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## WAKE UP THE EARTH FESTIVAL



Photo by Mike Mejia

Launa Morales, of The Power of the Skirts, dances to Samba drumming by aNova Brazil during the 41st Annual Wake Up the Earth Festival on Saturday, May 4. Despite some cloudy and cool conditions, participants paraded down Centre Street and Boylston Street to the Southwest Corridor Park for music and community fun. The Festival celebrates the successful blockage of an interstate highway that would have run through JP in 1979. See more photos on Pages 8+9

## An elite college athlete, DA Rollins got a taste of the law and never turned back

BY SETH DANIEL

New Suffolk County DA Rachael Rollins has quickly come to be known as an agent of change, a

passionate advocate for equity in the law and a solid leader ready to stand up for a cause – but few know that before all that she was an elite Division 1 college

athlete, and it was on the playing field where she first gained her love and respect for the law.

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## Fiscal de distrito era una deportista universitaria

BY SETH DANIEL

La nueva Fiscal de Distrito del condado de Suffolk, Rachael Rollins, fue una atleta de la primera

división, y el campo de juego es donde obtuvo por primera vez su amor y respeto de la ley.

numerosa en Cambridge, y los deportes formaron parte de su familia desde el principio, mucho

Rollins creció en una familia

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## ZBA approves contentious 1 Rockwood Terrace project

BY LAUREN BENNETT

On April 30, the Zoning Board of Appeals granted relief to the controversial project at 1 Rockwood Terrace. The violation that triggered the ZBA hearing was insufficient lot width.

Chris Tracy of O'Neill and Associates gave the presentation of the project, starting with the fact that "our engineer has always respectfully disagreed with the variance that we were hit with. We always thought it met the spirit and intent of the code," he said. "We are within compliance

of all dimensional and use regulations of the code."

The proposed project is a single family home on a "separately assessed parcel of over 9,000 square feet," Tracy said. On that parcel, they are proposing a four bedroom, two car attached garage home. "We engaged in a robust process with the community," he said. "We held four community meetings on this proposal. We made a number of concessions based on neighborhood concerns, even though the dimensions and the size were always compliant with the code."

Tracy added that a lot of the neighborhood concerns were re-

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## JPA provides community updates

BY LAUREN BENNETT

The Jamaica Pond Association (JPA) met for their monthly meeting on April 6, where they discussed various updates on different projects and happenings around town.

BPD District E-13 officer William Jones kicked off the meeting with a brief community safety report, saying that there were 12 less Part 1 crime incidents compared to last April. He also said that there has been an 18 percent reduction in Part 1 crimes so far this year compared to last year. For the past five years, every following year has done better than the previous year, Jones said. "Every year has been the best year in 10 years," he said, adding that

## HONORED



Photo by Mike Mejia  
Gerry Wright and Carol Miranda, a recipient of the Park Stewardship and Community Service Award, during the Frederick Law Olmstead 197th birthday party on April 25 at the First Church in Jamaica Plain.

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# Police share JP’s April crime stats at monthly meeting

By Laura Plummer

On Thursday, May 2, 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 mem-

bers. 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 some-

one’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 Officer Jones’ chart, so far in 2019 there were 214 reported Part One crimes in Jamaica Plain, up from 212 this time last year, an increase of 2%. Crimes that saw an uptick in 2019 included homicide, domestic aggravated assault and residential burglary. Crimes that have seen a decrease so far in 2019 compared to the same time period in 2018 included robbery and attempted, non-domestic aggravated assault, commercial burglary, motor vehicle larceny, other larceny and auto theft.

Crimes that saw no change from one year to the next were rape or attempted rape 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 a map provided by Officer Jones, eighty-six percent of these crimes took place in the northeast corner of Jamaica Plain, in the areas surrounding Egleston and Jackson Squares.

According to this list, the month of April saw seven burglaries (down from nine in March), three robberies (down from four in March), seven aggravated assaults (down from 15 in March), one motor vehicle theft (up from zero in March), and 36 larcenies (down from 45 in March). There were no reported incidents of rape, arson, kidnapping or murder in April.

On his handouts, Officer Jones writes notes next to the major incidents, adding more context and detail than is available on-

line. For example, we know that three of the aggravated assaults involved the victim being shot or shot at. These assaults occurred at 98 Heath Street, 34 Gay Head Street and 57 Horan Way.

“With aggravated assaults most times our experience shows us that there is a relationship between victim and suspect. Owed money, drug deal gone bad, argument over girlfriend,” Officer Jones told the Gazette. “We do get random incidents that happen, but that’s a smaller percentage.”

However, he did acknowledge that gang violence can be random and innocent bystanders can fall victim. He also warned that violent crime tends to spike in the warmer months.

“We do see upticks in crime,” said Officer Jones, adding that the city has worked hard to create jobs programs for youths in order to keep them out of gangs when school is not in session.

“Our best advice is to get people thinking about crime as an

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# Local musician looks to Iranian roots

BY LAUREN BENNETT

Nima Samimi, also known by his stage name Muhammad Seven, took only three guitar lessons as a young child. The rest is history, and music has become an increasingly important facet of his life.

“As a young child, music was a well that I drew inspiration from,” Samimi said. “It was a haven I retreated to for comfort and security and it was a source of perspective on the world, and that just grew as I grew.” Though neither his father, an immigrant from Iran, nor his mother, a South Shore native, are musicians, Samimi got his inspiration from folk revival, early 70s, and hip hop music and poured his heart into singing and songwriting.

The Dorchester resident and Arnold Arboretum employee, along with a group of friends, released their first studio album on March 12. Titled Muhammad Seven & The Spring, the album follows Samimi’s first album, which was recorded entirely on an iPhone.

Following the unexpected success of the first album, which landed him interviews on Iranian radio and PRI’s The World, Samimi entered what he calls an “unprecedented period of songwriting.” This is when he felt like he began to write songs “of much better quality and caught lightning in a bottle.”

Samimi began playing local shows “that I assumed I would have to grovel for,” he said, but “the shows came to me.” It was after that when he decided that he really wanted to put a band together. He enlisted the talent of his close friend from Jamaica Plain, Pat Mussari, for the bass guitar, as well as Kelly-Jo Reed (also known as “Nacho Cheese”) for vocal harmonies. Lester Fleming produced the album, and former Berklee College of Music student Clark Goodpaster has taken over for drums for live performances.

The album didn’t happen overnight, however. After gathering songs that he was especially proud of (he is the sole writer of 100 percent of the songs on the album), Samimi “decided I was ready to take a big change and crowdfund enough money to make a serious studio recording,” he said. For the iPhone album, Samimi

worked alone, writing, performing, and producing, but this time, he decided he needed to bring in other artists “to do the things I was bad at.”

So in addition to Mussari and Reed, Samimi enlisted a host of studio artists for things like banjo, violin, and lap steel guitar. “There’s a real possibility that I would swing and miss,” Samimi said, “that I wouldn’t be able to come up with the money, or come up with it and be disappointed with the album. But in the end, out efforts paid off and in the end I’m thrilled with the way it came out.”

Samimi said he feels that this album covers “a broad swath” of his abilities as a singer/songwriter and the abilities of the band, which he believes helps different people connect with different songs in a way that many albums cannot. He said he thinks that while a lot of albums have “certain hits,” this album is one that has songs that different people will resonate with.

“All the songs come from a deeply personal place,” Samimi said. “What I’ve given you is the world according to Muhammad Seven. Listening to the record, you’re looking at the world through the prism of my eyes and nestled in there are my thoughts on politics and people but also my actual experiences of life and relationships; activism.” A lot of the messages of the songs come from in his Iranian roots mixed with influences of different styles of music.

He said that some people like a rock edge, while some are more attracted to the “songwriterly” songs that tell the story of a family in exile. “For others, it’s the slightly more pop sound that draws unusually from the zeitgeist of American music,” Samimi said.

He also said that he’s enjoyed hearing from Iranians who tell him that they’ve never heard their story represented in American music, and he is “equally pleased” to hear from non-Iranians about how they can relate to the themes of love, loss, struggle, redemption, and resistance.

Samimi said that every song has a different starting point, whether it be a lyric, a feeling, or a piece of melody or rhythm. He describes the song “Sour Cherries” as a “lamentful ballad” that has a somber tone throughout, and “Welcome Every Breath” is

about the recurring daily pain that Samimi deals with due to his GI illness. “I wrote the song in 20 minutes exactly as it is,” he said. “As it became music I couldn’t help but think of my experience of grappling with chronic pain. At the end of the day coming to terms with the power that is there which is something that you do have.”

He said that not all the songs are about him literally, but they are all songs that make him feel something. “Gambler’s Crutch” is a song about a man who is an addict and a degenerate gambler, Samimi said, which is not the true story of his life but it still evokes personal feelings. “There are truths throughout the song that are about me on a deeper spiritual or metaphorical level that I tried to access through the character study of the song,” he said.

He said his current favorite song on the album is “Gone So Long.” He said that though it is not lyrically his favorite song, “I really like the way it works as a rocking popular ballad.” He said crowds have been going “nuts” for it in recent live shows.

“Manifesto,” he said, is the song that gets the biggest response from the live crowd. “It’s sort of an immigrant’s anthem for the Trump era,” he said. “People are hungry for a perspective in these times to stand up for what’s right.” He said that crowds go silent “with rapt attention,” and then break out into wild applause at the end of the song. “Maybe I should invite people to cry or scream after the song,” he half-joked.

Though the album has proven to be a success, Samimi was not able to crowdfund all of the money it took to create and went into debt. The release process is a lot of work, he said, and the album took about a year and a half to complete, but he does not regret his decisions. He said he is also grateful for the support of his wife, Amanda Graff, who is a religious educator and an acrobat. “It really helps to be married to another artist,” Samimi said. “It’s a huge challenge as a small independent artist to get all of the work done to have success as a band.”

Samimi is also the father of a young boy, and he said that being a parent has taught him to be “viciously efficient,” which helps with the album process.



Kelly-Jo Reed, Nima Samimi, and Pat Mussari, known as Muhammad Seven & The Spring

As for Samimi’s biggest challenge with the album? He said it’s the same as his biggest challenge as an artist—“not letting the inner critic get the best of me.” He said that in an 18 month process of recording, mixing, and mastering, “there are endless opportunities to doubt yourself and to look at yourself with mean eyes and it could ruin everything at any time,” he said. “It’s an act of great personal discipline not to let it.

Samimi calls himself a “custodian of the outdoors,” and his job for the past twelve years at the Arnold Arboretum has been to clean up trash and graffiti, and perform small repairs. He is also the ship steward of the union he is a part of. “I love it,” he said.

But when he’s not out beautifying the Arboretum, he’s rehearsing for the next big thing. “I’m excited about making music videos for many of these songs, and for gigging extensively in the next years.”

And he’s already looking towards the next album—“I have enough material for three new albums but probably won’t use any of that on the next album,” he said.

But for right now, “I’m really looking forward to my band cutting our teeth on the stage real regularly,” Samimi said, “getting sharper and tighter and putting together an act that knocks people’s socks off.”

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# JP BIKE WEEK FESTIVAL MAY 12-19

Ferris Wheels Bike Shop, Revolution Bicycle Repair and Bikes Not Bombs are back with the second annual JP Bike Week Festival, May 12 through 19, at several venues in Jamaica Plain. The Festival has expanded this year, offering more rides and training. The week's free activities include bike rides, bike maintenance training, kids skills rodeo, the classic movie "Breaking Away."

Jeffrey Ferris, owner of Ferris Wheels Bike Shop on South Street in Jamaica Plain, said, "We had a ball last year celebrating bikes and bike riding in JP at the first JP Bike Week Festival. Most bike week events are downtown. The JP bike shops want to celebrate all of JP's great parks and paths, bike events and cycling fun." Teamed with Revolution Bicycle Repair on Centre Street in Hyde Square and Bikes Not Bombs at the Brewery Complex on Amory Street, Ferris has put together a lineup of fast and easy-pedaling rides and tours, pancake breakfast, fix-a-flat session, and more. The Festival kicks off with the kids' bike skills and a trick riding demonstration on Sunday, May 12, and closes with the 11th Annual Spring Roll bike ride/parade May 19. For full schedule and venue information, see the ad here, ferriswheelsbike-shop.com or 617-4524-BIKE.

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JP Bike Week Festival runs May 12 through May 19, with the 11th Annual Spring Roll closing out a week of bike activities in Jamaica Plain.

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## JPA

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there have also been 500-1000 less arrests citywide.

"When we build good relationships with community members and they want to include us in meetings like this...it spills back onto you," Jones said.

The JPA has been having some concerns about the traffic lights on Rambler Road and Centre St. for a while, so State Rep. Nika Elugardo's legislative aide Isabel Torres told the JPA that the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) has ordered the new equipment and it should be fixed soon.

The JPA then moved to a discussion of some development updates. At 626 Centre St., the former site of the George's Mobil Service Station, residents have been awaiting a presentation for what will happen to the site. On April 25, JPA Chair Rosemary Jones sent out an email saying that as of that date, "word from the owner's architect is that the current plans will be modified and re-submitted to the City ISD." As of the meeting on April 6, Jones reported that the project proponents were not going to go ahead with anything.

Last month, the JPA held a very well-attended meeting regarding the proposed marijuana dispensary at 769 Centre St. (AAA Appliance building). After nearly unanimous concern and opposition from the community at that meeting, the JPA voted to

oppose the proposal. According to Rosemary Jones, the proponents "haven't squeaked, haven't made a move" since that meeting. "So far, they haven't gone to anybody else," she said, and the project seems to be on hold for right now.

JPA member Jamie Maguire spoke on behalf of the group that was formed to work on organizing the closing of the Jamaicaaway for some Sundays in the summer. He said that the group is aiming for two Sundays—one in July and one in August—to close off the Jamaicaaway from Perkins St. through Eliot St. from 12:00 to 6:00 pm. He said they have to consider home games at Fenway Park as well as other events where traffic would increase to avoid scheduling the closing on one of those days.

Maguire said that after a period of no response, DCR got back to them saying that they were looking into it as of the morning of April 6. "It feels like it's going very slow," Maguire said. "I don't know how likely it is." The group didn't lose all hope, though, because they said that even if it doesn't happen this year, they have put in the work and laid down a foundation to make it work for next year.

JPA member Michael Reiskind mentioned that the police are trying to recruit more kids for their JP Police Summer Camp. He said that last year they only had eight or ten kids, but they're looking to increase it to 30. The cost is about \$200 per kid, and at the last Jamaica Plain Business and Professional Association meeting, Reiskind

said that Tree of Life announced that they were starting a GoFundMe page to raise the \$6,000 needed to have 30 kids in the program. The goal was achieved last week, Reiskind said.

A resident on Bynner St. talked about the ongoing issue of intense traffic on Bynner St. and talked about things that have been discussed at the Bynner St. traffic calming meetings. He said that the street is "like the expressway at rush hour. I can't get out of my driveway." He said they have had a couple of meetings to talk about what can be done to remedy the issue, but he said he doesn't believe the lights are timed very well.

JPA member Franklyn Salimbene said that he believes a three fold approach might work: speed bumps, making the street a one way to the VA, and some residential parking restrictions. The resident said that those are all things that have already been put forward. Another resident said that "there is not one parking meter in all of Jamaica Plain," and the two hour parking restriction is not enforced.

Finally, Rosemary Jones talked about the Centre/South St. cleanup that happened on April 27. She said about a dozen people showed up at the South St. mall and they had a great time cleaning up the area. They are going to ask JP Centre/South for another weeding cleanup in two months.

The next meeting of the Jamaica Pond Association will be its annual meeting on June 3. The speaker will be DCR Commissioner Leo Roy.

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Nancy (left) and Michaela go over some information.

## FriendshipWorks helps local seniors

Many older adults have difficulty navigating the complex system of doctors, hospitals, and appointments. Understanding the instructions of the doctor, getting to and from appointments safely, picking up prescriptions, and lending a hand when mobility is an issue, are all things that a FriendshipWorks Medical Escort Volunteer can help with. On Sunday, May 19, FriendshipWorks will host at “Walk to End Elder Isolation” at Jamaica Pond to help support services like these.

Nancy, a Jamaica Plain resident, is one such recipient. A vibrant older adult, she appreciates a helping hand from a volunteer for her doctor’s appointments. One thing that Nancy’s escorts help with is mobility, helping walk over cobblestones, making sure the elevator stays open long enough at the hospital, and telling the Uber or Ride to wait while Nancy walks out. Not only the practicalities are addressed, they get to talk about a variety of interesting subjects. It really is like having a friend with you when you go to the doctor’s office. As Michaela, one of Nancy’s escorts says, “It is honestly a pleasure. We had lunch before the appointment and just got to know each other. We discussed what I was doing in school and what she has done in her life. It was a great experience.”

Medical escorts are one of several programs that FriendshipWorks offers. In addition, they have Friendly visiting for older adults who would like someone to visit once per week; PetPals, a program where pets visit older adults; MusicWorks, where volunteer musicians play for groups of older adults; Friendly Helping, for older adults who may need help with specific one-time tasks around the house; Healing through the Arts, a program with crafts or poetry creating togetherness for older adults; La Cadena de Amistad, with bilingual volunteers who offer FriendshipWorks services to Spanish-speaking elders; and the Low Vision Initiative, focusing

on preventing isolation for elders with low vision. FriendshipWorks does not charge for any of its services.

On Sunday, May 19th at 10 AM, FriendshipWorks will have a Walk to End Elder Isolation at the Rogerson House on Jamaica Pond. To walk, volunteer, or sign up for any of the programs, please visit [www.fw4elders.org](http://www.fw4elders.org) or call 617-482-1510.

FriendshipWorks is a nonprofit organization in Boston, Massachusetts that was founded in 1984 with a three year grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. FriendshipWorks mission, “to reduce social isolation, enhance quality of life and preserve the dignity of older adults in the Greater Boston area” is accomplished through a variety of programs:

**Friendly Visitor:** FriendshipWorks’ main program matching a volunteer with an elder to meet about once per week.

**Medical Escort:** Accompany an elder to/from a medical appointment. Volunteer may provide emotional and/or physical support.

**Friendly Helper:** Assist an elder on a short-term basis for a specific task.

**Low Vision Initiative:** Program that supports low vision and legally blind elders. In addition to providing FriendshipWorks services, the annual Low Vision Forum seeks to educate healthcare professionals on how to best help elders with low vision.

**La Cadena de Amistad:** Bilingual volunteers offer FriendshipWorks services to Spanish-speaking elders.

**MusicWorks:** Program with volunteer musicians offers elders a chance to connect through music.

**Relaxing Through the Arts:** Connects residents in nursing homes with each other through art projects, haiku poetry, and conversation.

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## Local thespian to be in the 2019 production of Legally Blonde

Anthony Creary of Jamaica Plain has been cast as Emmett in Curry College’s Main Stage Theatre production of Legally Blonde, The Musical. Anthony is a Senior Graphic Design major with a minor in Communication. Anthony has enjoyed playing many other roles in Curry Theatre such as Lelio in Sganarelle and being a part of the Improv Cabaret. The ability to become a character and envelope himself in that character is something Anthony loves about theatre. With this final performance he would have come full circle of performing in Improv, Blackbox, and other Main Stage performances. While not on the stage he enjoys art and music.

Legally Blonde, The Musical is based on the novel by Amanda Brown and the MGM motion picture. The book is by Heather Hach and the music and lyrics are by Laurence O’Keefe and Nell Benjamin. A fabulously fun award-win-

ning musical, Legally Blonde, The Musical follows the transformation of Elle Woods as she tackles stereotypes and scandal in pursuit of her dreams. Action-packed and exploding with memorable songs and dynamic dances - this musical is so much fun, it should be illegal! Elle Woods appears to have it all. Her life is turned upside down when her boyfriend Warner dumps her so he can attend Harvard Law. Determined to get him back, Elle ingeniously charms her way into the prestigious law school. While there, she struggles with peers, professors, and her ex. With the support of some new friends, though, Elle quickly realizes her potential and sets out to prove herself to the world. Curry Theatre’s Main Stage production ran Saturday, April 27 through Tuesday, April 30 at 7:30 PM at the Keith Auditorium at the Academic and Performance Center on the Milton campus, which is located at 1071 Blue Hill Avenue.

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# Boston launches new recycling pilot program

STAFF REPORT

Boston residents and visitors will soon find it even easier to recycle right, thanks to a new public education campaign and efforts to expand recycling in city parks, households and in public spaces. Boston was recently selected as one of seven U.S. communities to receive a \$250,000 grant for a community recycling pilot program from The Coca-Cola Foundation. This grant will support the Fund for Parks and Recreation in Boston and build on the City's ongoing efforts to improve access to recycling and encourage better recycling behaviors through how-to guides, informational materials and signage in multiple languages, website resources and mobile apps.

"When we look at the opportunities we have to reduce waste in Boston, increasing education and awareness about trash reduction and proper recycling is a top priority," said Mayor Martin J. Walsh. "We are proud to partner with The Coca-Cola Foundation on a program that encourages residents and visitors to recycle right and furthers Boston's zero-waste goals."

The pilot program will bring recycling bins, signage and collection services to City parks to further expand the reach of recycling services in areas with high foot traffic. The City will soon

receive 75 new recycling bins through the Keep America Beautiful/Coca-Cola Public Spaces Recycling Bin Grant Program and will start collecting recyclable items in parks in the Dorchester and Mattapan neighborhoods this summer. Harambee Park and Franklin Park will be among the first parks that benefit from new recycling infrastructure.

"Our goal is to make it easier for people to recycle when they are out enjoying the City's natural resources," said Chris Cook, Chief of Environment, Energy and Open Spaces. "In addition to increasing access to recycling in parks, we are introducing recycling at all special events and creating new Zero Waste guidance for park permit holders. Through this pilot program we're striving to collect at least 50,000 pounds of recyclable material, and in the process gather best practices for measurably improving recycling that can be scaled across the City."

Another goal of the program is to test and learn how to improve recycling in Boston Housing Authority properties, in the pilot communities of Dorchester and Mattapan through educational efforts and incentives. Focusing on these neighborhoods for new public space and household recycling initiatives will enable the City to evaluate techniques and determine the right combination

of recycling access and education, public space bin placement and other

infrastructure improvements that can serve as a model for the rest of the city.

"We hope this recycling pilot in Boston serves as a catalyst to drive increased recycling rates and help Boston achieve its ambitious objective of becoming a Zero-Waste city," said Helen Smith Price, president of The Coca-Cola Foundation. "The Coca-Cola Foundation places a priority on helping communities become more sustainable by supporting innovative recycling solutions at a local level."

The City of Boston also encourages residents to utilize tools like the City's free "Trash Day" app. The app enables Boston residents to search a directory of hundreds of household items to find out the right way to dispose of them while on the go or at home. App users can also view a calendar for their home's collection dates, set reminders and get notifications of schedule changes.

Most recently the City launched a new citywide education campaign to encourage residents to recycle right. New signage and online materials will help Boston residents better understand what items are acceptable and what cannot be recycled, what kind of containers can be used to recycle, and when events are held for disposing of items like paint and motor oil or hazardous waste. The new campaign builds on the success of the recent "Bring Your Own Bag" campaign, which encourages residents to bring reusable bags when shopping in Boston because plastic bags are no longer allowed in retail stores. Last year, the City commissioned an advisory committee to develop recommendations for a zero waste plan for Boston and expects that process to be completed soon. The City's progress to date is an important milestone in reducing citywide greenhouse gas emissions and becoming carbon neutral by 2050.



## CUMMINGS FOUNDATION SUSTAINING GRANT RECIPIENT

X-Cel Education, a Jamaica Plain-based organization dedicated to improving economic opportunity for underserved Bostonians through free education and career development programs, is proud to announce it is a 2019 Cummings Foundation sustaining grant recipient, one of the local nonprofits sharing in Cummings Foundation's \$25 million grant program in 2019. The sustaining grant will provide \$350,000 in funding over a 10-year period to support X-Cel's free high-school equivalency, college prep, and career readiness programs. "We are most grateful for the Cummings Foundation's tremendous support of our efforts to ensure all Bostonians have an opportunity to prosper and reach their educational and career goals," said Don Sands, executive director of X-Cel. "This grant will have significant and long-term impact on X-Cel's ability to help hundreds of individuals across Boston each year take solid steps to create a better future for themselves and their families."

X-Cel Education, founded in 2000, offers free preparation classes for the high school equivalency exam and college, college guidance services, and career development programs in Dorchester, Roxbury, and East Boston. For more information on X-Cel's programs, please visit [www.x-celeducation.org](http://www.x-celeducation.org). Pictured Don Sands (left), Co-Founder & Executive Director and Lisa Holden (second from left), Case Manager & X-Cel Graduate with Cummings staff at the Cummings Foundation May 2 awards night at TradeCenter 128 in Woburn.

## Gazette Pet of the Week

by Sarah Carroll



### FLARES AND TALON

Flares and Talon are living reminders of the warmth and relaxation of the tropics — or the Cretaceous Period — that you've been longing for. This duo could live together if you've got double the love (and space!), but are also fine to live separately. These iguanas are super sweet, and to stay that way, they need



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# ZBA

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lated to the design of the building rather than the zoning issue. "It's important to note that no matter how much we shrunk the size of the home that variance of lot width insufficiency would remain," he said. He said they were committed to a "robust design review" with the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA), and the organization is aware of the process that has been gone through so far.

Though the ZBA does not regulate design and can only judge projects based off of concerns about zoning violations, Tracy said that they have worked with the community to come down on the height, changed design of the roof, and pushed back the bay window, all of which are design issues and do not have anything to do with zoning violations.

Maria Lanza, on behalf of neighborhood liaison Enrique Pepen, said that they are in favor of the project, as it "went through a full community process consisting of abutters meetings and meeting with the neighborhood groups." Lanza did request that the ZBA include a proviso that it goes through a full BPDA design review to address the design issues, however.

Lanza was the only person to speak in favor of the project. City Councilor Matt O'Malley was opposed to the project due to the opposition of both the Jamaica Hills Association and the Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council. A representative of City Councilor Anissa Essaibi-George said that the councilor was opposed to the

project due to "numerous letters, emails, and phone calls opposing this project." Councilors Michael Flaherty and Althea Garrison are also opposed to the project.

April Evans, an abutter on Rockwood Street, said she is opposed to the project "due to the lack of proper process with respect to community involvement in this undertaking."

Another JP resident said that as someone who has had a new house built next door to him, he is "not automatically opposed to new housing," but he said that the word "concession" suggests that the proponents are "giving in," rather than trying to remedy the situation. He said that one of the major issues with the project is the possibility of ledge on the property. He said that the proponents have "been unwilling to simply engage in the process of finding out if there's ledge there...they refuse to do it and it's been a continuous process that I've observed with them."

One resident stood up and said that "the whole neighborhood is here," many of whom have attended every public meeting regarding this proposal. Another said that they have "continually" asked for a reduction in the size of the project as well as seeing a building plan for water and what is being done about the ledge. "We have not seen relief on any of those points," she said.

Pond Street resident Jeffrey Stevens said he is concerned about the development issues with the project, such as drilling and excavation on the rock. "We haven't been assured that our houses won't be damaged," he said, adding that the house would be in his view and is "com-

pletely out of character with the surrounding neighborhoods."

ZBA board member Mark Elich said that "It seems the zoning issues here seem to be relatively de minimis, but you seem to have a hornet's nest here and that seems to be something that you need to address. It may or may not be outside of the purview of this board but that seems to be a problem." He added that the ledge also "seems to be a major issue," and asked the proponents to make sure that is addressed.

"We don't anticipate that there is ledge there and if there is he will not blast, he cannot blast here," Tracy responded. He said that they have agreed to hire an engineer for studies and to take before and after photos and any damage would be taken care of. "That's a commitment we've made from the start to the neighbors," he said.

"I would have assumed that by the time you got to this level in the process that you would have done borings to determine if there is a ledge removal necessary or not. I mean, that seems a little odd to me that you haven't done that," Erlich said. "If you've got ledge...that's a huge issue and neighbors have absolute right to know whether there's going to be any potential disruption of their foundations depending on the removal of the ledge."

A member from the team said that they were told to wait to see if they were granted the permits before those steps were taken, but an engineer will be hired to

take care of it.

The ZBA ultimately voted to approve the proposal with continued BPDA design review and to pay "specific attention to the drilling" and make sure that no work is done until the neighbors are informed of the results.

"So you've gotten your approval," Erlich told the team.

"The design review needs to be robust to reflect the character of the neighborhood, and you really need to deal with the issue of ledge removal ASAP and keep people informed."

"This board has our commitment that we will keep working with them on these issues," Tracy responded.



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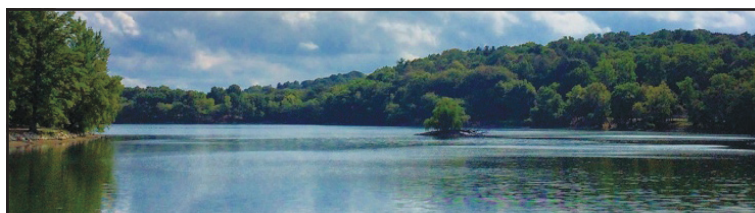
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# WAKE UP THE EARTH

## 41st Annual Festival

Family and friends from the Jamaica Plain community celebrated the 41st Annual Wake Up the Earth Festival on Saturday, May 4. The festival began in 1979 when a group of local neighbors banded together to stop the Interstate 95 expansion into Jamaica Plain. Attendees enjoyed a day full of music, games, and performances along the Southwest Corridor Park.



Julia, Jess, Shira, and Diego.



Thom Cleland and Steve St. Denis juggling during the Wake Up the Earth Festival.



aNova Brazil, a Grooversity percussion group, gave an electrifying performance while parading down Centre Street.

## Residents take part in spring walk in Franklin Park

On April 28, dozens of community members from around Boston and neighboring communities gathered for a spring walk in historic Franklin Park, organized by the Emerald Necklace Conservancy and Franklin Park Coalition to raise awareness about the park's past and its continuing function as a public health resource and answer to many of Boston's urban challenges. The walk was led by Mark Swartz, former National Park Service Ranger at Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site, and JoAnn Robinson, Landscape Historian and Chair of the Emerald Necklace Con-

servancy Board of Overseers, who provided an update on the status of the Shattuck Campus and the Conservancy's desire to see more open space incorporated and consideration of other nearby state-owned property would could be considered, such as Arborway Yards. "Today we have the opportunity to repair the area and restore the 13-acre parcel to its previous use as parkland. We must take the time to explore all options and opportunities to provide the most public open space possible in this high-needs area and at this critical time for climate resilience," stated Emerald

Necklace Conservancy President Karen Mauney-Brodek. The event commenced with some remarks by the Picnic Tables near the Franklin Park Tennis Courts below Shattuck Hospital, along Circuit Drive. Participants enjoyed the winding paths and views, including the beautiful new Scarboro Pond Pathways. They also toured the area surrounding the current Shattuck Campus, in light of the pending relocation of the Shattuck Hospital. Participants learned about Heathfield and its historic role as a part of Franklin Park.

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- No plastic bags
- Don't put branches in barrels
- No dirt

**NOTE:**

- If you have two recycling days per week, **collection is on your first recycling day of the week**
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Mission Hill, Roxbury

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**HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF**

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**LEAF & YARD WASTE COLLECTION**

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**HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF LOCATIONS:**

June 29	July 20
West Roxbury DPW 315 Gardner St.	Central DPW facility 400 Frontage Rd.
August 17	September 21
West Roxbury DPW 315 Gardner St.	Central DPW facility 400 Frontage Rd.



# WAKE UP THE EARTH FESTIVAL

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ABOVE, Right: Dylan Marketar, 2, makes music with a bucket and sticks at the festival. RIGHT: Attendees of the festival dancing on Boylston Street. ABOVE: Nadine Desharnais walking with her friend, Niko.



Asa Ellman, 3, getting his face painted during the Wake Up the Earth Festival.



Senator Sonia Chang-Díaz, Representative Liz Malia, Marie Furley, and Anne Rousseau having fun at Wake Up the Earth.

## LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

### RECEIVES BACHELOR'S DEGREE FROM UMASS/AMHERST

Catherine Aileen Bohling of Jamaica Plain earned a Bachelor's Degree in February, 2019 from UMass/Amherst.

### JAMICA PLAIN STUDENT MAKES HONOR ROLL

Jake McConathy of Jamiaca Plain, from the class of 2021 at Chapel Hill-Chauncy Hall School, has been named to the honor roll for the 2018-2019 winter trimester. Jake received honors, which requires a grade point average of 3.0 or above for the marking period.

Chapel Hill-Chauncy Hall is a coeducational day and boarding school located in Waltham, MA. With 190 years of history, the school remains dedicated to teaching the way students learn. Learn more at [www.chch.org](http://www.chch.org).

### DESMORNES ON HONOR ROLL

Samantha Desmornes of Jamaica Plain, Class of '22 has been named to the Headmas-

ter's Circle at St. Joseph Prep. A student must have all A's to be named to Headmaster's Circle.

### LOCAL STUDENT INDUCTED INTO THE HONOR SOCIETY

Puja Dutta of Jamaica Plain, was recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society. Dutta is pursuing a degree in Biological Science at Carnegie Mellon University.

Dutta is among approximately 30,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

Phi Kappa Phi was founded in 1897 under the leadership of undergraduate student Marcus L. Urann who had a desire to create a different kind of honor society:

one that recognized excellence in all academic disciplines. Today, the Society has chapters on more than 300 campuses in the United States and the Philippines. Its

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# JP Agenda

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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](http://www.sna-jp.org)

**Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council The Zoning Committee's** next upcoming meetings will be May 15 and June 5. The regular monthly meeting of the Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council will be Tuesday, May 28 at at Farnsworth House, 90 South Street.

**The Housing & Development Committee** of the Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 21 at 7 pm at the Bowditch School, 82 Green St. (Community Room - entrance on sidewalk level, left of front stairs). On the agenda will be discussion of the City's Inclusionary Development Policy (IDP) and current efforts to update the IDP; the purpose of the IDP is to create and preserve affordable housing. All meetings are open to the public.

**The Jamaica Pond Association** The June 3 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, June 6 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 Eggleston Square Neigh-**

**borhood Association** will meet on Monday, June 3 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

**Inside Out Sidewalk Fair,** Saturday, May 18, 12- 4pm. Enjoy merchant displays and food from restaurants, face painting, balloon twisting, street musicians. Centre Street from Jackson to Hyde Squares. Rain date June 1. Sponsored by Hyde Jackson Square Main Street. Info 617-522-3694. [www.hydejackson-square.org](http://www.hydejackson-square.org).

### MOTHERS OUT FRONT

Mothers Out Front will be holding Jamaica Plain Green Living Tour on May 19, 2019 2-4 p.m. Why: Wondering what a heat pump is? Looking for a food garden or composting tips? Intrigued by electric cars and solar panels? Check out all of these and more at the Jamaica Plain Green Living Tour! Come see what your neighbors are doing to Go Green on this self-guided walking tour of Jamaica Plain homes and other sites.

Maps available at [https://ma.mothersoutfront.org/jp-green\\_living\\_tour\\_2019](https://ma.mothersoutfront.org/jp-green_living_tour_2019)

**Tuesday & Thursday a.m. bike training rides:** Paceline ride, great for training for charity rides or general conditioning. Leaves from Ferris Wheels Bike Shop, 66 South St. (1/2 mile from Forest Hills) at 7:00 a.m. sharp. Rain cancels. Call 617-524-2453.

### • BIKE WEEK FESTIVAL

JP Bike Week Festival--Seven days of bike rides, kids events, training and more! May 12 through 19. See complete schedule at [ferriswheelsbike-shop.com](http://ferriswheelsbike-shop.com).

Call Ferris Wheels Bike Shop for information 617-524-2453. This year, the ride will be on May 19. We will gather at 10am at the tennis courts at the corner of South and Carolina Streets in Jamaica Plain, and the ride will begin at 11am.

**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 May 17. Free popcorn and juice and soda. For information, contact Ferris Wheels Bike Shop, 66 South Street, 617-524-BIKE.

**2019 Kite & Bike Festival** on Saturday, May 18 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.franklinparkcoalition.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](mailto: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@jfcsc-boston.org](mailto:info@jfcsc-boston.org).

**Tiny Tots World Music and Movement,** music classes for kids age 2-5 by Helder Tsinine, Mondays 11-11:45am; Saturdays, 10-10:45am, \$17 per class or \$90 for 6 weeks, Eggleston 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.

**Eggleston 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

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**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](mailto:mgriffiths@springhouse-boston.org).

**Forest Hills Runners,** several weekly group runs, [info/schedule:foresthillsrunners.org](http://info/schedule:foresthillsrunners.org).

## Seniors

**The Jamaica Plain Branch Library,** 30 South Street, Jamaica Plain (617) 524-2053 Monthly Memory Cafe. May 20. 10:30-noon. We will hold a special program with Joel Light titled "Fill My Heart with Song" featuring live piano music, classic songs and audience participation.

**Intro to Medicare,** May 29, 10:15-11:15am. Learn about Medicare and how it works. RSVP required, call 617-522-9270 and leave name, phone number and mention this event

**Café Connections NEW from Ethos!** Combine a nutritious lunch with an informative and interactive workshop that also includes a simple exercise routine to stretch and strengthen. Learn how to eat well, control pain, begin an exercise program, handle stress and relax, and increase your energy level. Lunch and Workshop are offered at no charge. Anyone from any neighborhood may join in. Location: Woodbourne Apartments, 6 Southbourne Road in Jamaica Plain Day and

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

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Community composting, Saturdays, 10am-2pm, Egleston Square Farmers Market, 45 Brookside Ave. Info: greenvateboston.gov.

**Spotholes,** pothole reporting tool, 635-4500, Citizens Connect mobile phone app, cityofboston.gov/mayor/24, and using #spotholes on twitter.

## Crime

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opportunity and to collectively participate in removing as many opportunities as possible," he continued. "People need to have a heightened sense of awareness when living their lives. Pay attention to things that don't look or feel right and never hesitate to call 9-1-1 when the hairs on the back of the neck go up."

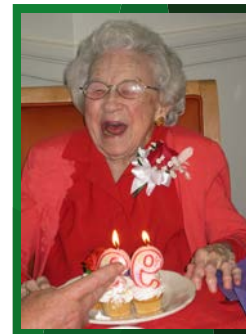
The police and community relations meeting is on the first Thursday of every month at 6:30pm at Curtis Hall at 20 South Street. The next meeting is Thursday, May 2. A Spanish language version of this meeting is also held on the second Thursday of every month at 6:30pm at 155 Lamartine Street. The next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

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## Rollins

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Rollins grew up in a large family in Cambridge, and sports were part of her family from the beginning, long before she ever thought of the legal system.

Rollins said she was a team captain of every sport she played going back to youth soccer, and an All-Scholastic in basketball at Buckingham, Brown & Nichols School (BB&N), but it was on the lacrosse field where she was the most outstanding. The sport – which was somewhat newer to New England in the 1980s when she was in high school – was fast moving and, having been recruited to play after a basketball practice, Rollins had a great skill set to be a high achiever.

“I was the oldest of five siblings and my parents worked very hard to make sure we got a great education,” she said. “I got into BB&N after the third grade, but at one point my parents sat me down and told me I was a good athlete and a good student and needed to get a scholarship if I wanted to go to college.”

Her skills led her to a full Division 1 Scholarship to UMass-Amherst for lacrosse, this coming after winning a national championship on the high school level in 1989. After an outstanding freshman year, Rollins and her teammates were shocked to learn that their sport was being eliminated by the university due to budget cuts.

Though she was able to keep her scholarship, she said she eventually missed the athletic fields, and that’s when she and some other women athletes turned to the law – which she found to be a powerful leveler for

those without much of a voice.

“At first, I was kind of relieved because I didn’t have to wake up at 5 a.m. for conditioning anymore, but later I began to miss sports,” she said. “I’d played sports my entire life and missed the camaraderie you feel when you have the team behind you and you score a goal.

“We only had three or four scholarship players and we were good,” she continued. “The men’s football team hadn’t won a game in years and they had 75 full-time scholarships with everything provided for them, including food and lodging. I didn’t know a lawyer or a judge, but it seemed so unfair. Myself, and a few other athletes from the women’s teams, asked to meet with the Athletic Director.”

That meeting didn’t go so well, and there was no change, but DA Rollins said everything changed when they got a lawyer.

“Our lawyer threatened a Title 9 lawsuit,” she said. “The AD completely changed his tune. We got all our teams re-instituted after a while.”

Rollins – who attended Northeastern University Law School after UMass – said it was her first taste at how the law can be used to empower and bring about justice.

And it was a powerful experience.

“I saw that lawyers matter and words matter,” she said. “As a young person, I thought, ‘Oh my God, lawyers are awesome.’ They make everyone fall into line and things change.”

It was the defining moment she points to after a long legal career with MassPort, the MBTA, and now as the Suffolk District Attorney, where the law became her passion.

However, when it came to leadership – another characteristic she said has been critical as the newly-elected DA in an office that has had the same leader for almost two decades – it was what happened after the teams were re-instated that taught her the most.

She said when the team was finally brought back, she was the only player left with any real experience. Most of the players and coaches had been plucked from other sports like track and volleyball. The elite athlete soon found herself the captain of a team that couldn’t win a game to save themselves.

Yet, she said it was the most important time of her life, leading a team that likely wasn’t going to win, but could still accomplish some goals in the meantime.

“It was one of the best learning experiences I ever had,” she said. “You show up with a smile on your face and give 100 percent even when things aren’t going well. It taught me character... Anyone can be present when things are going great, but where are you when things get hard? Do you still show up? I like to say it costs very little to pay someone a compliment or be respectful. Yet so few do it.”

That kind of optimism for a competitive person in the midst of a losing season was life changing.

“What’s beautiful is to learn not to be discouraged and to be optimistic,” she said. “Those are actually the years I broke records because the numbers of goals I scored. There are still records out there 26 or 27 years later that I set and I’m proud to say I still hold.”

Certainly, the end of her athletic career did not mean an end



*DA Rachael Rollins has proven to be a solid leader in legal circles and the political world so far, but few know she was an elite athlete in high school and college - an experience she credits with teaching her leadership and inclusion skills necessary to lead the DA's office in a new direction. Here, Rollins (No.5 first row, far left) is shown on her 1989 high school national championship lacrosse team.*

to those valuable lessons. In fact, she said, it has been sports that taught her about justice and leadership.

“We are breaking down barriers,” she said. “When you see a woman in leadership roles, it happens quite often that in the past that woman had some athletic ability or played some sport. It teaches us about inclusion or teamwork or perseverance. Sports doesn’t care about how much money you have or where you live, it’s about how well you perform on the field. It’s a great leveler. It’s been invaluable for me.”

And in the office, she is adjusting to being that new person who is also the leader of the office. That, she said, takes the kind of skills she honed on the athletic fields some years ago.

“I’m the new person to the team here in the DA’s office and I’m also their leader,” she said. “Change is difficult. What I try

to do is show up, know the great work they do and be as encouraging and purposeful as I can.”

Nowadays, Rollins doesn’t spend much time on the playing field, but still enjoys watching her daughter run track, where she has won national championships in the 100m and 200m races. Such things are encouraging, she said, to see girls and young women have so many opportunities that were hard-fought by the generation ahead of them – a generation such as the women athletes like Rollins who used the legal system to challenge decision makers.

“It’s really exciting to see young women are getting the same opportunities men have had a long time,” she said. “Being excited for my young girls playing sports doesn’t take away from my excitement for young men playing sports. We want everyone to have the opportunity for success, on and off the field.”

## Fiscal

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antes de que ella pensara en el sistema legal.

Rollins dijo que era la capitana de todos los deportes que jugaba, pero fue en el campo de lacrosse donde ella era la más sobresaliente.

“Mis padres me dijeron que era una buena atleta y buena estudiante y que necesitaba una beca si quería ir a la universidad.”

Después de ganar un campeonato nacional en el nivel de secundaria en 1989, obtuvo una beca completa de primera división para jugar lacrosse en la Universidad de Massachusetts-Amherst. Sin embargo,

después de un primer año excepcional, Rollins y sus compañeros de equipo se enteraron de que su deporte fue eliminada debido a recortes presupuestarios.

Aunque ella pudo mantener su beca, parecía tan injusto.

“Yo y algunos otras atletas femeninas nos reunimos con el Director de Deportes”, dijo.

No hubo cambios, pero Rollins dijo que todo cambió cuando consiguieron un abogado.

“Nuestro abogado amenazó con una demanda por el Título 9”, dijo. “El Director de Deportes cambió completamente su tono y todos nuestros equipos volvieron a instituirse”.

Rollins dijo que era la primera vez que vio cómo la ley puede

empoderar y hacer justicia. Y fue una experiencia impactante.

“Cuando era joven, pensé que los abogados eran increíbles. Hacen que todos se pongan en línea y que las cosas cambien”.

Fue el momento que definió su larga carrera legal con MassPort, la ATMB, y ahora como Fiscal de Distrito.

Sin embargo, fue lo que sucedió después de la reinstalación de los equipos que más la enseñó.

Ella dijo que cuando finalmente reunió el equipo, ella era la única jugadora experimentada que quedaba. La atleta pronto se convirtió en la capitana de un equipo que no era capaz de ganar.

Sin embargo, dijo que era el momento más importante de su

vida, liderar un equipo que probablemente no iba a ganar, pero que aún podía lograr algunos objetivos.

“Fue una de las mejores experiencias de aprendizaje”, dijo. “Cualquiera puede estar presente cuando las cosas van bien, pero ¿dónde está usted cuando las cosas se ponen difíciles?”

Su optimismo durante una temporada de pérdidas cambió la vida.

“Esos son realmente los años en los que batí récords que aún conservo debido a la cantidad de goles que metí”, dijo.

Ciertamente, el final de su carrera atlética no significó el final de esas valiosas lecciones. De hecho, dijo, han sido los deportes

los que le enseñaron sobre la justicia y el liderazgo.

“Cuando ves a una mujer en roles de liderazgo, a menudo esa mujer practica un deporte”, dijo. “Nos enseña sobre la inclusión, el trabajo en equipo y la perseverancia”.

Y en la oficina, ella se está adaptando ser nuevamente la líder. Eso, dijo, requiere las habilidades que perfeccionó en los campos atléticos. Hoy en día, Rollins no pasa mucho tiempo en el campo de juego, pero disfruta ver a su hija correr y ganar campeonatos. Es alentador, dijo, ver a las niñas y las mujeres jóvenes con tantas oportunidades, oportunidades dadas por las generaciones anteriores.



# AN ENDURING PRESENCE

## Jamaica Plain Celebrates Frederick Law Olmsted's Birthday

Members of the Jamaica Plain community celebrated Frederick Law Olmsted's 197th birthday on Thursday, April 25. The Boston Parks and Recreation Department and State Sen. Sonya Chang-Díaz celebrated with constituents at the First Church in Jamaica Plain.

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Mary Hickie and Karen Mauney-Brodek, who both received awards for preserving Olmsted's vision.



Ryan Woods of the Boston Parks and Recreation Department and Bill Nygren.



Piney Kesting and Kevin Handly.



Chris Cook, Boston Chief of Environment and Energy, addressing members of the audience at the First Church in Jamaica Plain.



Sarah Freeman, of the Arborway Coalition, addressing members of the audience.



Sarah Freeman and Rosemary Jones.



David Mittell and Gerry Wright.



## GIRL SCOUTS HELP OUT



The 6<sup>th</sup> graders of Girl Scout Troop 85316 in Jamaica Plain visited the Mt. Pleasant Retirement on April 26 to play BINGO, share stories, and enjoy a meal together with residents. The troop regularly visits to entertain the seniors. Girl Scouts from left: Sophia Miller-Culver, Cara Michel, Daniela Shortell, Stella Trumble. (Photo Credit: Deanna Miller)

## Democratic Committee to caucus on May 20 for convention delegates

Boston Ward 11 Democratic Committee representing parts of Jamaica Plain and Roxbury will hold their caucus on Monday night, May 20 at Farnsworth House, 90 South Street, Jamaica Plain, Ma to elect delegates and alternates to the 2019 Ma. Democratic State Convention .

The doors will open at 6 pm and the Caucus will begin promptly at 6:30 pm.

The 2019 Convention will be held in Springfield, Ma. on September, 14th where thousands of Democrats will gather to discuss issues, celebrate our successes , do party business and

prepare for the 1920 elections.

The caucus is open to all registered and pre-registered Democrats in Ward 11 Boston. Pre-registered Democrats who will be 16 by May 11, 2019 will be allowed to participate and run as a delegate or alternate . Ward 11 is electing 16 delegates and 4 alternates to the Convention to represent Ward 11 in this important effort.

Those interested in getting involved with the Ward 11 Democratic Committee or want more information about the Caucus , please contact Marie Turley at 617-522-1643

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Barbara Trachtenberg, Rebecca and Brian Szetela.

The Eliot School hosted a spring social in Jamaica Plain on April 28. In 2018, more than 3,500 students in the U.S. benefited from the school and 108 working artists shared their skills as a part of the Eliot School's teaching corps. Along with the director, Abigail Norman, and Board member, Melony Swasey, teachers and a students from the school's teen bridge program shared their experience at the program during the social. Host of the social, Anne Gavin, also spoke of the school's benefit to Jamaica Plain neighborhood and the community at large.

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Trustees Melony Swasey and Joanna Damp.



Abigail Norman, executive director of Eliot School, speaking at Eliot School Spring Social.



Michelle Madera, Executive Director Abigail Norman, Eliot School student Isaac Madera and Charlotte Huffman, team Program Coordinator.



Sean and Anne Gavin hosted the social in their home.



# RoslindaleNeighbors

## STREET TO TABLE

Spring Dinner Benefits the Roslindale Parade

Friends and family gathered at the St. Nectarios Hall for the Annual Spring Dinner to benefit the Roslindale Day Parade on Friday, May 3. The 44th Annual Roslindale Day Parade will take place on Sunday, October 6, and neighbors in Roslindale are already getting things prepared for the big day. Don't miss the parade this fall.



The Morenada-Diablada New England dance group being presented the Nina Schaefer Youth Award. Pictured left to right: Albert Todesca, Sandy Schaefer, Jose Cardenes of Morenada-Diablada, Paula Miranda of Morenada-Diablada, Jacoh Saariaho of Morenada-Diablada, and Glenn Williams.



Angelina DeNapoli, Anna Manganiello, Jean Parrelli, Mary Rice, and Arlene Girouard.



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## ROSLINDALE PARADE SPRING DINNER



Tap dancers from the Dance Academy in Hyde Park, including Grace Colon, Nicole Malouf and Mikey McCarthy – among others.



Ross Flynn represented the Flynn family in accepting the Roslindale Pride Award.

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Mike McGuire, Kris MacDonald, and John MacDougall of Insight Realty Group.



LEFT: Albert Todesca, vice president of the Roslindale Day Parade Committee, presenting the 2018 Best Float Award to Highrock Church Southwest Boston. Pictured left to right: Albert Todesca, Andy Ober, Lead Pastor of Highrock, Quami Lee, Lay Pastor of Highrock, and Glenn Williams. RIGHT: Albert Todesca, Earnest Pearlstein of the Aleppo Shriners, Mike Segal of the Aleppo Shriners, and Glenn Williams.



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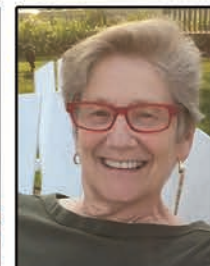
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# RoslindaleNeighbors

## Community involvement still ahead for Councilor McCarthy

BY LAUREN BENNETT

After six years as the District 5 City Councilor, Tim McCarthy has announced that he will not seek re-election this fall. As he looks back on his three terms, the councilor, who represents Hyde Park and Roslindale, told the Gazette that there are several accomplishments that he is particularly proud of. Basic city services are something that

McCarthy said has always been at the forefront of his work. He said that he has really sunk his teeth into transportation, public works, and parks. "What you see outside your front door is important to us," he said.

McCarthy said that he sat down with Mayor Walsh before being sworn in and told him that his main pushes were capital investments, as he felt that Southwest Boston had lacked

capital investments in the last 20 years. "If you look around now, we've completely restored many of the parks in D5," McCarthy said. He said there has also been a lot of road work done, and that his "greatest joy" has been looking across the street and seeing kids playing on brand new playgrounds.

Despite the rewarding satisfaction of serving the city for a number of years, McCarthy

started thinking last September about what he might want to do next. With one of his sons choosing to go to the army, the other enrolled in Stonehill College, and his wife accepting a new job that requires her to work from home four days a week, McCarthy said he thought might want to make a change too.

"Everybody in the family made changes," he said. Right now, he goes from City Hall to community meetings Monday through Thursday, and with his wife home more now, he said it's time to spend some more time with her. He said his choice not to run again was solidified when his sons were home for Christmas in December—it was "not a tough decision," he said.

McCarthy is finishing out his term—which ends next January—so while he is in the process of looking for a new job, he said he's "in no rush." He said he would like his next job to be in the realm of what he knows best: operations, public works, or parks.

"I feel really happy," he said. "I'm honored to have that D5 seat and I'm looking forward to bigger and better things." He has some words of advice for the current candidates: "you have to



Councilor Tim McCarthy

want it," he said. He said that he personally looks for a candidate "who's been here, who's doing the work, [and is who is an] integral part of the community already. That's where you'll find someone who's going to be your candidate."

And his message to his constituents? "Thank you for all of your support," he said. He said he appreciates all of the kind comments and messages he's received from people since his announcement in January. "I'll still be busy, but just not in this capacity," he said.

In the future, he's hoping to get more involved in the Hyde Park community with things like the theater and Pop Warner. "I'm not dying," he joked. "I'll still be very involved."

### Open House



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# RoslindaleNeighbors

## Roslindale Village Main Streets prepares for an exciting summer season

By LAURA PLUMMER

Roslindale Village Main Streets (RVMS) is excited to present a number of new initiatives to bring the local community together this spring and summer.

This month, RVMS is offering free Social Media & Marketing workshops for Roslindale business owners. Find out more on their Facebook page.

June 1 will celebrate the return of the thriving RVMS Summer Farmers Market at Adams Park from 9a.m. to 1:30pm. There will be live music, entertainment for children and of course all your favorite vendors. Visit the Farmers Market every Saturday through November.

RVMS depends on the pas-

sion and dedication of its local volunteers. As such, RVMS will be offering orientations for new volunteers on July 22 and again in the fall. Sign up for one of the trainings online.

Roslindale is also celebrating the opening of its first permanent brewery, Distraction Brewing, this summer. And JP's popular Turtle Swamp Brewing seeks to turn its temporary beer garden in Roslindale into a permanent community fixture.

Also recently opened is Square Root Café, which features live music and stand-up comedy nearly every night. Check out their events calendar on their website.

Ongoing initiatives include Rozzi Bucks, a local currency that can be used at any of the

twenty-two participating businesses in the village. Rozzi Bucks encourage local shopping and can be purchased at the RVMS office or at the Farmers Market on Saturdays. A full list of participating businesses can be found on the RVMS website.

Also on the RVMS website is a wealth of information for residents, business owners and aspiring business owners alike. The site features a map of vacant properties for those wishing to open a business, a community calendar where residents can find fun and interesting activities every day of the week, a directory of all businesses within the village, and a number of resources for

small business owners.

RVMS is an independent non-profit that seeks to strengthen the appeal, economy and local character in Roslindale Village by connecting members of the community. Based on the fundamental values of National Main Street Center, RVMS aims to promote a shared vision for the future of the neighborhood by bridging the gap between local residents and business owners.

Founded in the mid-eighties, RVMS was one of the country's first urban main street programs, established with the assistance of former Mayor Thomas Menino, who at the time was a City Councilor. It is now one of twenty

Main Street Districts in the City of Boston. In 2006, in recognition of its successful revitalization efforts, RVMS was the recipient of a National Main Streets Urban Pioneer Award.

RVMS Executive Director Alia Hamada Forrest was exposed to the hospitality industry as a child through an events manager mother and an executive chef father. She lives with her family in Roslindale and enjoys engaging people in their community.

The work of RVMS depends upon the donations of several major sponsors, including Boston Main Streets, MassDevelopment, Boston Main Streets Foundation and The Cooperative Bank.

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# Lochdale Road project should head to BPDA for a vote next week

By John Lynds

The public comment period on a large development project on Lochdale Road concluded at the end of April and the project should be before the Boston Planning and Development Agency's board for a vote next Thursday.

The proposed \$ 7 million project at 43 Lochdale Rd. includes building a new four-story building will consist of 36 new residential rental apartments, primarily market rate, with five affordable units in accordance with the City's Inclusionary Development Policy on a 22,500 square foot lot. The lot is comprised of one full parcel of land fronting on Lochdale Road, and a portion of a second, smaller parcel that fronts on Washington Street. The second parcel is being subdivided to enlarge the project site, while leaving a portion with Washington Street frontage for later infill development.

According to the attorney for the developer, George Morancy's filing with the BPDA, "The proposed project will consist of a new four-story building. The first floor will contain a lobby

space, garage parking for 46 motor vehicles, a bicycle storage room, and a loading dock. Floors two through four will contain 36 residential units. Each floor will contain one 1-bedroom unit, ten 2-bedroom units, and one 2-bedroom-plus-study unit. The building will define the street wall along both Lochdale Road and Kitson Road, and will fill the most of the combined lot."

The front face of the building will be set back nine feet from the lot line to provide for a wider sidewalk with tree planters and a planting bed.

"On the Kitson Road side, the building face is setback 19 feet from the lot line to provide for a generous 9-foot wide sidewalk and a minimum road width for vehicles to encourage pedestrian and bicycle activity," Morancy wrote in the filing. "Kitson Road and the new 9-foot walkway/bike path will serve as a connection to the bike path off Arboretum Street. On the south side lot line, the building face is set back 21.3 feet from the lot line to provide for added green space. The rear building face is set back 10.5' from the lot line. The building is

configured as three modules, in between which are light courts that provide views, and light and air to the interior second bedroom of each unit."

The exterior of the building's will be a composition of fiber cement clap siding in two depths, fiber cement vertical siding, glass fenestration, and painted fiber cement trim and aluminum storefront.

"The materials and rhythm of the façade are similar to adjacent residential buildings along Washington Street. The buildings form and scale are similar to other newer developments along Washington Street," said Morancy.

The proposed building height is approximately 40 feet to the roof of the uppermost story. Mechanical equipment, the stairways, and an elevator shaft headhouse will rise above that point, but will set back from the front edge of the building so to not be visible from the street.

"The materials and architectural massing have been planned and designed to relate and complement the scale of the existing adjacent buildings and to



An artist rendering of the proposed project at 43 Lochdale Rd.

be consistent with neighborhood design," said Morancy. "The materials and architectural massing have been designed to visually reinforce the geometry and movement of the site."

Community benefits include;

- the creation of 36 new rental apartments in an attractive low-rise building, including 5 affordable units in accordance with the Inclusionary Development Policy;

- generation of thousands of dollars in revenue annually to the City of Boston once the project is completed in the form of new real property tax payments;

- improvements to the property boundaries including landscape buffering and associated street-scape improvements; and
- the expected creation of at least 45 construction industry jobs to complete the proposed project.

## Roslindale Urban Wild to host clean up, beautification May 11

By SETH DANIEL

Preserving wild, urban spaces has been a priority in Boston for many years now, and a series of 40-plus such properties throughout the city have been home to native plants, trees and wild animals.

It's not a park.

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It's a "wild" thing.

In Roslindale, residents can get a taste of that Urban Wild landscape at the Selwyn Street Urban Wild – also known as the Roslindale Wetlands - adjacent to the Arnold Arboretum. In fact, residents and friends of the Selwyn Street property are coming together Saturday, May 11, to clean, beautify and enjoy the wild space in an urban setting. The Selwyn property is about two blocks square in size.

"With all of the bustle of urban life and developed areas, these are areas where the community has agreed to preserve the natural environment with trees, native plants and animals," said David Corbie, Greenovate Boston Outreach Director. "These

areas help a lot with the natural environment and help our health. Boston is very dense and places like this can be so inspiring."

On May 11, Corbie and community members will come together to remove trash and invasive species in the Selwyn Urban Wild. The clean-up will take place from 9 a.m. to noon.

"We're going to be removing a lot of invasive species out of there that are non-native to the area and replace them with native species," Corbie said. "It's going to be completely community driven and giving residents the chance to remove these non-native species and beautify the area by picking up a lot of the trash that tends to accumulate on these Urban Wild locations. It's an activity that cares for the environment and helps with climate change, and at the same time allows people to see the fruits of their labor firsthand." Corbie said Greenovate will also be sponsoring a cleanup of the Allandale Woods Urban Wild in June.

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## Dr. Mitchell, awarded prestigious Harvard Medical School Excellence in Mentoring Award

Harvard Medical School affiliate Hebrew SeniorLife with a campus in Roslindale, announced that Susan L. Mitchell, has been selected as a recipient of the A. Clifford Barger Excellence in Mentoring Award from Harvard Medical School.

Lewis A. Lipsitz, M.D., Director, the Marcus Institute & Chief Academic Officer, Hebrew SeniorLife, said, "Susan is doing groundbreaking research for people nearing the end of life and living with dementia. At the same time, she is a stellar role model for junior scientists and students entering the geriatrics field today. With geriatricians in such short supply across the United States and with the growing number of older Americans, having such a brilliant and approachable scientist nurturing and cultivating the next generation of researchers is an invaluable asset to Hebrew SeniorLife, the medical community, and the

seniors with whom we work every day."

The Excellence in Mentoring Awards were established to recognize the value of quality mentoring relationships and the impact they have on professional development and career advancement in clinical medicine, teaching, research, and administration. A total of 20 recipients were selected across three categories in 2019: the William Silen Lifetime Achievement in Mentoring Award, the A. Clifford Barger Excellence in Mentoring Award, and the Young Mentor Award.

Award winners were selected through a nomination process among Harvard Medical School/Harvard School of Dental Medicine faculty members, house officers, fellows, and students.

A celebration honoring all Excellence in Mentoring Award recipients will be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. in the Carl Walter

Amphitheater, Tosteson Medical Education Center, Harvard Medical School. An informal reception will immediately follow the ceremony.

### About Susan L. Mitchell, M.D., M.P.H.

Susan L. Mitchell, M.D., M.P.H., Director, Palliative Care and Clinical Trials Research, and Senior Scientist at the Marcus Institute, is a Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School. She is a geriatrician and health services researcher. Dr. Mitchell's research interests focus on decision-making, health outcomes, and resource utilization for older people with advanced illness, particularly those with dementia. She is the principal investigator on several large research projects funded by the National Institutes of Health and has authored many articles in top peer-reviewed journals related to this topic.

Dr. Mitchell is active in the

mentorship of young investigators and is the recipient of a NIH-NIA K24 Mid-Career Investigator Award. She is also an attending geriatrician at the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical. She earned her medical degree at the University of Ottawa, and her master's of public health at Harvard University.

About Hebrew SeniorLife

Hebrew SeniorLife, a Harvard Medical School affiliate, is a na-

tional senior services leader dedicated to rethinking, researching, and redefining the possibilities of aging. The Boston-based nonprofit, founded in 1903, provides communities and health care for seniors, research into aging, and education for geriatric care providers. Visit <http://www.hebrewseniorlife.org>, follow us on Twitter @H\_SeniorLife, like us on Facebook, or read our blog.

## LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

### Local Students Receive Bachelor's Degrees from UMass Amherst

Below is a list of students from your area who earned a degree in February, 2019.

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Philippe Michel Derivois  
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### Local students on honor roll

Several students from Roslindale were named to the Honor Roll at St. Joseph Prep in Boston.

Haviland Clark, a member of the Class of '20 was named to Honors with Distinction. To

qualify for these the student must have all A's and no more than two B's.

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# Chang-Diaz attends educational forum

On Friday, May 3, Latino educators attended a convening to discuss the Massachusetts funding formula and advocate for the issues legislators should consider during the next few months as they work to pass an equitable funding bill. The Massachusetts legislature is reviewing educational funding proposals. The decisions they make this spring about how to allocate education funds, will significantly impact the outcomes and lives of students for years to come.

Latinos for Education with Amplify Latinx, Greater Boston Latino Network and Gaston Institute created a space for the collective Latino voice to be heard on the matter. Legislative leaders Sonia Chang-Diaz, Jason Lewis

and Andy Vargas showed up to listen and discuss with 75 Latino educators, leaders and parents from across the state. Lewis and Chang-Diaz explained budget proposals and the funding formula.

“The goal for today is three-fold,” said Amanda Fernandez, Executive Director of Latinos for Education, as she opened the convening. She continued: “We need to understand the challenges faced by schools, educate stakeholders about how the funding systems work, and act to secure a funding formula that works for all.”

Both legislators and community members agreed, the students most affected and at highest risk of being further detrimentally

under served come from low-income communities, many with high Latino and English Language Learner (ELL) student populations. A poll of participants revealed the top three education matters that matter most to are support for ELL Students (85%), ensuring students are well-prepared for college and beyond (80%), and increasing teacher diversity (73%).

“Who here remembers the 1993 Education Reform?” asked Senator Sonia Chang-Diaz during her presentation to attendees on Friday. “There were some things about the foundation formula that the Commission recognized had started off correct, but had eroded over time and needed to be updated to reflect the realities




State legislative leaders Senator Sonia Chang-Diaz, Senator Jason Lewis and Representative Andy Vargas listened and discussed the education funding formula with Latino educators, leaders and parents from across the state.

of our current economy.”

A theme of accountability surfaced during the Q&A. One attendee asked how accountability is written into the budget proposals. Another attendee commented on accountability versus punishment. There was consensus that both stakeholders and legislators must equally commit to accountability. Senator Chang-Diaz, Senator Lewis, and Representative Vargas encouraged attendees to keep the conversation going and to ask tough questions.

The mission of Latinos for Education is to develop, place and connect essential Latino leaders in the education sector. The organization is mobilizing a network of skilled education leaders to ensure the voice of students and families is not only heard but factored into decision-making in schools, communities and education institutions throughout the U.S. Learn more at: [www.LatinosforEducation.org](http://www.LatinosforEducation.org).



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Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council, comité de zonificación, 15 mayo, 5 junio. Comité de vivienda y desarrollo, 21 mayo, 7pm, Bowditch School, 82 Green Street.

Stonybrook Neighborhood Association, lunes, 13 mayo, 7-9pm, Doyle's, 3484 Washington St. [sna-jp.org](http://sna-jp.org)

The Jamaica Pond Association, 3 junio, 111 Perkins Street, Jamaicaway 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, 3 junio, 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.

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## Jóvenes/familias

Festival de Cometas y Bicicletas, 18 mayo, 11am-4pm. Franklin Park. Con música, comida y mucho más. [franklin-parkcoalition.org/kitefest](http://franklin-parkcoalition.org/kitefest). presentada por Mothers Out Front, 19 mayo, 2-4pm. Información: [ma.mothersoutfront.org](mailto:ma.mothersoutfront.org).

Festival de la Semana de Bicicletas, siete días de paseos, eventos para niños, entrenamiento y más. 12 a 19 mayo. Calendario: [ferriswheelsbike-shop.com](http://ferriswheelsbike-shop.com).

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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.

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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@jfc-boston.org](mailto:info@jfc-boston.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.

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Clases de yoga, meditación y la reducción del estrés, bajo costo, algunas gratis, inglés y español, MindBody/Health Promotion Center, 10 Green St. 983-4226.

Care to Care, un grupo de apoyo para la familia de personas con Alzheimer y otras demencias, segundo miércoles del mes, 6.30-7.30pm. 44 Allandale St. Meredith Griffiths: 522-0043, [mgriffiths@spring-houseboston.org](mailto:mgriffiths@spring-houseboston.org).

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

## Adultos Mayores

The Jamaica Plain Branch Library: Café mensual de la memoria, 20 mayo, 10:30am - 12pm. Programa especial con piano, canto y participación de la audiencia. Introducción a Medicare, 29 mayo, 10:15-11:15a.m. Responda a 522-9270 y deje su nombre, número de teléfono y el nombre del evento.

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).

## Trabajo Voluntario

Programa de aprendizaje para adultos, se busca voluntarios para enseñar inglés a adultos, orientación gratuita. [jpcctutor@gmail.com](mailto:jpcctutor@gmail.com) o 635-5201.

The Boston Teachers Union School busca voluntarios para tutelar a alumnos de la secundaria, los martes y/o miércoles, 3-4.30pm.

David Weinstein, maestro de matemáticas: [dweinstein@bostonpublicschools.org](mailto:dweinstein@bostonpublicschools.org), 857-334-9855.

Mentor o tutor, matemáticas, ciencia, historia, inglés, idiomas extranjeros, SAT, y más. Los martes, miércoles, jueves, 3-8pm, sábado 10am-2.30pm. [hydesquare.org/get-involved/join-our-programs](http://hydesquare.org/get-involved/join-our-programs).

Chelsea Jewish Hospice & Palliative Care (CJHPC) busca voluntarios para ayudar a las personas con enfermedades terminales en JP, 1-2 horas/semana. Formación gratis. Aimee: 889-0779, [afarrell@chelseajewish.org](mailto:afarrell@chelseajewish.org).

Coalición de Franklin Park, busca miembros para la junta directiva, miembros del comité y voluntarios. [admin@franklinparkcoalition.org](mailto:admin@franklinparkcoalition.org) (junta directiva y comité); [volunteer@franklinparkcoalition.org](mailto:volunteer@franklinparkcoalition.org), 442-4141.

Ethos busca compañeros para visitar ancianos en casa. Se requieren una orientación y un compromiso de una hora por semana. JP, Hyde Park, West Roxbury, Roslindale y Mattapan. [ethocare.org/volunteer/application](http://ethocare.org/volunteer/application), 522-6700.

Cuidado hospicio de VNA, una organización sin fines de lucro, busca voluntarios para proveer amistad a los pacientes. Ninguna experiencia requerida, ofrecemos entrenamiento continuo y apoyo para todos los voluntarios. [vnahospicecare.org](http://vnahospicecare.org), 781-569-2811.

Inglés para nuevos bostonianos, buscando voluntarios para servir como tutores de inglés. 982-6864, [fmartinez@english-fornewbostonians.org](mailto:fmartinez@english-fornewbostonians.org).

Brigham and Women's Faulkner Hospital en 1153 Centre St. busca voluntarios para la tienda de regalos, la mesa de información, radiología, centro ortopédico y más. 983-7424, [brighamandwomensfaulkner.org](http://brighamandwomensfaulkner.org).

Programa de música FriendshipWorks, ¿Le gusta la música? Buscamos voluntarios para compartir la música y la amistad con los ancianos en JP. 277-5248.



REGISTER OF PROBATE FELIX ARROYO BIRTHDAY FUNDRAISER

Felix Arroyo, Register of Probate for Suffolk County, and former at-large member of the Boston City Council, celebrated his 71st birthday on Thursday, April 25. Friends and family joined Felix Arroyo for a night of laughter and fun at Doyle's Café in Jamaica Plain.



Laury Lucien and Milton Wright.



Shirley Shillingford and Bernadette Adonis.



Ricardo Arroyo, Boston City Councilor for District 7 Kim Janey, and Felix Arroyo.



Ernesto Arroyo, Julian Arroyo, Ricardo Arroyo, Felix D. Arroyo, Ana Arroyo, and Felix G. Arroyo celebrate Suffolk County Probate Court Clerk Felix D. Arroyo's 71st birthday last Thursday, April 25, at a party in Boston. Numerous supporters and family members came out to celebrate the birthday fundraiser.

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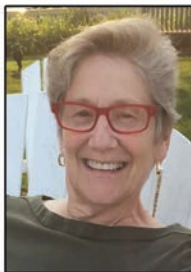


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# Sights & Sounds

The deadline for listings is noon, May 21 for the May 24 issue. Send listings to [reporter@jamaicaplain-gazette.com](mailto:reporter@jamaicaplain-gazette.com). Note: 617 should be dialed before numbers below, unless another area code is given.

## Special events

**Free Guided Walking Tour of Monument Square neighborhood** will take place on Saturday, May 11 starting at 11:00am from in front of Loring Greenough House, 12 South Street. Conducted by the Jamaica Plain Historical Society.

**Free Guided Walking Tour of Sumner Hill neighborhood** will take place on Saturday, May 18 starting at 11:00am from in front of Loring Greenough House, 12 South Street. Conducted by the Jamaica Plain Historical Society.

**How NOT to Enjoy Your Birthday: Getting Malaria & Almost Dying:** Faith Girdler will present a slide show on June 6 at the Jamaica Plain Branch Library 30 South Street, (617) 524-2053 [www.bpl.org](http://www.bpl.org).

The theme it is about how in Feb of 2019, she was bitten by a malaria infected mosquito in Ghana, W. Africa and didn't even know it. She returned to the United States for a few days and she went onto Rio De Janeiro, Brazil. She still felt fine, until she passed out on the street. She was then rushed by ambulance to a world-famous clinic specializing in infectious diseases.

So she will have pictures of the doctors, but also the GORGEOUS hospital grounds and historical background of this famous place and visionary doctor who invented the vaccine for smallpox and yellow fever, singlehandedly!

**Monday, May 20 at 7:30 p.m.:**

**The Healing Power of Stillness**, a complimentary Christian Science lecture given by Larissa Snorek, C.S.B., a member of the Christian Science Board of Lectureship.

Larissa invites you to consider if it's possible to find an enduring, deep-settled calm within ourselves.

Held in the community room at First Baptist Church, 633 Centre Street, Jamaica Plain. Sponsored by the members of Third Church of Christ, Scientist, Boston. <https://christianscienceboston.org/2019/05/01/save-the-date-monday-may-20th-the-healing-power-of-stillness/>. Public warmly invited! 781-308-9455

## Arts, music, & culture

**Family Day:** America Transformed Join us for a fun afternoon to celebrate the opening of a new exhibit, "America Transformed: Mapping the 19th Century" at the Norman B. Leventhal Map & Education Center at the Boston Public Library at Copley Square. This collection of maps and images will explore the dramatic changes and developments in the land, the population, transportation, and the economy that occurred in the 1800s.

This free, family-friendly event will take place on Saturday, May 18, from 1-4pm, and is open to community members of all ages. The afternoon will open with a ribbon cutting ceremony and include an introductory talk by Curator Ron Grim. The event will also feature hands-on, family-oriented activities; debut an evocative sound/video installation by artist Beau Kenyon; and host exhibition tours. We are grateful for our ongoing partnerships with the Boston Map Society and the Boston Public Library, as well as guidance from the Akomawt Educational Initiative. This exhibition was made possible through lead sponsorship from

Iron Mountain, as well as support from the MacLean Foundation, Jane & Lawrence Caldwell, and other individuals and institutions.

**JP Jubilee is An Elders' Chorus** with Elizabeth Anker, conductor will present "Come See About Me," Music of The Supremes, Beatles, Bach and more!

On Saturday May 11, 2019 from 2:00 - 3:00 pm at St John's Church, One Roanoke Avenue, Jamaica Plain. Parking available at the nearby Elm Street lot. Wheelchair accessible.

Voluntary donations are gratefully accepted to keep the chorus free to participants.

**JP Artist on exhibit:** 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."

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**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. May 2019

Saturday 5/11 (Night Show): The Knock Ups, Ila Minori, Erel, Chad Gosselin of The Big Lonesome Thursday 5/16 (before Queeraoke): Travels With Brindle

Friday 5/17 (after Hippie Hour): Brown Lasers, Editrix, First Children, Charmed and Strange

Saturday 5/18 (Night Show): The Humans Being, The Stupid Robots, Uncle Funky and the Mystic Monkey Band

Sunday 5/19 (Day Show): Thalia Zedek, Anna Connolly, Weather Weapon, Cotton Candy

Saturday 6/8 (Day Show): Sammy Kay, Townes Constantino, Michael Kane, Matt Charette

Saturday 6/8 (Night Show): Graveyard Of The Atlantic, Forktie, Knock Over City, The Melatonins

**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 6:30 - 8:30 pm. Throwback Thursday with DJ J-Wall 6- 8 p.m. Visit [www.milkywayjp.com](http://www.milkywayjp.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

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## 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>, [DanceJPDance@gmail.com](mailto:DanceJPDance@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.

**Free Drop-In Homework Help** Egleston Square Branch Library, 2044 Columbus Ave.

Mondays-Thursdays, 3:30-5:30pm The library provides free, drop-in afterschool homework help for students in grades K-8 throughout the school year. Spanish assistance is available Mondays and Thursdays. Help is provided by trained, high-achieving high school students. This program is available at locations across Boston on days that Boston Public Schools are in session. The full list of locations is online at [www.bpl.org/homework](http://www.bpl.org/homework).

**Jamaica Plain Branch Library** Jamaica Plain Branch Library, 30 South Street, (617) 524-2053 [www.bpl.org](http://www.bpl.org)

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**Connolly Branch Library** 433 Centre St., 522-1960, [www.bpl.org](http://www.bpl.org).

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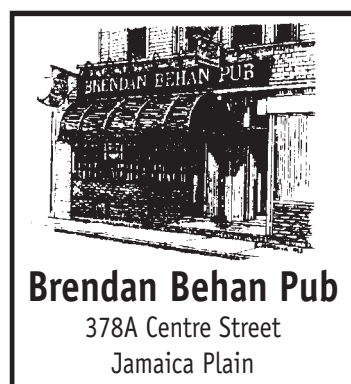
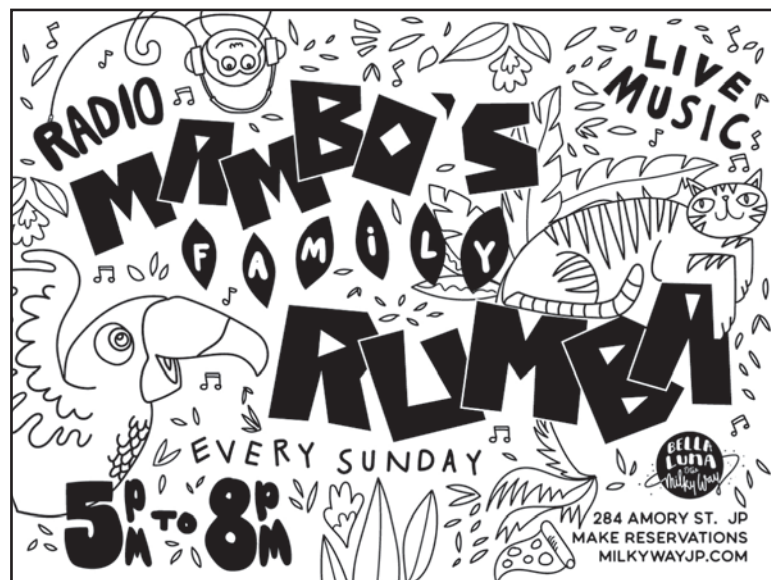
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**ESL Conversation Groups** Mondays, May 13, 20, 6:30 p.m. (no ESL May 27)





# New school superintendent makes first public appearances around Boston

By SETH DANIEL AND JOHN LYNDIS

Newly chosen Supt. Brenda Cassellius made her first public appearances this week, having been tabbed on May 1 and having her contract unanimously ratified by the School Committee on Wednesday night, May 8.

At one public appearance on Wednesday, she said she would start things off by being present in the neighborhoods and listening to parents – trying to tackle the achievement gap and the anxiety parents feel about grade transitions.

Cassellius, who officially starts on July 1, said she was to meet with teachers late on Wednesday, and she plans to do a lot of listening to hear parents, staff and students.

“I don’t want to come with assumptions that some things that worked for me in the past will work here, but I do know some things have worked in the past,” she said on Wednesday. “It’s important for me to go out and listen to the teachers...I need to find out what’s working and what isn’t working so we can maximize the dollars and put them where they are needed. It’s a lot of listening at first, but I know people want to get going, so we’ll develop some plans and work those plans... Parents are really just wanting to be listened to now and we’ll see what emerges from there.”

She also said she would like to get the youth more involved in the decision making process and wanted students to know their new school leader will listen.

“For kids, my message is that your voice matters and I’m going to be working with the Youth Board and try to get them truly involved in the decisions that

impact them every day,” she said. “For the overall community, my message is it’s going to take an all-hands-on-deck approach. We need all of us wrapping our heads around the issues. Expect me to be out and present in their communities and listening to them.”

Last Wednesday, May 1, the Boston School Committee voted 5-2 to offer the position of Superintendent of the Boston Public Schools (BPS) to Cassellius, who most recently stepped down as Commissioner of Education for the state of Minnesota.

The vote was taken during a meeting where School Committee members publicly debated the qualifications of the three finalists for the Superintendent position, which also included Dr. Oscar Santos, Head of School for Cathedral 7-12 High School in the South End; and Marie Izquierdo, Chief Academic Officer for Miami-Dade County Public Schools in Florida.

The BPS Superintendent Search Committee held a series of public interviews with the three candidates last month all over the city.

“All three superintendent candidates brought excellent ideas and experience to the discussion. On behalf of the Boston School Committee, I thank all of them for participating in this public process,” said Boston School Committee Chair Michael Loconto. “We are excited to begin working soon with Dr. Cassellius, whose wealth of experience, commitment to equity, and proven track record as an education leader will be critical in continuing our progress in the Boston Public Schools.”

Cassellius served as Education Commissioner for Minnesota

from 2011, and would succeed Laura Perille, the current Interim Superintendent and former CEO of the education improvement organization EdVestors. Perille became the Interim Superintendent last summer following the resignation of Dr. Tommy Chang, who held the superintendent role for three years.

“With the selection of Dr. Cassellius, we’re investing in a proven leader who knows what’s right for kids and understands the value of community voice,” said Mayor Martin Walsh.

At one of her public appearances Wednesday, Supt. Cassellius stood in while Mayor Walsh talked with a group of parents. While the mayor implored them to not only think of elementary school issues, but also to give the non-exam high schools a shot – Supt. Cassellius listened in and took in the concerns.

Later, she said she does support the idea of limiting transitions for students and families, but that there needs to be a discussion in the neighborhoods first about how to do that.

“I do believe less transitions for students are always good for families,” she said. “But then when we look at middle schools and what works at middle schools, they have specific adolescent needs we all know of as parents of teen-agers. We want to make sure we develop programming and curriculum that is rigorous across our schools and there is equitable...I think they were talking about K-6, K-8, and 9-12 – however those configurations work. We’ll be talking to the community about how those make sense and how to minimize the transitions. I know the mayor has



Brenda Cassellius.

talked about these things before already with families and communities. We’ll continue to build on that real good work that Supt. Perille has been working on.”

Her impression of Boston so far has been quite good in the initial days – being greeted with a mob of activity and excitement at her appearances.

“I love Boston,” she said. “The people have been so friendly to me and so welcoming to me. I’ve met all the staff around and folks in the communities now. I’m anxious to get out and talk with more people in the communities, but folks have been so gracious and wonderful to me...The biggest thing is earning the public’s trust and going out and talking with them in the community – speaking with them authentically about their hopes and dreams for their children. Once I do that it’s easier to come together with a plan and get consensus. Then we can collaborate and connect the dots. I’m also very anxious to start meeting with the cabinet and bringing to

bear some of the resources the City has. I have met with a lot of Cabinet members and I know the mayor is very interested in this. So, working across the different agencies is important to do the best for communities.”

The new superintendent, coming to Boston after a long stint in icy Minnesota, made about 9,000 friends when she shared her love of hockey and her experience playing the game – particularly having become a Bruins fan in recent weeks.

“Yes I am a hockey player,” she said after being introduced by Mayor Martin Walsh. “I started when I was 42 and have played about nine years on a women’s team. Now, I’m not the greatest stick handler, but I’m a pretty good skater...Of course I’m going to become a Bruins fan. I’ve already been watching them and super excited about them. Go Bruins.”

According to her resume Cassellius enacted comprehensive education reforms, including historic new funding for schools, enactment of all-day kindergarten, state-funded preschool for 25,000 children, and has overseen historically high graduation rates. She has also served on the board of directors for the Council for Chief State School Officers and contributed to the development of “10 Equity Commitments,” which education chiefs across the country worked to adopt to further equity goals and outcomes.

However, before she left Minnesota, the state’s educational system has been embroiled in a lawsuit since 2015 alleging constitutional violations.

Cassellius was named in the lawsuit.



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## EDITORIAL

## Support Sen. Markey's effort to ban robocalls

Robocalls are the new plague of the digital and cell phone era.

According to some estimates, Americans received 48 billion robocalls last year, up from 30 billion in 2017. It used to be that only a person's land line would be subject to telemarketers, but these days our wireless phones also are being deluged on a daily basis with these annoying phone calls from robocall centers that typically operate from overseas.

The latest nuance in the robocalling game is spoofing, whereby a robocall essentially hijacks a local phone number, tricking the receiver of the phone call into thinking that the call is coming from someone in one's hometown.

No one is immune from the scourge of pre-recorded robocalls trying to scam us out of our money. And the calls seem to never stop coming. The deluge of these robocalls have become the number one complaint of Americans who have a phone line -- which is to say, just about all of us.

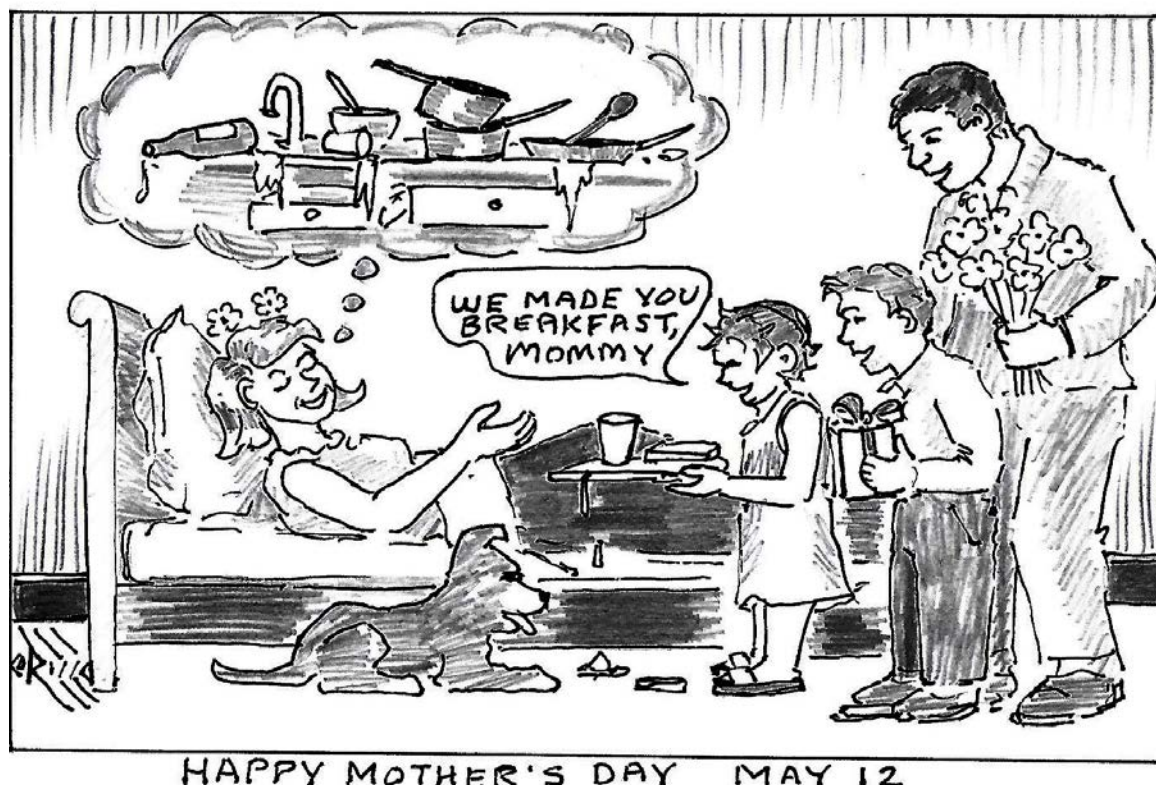
Robocalls have become an epidemic that must be stopped and to that end, U.S. Sen. Ed Markey has introduced a bill, known as the TRACED Act, that will give authorities and the telecom companies the ability to find, catch, and prosecute scammers.

The TRACED Act gives the FCC the authority to levy civil penalties against scammers, extends the window from one to three years to take action against intentional violators, and requires telephone providers to adopt call authentication technologies to verify that incoming calls are legitimate.

This bill already has overwhelming bipartisan support -- one of the few things that Republicans and Democrats can agree upon these days -- and recently passed a Senate committee by a 26-0 margin.

Each of us can show our solidarity behind ending the scourge of robocalls by calling Sen. Markey's office to become a citizen co-sponsor of the TRACED Act.

Let our elected officials know that the sooner Congress takes action, the better.



GUEST OP-ED

## Fighting the opioid epidemic with care and data

BY ALEXANDER ACOSTA

A little more than a year ago, I had the opportunity to visit Maryhaven treatment facility in Columbus, Ohio, to hear from those recovering from the effects of addiction. The visit was an impactful one. I met with individuals who talked about the terrible impact addiction had on their families. I heard from employers looking to offer a second chance to those in need. I heard from both about the importance of job skills and having a job in recovery.

With National [prescription] Take Back Day this week, the Department of Labor released new information on what we have learned about the opioid crisis and how we are improving our effectiveness in overcoming its challenges.

In 2017, President Donald Trump's administration declared the opioid epidemic a national public health emergency and directed all executive agencies to use every appropriate emergency authority to minimize the devastation. Since 2017, the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Workers' Compensation Programs' (OWCP) has dedicated significant resources to stem the abuse, misuse, and proliferation of opioids to protect 2.7 million federal workers from harmful opioid prescription practices.

The use of opioids to treat injured federal workers continued, virtually unchecked, until 2017. The capability to monitor dose level and duration by the

department was not even available until operational changes were instituted that year. Since we started this effort, a series of successes can be attributed to the implementation of a four-point strategic plan: (1) effective controls, (2) tailored treatment, (3) impactful communications with employees and providers, and (4) aggressive fraud detection.

The strategic plan's core is a process where the department continuously gathers information and analyzes data. The results yielded great progress:

- 51 percent decline in new opioid prescriptions that last more than 30 days;
- 59 percent decline in claimants prescribed a morphine equivalent dose (MED) of 500 or more;
- 31 percent decline in claimants prescribed a MED of 90 or more;
- 30 percent decline in overall opioid use; and
- 24 percent drop in new opioid prescriptions

A recent study highlights the unique challenges facing a legacy population of injured federal workers who have been prescribed opioids over an extended period of time. Specifically, the study showed that nearly 1 in 4 injured workers in this group had been prescribed a high dose of 90+ morphine equivalent dose. This is important because the higher the opioid dose, the higher the risk for misuse and overdose death. Higher doses, greater than 100 MED, have more than two times the risk relative to lower doses.

Additional risk factors, including the use of extended-release opioids and the associated use of certain interacting medications, were also identified.

The legacy challenges needed to be confronted. All federal injured workers with a prescription of 90+ MED underwent extensive individual case reviews. Treating physicians were contacted and, as needed, nurses were assigned. Our goal was to work with the medical provider and injured worker to provide opioid treatment where needed, reduce the opioid risk level, and assist in securing the Tapering an addictive drug takes time and there are a host of interacting factors to consider, yet as the statistics prove, the intense focus produced a real difference. This effort is not the federal government deciding what is best for patients. Rather, the federal government is acting as a responsible employer by caring about its workforce and ensuring that employees are getting the treatment and support needed for what can be a challenging recovery.

We are committed to (1) engaging individual employees and (2) analyzing the effects on the employee population as a whole. To win this battle, we must embrace a strategy that pursues accurate information, continuously evaluates that information, and invests the time necessary to find the right, healthy solutions for individuals struggling with opioids.

Alexander Acosta is the 27th U.S. Secretary of Labor.

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## LETTERS

### Understanding improved medicare for all

#### Dear Editor:

Our current health care system of over 1500 private insurers is a complicated and fragmented approach to health care with much administrative waste. As a result, 31% of every healthcare dollar goes to paperwork, million-dollar salaries for insurance company CEOs, profits, advertising and other costs. In contrast, Medicare which covers 55 million residents over 65 operates with just a 3% overhead.

It's clear that our profit-based healthcare system cannot control costs. It's the most expensive and complicated health care in the world. As a result, health care is often unaffordable and unattainable for many, even with insurance. Health care is a basic human right that is violated when patients cannot get the care they need. This results in endless suffering and death.

We need to replace our current health care with a better system that works for patients. Improved Medicare for All would be a universal single-payer public healthcare plan covering everyone with all necessary care, preventive health, dental care

and other benefits – but without premiums, deductibles, co-payments and out of pocket expenses.

Improved Medicare for All would cover everyone, not just those over 65, with no payment at the point of service. Current employer and employee premium payments to private insurers would be eliminated. Improved Medicare for All would be financed by a modest employer and employee payroll tax. Dividends and interest over \$30,000 would be taxed. State spending on health care and federal monies would be directed into the health care trust fund which would become the single payer for all medical bills.

Improved Medicare for All would be publicly funded, but privately administered. Patients would be able to choose their doctors and hospitals, rather than having to stay in the current narrow networks of providers.

I believe we would all greatly benefit from Improved Medicare for All and I urge you to learn more about it and to support it.

MARIA TERMINI  
ROSLINDALE

### The right move on White House visit

#### Dear Editor,

Kudos to Alex Cora for opting out of the White House visit. I know there are other players who have chosen not to join the team's visit on principle, so congratulations to them for their courageous positions on a matter that the Red Sox staff keep trying to minimize in its significance.

No matter how confidently the organization's CEO Sam Kennedy claims the team's visit should be viewed as a matter of respecting the office and institution, this decision dishonors players of color, especially Latinos. For that matter, it disrespects those fans, both black and white, who recognize Trump as nothing more than a self-serving fraud,

whose sole aim seems to help increase the wealth and profits of the 1% , even at the cost of causing irreversible harm to our environment and the health and welfare of our citizens.

As many have said, the Red Sox could have chosen to visit disabled veterans in Washington or shelters for the homeless following the lead of the Houston Astros. If nothing else, they should have declined the invitation like the Golden State Warriors, or, more recently the NCAA champion University of Virginia team.

What is it about the optics that this otherwise enlightened organization doesn't get?

MICHAEL SPITZER

#### Dear Editor:

We hear stories daily of families fleeing violence in Central America who arrive at the southern border of the United States only to face additional trauma at the hands of immigration authorities. But border crises are not only happening far away. Right here in Boston and Massachusetts we have a less visible border that puts our neighbors and all of us in danger. It is the boundary that immigrants face between the light of open participation in civic life and the shadow of living in fear of arbitrary detention and deportation.

We have read this year of a construction worker, injured on the job, who was reported by Boston police to immigration authorities and detained so that his employer can avoid paying workers' compensation. We hear of a Boston high school student facing a deportation hearing because the non-violent argument he had with his peers was recorded by a school police officer in an incident report ultimately shared with immigration authorities. In their peaceful everyday lives, these people suddenly find themselves on the wrong side of a border that threatens to separate them from their families and livelihood.

When undocumented immigrants live in the shadows, the safety of our entire community is threatened. We are at risk when immigrants fear coming forward as witnesses to report crime, when they fear reporting domestic abuse, when they fear cooperating with local law enforcement. We must ask our lawmakers to help keep all of Massachusetts residents safe – both citizens and immigrants, documented and undocumented. Fortunately, a bill has been filed at the Statehouse to do just that.

The Safe Communities Act, renewed and streamlined, is in committee awaiting a hearing. This legislation is designed to restore community trust in police by limiting their entanglement in immigration matters and pro-

### Keep us all safe

tecting the civil rights of all of us within the Commonwealth. It sends a strong message that here in Massachusetts, law enforcement protects us all. The Safe Communities Act will also ensure that Massachusetts tax dollars go towards Massachusetts priorities instead of upending the lives of immigrants and their children across the state.

More locally, the Boston Trust Act, passed by the Boston City Council in 2014 to keep local police from detaining undocumented immigrants solely at the request of immigration authorities, needs updating. Boston police and Boston school police officers should not communicate or cooperate with immigration author-

ities when there is no credible evidence of criminal behavior.

We need our city and state lawmakers to keep us all safe by protecting those most vulnerable among us – immigrants who abide by the law while working and going to school every day with us. We ask the Boston City Council to update and strengthen the Boston Trust Act and we urge the Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security to advance the Safe Communities Act and begin building a safer community for all Massachusetts residents.

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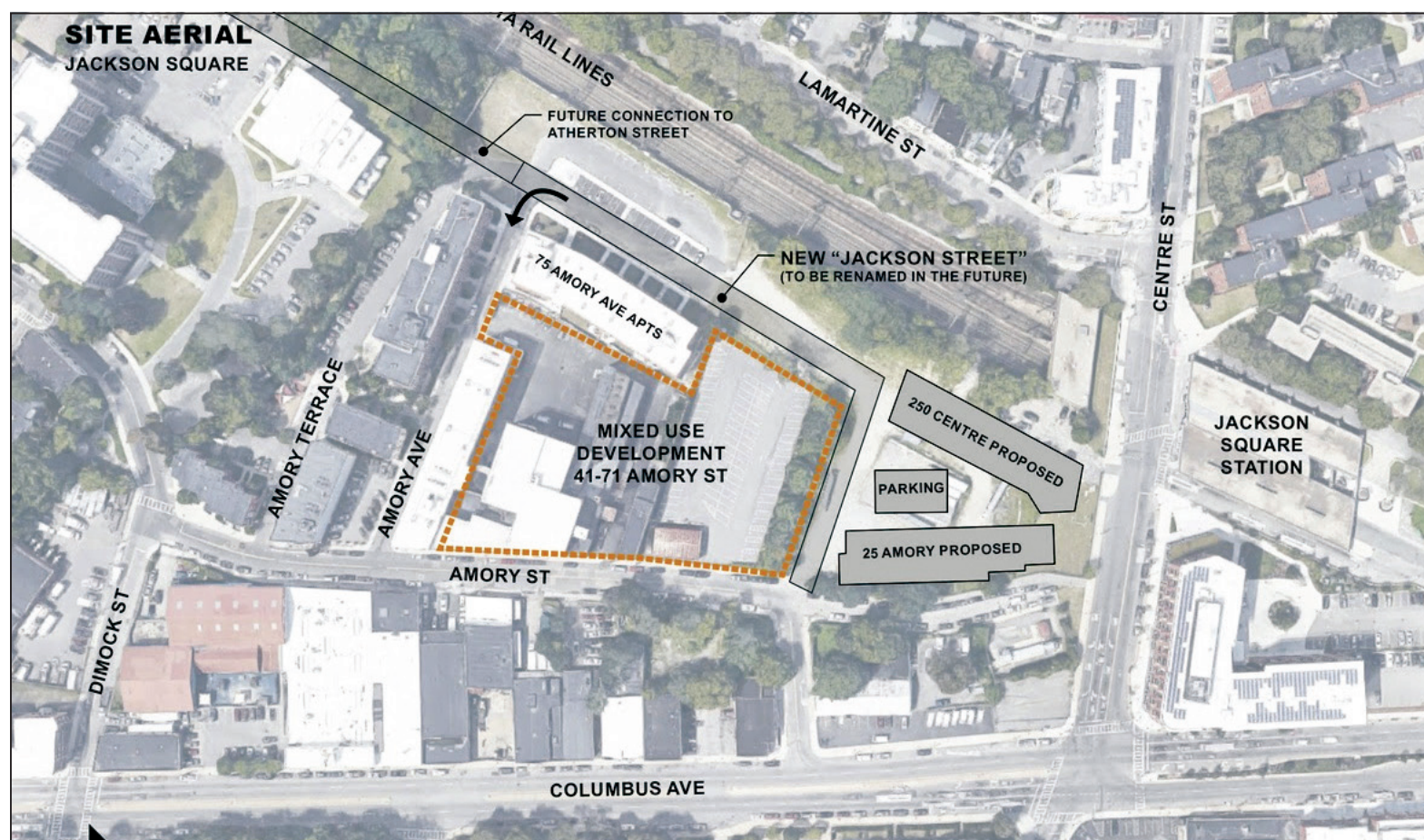
## New street planned at Jackson Square

Boston Community Ventures Inc. (BCV) and the Jackson Square Partners LLC (JSP) have signed a document that will lead to creation of a new street in Jackson Square that will enhance mobility and accessibility, and allow for future development of residential, commercial and other uses in the neighborhood.

BCV has been an early investor in the neighborhood since the 1990s, with a strong vision of renovating underutilized buildings and working with the community to establish commercial businesses that create a vibrant neighborhood with jobs and amenities for local residents.

BCV has long recognized the need for and has diligently worked toward the creation of an alternative public street in Jackson Square, which is at the intersection of Columbus Avenue and Centre Street.

In conjunction with the agreed-on transfer of land owned by the



MBTA and MassDOT to the JSP, BCV and its affiliates will donate a significant portion of its land to the City of Boston, as well as funding the design and construction of "New Jackson Street."

Under the agreement, BCV will pay for all design, engineering and construction of this new street as a gesture of support and nod to a vision of Jackson Square that embraces revitalization for existing and future residents and businesses.

This cooperative agreement between neighbors ensures that a portion of the street becomes a permanent public through street that will help to ease congestion in a tight corner of Jackson Square at Amory Street's terminus at Columbus Avenue. It will also provide an alternative through connection from Columbus Avenue to the Southwest Cor-

ridor and beyond to the Centre Street Business District.

"We anticipate that the contribution by BCV will be a new milestone and model for cooperation between private developers, City agencies and local community development corporations, all of whom share the common goal to create much needed housing for all income levels and to bring vitality and economic opportunity to Jackson Square," said Mordechai Levin, founder and principal of BCV.

The new public roadway, long envisioned by City of Boston planners, provides access for future new planned developments,

including Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Development Corporation's 44-unit building at 25 Amory St., The Community Builders' 112-unit building at 250 Centre St., and BCV's mixed-use development plan for the two-acre parcel at 41-71 Amory St. JPND and TCB are partners in Jackson Square Partners.

Construction of "New Jackson Street" is expected to be under way this summer. The east-west portion of what has been referred to, as New Jackson Street will be called Brewery Lane, and the north-south portion of the new street will be called Alliance Way.

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All sealed bids shall be filed electronically no later than 4:00pm on Monday, May 13, 2019 by login onto the City of Boston Procurement website as listed and accessing the above listed event number. The contract awarded pursuant to this invitation for bid will commence on or about July 1, 2019.

The attention of all bidders is directed to the provisions of the Invitation for Bids and contract documents, specifically to the requirements for bid deposits, insurance and performance bonds as may be applicable.

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

The maximum time for bid acceptance by the City after the opening of bids shall be ninety days (90 days). The City/County and the Official reserve the right to reject any or all bids, or any item or items thereof if found to be not in the best interest of the public.

William Morales  
Commissioner

## Becoming A Man (BAM) program a hit at English High

By John Lynds

A new program at English High School in Jamaica Plain supported by Youth Guidance in Chicago is making waves among young men at the school.

Becoming a Man (BAM) Boston, headed by former Boston Public School basketball coach Shawn Brown, creates and implements school-based programs that enable students to overcome obstacles, focus on their education and, ultimately, to succeed in school and in life.

"The pilot program, now expanding to more schools, seeks the same nationally-recognized outcomes, for young men of color at risk for poor academic out-

comes and/or involvement in the juvenile justice system, as BAM has achieved in Chicago," said Brown, Executive Director of BAM Boston.

In fact research by the University of Chicago Crime Lab has found that BAM reduces violent crime arrests by 50 percent and increases on-time high school graduation rates for youth in under-resourced communities.

Under the leadership of Brown, BAM is now serving about 150 young men at English High, the Jeremiah Burke High School, East Boston High School and Dearborn STEM Academy shared campus and the John O'Bryant School of Mathematics. Future plans include expansion to nine

Boston schools by the 2019-20 academic year to support more than 450 young men.

"Building upon Youth Guidance's BAM program's success last year, we launched into two new Boston schools this year, East Boston High School and Tech Boston Academy," said Brown. "As a result, BAM is growing to serve 300 students – we call scholars – across Boston's Jamaica Plain, Dorchester, Roxbury, and East Boston neighborhoods during the 2018-19 school year. And to deepen BAM's impact, Boston Public Schools recently announced a two-year funding commitment that will grow to serve 450 students by 2020."



## Jamaica Plain Historical Society News

The Jamaica Plain Historical Society announces the following events in the coming weeks:

### JPHS Walking Tours are Coming!

For the 24th year, the Jamaica Plain Historical Society will offer a series of walking tours each Saturday morning at 11:00 a.m. Tours will start on May 11th and the season will run through September. This year, we are excited to be able to offer two tours in Spanish (Hyde Square on July

13th and again on September 14th). We will also bring back the very popular Southwest Corridor Park that premiered in 2015...on Sunday, July 28th at 11:00 a.m.

The 2019 tour schedule is up on our website.

### Summer Kitchen Opening

In Jamaica Plain, we are lucky to have an intact summer kitchen from the early 19th century within the Loring-Greenough House. Tours will be offered on Saturday, May 11th

from 4-6:00 p.m. The summer kitchen and laundry room were added to the main house as part of the construction of the 1811 ell and remain remarkably preserved. New this year: fun kids activities related to the 19th-century kitchen — ice cream making (old-time crank machine!), rug beating, apple peeling, laundry wringing, and more! A reception will be held on the 19th-century farm table with free, delicious refreshments!



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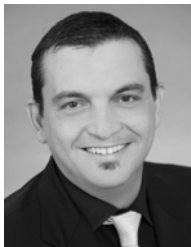
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