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BSO COMMUNITY CONCERT



PHOTO BY MIKE MEJIA

Boston Symphony Orchestra violinist Julianne Lee is encouraged by the audience moments after playing an engaging Beethoven piece at Curtis Hall on Jan. 12 during the Boston Symphony Orchestra's Community Concert in Jamaica Plain.

SNA oye propuesta para el lote de BMS Paper

BY LAUREN BENNETT

La Asociación de Vecinos de Stonybrook (SNA) se reunió para su reunión mensual el 13 de enero.

-BMS Paper Co.

SNA escuchó una presentación para la renovación de BMS Paper Co. en 3390 Washington St. Los desarrolladores están proponiendo un proyecto de 359 mil pies cuadrados con 148 unidades

residenciales, 148 plazas de aparcamiento y un posible espacio comercial en la planta baja.

El dueño Bob Harrington espera tener una tienda de comestibles independiente y crear una sala comunitaria. El proyecto también puede incluir un jardín en el techo además de los 7.500 pies cuadrados de espacio verde actuales en el sitio.

Harrington dijo que parte del edificio actual está en ruinas y

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10 Stonley development project receives denial from JPNC Zoning Committee

BY LAUREN BENNETT

The Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council (JPNC) Zoning Committee held a very well attended meeting on January

22, where neighbors packed the room to discuss issues they had with several projects on the agenda.

387-399 Centre St.

First on the agenda was 387-399 Centre St., at which the project proponents want to convert an existing beauty salon into a

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Kelly Rink: a hard-fought resource for the neighborhood

BY SETH DANIEL

On most every Saturday morning in the cold winter months, bundled up families and children pack onto Marbury Terrace to a little sheet of ice abutting the Orange Line tracks.

They laugh.

They shiver.

But above all, they learn to skate.

The Kelly Rink, the only

state-operated outdoor rink in the Commonwealth, is celebrating its 20th year in existence this winter season – an amenity won over in a compromise between the state and a dedicated group of JP neighbors in 1999. Now, though it isn't getting as much general public use as it did a few years back, few would know that on a Saturday morning.

The Friends of the Kelly Rink have run a successful Learn to

Skate program there since 2004-2005, and Friend Steven Glickel – a retired teacher and long-time JP resident – said they have about 180 kids and adults signed up for this year's version of Learn to Skate.

"What has happened is the Kelly Rink is a great resource for the community," said Glickel. "That's good for us because there

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SNA hears BMS Paper proposal

BY LAUREN BENNETT

The Stonybrook Neighborhood Association (SNA) met for its monthly meeting on January 13, where the community heard a presentation for the redevelopment of the BMS Paper Co. lot located at 3390 Washington St.

Chris Tracy of O'Neill and Associates, the consultant for BMS Paper, said that the proposal is about 359,000 square feet of development on the roughly two

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LEARN-TO-SKATE AT KELLY RINK



PHOTO BY MIKE MEJIA

Brasly De La Cruz leads her cohort during a game of Red Light, Green Light at the Kelly Rink's popular Learn to Skate program. The rink is 20 years old now, and while the usage is a bit down, programming like the Learn to Skate is skyrocketing.

SNA Proposal

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acres of land that BMS Paper has occupied for the past 30 years. The current proposal is 148 residential units with consideration of a restaurant/retail use on the ground floor in a six-story addition on the back of the existing warehouse building.

Tracy said that though nothing is filed yet with the city for this project, they really wanted to come out to the community first to present the proposal before going to the city.

Tracy said that prior to coming to the SNA, project proponents have also met with Lindsey Santana from the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services, City Councilor Matt O'Malley's office, and direct abutters on all sides of the site.

"We're here to have a discussion," Tracy said.

BMS Paper owner Bob Harrington said that part of the current building needs to come down, as it is "dilapidated."

"I'd like to convert some of that space...into things that the community could use," Harrington said. He hopes to have a community grocery store, something the Stonybrook community has expressed a need for in the

past. He said that he would operate the grocery store himself and not bring in an independent grocer. Additionally, Harrington wants to have a community space where people can have functions like birthday parties and community meetings.

"I'm not a developer; I want to stay in the community," Harrington said. "I want to work with the community; I feel I'm part of the community." He said he wanted the redevelopment to be a place the community can rely on.

The empty area in the back of the lot abuts Pine Street Inn, Harrington said, adding that they are working with Pine Street Inn to make both projects work together.

Additionally, "I really wanted to keep the old warehouse building and rehab it," he said, and possibly add a roof deck on the top of the existing building. The front of the building would be restored and landscaped, and the team hopes to install some sort of green roof on the buildings. The existing building currently has a lot of blocked up windows, so the team wants to open them up and bring a more historic look back to the facade.

148 parking spaces are proposed for the site—that's a total

for both the retail and residential portions. A parking garage would be cut into the back of the hill on the property for these spaces.

The addition for the residential portion would start behind the existing building.

SNA member Jennifer Uhrhane asked if it was necessary to develop the entire lot, as she feels there is not enough green portions proposed to have a large area of open space. "It seems like the majority of the green space is little strips here and there," she said.

David O'Sullivan of O'Sullivan Architects said that even without the proposed green roof, there is about 7,500 square feet of green space.

Another resident said that BMS has "been a great neighbor," but Jennifer's concerns about the amount of usable green space in this proposal were shared by several others as well.

In general, neighbors were supportive of the redevelopment of the site and were excited about the grocery store.

Fred Vetterlein said that while he is in favor of the project happening, he believes that there is "too much volume going straight up four stories," he said.

"They seem very open to making changes and making it

work for the neighborhood," SNA Steering Committee member Jonathan McCurdy said. Another comment was in favor of the housing since it is needed in the neighborhood, but the neighbor said he would like to see the development "as pedestrian-friendly as possible."

The project proponents said they would keep in contact with the community as this project progresses, but this was a preliminary introduction to what Harrington wants to do on his site.

Shattuck Letter

SNA Steering Committee member Wyley Proctor presented the same letter as was presented last month in favor of returning the Shattuck Campus to Franklin Park. This month, she was looking for a vote from the SNA to put the organization's name on the letter.

The letter proposes that the services currently offered by the Shattuck Hospital not be put back into Franklin Park once the hospital moves to the South End, and cites that other nearby state buildings would be better suited for these services and affordable housing units that are being discussed for the area.

A neighbor who said she was part of the Boston Tenant Coalition as well as the Shattuck Campus planning process said that she does not agree with the letter and believes that these services do belong in the park. "Let's make this a place that can be shared space," she said.

She said that "there's plenty of green space that I don't think we need to take that 13 acres [that would be used for the services]."

She said that the state heard that people want a variety of things from Franklin Park, and it can be used for shared things like community gardens both for the public and for people living there.

"My point is not it's either supportive housing or park land," she said. She said she believes the goal is "to make it feel like the community is getting back some of that space and making it look beautiful and having services available to everybody. I want to make sure that it's clear that that is what's on the table."

She said she is "familiar" with the Arborway Yard, which Proctor has brought up several times as an alternative location for these services. The neighbor said that that space is a "totally different arm of the state," and it's been difficult to put affordable housing there in the past.

"I don't think you're going to find anyone in this organization who is against affordable housing," Proctor said. She said that a lot of Franklin Park is taken up by things like the zoo, and many people in Jamaica Plain do not have backyards, so Franklin Park is in need of more open space to provide that experience for residents.

"If we lose and the land goes to this project, I would hope that they would not have it closed off, fenced off, isolated from the park," Proctor said.

Vetterlein said he was also against the letter, as he believes it should not be a case of housing versus park land, and several other neighbors agreed that the SNA should not vote on this letter as a body, but rather as individuals who support the idea.

Natalie Kaufman, Staff Director for Rep. Liz Malia, said that the state statute limits the use of the land to public health, and that people in Dorchester, Roxbury, and Mattapan also abut the park and recognize the need for the housing and services that this land could offer.

Another neighbor commented that "these services are needed" and "I will vote against the letter and I want this to move forward, and I think it's a fine use of public space."

The SNA had four votes to put the SNA's name on the letter, four against, and seven members abstained. The group was unsure of what to do in the case of a tie, so they decided to table the topic for the time being and said that people can look into the issue more on more of an individual level if it is of interest to them.

Community Room

An update was also given on the community room inside the ExtraSpace storage facility at 141 McBride St. The community room is one of the benefits negotiated by the SNA with the developers of 3521-3529 Washington St., and the SNA is currently looking for a nonprofit partner organization to take on the responsibilities of running the room.

At last week's meeting, it was said that there are five expressions of interest in the room, but only two groups have formally submitted applications—(B)MEN, a black men's engagement group, and Company One Theatre. The team working on handling these applications said they will begin discussions with groups who have formally submitted applications first.



Public Meeting

Digital Signage

Monday, January 27

6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

1 City Hall Square

City Hall, 9th Floor Room 900

Boston, MA 02201

Project Proponent:

Digital Signage

Project Description:

The BPDA is recommending an adjustment in the permitted times for digital sign operation. Currently digital signs are permitted to operate between 7am and 2 am. The BPDA is recommending to change the permitted times of operation to 6am to 12am. Additionally, the BPDA is recommending changes to Section 11-7 of the Boston Zoning Code (Electronic Signs). The BPDA is recommending that language referencing Article 7 (Variances) be inserted into Section 11-7.

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Teresa Polhemus, Executive Director/Secretary

Deadline to apply for Forest Hills affordable units is approaching

BY JOHN LYNDIS

The City of Boston has opened up the application process for one of 50 affordable rental units that is part of the 3686 Washington St. project that is currently under construction known as the Residence at Forest Hills.

The application process opened on Jan. 16 and applications for one of the income restricted units will be available until Jan. 27. Application can be downloaded online at <https://tinyurl.com/3686wash> to be entered into the lottery. Applica-

tions must be submitted no later than Feb. 3.

The apartment building consists of studio, 1-, 2-, and 3-bedroom apartments, and income restricted units are available in all four types of apartments.

The project received BPDA approval in 2017 and construction on the development in Jan. 2018.

The project calls for the construction of a mixed-use commercial and residential development, creating approximately 5,500 square feet of streetfront retail and restaurant space, 252 housing units of which 50 will be



An artist rendering of the Residence at Forest Hills.

affordable units.

The project will enhance the urban context of the site by creating active ground floor retail uses which, together with the existing single-story commercial buildings along Washington Street and will complete the street wall

along the site's western edge.

The Project will also provide, pedestrian-oriented publicly-accessible open spaces including an open lawn to the south, and streetscape enhancements such as street trees, seating, and lighting.

The proposed design is composed of three main buildings. The building fronting Washington Street will provide five stories of residential units over ground floor retail space. The two buildings internal to the Project Site will provide 6 stories of residential units with one building tapering to 5 stories where it is closest to Tower Street and Orchardhill Road. The Project will incorporate multiple green building measures and will be Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certifiable as required by Article 37 of the City of Boston Zoning Code with a minimum goal of LEED Silver certification.

BPDA Income Restricted Housing Lottery Velo, 3686-3690 Washington Street, Boston MA 50 New BPDA Income Restricted Apartments for Rent

# of Units	# of bedrooms	Rent*	Max Income Limit (% AMI)
1**	Studio	\$785	50%
7	Studio	\$1,125	70%
2	Studio	\$1,635	100%
4	1BR	\$922	50%
22**	1BR	\$1,318	70%
1	1BR	\$1,913	100%
1	2BR	\$1,039	50%
6	2BR	\$1,492	70%
1**	2BR	\$2,172	100%
2**	3BR	\$1,162	50%
2	3BR	\$1,672	70%
1	3BR	\$2,437	100%

The breakdown of affordable units available.

SNA Propuesta

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necesaría caer. Quiere mantener el antiguo edificio del almacén y renovarlo.

Antes de llegar a la SNA, los proponentes del proyecto se han reunido con la Oficina del Alcalde, la oficina del Consejero Matt O'Malley y vecinos directos del sitio.

-El futuro de Shattuck

El miembro del Comité Directivo de SNA, Wyley Proctor, presentó una carta a favor de devolver el Campus de Shattuck a Franklin Park y de trasladar los servicios del hospital a otros edificios de propiedad estatal como Arborway Yard. Dijo que no estaba en contra de la vivienda asequible. Algunos residentes dijeron que Arborway Yard no era apropiada y que los servicios deben permanecer en el parque.

Natalie Kaufman, la directora de personal de la Representante

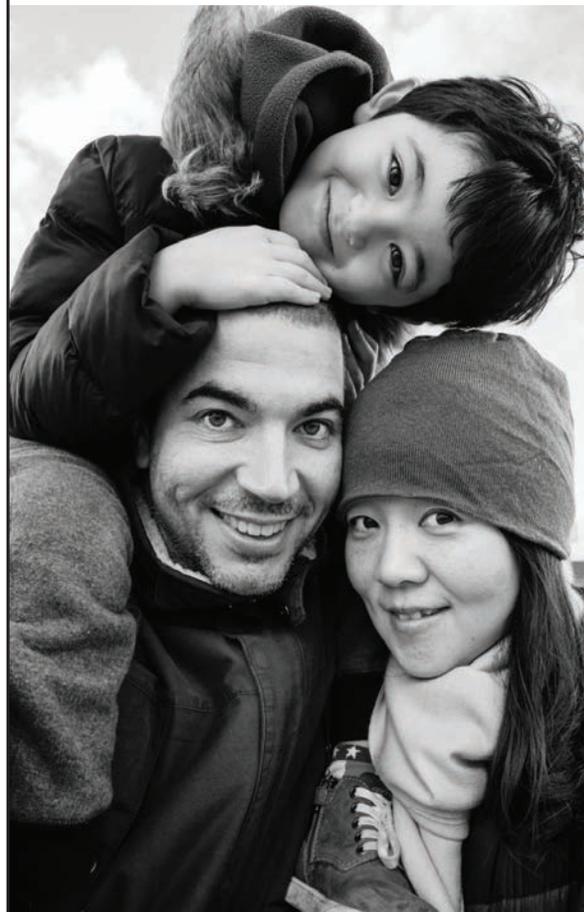
Liz Malia, dijo que el estatuto estatal limita el uso de la tierra a la salud pública, y que los vecinos en Dorchester, Roxbury y Mattapan también reconocen la necesidad de la vivienda y los servicios que esta tierra podría ofrecer.

Cuatro miembros del SNA votaron a favor de la carta, cuatro votaron en su contra y siete no votaron.

-Sala comunitaria

La sala comunitaria dentro del depósito Extra Space Storage en 141 McBride Street es uno de los beneficios comunitarios negociados por SNA con los desarrolladores de 3521 a 3529 Washington Street. Actualmente, SNA está buscando una organización asociada sin fines de lucro para compartir las responsabilidades de administrar la sala. Cinco entidades locales han expresado su interés, pero sólo dos grupos han entregado solicitudes formales: un grupo de empoderamiento de los hombres de raza negra y un teatro comunitario.

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Kelly Rink

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would be no rental skates or no Learn to Skate programming. It's tough to do programming here because the rink is small. But it is the only outdoor rink in the state run by DCR (Department of Conservation and Recreation) and they do a great job keeping it open for us...We think that skating is a great activity. I think that 100 percent. It gives people something to do in the winter that is active and outdoors."

The Learn to Skate program, as well as the very affordable skate rental shack, is run in partnership with the Friends, the DCR and Ferris Wheels Bike Shop. It is the largest program at the rink, and in reality, the only program. It started when the Friends found two experienced figure skaters that lived in JP and were willing to take over the program. That was enhanced when they got a grant to supplement the program from the U.S. Figure Skating Association. Since that time, the skates have been flying off the shelves, and the ice has been cut up by kids and adults taking on the pastime – a pastime that is growing more popular these days as people try to find ways to be active in Boston's long winters.

JP resident Kristina Tobey wholeheartedly agrees.

Having lived in JP for sever-

al years, she and her husband didn't even know the rink existed for a long time. However, they discovered it a few years back and now have their kinds involved in Learn to Skate.

She said if it was ever threatened with closure, they would fight for it.

"We live right up the road so the proximity cannot be beat," she said. "It's really affordable, and that is one reason our family has done the lessons the last two years. We have loved it; the teachers are great and having the kids learn to skate is fantastic. The rink is really accessible to everyone and you see people from the community. In the winter, people hibernate a lot, so coming out here kind of reunites everyone.

"I think it should stay here," she continued. "I would fight for it if they wanted to take it away again. I would definitely fight for that."

Having the rink is a real amenity for JP, as there are really no other skating opportunities in the areas of Jamaica Plain, Roxbury, the South End or Mission Hill. Many years ago, the Melnea Cass Rink in Roxbury was dismantled, and was never re-opened as an ice rink. The nearest state-owned rink otherwise would be in Brookline or West Roxbury – too far of a journey just for casual skating.

That brings one to the history of the Kelly Rink – which is about as important to know as how to get up on skates.

The Kelly Rink for decades existed on the Jamaicaaway by

Daisy Field. It was a full-scale indoor rink that supported public skating, hockey teams and youth sports. In 1992, for reasons still not entirely known, the state decided to close the rink down. The promise to the community was always that they would re-build the old one, but that promise seemed to slip away.

One day in 1997, as several youth sports advocates were coaching baseball for the Regan League, they saw bulldozers moving in to tear down the old Kelly Rink. That spawned protests, a complete shutdown of the Jamaicaaway by adults and youth, and years of fighting by advocates like Glickel, Bill Allan, Michael Frank, Virginia Clifford, Tom O'Malley and Margaret Noce – a group that now forms the Board of the Friends group.

Those protests and that advocacy eventually made a difference, and using vacant MBTA land next to the Orange Line, the Marbury Terrace temporary rink was put in place.

Twenty years later, it has become much more permanent than anyone ever believed.

The DCR invested \$925,000 to rebuild the Rink in 2009, putting down a new ice slab, re-fridgeration piping, new dasher boards and three new support buildings that serve as a skate shop and a warming center. Before the start of this skating season, the DCR replaced the re-fridgeration equipment at a cost of \$270,000.

The state said it is a unique facility because of the outdoor

aspect. Because it is outdoors, weather plays a key role in the operations. If it's too warm, it might have to shut down. If there is a ton of snow, that has to be shoveled and removed.

That is well-known to Rink Managers Dave Fabiano and Tom Bowen, who started out working at the Kelly Rink in 1999, and returned in 2014 – just in time for the worst winter on record in 2015.

"We're always down here and we're open," Bowen said. "When we had all of that snow, we got the snow out and opened the next day every time. We were open every day after those storms. Just a day's work."

The Rink sees about 300 visitors per week, which is a good number, but a considerable drop-off from a few years ago.

Glickel said they're trying to figure out why fewer people are taking advantage of the public skate time, but don't exactly know why.

"The rink used to be crazy and packed a few years ago, especially on a Friday or Saturday evening, but for the last two years the usage has dropped off," he said. "We really don't know why. We're trying to figure it out. Maybe people forgot about us. We encourage people to show up and thank the state for keeping this open for us."

Aside from the public, several public schools and the YMCA are regular visitors with large groups, as well as local church groups and day care centers.

However, one fact does remain 20 years out from the Kelly

Rink opening. That fact is that the Rink was to be temporary.

While Glickel is happy to see the outdoor rink in operation and used, he also said the Friends would like to also see a full indoor DCR rink facility in JP so kids could learn to play hockey and there could be figure skating lessons year-round. That dream came close to happening when Urban Edge and the state had proposed a semi-public rink in the Jackson Square area. That idea gathered much excitement, but ended up fizzling out last summer as costs soared.

Now, the Friends are left with an outdoor rink that is nice, but also dream for something more permanent like is seen in Dorchester, West Roxbury, East Boston and Hyde Park.

"Our dream was and still is to have an indoor facility," said Glickel. "The kids in the community would love to learn to play hockey and learn to figure skate while staying in the neighborhood. We would love to see English High have a hockey team and win a state championship here in JP. That was our dream. We've been at it 27 years."

The Kelly Rink operates from early December through the first week of March, and it is weather-dependent. The skating hours are noon to 7 p.m. seven days a week, and skates are available to rent for a very affordable price. Residents with skates are welcome to bring their own and use them. Helmets are advised.

To get involved in the Friends of the Kelly Rink, e-mail them at kelly.rink@yahoo.com

LEGAL NOTICES

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon St.
Boston, MA 02114
(617)788-8300
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL APPOINTMENT OF SUCCESSOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
Docket No. SU00P0200AD
Estate of: Mary B. Fitzgerald
Date of Death: 10/17/1999

To all interested persons: A Petition has been filed by: Linda Olmstead of Jamaica Plain, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order that Linda Olmstead of Jamaica Plain, MA be appointed as Successor Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve With Personal

Surety on the bond and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on 2/13/2020. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you. The estate is being administered under formal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but recipients are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including

distribution of assets and expenses of administration. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: January 2, 2020 Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

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Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon St.
Boston, MA 02114
(617)788-8300
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Docket No. SU20P0007EA
Estate of: Peter Fitzpatrick
Date of Death 11/02/2019
To all interested persons: A Petition for S/A - Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and

Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Ira H. Grolman of Boston, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Ira H. Grolman of Boston, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve With Corporate Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration. IMPORTANT NOTICE You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 02/20/2020. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: January 16, 2020 Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Suffolk Probate and Family Court

24 New Chardon St.
Boston, MA 02114
(617)788-8300
CITATION ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT
Docket No. SU18P1530PM
Estate of:

Anatoly Zelikov
A Petition for Order of Complete Settlement has been filed by Andre Zelikov of Woburn, MA requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition. IMPORTANT NOTICE You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 02/13/2020.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to file a

timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: January 16, 2020 Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

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

Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon St.
Boston, MA 02114
Docket No. SU19D2361DR
Luis M. Matos Mendez Plaintiff vs. Ana J. Reyes

Zabala Defendant
To the Defendant: The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable breakdown. The Complaint is on file at the Court. An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411. You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon Luis M. Matos Mendez, 277 Centre St. #149, Jamaica Plain, MA your answer, if any on or before 02/20/2020. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of his action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court. Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: November 26, 2019 Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

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LEARN -TO-SKATE AT KELLY RINK

PHOTOS BY MIKE MEJIA

Participants of all ages bundled up on a cold Saturday morning for the Learn to Skate program at the Kelly Rink on January 18. Spectators watched

from the edge of the rink as their friends and siblings showed off their flair on the ice. Despite the weather, everyone shared smiles and laughs during the family friendly spectacle.



Instructor Chase Fishbaw leads his group during the Learn to Skate program.



Jacob Bor puts on Caleb Bor-Parrilla's skates.



Shown above: Suhaylah Herrera practices skating backwards during the learning session.



Shown right: Instructor Kimberly Rand led the adult students during the Learn to Skate program.



Instructor Misha Ockene helps Caleb Edwards turn during the learning session.



Joel and Mandala Sindelar of Jamaica Plain.



Shown right: Orlando Lionette takes a second to rest on the edge of the rink.



Sisters Adelyn, 10, and Lyla Sullivan, 5, wait at the rink entrance for their turn to skate.

Valentine's Fundraiser!

A benefit for the School Box Program for Refugee Children in Mexico
 Saturday, February 15
 12-3pm Bella Luna Restaurant
 284 Amory Street, JP 02130
 Pizza, Music, Treats! Family Friendly!

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Cassellius releases framework for public school strategic plan

BY SETH DANIEL

After more than six months of visits to all 135 school buildings in the Boston Public School district, and conducting more than 100 community meetings, Supt.

Brenda Cassellius submitted her final strategic plan to the Boston School Committee last week.

It's a plan that, Cassellius and administration officials said, came together with the advice of thousands of voices from all over

Boston – voices that included parents, teachers, community groups, students and elected officials. It will be a roadmap for Supt. Cassellius and contains general goals for the district. The bones of those goals will be filled in with specifics on Feb. 5 when she submits her School Budget draft to the School Committee.

That's when parents in Boston will know with more certainty how the strategic plan will specifically affect schools in JP, particularly with the re-organization of the City's high schools and the proposal to potentially build a new school near Jackson Square.

That budget plan is expected to be voted on by the Committee Feb. 26.

For now, though, Cassellius is looking for input and attention on her strategic plan released last week.

Instead of goals in that plan, she has released commitments to the families, students, staff and overall Boston community for BPS going forward under her leadership.

The five commitments outlined in the plan include:

- Eliminate Opportunity and

- Achievement Gaps.
- Accelerate Learning
- Amplify All Voices
- Expand Opportunity, and
- Cultivate Trust.

Each commitment is tied to a set of priorities and progress will be measured by clear and measurable goals, district leaders said. The plan aspires to lift up and support schools, starting with those most in need, increase academic rigor in all grades across all schools, improve funding equity in the way resources are distributed, and provide deeper engagement with students and families.

"This plan, and the thousands of voices that played a part in shaping it, are a testament to the value Bostonians place on our students and their future," continued Superintendent Brenda Cassellius. "Together, we will hold ourselves accountable to these commitments through transparency, shared decision making, and regular reporting of our progress to better outcomes for all of our students."

Dr. Charles Grandson, chief equity and strategy officer at BPS, told the Sun the document contained input from around

2,100 unique voices from all across Boston – including several meetings in JP and visits to schools in JP.

He said one of the pieces of those commitments was around doing basic things better.

"What we heard from stakeholders was there was a real clear call to action from parents and families on improving basic things we're not fully doing," he said. "Those are things like maintaining school buildings, improving the cafeteria, heating and ventilation in the schools, and fair and equitable funding across all schools. We also heard a call for a clear and productive pathways from pre-school to graduation."

Other such examples, he said, included fixing transportation issues, making registration easier, having a rigorous curriculum across the district, better food/nutrition and improving opportunity for students with disabilities and who are English Learners.

"One clear goal is that every child, every classroom and every school gets what they need to

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Washington Street site lands in community hands of JPNDC

STAFF REPORT

On Jan. 7, after four years of community involvement and negotiations, the property at 3371-3375 Washington Street was purchased by the nonprofit Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Development Corporation (JPNDC) in partnership with New Atlantic Development (NAD).

Home to two Latino-owned businesses, El Embajador Restaurant and DeChain Auto Service, 3371-3375 Washington Street came to the attention of JPNDC in early 2016 when the businesses began accessing the group's free small business technical assistance services.

"This started as a concerted effort to keep El Embajador in the neighborhood, and turned into something much bigger," said JPNDC Executive Director Richard Thal. "We're proud to be able to take on a project that means so much to our community and helps keep it affordable."

3371-3375 Washington will be the second partnership be-

tween JPNDC and NAD, which together redeveloped the former Blessed Sacrament parish campus between 2005 and 2011.

"As with all our projects in Boston neighborhoods, we see this one as a responsibility," said NAD owners Bill Madsen Hardy and Brian Goldson. "The people who benefit from revitalization should be those who need it most, and that's what will happen with 3371-3375 Washington Street."

High-level Boston officials played an essential role in the negotiations between JPNDC/NAD and the seller, City Realty. The victory helps the City move toward the very ambitious affordability goal—40% of future units in newly planned areas to be income restricted—that came out of the "JP/Rox" planning process that ended three years ago. "Without the City's leadership and the active engagement of many people in the community, we would never have reached this milestone", Thal said.

JPNDC's and NAD's preliminary plan is to construct a new building with affordable senior apartments and ground-floor re-

tail space. The retail space would be made available to the owners of El Embajador, providing them with a new home for years to come if they so choose.

"Our next step is to start a planning process in which community members can help shape the project," said JPNDC Community Organizing Director Giovanni Valencia. "Every development project has its challenges and we know this one will have its fair share. We want people to be part of figuring it out."

Housing costs along Wash-

ington Street between Forest Hills and Egleston Square have rapidly escalated as more than 800 new market-rate units, with rents starting at \$2,300, have gone into construction over the past six years.

During or prior to construction, which will not begin until 2022 at the earliest, the businesses will need to relocate. JPNDC and NAD will pay relocation costs for both businesses in accordance with the Uniform Relocation Act (URA). DeChain Auto is already exploring other

sites, as auto service would not be compatible with a residential building.

"We would be thrilled to have El Embajador back on the site, if that's what they choose," said Thal.

The developers received funding to purchase the property through the Community Economic Development Assistance Corporation (CEDAC), Department of Neighborhood Development's (DND) Site Acquisition Program, and Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC).

Walsh appoints Kate Bennett as Administrator of the BHA

Mayor Martin J. Walsh last week announced the appointment of Kate Bennett as Administrator of the Boston Housing Authority (BHA), the public agency charged with providing affordable housing to more than 58,000 residents in the City of Boston and surrounding communities.

Bennett was named Acting Director of the BHA in July, following the departure of the for-

mer longtime Administrator, the late Bill McGonagle, who retired after 40 years of public service at the BHA.

"Kate brings a wealth of experience to this role. She has worked closely on the BHA's preservation and redevelopment initiatives, as well as with resident leaders to further expand resident empowerment throughout the organization," said Mayor Walsh. "I am excited to have

her on board to help continue to lead the BHA's efforts forward to house our most vulnerable families throughout the city."

Bennett began her BHA career in 1998 as a Senior Planner and previously served as Senior Deputy Administrator. As Administrator, Bennett will oversee public housing and housing choice voucher programs that

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provide affordable housing for more than 58,000 residents in the City of Boston and surrounding communities. She will also continue to spearhead redevelopment activities currently underway at several BHA developments, such as the Choice Neighborhoods revitalization at the Whittier Street public housing development in Roxbury, the redevelopment of Orient Heights in East Boston and at the Bunker Hill development in Charlestown.

"I am excited to step into this role and work with our residents, City partners, and the broader

community on the critical work of strengthening and preserving deeply affordable housing opportunities within the City," said Bennett.

Bennett has worked in affordable housing development, policy and planning for more than 25 years, with a particular focus on public housing revitalization. Prior to coming to the BHA, she managed affordable housing programs for the City of Chelsea and the City of Newton.

In her tenure at BHA, she has been instrumental in implementing several strategic initiatives for the Authority and its portfolio of more than 23,000 public housing and Section 8 units, including:

- More than \$1 billion in redevelopment initiatives and capital

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- Creation of an asset management division to ensure long-term preservation of deeply affordable units

- Expansion of the BHA's green, healthy housing and sustainability programs

- Expansion of resident empowerment and self-sufficiency initiatives

As Director of Planning and Real Estate Development, she played a key role in redevelopment initiatives at the Washington Beech development in Roslindale and at the Maverick development in East Boston. Bennett holds a Masters in City Planning from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. She lives in Roslindale with her family.

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achieve the highest potential," he said. "These are strategies. Supt. Cassellius did not outline goals, but rather five commitments."

One of the unique pieces in her plan calls not only for high-quality schools in all neighborhoods, but also "joyful classrooms," a statement not often seen in a strategic document.

"It is unique and we want school to be a place young people want to be and the school environment to be happy so they can thrive," he said.

Another piece that parents will be anxious to see more about is a new customer service approach to the central office and regional leadership. As part of a regional effort in the strategy, superintendents will once again

be in charge of schools within a region of the city.

Hiring a more diverse pool of teachers, staff and administrators is also a priority in the new strategy so that those leading the schools reflect the demographic population of the district – which overall is predominantly made up of black and Hispanic students.

A strategy involving the upkeep, maintenance and construction of buildings is to re-evaluate the steps toward following BuildBPS- the \$1 billion commitment announced by Mayor Martin Walsh two years ago to fix, maintain and build new schools. By bringing a Capital Strategic Plan, they hope to stretch out the BuildBPS initiative for more of a long-term strategy.

"A capital strategic plan will allow us to see where we're going over a longer period of time," he said.

The new plan builds upon

the Boston School Committee's current strategic plan, which was created through a community-driven process in 2013, 2014 and 2015. The next phase of this process includes continued community engagement through a 30-day public comment period through February 14. Community members can review and comment on the strategic plan at bostonpublicschools.org/strategicplan or attend an in-person review of the plan during the following public meetings:

- Ja. 30 at East Boston Library, 365 S Bremen St, East Boston

- Feb. 6 at Condon Community Center, 200 D St, South Boston

- Feb. 11 at Thelma D. Burns Building, 575 Warren St, Dorchester

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ing studio team said has 30 signatures of support.

There are two other body art studios in the neighborhood, and the team said they have 18 years of experience with body piercing in Providence, Rhode Island. The team proposed to make changes to the facade, including removing the metal grating, painting, and redoing the exterior lighting.

The issue at the meeting was not with the proposal itself, but with a dispute between the body piercing team, the hair salon owner, and the landlord of the building.

The owner of the hair salon, called Beauty Master, is Saul Cifuntes, who said he has operated that salon for 15 years. He said that the owner of the building increased the rent and “didn’t come clear to me with a new lease,” asking him to “take it or leave it.” He said he has signatures from his customers and neighbors supporting him, and a dozen or more people came to the meeting in support of him as well.

The piercing team said they had a private meeting with the landlord, Lindsey Santana from the Mayor’s Office, and Cifuntes “under the impression that this matter was settled.” They said they have signed a lease and paid first and last month’s rent plus a security deposit. They also said they applied for the space after seeing a “For Lease” sign in the window in late June or July of last year.

“I think someone should be paying attention to this and doing something about this, but what are we supposed to do about it?” David Baron, Chair of the JPNC Zoning Committee, said. He said this was an issue involving a landlord and a displacement of a business, and is not really a matter to be decided upon by the Zoning Committee.

“I don’t want to recommend a denial on something that has nothing to do with this tenant and this business, but on the other hand why is this happening?” he continued, referring to Cifuntes showing up to the meeting “feeling like [he] got a raw deal.”

Santana confirmed that after the abutters meeting, she met with Cifuntes, the piercing team, and the landlord, but she was unsure if Cifuntes and the landlord made any deals in writing.

“This is something that should have been settled long before it came here,” JPNC Zoning Committee member Marie

Turley said.

One of Cifuntes’ customers said that Cifuntes has been telling him how “stressful” the process has been, and how he has talked with the landlord about sharing the space with the piercers but no agreement has been reached.

After further discussion, the Zoning Committee voted to defer this proposal until the matter can be resolved with the landlord. Baron also recommended that Cifuntes reach out to Hyde/Jackson Main Streets to see how they might be of assistance as well.

35 Brookley/10 Stonley

The proposal at 35 Brookley Rd. (officially referred to as 10 Stonley by the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA)) has been one that has caused great opposition throughout the community (and especially the Stonybrook Neighborhood Association (SNA), as many feel that the size and scale of the project is not appropriate for the neighborhood. The Zoning Committee voted to oppose the project based on feedback heard from the community and the Stonybrook Neighborhood Association.

The proposal for the site consists of 45 units in a four story, 49 foot tall building. Five of the units will be affordable artist live/work spaces, along with five additional affordable units. There are 19 parking spaces. There will also be a mural by the entrance of the building.

The team said that they have gone through BPDA small project review and have been approved, and are now seeking zoning relief. The building needs relief for use, Floor Area Ratio, height, rear yard setbacks, and parking.

“What we have currently approved by the BPDA works financially,” said developer Matt Zahler. “We have engaged with the SNA on many occasions,” he continued, and said they continue to work with the SNA subcommittee “to refine the design and make changes that people requested.” Additionally, he said they met with the JPNC housing committee, who wrote them a letter asking them to continue working with the SNA on the specific concerns they have around the project.

Jennifer Uhrhane, who is a member of the SNA and the co-chair of its subcommittee regarding this project, said at the meeting that “there have been some changes made, but our opinion is that the project has not changed in footprint or density since first proposed to us in May.”

As has been said at several community meetings, she said the SNA believes that the project team has made a lot of good aesthetic changes to the building, but the footprint of the building has not really changed.

Uhrhane said the SNA is also opposed because it does not comply with PLAN: JP/ROX, and shadow studies show it will block light from nearby triple decker homes. “Stedman Street will only have light at noon” three seasons out of the year, she said. “None of the setbacks are in compliance with the PLAN:JP/ROX.”

She also said another issue the SNA has is the small space it creates between the abutting building on Stonley Road. The organization has asked for a centralized green space in this location. Uhrhane also said that the SNA would like to see the elimination of the units facing 76 Stonley, but was told this was not possible.

“We’re not asking for nothing to be there; we’re not asking for triple deckers,” she said. “What we’re asking for is a better proposal. We certainly do want to have affordable units—we want to hear how many units could happen with a smaller project,” she said. At its January meeting, the SNA voted to submit a letter of opposition for this project to the city.

Another neighbor made the comment that she believes the shadow studies are “being glossed over,” as the shadows cast by this building will impact the quality of life of those who live in the surrounding triple deckers. “We are not against your development; we need to work with you more. It’s dismaying to me that it sailed through the BPDA.”

An abutter on 42 Brookley said that there was an overall concern about the size of the building, the density, and the parking ratio on the surrounding streets. Zahler said they are in discussion with the Boston Transportation Department about street parking along Stonley and Brookley.

Emma Wright, an abutter at 31 Brookley and also a co-chair of the SNA subcommittee, said that a smaller building was needed as well, and that she worries about “creating a speed tunnel” through these bigger developments to the smaller surrounding buildings with yards.

“I want something there... and people who are members of the community,” she said, but she said wants the building to have less massing.

Zoning Committee Kevin Moloney thought the project should

be deferred, as it does not yet have a Zoning Board of Appeal (ZBA) date, and he said it doesn’t comply with several guide-lines. “We owe it to the SNA and the neighbors to support them,” he said.

One member of the Zoning Committee said he fully supports the project and “thinks it looks awesome,” but he understands the concerns put forth by the direct abutters about how it will affect their quality of life.

Turley said that the consensus seemed to be that neighbors aren’t opposed to development, but they want something that fits better within the context of the neighborhood.

“We are at the end of the road financially,” the team said, adding that they wanted a vote in-stead of a deferral.

The Zoning Committee ultimately ended up voting seven to four to oppose the project.

3305 Washington St.

A proposal for 15 units and a commercial space was present

for the lot at 3305 Washington St. Project proponents said that the lot is currently not occupied, and includes one apartment and a commercial space. The commercial space was proposed to be used as office space.

Of the 15 proposed units, three will be affordable, and all units will have an exterior balcony. There will be interior trash and bike storage as a result of previous meetings with the community. The team said they started working on this project in mid-July of last year, and have been talking to neighbors and getting feedback.

The team went through more of the design of the project, which includes all non-wood materials for the facade, and the incorporation of the existing building into the new one.

Several neighbors expressed concern with the size of the building, the height, and parking and traffic issues. One said that the design was appreciated and liked that it would be a residential building.

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BOSTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA COMMUNITY CONCERT

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Boston Symphony Orchestra (BSO) musicians held a Community Chamber Concert at Curtis Hall on Sunday, January 12. The free concerts provide members of the community an opportunity

to connect with the BSO and its musicians, who held a reception following the hour-long engaging, high quality music performance. The next BSO concerts in Boston will be at the First Church in Roxbury on Sunday, March 8.



Shown above: Richard Howard and Brett Cook during the intermission. **Shown right:** Francois Augustin and his son, Andre, listen to the performance from the second floor.



Clockwise from top left: Boston Symphony Orchestra violinist Cathy Basrak is applauded by the audience while exiting. Charlotte, 3, Daniel, 9, and Hannah Driscoll, 6, were some of the youngest in attendance for the community concert. Hudson Leathers happily wraps an arm around his grandmother, Pat Leathers, while listening to the Beethoven String Quintet in C, Opus 29.



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BOSTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA COMMUNITY CONCERT



Beatie Ultimo and David Musen outside of Curtis Hall after the concert.



Shown above: Maureen Reen, Dennis O'Brien, Lyra O'Brien, and Marta Gredler.

Shown left: Arlene Greendlinger and Alice Diggs at the reception, following the hour-long BSO chamber concert.

Shown right BSO musician Cathy Basrak, Hilda Bell, and BSO musician Timothy Genis.



Boston Symphony Orchestra musicians Alexander Velinzon, Julianne Lee, Adam Ebensen, Cathy Basrak, and Steve Laraia playing Beethoven's String Quintet in C, Opus 29.



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Meetings

Stonybrook Neighborhood Association. Next meeting Monday, February 10, 7-9 pm, English High School Library, 144 McBride St. More/latest info: www.sna-jp.org

The Jamaica Pond Association will meet from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. on Monday, February 3, in the community room at the Jamaicaway Tower, 111 Perkins Street, Jamaica Plain. This is an open public meeting; Pondsiders who would like to take an active role in this neighborhood organization are encouraged to attend and consider joining the association. There is limited guest parking to the right of the main entrance; the site is a five-minute walk from the #39 bus stop at South Huntington Ave. and Perkins Street.

Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council. The Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council (JPNC) will hold its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 28 at 7:00pm at Farnsworth House, 90 South Street. On the agenda will be reports from the Working Committees. All interested residents are invited to attend.

The Public Service Committee of the Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 4 at 7:00pm at Curtis Hall, 20 South Street. On the agenda will be a request of Jamaica Mi Hungry LLC, doing business as "Jamaica Mi Hungry" at 225 Centre Street for a 7-Day Common Victualler (Restaurant) All Alcohol License with a 1:00am closing, with a seasonal outdoor patio for 15 seats, and an entertainment license for three (3) TVs, with Ernie Campbell as manager. All interested residents are invited to attend.

Police Community Relations Meeting will take

place on Thursday, February 6 at 6:30pm 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.

Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council Zoning Committee: The Committee's next upcoming meetings will be February 5. The agenda for that meeting will include 91 Green Street (construct an addition on the rear of the existing house to create an additional dwelling unit and a garage); 3171 Washington Street (new construction of a four-story building with nine residential units and one ground-floor commercial space); and 493 Walnut Avenue (construct new garage addition to new single-family dwelling). After February 5th, the Committee's next upcoming meetings will be February 19 and March 4.

Vacancy on the Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council People who are interested in the available seats on the Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council can contact Kevin Rainsford, chair of the Council at (617) 866-7672 or kprainsford@gmail.com or come to the monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 28 at 7:00pm at Farnsworth House, 90 South Street.

There is one vacancy At-large. The area map is available at <http://www.jpnc.org/jpnc-map/>. Please visit our website JPNC.org for updates

The Egleston Square Neighborhood Association will meet on Monday, February 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 Thursday of the month, 10:30am, Egleston Library, 2044 Columbus Ave. Info: Office of Rep. Malia, 617-722-2380

Franklin Park Community Workshop #1 Join us for our first Community Workshop about the Frank-

lin Park Master Plan and let us know what you would like to see for the future of the park on Tuesday, January 28, (*Snow Date: Thursday, January 30th) from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m Location: William J. Devine Golf Course Clubhouse, 1 Circuit Drive, Boston MA 02121 Link: <https://www.boston.gov/calendar/franklin-park-master-plan-community-workshop-1>

Can't make the meeting? Visit the project website (www.FranklinParkMasterPlan.com) to stay up-to-date and make sure to take our project survey!

Please feel free to share the attached event flyer and invite your networks to attend the workshop as well! We would love your help in getting the word out.

If you have any specific questions about the project feel free to reach out to the project manager, Lauren Bryant (Lauren.Bryant@Boston.gov), but hopefully we will see you next Tuesday at the workshop!

Youth/Families

Charming Chorus Concerts! The Greater Boston Intergenerational Chorus, directed by Joanne Hammil, invites all to our winter concert. Our 83 singers from 30 area towns, including Jamaica Plain, will perform an array of music in many styles (contemporary folk, jazz, classical, pop, gospel, multi-cultural, doo-wop), from powerful to humorous to gorgeous, in multi-part harmonies. Come share the fun and beauty!

The Chorus will perform on Saturday, January 25 at 4:00 p.m. at the First Parish of Watertown, 35 Church Street, behind Watertown Square Tickets: No advance purchase; \$10- \$20 suggested donation at the door. Everyone welcome.

For more information, see www.bostonchorus.net or contact Membership Chair Cindy (GBICmembership@gmail.com) or Director Joanne (joanne@joannehammil.com)

Kids on Wheels: Play and learn, every Sunday, 3 to 5 pm – Ferris Wheels Bike Shop

helps kids learn and practice safe riding skills while having lots of fun at the South Street Mall and tennis courts! Free helmet adjustments and free bike adjustments available. Heavy rain cancels. At the tennis courts at South Street and Carolina Avenue. 617-524-2453.

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

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 allirian@yahoo.com.

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.

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

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

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

Health/Fitness

parkrun is a grassroots, community running event, run by volunteers for the local running and walking community. We hold free timed 5k events every week. Everyone is invited to run, jog or walk for 5k (two laps around the pond). We

are very proud to be the first parkrun in Boston, MA. It's been a very successful initiative for getting people of all ages outside to exercise, and to meet members of their local community. We meet on Saturdays at 8:45 a.m. at the top of the Sugarbowl. Run starts at 9:00am. All welcome, all ages, all abilities.

Yoga, meditation and stress reduction classes at the MindBody 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 a.m., Franklin Park Golf Clubhouse parking lot. Info: alison.g.m.brown@gmail.com.

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

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

Seniors

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

Monthly Memory Cafe. January 27. 10:30-noon. Please join us for conversations that allow time to share memories, laughter and concerns. Participants experiencing memory lapses are welcome to attend –and anyone requiring special assistance should be accompanied by a caretaker. We will be working with collages. Refreshments will be provided by Laurel Ridge Rehabilitation and Skilled Care Center. The Memory Cafe is held the last Monday of every month so plan on February 24.

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

Sights & Sounds

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Special events

Community Bible Study, 11 am to noon, First Saturday of each month. Discussion, Lending Library of Bible Study Materials. Christian Science Reading Room, 351 Centre Street. 857 719-3432
JP Toastmasters meets the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at The Footlight Club in Jamaica Plain. The meeting will feature free food and drinks, introductions, and opportunities to practice speaking. As always, meetings are free for guests. JP Toastmasters is known for providing a warm, welcoming environment where members help each other improve their public speaking and leadership skills

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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.

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EVERY SUNDAY NIGHT 8:00 PM - 2:00 AM (FREE!): OPEN MIC AT THE MIDWAY Hosted by Angela Sawyer and Gabe Stoddard. Come one, come all! More info: <http://midwayorthehighway.com/>

1/24 (after Hippy Hour) 8:30pm (\$10.00): The Young Americans (A Tribute to David Bowie) with special guests Gene Dante & The Future Starlets
 Saturday 1/25 (Night Show) \$7.00: Firstbourne, Audio Vex, Frnemy, City of Dis

Saturday 1/25 (Day Show) 3pm (\$6.00): Soup, Hallam George and the Hallelujah Chorus, Eagle Jesus, Born Yesterday

Sunday 1/26 (Day Show) 3pm (\$7.00): Tempered, James and Tod of the Snap Daddies, Mass Bluesbreakers, Charles Coleman of House on Cliff

Monday 1/27 (\$6.00): Kala Baz, This Body Is All I Have In This World, Leisure, Tim Capozzi of LEIR

Tuesday 1/28 (\$5.00): Zack Bolles, Suzanne Friedman, Lady Malory Band, Cold Car

Wednesday 1/29 (\$7.00): Risqué Holiday, Super Pulp, The Sickie
 Thursday 1/30 (before Queeraoke) \$5.00: Rachel Lime

Friday 1/31 (after Hippy Hour) 8:30pm (\$10.00): HRT's Birthday Show with Shake, Baluchitherium, Absinthe Rose, and CE Skidmore
 Saturday 2/1 (Night Show): TBA
 Saturday 2/1 (Day Show) 3pm (\$8.00): Chandler Travis Philharmonic

Sunday 2/2 (Day Show): TBA
 Monday 2/3 (\$6.00): Faxi Moto, Unit One, Payton Gin, False Pocket
 Tuesday 2/4 (\$5.00): The Duchess Elizabeth von Teig, Conor Ryan Hennessy, Thomas Gunn, Mimi Tanski

Wednesday 2/5 (\$5.00): Sam Newcomer, Big Fuzzy, Dan Raney, Graham Gaines

Thursday 2/6 (before Queeraoke) \$5.00: Miilo

Friday 2/7 (after Hippy Hour) 8:30pm (\$7.00): Lucid Lynx, Above The Din, Luxury Deathrap, Heavy Hands

Jeanie Johnston Pub, 144 South St. Open Mic hosted by Tony Bluze, Sundays at 8 pm. More events at jeaniejohnstonpub.com.

Bella Luna & The Milky Way Weekly events include: Radio Mamba's Family Rumba, every Sunday 5pm-8pm, live Latin music. Every Monday Stump Trivia from 8-10 p.m., Teacher Tuesdays and Dirty Water Saloon line dancing for queer folks and allies at 7PM. Every Wednesday live music from 6:30 - 9:30 PM. Throwback Thursday from 6-8pm with rotating DJ's bardside. Visit www.milkyway-

[jp.com](http://www.milkyway-jp.com) for more late night events Thu-Sun.

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.

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

Dance and comedy

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

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.

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

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Jamaica Plain Branch Library

Jamaica Plain Branch Library, 30 South Street, Jamaica Plain (617) 524-2053 will be hosting the following events:

ESL Conversation Group. Every

Tuesday, 2-3:30 p.m.

Spanish Conversation Group. Every Saturday, 11:30-12:30. Sponsored by Roslindale Branch.

Connolly Branch Library

433 Centre St., 522-1960, www.bpl.org.

Just a reminder that we are very happy to receive book donations. The sale of books is the main source of income for the Friends. As you may know, we fund many needs at the library, including books for reading groups and children's programs.

The date for the 2020 book sale has been set for Saturday September 26.

Stonybrook Fine Arts, Make Your Own Wedding Rings workshop and teen & adult classes in welding, foundry and mold-making, ongoing, 24 Porter St. Info: stonybrookfinearts.com.

Woodworking, sewing, art classes, fiber arts, photography, book arts. Children, teens, adults, year round. Eliot School of Fine & Applied Arts, 24 Eliot St. Info: eliotschool.org or 524-3313.

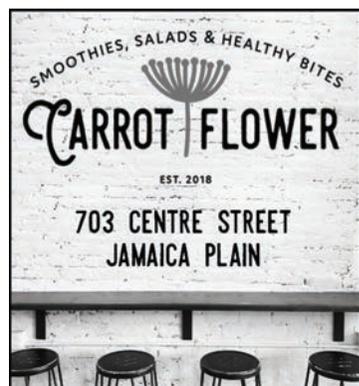
Shim Gum Do (Mind Sword Path), zen sword, karate and meditation classes, scholarships available, Spontaneous Celebrations, 45 Danforth St. Info: 429-8024/mushimgum@gmail.com.

Meet-Ups

Narratives Boston, queer activist-writers group open to LGBTQ-identified adults interested in creative expression and social justice, first and third Wednesday evenings of the month, 7-9pm, Haymarket People's Fund, 42 Seaverns Ave. Info: narrativesboston@gmail.com.

Party for the Helping Hand Fund, hosted by Haymarket People's Fund, every 3rd Friday of the month, 5:30-8pm, 42 Seaverns Ave. Info: 522-3349/umnunity@gmail.com.

Networking Group, local chapter of BNI, meets on Wednesdays at the Farnsworth House at 7am. Consists of 30 members of different professions. Through development and trust and relationships amongst the members, objective is to promote each other's businesses. Members may live outside of JP, but common tie is either living in or servicing the JP area. Info: President of chapter Katelyn Atwater, info: 431-0929.



Study:

e-scooters could unlock thousands of jobs for Boston residents

BY SETH DANIEL

When Boston's Charlie Palleschi first saw an e-scooter at an event in Cambridge, he thought it simply looked fun.

On second look, though, he realized the compact electric scooter could likely change his commuting life. And in fact, it has made his regular commutes to Assembly Square in Somerville, downtown Boston – as well as trips to inner sub-urbs – last a matter of minutes rather than blocks of 30 minutes or more.

"I was blown away when I first tried one in Cambridge as a demo," he said. "I began to think that if I had one of these, I could commute from my house to Assembly Row in minutes...It totally changes everything on good days – and getting downtown is super easy. I've used it a lot to go to Revere, taking the train there and then jumping on the scooter to get to my destination – kind of using it for the last mile. I can even keep it in my office, which is crazy. I just throw it under my desk. You can't do that with a bike, and certainly not a car or anything else. Going into downtown, parking can be \$40 or \$50 and this is free."

Palleschi and others in the Boston area are some of the first converts to e-scooters and e-bikes, but they may not be the last if a coalition of "micromobility" advocates can convince the state to allow more access to this new wave of transportation via rental-share companies that operate e-scooters and e-bikes (motor assisted bicycles) in the same way that BlueBikes operates.

A new study on micromobility – the use of e-scooters and pedal-assisted e-bikes – shows that Greater Boston is positioned as one of the areas nationwide that would most benefit from the widespread introduction of such new transportation systems.

The study was released late last week by the Micromobility Coalition – a trade association that represents e-scooter and e-bike rental companies. That study focused on access to jobs for residents of several Greater

Boston communities, including all of Boston's neighborhoods, Everett, Chelsea, Brookline, Cambridge and Somerville. Using Census data, they looked at jobs available within a typical 45-minute commute on public transit. Then they added e-scooter or e-bikes in-to that commute and found many communities would greatly benefit.

No community would benefit more than Everett, according to the study, but Boston neighborhoods aren't far behind in the potential benefit, according to the study.

For all of Boston, the study found that within a 45-minute commute, there would be a 60 percent increase in job opportunities for those using micromobility options to either get directly to a job, or to cover part of a commute from a train station or bus hub.

Without such transportation options, Boston residents can access about 436,000 quality jobs within a 45-minute commute. With micromobility added in, that number jumps to 696,000 – a 60 percent difference. The next largest gain for communities was Everett, which saw a 303 percent increase in job opportunities with micromobility factored in. Chelsea increased 79 percent and Somerville had a 68 percent increase. However, Jamaica Plain was also cited as a unique neighborhood where micromobility could bridge numerous gaps in public transit access.

"This is one of a series of studies we've done in cities across the United States," said Micromobility Coalition CEO Ryan McConaghy. "These studies look at the access of mobility options like e-scooters and e-bikes to unlocking economic opportunity... Greater Boston is one city area that could be a prime beneficiary for e-scooters. Around 49 percent of car trips are under three miles. These trips are easily replaced by dockless e-scooters and e-bikes. Boston is the most congested city in America. By moving people out of cars and into e-scooters and other means of transportation, that can change. Boston is uniquely

Average Worker in	Jobs within 45 minutes for Average Worker			
	Baseline	Micromobility	Increase	
Boston	436,000	696,000	260,000	60%
Brookline	461,000	721,000	260,000	56%
Cambridge	611,000	823,000	212,000	35%
Chelsea	297,000	532,000	235,000	79%
Everett	119,000	480,000	361,000	303%
Somerville	460,000	775,000	315,000	68%

A new study by a pro-micromobility association looked at how e-scooters and e-bikes might help residents of Greater Boston access job opportunities with shorter commutes. All of the Boston area showed major benefits, and micro-mobility advocates said no area is poised to benefit in a greater way than Boston neighborhoods like Jamaica Plain and Mission Hill.

positioned to benefit." McConaghy said one of the greatest time-savers for commuters using micro-mobility is to bridge the gap for the last mile – such as using e-scooters to get from MBTA stations to a destination that is beyond walking distance, but too close for a car or Uber ride.

"They might be using them to go directly to a job opportunity, or maybe they are using them to bridge a public transit desert – going the last mile much faster," he said. "It's no surprise to us there are significant jumps in opportunity in Boston. In particular, you look at a place like Everett which sees an increase of 300 percent of jobs available. You look at places like Jamaica Plain and Mission Hill where it adds to increasing access to existing transportation. These jumps usually happen in places underserved by public transit and places where there are large transit deserts. Micromobility there can unlock economic opportunity quickly."

Right now, users can operate e-scooters or e-bikes if they own them – like Palleschi does – but the rental companies such as BlueBike cannot operate e-scooter/e-bike sharing platforms in the state. While Boston has tried out micromobility already and has prepared for e-scooters to come, the state still has not passed legislation that allows them to be rented out like bikes. That is mostly due to the fact that they are dockless and are to be left on the sidewalk when a rider is done

with them. During debate over a scooter ordinance at the Boston City Council a few years ago, sidewalk space was the biggest issue – pitting those wanting micromobility against those in the disability community who worried about blocked sidewalks and thoroughfares.

Boston does have scooter legislation in place, and it is ready and waiting for the state to take action. McConaghy said Boston has been ahead of the curve in debating and passing legislation, but he said they hope the state can "get out of the way" to allow this new transportation to help city residents more easily access job opportunities.

Palleschi said using an e-scooter not only helped his work commute, but also expanded the places he considers going in his free time.

He also said that, unlike riding a bike, you don't arrive at work hot and sweaty. That's an issue for many bike commuters, who need to shower when they arrive at work on a hot, summer day.

He noted that the e-scooters are powered by electricity, and his is very easy to charge and runs at about 15 mph on flat terrain. Added to the practical uses, McConaghy said they are simply a fun way to get to work or any other destination, "They really are a fun experience because on a nice day you're outside and the wind is going through your hair under your helmet. It is just a fun way to get around."

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JP HISTORY



Jamaica Plain Historical Society gears up for walking tours; Women's History month event on March 15

BY LAUREN BENNETT

For more than 30 years, the Jamaica Plain Historical Society has helped to preserve the history of the neighborhood through community events,

walks, and a band of volunteers and contributors.

The Gazette spoke with JP Historical Society president Gretchen Grozier to find out what events the organization has planned for the next few months.

On March 15, a Women's History event will be held at the Forsyth Chapel at the Forest Hills cemetery to celebrate Anna Eliot Ticknor, who founded the first correspondence school in America in 1873, called "the So-

ciety to Encourage Studies at Home." Grozier said the school allowed women to take courses through letters exchanged with female teachers. Speakers Ma-

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EVENTS

ANNA ELIOT TICKNOR AND THE SOCIETY TO ENCOURAGE STUDIES

AT HOME

Sunday, March 15, 2020

2:00 PM 4:00 PM

Forsyth Chapel, Forest Hills Cemetery

Anna Eliot Ticknor founded the first correspondence school in America in 1873, known as Society to Encourage Studies at Home. For \$2.00 a year, anywhere there was mail delivery, any woman over 17 could take 1 of 39 courses by exchanging letters with a female teacher in the Boston area.

THE REMARKABLE PHOTOS OF LEON ABDALIAN

Saturday, April 4, 2020

2:00 PM 3:00 PM

JP Branch Library

Aaron Schmidt of the Boston Public Library's Prints Department will talk about Leon Abdalian who was a remarkable resident of JP and his amazing photographs.

LECTURE ON THE CHINA TRADE

Sunday, April 26, 2020

3:00 PM 5:00 PM

Arnold Arboretum (Hunnewell Hall)

A talk on the China Traders - including John Murray Forbes (born in Jamaica Plain). The talk will be given by Prof. Dane Morrison of Salem State University. More details to come.

THE HISTORY OF THE ITALIAN HOME FOR CHILDREN

Sunday, May 17, 2020

2:00 PM 3:00 PM

Italian Home for Children

Learn more about this institution, which celebrated its centennial in 2019 and where compassion has met promise for over 100 years. More details to come.

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A PEAK BACK IN TIME

New Year! New Programs!

JPHS offers education on community

2020 is here, and the Jamaica Plain Historical Society (JPHS) is excited for this year and the new decade to begin. Why not resolve to find out more about your neighborhood's history this year? You can spend hours reading on our website about all the previous decades... and what else to do when you are snowed in anyway? We'll have plenty of talks and tours you can attend too. The following are some of them.

Research Your House

One of the most frequent questions we get at the JP Historical Society is asking how to research the history of a house. We have this handy resource on our website with tons of tips: How to Find Out the History of Your House or Lot.

JP Oral Histories

The Boston City Archives recently posted some transcripts of oral histories they have which were done with Jamaica Plain residents in the mid-1970s. We've got a link to one with a long-term Haffenreffer Brewery employee off our website. The Archives has several others along with lots of interesting materials

that are worth checking out.

Tastings & Tales

Join the storytellers of Boston By Foot at Sam Adams' Barrel Room for a special tasting of 4 different selections of Sam Adams beer each paired with an interesting historical tale. Beer played a role in shaping Boston's history to say nothing of Sam Adams himself. Come for a spirited discussion of beer making in colonial times, why beer has always been popular, how to get banned from a tavern and some debunking of popular myths. Monday, January 13th at 6:00 p.m. \$20 general admission

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PHOTOS COURTESY OF JAMAICA PLAIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

1: 701 and 703 Centre St. at the corner with Burroughs St. At the turn of the century this building housed C.B. Rogers & Company pharmacy and it remained in that use through the mid-1970s.

2: The Eliot School is one of the oldest, continuously running, educational institutions in the United States.

3: Trolley # 3328 is heading towards the Arborway on a quiet ride down South Street at the Monument in this 1965 photo.

All these photos and additional photos of Jamaica Plain can be accessed online at jphs.org.

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Women's History

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rie Oedel and Cheryl Mariolis of the Ticknor Society will talk about Ticknor's work and how it affected the lives of women in the Boston area. The event is free, and will be from 2:00-4:00pm on March 15.

In April, an event featuring photos from JP photographer Leon Abdalian will be held any the JP Library. Grozier said that Abdalian was born in what used to be Cilician Armenia and came to the United States with his family in the late 1800s. Grozier said that Abdalian spent his life working for the MBTA, but his hobby was photography and he was published in several newspapers as well as National Geographic magazine. Abdalian's photographs will be discussed and presented by Aar-

on Schmidt of the Boston Public Library's Prints Department on April 4 from 2:00-4:00pm at the JP Library.

On April 26, a lecture on the China Traders will be delivered by Professor Dane Morrison of Salem State University. One of the traders discussed will be John Murray Forbes, who was born in JP, and his mother was a Perkins—Grozier said that one of the Historical Society members pointed out that a lot o JP streets are named for China Traders, so they decided a talk would be in order to provide more context for those who might be interested in learning the history behind the street names. "I think it will be interesting," Grozier said. "There's a whole oopium component that people will think is fascinating."

In May, a talk will be held on the Italian Home for Children, which just celebrated its 100th anniversary. Grozier also said

the former director retired last year and has written some small history books as well. More details will be provided as the event gets closer on the Jamaica Plain Historical Society website.

Then, in mid-May, the Historical Society's weekly walking tour series will start up for the sea-season. The walking tours are free, and are held every Saturday from mid-May to the end of Sep-tember. Grozier said that following the success of a few Spanish-speaking tours last year, they hope to hold even more tours in Spanish this year and are looking for Spanish-speaking guides to lead them.

"That's our plan," Grozier said. "We try and do events every month." She added that they are also constantly adding new information to the website, and welcome articles and photos from residents that can reveal more about JP's rich history.

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Eight teens arrested in JP over a two day period

BY JOHN LYNDS

Between Jan. 20 and Jan. 21 Boston Police arrested eight teenagers in Jamaica Plain during two separate incidents involving larceny and unarmed robbery.

The first incidents occurred just before 7 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 20. Officers from District E-7 in JP arrested four teens after responding to a call for a larceny in progress in the area of 141 Green Street.

While traveling to the call police were told that one of the suspects was observed attempting to steal mail out of a United States Postal Service Mailbox near the Green Street location. Officers were provided a description of a

motor vehicle possibly belonging to one of the suspects which was observed idling nearby.

Responding officers were able to locate and stop the suspect's motor vehicle as it was attempting to leave the scene. With the vehicle stopped, officers approached the operator of the vehicle, later identified as a 17-year-old male from Dorchester, and three male passengers later identified as Carlos Delossantos, 18, of Roslindale; a 17-year-old male from Roxbury; and a 17-year-old male from Roslindale.

Police discovered that the operator of the vehicle was unlicensed and did not possess a valid driver's license so officers instructed all occupants of the car to vacate the vehicle.

While the occupants were exiting the vehicle, officers observed several pieces of torn-open mail, numerous credit cards, checks and other evidence on the rear passenger floor of the car. In light of the above, all suspects were placed under arrest and charged with Larceny Over \$250.

The second incident occurred the next day on Tuesday, Jan. 21.

Just before 6 p.m. officers from District E-13 responded to a radio call for a robbery in progress in the area of 3 Sunnyside St.

Once officers arrived they spoke to the victim who told police a group of teenagers approached him from behind, hit him in the back of the head and robbed him of an undisclosed amount of money.



A ski mask, stolen checks, weed and credits cards were all confiscated by police during a larceny arrest after four teens tried to rob a mailbox on Green Street.

According to the victim, all of the suspects, who appeared to be in their teens, took off running down Centre Street towards Jackson Square. Additionally, the victim said that two of the suspects may have been wearing ski masks.

When offered medical attention for what appeared to be a minor injury, the victim declined.

A search of the immediate area led officers to locate several

teens, who appeared to match the description of the suspects involved in the robbery, hanging out inside a pizza shop just a few blocks away from the robbery.

Upon seeing the approaching officers, the teens appeared to look surprised.

Officers arrested four male juveniles, aged 13, 15, 15, and 17, from Boston and charged all four with Unarmed Robbery and Assault and Battery.

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ZBA approves 65 more units of affordable housing on Columbus Ave.

BY LAUREN BENNETT

The Zoning Board of Appeal (ZBA) gave the green light to the 65-unit affordable housing proposal for 1599 Columbus Ave. on Jan. 14.

The proposal was before the ZBA for violations of excessive height, excessive Floor Area Ratio, insufficient usable open space, and the fact that a multi-family dwelling unit is forbidden in this area.

Caitlin Madden, Senior Project Manager for Urban Edge, said that the building would be 65 fully affordable units and include "approximately 4,000 square feet of non-residential commercial space on the ground floor with frontage on Columbus Ave." The building will be a total of six stories, one for the commercial space and five residential stories above. The retail entrance will be on Columbus Ave., and the residential entrance will be on Amory Street. Also on Amory St. will be the management office, a large community room, and mail and other residential support space, she said.

On the lot currently is one vacant building, one two-story commercial building with a tenant, some surface parking, and some vacant land, Madden said. She said a contractor has

not yet been selected for the project, as they are waiting for zoning approvals to apply for state financing for the project, after which they will hire a contractor. "The earliest we would be able to get into construction would be at least a year from now," Madden said.

Madden also said that it has been a "high priority" for the development team to meet with area stakeholders, including direct abutters. The team also held several community meetings and went through the Large Project Article 80 process with the BPDA.

"The applicant worked closely with the community to address concerns," said Lindsey Santana from the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services. "They received support from the Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council." Also in support of the project were City Councilors Matt O'Malley and Anniessa Essaibi-George.

No one came to the hearing in opposition of the project.

The ZBA voted to approve the project with continued BPDA design review, and also suggested to the applicants that the actual construction process "reflects community standards" and that they "meet with stakeholders in that aspect of the process as well."

INVITACIÓN

Plazo para la sección de eventos: martes, 11 febrero para la edición 14 febrero. Mande eventos a reporter@jamaicaplainingazette.com. Los números telefónicos que siguen empiezan con 617.

Reuniones

Comité de casas abandonadas en JP, primer jueves del mes, 10.30, Egleston Library, 2044 Columbus Ave. 722-2060.

Asociación de Vecinos Stonybrook, 10 feb, 7-9pm, English High School

ESNA, lunes, 3 febrero, 6.30-8.30pm. YMCA, 3134 Washington Street.

Asociación de Jamaica Pond, lunes, 3 febrero, 7-9pm, 111 Perkins Street.

JPNC, reunión mensual, 28 enero, 7pm, Farnsworth House; Comité de servicio público, martes, 4 febrero, 7pm, Curtis Hall; Comité de urbanización, 5 febrero. Comité de vivienda y desarrollo, 21 enero, 7pm, Bowditch School. jpnc.org.

Reunión de la policía con la comunidad, 6 febrero, 6.30pm, Curtis Hall.

Franklin Park, reunión comunitaria sobre el plan maestro, martes, 28 enero. 6-8pm. 1 Circuit Drive, Boston. lau-ren.bryant@boston.gov.

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

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

Niños/familias

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Servicio de adoración, día de acción, 10am, 351 Centre Street.

Clases de baile para niños, introducción al movimiento para niños y padres, los domingos 10-11am; básicos de baile, los domingos 11a.m.-12pm. Spontaneous Celebrations. Registración: jpdancecoop@gmail.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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Intercambio de idioma inglés-español, sábados, 12-1:45pm, Connolly Branch Library. **Grupo de apoyo para padres/**

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

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 Allendale St. Meredith Griffiths: 522-0043, mgrif-fiths@springhouseboston.org.

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

Adultos Mayores

Café mensual de la memoria, 27 ene, 24 feb. 10.30am-12pm. Jamaica Plain Branch Library, 30 South Street.

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

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

La Vida Buena Club para la Vida Sana de ABCD, sesiones mensuales del bienestar, para los adultos con más de 50 años, los miércoles, 10am. Mi Vida, Mi

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13	1 dormitorio	\$1334	MRVP	50 % AMI
2	2 dormitorios	\$1601	MRVP	50 % AMI
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4	2 dormitorios	\$1441	LIHTC	60 % AMI
6	1 dormitorio	\$2100	AHTF/HIF/Brookline Trust	110 % AMI
2	2 dormitorios	\$2500	AHTF/HIF/Brookline Trust	110 % AMI
1	1 dormitorio	\$2300	Sin restricciones	Sin límites
2	2 dormitorios	\$3100 a \$3400	Sin restricciones	Sin límites

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Categoría de ingreso	1 persona por grupo familiar	2 personas por grupo familiar	3 personas por grupo familiar
30 % AMI	\$24,900	\$28,450	\$32,000
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EDITORIAL

Winter: So far, so good (and not so good)

The winter season thus far has been fairly easy to take for those of us who have lived in New England for all of our lives.

The warmer-than-normal temperatures, highlighted by the record-breaking highs in the 70s two weekends ago, have been welcome, especially for our home heating bills, which are much less than usual. And as we write this at the beginning of this week, the forecast through the end of the month is for continued warmer-than-normal temperatures.

The lack of snow also has been a nice respite from the usual onslaught of winter, both for our backs (for those of us who shovel) and for municipal budgets, whose snow removal costs have been under control through the first two-thirds of what is considered to be the meteorological winter months of December, January, and February.

Of course, we all know that February often is associated with huge blizzards and March can roar in like a lion -- so we'd be the last to suggest that we should count our mild winters before the first crocuses push through the ground. Ol' Man Winter no doubt will have a few tricks up his sleeve.

However, what is undeniable is that the record-setting days of warmth that we have experienced this winter, as well as in the past few winters, are part of the trend toward warmer temperatures around the world.

When we were growing up (in the 1960s), the term "January thaw" referred to a few days when temperatures might have climbed to the high 30s after a period of a few weeks with temps in the single digits and teens.

But the January thaws of our childhood were nothing compared to the spring-like days we have experienced in the middle of these past few winters.

Climate change no longer is just a hypothetical. The recently-concluded decade of 2010-19 was the hottest that ever has been recorded on earth. The resultant changes to our climate are fitting the models predicted by scientists since the 1950s, who correctly surmised back then and ever since that the infusion into the atmosphere of man-made greenhouse gases would have a significant impact on our climate.

Our warming planet will have negative effects that only now are becoming evident, as scientific theory meets real-world conditions -- the burning of Australia within the past few weeks being a case in point.

Moreover, it is becoming increasingly clear that the previous scientific models of a warming planet understated the rapidity with which dramatic changes to our environment are taking place. We no longer can take comfort in thinking that climate change is something that is decades away.

Climate change is happening now -- and it is becoming more evident with each passing day that the planet is being sacrificed to the greed of corporate interests who control our government officials, to the detriment of every living creature, including ourselves.

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TOM BRADY'S FUTURE IS STILL UP IN THE AIR

OP-ED

Remembering Jim Hennigan

BY SAL GIARRATANI

I was over at Jim Hennigan's wake over in West Roxbury where folks lined up to say good bye to an old school political legend. When I was a kid, he got himself elected as a state representative out of Jamaica Plain, then state senator. Eventually the Boston School Committee before finishing of as register of probate. His father was a state rep and a state senator before him. There's the Hennigan School in Jamaica Plain named after his dad James Hennigan Sr.; When the funeral ended up at holy Name Church on the way to his final resting place, he ended up visiting Jamaica Plain one more time and passed by the Hennigan School, where students lined the sidewalks paying their respects.

The last time I saw Jim Hennigan alive was on St. Patrick's Day at his birthday party at his home filled with family and friends. Other old school pols like Gerry O'Leary and Gerard Doherty were there too all talking about the old days. Doherty and Hennigan started off in politics together back in the early 50s when they both entered the state legislature together. Allies and friends forever.

I saw Gerry Doherty enter the

funeral home and he was escorted to the front of the line out of respect. They were two of a kind from the Old School of Politics. They don't make 'em like Jimmy and Gerry anymore.

Jim Hennigan was a living legend of a time in politics when

respect was mutually given, your word was your bond and politics produced results and where meanness was seemingly forbidden. Just like today, Right?

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Adultos Mayores

Café mensual de la memoria, 27 ene, 24 feb. 10.30am-12pm. Jamaica Plain Branch Library, 30 South Street.

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

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

3638.

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

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

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.

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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, 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.

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.

Coalición de Franklin Park busca miembros para la junta directiva, miembros del comité y voluntarios. admin@franklinparkcoalition.org (junta directiva y comité); 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, 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. vna-hospicecare.org, 781-569-2811.

Inglés para nuevos bostonianos, se buscan voluntarios para servir como tutores de inglés. 982-6864, fmartinez@english-fornewbostonians.org.

Brigham and Women's Faulkner Hospital en 1153 Centre St. se buscan voluntarios para la tienda de regalos, la mesa de información, radiología, centro ortopédico y más. 983-7424, brighamandwomensfaulkner.org.

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

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The Harold and Ronald Brown Family House 370 Harvard Street, Brookline, MA 02446

Now Leasing for August 2020 Occupancy
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In the Summer of 2020, 2Life Communities Inc. will be opening The Harold and Ronald Brown Family House, a 62-unit development containing 52 1-bedroom and 10 2-bedroom apartments, funded with Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC). The Brown Family House will be a welcoming community for older adults (62+ years old) of all backgrounds. 2Life celebrates the diversity of its residents, offering programs that bring the community together.

# of Units	Bedrooms	Price	Rent Share Determined By	Income Limit
8	1 bedroom	\$1,981	Section 8	30% AMI
13	1 bedroom	\$1,334	MRVP	50% AMI
2	2 bedroom	\$1,601	MRVP	50% AMI
20	1 bedroom	\$1,201	LIHTC	60% AMI
4	2 bedroom	\$1,441	LIHTC	60% AMI
6	1 bedroom	\$2,100	AHTF/HIF/Brookline Trust	110% AMI
2	2 bedroom	\$2,500	AHTF/HIF/Brookline Trust	110% AMI
1	1 bedroom	\$2,300	Unrestricted	No limit
2	2 bedroom	\$3,100 - \$3,400	Unrestricted	No limit

Applications are available during the open application period from February 14, 2020 through May 1, 2020.

- To request an application be sent by mail or e-mail, please call 617-912-8491 (free interpretation service available), or e-mail your name and complete mailing address to Leasing@2lifecommunities.org; or go to: <https://www.2lifecommunities.org/Brown-Family-House>
- Applications may also be picked up in person at 2Life, 40 Wallingford Road, Brighton, during this open application period.
- For information of reasonable accommodations, please contact Sarah Green-Vaswani at 617-912-8412; or email sgreenvaswani@2lifecommunities.org

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