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Barros, Santiago help stuff gift bags for senior mothers as part of 'I Remember Mama' event

BY LAUREN BENNETT

JP-based nonprofit Volunteers of America of Massachusetts (VOAMASS) held its 26th annual 'I Remember Mama' event on May 8, but this year, the event looked a little different. The program is typically a brunch held at a hotel for around 200 senior mothers who live in public housing in Boston, but this year, because of the pandemic, volunteers and mayoral candidates John Barros and Jon Santiago created 200 gift bags that were delivered to the women instead. The event took place at

VOAMASS's Shiloh House on Parley Vale, a place for women recovering from substance abuse disorder and behavioral health conditions.

VOAMASS offers programs and services for behavioral health, veterans, seniors, and re-entry services for formerly incarcerated individuals.

"As a candidate for mayor of Boston, it's really important that we learn what's happening in the community, and more importantly, what else can be done to support residents, John Barros said at the event. "The 'I Remem-

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MOTHER'S DAY LILAC WALK AT ARBORETUM



Shown above, several friends in the Arnold Arboretum joined Acting Mayor Kim Janey, and her mother Phyllis, for a Lilac Walk on Mother's Day, May 9. Shown to the right, Rev. Mariama White-Hammond, the recently-appointed chief of environment, energy and open space, takes pause to stop and smell the wonderful fragrance of the lilacs in the Arnold Arboretum on Mother's Day, May 9.



ROSLINDALE BUSINESS TOUR



PHOTOS BY JEREMIAH ROBINSON/MAYOR'S OFFICE

Acting Mayor Kim Janey and Councilor Ricardo Arroyo took a business walk through Roslindale Square on Thursday, May 6, to help promote local business and the Main Streets program. It was one of several business walks she's taken in the last month. See more photos and stories on pages 14-18.

District 6 candidates respond to questions in forum hosted by JP Progressives; NAACP Boston

BY LAUREN BENNETT

JP Progressives and NAACP Boston hosted a candidate forum for the District 6 City Council

candidates on April 28. So far, candidates include Kendra Hicks, Kelly Ransom, and Mary Tamor.

The candidates were asked

a series of questions by moderators Wynnell Bishop of NAACP

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E-13 police present April crime overview

BY LAURA PLUMMER

On Thursday, May 6, District E13 of the Boston Police Department hosted its monthly virtual police and community relations

meeting.

The meeting is an opportunity for members of the public to ask questions of local law enforcement. At every meeting, E-13 officers provide local crime statistics.

One chart examines Part One crime data. Part One crimes are more serious in nature, and don't include crimes such as vandalism

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La policía de JP presenta los datos de delincuencia de abril

BY LAURA PLUMMER

El jueves 6 de mayo, el Distrito E-13 del Departamento de Policía de Boston presentó su

reunión mensual de relaciones entre la policía y la comunidad.

La reunión es una oportunidad para que el público haga preguntas a las autoridades locales.

En cada reunión, los oficiales de E-13 brindan estadísticas de delitos locales. Un cuadro ex-

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Jamaica Plain's Gerry Wright receives national volunteer service award

STAFF REPORT

Gerry Wright, long-time Jamaica Plain resident, parks supporter and social and environmental justice advocate, re-

ceived the National Association for Olmsted Parks' (NAOP) Caroline Loughlin Volunteer Service Award. The D.C. based organization works to advance Frederick Law Olmsted principles and

legacy of parks and landscapes that revitalize communities and enrich people's lives.

Wright was recognized at a virtual ceremony held April 30 for his extraordinary dedication

and commitment to promoting and protecting the Olmsted legacy. In presenting the award, NAOP CEO and Chair Anne Neal Petri cited Mr. Wright's "Unique and creative commit-

ment to educating diverse audiences about the legacy of Frederick Law Olmsted." Among those in attendance also paying tribute

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Boston, JP youth activist Melissa Beltran, and Ed Burley of the JP Progressives, ranging from housing to education to public safety.

Candidates were asked what policies they would propose "to ensure affordability and high

quality rental and home ownerships" for families, first generation college graduates, and young professionals.

Mary Tamor said that "we have to do what we can to make lending more available," and to "utilize beautiful old public buildings." She said that she has attended more Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) meetings recently, and "I think we can do far more in

terms of making these options available and teaching folks what is the path to home ownership as well."

Kendra Hicks said that Boston "need[s] a housing plan that's going to be based on our residents' actual needs." She also spoke about the importance of building environmentally friendly housing that is "inclusive for families and young professionals," as well as changing the

zoning to lessen barriers to land use.

Kelly Ransom, who works for the Madison Park Development Corporation, said that Madison Park has "a program that the city could easily model," that includes a \$50,000 down payment for people in the program looking to own a home. She said the program has been successful and will be expanded.

She also said that having a 100 percent affordable zoning overlay district would also increase the amount of affordable housing in the city.

The candidates were also asked about small business relief as the city continues its recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We need to start being honest about the fact that small business owners and restaurants are in need of a bail out," Hicks said. She said making the processes easier for folks, especially for those whose first language isn't English, would be helpful.

Tamor said it's "heartbreaking to see how many businesses have closed." She said her family members "are small business people," and said that more grants are necessary to help out struggling businesses. Additionally, she said that it's important to "make sure that Main Streets is helping everyone in the way that they should."

Ransom said that as a former restaurant industry employee, she said that offering "one on one technical and financial assistance" for both existing businesses and ones that are trying to get off the ground.

When asked how they will "legislate for the entire district," Hicks said that "while some of our challenges may differ, we're all grounded in similar issues." She said that by having many voices at the table, the city is "more likely to find solutions."

Ransom said that "I recognize that the platform of a Boston City Councilor" is "incredibly powerful," as the spotlight is often turned on them. "I don't want that...on me; I want it to be on the people of this district," she said.

"I think that bringing people together is truly one of the most important parts of this job," Tamor said, and "listening to all the voices of those who surround us." She said that she has visited more than 85 Boston Public Schools and has gotten a "sense of what's happening in communities."

When it comes to public safety and the police budget, candidates were asked how public safety should be reflected in the police budget and responsibilities.

Tamor said that there is an "opportunity to reimagine; reinvent policing as we know it. We really need to have some really robust conversations about what needs to happen...who goes on what calls."

Hicks said that it comes down to "what, and specifically who, we're investing in," and looking at the police budget from a fiscal responsibility standpoint.

Ransom brought up what she called the "Three O's: overworked, overtired, and overtime." She said that with the large amount of construction happening in the district and across the city, there are "police details working overtime when they could be doing other things. These could be reallocated to [the Inspectional Services Department]." She added that "I do not think we should be making traffic stops on minor infractions."

During the lightning round, when candidates were asked if they support the reallocation of BPD funds for investment in the community, both Hicks and Ransom said yes, and Tamor said no. When asked if they support a "hard cap on Boston Police Department overtime, Tamor said no, and Hicks and Ransom said yes.

As part of the lightning round, candidates answered other yes or no questions on topics like police issues, safe injection sites, and education.

The full video with each candidates' answers to all questions can be found on the JP Progressives Facebook page.



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E-13 Police

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or drug dealing.

Part One crime distinguishes between burglary, robbery and larceny. Burglary involves accessing a residence or business unlawfully with the intent to remove items. Robbery is taking items off one's person by force or intimidation. Larceny doesn't involve force, and includes shoplifting, pickpocketing, stealing lawn items or taking items out of a vehicle.

According to the summary, Part One crime in Boston is down 24 percent in the city compared to this time last year. Jamaica Plain is beating that with a reduction of 28 percent. There were 282 crimes reported in 2020 and only 202 reported this year.

Crimes that saw a decrease include rape, robbery, domestic and non-domestic assault, commercial burglary, larceny from a motor vehicle and other larceny. Crimes that saw an uptick

include residential burglary and auto theft. The homicide instance of zero remained the same.

A second chart compared the statistics of fatal and nonfatal shootings from 2019 to 2020. Out of the twelve precincts, JP ranked seventh in shootings, accounting for six percent of total shootings in the city. There have been three shootings this year compared to eight last year, a reduction of 62.5 percent.

The May 6 meeting was the last to be hosted by Officer William Jones, who is retiring at the end of the month after serving the community for almost three decades. Taking over for him at the police and community relations meeting will be Sgt. John Dougherty and Officer Patricia Darosa.

The police and community relations meeting is held on the first Thursday of the month at 6:30pm on Zoom. The next meeting will be on Thursday, June 3. All members of the public interested in public safety are encouraged to attend.

hurto. Los delitos que experimentaron un repunte incluyen el robo residencial y el robo de automóviles. El caso de homicidio de cero siguió siendo el mismo.

Otro gráfico comparó las estadísticas de tiroteos fatales y no fatales de 2019 a 2020. De los doce distritos, Jamaica Plain ocupó el séptimo lugar en tiroteos, lo que representa el seis por ciento del total de tiroteos en Boston. Ha habido tres tiroteos este año en comparación con los ocho del año pasado, una reducción del 62,5 por ciento.

La reunión del 6 de mayo fue la última organizada por el oficial William Jones, quien se jubila a fin de mes después de servir a la comunidad durante casi tres décadas. En su lugar en la reunión de relaciones entre la policía y la comunidad estarán el sargento John Dougherty y la oficial Patricia Darosa.

La reunión de relaciones entre la policía y la comunidad se lleva a cabo el primer jueves del mes a las 6:30 pm en Zoom. La próxima reunión será el jueves 3 de junio. Se anima a asistir a todos los miembros del público interesados en la seguridad pública.



BBR REUSE CENTER REMODEL DONE
Boston District City Councilor Kenzie Bok, Boston Building Resources Executive Director Matthew St. Onge, and BBR Treasurer DeAnne Dupont joined the April 19 celebration of the remodeled Reuse Center at Boston Building Resources. The Reuse Center building is Mission Hill's first net zero carbon building, reinforcing BBR's environmental mission of reducing needless waste by facilitating the reuse of building materials.

Wright

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included Karen Mauney-Brodek, president of the Emerald Necklace Conservancy, Sarah Freeman of the Arborway Coalition and Betsy Shure Gross, NAOP co-founder.

Wright has long championed

the protection and preservation of the Olmsted-designed Emerald Necklace parks in Boston and Brookline through his parks' advocacy work as co-founder of the Friends of Jamaica Pond and in his role as an Emerald Necklace Conservancy Park Advisor among other volunteer activities.

In 2012, Wright launched Olmsted 2022, to kick off the ten-year countdown to Olmsted's

200th birthday in 2022. The inaugural event featured a panel of Olmsted scholars, historians and environmental advocates considering the question, "Climate Change: What Would Olmsted Do?"

Since 2003, Wright has been performing his one-act play based on the writings of Olmsted to audiences in New England and beyond.

La policia

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amina los datos delictivos de la Parte Uno. Son de naturaleza más grave y no incluyen delitos como el vandalismo o el tráfico de drogas.

El crimen de la Parte Uno distingue entre el robo, el atraco, y el hurto. El robo implica acceder ilegalmente a una residencia o negocio con la intención de retirar artículos. El atraco es quitarle objetos a la persona por la fuerza o por intimidación. El hurto no implica la fuerza e incluye robar artículos o partes mecánicas de un vehículo.

Según el resumen, el crimen de la Parte Uno en Boston ha bajado un 24 por ciento en la ciudad en comparación con esta época del año pasado. Jamaica Plain está superando eso con una reducción del 28 por ciento. Se denunciaron 282 delitos en 2020 y sólo 202 este año.

Los delitos que vieron una disminución incluyen la violación, el atraco, el asalto doméstico y no doméstico, el robo comercial, hurto de un vehículo y otros

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JPA hears from two city council candidates

BY LAUREN BENNETT

The Jamaica Pond Association (JPA) met virtually on May 3, where City Council candidates David Halbert and Kelly Ransom talked about their campaigns and answered questions from residents.

Kelly Ransom is running for District 6 City Council against candidates Kendra Hicks and Mary Tamor. Incumbent councilor Matt O'Malley is not seeking re-election.

Ransom, who grew up in District 6, spoke about her experiences as a young person in the city, saying that she has experienced homelessness, been a restaurant industry worker, a suicide hotline operator, and an LGBTQ advocate, as well as many other roles.

"I continue to fight for joy daily," Ransom said.

Ransom has also worked at the Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Development Corporation (JPND) doing fundraising, social media, and marketing work, as well as worked for City Councilor Annissa Essaibi-George.

Ransom said her "top priority" is "ending family homelessness," as she doesn't "want anyone to experience what I experienced as a child and a teenager here in Boston." She said she thinks that an affordable housing zoning overlay would be beneficial to this work.

David Halbert is running for

City Council At-Large, and said that he believes that while Boston has a lot of opportunities, they aren't "shared equally by everyone."

JP resident Sarah Freeman asked Halbert if he had any examples of how to deal with issues that have not come to an agreement, such as the MBTA Arborway bus yard, which has most recently been where parks advocates are pushing to locate services proposed for the Shattuck Hospital site in Franklin Park.

"I'm curious if you have any consensus building morsels you can share," Freeman said.

Halbert said that a consensus will not always be reached, and "that's okay."

He said that the bus yard is a "good example," as it involves more than one agency. He said that effective communication and "making sure we're not overburdening any one community to bear the brunt for everyone's benefit" are solutions.

JPA member Micah Sachs asked Halbert if he had any "concrete proposals" for affordable housing.

Halbert said that "making sure we have more options for folks to live in" and building more affordable housing near mass transit is on his agenda. Additionally, he said that other ideas are "thinking about things like co-ops" and "creating more pathways to home ownership."

After hearing from the can-

didates, the JPA also discussed whether or not they should provide additional information about their city's zoning process to applicants who come before the JPA for approval on a project.

"I think it would be really smart to share solid information," JPA Chair Rosemary Jones said. "Spreading information, especially what the ZBA looks for as well as what we look for, to me, that could only be good."

JPA member Peter Steiger said that such information would have been helpful to him as someone who had previously presented a proposal to the JPA, but "at the same time, it's not our job to educate people."

He said that a simple flyer available on the JA should be sufficient.

JPA member and Zoning Committee chair Kevin Moloney said he agreed with Steiger.

"We don't want to be or perceived to be agents of getting zoning variants," Moloney said. "Sometimes we have to draw the line and take a stand."

JPA member Michael Reiskind said that he is "leaning towards a little bit of information," as he believes it could be "helpful to applicants and new board members."

He also suggested that a flow chart of the zoning process might be something useful to create for the website as well to help out applicants.

The JPA meets monthly on the first Monday of the month.

Ruthzee Louijeune campaign endorsed by Sen. Sonia Chang-Díaz

STAFF REPORT

Ruthzee Louijeune, candidate for Boston City Council At-Large, announced this week that she had earned the endorsement of State Senator Sonia Chang-Díaz, of Jamaica Plain.

Chang-Díaz is the first Latina and first person of Asian descent elected to the Massachusetts State Senate. She is serving her sixth term on behalf of the Second Suffolk District, which comprises all or part of the Boston neighborhoods of Dorchester, Jamaica Plain, Hyde Park, Mattapan, Mission Hill, Roslindale, Roxbury, and the South End.

"I'm proud to endorse Ruthzee Louijeune for Boston City Council At-Large. Ruthzee has a deep understanding of the issues that face Bostonians, because she's one of us. Whether as an attorney representing families in housing court or an advocate

for our kids in Boston Public Schools, Ruthzee has always used her expertise to give back to the community that raised her. She has the values, the smarts, and the conviction to meet the urgency of this moment and help lead us toward a more equitable Boston," Senator Chang-Díaz said in a statement.

"I'm honored to have the support of trailblazer, Senator Chang-Díaz, so early in my run for Boston City Council At-Large. She is someone who embodies community leadership, and it's incredible to have her by my side in this race," Louijeune said.

Chang-Díaz added, "Achieving this equitable vision for our city will require teamwork of the deepest kind. Ruthzee's record, and her deeply personal commitment to working families and immigrant families, are what I'm looking for in a teammate for this change making. Please join me in

supporting Ruthzee for Boston City Council."

Monday, Ruthzee Louijeune became the first to certify her name on the ballot for Boston City Council At-Large, with over 2,800 signatures collected and over 75 volunteers collecting signatures. Louijeune is the first of twenty-five candidates who pulled papers for Boston City Council At-Large to collect the required 1,500 verified signatures. During the signature gathering process, the candidate collected signatures in every one of Boston's neighborhoods.

Louijeune launched her campaign for Boston City Council At-Large on March 16, and has raised more year-to-date than any candidate for Boston City Council At-Large, breaking Boston fundraising records for a first time candidate. Her campaign has raised more than \$140K for since its inception.

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May is National Preservation Month and Jamaica Plain Historical Society (JPHS) hopes you will take some time to appreciate the wealth of historic buildings we have in Jamaica Plain. They help make our neighborhood so wonderful. Please also join us to make sure our historic buildings are preserved for future generations to enjoy!

Book Talk

It is Preservation Month, so we asked our City Archaeologist, Joe Bagley to talk about his new book Boston's Oldest Buildings and Where to Find Them. Several of the locations featured in the book are in Jamaica Plain. The fifty buildings featured in this book all pre-date 1800 and illustrate Boston's early history. Tuesday, May 25 at 7:00 p.m.

This event is free and open to the public but pre-registration is required so we can send you the Zoom link.

Pre-register here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/book-talk-bostons-oldest-buildings-and-where-to-find-them-tickets-138045157783>

Tour Season Starts

For the past 25 years, the Jamaica Plain Historical Society has led a series of historic walking tours in the neighborhood each summer. 2020 saw us make a few modifications to keep everyone safe and the same will be true for 2021. But we hope you will come out (in a mask) to learn more about any one of the seven fascinating locations we tour. Several tours are now also offered in Spanish too! First up: Monument Square on Saturday, May 22.

All JPHS tours are free to the public. Tours start on Saturday at 11:00 a.m. sharp. Our tours last between 60 and 90 minutes and are canceled in case of

heavy rain. No reservations are required, just meet the guide at the starting location.

View the schedule online at <https://www.jpshs.org/2021-walking-tours/>

Event Recordings

Missed one of our winter/spring virtual events? Don't worry, we're posting the recordings on our website so you can watch them at your leisure. We are so pleased that so many people have been able to participate and we are also glad our speakers are allowing us to post the recordings. Check the 'Latest Items' section on our website.

MAYOR JANEY VISITS NCKLS & DIMES



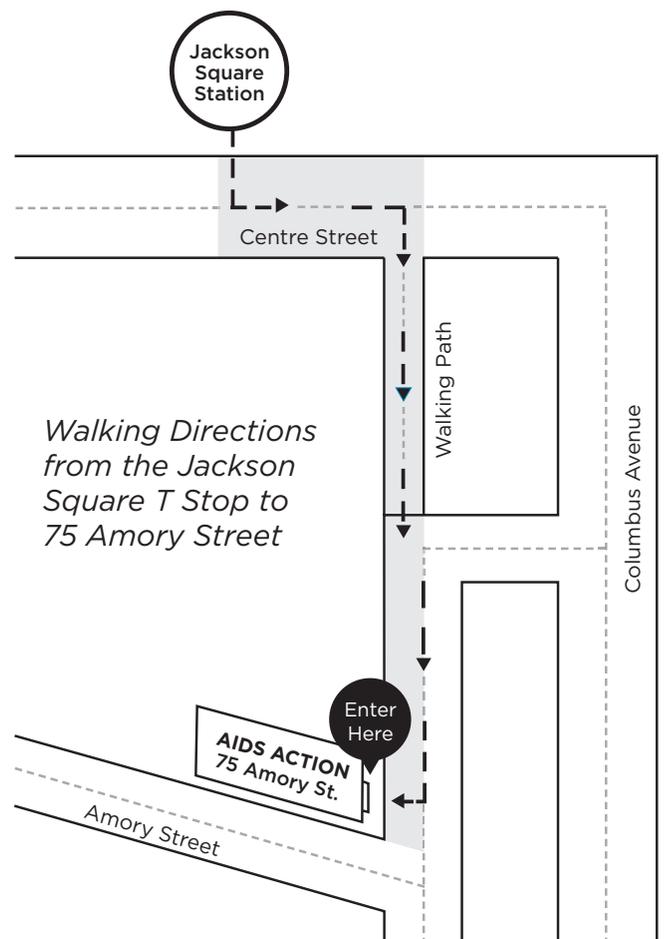
Mayor Kim Janey visited local store Nckls & Dimes on Centre St. on Saturday afternoon April 24. Brie Pullum (left) the owner of the store was on hand to greet the Mayor adding, "I was pleasantly surprised and very grateful for her recognition and to also be a part of history."

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Mothers

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ber Mama' event and tradition is amazing." He spoke about his grandmother, who passed away from COVID-19, and thanked VOAMASS for the opportunity to give back to the community.

"I work in the emergency department twice a week," Jon Santiago said, adding that he sees people with mental health and substance abuse disorders day in and day out. He said it's "not just about them, it's about the veterans," and his "worlds intersecting with Shiloh and the work that you do."

He also thanked VOAMASS for the opportunity to "come and participate and volunteer, put socks in a bag," he said, acknowledging his duty as the sock stuffer in the gift bag assembly line.

Chares Gagnon, CEO and President of VOAMASS said that "I'm so glad we got to do this in person. I'm really hopeful for the city because we have such fine,



Mayoral candidate Jon Santiago was on sock duty in the assembly line to stuff 200 gift bags for senior women.

talented, passionate people that are wanting to become mayor, but also wanting to be leaders and make our place better for everyone, not just a few, but for everyone."

He said that the 'I Remember Mama' event began with Mayor Menino, and it's a "tradition

we want to carry on. We're in the business to help the frailest people in the community. I think here at Shiloh House, we really believe that we want to address the root causes: mental health, coupled with substance abuse disorder."

Senator Sonia Chang-Diaz



Mayoral candidate John Barros carefully placed chocolate truffles in each of the gift bags.

also stopped by the event, adding that she is "grateful for the event" and "to recognize and celebrate the mothers in our communities."

She said her own mother is a social worker and "she raised me right." Chang-Diaz added that "being on the right side of

the issues for the marginalized, for racial justice, for women, for children in our society; it's the right thing to do obviously."

Volunteers and the mayoral candidates then stuffed gift bags with fuzzy socks, chocolates, and hand sanitizer to be delivered to the senior mothers.



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JP's Castro Aranda passionate about offering mediation services

BY LAUREN BENNETT

Jamaica Plain resident Antonio Castro Aranda, a former immigration lawyer, switched gears years ago to do mediation and conflict resolution work for nonprofits in the Boston area—something he said he was always felt a connection to.

Castro Aranda now volunteers at the Community Dispute Settlement Center (CDSC) in Cambridge, and works for Metropolitan Mediation Services in Brookline. He moved to Jamaica Plain in 2007, where he lives with his wife, who is a teacher at English High School, and his kids, who attend school nearby.

“Everything is there in JP,” he said. “I love the neighborhood.”

He said that when he “transitioned careers” after nearly 15

years as an immigration lawyer, he said that mediation work is “something that I’ve always felt passionate about from when I was much younger.”

He said he has an “inclination to help others communicate in different ways to address difficult situations or challenges,” as well as “facilitate communication that could help or lead to transition from a conflict.”

As an attorney, he said “My training [and] instinct was always to litigate and go to court and things like that.”

He said that when he was exposed to mediation around the year 2000, he thought “Wow, this is really cool, this is really a different process than I was used to. That opened my eyes to look for more opportunities to be trained in mediation.”

He said in 2001, he was first trained by the a mediation and negotiation program at Harvard, where he volunteered as a mediator.

Castro Aranda became involved with CDSC after a friend who was a mediator provided him with a contact at the organization. He reached out and set up a meeting to talk about his eagerness to volunteer with the organization.

“CDSC assists in mediating conflicts including divorce, separation and marital mediation, eldercare, issues related to the LGBTQ community, housing and consumer disputes, neighbors and workplace conflicts,” according to a release.

He eventually got a part time job that allowed him to further delve into the world of mediation,

adding that “CDSC opened so many doors for me” by offering things like conflict workshops and training on various different conflict management issues.

He said that although he gets paid to work for Metropolitan Mediation Services, “I offer myself as a volunteer for CDSD,” as “I get such a good vibe from there” and he is grateful for the opportunities they have provided him over the years.

During the pandemic, Castro Aranda said that he and other mediators had to transition their services to Zoom, as did many industries. But prior to COVID, these services were done in person “99.9 percent of the time.”

Mediation requires conversation between people, which naturally lends itself to an in-person setting, but “you have to adjust,”

he said. “It’s been a struggle in many ways.”

He said especially with the courts being closed for so long, it was difficult in that respect as well, but now courts are opening up and allowing for Zoom mediation to occur.

He said he and others “went through a period of training to make sure people could do mediation through Zoom.”

Castro Aranda also said that people have been responding well to the virtual mediation sessions.

He added that he is grateful to CDSD for the opportunity to learn and grow as a mediator. “They gave me so many opportunities to learn,” he said, “I want to give to them.”

Janey announces expanded services at City Hall, BPL, BCYF

BY LAUREN BENNETT

Acting Mayor Kim Janey held a press conference on May 11, where she announced some updates to the city’s reopening plans, as well as spoke about the “encouraging” public health data in the city regarding COVID-19.

“There is no higher priority in my administration than the equitable recovery from this pandemic,” Janey said, later adding that “the latest data show encouraging trends.”

Janey said that over the past two weeks, new confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Boston have dropped by 38 percent. There have been an average of 80.1 new positive cases per day, and the citywide positivity rate has decreased by 1.3 points to 2.4 percent citywide, Janey said.

She added that each of the city’s neighborhoods had a positivity rate under 4.3 percent,

which is below the threshold of five percent.

“There’s also encouraging news in our hospitals,” Janey said. “COVID-related ER visits decreased by six percent over a two week period,” she said. She also said that there are currently 75 Bostonians hospitalized with COVID-19, which is “one of the lowest numbers recorded since the start of the pandemic.”

On the vaccine front, “more than 64 percent of all residents age 16 and older have gotten at least one shot,” Janey said. “We are working hard to engage residents who have still not been vaccinated.”

Both mass vaccination clinics in Boston—the Hynes Convention Center in the Back Bay and the Reggie Lewis Center—opened for walk-in vaccinations on Monday.

Janey also announced that services will be expanded at City

Hall, the Boston Public Library, and the Boston Centers for Youth and Families (BCYF) beginning in June.

“Starting June 7, Boston City Hall will be open to the public by appointment four days a week, and residents will be able to book appointments online Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays,” she said. For more information about which services will be available in person and to book an appointment, visit boston.gov.

Also in June, the Boston Public Library will “reopen for limited in-person services. All of our library locations will prioritize services that help residents with economic and educational recovery along with summer programs for kids and adults,” Janey said.

Additionally, BCYF locations will “align with the Phase Four, Step One of the Massachusetts reopening plan. This move will

provide safe and accessible space for young residents and increase children’s programming,” such as game nights, arts and crafts activities, and fitness classes.

She also said that the city is looking at “accelerating Boston’s reopening timeline in light of the improving public health metric metrics across all of Boston’s communities,” but no announcement has been made yet regarding details of what that might

look like.

She continued, “to make a full and equitable recovery from the pandemic, we must continue to do what works in the City of Boston,” such as mask wearing, keeping distant from others, hand washing, and getting vaccinated.

“Working together,” Janey said, “we can ensure Boston’s reopening is a safe one.”



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JPNC hears Faulkner Hospital expansion plans; committee updates

BY LAUREN BENNETT

The Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council (JPNC) met virtually on April 27, where members heard a presentation about the Brigham and Women's Faulkner Hospital expansion plans, as well as committee updates.

Susan Dempsey, Vice President of Clinical Services for Brigham and Women's Faulkner Hospital, said that the project is currently "in the BPDA comment period for our institutional master plan," and is working on presenting the plans to the community.

"The major focus of the project is to get more in-patient beds on campus," she said. She said increases in patient facilities have not taken place since 1976, and there are currently 171 beds at the hospital.

The proposal is to add 78 new in-patient beds and 505 new parking spaces.

"We are adding a second MRI and angiography suite which we do not have, which we should," Dempsey said, as well as an "extended recovery unit to support procedural and surgical areas." The addition will connect to the existing hospital building.

She said that additional parking spaces are needed to meet current and future demand for the hospital. The existing lower garage in the rear of the building is "well past its useful life," she said, as it was built in 1973. The proposed new garage will have 330 more spaces than that garage. The front garage was designed in such a way that more stories can be built on top.

The current garage has 750 spaces in the back, and the front garage has 190 spaces.

Additionally, an accessible ramp will be built on the Centre St. side.

Architect Hogie Fritsch said

that "we are proposing a sidewalk that you can see on the right side of Allandale [St.] that leads you up to the entry drive into the garage," as well as a crosswalk that connects to the other side of the street towards Springhouse.

Landscape architect Mark Glover said that 88 trees will be removed as part of this project, but 182 new trees will be planted. Though the caliper sizes will differ and the trees will be planted smaller to allow for a better survival rate, the trees will eventually fill in to create a "robust woodland," Glover said.

Transportation consultant Christina Hodge said that "driving is a must for many people who come to the hospital," such as doctors and other employees. She added that "ultimately the hospital isn't looking to build any more parking than they think they need," as it is expensive to build parking.

Hodge also talked about bike parking, which will be offered at the front garage as well as in the new replacement garage in the back. Additionally, there will be a 25 space Bluebikes station along Centre St., but the team is still working on exact placement with the city.

"It will help complement all the needs for bike parking on the site."

Hodge said there is an issue with speeding on Allandale St., so the team has committed to installing speed limit signs with embedded radar as part of this project as well in an effort to reduce speeding in the area.

The team said that recent presentations have been made to the Jamaica Hills Association, Springhouse, Rogerson Communities, and the West Roxbury Neighborhood Council.

JPNC member Bernie Doherty asked when the Request

For Proposal will go out, and the team said that that has already occurred, but regulatory approval from the city is still needed. A pre-construction contract has been awarded, and the team said that construction could begin in late fall at the "absolute earliest."

JPNC member Michael Reiskind said that the "main problem to be is you don't know if you're an urban hospital or a suburban hospital." He said the community feels as though it's urban but this plan with the amount of parking proposed feels as though it's suburban.

"What are your plans for improvement of transit since you've met with the MBTA?" he asked. The team said that they have asked the MBTA to increase services to the hospital, but at the time of the meeting the MBTA was looking to reduce service because of the pandemic. The team said that the MBTA does not have plans to increase service there.

Reiskind proposed the subsidization of the 38 bus that comes every 14 minutes and would more rapidly take patients to and from the hospital.

JPNC member Bernie Doherty said that he is concerned with the lack of involvement of the community earlier in the process, but not every other council member agreed with his comments.

ZONING COMMITTEE

There were 10 zoning matters heard by the Zoning Committee in April, most of which were approved by the committee:

- 1). 632-638 Centre Street to construct additional story (fourth floor) on existing building and change occupancy from 9 residential units with office and retail to 18 residential units and 4 commercial (retail and office) spaces;
- 2). 180-190 Hyde Park Avenue to convert building from three commercial spaces to four spaces (180 Hyde Park Avenue to remain retail, 182 to be converted from retail to food service/cafe, 184 to be converted from retail to church with gatherings, legal services, and community outreach, 188 to remain retail/salon);
- 3). 22 Castleton Street to change occupancy from a 2 to a 3-family residential dwelling,

create a new third-floor unit, and create additional rear access;

4). 3815 Washington Street in which The Croft School seeks to expand existing educational use on ground and first floor to second floor;

5). 12 and 14 Ennis Road to combine lots at 12 and 14 Ennis Road and build two unattached two-family dwellings with six (6) off-street parking spaces;

6). 203 Chestnut Avenue to add a third floor on top of existing second floor bump-out to create master bedroom;

7). 8 Alveston Street to demolish existing garage and build new attached garage per plans;

8). 93-95 Hyde Park Avenue to change occupancy to permit tenant fit-out and use as veterinary office and veterinary medical clinic;

9). 1589 Columbus Avenue to change occupancy from dry cleaner to adult use cannabis retailer with interior alterations and exterior renovations. The building will remain the same size on the same footprint;

10). 87-89 West Walnut Park to change occupancy from two-family to three-family dwelling and extend living space into basement.

The recommendation at 632-638 Centre St. was to deny, as the project had originally been approved for nine units and three stories but Zoning Committee chair Dave Baron said that "in the middle of the project," the team proposed "twice as many units and an additional story." There were many neighbors concerned about the new proposal, and both the Zoning Committee and the city's Zoning Board of Appeal denied the project.

All other projects were approved by the full Council.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMITTEE

As previously reported by the Gazette, the Public Service Committee heard a proposal for a Common Victualler seven day all alcoholic beverages license and an entertainment license for The Haven restaurant to move into the former Bella Luna Restaurant & Milky Way Lounge space at the Brewery Complex. The proposed closing hour is 1am, and Jason Waddleton will be the manager. Also proposed was a seasonal, 60 seat outdoor patio that would close at 11pm.

The full council voted to approve the license.

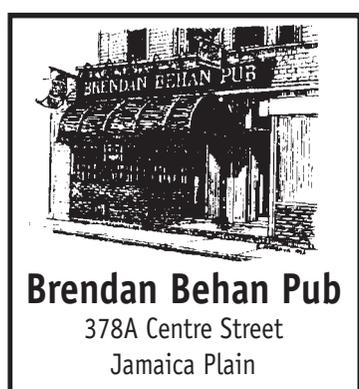
HOUSING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Housing and Development Committee member Marvin Mathelier reported on the committee's discussion of the sale of the Blessed Sacrament church with the Hyde Square Task Force, saying that a potential buyer "would have to prioritize community benefit over financial benefit," and to listen to the "voices and concerns" of the Latin Quarter community, which has a huge stake in that building and what is used for.

ELECTION/OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Max Glikman reported that the election is still on for July, as previously discussed by the Council. He said that after the Council's monthly meeting in May, nomination papers will be made available.

"That will give folks I believe about a month to gather signatures; to nominate themselves," Glikman said. There will be in-person elections in July, and the Council had also previously discussed a mail in option and drop-boxes as well.





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Baker provides details on COVID vaccines for teenagers; announces forthcoming employer vaccination program

BY LAUREN BENNETT

Governor Charlie Baker on Wednesday toured Moderna's laboratory facility in Norwood and provided an update on COVID-19 and vaccinations in the state.

Baker said that as of Tuesday, Massachusetts saw 472 new COVID cases from around 42,000 tests. He also said the seven day average positive test rate is 1.32 percent, which is down to a similar percentage than had been seen last fall. He said that 441 Massachusetts residents are currently hospitalized with the virus, and 117 are in the ICU.

The state's "Stop the Spread" initiative, which offers free test-

ing sites in certain areas across the state, will be expanded through the end of September, Baker announced on Wednesday. The program was originally supposed to end on June 30.

Baker announced that three million Massachusetts residents are fully vaccinated, and almost 74 percent of adults have received at least one dose of the vaccine.

Massachusetts is "one of only five states in the country that has crossed that 70 percent milestone," Baker said.

He also announced that the state is making preparations to vaccinate 12-15 year olds, following the FDA authorization on Monday for the Pfizer vaccine

to be administered to kids of those ages, "and today, the advisory committee on immunization practices will meet and make a recommendation on this approval," Baker said.

"This group represents about 400,000 individuals here in the Commonwealth and we're working with our providers and our mass vaccination sites and others to put plans in place to vaccinate this group once we received word of a final approval."

He said that any parents who have questions about the vaccine should reach out to their primary care provider or their child's pediatrician.

"Pending the CDC's approval for this group, people age 12-15

will be able to book appointments or access a walk-up appointment beginning on Thursday, May 13," Baker said.

He also said that he is "pleased" that Moderna is also working on approval of its vaccine for those under the age of 18.

"We applaud their progress and look forward to Moderna's vaccine working their way through this important and rigorous approval process as well," he said.

Massachusetts still remains on track to reach its target of vaccinating more than 4 million people by the beginning of June, but Baker said that "we have a lot of work to do" still to reach

people in hardest hit communities.

Finally, Baker announced that the state will soon launch an employer vaccination program, which will allow employers to schedule blocks of time for their employees to get vaccinated at one of the state's mass vaccination sites, or schedule a time for a mobile vaccine clinic to come to the workplace.

He said more information on this program will be announced soon.

"The vaccine is free to everyone, and it remains the best way for folks to protect themselves their loved ones, their neighbors, and their coworkers," Baker said.

Several JP organizations receive Boston Cultural Council grants

BY JOHN LYNDIS

Several Jamaica Plain non-profits will receive a portion of the latest round of Boston Cultural Council grants totaling \$489,000.

OrigiNation Cultural Arts Center, the Jamaica Plain Arts Council, JP Movie Night and the Hyde Square Task Force will join 150 other Boston arts and cultural organizations in sharing \$489,000 through the Boston Cultural Council grant program.

Acting Mayor Kim Janey, together with the Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture and the Boston Cultural Council (BCC), made the announcement last month.

Janey said these grants support the organizations' general operating expenses, with the goal of enhancing the quality of life in Boston through the arts.

"The arts are integral to ensuring our city is a culturally vibrant place where everyone is able to thrive," said Janey. "These organizations have done incredible work over the past year to engage our communities during such a difficult time, and we are proud to support them as they continue to carry out this much needed work."

The Boston Cultural Council also awarded the Modeling Equity Organization grant for

the third year in a row to Jamaica Plain's OrigiNation Cultural Arts Center. The center was awarded an additional \$5,000 for meaningfully addressing diversity, equity, and inclusion in leadership, board, staff, and programming, and their ongoing work to serve historically underrepresented groups.

Founded in 1994 by Artistic Director Shaumba-Yandje Dibinga, OrigiNation is a non-profit organization that produces innovative performing arts programs that motivate, challenge, and inspire youth to be the best they can be.

"We offer quality dance, theater arts, and African history education," said the group in a statement. "Special emphasis is placed on teaching young people between the ages of 2 through 18 the importance of self-respect, health, nutrition, education, self-esteem, and the extent of African influences on various contemporary art forms."

Every year OrigiNation serves close to 150 young people through its on-site programs in Jamaica Plain and an additional 1,500 youth through its off-site programs.

OrigiNation also implements special initiatives to raise its students' awareness about pertinent social issues and to fa-

cilitate their development into well-rounded, productive citizens within their families and communities.

For the second year in a row grant amounts were determined by budget size. Organizations with budgets under \$2 million received grants between \$2,000

and \$5,000. This funding strategy aims to better support small- to medium-sized organizations. Organizations were evaluated on a series of criteria, including diversity of the organization, service to historically underrepresented populations, benefit to the public, and reflection of the goals

and ideas of the Boston Creates cultural plan.

A virtual reception celebrating this year's grantees will be livestreamed to the Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture's Facebook page (@ArtsinBoston) on May 20, 2021 from 6-7 p.m.

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Principal Bott doubled down on equity when Mendell School changed demographically

BY SETH DANIEL

There are a lot of narratives in the Boston Public Schools (BPS) that suggest when neighborhood demographics change, and a school gets more white students, then it improves, but that's not the story that award-winning Principal Julia Bott has to tell about the improvement of the Ellis Mendell School in Egleston Square – a K-5 elementary school drawing about 300 kids from Roxbury and JP.

Bott was announced this week at the 2021 Thomas C. Passios Elementary Principal of the Year, and also the National Elementary School Principal of the Year by the Massachusetts School Administrators Association (MSAA). This week, she said she considers it an award for the entire staff and the school – noting they have improved all students by focusing on inclusion, aspiration to excellence and taking agency.

And instead of improvement by demographic change, she said the demographic changes only pushed her and her staff to double down their efforts to raise up all the children – and if accolades are any indicator, it has worked.

“JP went through some significant gentrification and we began

to attract white, middle-income and upper-income families,” she said. “We are about 30 percent white now and we were about 5 percent before. Sometimes there is a narrative that a school improves and gets better because it becomes more white. I don't accept that at all. I think the shift pushed me as a school leader who is white and overseeing a school mostly of people of color, to put that on a balance that we affirm...I would argue the shift in demographics pushed me as a leader to decide what community we wanted to be.”

Bott, a Boston College graduate, began her career at the Gardner Pilot in Allston, and then was encouraged to move her talents to the Mendell as an assistant principal. She served in that role for two years, and then became acting principal for six months. Then, on July 1, 2010, she took the reins of the Mendell to become principal, and is now serving her 11th year in that role.

A big part of her success has been including everyone in the same circle, including putting substantially-separate special education students in the general classroom, and fighting against the pushback that came from that decision. Such substantially separate settings are known in Boston to affect Black



Principal Julia Bott of the Ellis Mendell School in Egleston Square has won two major awards for her 11-year career of leading the Mendell – a leadership based on breaking down biases and including everyone in the circle of educational achievement.

and LatinX students far more than white students, and can serve as a de facto form of segregation.

“The sub-separate setting can be a form of racism because they take students of color out of the running for opportunities and that changes the trajectory of their lives,” she said. “We got pushback from the white community who didn't want their kids with those kids. So, we also pushed back and said if you want

to stay in our school community, you have to accept these children.”

Now, at the Mendell, all the students sit shoulder to shoulder learning together – and it has not hurt academic achievement as some might have thought.

Together with her team of dynamic educators, committed families, and amazing students, Bott has collaboratively facilitated the Mendell's transformation from an under-performing elementary school on the brink of “turn-around” status to a high-achieving, fully-inclusive school community that proudly embraces their shared values of inclusivity, excellence, and agency.

Among those values is a strong curriculum based on anti-racism teaching that starts early so that children understand why systems are the way they are, why some achieve and others don't – and particularly why the deck seems stacked against some children and not others.

“Kids as young as 5 start learning oppression that early,” she said. “If you don't start telling kids about systems and structures that perpetuate problems and not putting that on individual people, but on the system – kids will internalize it. Our commitment to inclusion and in particular about race is something I know Boston is work on, but I didn't have a real sense where the state was at. I was surprised to get the award. As a white woman aspiring to be an ally, I am proud to stand shoulder to shoulder with colleagues that do this incredible work every day...I feel very strongly this isn't my award, but the school community and families.”

The Boston Schools Fund has worked closely with the Mendell for some time, and are helping them implement a re-centering grant. Director Will Austin had nothing but praise for Bott's work.

“Principal Bott has been an excellent partner with Boston Schools Fund,” he said. “We are inspired by her commitment to academic excellence, equity, and joy at the Mendell. The Mendell is a proof point that all children can and should have access to a quality education regardless of race, ability, or address.”

Supt. Brenda Cassellius said Boston Public Schools was lucky to have her dedication in a school that is a beacon of hope for every school in the district.

“Her innovative approach to

leadership and commitment to consistent communication with her school community, throughout the pandemic, in particular, has been a beacon of hope for the entire school and BPS at large,” said Cassellius. “Her work to provide inclusive and equitable environments in which her students thrive is admirable and aligned with the strategic vision of Boston Public Schools. Because of school leaders like Julia, we can confidently proclaim that BPS has some of the best talent in the Commonwealth. Julia goes above and beyond to promote the culture of inclusion, anti-racism and excellence we foster throughout our entire district. Julia would say she's lucky to have her students and staff, but they are just as lucky to have her.”

Acting Mayor Kim Janey said like the sports teams in Boston that have made us the ‘City of Champions,’ there are also unsung heroes like Bott who embody and pass on that same winning spirit.

“BPS is home to world-class educators and administrators,” said Janey. “I am elated to know the 2021 MSAA Elementary School Principal of the Year award belongs to one of our very own school leaders. Principal Bott reflects Boston's core values in her school community by advancing the educational rigor, collaboration, and achievement our great city is known for. I congratulate Julia and the entire Mendell School staff for their hard work and dedication on behalf of our students and families.”

Added School Committee Chair Alexandra Oliver-Dávila, “Principal Bott has led the Mendell School tirelessly. It is no wonder to hear that she has been selected to receive such a prestigious award. Julia measures and monitors the achievement of each student, ensuring they have a solid educational foundation, regardless of their background. She is one of the many examples of amazing leaders who make a difference within BPS, and I join the School Committee in congratulating her on this honor and thanking her for her extraordinary leadership.”

Bott said that while the achievement has been validated, it doesn't mean the work is over.



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Dr. Hutton receives Stanley L. Robbins Award for Excellence in Teaching



Dr. Elizabeth Hutton.

Jamaica Plain resident Elizabeth Hutton, MD, assistant professor of medicine and pediatrics, has been recognized with Boston University School of Medicine's (BUSM) highest teaching honor, the Stanley L. Robbins Award for Excellence in Teaching.

The annual award honors an outstanding educator and acknowledges the importance of teaching skills and commitment to students and education. It was established in recognition of the exceptional teaching and devotion to students exemplified by Stanley L. Robbins, MD, former professor and chair of pathology.

"Dr. Hutton is simply superb as an educator and at giving feedback," said a BUSM colleague. "Students routinely tell me that she gives them some of the most detailed, specific and actionable feedback. In addition, she is a strong advocate for our students. Whether there is a struggling student on service or one who excels, Dr. Hutton finds ways to support those who need help and makes time in her busy schedule to independently reach out to residency programs to offer her words on behalf of applicants so that they can achieve their residency program aspirations."

Another colleague describes her as possessing the characteristics that all educators should have—engagement in student learning, a clear sense of student expectations, ability to provide specific feedback to learners and willingness to create and enact an action plan to help learners improve. "Her ability to identify struggling learners in a timely fashion and report it to course leadership along with an action plan of steps to help the learner improve, has been so valuable to assisting our students to meet their expectations."

Hutton serves as the medical director of the pediatric in-

patient unit at Boston Medical Center. According to a colleague, she is attentive to educational concerns from an administrative level in her role running the inpatient service. "Over the years she has innovated ways in which hospitalist faculty can contribute to education and has routinely gone above and beyond in her consideration for how to set up a service that can really assess the competency of medical students," added another colleague.

Hutton's research interests include medical education, quality improvement in inpatient pediatric care, faculty development, improving coordination of

care between inpatient and outpatient providers and childhood onset chronic disease.

She completed her medicine-pediatrics residency program at Brigham & Women's Hospital and Boston Children's Hospital.

Bott

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In fact, she said this kind of work starts every day with a choice to move forward, or not.

"Antiracism is a verb: a daily commitment, a choice we must make over and over again," she

said. "Our community of learners will continue to work together to uproot and unlearn our biases and deepen our collective knowledge of culturally and linguistically sustaining practices. This benefits *all* students, but in particular, it centers the voices, ideas, contributions, and experiences of those communities that have been most profoundly im-

pacted by historical marginalization: people of color, immigrants, and the LGBTQ+ community."

Bott is a two-time graduate of Boston College, earning a bachelor's degree in English and a master's degree in Educational Administration, and a degree in Moderate Special Needs. She will also begin post-graduate studies to pursue a doctorate in Edu-

cational Leadership at Boston College this July. She will be presented with an award from the MSAA at their annual Summer Leadership Institute in July to celebrate her influence on the Mendell School community and the district at large.

At the ceremony this summer, she said she hopes to be able to get a photo of herself with Vice

President Kamala Harris, something that would be a powerful image for her students.

"I would like to meet Kamala Harris and take a picture with her – she being a significant woman of leadership, a woman of color, an Asian woman and a child of immigrants," she said. "It would be a powerful representation for my students."

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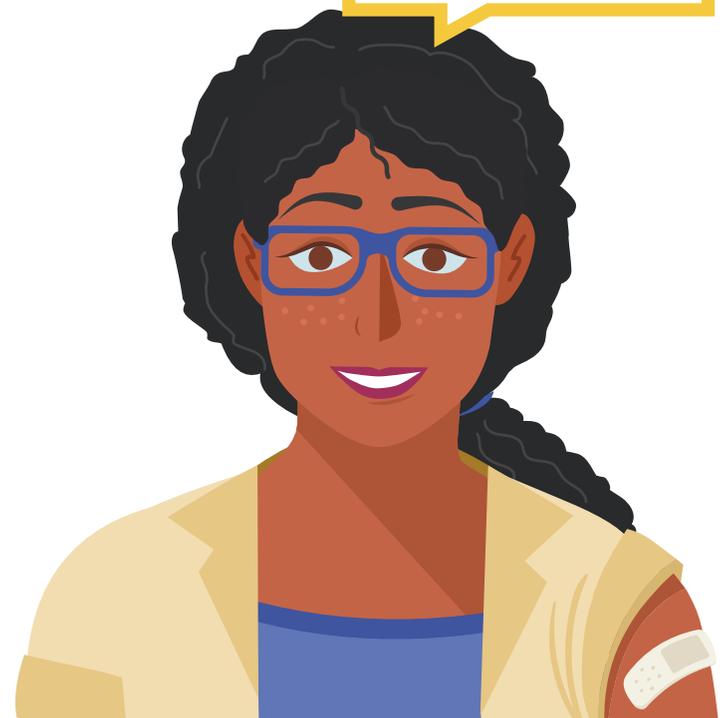


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Roslindale author releases new thriller book

BY LAUREN BENNETT

Roslindale resident and author R.B. Wood just released his newest novel, *Bayou Whispers*, and if supernatural thrillers are your style, this book is for you.

According to the book's description, it's "the story of no-nonsense New Orleans native, Jeannine LaRue, the sole survivor of her family after the

devastation brought on by Hurricane Katrina. In the aftermath of the storm, she believed she'd been saved, but soon found herself held hostage and sexually exploited, rescued months later by sheriff's deputy Curtis Jones.

Twelve years after Katrina, Jeannine is a new attorney who returns to New Orleans to save her old friend Curtis Jones—now a local thief and trafficker of sto-

len goods—after he is arrested for the murder of Jeannine's captors, whose bodies have recently been found. But Jeannine discovers more than she bargained for when she uncovers a family history of dark voodoo magic and an unholy alliance with an ancient evil Haitian god."

Wood did not begin his career as a writer. He grew up in New York, and as a financial services consultant, has traveled to about 80 countries around the world.

"About five years ago, I had a series of unfortunate medical events," Wood said, and "realized I couldn't do what I used to do." So he decided he had to make a career switch.

As a young person, Wood said he always enjoyed writing stories using crayons on paper.

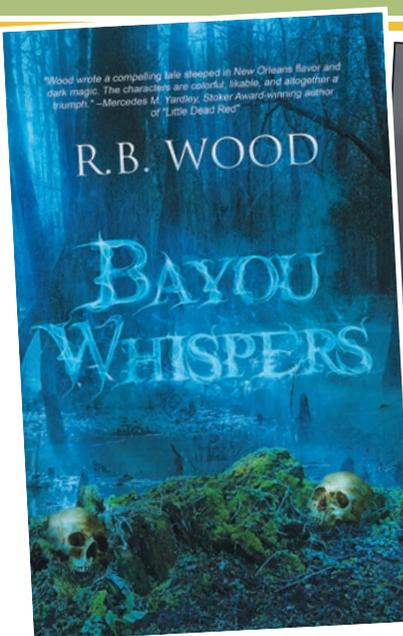
He decided to go back to Emerson College for his MFA, and settled on writing horror and thriller stories after graduating in 2019.

"Originally I was a science fiction fan," he said, adding that "horror really is the only genre that's emotion-based; there's a reaction to it."

He said what he likes about the genre is "building tension" and "throwing everyday characters into an extraordinary situation to see how they would react."

He said reading Stephen King's *It* caused him to keep the lights on inside his house for three days. "That impact is amazing," he said, adding that there are "a lot of good horror writers out there doing that right."

Wood said that *Bayou Whispers* is "more of a supernatural



thriller." The character of Jeannine LaRue is based off of a friend of Wood's who had stage four colon cancer at the age of 36 and unfortunately ended up passing away. He said she was "a sweetheart and incredibly strong," and felt that she was a good person to base the strong character of Jeannine on.

"This is a survival story," Wood said of the book, which follows LaRue as she is rescued by a police officer, Curtis Jones, following Hurricane Katrina, who then "turns to a life of crime."

Later on, Jeannine is an attorney in New York and when she heads to New Orleans to save Jones, "she begins to discover who she is, and that's important," Wood said. "Who she is is far different than who she's told she is."

Wood said that he had spent a lot of time in New Orleans talking to people and he felt it was the perfect setting for a story of survival.

"I would love it if people were entertained by this," he said of

the book. "I like to tell sites that people would, not enjoy a literary expert."

Wood started working on the book when he was at Emerson College. "It was my thesis story," he said, and the original intent was for it to be a "pure horror story."

Wood described his first novel, *The Prodigal's Foole*, as an "urban fantasy" that "deals with angels, deals with demons," and an "idiot caught in the middle who's trying to get in the middle of things." He said he had planned on writing a follow up to it, but he said it's "hard to write a book series."

He said that his other published works are shorter fiction pieces that can be found on the internet or in different anthologies. He said themed anthologies are his favorite to contribute to, and said that it gives him the challenge he craves to learn about a new topic.

Wood's advice to other writers includes "applying what I would call a work discipline to writing. Put the butt in the chair and do it every day," he said. He said he aims to write 1500 words per day, even on the days he doesn't feel like doing it.

Time management, he said, is the key to a successful writing experience.

During the pandemic, Wood said he did less writing as it "put a lot of anxiety out there," and he felt it became more difficult to sit down and write.

"The world can't stop," he said, so writers just have to adjust.

Wood has lived in Roslindale since 2007, and said he is a big fan of the local businesses and



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Acting Mayor Kim Janey and Councilor Ricardo Arroyo took a business walk through Roslindale Square on Thursday, May 6.



Acting Mayor Kim Janey and Councilor Arroyo with the owner of Las Palmas.



Mi Finca owners with Acting Mayor Janey and Councilor Arroyo.



Shown left, Acting Mayor Janey stopped to chat with the staff and owners at the ever-popular Shaking Seafood in Roslindale Square.

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Roslindale residents win wedding giveaway contest

First responders Giordano, Umbro set for Hollywood style celebration

BY CARY SHUMAN

There will be a Hollywood-style wedding soon for two

local healthcare heroes.

Roslindale residents Michele Umbro and Jack Giordano are the winners of the Boston Harbor Hotel “Heartfelt Thanks to Healthcare Heroes” Wedding Giveaway contest.

The Boston Harbor Hotel, in an effort to honor the heroism

of frontline workers who distinguished themselves so bravely during the COVID-19 pandemic, wanted to thank one lucky couple by offering an all-expense paid package for 10 people to take place in the unparalleled John Adams Presidential Suite overlooking the Boston waterfront. Jack’s mother suggested that the couple submit an entry in the contest and the future Mr. and Mrs. Giordano were selected for the grand prize.

Michele and Jack have been on the frontline throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. Michelle, 34, is a mammographer and X-ray technician at Brigham and Women’s Hospital. During the pandemic, her team of medical personnel has worked directly with COVID-19 patients administering daily test X-rays for diagnostic purposes.

Jack, 33, has been a firefighter in the Boston Fire Department for eight years and has worked out of the Jamaica Plain Fire Station since 2018. Jack has been a part of the contingent of first responders who have answered

the call so gallantly during the unprecedented, international health crisis. Firefighters and police officers have merited praise for being “the real heroes” in life as they proceed undauntedly into the field during these stressful times caused by the uncertainty of the pandemic.

“I’m proud of Jack,” said Michele.

Michele grew up on Prospect Avenue in Revere and attended

Immaculate Conception School. She graduated in 2005 from Pope John XXIII High School, Everett Joseph and Anna Umbro, Michele’s parents, still reside in Revere and will be proud guests at the lavish wedding reception.

Michele attended Salem State University and later studied Radiology at Bunker Hill Community College.

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“I love all the shops and how friendly the folks are in the shops,” he said, adding that the neighborhood has a “little hometown feel.” He also said “I just love Massachusetts in general for the intellect and the diversity and the conversations.”

Wood has also hosted Word Count Podcast for 10 years, and he just finished the 1000th episode. Right now, the podcast is on hiatus, but he said he has met many friends through the show, and told over 700 stories.

“What a fun experience that was,” he said of the podcast. Each episode was set up with a prompt, and guests write and record flash fiction. He said that it might start up again some day, but he doesn’t know when.

On April 29—the book’s release date— a Facebook book launch event was held for *Bayou Whispers*, where Wood read from the book and did a Q+A, as well as spoke with fellow author Todd Keisling.

He said to get the book out

to as wide an audience as possible, he is engaging in interviews with several different outlets and book video bloggers, reviews, podcasts, blogs, radio and TV stations, and YouTube.

“I think it’s going to be spectacular,” he said, adding that he’s “trying to get the book in front of as many people as possible.”

In the past year, Wood completed and sold *Bayou Whispers*, along with eight other short stories. Some of the stories were new, he said, and some were ones he worked on while at Emerson College. He said he has more than 20 other stories that “are done, need editing, reviewing, or in process.”

He said *Bayou Whispers* needed to come out now, as it became a story of survival, and “everybody has a survivor story now.” He added that every person had to make some sort of change in their lives because of the pandemic.

“In that way,” he said, “everybody’s a survivor and here’s a survivor story.”

Bayou Whispers is available now on Amazon and at various other booksellers.

For more information on RB Wood, visit rbwood.com.

Michelle Wu for Mayor surpasses \$1 Million cash on hand

STAFF REPORT

City Councilor and candidate for Mayor Michelle Wu announced that her Mayoral campaign has more than \$1 million in the bank, reaching a key milestone that puts her campaign in a strong position for the months ahead.

In a powerful demonstration of Wu’s growing grassroots backing, the campaign has over 6,280 donors at an average contribution amount of \$93 per donation. Wu has received thousands of donations from Boston residents.

The funds allow the Wu campaign to build up a strong team and make long-term plans, and demonstrates that Michelle Wu’s message of doing more to keep families in Boston, transform our schools, close the childcare gap, free the T and bring a Boston Green New Deal has earned grassroots support.

Team Wu also recently surpassed the 3,000 signatures collected threshold the same day



Boston City Councilor and candidate for Mayor, Michelle Wu, of Roslindale.

signature gathering began, and continues to mobilize hundreds of grassroots volunteers across the city to spread the word to friends and neighbors.

“I’m inspired everyday to see the grassroots momentum for our campaign matching the energy for bold, urgent leadership across our neighborhoods. Whether it’s chipping in five dollars, making phone calls, or joining our events, our supporters and volunteers share a powerful vision of what’s possible for Boston to meet the moment. We are building a movement not just for Election Day, but to follow through on the charge to be bold and do more in office,” said Michelle Wu.

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Wedding

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Community College.

Jack, son of Kim Giordano and Sheila Giordano, grew up in Wrentham. He does have an educational connection to his wife's hometown of Revere.

"I did my thesis in 2019 on revitalizing Revere as a gateway city," said Jack, "Revere hits home to me in many ways. I really love Revere Beach. Michele and I have been to Bianchi's Pizzeria, but she still hasn't brought me to Kelly's Roast Beef."

Jack recalled conversing with Revere Mayor Brian Arrigo during his research for his thesis.

"We talked at length about the city - he's a really, really nice guy," recalled Jack. "This was the week before the election, so I was like, 'he has other things to worry about,' and there he was talking with me for more than hour."

Jack has been a resident of Roslindale since 2014 and homeowner since 2015. He attended Bay State College and holds a Master's degree from Northeastern in Security and Resiliency. He is currently pursuing a second Master's Degree in Cybersecurity.

He is enjoying life in one of Boston's most vibrant neighborhoods. "I love living in Roslindale," said Jack in a telephone interview this week. "I'm actually watering the grass right now."

A Five-Year Journey to Wedding Day

Michele Umbro and Jack Giordano met in 2016 and have been engaged since May, 2019. They had scheduled their wedding on two prior occasions - the first was to be held in Tuscany, Italy - but the wedding dates were postponed due to the pandemic and travel restrictions.

"We were planning our wedding for a third time for somewhere in the United States and then we ended up winning this sweepstakes," said Michelle.

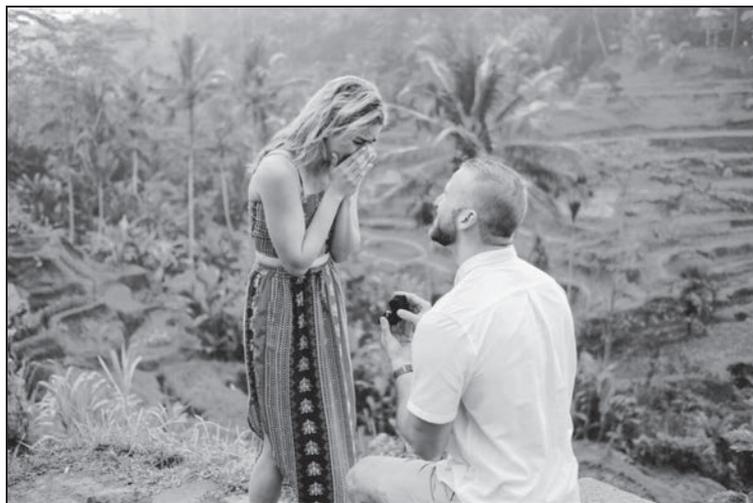
The couple submitted a heartfelt video for the Boston Harbor Hotel contest and a few days later Michele and Jack were notified that they were finalists for the grand prize.

"When we actually went to the Boston Harbor Hotel, they surprised us and said we were the winners," said Michele.

"I want to say Michele and I are just grateful for this opportunity because it's been a very challenging past couple of years trying to have a wedding during a pandemic," related Jack.

An Amazing Wedding Ceremony and Reception

The Boston Harbor Hotel's "Heartfelt Thanks to Healthcare Heroes" Microwedding for Michele and Jack will include the following: Wedding ceremony in the Presidential Suite overlooking Boston Harbor; tableside cocktail service; plated hors d'oeuvres; sit-down three-course dinner by Chef Daniel Bruce; wedding cake; and wine



Jack Giordano proposes to his future bride, Michele Umbro.

and champagne for ten guests served during dinner.

There will be also white linens, ballroom chairs, flowers from The Wedding Collection by Winston Flowers, including a dining room centerpiece, a bride's classic white rose bouquet, a groom's white rose bouquet, and flowers for the parents of the bride and groom and the best man and maid of honor.

The hairstyling and makeup for the bridal party will be compliments of Megan Graham Beauty. The couple will enjoy a one-night stay in the one-bedroom John Adams Presidential Suite and breakfast for two in the suite the next morning. And not leaving anything uncovered, the Boston Harbor Hotel will provide free parking.

According to sources, actor George Clooney was recently a guest in the John Adams Presidential Suite.

"I'm very excited about the wedding," said Michele. "It's finally going to happen and we're just really appreciative and really excited and overall very happy."

On Being a Hero

Both Michele and Jack were asked about the recognition that they have received deservedly as heroic first responders, working to help others during the pandemic.

"I wouldn't look at myself as being a hero," Michele responded humbly. "I think definitely at the hospital we've all worked as such a good team and I was really proud to be part of that team. I think the real heroes are those doctors and nurses that are working one on one with those patients, but without radiology and all the other departments - we all just work together. Without radiology, they wouldn't know the diagnostics of looking into the X-rays and MRIs and CTs - so it's a team effort and I'm really proud to be a part of the Brigham."

Jack also accepted the recognition with grace, stating that it is an honor to serve in the Boston Fire Department. "It's actually an honor to be able to be part of such a great community and to help people," he said. "Every-

body's facing a certain battle that not everyone is seeing - and to be a first responder at a time like this, it's an honor and honestly a privilege."

Asked if he has noticed the universally positive light that has shone on firefighters during the pandemic, Jack replied, "I wouldn't say I've been noticing how people have been treating me, but I've been treating people with the utmost sincerity because you never know what someone else is going through."

I don't see myself as a hero," continued Jack. "I think we just do the jobs we do with the resources and tools that we have. At the end of the day, we just want to help people and promote the communities to stay safe and healthy and increase the quality of life - I think that's a team collaborative effort on the whole healthcare front, protective services as well. It's just an honor to be part of this huge team that's helping our communities thrive during this."

Advice for Other Couples

Jack had some good advice for other couples who are in the planning stages for their weddings.

"To all the newly engaged couples who have been trying to figure out how they're going to plan a wedding during the pandemic, I think the most important thing is to see this as a steppingstone in learning how to become stronger partners together," said Jack. "I'd say the biggest advice is: communicate. It's been quite the experience and I just think that this is going to set us up for success in the future."

"This has been our first big challenge as a couple together, and it's made us realize that the most important thing in this life is having each other and having our health and well-being," added Jack.

He sees brighter days ahead for all. "As a human race and as history has shown, we tend to be resilient. And I know that through social cohesion, we're going to become resilient, overcome this [pandemic] and we're going to be stronger than ever. And Boston is a very resilient city and I'm looking forward to great things to come."

(Information from Boston Harbor Hotel press materials was used in this story).

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Roslindale's COVID test rate decreases as numbers in the neighborhood remain low

By JOHN LYND'S

Roslindale's weekly COVID-19 positive test rate remains well below 5 percent according to the latest data released by the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) last Friday.

According to the latest data 929 Roslindale residents were tested last week and 2.5 percent were found to be COVID positive.

Of the 24,738 Roslindale residents tested for COVID since the pandemic began, 14 percent overall were found to be positive.

Citywide, the weekly positive test rate decreased once again.

According to the BPHC 20,721 residents were tested and 2.4 percent were COVID

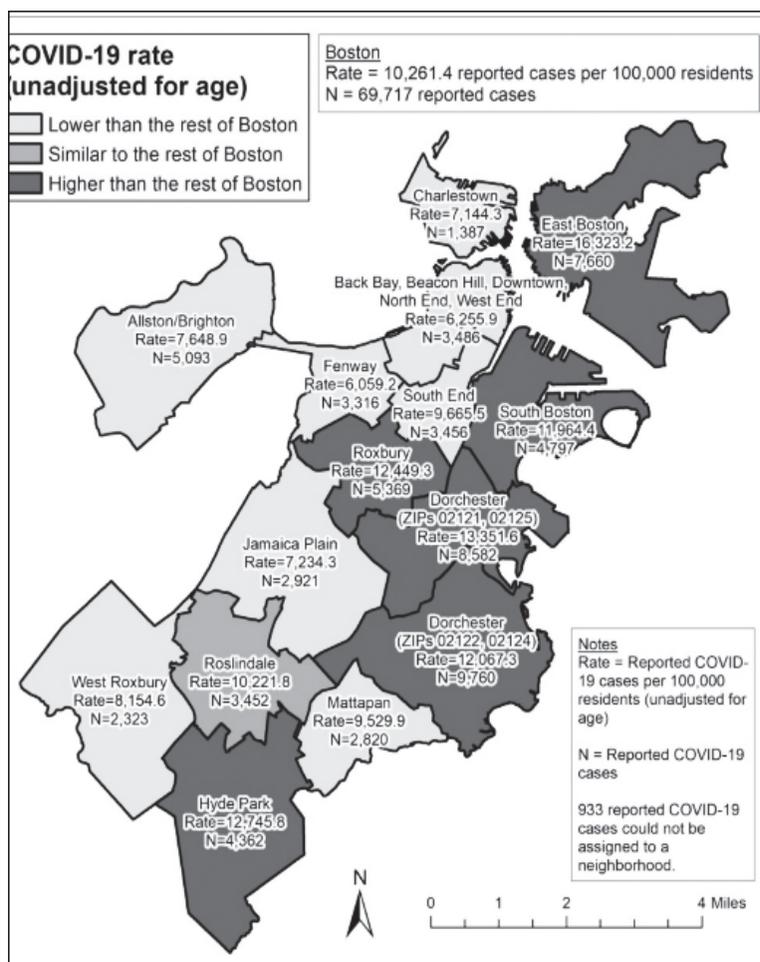
positive--this was a 31 percent decrease from the 3.5 percent positive test rate reported by the BPHC two weeks ago.

According to the BPHC data, Roslindale's infection rate was at 1022.1 per 10,000 residents and the total number of cases here since the pandemic began is 3,452.

The statistics released by the BPHC as part of its weekly COVID19 report breaks down

the number of cases and infection rates in each neighborhood. It also breaks down the number of cases by age, gender and race.

Citywide positive cases of coronavirus increased less than one percent last week and went from 69,441 cases to 70,079 confirmed cases in a week. Five additional Boston residents died from the virus last week and there are now 1,374 total deaths in the city from COVID.



On Friday the BPHC released its weekly COVID-19 stats by neighborhood that tracks infection rates and COVID testing results in Boston neighborhoods.

ROSLINDALE STUDENT EARNS ACADEMIC HONORS

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PHOTOS BY JOHN WILCOX/MAYOR'S OFFICE
Acting Mayor Kim Janey and her mother, Phyllis, in the Arboretum framed by the blooming lilacs.



A JP jogger out for some exercise spotted Acting Mayor Janey in the Arboretum and stopped for a photo.



Refreshing! May and Mother's Day are a time for the scent of lilacs in Boston, and here Acting Mayor Janey smells one of the lilacs in the Arboretum as her mother looks on.

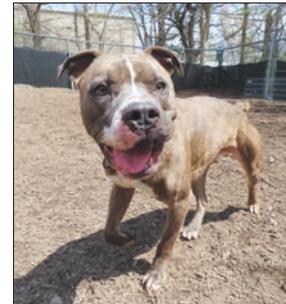
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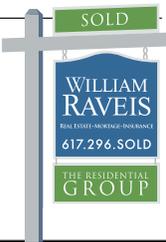
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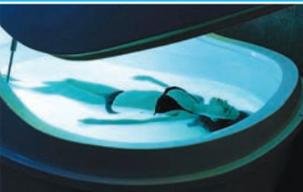
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SNA hears two development proposals; committee updates

BY LAUREN BENNETT

The Stonybrook Neighborhood Association (SNA) met virtually on May 10, where members and neighbors heard two development presentations as well as updates from subcommittees.

The first development proposal was for a self storage facility at 75 Stedman St. Jay Walsh was on hand to represent the owners of the property, who are also

proposing to extend Stedman St. and connect it to Stonley Road.

The site has “been a construction yard for a long time,” Walsh said, and has caused issues with abutters, including dust and noise complaints. He said that the owners discussed a residential proposal, but they decided it wouldn’t be feasible in the area with the amount density that would be necessary to make it financially feasible.

He said the proposal for the

storage facility has been presented to abutters, who provided feedback and the latest proposal “had taken that into consideration.”

The proposed building is three stories with a basement, and the structure meets the zoning requirement for height, which is “35 feet from average grade plan,” Walsh said.

Additionally, the facility would have 838 units of differing sizes.

One of the main questions that came up is the choice to build another storage facility in the neighborhood, with Extra-Space storage down the street.

Walsh said that “we thought this use would probably be something that addresses the issue” of the complaints about the current site as well as still be “somewhat financially viable.” He said that they have determined there is still a need for storage space even with other locations in the area.

Another question was raised about what zoning variances would be required for this project.

Walsh said that the team has yet to submit the plans for review by the Zoning Commission, but there is “anticipated compliant use with height and setbacks,” but zoning relief will be needed for Floor Area Ratio.

“This area has been transforming from industrial over to housing,” said SNA member Jennifer Uhrhane, adding that PLAN: JP/Rox is “discouraging storage units being build right in this area. They are encouraging housing or other types of mixed use projects.” She wondered how this project would comply with the plan.

Walsh said that “most of the requirements have to do with density,” and also mentioned that PLAN: JP/Rox has not been “codified” in the zoning code, though Uhrhane said it is being used by many developments in the area.

As for the timeline for the project, Walsh said that there is still “at least a few months of approval process,” and then the building has to be designed and engineered. He said the earliest construction would begin would be 2022. Additionally, there is initial testing being done on the site for environmental contaminants, and Walsh said that some cleanup will be necessary.

In the chat, resident Bill Reylet said that “if we can’t get them to do housing/mixed-use, how about we push them to devote the majority of the ground-floor to artist/makerspace, light-industrial (i.e., jobs)? Also, could we push them to make the structure convertible to residential in terms of floor heights, etc.”

Resident Bradley Cohen responded, “I like those ideas, Bill, and Caliga’s ideas about public space, solar etc. It’s a transitional part of the neighborhood, moving from light industrial to housing. For the sake of future neighbors, housing means people means community. The cleanup and link to Stonley Rd are advantages.”

Overall, SNA members seemed to think either the storage facility was not necessary or they didn’t have a strong opinion on it one way or another. Many said they would prefer to see something else to go there, especially more affordable housing.

The second development project was at 93 Brookley Road to enclose the three porches on each level of the building.

Royce Abel, one of the residents at 93 Brookley said that the reason the residents want to do this project is because “none of us really use them,” he said, referring to the decks. Additionally, they are “built right off of our master bedrooms,” so he said that “doesn’t encourage you to bring your neighbors out to your front decks.” Also, he said there is some street noise currently that the residents believe enclosing the decks will help.

On the first floor unit, enclosing the deck will also add some security for the bedroom, and the additional rooms will provide more office and storage space to each of the units.

He said that construction would take about eight to 10 weeks, and would require zoning relief for insufficient front yard and excessive FAR. The required front yard setback is 15 feet, and the proposed is 10 feet, and the required FAR is 0.70 but the proposed is 0.74.

He said that the residents want to make the enclosure look like it has always been a part of the building, and the project will also require expansion of electrical and the inclusion of baseboard heating on the street wall side, but the HVAC system

will not be extended into the new space.

Jennifer Uhrhane said it was a “shame” that this project is even coming up, since the “SNA advocated for them to not put the bedrooms on the street” when the proposal for 93 Brookley originally came before the organization.

“I can’t see how people would argue...on this one,” she said, and suggested a way to “break up the front a little bit” with a different color band around the building.

“We could add that,” Abel said. “I agree actually, looking at it now.”

An abutters meeting was held on May 4, and the project does not yet have a date to go before the Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council.

SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES Formerly Doyle’s at 3478-3484 Washington St.

The proposed project here includes residential housing, a “revived” version of the Doyle’s restaurant with a roof deck, and a grocery market. Paige Sparks of the project’s subcommittee reported that they are working on comments for the project, and a public meeting will be held on May 20 from 6-8pm.

Sparks also said that the project has been updated to combine the two phases that were proposed. The second phase, which was an apartment building on the corner of Williams and Meehan Streets, is now part of the rest of the project and will be considered together moving forward.

97-99 Williams St.

The subcommittee for this

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triple decker buildings with a driveway in between and four parking spaces in the back.

14 Meehan St.

Subcommittee member Patty Yehle reported that the proposal at 14 Meehan St., which is to make the current office space on the first floor an official office space, and make the units on the second and third floors residential. One is already residential, and the other is currently an

artist studio space as recognized by the city. The proposal also includes the addition of two more parking spaces.

“The ZBA supported their project,” Yehle said, and the subcommittee is “just trying to move forward from that; it’s a bit disappointing for the neighbors.”

She said that a lot of issues with the project remain and believes they could have been worked out. “We need to be united as a neighborhood,” she said.

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Resident Mary Ward reported that not much has changed on the community garden front, but the waitlist to get a plot will close on May 23. She said that the garden team is still waiting the final inspection, the delivery of soil, and “permission to open and maintain and everything.”

For the mural, Uhrhane reported that the submission window has closed, and the selection jury will be making final decisions by early August. There were a total of 29 submissions by artists in JP and elsewhere in Boston.

There was no update on the community room, as an official partner has yet to be worked out.

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Weekly COVID-19 positive test rate decreases in Jamaica Plain

BY JOHN LYNDS

Jamaica Plain's weekly COVID-19 positive test rate decreased according to the latest data released by the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) last Friday.

According to the latest data 1,475 Jamaica Plain residents were tested last week and 1.4 percent were found to be COVID

positive-- a 18 percent decrease from the 1.7 percent reported by the BPHC on April 16.

Of the 36,944 Jamaica Plain residents tested for COVID since the pandemic began, 7.9 percent overall were found to be positive--this was a decrease of 1.25 percent from the 8 percent reported on April 16.

Citywide, the weekly positive test rate decreased once again.

According to the BPHC 20,721 residents were tested and 2.4 percent were COVID positive--this was a 31 percent decrease from the 3.5 percent positive test rate reported by the BPHC two weeks ago.

According to the BPHC data, Jamaica Plain's infection rate increased 2.6 percent since April 16.

Jamaica Plain went from 704.6 cases per 10,000 residents

to 723.4 cases per 10,000 residents.

An additional 76 Jamaica Plain residents became infected with COVID-19 since April 16 and the number of total cases here went from 2,845 cases to 2,921 cases in the neighborhood.

The statistics released by the BPHC as part of its weekly COVID19 report breaks down the number of cases and infec-

tion rates in each neighborhood. It also breaks down the number of cases by age, gender and race.

Citywide positive cases of coronavirus increased less than one percent last week and went from 69,441 cases to 70,079 confirmed cases in a week. Five additional Boston residents died from the virus last week and there are now 1,374 total deaths in the city from COVID.

Jamaica Plain charged with Indecent Assault and Battery on Child

BY JOHN LYNDS

A Jamaica Plain man was arrested and charged on Sun-

day, May 2 with committing an Indecent Assault and Battery on Child in Jamaica Plain. The child

was 4-years-old.

Anthony Jackson, 31, of Jamaica Plain was arrested following the incident and charged with: Kidnapping a Child Under 16, and Indecent Assault and Battery on a Child.

Jackson was arraigned in Roxbury District Court.

The incident occurred just after 6:30 pm on Sunday, May 2. Boston Police responded to a call in a Jamaica Plain neighborhood for a report of a fight.

Once police arrived on the scene, witnesses told officers that they observed an unknown male, later identified as Jackson, ap-

proach the 4-year-old victim who was outside playing.

The suspect took the four-year-old by the hand, picked her up and kissed her. He then took several steps while holding her and proceeded to walk away. A witness yelled to the suspect to put the child down and then alerted the victim's family members who chased the suspect and were able to stop him in the area.

The victims' family members kept Jackson in their custody until police arrived.

"A witness said that he or she heard the suspect state to the victim, 'You're getting so big,'"

prosecutor Amy Parker told a Roxbury District Court judge during Jackson's arraignment hearing.

During his arraignment, a court doctor testified that Jackson has a history of psychiatric problems and psychiatric hospitalizations dating back to when he was a teen.

Bail was set at \$5,000 but revoked by the judge due to Jackson's three other open cases involving indecency. *Defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.*

Boston man arrested on gun charge in JP

BY JOHN LYNDS

The Boston Police arrested a 21-year-old Boston man on gun charges after a traffic stop in Jamaica Plain.

On Sunday, May 9 Police from District E-13 in Jamaica Plain pulled over Michael Van-Rader, 21, of Boston on Lamartine Street for a traffic infraction.

During the traffic stop police recovered a loaded .40 caliber

Sig Sauer handgun in the area where the suspect had been seated as a passenger.

Van-Rader was immediately placed in custody without incident and charged with Unlawful Possession of a Firearm and Unlawful Possession of Ammunition.

He was arraigned in Roxbury District Court. *Defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.*

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Settlement reached in lawsuit against ZBA approval of affordable housing project at 3368 Washington St.

BY LAUREN BENNETT/
STAFF REPORT

A settlement has been reached in the lawsuit against the Zoning Board of Appeal decision to approve the proposed affordable housing project at 3368 Washington St., which has been widely supported by the Jamaica Plain community since it was first announced.

The project, which will be developed by Pine Street Inn and The Community Builders, will have 202 units of affordable housing, 140 of which will be supportive housing units for formerly homeless individuals—the largest development of this type in the city.

As previously reported by

the Gazette, Monty Gold, the landlord of the building at 3377 Washington St. where Turtle Swamp Brewery is located, had brought a lawsuit against the ZBA approval, saying that the project was too big and would create issues with parking in the area. His building is located across the street from the proposed development.

Many residents and neighbors spoke out in favor of the project, saying that more affordable housing is needed as soon as possible in the neighborhood. Many also opposed the lawsuit, saying that a delay in the project's ability to move forward is a detriment. A petition was also started by City Life/Vida Urbana, encouraging Gold to drop the

lawsuit.

Pine Street Inn and The Community Builders issued the following statement on May 10:

The Community Builders (TCB), a leading nonprofit developer of mixed-income housing, and Pine Street Inn (PSI), New England's largest homeless services agency, have an agreement in place with an abutting commercial property owner concerning the Pine Street-owned property at 3368 Washington Street in Jamaica Plain. The abutter had brought a lawsuit challenging the Boston Zoning Board of Appeals' (ZBA) unanimous approval of the zoning variance for the project.

This step forward is especially critical at this time, given that the building will provide

much-needed 202 affordable rental apartment homes, including 62 income-restricted for families and 140 units of permanent housing for vulnerable men and women moving out of homelessness. The property will be managed by TCB with services provided by Pine Street.

We pursued resolution of this situation, and it went into mediation which led to an agreement on several issues. We will now move ahead with the project, with an anticipated timeline of closing and beginning construction in summer 2021.

While we do expect that costs on the project will be somewhat higher, due to increases in materials costs during the passage of time, we are pleased to now move

on to the final phase of bidding.

The settlement does not change the building we will build or impact the priorities or the programs that the community supported. This is a big win for the larger community, and we greatly appreciate their outpouring of support.

The new building will replace the existing PSI warehouse/office building and create 202 income-restricted apartment homes, 140 of which will have support services for men and women moving out of homelessness. The design, by Boston-based RODE Architects, includes an estimated 18,000 square feet of office space on the ground floor, along with community space and amenities for residents.

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Docket No.
SU20P2408EA
Estate of:
Christopher
Norwood
Date of Death:
01/25/2009
To all interested persons:
A Petition for S/A - Formal
Determination of Heirs has
been filed by Sean C. Norwood
of Augusta, GA requesting
that the Court enter a formal
Decree and Order and for such
other relief as requested in the
Petition.

The Petitioner requests that:
Sean C. Norwood of Augusta,
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Representative(s) of said estate
to serve With Personal Surety
on the bond in unsupervised
administration.
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MASSACHUSETTS
TRIAL COURT
BMC West Roxbury COURT
445 ARBORWAY
JAMAICA PLAIN,
MA 02130
Docket No.
2106R00188
ABUSE PREVENTION
ORDER
(G.L. c. 209A)
PLAINTIFF'S NAME: CRYSTAL
BANNISTER
DEFENDANT'S NAME AND
ADDRESS:
TYRONE JACKSON
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BOSTON, MA 02115
Date of Birth 07/09/1977
Male
Mother's maiden name (First

& Last)
Mary Jackson
**VIOLATION OF
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imprisonment or
fine or both.
**THIS COURT HAS ISSUED THE
FOLLOWING ORDERS TO THE
DEFENDANT**
This order was issued without
advance notice because the
Court determines that there
is a substantial likelihood of
immediate danger of abuse.
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TO ABUSE THE PLAINTIFF
by harming, threatening or
attempting to harm the Plaintiff
physically or by placing the
Plaintiff in fear of imminent
serious physical harm, or by
using force, threat or duress to
make the Plaintiff engage in
sexual relations.
2. YOU ARE ORDERED NOT
TO CONTACT THE PLAINTIFF,
in person, by telephone,
in writing, electronically or
otherwise, either directly or
through someone else, and to
stay at least 50 yards from the
Plaintiff even if the Plaintiff
seems to allow or request
contact. The only exceptions
to this order are: a) contact
permitted in Sections 8,9,10
and 11 below; or b) by sending
the Plaintiff, by mail, by sheriff
or by other authorized officer,
copies of papers filed with the
court when that is required by
statute or court rule.
3. YOU ARE ORDERED TO
IMMEDIATELY LEAVE AND STAY
AWAY FROM THE PLAINTIFF'S
RESIDENCE, except by permitted
in Sections 8 and 10 below,
located at 31 New Whitney St.,
Boston MA or wherever else you
may have reason to know the
Plaintiff may reside. The Court
also ORDERS you (a) to surren-

der any keys to that residence
to the Police; (b) not to damage
any belongings of the Plaintiff,
(c) not to shut off or cause to
be shut off any utilities or mail
delivery to the Plaintiff; and (d)
not to interfere in any way with
the Plaintiff's right to possess
that residence, except by appro-
priate legal proceedings.
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carry a gun, if any, and your
FID card, if any, are suspended
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exceptions, purchases and/or
possession of a gun and/or
ammunition while this order is
in effect is a federal crime. 18
U.S.C. §§ 922(g)(8) and 925.
15. Police reports are filed at
the Police Department.
1. An appropriate law
enforcement officer shall serve
upon the Defendant in person
a copy of the Complaint Form
and a certified copy of this
Order (and Summons), and
make return service to this
Court. If this box is checked, the
following alternative service
may instead be made, but only
if the officer is unable to deliver
such copies in person and to
the Defendant:
2. Defendant Information Form
accompanies this Order.
DATE OF ORDER - 4/7/21
TIME OF ORDER: 12:30 p.m.
EXPIRATION DATE OF ORDER:
4/21/21 at 4 p.m.
NEXT HEARING DATE: 4/21/21
- 9:00 a.m. - West Roxbury
Courthouse
C. MODIFICATION/EXTENSION
This order was issued after a
hearing at which the Plaintiff
participated.

The Court ORDERED that the
prior order issued be MODIFIED
as follows:
Def. was not served, R.O.
extended for 14 days to allow
service.
The expiration date of this
order has been EXTENDED (see
below)
Firearm surrender order is con-
tinued. The items surrendered
under paragraph 12 will NOT
be returned since doing so
would present a likelihood of
abuse to the Plaintiff.
DATE OF MODIFICATION:
4/21/21
TIME OF ORDER 5/5/21
EXPIRATION DATE OF ORDER:
5/19/21 AT 4 P.M.
NEXT HEARING DATE: 5/19/21
at 9:00 A.M.
West Roxbury Courthouse
WITNESS, FIRST OR CHIEF
JUSTICE
Hon. Kathleen Coffey
D. MODIFICATION/EXTENSION
This order was issued after a
hearing at which the Plaintiff
participated and the Defendant
did not participate.
Firearm surrender order is con-
tinued. The items surrendered
under paragraph 12 will NOT
be returned since doing so
would present a likelihood of
abuse to the Plaintiff.
DATE OF ORDER - 5/5/21
TIME OF ORDER: 10:00 A.M.
EXPIRATION DATE OF ORDER:
5/19/21 at 4 P.M.
NEXT HEARING DATE: 5/19/21
- 2:00 P.M. - West Roxbury
Courthouse
BY TELEPHONE CONFERENCE:
WITNESS, FIRST OR CHIEF
JUSTICE
Hon. Kathleen Coffey

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Docket No.
SU21P0482EA
Estate of:
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Date of Death:
01/19/2021
To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal
Adjudication of Intestacy and
Appointment of Personal Rep-
resentative has been filed by
Misotis Morel of Jamaica Plain,
MA requesting that the Court
enter a formal Decree and
Order and for such other relief
as requested in the Petition.
You have the right to obtain
a copy of the Petition from
the Petitioner or at the Court.
You have a right to object
to this proceeding. To do so,
you or your attorney must
file a written appearance and
objection at this Court before:
10:00 a.m. on the return day of
06/10/2021.
This is NOT a hearing date, but
a deadline by which you must
file a written appearance and
objection if you object to this
proceeding. If you fail to file
a timely written appearance
and objection followed by an
affidavit of objections within
thirty days (30) days of the
return day, action may be
taken without further notice
to you.
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A Personal Representative ap-
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the estate are entitled to notice
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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: April 23, 2021
Felix D. Arroyo,
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LEGAL NOTICE

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

TO G.L. c. 190B,
§5-304
Docket No.
SU21P0855GD
In the matter of:
Joseph Rivard
RESPONDENT
Alleged Incapacitated
Person
Of: Jamaica Plain, MA
To the named Respondent and
all other interested persons,
a petition has been filed by
Lemuel Shattuck Hospital of
Jamaica Plain, MA in the above
captioned matter alleging that
Stephanie Biggs of Boston, MA
(or some other suitable person)
be appointed as Guardian to
serve Without Surety on the
bond.

The petition asks the court to
determine that the Respondent
is incapacitated, that the ap-
pointment of a Guardian is nec-
essary, and that the proposed
Guardian is appropriate. The
petition is on file with this court
and may contain a request for
certain specific authority.
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to do so, you or your attorney
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at this court on or before 10:00
A.M. on the return date of
06/03/2021. This day is NOT
a hearing date, but a deadline
date by which you have to
file the written appearance
if you object to the petition.
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appearance by the return date,
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to you. In addition to filing
the written appearance, you
or your attorney must file a
written affidavit stating the
specific facts and grounds of
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expense.
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First Justice of this Court.
Date: April 21, 2021
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EDITORIAL

At last, spring has sprung

Spring officially may have arrived on March 21, but the past month has been anything but spring-like.

For those of us who live along the Massachusetts coastline, this is nothing new of course. The prevailing, on-shore sea breezes at this time of year transport air from the ocean that still is in the low 40s. So on days when the temperature may be in the 60s in central Mass., we're at least 10 degrees cooler, with a wind-chill factor that makes it feel 10 degrees cooler than that.

In other words, the 60s elsewhere feel like the 40s for us.

But this week finally brought a measure of spring, not only because of the warmth, but because of the daffodils, forsythia, and flowering trees that signal the end of winter and the promise of nicer days ahead.

With the coronavirus pandemic hopefully coming to an end, the arrival of spring is coming none too soon.

Mass shootings are our new epidemic

Mass shootings with high-powered weapons are nothing new in America. The recent tragedies in Atlanta and Indianapolis are just two more of a long string of the slaughter of innocent Americans who simply were going about their everyday lives at work, in school, or at a shopping mall.

But as horrific as these well-publicized incidents have been, they are just the proverbial tip of the iceberg when it comes to mass shootings all across the country, which have been occurring at ever-increasing rates.

In the past 30 days since the Atlanta massacre, there have been 45 mass shootings -- defined as incidents where four or more people have been shot -- across the U.S.

The vast majority of these shootings never make it into the national headlines to the extent of the Atlanta and Indianapolis incidents, but they are real. For example, on April 8 in Bryan, Texas, a gunman (who apparently was a disgruntled former employee) shot six persons at a cabinet-making company. One was killed and five were wounded, four critically.

We could go on and on, but the bottom line is that America is the only place in the world where mass shootings are a daily part of life. And the reason is very simple: America is the only country where there are more guns than people and a large percentage of those weapons are high-capacity, semi-automatic firearms.

Ardent supporters of gun ownership make the time-worn argument that if there are restrictions on gun ownership, then only criminals will have guns.

But the reality is that the perpetrators of mass shooting incidents are not criminals -- they're typically the guy next door who has some sort of mental health or anger issue, but who has been able to buy a high-capacity weapon on a whim and go on a shooting rampage a short time later.

The shooter in Atlanta, for example, had purchased his gun just a day before he went on his murder spree.

Other nations -- principally narco-terrorist states such as Mexico and Honduras -- may have higher homicide rates, but mass shootings by, and of, ordinary civilians are a uniquely American phenomenon.

Countries with broad gun-ownership, such as Australia and New Zealand, have instituted common-sense laws that have eliminated mass-shootings. Australia did so after a school massacre in 1996 -- and there have been no similar incidents since then.

What will it take for America to reach the tipping point that will persuade Congress to implement common-sense gun legislation?

We're obviously not there yet. Our guess is it will occur only when Americans will be fearful of gathering such that it will affect travel and business. After all, who wants to travel to a state where people are allowed to openly carry high-capacity weaponry?

But in the meantime, America tragically will remain among the most randomly-violent places on the planet.

LETTERS

Red Flag Laws can help lower suicide risk

Dear Editor,

May is Mental Health Awareness Month. While there's so much one can talk about during this time, from the accessibility of mental health services to stigma, it's important to not forget about gun violence.

When a mass shooting happens, it often renews talk of keeping guns out of the hands of people with mental illness. Though many people think that those with mental illness are more likely to carry out such shootings, research has shown that people with severe mental illness commit an extremely small percentage of violent crimes. In fact, this population is much more likely to be victims of violent crime than perpetrators.

But while mental illness doesn't make someone more like-

ly to shoot someone else, it does increase the risk of attempting suicide. Nearly 2/3 of all gun deaths in the U.S. are suicides, and using a gun to attempt suicide makes death much more likely. Guns account for 90% of suicide deaths, not because they're used more but because of how deadly they are.

These deaths are preventable. If someone you know is showing signs of being a danger to themselves due to mental illness, and they have access to guns, consider Massachusetts' Extreme Risk Protection Order (ERPO, or red flag law, www.mass.gov/extreme-risk-protection-orders). This law gives family members, household members, and law enforcement the ability to petition the court to temporarily remove guns from dangerous situations

and restrict access, which can give your loved one a chance to get the help they need, and can greatly reduce their risk of dying by suicide. Such ERPO orders are civil court orders and do not go on a person's criminal record.

No official mental illness diagnosis is necessary to ask for guns to be temporarily removed from someone under a red flag law -- a crucial component, since many people who experience a mental health crisis have no diagnosed mental illness.

Red flag laws aren't about "taking away guns." They're about preventing harm. So this Mental Health Awareness Month, please remember this important tool to help loved ones who may be at risk of harming themselves.

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OP-Ed

The truth be told -- or not

By JOHN SWAN

While at least half of the country rails apoplectically about the "big lie" and the last four years of blatant fascism, the larger truth is that truth itself has never really been on the American agenda.

Yes, Cronkite and his colleagues all would have toasted Goldwater or any other presidential candidates of their day if they tried Trump's outrages. But meanwhile, Strom Thurmond, Jesse Helms and other congressional extremists basically got a pass.

It took the public embarrassments of Bob Jones, Bull Connor, Lester Maddox and George Wallace, not to mention 5,000 lynchings, to even put that truth on our national table.

The lies and violence the right wing has supported, and often encouraged throughout our history, are no secret. And whenever leaders emerge who pull back the curtain to reveal a glimpse of the truth, they do so at the risk of their lives.

But the whole country has a

share of the blame. We mythicized the near extermination of our indigenous people, tolerated slavery for 100 years, and Jim Crow suppression policies that flourished (some say they still do) at least another 100 years-- while Northern liberals wrung their hands and turned their backs as their own black ghettos languished and finally burst into flames.

So here we are, at the natural progression of ignoring the truth. The GOP has painted itself into a dangerous corner. Their only strategy left is to double down on their lies, hoping the rest of us will continue to tolerate their audacity.

Despite losing a long string of battles in civil rights, equal opportunities for women, abortion, gay marriage, gun regulations, and on, the Republican leadership is counting on winning the war with a strategy right out of the fascist playbook. They have already quickly gone from jerry-mandering and suppressing voting rights, to questioning the validity of any election or gov-

ernment institution, setting the stage for the final step--create a crisis, and in the chaos install an American oligarchy, already in place behind the scenes, that will take power make the trains run on time.

Some folks call this the GOP's death spiral. Others say we are already on the path to civil war, citing January 6th as only the beginning. Both may be true. But if most of Americans don't wake up soon from their malaise and smell the roses, we are assured of at least the later.

Democracy is not a right, it's a privilege we only enjoy if we earn it. And the first step is respecting the truth.

The midterms will be an interesting barometer of where we are as a nation. In the meantime, let's count our blessings. We still have a choice, although even that privilege is in jeopardy.

John Swan is a former staff reporter for the Gazette.

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Unitarian Universalist First Church braces historic tower

Church raising funds for major repairs

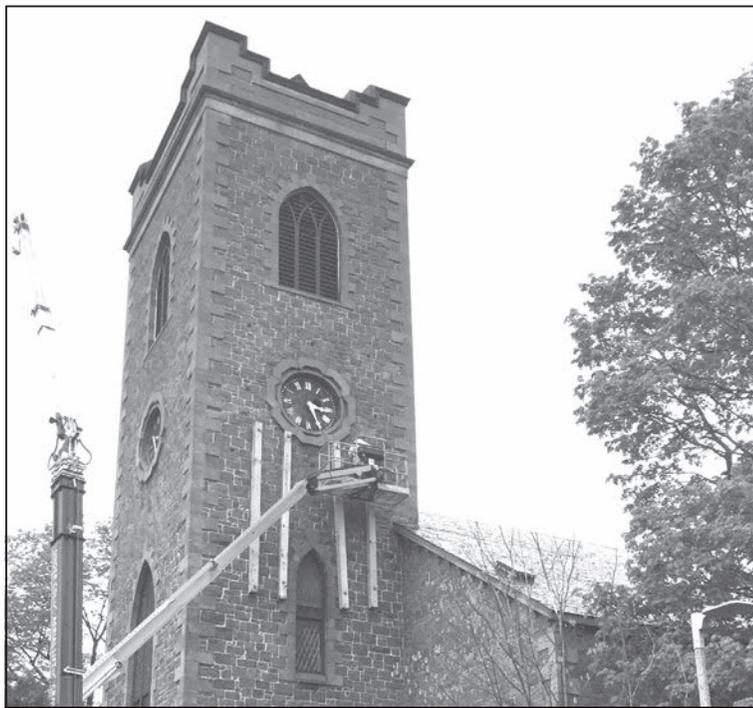
BY JOHN LYNDS

The historic Unitarian Universalist First Church in Monument Square in Jamaica Plain recently installed wooden braces on the church's tower wall that faces Eliot Street. During a recent assessment of the church's exterior, engineers discovered a bulge in the church tower wall. The assessment commissioned by the Church found this defect in the tower is breaking loose from the Church's interior stone.

The braces that were recently installed aim to stabilize the tower wall until repairs can be made.

In mid-March 2021, the Church's Standing Committee and Trust submitted two applications for grants to support the building repair work.

The Standing Committee hopes to attain a Massachusetts Preservation Project Fund grant in the amount of \$80,000. The Committee will not know the status of this funding until June 9, 2021. The Committee also applied for a \$250,000 matching grant from the Fund for Sacred Places: This is a pre-screening submission for an competitive national program. The decision whether the Church can submit



The historic Unitarian Universalist First Church in Monument Square in Jamaica Plain recently installed wooden braces to shore-up the exterior tower wall. The church has been raising funds and applying for grant money for much needed renovations.

a full application for the grant is due in early June 2021.

In November and December 2020, the architectural firm of Spencer, Sullivan & Vogt conducted a careful examination of the outside walls, roofs, doors, and windows of the 170 year old Church. This was done to assess repair needs and develop a master plan for restoring the church building.

The resulting report was critical to planning for and maintaining the integrity of the historic building to protect our historic structure and the valuable improvements in which we have recently invested.

“Our historic church tower is part of Jamaica Plain's life, with our church bell ringing on the hour from 7am until 9pm every day, as well as for important

events,” said Persis Yu, the Co-Chair of the Church's Standing Committee. “Almost 170 years old, the historic building really needs the care and attention of proper repair and restoration that it deserves.”

The First Church has been part of the Jamaica Plain community since 1853 and has weathered the rigors of New England's climate. The report makes clear that Church officials need to make important decisions about the stewardship of the neighborhood's historic

building.

The Standing Committee added that raising funds is crucial because the features of the building that parishioners have come to love – the sanctuary, the historically significant organ, and the acoustic marvel the parish hall – will not survive if officials do not attend to the basic needs of keeping water out of the building.

Individuals can donate to the Church by visiting <https://www.firstchurchjp.org/donate>.

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LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

SAINT JOSEPH PREP ANNOUNCES THIRD QUARTER HONOR ROLL

The following students from Boston neighborhoods at Saint Joseph Prep in Boston were named to the honor roll for the third quarter:

- Headmaster's Circle (All A's): Edylene Altidor '23 (JP)
- Honors with Distinction (All A's and no more than two B's, no B-): Nataijah King-Whittle '22 (JP),
- Phoenix Scholar (All A's and B's): Samantha Desmornes '22 (JP),

JP'S CARROLL INDUCTED INTO NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY AT BC HIGH

The following student has been inducted into the Robert

J. Fulton, SJ Chapter of the National Honor Society at Boston College High School:

- Aidan Carroll (Class of 2021)

The National Honor Society (NHS) was created by the National Association of Secondary School Principals to recognize high school students who have distinguished themselves in their school and community.

Each year eligible juniors and seniors are invited to apply for membership in NHS. Applications are reviewed by a committee of BC High teachers to confirm that each student has attained a high standard of each of these characteristics: scholarship, character, leadership, and service.

At BC High, NHS members are committed to service in the school and in the broader com-

muni-ty. All students applying for membership must be current with the completion of required community services hours for their grade level at BC High. After induction into NHS, all members are expected to offer significant service to the school community as tutors in the Academic Resource Center, as ambassadors at Open House and Admissions events, and in other capacities.

A minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.5 is required of all applicants. Beyond the grade point average, applicants must be a positive presence in their academic classes. They must show initiative and dependability, work well with other students, exhibit a strong work ethic, and demonstrate openness to growth.

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