPO concert will feature Wagner, Prokofiev, Tchaikovsky and Mahler.

It is, in fact, the BYPO that has truly energized Zander in the last several years, and he said that is because of the unlimited potential of youth.

He works closely with the students, giving them assignments and helping them with their outlook on life. He said he is constantly inspired by the young performers and their resilience and energy.

"That's another part of the secret of getting old is to surround yourself with young people," he said. "Their development and growth is so critical and so vulnerable and so easily destroyed."

In the end, Zander said there is so much to be taken from life, but it's only the symphony and the idea behind it that has no downside.

"Sports are great, but they are limited because it's really about winning or losing," he said. "That's why there is a downside with sports. Whereas with music there is no downside. It's all about the journey of human beings to reach for the stars... The symphony world is a world in which everybody is uplifted."

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## Walsh announces Enrique Pepen as neighborhood liaison for JP

STAFF REPORT

Mayor Martin J. Walsh today announced the appointment of Enrique Pepen as the Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Liaison within the Mayor's Civic Engagement Cabinet. "I am excited to have Enrique join my office and know he will serve the residents of Jamaica Plain well," said Mayor Walsh. "Enrique has dedicated his career to helping the residents of Boston and the Commonwealth. This appointment will make sure that Jamaica Plain continues to receive excellent city services."

As the Jamaica Plain liaison, Enrique will serve as the primary contact for constituents and businesses looking to connect with the Mayor's Office, and will facilitate the delivery of services in collaboration with City departments.

The Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services (ONS) encourages, facilitates and maximizes citizen input and partici-



Enrique Pepen.

pation through service requests, neighborhood meetings, mailings and emergency responses. To report non-emergency issues to the City, residents are encouraged to connect with BOS:311 by dialing 3-1-1 or by downloading the free BOS:311 app on iOS or Android platforms.

"I am very honored to be

appointed to this position by Mayor Walsh," said Enrique. "The Mayor has worked very hard to keep Jamaica Plain the special and diverse neighborhood it's always been and I am very excited to continue his vision for the neighborhood."

Born and raised in Boston, Enrique attended the John D. O'Bryant school and is currently working towards his Bachelor of Arts in Law and Public Policy at Suffolk University. Prior to this appointment, Enrique worked as district coordinator for Congressman Joe Kennedy III helping constituents navigate the federal government in English and Spanish. In his spare time, Enrique enjoys walks along Centre and South Streets or practicing his photography skills.

Alexandra Valdez formerly served as the Jamaica Plain liaison, until she was named the Director of Engagement in the Mayor's Economic Mobility Lab earlier this month.

## Zoning relief granted for 50 Stedman Street project

BY LAUREN BENNETT

The Zoning Board of Appeal (ZBA) on April 9 approved the proposal for a 21 unit residential structure at 50 Stedman St. This proposal has gone through a lengthy process with neighborhood associations, especially the Stonybrook Neighborhood Association (SNA), who voted not to oppose the project in February.

The building was before the ZBA for violations of insufficient off-street parking, forbidden use, and excessive FAR. Architect Luccio Trabucco said the project has gone through an 18 month process, through which they have been able to meet "most, if not all concerns of the abutters." Trabucco confirmed that they have met with the Stonybrook Neighborhood Association and the Stonybrook Neighborhood Association, who both expressed non-opposition to the project.

The proposed residential building is in an industrial subdistrict, and the current site of Wentworth Service Station. The SNA was originally concerned about what would happen to Bill Miceli, the owner of the auto repair shop, as well as the setbacks for the abutting property. These issues were addressed by the developer, leading to the SNA's vote of non-opposition.

Trabucco said the building would consist of 15 two bedroom units, six one bedroom units, and 21 parking spaces. Four of the units will be affordable, and the Floor Area Ratio is a little over 2.

Enrique Peen from the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services spoke in support of the project, and said that after "extensive community meetings," there are "no further concerns." Councilor O'Malley

and the Carpenter's Union also went on record in support. No one spoke in opposition of the project.

The ZBA approved the project with "continued BPDA design review."

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The award of any contract shall be subject to the approval of the Mayor of Boston and the Awarding Authority.

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William Morales  
Commissioner

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# Walsh announces \$28M investment for Franklin Park master plan

STAFF REPORT

Mayor Martin J. Walsh announced on April 5 that the Boston Parks and Recreation Department has launched a new master plan for Franklin Park, Boston's largest park. With sale of

Winthrop Square Garage, Mayor Walsh committed \$28 million to revitalize Franklin Park, which was designed by Fredrick Law Olmsted and commissioned in the 1890s in response to the challenges associated with increasing urban density. In preparation for this

\$28 million investment, Boston Parks and Recreation Department is launching a new master plan for the park.

"I'm excited to celebrate the master plan of Franklin Park and the renovations that will help Franklin Park reach its full poten-

tial as Boston's largest park, and one of our cherished green spaces," said Mayor Walsh. "Thanks to the sale of the Winthrop Street Garage, we will have \$28 million to invest in preserving and improving this park for our residents, and for future generations to come."

The plan will provide a vision for the park, building on existing public and private investment and inform the priorities for expenditures from both Winthrop Square funds and future City of Boston Capital Plans. The funds will support capital investments as well as investments in the maintenance and activities of the park.

The park is located at the geographic heart of the City, the meeting ground of the Roxbury, Dorchester, Mattapan, Roslindale and Jamaica Plain neighborhoods. Franklin Park draws visitors from throughout the region and around the world. It is the home of the William Devine Golf Course, the historic Bear Cages, Scarboro Pond, a renowned cross country running course, the Franklin Park Zoo, White Stadium, tot lots and playgrounds, miles of trails, and acres of woods and playing fields.

The Parks Department recently completed a six-year, \$7.25 million project to improve pathways and entrances in Franklin Park, the largest investment in the park since the golf clubhouse was opened in 1998. That work delivered on the long-term community goals of taking Parks Department maintenance traffic off internal park paths and reestablishing Scarborough Pond as a beautiful and restful feature of the Emerald Necklace.

The Franklin Park Coalition has been working as the community voice of the park since the 1970s and hosts park events including the spring Kite & Bike Festival. The City and the Coalition worked together to select a unique and dynamic team to facilitate the master planning efforts.

"This is a generational opportunity to protect and enhance the public health benefits of our beloved park, while also developing creative new opportunities in partnership with the Parks and Recreation Department," said Franklin Park Coalition executive director Janna Cohen-Rosenthal. "We were impressed by the selected team's collaborative approach, dedication to the community process, and design expertise. We are very excited to begin work on this project."

The team selected is Cambridge-based landscape architects Reed Hilderbrand working in collaboration with Agency Landscape + Planning of Cambridge and MASS Design Group of Boston. Supporting consultants include Nitsch

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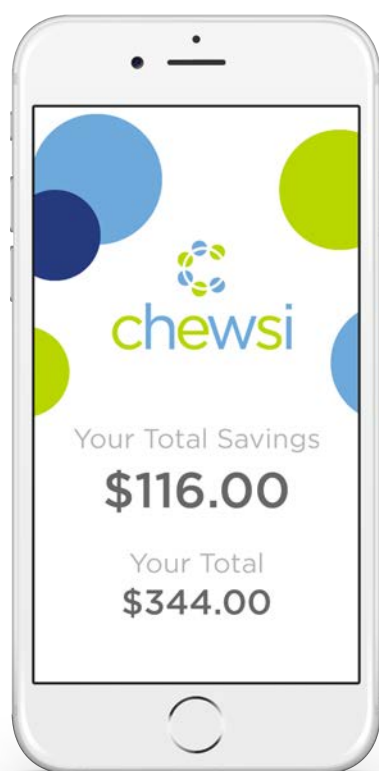
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# CURLEY K-8 SCHOOL PRODUCTION OF DISNEY'S 'WINNIE THE POOH KIDS'

Photos by Mike Mejia



Krismanny Guerrero, Jianelys Maldonado and Jack Shapiro sit beside a "Bring Your Own Honey" sign.

The Curley K-8 School held its fifth and final production of Disney's 'Winnie the Pooh KIDS' on Monday, April 1. More than 40 students from grades 3, 4 and 5 put on a dynamic performance in the school-wide play.



Anja and Kim before the play.



Left to right: Gabriella Drakes as Red Narrator, Damia Hunt as Green Narrator, Evie Litongua as Indigo Narrator and Estelle Day as Violet Narrator jumping with their pom-poms.



Robert Fitzgibbon, sitting in front of the stage, played Rabbit. On stage (left to right): Damia Hunt, Ellie Scharfenberg as Bee, Finuala Nevins as Yellow Narrator, Jayla Ross as Bee, Evie Litongua, Estelle Day, Ankaa Hollister-Carlson as Orange Narrator and Gabriella Drakes.



Kim Taylor Knight directed the play. She hopes to bring Charlie and the Chocolate Factory to the school next year.



The Bees included (left to right) Maya Szydlo, Ruby Pearlmutter, Zoe O'Grady and Sabina Alicia.

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## BPDA

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new mixed-use building. The also includes vehicular and pedestrian access measures and improvements.

Plans filed with the city show City Realty will construct a new four-story residential building totaling approximately 20,480 gross square feet with 23 residential rental units, approximately 720 square feet of ground floor retail space with at-grade parking for six vehicles, and storage for 22 bicycles.

“The project is within the PLAN: JP/ROX corridor, and triggers density bonus requirements,” wrote the BPDA board in its ruling. “Four units within the project will be income-restricted, one of which will be made affordable to households earning not more than 50 percent of the Area Median Income (AMI), and three will be

made affordable to households earning not more than 70 percent of AMI. All four IDP units are to be built out as artist live/work units.”

In a statement City Realty said its goal when conceptualizing this project was to revitalize the neighborhood by replacing the existing outdated free standing single-family dwelling and vacant land with a mixed-use building that will add new housing units to the increasingly popular Jamaica Plain community.

The project will exceed the 20,000-square foot total build-out requirement for a project in a Boston neighborhood, and therefore required BPDA approval under the Article 80 Small Project Review regulations of Boston Zoning Code.

The BPDA said the project will provide substantial benefits to the Jamaica Plain community by; creating much needed market rate residential housing in the Jamaica Plain Neighborhood;



An artist rendering of the BPDA approved project on Green Street in Jamaica Plain.

creating on-site affordable rental units, which will meet the Boston Planning & Development

Agency’s affordable housing standards; revitalizing two underutilized parcels and replacing the

current vacant lot and single family dwelling with housing and retail space; creating commercial retail space along Green Street to accommodate Jamaica Plain’s growing population of residents, which will allow residents to not only live, but also shop and have access to amenities in the neighborhood; encouraging alternative modes of transportation through the use of bicycling and walking, due to the close proximity of the bus lines and at the Green Street, Forest Hills and Stony Brook MBTA stations; as well as creating bike racks and a dedicated bike room for storage of bikes within the building to encourage bicycling as a mode of transportation, allowing for less vehicular traffic.

## Franklin Park

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Engineering, Applied Ecological Services, ETM Associates, and ARUP as well as subject matter specialists Stephen Gray, Ethan Carr, Julie Africa, and others.

“A master plan for Franklin Park is an exhilarating and humbling commission,” said John Kett, principal and lead designer for Reed Hilderbrand. “We recognize the beauty of the landscape Olmsted found and carefully

reshaped for public enjoyment, and we appreciate the important role it has played in the lives of city residents for past generations. We are eager to serve the communities who spend their mornings, afternoons, evenings, and weekends here. We are committed to envisioning a sustainable and equitable Franklin Park that contributes to a prosperous and vibrant Boston for future generations.”

## City Council passes amended ordinance for regulating shared mobility services

BY LAUREN BENNETT

Electric scooters are becoming a reality in the city of Boston—the City Council last week voted to pass an amended draft of an ordinance that would allow the city to regulate businesses renting out small vehicles, such as electric scooters, on city streets and sidewalks.

City Councilor Michael Flaherty said that the Committee on Government Operations held a public hearing on February 26 and a working session on March 15. At the working session, the committee discussed suggested changes to the ordinance, including reporting requirements of the advisory committee findings, a youth appointee, a dynamic cap, and an annual analysis of licenses, privacy, and public reporting requirements regarding utilization, Flaherty said.

“The committee also discussed BTD staff capacity to effectively implement this program, the creation of a pilot program and

data on trips and imposing fines on users who violate terms of the ordinance,” Flaherty said, as well as “the collection of scooters and the responsibility of the companies as well as the insurance and all liabilities.”

Flaherty said that one of the more important topics of discussion was concerns about safety and equity, as well as the industry’s impact on ADA accessibility, as there was testimony from the disability community at the hearing. He said that the ordinance is “intentionally broad” because the industry is constantly evolving and an advisory committee will help create the regulatory authority that is currently not fully spelled out in the ordinance.

Flaherty also provided a summary of the amendments made, including that a city councilor and a representative from the disabilities commission serve on the advisory committee, and a quarterly report will be submitted to the mayor and Council “on actions and recommendations undertaken by the advisory com-

mittee.” Flaherty added that many of the amendments suggested by the committee will be addressed through licensing and contracting with the businesses that will provide the vehicles.

“This is really exciting and this is an incredibly important first step,” said Councilor Matt O’Malley, who has been a champion of micromobility services throughout this process. He said that the council would like to learn from the triumphs and tribulations of other municipalities across the country that have already implemented these types of vehicles. “So we’re going to do it right, we’re going to do it the Boston way,” he said.

O’Malley said he supports micromobility because it helps people get where they need to go, it takes cars off the road, it helps lower greenhouse gas emissions, and “if done right...it can actually generate revenue for the city,” he said. “So I can’t wait to get to work and I can’t wait to see all of us on scooters in the not-too-distant future.”





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they would like to keep the building's appearance "uniform...clean it up and have a nice awning, a little bit of display on the windows." He said they want to use the basement along with the street level. At the street level, there would be a guard to check IDs, and "nothing cannabis related in that front part," he said. There would be a waiting area for crowd control, and then the main dispensary area. Bairos said that the basement area is where the vault and the security office would be, as well as a break room for the employees. He also proposed "artistic, JP oriented design" for the walls, and the main dispensary would "look like an Apple Store," he added, with long tables that display the product.

Bairos said that there would be security personnel throughout the dispensary. He said that Howard Stein Hudson is the traffic consultant for the project, and they are "in the process of doing a traffic report." He said that the dispensary would be mostly cash-based pay, but there is an online system where people can purchase a prepaid card using a credit or debit card, and use that prepaid card to make a transaction in the store.

There would be about 15-20 employees in the dispensary at any given time, Bairos said, with about 20-25 total employees. He said they will follow most other dispensaries in using an appointment system at first. They proposed to sell "cannabis products and cannabis infused products," he said, such as cookies, brownies, and gummies, depending on what the JP community would like.

"We're not looking to advertise to the outside world," Bairos said. "We came to JP because we want to be part of the JP community...we're not trying to bring any additional people in."

He said that they anticipate serving anywhere from 400 to 600 people a day, and the proposed hours of operation are from 9:00am to 7:00pm. Bairos said he also has a grow facility in the works in Fall River, which will provide the product for this dispensary.

There were several comments made about how Bairos and his team were premature in their proposal to the community, as they do not have the traffic study yet and there was no real security or parking plan presented. Bairos did say that for the "initial period" (which Bairos said he did not know the length of), they would like to have a person directing traffic to parking. "We'll have more of an

answer about parking when the traffic study is complete," he said.

Resident Bob Matthews said that the "traffic and parking issue is huge," adding that Core Empowerment's proposal in Hyde Square has just been approved by the ZBA, so "why do we need another one down here?...You're adding no incremental value, even for people who want to use this facility, to this neighborhood," Matthews said. "You will have no control after they leave your premises."

"You kept saying that everything in here was for the community," another resident said, "but you need to get to know the neighborhood better," including the names of streets.

Another resident said that 600 people a day will displace the local businesses. "Take your business to a community that can handle it," he said. "We are a family oriented community and we're trying to keep it that way."

While the location does fit within the required radius from schools, there were several comments made about the large number of places for children in the immediate area surrounding the proposed location, including a day care and a camp. Eric Weil, a doctor in Revere, said that there have been "increased motor vehicle accidents since marijuana has been legalized," and "children and adolescents who use marijuana have been shown to have developmental issues." He said that more than anything else, and others agreed with him, that he is concerned about this proposal "because of the location more than anything else," as it "poses a risk to our children."

Another resident mentioned Kids Arts, an after school program in the area, is where kids "come directly after school and spend many hours there," she said. "To me, that's just as important as a school."

Diane Spears of the Loring Greenough House, which is across the street from the proposed marijuana facility, explained that the grounds of the house are open to the public from dawn until dusk, and that they "deal with a lot of challenges along the way keeping our property open to the community. She said that currently, people park unauthorized and come to the property "to do things they shouldn't do." Spears said she is worried about people coming from the dispensary and loitering on the grounds of the property. "Our problems will be exacerbated by people coming from your store," she told Bairos.

Several people from area businesses and properties said they received a letter from Bairos' company with no phone number,

email address, or return address to get into contact with him. "You need to do a better job of outreach to the community if you want our support," one said.

"We were supportive of the shop in Hyde Square because it was a local business," resident Marcia Burley said. "This is not a local business." There were several other comments made about this too, as neither Bairos nor his investors are from Jamaica Plain.

One resident said that there are only two things he could think about in favor of this proposal: there is a pizza place next door, and "it's not another Dunkin' Donuts," he said. "I don't think you're ready."

Enrique Pepen, the new JP neighborhood liaison from the Mayor's Office, said that there has not been an official abutters meeting scheduled yet, but once there is, it will provide "another chance for the logistics to be spoken about," he said.

Once it came time for the JPA to vote, there was some discussion about whether or not they even should vote at that meeting, as there was still more information to be heard. Bairos asked the JPA to defer until the traffic study is done, but the community was insistent that they vote immediately.

"I think in fairness to this group we ought to give them the same opportunity to the folks in the Hyde Square group," said JPA member Franklyn Salimbene, adding that he wants to hear more clarity about the proponent's contributions to the community.

"I think we can predict what the traffic study is going to do," said JPA member Kevin Moloney.

"The concept of deploying just to talk about parking is misleading," JPA member Mark Zanger said. "The reality is they're proposing something that is illegal in terms of the population."

JPA member Martin Thomson said that the difference between this proposal and the other is that the feedback from the community was balanced between support and opposition. "This one, I don't hear a single person in support he said." JPA member Ed Burley added that Core Empowerment "was a lot more organized and prepared initially."

The JPA ultimately voted unanimously with three abstentions to oppose the proposal for this location at Centre St, which seemed to please the community.

41 Pershing Road

Also heard at the April 1 JPA meeting was a proposal to renovate the existing attic at 41 Pershing Road to create additional living space. Attorney Kevin Cloutier said that the attic is cur-

rently used for storage space only, and the renovation will include a master bedroom, bathroom, and walk-in closet. He said that a dormer will need to be built in order to gain the appropriate amount of headspace. "By adding this space, that space is not livable space," Cloutier said, "so now it's part of the gross floor area of the home. That will cause the home to exceed the zoning code..."

Rabbi Margie Klein-Ronkin, the owner of 41 Pershing Road, said that she and her family live in the two-family property and "love it." They rent the other unit out to make extra money, and they have Klein-Ronkin's parents over to help out with the kids. "If my husband and I moved upstairs [into the attic space], it would give room to my parents top help

with the kids," she said. She said that the dormer they want to add would be identical to the one that currently exists next door.

"It actually doesn't look very attractive to me from your pictures," JPA member Michael Reiskind said. "I don't think it looks great from the front." He said that what bothers him the most are the windows, as the ones on the proposed dormer don't line up with the windows below it. Reiskind suggested that if they make the dormer a little longer, they could install windows that line up with the others.

The JPA voted not to oppose this project with the proviso that if it is physically possible, that Klein-Ronkin agrees to rearrange the windows, which she happily agreed with.

## Dinners needed for VFP in JP for Wake Up the Earth Festival

For the third year, Spontaneous Celebrations is hosting International Volunteers with Volunteers for Peace (VFP) that is part of an international network of organizations under the umbrella of UNESCO, who run International Voluntary Service Projects all over the world.

These volunteers are coming to work with the local community and Spontaneous to put on the Wake Up the Earth Festival, which is celebrating its 41st year this May!! The volunteers will be here from April 17 to May 8, 2019. The volunteers will be housed by various community members. One of the most memorable activities for the volunteers is to be invited to dinner parties in the area. They love to get to know locals, see dif-

ferent types of housing situations in Boston and sample all kinds of foods.

We are looking for people who would like to host a dinner party for ten people (and any more you want to invite) on an evening between the above dates. It will give you a night of interesting conversation with people from various countries. It is most fun when you invite some of your friends, too. On the days closest to the festival, we are also looking for people who could make food for the volunteers and share it with them at Spontaneous.

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# The School Street Sessions celebrating literature and history on April 27

The School Street Sessions celebrating literature and history inspired by the Saturday Club will be held at the Omni Parker House, Kennedy Room, followed by Parker's Bar on Saturday, April 27, at 3:30 p.m. The Parker House is located at 60 School Street, Boston.

Featured speaker will be Susan Eisenberg and will speak on "Looking Back, Looking Ahead: Women in Construction."

Susan Eisenberg for 15 years,

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Susan Eisenberg is a poet, visual artist, and oral historian. She plays with scale and juxtaposition to investigate issues of power and social policy. Stanley's Girl (Cornell, 2018), her fifth poetry book, was published simultaneously with the nonfiction New York Times Notable Book, We'll Call You If We Need You: Experiences of Women Working Construction, With a New Preface (Cornell). Her art installation, On Equal Terms, will be on exhibit in Washington DC this spring. <http://susaneisenberg.com>

There is free admission. Food and drink at Parker's Bar not included. There is paid parking available near State Street and Government Center T stations. RSVP and more information, Deborah Melone, [dmelone@rcn.com](mailto:dmelone@rcn.com) or call 617.924.7167.

Members of The School Street Sessions Advisory Committee are William F. Bagley (Director of Gift Planning, St. Mark's School); Joseph Bergin (Carpenter Poet); Mary Bonina (Author, Boston Writers Room Board); Charles

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## THE BLUE FROG BAKERY 15TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Blue Frog Bakery celebrated its 15th anniversary on Saturday, March 23. Owner Chef Brad Brown and his wife, Ginger Brown, celebrated their milestone with Mayor Martin Walsh, State Rep. Elizabeth Malia and the Jamaica Plain community. There were plenty of cocktails, cake and sweets to go around.



David and Amy Santopietro, with their daughter, Noelle, and six-weeks-old Luke.



A few of the delicious pastries the bakery has to offer.



Brad Brown preparing for the celebration behind his delicious baked goods.



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**Brad and Ginger Brown inside their Green Street bakery.**

# BCYF summer SuperTeens Program registration is underway

Mayor Martin J. Walsh announced the return of Boston Centers for Youth & Families (BCYF) summer SuperTeens Program. Youth ages 13-14 in the SuperTeens program will have the opportunity to attend weekly leadership development workshops, gain work experience in BCYF community centers and participate in field trips to Boston's arts and cultural institutions. Registration is now underway.

"I am excited that this summer we are able to expand the program to give 275 teens real work experience that will prepare them for future education and allow them to gain more opportunities," said Mayor Walsh. "The SuperTeens Program will empower our young people with important life skills, and I'm proud we're able to bring this program to so many teens."

Sponsored by Comcast and The Foundation for BCYF, this program will provide hands-on work experience and/or service experi-

ence, engaging youth in high-quality leadership development workshops based on BCYF's Youth Development Outcomes. Learning based field trips will aid in the development of life readiness and resiliency to help prepare them for their upcoming academic year and future employment.

The SuperTeens program will run six weeks beginning on Monday, July 8 and ending on Friday, August 16. Participants must be at least 13 years old on or before July 8 to participate and will receive a stipend at the end of the summer for successful completion of the program. All SuperTeens applicants must complete an online application on BCYF's website at [Boston.Gov/BCYF](http://Boston.Gov/BCYF). Online registration will open on Friday, April 5. All slots will be filled on a first come, first served basis. Slots are guaranteed for 275 youth.

The SuperTeens Program will operate at the following BCYF

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## Pressley and White-Hammond to discuss Green New Deal, April 20

Join a historic discussion between Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley and activist and organizer, Rev. Mariama White-Hammond about the Green New Deal on Saturday, Saturday, April 20 at 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm at the First Church, 6 Elliot St. Jamaica Plain.

They will discuss the challenges of working for a just transition that includes how we build an equitable economy that lifts people out of poverty and also lives within the ecological boundaries of the earth.

Free with Eventbrite ticket.

## BARRY ROBINSON HONORED



Staff and alumni of English High School honored Barry Robinson on the occasion of his retirement on Friday, March 15 at Venezia in Dorchester. Headmaster Caitlin Murphy presented him with citations from the Mayor and City Council. For the past 33 years, he was a teacher and basketball coach at English High School.

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# Local leaders and advocates hold 2020 census kick off

By JOHN LYNDS

Boston Mayor Martin Walsh joined a group of local non-profit leaders and advocates at the East Boston Library to kickoff a year-long outreach campaign to ensure a fair and complete count in the 2020 U.S. Census.

The event drew leaders and advocates from across Greater Boston and local leaders were on hand to support not only Boston's efforts but to show there's a strong partnership with communities that surround Boston.

The census will be issued exactly one year from the past Monday, starting the decennial count that determines everything from representation in Congress, to federal funds for schools, affordable housing, infrastructure and health care programs.

"To all the partners in the room we can't do this without you," said Walsh Monday. "It's so important to be counted. We need to make sure we are all counted because it determines our representation in

Congress and I can't underscore that enough. We need accurate census counts to protect our voices in Congress. Right now the investments that were made from the 2010 census were free lunches at public schools, funds for affordable housing, senior services, job training for our residents for the future. If we don't do the count accurately we won't get what is due to us in the Commonwealth."

Walsh pointed out that for every person not counted in the upcoming census equals \$2,400 in lost federal money every year for the next ten years.

"Think of it? If 100,000 people are not counted that translates into 2.4 billion the state loses in federal aid over the next decade," said Walsh.

Monday's kickoff also highlighted a range of collaborations across Greater Boston focused on ensuring that all residents are aware of the upcoming census, know why it's important, and are prepared to participate. Next year's Census faces unprecedented

challenges, including significant underfunding of the U.S. Census Bureau, the nearly all-digital nature of the surveys, and the possible inclusion of a citizenship question.

At the kickoff other speakers commented there are multiple hard-to-count populations that reside in Massachusetts that historically have made a complete census count difficult. This is due in part to the state's population of recent immigrants, renters, college students, and other hard-to-count populations. Boston is the ninth hardest-to-count city among the largest 100 cities nationwide, according to a recent report by Boston Indicators and the Boston Foundation.

"The library's mission is to support this work of civic engagement," said David Leonard, president of the Boston Public Library Monday. "We will continue being a trusted information provider, a safe space, and help everyone be counted, whether you arrived yesterday, ten years ago, or have been



Mayor Martin Walsh said the city will provide \$100,000 to local organizations to support Boston's outreach Census 2020 efforts.

here for many, many generations."

Chair of the Massachusetts Census Equity Fund Alexie Torres said trusted messengers will play a particularly important role in compelling individuals from hard-to-count communities to participate in the 2020 Census.

"The Massachusetts Census Equity Fund just announced the first half a million dollars in grants to over 40 organizations across

the state, all to ensure that fear doesn't drive us into darkness," said Alexie Torres. "Darkness can only be cast out when we stand in the light. We must come together and support trusted messengers to highlight what's at stake for the 2020 census."

For more information on the City's outreach efforts to ensure a fair and complete count, please visit [boston.gov/2020-census](http://boston.gov/2020-census).

## March stats from monthly police and community relations meeting

By LAURA PLUMMER

On Thursday, April 4, Curtis Hall in Jamaica Plain hosted the monthly police and community relations meeting organized by District E-13 of the Boston Police Department (BPD).

Every month, Officer William Jones from the Community Service Office and Captain John Greland use this meeting to update the community about local crime statistics from the previous month. They also take the opportunity to provide common sense advice for how to prevent crime in Jamaica

Plain and to answer questions from community members. Also invited to these meetings are officials from MBTA's Transit Police and Massachusetts State Police.

As usual, Officer Jones provided copies of a chart comparing the year-to-date Part One crime statistics from 2019 with those from 2018. Part One crimes are those that are more serious in nature, and do not include lesser crimes such as vandalism, drug dealing or possession of firearms. In order to better interpret the Part One crime statistics, it's important to know the difference between robbery,

burglary and larceny.

Robbery, also called mugging, is the taking of someone's property directly from that person and involves intimidation or force. Burglary, also known as breaking and entering (or B&E in law enforcement slang), is unlawfully accessing a building with the intent to commit theft. Larceny deprives someone of their property but it doesn't include force (like robbery) or breaking and entering (like burglary.) An example of larceny would be shoplifting, stealing items out of a car or picking someone's pocket on a crowded

subway train.

According to this chart, so far in 2019 there were 212 reported Part One crimes in Jamaica Plain, down from 240 this time last year, a reduction of 12%. Crimes that have seen a decrease so far in 2019 compared to the same time period in 2018 included rape, robbery and attempted, non-domestic aggravated assault, commercial burglary and all larceny. Crimes that saw an uptick in 2019 included domestic aggravated assault and residential burglary. Crimes that saw no change from one year to the next were homicide and other burglary.

Officer Jones also provided a comprehensive list of the individual Part One 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 45 larcenies (up from 39 in February), 9 burglaries (down from 20 in February), 15 aggravated assaults (up from 10 in February), 4 robberies (up from 2 in February). There was also one arson and one kidnapping reported in March, up from zero in February. Both were domestic in nature, according to Officer Jones. No rapes or murders were reported in March.

On his handouts, Officer Jones writes notes next to the major incidents, adding more context and detail than is available online. For example, in two of the robberies, one victim was walking around

intoxicated at 1am wearing expensive shoes, and another was walking around after midnight wearing jewelry valued over two thousand dollars.

Officer Jones gave some suggestions to avoid being the victim of a robbery: walking in well lit areas, walking with someone, being aware of your environment, paying attention to people who appear to be following you, and never roaming intoxicated.

"All these things help minimize our potential [of] being victimized," he said. "Crime comes from opportunity and our collective jobs is to remove as many opportunities as possible."

In addition, Officer Jones said that people should trust their instincts and "[pay] attention to the hairs on our neck."

"We've had victims that reported 'sensing' that the suspect was focusing on them before the incident happened," he said.

The police and community relations meeting is on the first Thursday of every month at 6:30pm at Curtis Hall at 20 South Street. The next meeting is Thursday, May 2. A Spanish language version of this meeting is also held on the second Thursday of every month at 6:30pm at 155 Lamartine Street. The next Spanish-language meeting is May 9. These meetings are open to the public and all interested residents are encouraged to attend.

## City golf courses now open for the 2019 season

Mayor Walsh has announced that the City of Boston's two municipal golf courses are now open for the 2019 season.

The City owns and operates the William J. Devine Golf Course in Dorchester and the George Wright Golf Course in Hyde Park designed by Donald Ross. Both have received national accolades as must-play courses when golfing in the Boston area. Golfers can access information on rates, season permits, monthly specials and tournaments and book tee times at [www.cityofbostongolf.com](http://www.cityofbostongolf.com). For updates, the City's golf courses can be followed on Twitter @FranklinParkGC and @GeorgeWrightGC.

In 2018 the City of Boston

courses were recognized with the 110th playing of the Massachusetts Amateur Championship contested over five days at both the George Wright and the William J. Devine and the Massachusetts Women's Amateur Championship and President's Cup held over four days at the George Wright. The unprecedented move was the first time in state history that either a men's or women's amateur golf championship was held at a public municipal course.

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## Meetings

**Stonybrook Neighborhood Association.** next meeting is Monday, May 13, 7-9pm, back room of Doyle's, 3484 Washington St. More/latest info: www.sna-jp.org

**Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council** The Housing and Development Committee of the Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council (JPNC) will meet on Tuesday, April 16 at 7 pm at the Bowditch School, 82 Green Street

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JPNC will hold its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 23 at 7:00pm at Farnsworth House, 90 South Street. On the agenda will be a presentation from State Senator Sonia Chang-Diaz. Also on the agenda will be reports from the Working Committees. All interested residents are invited to attend.

**The Jamaica Pond Association** The May 6 meeting will be held 111 Perkins St. at the Jamaica Way Tower. All are welcome; there is no cost to attend.

**Police Community Relations Meeting** will take place on Thursday, May 2 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, May 6 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

**Our Lady of the Cedars Blessed Mother Breakfast Buffet** will be held on Sunday May 5 at 12:30 p.m. at the Cushing Center that is located at 65 Rockwood Street, Jamaica Plain. The event is hosted by Joanne Carter. There will be breakfast buffet, raffles, prizes and surprises. Donations are \$25 per adult and \$15 per child.

**Ninth annual Ferris Wheels Bike Shop free bike movie nights!** Free movies at Curtis Hall Community Center (first floor), 20 South St., Jamaica Plain. Movies start at 6:30 p.m. on April 19, May 3 and May 17. Free popcorn and juice and soda. For information, contact Ferris Wheels Bike Shop, 66 South Street, 617-524-BIKE.

**SAGE Table JP: Socialize. Dine. Bridge Gaps**

SAGE Table JP is a unique opportunity to bring together many generations of LGBTQ family members, friends, and allies for an evening of sharing food, sharing stories, and making new connections across generations. April 27, 3-6pm, Southern JP Health Center (640 Centre St). Free! Wheelchair accessible, All gender bathrooms available, all ages welcome. More info: sagetablejpinfo@gmail.com, 857-544-1270

**2019 Kite & Bike Festival** on Saturday, May 18, 2019 from 11AM-4PM (Rain date: Sunday, May 19 from 1PM- 5PM) Playstead Franklin Park, 25 Pierpont Road

2019 festival highlights include: kite-making, games and activities led by Playworks and Appalachian Mountain Club's OutdoorsRX, biking in Boston - organizations & resources, food vendors, face-painting, music, performances & MUCH MORE! Visit <https://www.franklinpark-coalition.org/kitefest> for more info.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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@jfcbsoston.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](mailto: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 Club-house parking lot. Info: [alison.g.m.brown@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://foresthillsrunners.org).

## Seniors

**The Jamaica Plain Branch Library**, 30 South Street, Jamaica Plain (617) 524-2053

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

Wheelchair accessible. Instructor: Elizabeth Anker, singer and voice teacher

No registration, audition or experience required..

**ABCD Good Life Healthy Living Club**, monthly wellness sessions, for adults 50+, Wednesdays, 10am. My Life, My Health, class for adults 50+ with chronic health conditions, weekly classes, Thursdays, 2pm. Computer classes for adults 50 and older, Mondays, 3pm. 30 Bickford St. Info: 522-4251.

**Community Arts Music Program for Seniors**, Curtis Hall, 20 South St., Fridays 10:30-noon. Info: 983-3638.

Ethos workshops for healthy aging, Chronic disease management Tuesdays, 10am, SJPHC, 640 Centre St., powerful tools, Wednesdays, 4:30pm Ethos, 555 Amory St. Info: [ethoscare.org](http://ethoscare.org).

**Diabetes Self-Management Program**, Hyde Park Community Center, 1179 River St., Wednesdays 9:30am-noon. Info: Ann Glora at 477-6616.

## Volunteers

**Tutor Adults**, 2 hours a week, PM. Jamaica Plain Adult Learning Program seeks volunteer tutors to help students work towards their H.S. Diploma or learn English as a Second Lan-

guage. Work in innovative student centered program with motivated adults from all over the world. Free Orientation and Training. Contact Eric at [jpccutor@gmail.com](mailto:jpccutor@gmail.com) or 617 635-5201.

**Volunteer for the Wake Up the Earth celebration on Stony Brook**

The Friends and the library are planning to have a table at the Wake Up the Earth celebration at Stony Brook on May 4.

We are looking for volunteers to help staff the table. The hours of the festival are 12 - 4.

We are thinking of one hour increments 12 - 1, 1 - 2, 2 - 3, and 3 - 4.

If you are available and willing at any of these times please let us know.

Volunteer for the 41st annual Wake Up The Earth Festival and Parades to be held May 4! Contact [wutevolunteer@gmail.com](mailto:wutevolunteer@gmail.com) to help during or prior to the event.

**Volunteer Tutors Needed**, The Boston Teachers Union School is looking for volunteers to tutor middle school students one-on-one or in small groups Tuesday and/or Wednesday afternoons from 3 to 4:30 PM. Contact: David Weinstein, 7/8th Grade Math Teacher, Boston Teachers Union Pilot School, [dweinstein@bostonpublicschools.org](mailto:dweinstein@bostonpublicschools.org), 857-334-9855.

**Chelsea Jewish Hospice & Palliative Care** (CJHPC) is seeking volunteers to offer companionship and support 1-2 hours per week to persons facing terminal illness who reside in Jamaica Plain. Volunteers can make a difference for patients through activities such as holding a hand, listening to music, running an errand, or even just sitting quietly. Musicians, certified pet therapy teams, and those trained in alternative modalities such as Reiki are also encouraged to apply. Free training provided. Info: Aimee, Volunteer Coordinator, at 889-0779 or email [afarrell@chelseajewish.org](mailto:afarrell@chelseajewish.org).

## Reunions

**A reunion for all who attended Roslindale High School** and the Class of 1969 takes place on Saturday, June 22 at the West Roxbury Elks Club, 1 Morrell Street from 7 to 11:30 p.m. Send a check for \$40. To Roslindale High School Reunion c/o Maria Bennett P.O. Box 365858 Hyde Park, MA 02136. Include an e-mail address and year of graduation. Updates can be found at [roslindalehighschool.com](http://roslindalehighschool.com).

# Sights & Sounds

The deadline for listings is noon, April 23 for the April 26 issue. Send listings to [reporter@jamaicaplainingazette.com](mailto:reporter@jamaicaplainingazette.com). Note: 617 should be dialed before numbers below, unless another area code is given.

## Special events

**A Centre Street mini-cleanup** will be held on Saturday, April 27 from 9:00am to 12:00noon. Bring shovels, brooms and wheelbarrows, if you can, to the South Street Mall (tennis courts), at the corner of South Street and Carolina Avenue. All interested residents who want to help should please call JP Centre/South Main Streets at (617) 942-2439 or [director-jpcsms@gmail.com](mailto:director-jpcsms@gmail.com).

**The Annual Jamaica Plain Love Your Block/Spring Clean-Up** will be on Saturday, May 4 from 9:00am to 1:00pm. Tools will be available at 8:00am at Curtis Hall or 9:00am at Mozart Park. All interested residents who want to organize a local clean-up should sign up in advance with Enrique Pepen at [www.boston.gov/2019-love-your-block-spring-cleanup](http://www.boston.gov/2019-love-your-block-spring-cleanup) or at (617) 635-2185.

## Arts, music, and culture

**FREE SPRING ART WORKSHOP SERIES:** The Power of our Stories – What Does Clay Have to Say? with teaching artist Wendy Ellertson on April 17, 24 and May 1 with optional field trip from 5 – 7 pm with light, healthy dinner at 5 pm. Dinner and workshop provided FREE OF CHARGE by Jamaica Plain-based Families Creating Together at Unitarian Universalist Urban Ministry, 10 Putnam St., Roxbury. Join us for

this FREE disability-inclusive series of art workshops for children ages 5-13 accompanied by an adult family member/guardian. Create clay artwork to be fired in a kiln, then glaze it with bright colors and watch creatures and objects emerge from the clay...inspiring children to develop stories about them! Build backdrops out of mixed materials to help display and perform those stories. Presented in English, Spanish and American Sign Language upon request. Wheelchair accessible. FCT is a program of Community Service Care/Tree of Life Coalition in Jamaica Plain This is not a drop-in program. Please enroll if you can commit to at least three workshops. To register and for more information call 617-522-4832 or 617-372-3022 (cell, text, Espanol) or email [familiescreating@gmail.com](mailto:familiescreating@gmail.com). SPACE IS LIMITED so register today! Additional information at [www.familiescreatingtogether.org](http://www.familiescreatingtogether.org).

**Jamaica Plain abstract landscape artist Ruth LaGue** announces her upcoming participation in ArtWeek MA. LaGue will be giving two separate talks during ArtWeek MA that takes place April 26 through May 5. More about ArtWeek MA at <http://www.artweekma.org>

On Thursday May 2 at 6:30 p.m., LaGue will give her presentation on "Art and Meditation" located at the BNN Media Center at 3025 Washington Street, Egleston Square, Boston, MA 02119, On Saturday May 4th at 10am, LaGue will be giving an artist talk on her palette knife painting techniques at the Jamaica Plain Library located at 30 South Street,

Jamaica Plain, MA 02130. This talk will be followed by a full exhibit at the JP library available through June.

All events are free and open to the public. More info at LaGue's Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Laguewax/> **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."

**Music and Art at the Taylor House**, 50 Burroughs St. in Jamaica Plain have a concert on Friday, April 26, Man On Land Jazz CD Release

Bus 39 stops at the end of Burroughs. We are a 10-15 minute walk from the Orange Line GREEN Street stop. Please do not park on Agassiz Park out of consideration of our neighbors. Burroughs is fine to park on. You can drop people off and park at the end of Burroughs in the Bank of America parking lot in the evenings and walk down as well.

**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](mailto:songbeat-circle@gmail.com) or 617-775-7602. /

**JESUS DRINKS FREE!** 1950s-70s country, gospel, soul and RnB spun by 2 atheists (and guests) @Jeanie Johnston 9pm-Close FREE SOUL music & COUNTRY music. Foundational sounds of the American experience spun monthly with love, admiration, and a deep want to create fun. Throw in a non-believer's true lust for spinning GOSPEL music and you have JESUS DRINKS FREE. The music comes from the 1950s thru the 1970s. We're @ The Jeanie Johnston Pub every first Thursday night of every month. Good times in Jamaica Plain."

**The Haven**, HOOTENANNY - JP's OPEN MIC EVERY WEDNESDAY, hosted by Tom Dowd. Sign up is 9.30pm and we have prizes every Wednesday for the most interesting acts.

**Midway Café**, All shows 21+, doors 8pm, 3496 Washington St, 524-9038. Thursdays are Queeraoke lesbian night; Fridays 6-8:30pm are Hippie Hour, free; Sundays 9pm-2am are open mic.

Tuesday 4/16: Celebutant, The Glue, Muddy Wires, Home Despot

Wednesday 4/17: Fully Celebrated Orchestra with special guests Detroit Rebellion Thursday 4/18 (before Queeraoke): Noah Kesselman Saturday 4/20 (Night Show): SONIC RED, Bosnova (Album Release), Blackletter, City of Dis

Monday 4/22: Raaid, morgan miller, Tysk Tysk Task, Grace Givertz

Saturday 4/27 (Day Show): Peach Fuzz, Youth & Canvas, Rivers & Plains, Medical Maps Sunday 4/27 (Night Show): Rawkstars Inc. Benefit Day 1 featuring Swarm of Eyes, Oxblood Forge, Disco Rice, Wrought Iron Hex

Sunday 4/28 (Day Show): Rawkstars Inc. Benefit Day

2 featuring Maiden New England, PanzerBastard, Arctic Horror, Cortez, and Scott Heland Guitarmy of One-ness Tuesday 4/30: Jesse & The Hogg Brothers Album Release Party with special guests

**Jeanie Johnston Pub**, 144 South St. Open Mic hosted by Tony Bluze, Sundays at 8pm. More events at [jeaniejohnstonpub.com](http://jeaniejohnstonpub.com).

**Bella Luna & The Milky Way Weekly events include:** NOLA Sundays every Sunday at 5pm with a live brass band. Stump Trivia every Monday 7pm-9pm, 50% of wings. Taco Tuesday, Teacher Tuesdays plus Dirty Water Saloon Line Dancing for queer folks and allies at 7PM. Live music every Wednesday from at 6:30 - 8:30 pm. Throwback Thursday with DJ J-Wall 6- 8 p.m. Visit [www.milkyway-jp.com](http://www.milkyway-jp.com) for more late night events every Thu-Sat.

**Old time music, Southern/roots music**, second and fourth Wednesdays, 7.30pm, back room at Doyle's Cafe, 3484 Washington St. Info: [peggyconant@gmail.com](mailto:peggyconant@gmail.com).

**First Fridays Youth Open Mic** with renowned feature artists, first Friday of every month, 7pm at First Baptist Church, 633 Centre St. Free for performers and those under 25, \$10 suggested donation for those 25 and over.

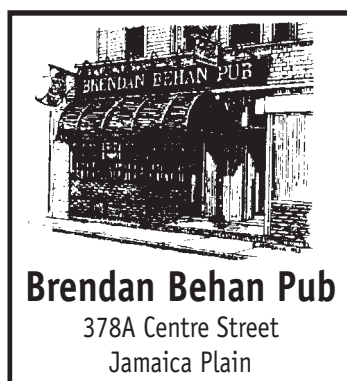
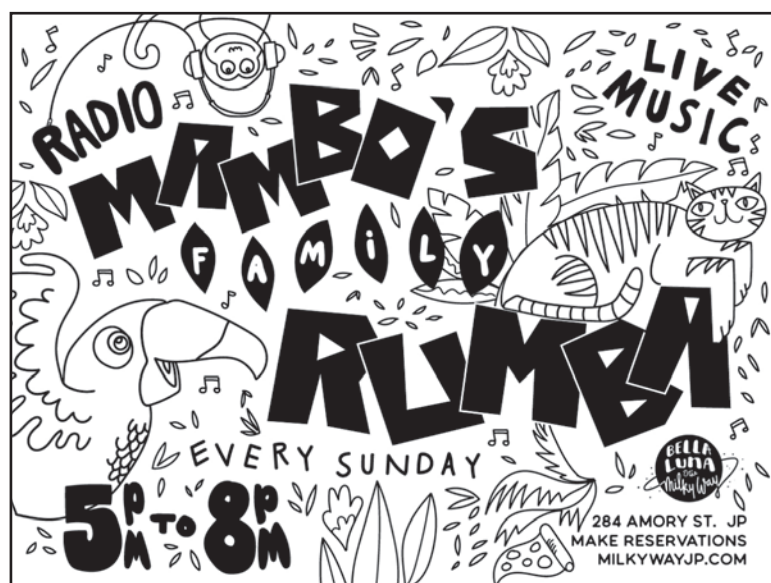
## Dance and comedy

**Dance JP Revival!** Free your mind, body, and soul, and lift your spirits with high-energy, feel-good, socially conscious music from around the world! All ages. Wheelchair accessible. Nov. 16, 7:30-9:30pm, First Baptist Church JP, 633 Centre St. \$5-\$15 (No one turned away for lack of funds). More info: <https://tinyurl.com/DanceJPRevival>, [DanceJP-Dance@gmail.com](mailto:DanceJP-Dance@gmail.com)

**Gender-Free/English Country Dance**, beginners welcome and encouraged. 2nd and 4th Tuesdays (5th Tuesdays: experienced) of the month, 7:30-11:30pm, First Church, 6 Eliot St. Info: [www.lcfd.org/bgfe/512-5554](http://www.lcfd.org/bgfe/512-5554).

**Learn to stiltwalk with Spontaneous Celebrations**, 45 Danforth St. Sundays, 11am-1pm, \$5. Info: 857-498-2438.

**Egleston Square Branch Library**, 2044 Columbus Ave. Free Drop-In Homework Help Mondays-Thursdays, 3:30-5:30pm





# INVITACIÓN

Plazo para la sección de eventos: martes, 23 abril para la edición de 26 abril. Mande eventos a [reporter@jamaicainplaingazette.com](mailto:reporter@jamaicainplaingazette.com). Los números telefónicos que siguen empiezan con 617.

## Reuniones

**Stonybrook Neighborhood Association**, lunes, 13 mayo, 7-9pm, Doyle's, 3484 Washington St. [sna-jp.org](http://sna-jp.org)  
**Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council**, Comité de Desarrollo y Vivienda, martes, 16 abril, 7pm, Bowditch School, 82 Green Street. Agenda: actualizaciones, la construcción sostenible, la planificación de Shattuck.

**The Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council (JPNC)**, 23 abril, 7pm, Farnsworth House, 90 South Street. Agenda: una presentación de la Senadora Sonia Chang-Díaz; informes de los comités de trabajo.

**The Jamaica Pond Association**, 6 mayo, 111 Perkins Street, Jamaica Way Tower.

**Reunión de la policía y la comunidad**, el primer jueves de cada mes. 6.30 pm at Curtis Hall, 20 South Street. Con representantes de la Policía de Boston.

**Egleston Square Neighborhood Association**, lunes, 6 mayo, 6.30pm - 8.30pm. YMCA Building at 3134 Washington St.

**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.

## Noticias publicas

**Programa de comida comu-**

**nitaria**, comidas gratuitas, con opciones veganas. Comida casera sana. Cena cada miércoles, 6.30pm. Almuerzo, Crossroads Café cada sábado, 12pm. 524-3992, [Churchoffice@firstbaptistjp.org](mailto:Churchoffice@firstbaptistjp.org)

**Just Cookin' Kitchen** es una colaboración entre servicios de catering que necesitan acceso a una cocina. Ofrecemos una cocina económica, para pequeñas empresas de catering, preparación de comida para camiones de comida, y experiencias culinarias educativas. Kennia: 524-3992, [Churchoffice@firstbaptistjp.org](mailto:Churchoffice@firstbaptistjp.org).

**Buscamos a pequeños empresarios** para nuevo programa de tutoría, para ofrecer una red de interconexión para pequeños empresarios. Con oportunidades de hacer conexiones con asociaciones de negocios. Con Renee Wong, una consultante económica de JP. Renee Wong: [w.renee@gmail.com](mailto:w.renee@gmail.com). Ginger Brown: [directorjpcsms@gmail.com](mailto:directorjpcsms@gmail.com).

**Línea de quejas sobre el ruido del aeropuerto**, línea de quejas de Massport sobre el ruido, abierta 6am to 6pm. Llame cuando le molesta el ruido de aviones de la pista 27 de Logan: 561-3333. Los Congresistas Mike Capuano (621-6208) y Steven Lynch (428-2000) también quiere que la gente llame sobre ruido de aviones.

**La eliminación de agujas**, Las agujas/jeringas no se pueden tirar en la basura normal de la casa. Lugar para depositar: AIDS Action Committee, 75 Amory St. Programa de intercambio de agujas para los usuarios de drogas inyectables disponible en AHOPE Boston

en 534-3963. Si ha encontrado una aguja en un área público, llame a la línea directa del alcalde: 635-4500.

**Compostaje comunal**, sábados, 10am-2pm, mercado de agricultores de Egleston Square, 45 Brookside Ave. [greenovateboston.gov](http://greenovateboston.gov).

**Spotholes**, herramienta para reportar hoyos, 635-4500, con la aplicación móvil Citizens Connect, [cityofboston.gov/mayor/24](http://cityofboston.gov/mayor/24), y usando #spotholes en twitter.

## Jóvenes/familias

**Desayuno del Día de la Madre**, domingo, 5 mayo, 12.30pm, Cushing Center, 65 Rockwood Street. Presentado por Joanne Carter. Donación de \$25 / \$15.

**Noches de película gratuitas**, presentada por Ferris Wheels. Curtis Hall Community Center, 20 South St. 6.30 pm 19 abril, 3 mayo, 17 mayo. Con palomitas de maíz. 524-BIKE.

**Festival de Bicicletas y Cometas**, sábado, 18 mayo, 11am-4pm. Fecha de lluvia: domingo, 19 mayo, 1pm-5pm. Playstead Franklin Park, 25 Pierpont Road. [franklinparkcoalition.org/kitefest](http://franklinparkcoalition.org/kitefest).

**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](mailto: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 aplicaciones para niños y niñas 6-16. El centro comunitario, 200 Heath St. 828-9524 o [alliriano@yahoo.com](mailto:alliriano@yahoo.com).

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 Allendale St. Meredith Griffiths:

522-0043, [mgriffiths@springhouseboston.org](mailto:mgriffiths@springhouseboston.org).

Corredores de Forest Hills, varias corridas en grupo semanales, [info/horario:foresthillsrunners.org](mailto:info/horario:foresthillsrunners.org).

## Adultos Mayores

**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](mailto: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](http://ethoscare.org).

**Programa de auto-mantenimiento de diabetes**, 1179 River St., los miércoles, 9.30am-12. Ann Glora, 477-6616.

**Crossroads Café**, almuerzo gratis y evento social para ancianos y sus invitados, con música en vivo y presentaciones educativas. Comida de ingredientes locales. Pan, vegetales, leche y comida para llevar disponibles. Los sábados, 633 Centre St., 12.00-2pm. 524-3992, [firstbaptistjp.org](http://firstbaptistjp.org).



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## 23RD ANNUAL DOYLE'S EMERALD NECKLACE 5 MILE ROAD RACE

Doyle's Cafe kicked off the New England Runner Pub Series season with its 23rd Annual Emerald Necklace 5-Mile Road Race on Sunday, April 7. Participants ran through Franklin Park, made their way to Williams Street and finished at Doyle's.



Luke O'Connor was the first to cross the finish line. He completed the 5-mile race in 26:05.0, giving him an average 5:13/M split.



Wendell Warriors, an African percussion group, played music for runners on Williams Street, 300 yards from the finish line.



Boston Police Gaelic Column of Pipes and Drums, the Boston Police Department's bagpipe band, played music for runners on Williams Street, 30 yards from the finish line.



Photos by Mike Mejia

Boston Deputy Chief Mike Ruggere, Boston Police Officer Steve McNulty and Boston Firefighter Bill Carey sang the National Anthem before the race.

### Gazette Pet of the Week

by Sarah Carroll



#### MEOW

Meet Meow! This fake feline came to us from a home with lots of other birds, and would love to go to a home where there is at least one other bird to keep him company. Meow is 5 years old and has a long life ahead of him—these beautiful birds can live for 40-60 years!—so we're looking for bird-savvy people who will give him all the love and attention he requires and deserves! He knows his name (meow!) and "hello," and will likely be able to learn more words and phrases.



He has yet to learn to use his giant beak for good, not evil, so he would do best in an adult-only home who's looking to add a chatty conversationalist to the clan. Come meet Meow today! Email adoption@mspca.com for more information on Meow today!

For more information about Meow and or other animals in need of adoption, please contact:



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Mike Sullivan enjoyed a beer after the race, while dressed for the occasion.



Mike Melia and Ash Jackson after the race.

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Peter Furth of Jamaica Plain, Mike MacNeil of Quincy, and Northeastern students Alice Wang and Christina Codden before the race.



Staff members from Doyle's served free beer to runners after the race.



The Arborview Realty Team: Jaden Iantosca, Alisa Iantosca, Anita Iantosca, Justin Iantosca, Caitlin Unger, Ebony Irvin and Christian Iantosca before the race.



Photo courtesy Mayor's Office  
Mayor Martin Walsh was on hand to distribute water to runners at the finish line.



More than 1,100 runners participated in the road race.

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## EDITORIAL

## College debt is a national crisis &amp; disgrace

One of the clearest indications of the growing income and wealth inequality in our nation is the level of college debt that is being incurred by the vast majority of the current generation of college students and recent graduates.

According to one study, student loans total an astounding \$1.5 trillion, a figure that represents the largest source of debt for Americans after home mortgages.

The recent college admissions scandal has highlighted what is common knowledge, namely, that the rich are able to gain admission into elite colleges for no other reason than their extreme wealth.

But the flip side of this story is that the wealthy not only can pay huge sums to bribe their kids' way into these schools, but also that they can afford to pay the full fare without worrying about financial aid or loans.

However, admission into elite colleges is not even the tip of the iceberg in terms of the issue of paying college expenses. Public college and universities used to be affordable alternatives for lower-income and middle-class students. But given that state and federal funding for higher education has been on a steady, downward plunge since the 1980s, state schools of higher education now have little money for scholarships, even for needy students.

As a result, today's young people are graduating with an average debt of \$50,000. \$100,000 in loans is not an uncommon figure -- and these are graduates from state universities.

There also are two other factors that are compounding the negative effects of high student debt: According to a recent study, young adults today earn \$10,000 a year less than their counterparts did in 1989. In addition, the interest rate on that \$1.5 trillion of debt is around seven percent -- a figure that is far higher than almost any other kind of consumer debt.

This situation not only is tragic -- and that is not too strong a word to use -- for our young generation, but it also holds profound consequences for the future of our country.

With such high levels of debt, young people are marrying later in life and having fewer children. Their college debt means that they will be unable to buy homes, which not only ultimately will have a depressing effect on the housing market and the economy, but will render the achievement of the American Dream all but impossible for this generation.

With the Baby Boomers reaching full retirement age, there also is this question: Who is going to pay for the Boomers' Medicare and Social Security costs if today's young people are so financially overburdened?

The Green New Deal proposed by Senator Ed Markey and others not only is about saving our environment, but it also aims to give young people a fighting chance to get out from under the crushing burden of student debt and exorbitant tuition bills.

America is the only major country that imposes these debts upon its young people -- and the time may have come to end it now.

## OP-ED

## Celebrating One Boston Day

BY MAYOR MARTIN J. WALSH

Every year on the third Monday in April, tens of thousands of athletes gather in Hopkinton, and begin the 26.2-mile journey to Boylston Street in Boston. All along the Marathon route, spectators cheer on their friends, family members, and complete strangers. It brings our city together like nothing else. That's why the Boston Marathon is much more than a road race. It's a celebration of everything Boston stands for -- our grit and heart; our resilience and hope.

In recent years, the Marathon has come to stand for something even bigger. April 15, 2013 left our city reeling -- it was one of our city's darkest days. But it also showed us the generosity and compassion of everyday people. We came together as one community, as one Boston, and we showed the world what it meant to be Boston Strong. We showed that we would never let the darkness win. And we vowed to take back the finish line.

Over the last six years, we have turned the Marathon into a movement. April 15th will always be One Boston Day. It's a Citywide day of service, reflection, and

healing. It serves as a way to celebrate the resilience, kindness, and strength demonstrated by the people of Boston and around the world in response to the tragedy. We honor those we lost, and those whose lives changed forever, with acts of kindness, big and small. It's a day when Boston shines brightest. And it's a tradition that we will continue for years to come.

This year, for the first time since 2013, One Boston Day and the Marathon fall on the same day. It will still be a citywide day of service. I call on everyone to do something good for your community on Monday or the weekend leading up to it. Go to OneBostonDay.Org and tell us what you will do.

This year, we are also finalizing our work on permanent markers on Boylston Street to honor the lives that were lost near the finish line on April 15, 2013. Artist Pablo Eduardo is working closely with families to honor their loved ones in a meaningful way. These markers will reflect our City's spirit after the tragedy: bent, but not broken.

This remembrance consists of stone markers on two separate sites. Bronze and glass pillars will rise and twist into each other, rep-

resenting the lives lost. The markers will forever serve as a symbol of hope, representing our city's resolve. We look forward to their completion this coming summer.

Until then, please join us in preparing for the fifth annual One Boston Day on April 15, 2019. I encourage you to visit OneBostonDay.Org, to see the acts of kindness planned by individuals and organizations throughout the city and around the world. Last year, we counted more than 43,000 individual acts of kindness. Bostonians shared their projects on social media, and the hashtag #OneBostonDay was trending nationwide. This year, as we get closer, we'll be highlighting the projects people are planning. Whether it's volunteering at a food bank, or helping your neighbor with a household project, there are countless ways to honor this special day. I hope that the stories of others' actions inspire you to get involved this year, and for many years to come.

For 123 years, the Boston Marathon has represented the strength of the human spirit. Now, along with One Boston Day and our permanent marker, we will continue to show the world what it means to be Boston Strong.

*Martin J. Walsh is the Mayor of Boston.*

## LETTER

## Walk for Peace on Mother's Day

Peace. Salaam. Shalom.

On Thursday, April 4 at the First Baptist Church, the Jamaica Plain Interfaith Clergy Group in partnership with the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute held an enthusiastic Rally for Peace with singing and powerful speakers. Together we are gearing up to participate robustly in the Mother's Day Walk for Peace, the biggest fundraiser for the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute whose mission is growing peace in our city.

For 25 years, in response to the worst tragedy imaginable, the Peace Institute and its executive director, Clemantina Chéry, have tended a space for all those who suffer the effects of murder, trauma, grief and loss to heal and move towards peace while also teaching the essential principles and skills of peace-making to children, youth and adults to interrupt the cycle of violence in the first place. At the April 4 Rally, Tina witnessed to her journey as our featured speaker, a story of loss and renewal and the sacred work of seeking peace. She challenges every one of us to show up

when violence manifests in our neighborhood and to seek peace for all.

The Reverend Darrell Hamilton of the First Baptist Church, marking April 4 as the anniversary of the violent death of Dr. Martin Luther King, called us to recall the powerful words of Coretta Scott King and recognize poverty is violence, discrimination is violence, violence comes in many forms and if we would pursue peace, we must confront racism and pursue justice.

The Reverend Laura Ruth Jarrett of Hope Central challenged us to make Jamaica Plain a community of peace, where we care for one another, no matter the risk, and where we see any child suffering violence as our child suffering violence.

The good and right work of the Peace Institute is sustained by its biggest fundraiser, an annual Walk for Peace through the streets of Boston on Mother's Day, which this year is May 12. This year will be the 23rd Walk. As it seeks to expand its work in our city, the Peace Institute has set an ambi-

tious fundraising goal for the 2019 walk. You can sign up to join the walk or make a direct contribution at their website: <https://www.mothersdaywalk4peace.org>.

We members of the J.P. Interfaith Clergy Group invite and encourage you, our neighbors and friends, to join the Mother's Day Walk for Peace, Sunday, May 12. Together, we can partner with the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute to make our neighborhood and our city a more peaceful, compassionate and just home for us all.

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## LETTERS

### Think before you buy bunnies

Dear Editor,  
There's no doubt that cute fluffy bunnies are very appealing! With many pet shops full of baby bunnies, it is easy to succumb to temptation and buy a bunny without thinking of the long term consequences – or the time and money needed for the next 10+ years.

Sadly domestic rabbits are one of the most misunderstood and mistreated pets according to animal welfare reports. Rescues around the country are full to the brim – the Rabbit Welfare Association estimate 67,000 rabbits pass through rescue each year, and a “Make Mine Chocolate” national survey reveals over 60% of rabbits surrendered to rescue are surrendered within the first year of purchase.

Despite popular belief, rabbits are not cheap to look after. They are not ideal children's pets, nor are they happy living alone in a

small hutch at the end of the garden all their lives.

Rabbits can cost over \$1,500 a year to care for correctly. They require spaying/neutering, annual vaccinations, and a high standard of accommodation. It is a big commitment to care for rabbits that can live for ten years or more. All this in addition to emergency vet treatment if problems arise, spending quality time with the rabbits, frequent cleaning of litterboxes, daily fresh greens, and much more.

Sadly, many rabbits bought on impulse will soon find themselves uncared for, given up to rescue or abandoned to fend for themselves (which almost certainly leads to their death) as their new owners realize that a rabbit is not the right pet for them; perhaps because of a lack of time, a lack of interest or money issues. Whatever the reason, it is the rabbit that suffers the consequences.

The “Make Mine Chocolate” rabbit welfare campaign is urging people who may wish to get a rabbit to talk to their local reputable rabbit rescue before they buy; prospective owners should take some time to find out what rabbits need for a happy and healthy life before making a commitment for the next 10 years or more. The House Rabbit Network provides lots of informative and helpful articles on their website.

Please ask your readers to think before they buy, and support the “Make Mine Chocolate” rabbit welfare campaign and the House Rabbit Network too. I am not associated with either of these organizations, but I am a rabbit owner and believe this is an important message to get out, especially at this time of year.

Thank you for your help and support.

EMILY BROSKY

### Special Interest Money

Dear Editor:

Few if any discussions among media pundits and politicians about the future of the Affordable Care Act seem to broach the subject of special interest money that ties legislators to the goals of the insurance and pharmaceutical companies. That's why we're at a standstill and could quite possibly see the end of a program that serves over 20 million citizens. It's similar to the gun industry's hold over the Congress. Nothing will get done because, with the exception of a remarkable few - especially

some of the newer members of the House, these people are under the thumb of those corporations who helped launch their campaigns and keep them in office. After all, America is a capitalist country where profit is the all-consuming agenda - at all costs. It would take a full scale blood-shedding revolution to change that. Of the few things Donald J. Trump understands about this nation's history, it's this: Profits before people.

MICHEL L. SPITZER

### Disappointing feature at Jamaica Plain Pond

Dear Editor:

Like many residents of JP, I enjoy the Jamaica Pond on a regular basis. One disappointing feature of it is the poor and neglected condition of the buildings, including the boathouse. Given the number of people who use the Pond, I believe with a little effort and imagination, these buildings can be substantially improved and better utilized. For example, it would lovely to have a nice cafe in the building housing the boat rental office, which appears mostly vacant, with perhaps outdoor seating in nice weather. Such a place

would be an amazing amenity for the great number of people who visit. I would love to be able to be able to sit with friends with a view of the beautiful pond. Instead, the Pond's many visitors are greeted with mostly vacant and locked buildings, smelly bathrooms, barely-operable drinking fountain, and overflowing trash cans. I hope that those who oversee the Pond can consider this suggestion in the spirit of making it into an even more welcoming and enjoyable place for the neighborhood.

RUTH SOLOMON

### Support a free public transportation system

Dear Editor

It came as a surprise to no one that regularly drives in Boston that last month our city was chosen as having the worst rush-hour traffic. Not only does our city suffer from streets that are little more than evolved cow paths, but the sheer number of cars on the road leads to traffic congestion that seems slower than walking. Often when traveling around the city it can be faster and more economical to take the MBTA, leaving one's car at the outskirts of the city and skipping the road rage of driving in Boston.

Which is why a recent fare hike by the MBTA strikes such a blow to the passengers of public transportation. With this fare hike, an expected 1.3% of T riders will stop riding the subways. City Councilor Michelle Wu accurately points out that this change will most affect those residents who already struggle to afford the T. But anyone who drives should also pay attention, as several environmental groups have pointed out that these fair hikes will also

push some T riders back into cars, or towards rideshare options like Uber and Lyft. In addition to the impact on emissions as more gas guzzling vehicles return to the road, the increase in cars would surely impact traffic. Rather than take a more expensive MBTA ride, drivers will gamble on finding parking or resort to an Uber.

When Councilor Wu spoke at the hearing held to discuss the fare increase, she explained that the MBTA should be working towards free public transit. Just under one hundred cities around the globe have invested in their public transportation to make this feasible. The results could hugely beneficial in several ways. For many low income residents taking the T is an economic decision, with each trip carefully calculated into their budget. A free public transit would allow residents to find jobs outside of their neighborhoods, and greater freedom to use city-wide services and amenities. From an environmental standpoint free public transit would incentivize using the subway and bus over

driving which would decrease our carbon emissions. Finally, anyone that would still need to drive into and around the city would see a decrease in traffic as more people chose to take the T over driving or ordering expensive ride share options.

Some people will oppose free public transit because they think that the MBTA should solely be supported by fares, but in fact the fares pay for barely twenty percent of the MBTA's budget. We all benefit from the use of public transit, thanks to the cleaner air, less traffic and more economically prosperous city that it affords. It's time to have the whole public shoulder the expenses of the MBTA -- both riders and non. In that way, we'll see a growth in public transit ridership and the benefits that brings. And so anyone who takes the T, drives around greater Boston, or breathes our air should support a free public transportation system.

ANDY GOVE

### Agrees with editorial on climate change

Dear editor:

Thank you for your timely editorial (“Another Side of Climate Change”) pointing out the rapidly advancing effects of climate change across the nation.

Governor Baker and our Legislature have taken a moderate, incremental approach to reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Usually, this style is a good political strategy, and often a useful one in attempting change. But nature plays by different rules. We now

need a bold drive towards greenhouse gas reduction, not just a slow down-ratcheting. It may be expensive, but not as expensive as climate change.

Massachusetts is well situated to lead the nation on this issue, with our strong economy, our technology resources, and our relatively enlightened population. Now we just need leaders who will make it happen.

SUSAN DONALDSON MD

## PLEASE WRITE...

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## LETTERS

### On Jamaica St. Project

Dear Editor:

On March 26, the Boston Zoning Board of Appeals voted to approve new construction at 79 Jamaica Street in Jamaica Plain. The approval was given despite:

-- ten violations of zoning codes in the design

-- the objection of residents on both Jamaica Street and St. Rose Street (the project's backyard) to the size of the building

--the large number of neighbors in attendance to present their objections at many and all related meetings including submitting maps, charts, photos as well as bringing additional letters in opposition from those who were unable to attend

--the City Counselors who opposed the building's size

--the Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council's unanimous denial

We would welcome new construction on the site. We are opposed to this project that, in relation to plot size, is almost triple the average on Jamaica Street. The proposed structure is huge, the plot is relatively the smallest.

The average Floor to Ratio (FAR) on our street is .54

The allowable FAR for our neighborhood is .6

The FAR for a lot the same size is 1.0

The FAR for the approved building is 1.4

The original FAR requested was 1.54 but was reduced to 1.4 mere-

ly by leaving the attic unfinished in the plan. The overall size of the building was not changed.

The Zoning Board, after hearing from the developer's lawyer and architect, gave only a few minutes for public comments. A representative of the Mayor's office, who had not attended any other related meeting, supported the project. Before approving the project unanimously, the Zoning Board demanded the removal of two offstreet parking spaces.

Permitting multiple zoning violations to allow luxury housing out of scale and character for the neighborhood only exacerbates the gentrification displacing long term residents. We did what we could to preserve the quality of our neighborhood. What more could we have done? We are left with several other difficult questions:

--is Mayor Walsh truly committed to the vibrancy and diversity of our neighborhoods?

--did we waste our time even engaging in the hearing process with the Neighborhood Council

--is the Neighborhood Council so irrelevant to the Zoning Board that their unanimous decision to deny this proposal was so easily dismissed and replaced with an even worse proposal?

As of March 31, the following neighbors on Jamaica Street and St. Rose Street have signed this letter:

SUSAN K. JACOBY  
HENRY DUBIN

SARAH PERREAULT  
JANET NICHOLAS  
HALLIE SMIZIK DUBIN  
JOHN CROWLEY  
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## Sherrill House appoints Kshitij Rawal as Director of Expressive Therapy and Recreation

Sherrill House, a not-for-profit skilled nursing and rehabilitation center, today announced the appointment of Kshitij Rawal as Director of Expressive Therapy and Recreation.

Rawal is a professional musician and full-time music and expressive therapist at Sherrill House. He is responsible for overseeing the program led by two board-certified music therapists who regularly provide comfort, a sense of community and psychosocial and emotional support for residents through music.

"Rawal brings an impressive

background and admirable dedication to our residents and community," said Patrick Stapleton, CEO of Sherrill House.

Born and raised in New Delhi, India, Rawal is the first musician in his family. After building a successful music career, Rawal began to share his love for music with the community by visiting schools for children with special needs, and traveling to poverty-stricken sectors of India.

Rawal received a bachelor's degree in Performance and Music Therapy from the Berklee College of Music, and is a board-certified



Kshitij Rawal

music therapist. In his spare time, he practices his musicianship as a professional musician and drummer in various projects throughout Boston.

## JP's Ellen Davis nominated for Mentor of the Year

Ellen Davis, a Jamaica Plain resident and a volunteer at Kenny Elementary School in Dorchester, was recently nominated for her contribution to Boston Public Schools' student success through Boston Partners in Education.

Though she did not win the Mentor of the Year Award, Ellen nonetheless deserves recognition for her sincere investment in the education of Boston Public School students and integral role she played in the classroom. Ellen volunteers at Kenny Elementary five days a week, sometimes staying for three or four hours to help

with extra administrative tasks. Everyone at the school agrees that Ms. Davis is beloved by both the students and teachers.

Ellen was nominated by Boston Partners' Peter Darling, Program Director, and Sue Li, Partnerships Manager, who boasts that "In only her second year volunteering at Kennedy Elementary, Ellen has been requested by name from other teachers asking for her assistance in their classroom. She volunteers at least two hours every day, five days a week, and has embedded herself within the school."

# Jamaica Plain Historical Society offers local programs for residents

The Jamaica Plain Historical Society hopes the warmer weather sparks the urge in you to go out and explore our historic neighborhood. Get out and walk through any of JP's amazing parks, but also take a tour to learn about the built environment in Jamaica Plain (and Boston beyond). Some of the pro-

grams being offered are as follows:  
**Arboretum Tours**  
 Each Saturday at 10:30 a.m. beginning from April 13, 2019 enjoy a free guided tour of the Arnold Arboretum landscape with a knowledgeable docent. Tours are appropriate for adults and last approximately 90

minutes. They feature landscape highlights, items of seasonal interest, history, and more.  
 Meet your guide at the Hunnewell Building unless otherwise specified.  
 More details on the Arnold Arboretum's website.  
**High Yield Gardening**

Join the Trustees of Reservations for a free workshop on getting the most out of your garden! Learn about intensive spacing, succession planting, interplanting, vertical growing, and season extension. Get tips and ideas for your own plot or raised bed and get your hands dirty with some planting and trellising demonstrations.

Saturday, April 27, 11:00 a.m. at Minton Stable Community Garden, corner of Dungarven and Williams Streets. Free but registration is requested.  
 For other historical activities, check out the Jamaica Plain Historical Society website at [www.jpshs.org](http://www.jpshs.org).

## 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 ALLOWANCE OF ACCOUNT

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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: April 01, 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 (617) 788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU18P2628EA Estate of: Elizabeth Ann Coughlin Date of Death: 04/23/2018 To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Honor E. McClellan of Waban, 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: Honor E. McClellan of Waban, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve on the bond in an unsupervised administration. 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 05/14/2019. 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 days (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,

4/12/19 JP

First Justice of this Court. Date: April 02, 2019 Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

4/12/19 JP

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Suffolk Division INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE Docket No. SU19P0570EA Estate of: Laurence Ornelien Date of Death: August 13, 2018 To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Martinez Etienne of Weymouth, MA. 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.

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Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR ALLOWANCE OF ACCOUNT Docket No. SU13P1742PM In the matter of: Lucy Ann Berry To all interested persons: A Petition as been filed by: Raffaella Witkin of Newton, MA requesting allowance of the 1st & Final (Temp.) account(s) as Personal Representative and any 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 04/29/2019. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must 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 18, 2019 Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

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Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME Docket No. SU19C0149CA In the matter of: Teresa Jean Haswell To all persons interested in petition described: A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Teresa Jean Haskell of Jamaica Plain, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: Teresa Jean Townsend IMPORTANT NOTICE 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 04/19/2019. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

Docket No. SU09P1709GD In the interests of: Richard Dorian of: Jamaica Plain, MA To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Department of Mental Health of Westborough, 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 05/03/2019. 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 22, 2018 Felix Arroyo, Register of Probate

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

Docket No. SU15P1438PM In the interests of: Debbie L. Alleyne of: Jamaica Plain, MA To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Wesley A. Alleyne of Dorchester, MA in the above captioned matter requesting that the court: Expand the powers of a Conservator. 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 04/29/2019. 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 18, 2018 Felix Arroyo, Register of Probate

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## Fairy house building event returns to Franklin Park April 18

Having made it through another winter, it will soon be the time of year when we see the magical creatures that reappear in New England's fields and woods in the spring. In order to welcome the local elf and fairy population, the Boston Parks and Recreation Department will host their sixth annual Fairy House Building family event on Thursday, April 18, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon

at Schoolmaster Hill in Franklin Park.

Local children and families are invited to help by building tiny homes for them. Spring is the best time to build fairy houses, experts say, providing the magical creatures with shelter for the coming summer months and the flitting season that begins in late May.

This free family event will include outdoor nature play, sto-

rytelling, entertainment with Rosalita's Puppets, plant education from the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, and face painting. Children are encouraged to wear their favorite fairy and elf costumes to encourage their tiny guests to alight in Franklin Park. Natural materials will be provided, and youngsters are encouraged to explore their surroundings to find natural elements such as sticks, stones, and leaves to adorn their fairy houses. There will also be a fairy puppet show at 11:30 a.m.

Located in Franklin Park's historic 220-acre forest among oak and pine trees overlooking the William Devine Golf Course, Schoolmaster Hill provides the perfect location for fairy and elf habitat that recognizes their connection to the earth by utilizing building materials from the woods around them.

Schoolmaster Hill is located on Circuit Drive between the William Devine Golf Course Clubhouse and Shattuck Hospital. For more information, please call the Boston Parks and Recreation Department at (617) 961-3047, or visit online at [www.boston.gov/parks](http://www.boston.gov/parks) or [www.facebook.com/bostonparksdepartment](http://www.facebook.com/bostonparksdepartment).



Local children, dressed with fairy wings, strolled through Franklin Park during last year's Fairy House Building event.

## PROMOTED



*Sherrill House, a 196-bed nonprofit skilled nursing and rehabilitation center in Jamaica Plain, recently promoted four key members of its nursing staff to Senior Certified Nursing Assistants. The Senior CNAs now have an expanded role in overseeing services for long-term care residents and patients in the short-term rehab unit. Pictured with Director of Nursing Lorene Begley of Milton, center, are the Senior CNAs, from left: Adelle Jean of Dorchester, Marie Batrville of Dorchester, Eunice Jones of Roxbury and Jacqueline Smart of Dorchester. Sherrill House supports better outcomes in elder health and well-being while offering a model of excellence for the field of skilled nursing. The experienced team provides an exceptional quality of care to 190 patients each day, including 150 long-term residents and some 40 short-term rehabilitation patients. Sherrill House also provides specialized care for individuals with Alzheimer's Disease, along with innovative programs and services such as physical and occupational therapy and recreation, music, art and chaplaincy.*

## (ESAC) NEIGHBORHOOD NIGHT FUNDRAISER

Ecumenical Social Action Committee (ESAC) Neighborhood Night fundraiser was held at West on Centre on March 18. West on Centre sponsored the event through their community giving

program. There was an inventive daily specials, kids' menu, vegetarian and gluten-free.

ESAC "Neighborhood Night" diners enjoyed great food while supporting Senior Home Repair,

Foreclosure Prevention and EYOC programs. through West on Centre's community giving program. See more at [esacboston.org](http://esacboston.org)



Above and below, diners are shown enjoying the delicious food at West on Centre.



# FRIENDRAISER



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