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## MOVIE NIGHT AT LORING GREENOUGH



Dan Zalewski, Caitlin Charette-Zalewski, Kellie Charette, and Paul Andrulot set up their blankets and brought their own drinks and pizza to watch the film "Miss Juneteenth" at the Loring Greenough House Night at the Movies series on June 18. See more photos on Page YXC.

## Wu advocates for use of city assets for climate-resilient, affordable housing

BY LAUREN BENNETT

City Councilor and mayoral candidate Michelle Wu held a press conference outside of the Egleston Branch of the Boston Public Library (BPL) on June 14, where she talked about her plans for affordable housing.

Rev. Vernon Walker of the

Massachusetts Chapter of the Sierra Club (among other organizations), which has endorsed Wu's campaign, provided some remarks at the conference.

He spoke about the inequity that many Boston residents, especially communities of color, face when it comes to being able to afford safe, healthy housing,

adding that since the pandemic began, there are more than 20,000 Boston residents who face eviction.

"There is a housing crisis in the city," he said. "This is why we need affordable housing."

Walker also said that the cre-

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## Wu presenta sus planes para viviendas asequibles

BY LAUREN BENNETT

La consejera municipal y candidata a alcalde, Michelle Wu, presentó una conferencia de prensa fuera de la biblioteca de Egleston Square el 14 de junio,

donde habló sobre sus planes para viviendas asequibles.

El reverendo Vernon Walker del Sierra Club habló sobre la inequidad racial de la vivienda asequible y sobre la crisis de desalojos de COVID. También

promovió la vivienda de alta eficiencia energética que sería mejor para el medio ambiente y que ahorraría dinero a los residentes en las facturas.

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## JPNC discusses committee updates; postpones its election until August 21

BY LAUREN BENNETT

The Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council (JPNC) met virtually on June 22, where members discussed a couple of zoning issues as well as other committee updates, and postponed their election until August.

First, the JPNC voted in Micah Saks, who is also on the Jamaica Pond Association, to fill a vacancy on the council. He will still have to run and be elected in the upcoming election to keep the seat, however.

The group then discussed a proposal at 8 Glade Avenue to add a three story addition on a three family house. Zoning Committee Chair Dave Baron said that this was a proposal by the condo association to add a bedroom, bathroom, and closet to each of the three units.

Baron said that the proposal was not controversial, and the "abutters were in favor of it." The JPNC voted to approve the

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## Three Little Free Libraries with diverse books now in the JP area

BY LAUREN BENNETT

On June 10, the Little Free Library launched its Read in Color initiative by unveiling 10 new Little Free Libraries throughout Boston. The initiative was made possible by Little Free Library, 826 Boston, and Candlewick Press.

According to a press release, "designed to promote equity and inclusion, Read in Color brings Little Free Library book-sharing boxes and diverse books to readers of all ages.

Ten new Little Free Libraries will be established across Boston, each filled with diverse books that provide perspec-

tives on racism and social justice, and amplify BIPOC, LGBTQ and

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The new Read in Color Little Free Library in front of the James W. Hennigan School in JP.

# Housing

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ation of energy-efficient affordable housing is not only better for the environment, but would pass on cost savings to residents as well.

“Building homes with clean energy technology is just one more way to improve the quality and to ensure healthier lives for residents,” he said.

Wu said that Egleston Square is “a community that is one of several epicenters of the affordable housing crisis in Boston.” She added that more than 37 percent of Egleston-area residents are “rent burdened.”

She also spoke about the proposal to add affordable housing on top of the Egleston Square library, which has been proposed for a few other BPL branches as well. Wu said that other public buildings and land, such as community centers and municipal parking lots, could be utilized for affordable housing as well.

“This is a great location and just one example of many places across the city where we could do that,” Wu said of the Egleston Square branch. “I’m also committed to making sure that we are putting funds and creating the workforce to make this happen.”

Wu said she would also com-



City Councilor and mayoral candidate Michelle Wu spoke about her plan for creating more sustainable affordable housing in the city during a rainy press conference outside of the Egleston Square library.

mit to an audit of city resources to recognize where land is readily available for the construction of affordable housing.

Additionally, Wu and Councilor Kenzie Bok have started a discussion on an Urban Conservation Corps for the city, which would be a “training program that would empower our residents to know how to provide the skills and the technology to be able to retrofit buildings and homes all across the city,” Wu said, adding that she would ensure that funds from the city’s capital budget would be “directly” invested into the creation of affordable housing.

“Boston is poised to receive half a billion dollars in federal relief funds to help us deal with the outcomes of this pandemic,” Wu said, and if elected mayor, she would commit \$200 million of those funds “into solutions for housing, home ownership, construction of new units, and making sure that we are engaging with residents across every neighborhood for how we see immediate relief to the crises that were here long before COVID-19,” she said.

Wu was also asked how her plan for housing would be different from that of Mayor Marty Walsh.

Wu said that during the



Rev. Vernon Walker provided remarks at Michelle Wu’s press conference last week on creating climate resilient affordable housing in Boston

Walsh administration, “we have really leaned almost exclusively on trying to push the private sector to be the engine to generate affordable housing. It is simply not enough.”

She added that while ensuring that private developers still contribute to affordable housing through linkage funds and the like is important, she said she would advocate for increasing the required on-site affordability for residential housing projects.

She also reiterated that as mayor, she would use funding from the capital budget, as well as work with the Boston Housing

Authority to increase the ability to create affordable housing throughout the city.

Wu also said that she would reexamine the city’s zoning code to allow for more density and a faster process for “100 percent affordability and deep affordability, especially near transit,” she said.

Wu is also advocating for an end to displacement, and called for the need to have regulations on rent.

For more information on Wu’s campaign and housing plan, visit [michelleforboston.com](http://michelleforboston.com).

# Viviendas

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Wu dijo que Egleston Square es uno de varios epicentros de la crisis de vivienda asequible en Boston, agregando que más del 37 por ciento de los residentes del área de Egleston están agobiados por el alquiler.

Wu propuso que los edificios y terrenos públicos sean utilizados para viviendas asequibles. En particular, mencionó la biblioteca de Egleston Square.

“Este es solo un ejemplo de dónde podríamos hacer eso”, dijo.

Wu juró realizar una auditoría de los recursos de la ciudad para encontrar terrenos disponibles para la construcción de viviendas asequibles.

Ella y la consejera Kenzie Bok quieren crear un Cuerpo de Conservación Urbana, que ayudaría a modernizar edificios y viviendas.

“Boston va a recibir \$500 millones de ayuda federal para lidiar con los resultados de la

pandemia”, dijo Wu. Si fuera elegida alcaldesa, destinaría \$200 millones a la vivienda asequible.

Cuando se le preguntó cómo su plan de vivienda se diferencia del de Alcalde Marty Walsh, Wu contestó que no iba a depender del sector privado para generar vivienda asequible, añadiendo que aumentaría la asequibilidad requerida para proyectos de viviendas residenciales.

Wu dijo que, como alcaldesa, usaría fondos del presupuesto de capital y trabajaría con Boston Housing Authority para crear viviendas asequibles.

La consejera también prometió examinar el código de zonificación para permitir una mayor densidad y un proceso más rápido para una asequibilidad del 100 por ciento.

Sus otros objetivos incluyen poner fin al desplazamiento e imponer regulaciones sobre el alquiler.

Para obtener más información sobre la campaña y el plan de vivienda de Wu, visite [michelleforboston.com](http://michelleforboston.com).

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# Boston's drinking water complies with state and federal standards according to MWRA report

By JOHN LYNDS

The Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) has begun mailing its Annual Water Quality Report to every household in its service area.

In the report published online the MWRA includes statistics on the quality of Boston's drinking water, which the Boston Water and Sewer Commission (BWSC) says meets state and federal standards.

"This report contains an annual update on the quality of drinking water supplied in partnership with the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA)," said the BWSC in a statement. "The water delivered is of high quality and complies with federal and state quality standards. While the world is engaged in a battle with coronavirus, BWSC and MWRA want to assure that the water delivered is safe from the virus. BWSC has been continuing to maintain excellent drinking water through

the investment of millions of dollars to upgrade its infrastructure."

The report says BWSC has once again received a citation from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) acknowledging BWSC's consistent performance in the public drinking water system.

With the Flint water crisis bringing more awareness of lead in tap water, the water provided by BWSC and the MWRA is lead-free when it leaves the reservoirs.

"However, lead present in water may come from the service line feeding your building, private plumbing, lead solder or old plumbing fixtures," the statement continues. "We care about lead because infants and children who drink water containing lead in excess of the action level could experience delays in their physical or mental development. Children could show slight deficits in attention span and learn-

ing abilities. Adults who drink this water over many years could develop kidney problems or high blood pressure."

According to the report the BWSC's 2020 lead sampling of higher risk homes, lead results were 25.2 parts per billion (ppb), with 5 samples over the lead Action Level of 15 ppb while copper results of 137 ppb were well below the Action Level of 1300 ppb.

"In our Spring 2021 sampling, our lead results of 6.8 ppb were back below the 15 ppb Action Level," said BWSC in the report.

BWSC offers a Lead Replacement Incentive Program to qualified homeowners to remove

private lead pipes. You can find more information in this report and on [www.bwsc.org](http://www.bwsc.org).

"This report brings you the results of our annual water quality testing. While 2020 was a year filled with uncertainty, one thing remained constant: the quality of your drinking water was excellent," said MWRA's Executive Director Fred Laskey. "MWRA takes hundreds of thousands of tests each year and, for 2020, we again meet every federal and state drinking water standard."

Laskey said the MWRA also wants its customers to know that their water was again named 'Best of the Best' at a national taste test conducted by the

American Water Works Association. "In just a few years, our water treatment has been upgraded from chlorine with its taste and odor issues, to ozone and ultraviolet light, which resulted in better tasting, safer water," said Laskey.

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# Most federal pandemic school relief money to go to school site plans

BY SETH DANIEL

Boston Public Schools (BPS) held the first of what is to be several meetings on June 15 to hear input and share initial plans on where to direct more than \$400 million in federal emergency school funding the district will have over the next two years.

Eva Mitchell of BPS hosted the meeting and explained the district received \$123 million in Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funding as part of the second package of funding, which was approved by the federal government in December. A second package approved in March amounts to \$276 million in ESSER funding, and the first round of funding in March 2020 was about \$32 million. The first round of funding has already been expended on PPE and other

COVID upgrades and technology needs, but altogether it adds up to more than \$430 million in federal funds – over and above the operating budget – injected into the district.

At the moment, she said, they have to focus on the \$123 million ESSER 2 funds, as they will be preparing a draft report on the spending plan by July 1 for public comment, and then will have to submit their plan to the state for delivering those funds. The \$276 million ESSER 3 funds will come next fall, but the current process will act as a guideline for those funds as well, she said.

“We need to realize for some students the pandemic hit them even harder than other students because of conditions they were in already and conditions they may have also experienced during the pandemic on learning and not addressed during the

pandemic as well as they should have been,” she said.

First and foremost, the federal funds are not allowed to be used for teacher or administrator salaries, or for any union contracts or payments – so the money will not flow to the union or to teacher salaries, a worry for many parents right off the bat.

BPS did unveil a rough draft proposed allotments, and a key piece of that is that 50 percent of the funding would be localized for school-based plans, with another 10 percent going to regional collaboration plans. That equaled out to 60 percent of the funding being targeted to specific needs within each school community, and less control over the money by the Central Office.

“We are putting 50 percent directly to schools for school-based plans to ensure their students in those schools have their needs

met in what is unique to that particular school environment,” she said.

The regional piece would be groups of schools – for example the Jamaica Plain, Mission Hill and Roslindale schools could be one region – that use 10 percent of the money to coordinate programming within a region.

That would mean that the important part of allocating the money would lie with students, parents, and school leaders so that programming would fit to a particular geography and age group and not be a cookie-cutter program citywide.

Some 30 percent of the money would be allocated to the Central Office, but Mitchell said that money would be used to even the playing field and make sure schools are equitable across the city.

The final 10 percent was seen

as going to community partnership investments.

A major topic of concern from those in attendance on Tuesday was addressing mental health and socialization needs for students returning in the fall – with one parent/educator noting she wanted to make sure all students in every grade have an opportunity to talk with a licensed counselor for a meaningful amount of time upon return to school.

Additional meetings will be held on Tuesday, June 29, from 6:30-8 p.m. and Tuesday, July 6, from 6-7:30 p.m.

To access the meeting please visit the BPS federal relief funding page at [bostonpublicschools.org/FederalReliefFunds21](http://bostonpublicschools.org/FederalReliefFunds21).

## JPNC

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proposal.

Members also discussed a proposal at 80 Prince St., where the owners proposed to renovate the basement to include an office and a play area. The owners are

expecting a baby the first week of July, and are “quite desperate to move it along,” Baron said of the project. He said that the project came before the Jamaica Pond Association which voted not to oppose, and there is no exterior work proposed. Baron said no vote was required, and because of the short time frame, there will be no letter submitted either in

favor or against the proposal.

Michael Reiskind then reported that the Public Service Committee continues to work on its Good Community Business policy, and hopes to have a finalized version of it at the July meeting.

He also said that the subcommittee on police procedures continues to meet and has planned

an initial listening session for July 19 that will be translated to reach a wider range of residents. Reiskind added that this listening session “will be the first of at least two,” so residents will be given ample opportunity to speak on the subject and share ideas.

Carolyn Royce, chair of the Housing and Development Committee asked for a vote to send a letter to the editors of local newspapers supporting the expansion of Boston’s Building Energy Reporting and Disclosure Ordinance (BERDO), which, after much discussion, was approved nine to three to zero.

According to the City’s website, “the ordinance requires Boston’s large- and medium-sized buildings to report their annual energy and water use. It further requires buildings to complete a major energy savings action or energy assessment every five years.”

The amendment was proposed by City Councilor Matt O’Malley to “provide pathways for buildings to meet binding targets for the City’s carbon neutral goals. This update impacts about 3,500 large buildings over 20,000 sq ft in the City of Boston and creates an additional cumulative 2 million metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions savings by 2050,” according to an advisory from his office.

The City Council approved

the motion to reform the ordinance at its June 16 meeting, and a hearing on the matter will be held this summer, according to O’Malley’s office.

Finally, the JPNC discussed its upcoming election that had originally been scheduled for next month.

“Due to unseen events, we talked in the Executive Committee of pushing the election back a month until August 21,” JPNC Chair Kevin Rainsford said. He said that more things will be open by then, and it will still happen before the city primary election in September.

The JPNC voted to push the election until August 21.

Nomination packets will be made available on June 25, at area libraries, and must be returned to the Jamaica Plain Branch of the Boston Public Library on July 16.

Dave Baron said that he had some concerns around the new date, as it is a “very popular time” for people to go away on vacation. “We really do want the highest turnout possible,” he said.

Rainsford said that the outreach and election committee had initially “explored the option of mail-in ballots,” as well as discussed having online voting, but the in-person election will take place on August 21.



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# District 1 Councilor Edwards wins citywide game of political chess with Council rule change

BY SETH DANIEL

Some of the most interesting things in political circles and in Council business aren't always on the agenda.

Case in point: The citywide rule change proffered and passed by District 1 Councilor Lydia Edwards during the June 16 City Council that essentially allows the Council to remove Acting Mayor Kim Janey any time they can muster the eight votes necessary.

The matter, which didn't exactly say that, but does in fact now give the Council that power, passed by a vote of 10-1, with Councilor Ricardo Arroyo voting against and Councilor Julia Mejia voting 'present.'

Some observers are calling the move a "warning shot" and a "vote of no confidence" in Acting Mayor Janey, but Edwards told the newspaper, and said on the floor of the Council last week, that it was about accountability.

"This is about accountability, transparency and I would do it again," she said. "The amount of positive responses I've received about this have overwhelmed me. A lot of people felt for the first time the City Council got a backbone."

The matter was not on the official agenda, so there was no time for any opponents to muster up a way to block or oppose it. Using a bit of stealth in that regard, Edwards seized on the fact that the Council does not need an agenda item to change

its own rules. That can be done from the floor at any time, so at the end of the meeting on June 16, Edwards rose and proposed the change to the surprise of many – particularly Councilor Mejia.

The rule change allows the Council to vote at any time with at least eight votes to remove the Council President – which is technically still Acting Mayor Janey, who right now holds both

offices of Council President and Acting Mayor. JP Councilor Matt O'Malley is only serving as Interim President in Janey's stead. There always was a rule that allowed the Council to remove another member in this fashion, but not the Council President. Incidentally, were the Council to remove a Council President that is Acting Mayor, it would essentially work to remove the Acting Mayor from power.

It was complicated chess. A complex political equation. But Edwards received 10 votes from her colleagues – hence it being called a "warning shot."

## •ZBA REFORM

This week the citywide Home Rule Petition put forth by District 1 Councilor Edwards on

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## Little Libraries

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other representative voices."

In Jamaica Plain, Read in Color Little Free Library boxes can be found at the James W. Hennigan School, at the Boston Teachers Union School, and in Egleston Square in Roxbury, one is located at 826 Boston on Washington St. Readers are encouraged to "take a book, share a book" as part of the organization's mission to increase global access to books.

"We are excited to bring our Read in Color program, along with its diverse books, to the wonderful city of Boston," Greig Metzger, Executive Director of

Little Free Library, said in a video celebrating the launch.

Acting Mayor Kim Janey said in the video, "I'm excited about the launch of Read in Color Libraries. 826 Boston, which empowers youth through writing and publishing, worked with the Boston Public Schools to install 10 Little Free Libraries across the City of Boston." She added that Candlewick Press has donated "one year's worth of books to stock the libraries."

Janey continued, "Now, people of all ages can enjoy free books by authors of color, as well as books written by students of 826 Boston. Teaching young people to tell their own stories help to build character and improve language skills. Reading their stories lets them know their voices matter."

Aside from Candlewick Press, Little Free Library is also purchasing books for the libraries from Frugal Bookstore, the only Black-owned bookstore in the city of Boston, according to the release.

An application process is also available for "stewards" of existing Little Free Library locations for bundles of these books.

Candlewick is also organizing a national giveaway of 100 copies of The "Black Friend: On Being a Better White Person" by Frederick Joseph. Interested readers can enter to win at [littlefreelibrary.org/books/](http://littlefreelibrary.org/books/).

For more information about the Read in Color Little Free Libraries, visit [littlefreelibrary.org/read-in-color/](http://littlefreelibrary.org/read-in-color/).

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# LORING GREENOUGH HOUSE SHOWS "MISS JUNETEENTH" ON THE LAWN

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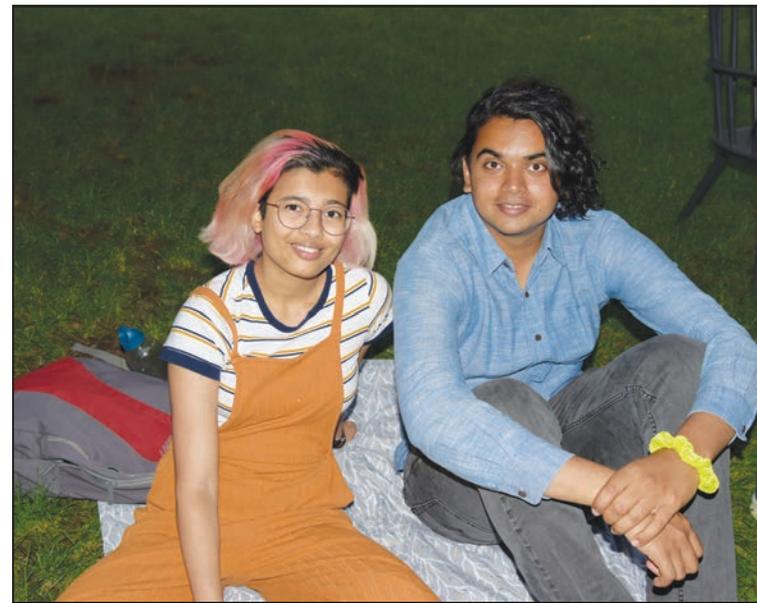
On June 18, the Loring Greenough House showed "Miss

Juneteenth" as part of its Friday Nights at the Movies series. According to the event description, "the film is a soulful American

drama about a single mother, once a beauty queen, who decides to enter her daughter into the Miss Juneteenth pageant. The movie was written and directed by Channing Godfrey Peoples and was also part of the 2020 Sundance Film Festival."

Tickets for Friday Nights at the Movies are \$5 for adult members of the Loring Greenough House, and \$7 for adult non-members. Some movies are not suitable for children, but for those that are, admission is \$3 for children ages three through 12, and free for children under three years.

For a listing of all movies being shown this summer, visit [loring-greenough.org/friday-nights-at-the-movies/](http://loring-greenough.org/friday-nights-at-the-movies/).



Aditi Kodipady and Ram Vishwanethan settled in for a relaxing Friday evening viewing of Miss Juneteenth.



Vin Longo, Dorothy Clark, and Diane Spears checked guests into the outdoor showing of Miss Juneteenth at the Loring Greenough House on June 18.



Residents gathered on the Loring Greenough House lawn for the screening of Miss Juneteenth.

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Fen and Justine Portman Katz were all smiles ahead of the movie.



Suzette Abbot and David Klafter set up their chairs and were ready for the film.

## Edwards

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reform of the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) was heard in the State Legislature, a Home Rule re-filed for Edwards this year.

While many reforms were already enacted by executive order

last year, the Home Rule goes further in putting term limits on ZBA members, changing the make-up and number of members and other changes – including adding a renter-only seat and an urban planner seat.

Edwards said she had discarded the reform that would prohibit real estate professionals from serving on the ZBA, but

said now that time has passed, she's interested in revisiting that and making it part of the reform package.

She said Boston residents can still submit comments on the Home Rule Petition and she would encourage them to do so. She would also like any other suggestions on how to reform the ZBA from the public.

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# Summer Safety Tips for Your Pet

STAFF REPORT

(StatePoint) From heat waves to fireworks, summer can take a toll on pets' emotional and physical wellness. According to some pet experts, the heart of relief for a number of common seasonal pet woes is CBD. Here are some insights into how to use it, plus additional measures you can take for a safe, healthy summer with pets.

• **Fireworks and Thunder:** Unexpected noises can be extremely frightening for pets, causing what's known as situational stress. If possible, try administering Calming CBD-in-

fused Edibites, which contains soothing and relaxing properties, about an hour before you expect fireworks or thunderstorms to occur. (Helpful hint: it can also be used to relieve situational stress associated with travel, guests, etc.)

Exercise also helps. Whether you take an extra long walk or play fetch, wearing your pet out earlier in the day might help them stay calm or even sleep through noise disruptions. Additionally, you can prepare by setting up a quiet space for your pet, full of their favorite blankets and toys. Finally, be mindful that pets often react to loud noises



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by running away. According to the ASPCA, one-in-five pets that go missing run off after hearing loud noises like fireworks. Bring cats indoors during storms and fireworks. If you must take a dog outside, keep them securely leashed. Microchips and up-to-date ID tags can help you safely reunite with your pet should they go missing.

• **Heat:** If you're sweating, there's a good chance your pet is too. Keep pets hydrated by constantly refilling their bowls with fresh, clean water. Choose mornings or evenings for exercising with dogs to avoid the hottest part of the day. On scorches, avoid paw-to-pavement contact, letting your dog walk in the grass instead. If your pup's paws do get affected by the hot pavement, applying a topical CBD solution

such as Canna Care from Pet Releaf can help relieve the burn. Finally, beat the heat with regular grooming -- however, don't shave your pet's fur -- their coat protects them from sunburn.

• **Allergies:** Allergies can wear pets down in numerous ways, including weakening their immune system. CBD hemp oil however can offer an immunity boost by activating the body's two-way communication system between the brain and the immune system.

A common allergy symptom is rash, which can cause pets to scratch and bite their skin, only worsening irritation. To treat rash, consider using CBD hemp oil to support a healthy inflammatory response and ease stress, along with a topical CBD product to soothe skin irritations.

• **Hip and Joint Discomfort:** Summer may mean an uptick in nature hikes and long days at the dog park. As a result, your dog may experience hip or joint discomfort. Consider adding a beneficial supplement to their everyday regimen, like Hip & Joint Edibites, which contains full-spectrum hemp extract with naturally occurring CBD, along with glucosamine and chondroitin, a combination known to help maintain normal healthy cartilage and joint function, as well as support joint flexibility and mobility. Depending on your pet's health needs, you may want to upgrade to a higher potency pet CBD product like a hemp oil that you can massage onto their joints.

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by Sarah Carroll



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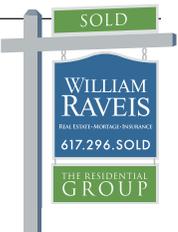


prefers teens 15 and up who know to be gentle as she warms up. She loves both playtime, especially fetch, and cuddle time on the couch. Her new family should expect to be showered in kisses when she has settled into her new home!

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# State Senator Sonia Chang-Diaz announces her candidacy for governor

BY LAUREN BENNETT

Sen. Sonia Chang-Diaz announced on June 23 that she is joining the race for governor of Massachusetts. Chang-Diaz currently serves as the state senator for the Second Suffolk District, which includes parts of Jamaica Plain.

The Boston Globe and other outlets have reported that Ben Downing and Danielle Allen, both Democrats, have also

announced their candidacies, and incumbent governor Charlie Baker has not made an announcement regarding running for a third term.

"I've spent my life listening to powerful people tell me to slow down, to think smaller, to wait," Chang-Diaz said in a video published on her YouTube channel on Wednesday.

"Voters didn't send me to the State Senate to wait. I'm Sonia

Chang-Diaz, and Beacon Hill has learned three things about me: I speak up, I organize, and I win."

Chang-Diaz is the first Latina on the Massachusetts Senate, and in the video, she said "Beacon Hill insiders drag their feet every step of the way, saying 'think smaller.' Instead, we fought unapologetically for the things working families actually need."

Chang-Diaz is a Jamaica

Plain resident, along with her husband and two children.

"Our state is at a turning point now, and we face a choice," she said in the video. "Do we go back to business as usual, or do we run toward problems with the urgency and determination to solve them. That's the kind of fire we need in government."

She tweeted on June 23, along with a group of photos of her supporters holding signs, "I was

proud to kick off our campaign today alongside so many organizers, community leaders, and residents working on the front lines for justice -- and who are hungry for change. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We can build the Commonwealth we know is possible."

Chang-Diaz has launched a campaign website, which can be found at [www.soniachangdiaz.com](http://www.soniachangdiaz.com).

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# State legislature votes to extend outdoor dining and cocktails-to-go bill

BY JOHN LYNDS

Last year groups of bar and restaurant owners emerged as vocal proponents of the state legislature's 'to-go cocktail' bill. During the height of the pandemic owners became frustrated by the fact that liquor store businesses were booming but expensive liquor inventory was collecting dust on the shelves of bars and restaurants in Jamaica Plain. Many establishments were forced to close due to the COVID-19 pandemic and later reopened with limited capacity and outdoor seating but couldn't

sell any liquor at a profitable volume.

Luckily, the state legislature provided relief with the cocktail-to-go bill but that was set to expire this month after Gov. Charlie Baker lifted the state emergency order that was given back in March 2020.

In May, the state legislature moved to give restaurants and bars in Jamaica Plain the tools to achieve financial recovery from the pandemic.

The House and the Senate found supporting the local restaurant industry's successful recovery needed to be of the highest priority--as it was among

the hardest hit by economic challenges associated with the state of emergency caused by the pandemic.

The state legislature took the necessary steps to extend the outdoor dining and cocktails-to-go bill that was signed by Gov. Charlie Baker last week.

The bill will allow restaurants to serve patrons who prefer dining to-go while making the streetscape in neighborhoods like the Jamaica Plain more vibrant.

During the height of the pandemic local restaurant and bar owners lobbied the state legislature for permission to start mov-

ing inventory of expensive liquor that had been sitting on shelves since the pandemic began.

The result was the cocktail-to-go bill that was tied to outdoor dining programs across the city and state.

The bill let bars and restaurants sell to-go cocktails with takeout only or delivery food orders. Customers of bars and restaurants in Jamaica Plain will be able to continue to order two cocktails per entree. However, the total volume of liquor being sold can not exceed 64 ounces.

All cocktails must be sold in a sealed container, and the

volume of alcohol-to-mixer must be the same as for on-premises consumption.

Numerous Jamaica Plain restaurants took advantage of the cocktail-to-go and the City of Boston's outdoor dining program.

Restaurants that dot the neighborhood received a special permit from the city that allowed them to set up outdoor patios on roadways and sidewalks throughout the neighborhood. That coupled with the cocktail-to-go legislation helped restaurants increase capacity, move inventory and increase profits during the COVID-19 pandemic.

# Most federal pandemic school relief money to go to school site plans

BY SETH DANIEL

Boston Public Schools (BPS) held the first of what is to be several meetings on June 15 to hear input and share initial plans on where to direct more than \$400 million in federal emergency school funding the district will have over the next two years.

Eva Mitchell of BPS hosted the meeting and explained the

district received \$123 million in Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funding as part of the second package of funding, which was approved by the federal government in December. A second package approved in March amounts to \$276 million in ESSER funding, and the first round of funding in March 2020 was about \$32 million. The first

round of funding has already been expended on PPE and other COVID upgrades and technology needs, but altogether it adds up to more than \$430 million in federal funds – over and above the operating budget – injected into the district.

At the moment, she said, they have to focus on the \$123 million ESSER 2 funds, as they will be preparing a draft report on the

spending plan by July 1 for public comment, and then will have to submit their plan to the state for delivering those funds. The \$276 million ESSER 3 funds will come next fall, but the current process will act as a guideline for those funds as well, she said.

"We need to realize for some students the pandemic hit them even harder than other students because of conditions they were in already and conditions they may have also experienced during the pandemic on learning and not addressed during the pandemic as well as they should have been," she said.

First and foremost, the federal funds are not allowed to be used for teacher or administrator salaries, or for any union contracts or payments – so the money will not flow to the union or to teacher salaries, a worry for many parents right off the bat.

BPS did unveil a rough draft of proposed allotments, and a key piece of that is that 50 percent of the funding would be localized for school-based plans, with another 10 percent going to regional collaboration plans. That equaled out to 60 percent of the funding being targeted to specific needs within each school community, and less control over the money by the Central Office.

"We are putting 50 percent directly to schools for school-based plans to ensure their students in those schools have their needs met in what is unique to that particular school environment," she said.

The regional piece would be

groups of schools – for example the Jamaica Plain, Mission Hill and Roslindale schools could be one region – that use 10 percent of the money to coordinate programming within a region.

That would mean that the important part of allocating the money would lie with students, parents, and school leaders so that programming would fit to a particular geography and age group and not be a cookie-cutter program citywide.

Some 30 percent of the money would be allocated to the Central Office, but Mitchell said that money would be used to even the playing field and make sure schools are equitable across the city.

The final 10 percent was seen as going to community partnership investments.

A major topic of concern from those in attendance online Tuesday was addressing mental health and socialization needs for students returning in the fall – with one parent/educator noting she wanted to make sure all students in every grade have an opportunity to talk with a licensed counselor for a meaningful amount of time upon return to school.

Additional meetings will be held on Tuesday, June 29, from 6:30-8 p.m. and Tuesday, July 6, from 6-7:30 p.m.

To access the meeting please visit the BPS federal relief funding page at [bostonpublicschools.org/FederalReliefFunds21](https://bostonpublicschools.org/FederalReliefFunds21).

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# Core Cannabis/SEED dispensary to host Gay Pride Block Party Sunday

BY JOHN LYNDS

On Sunday, June 27 Seed, Jamaica Plain's first adult-use cannabis dispensary and the nation's first Social Justice Cannabis Museum that opened in Hyde Square back in March, will host a free block party to celebrate Pride Month.

As Boston's first women-owned adult-use cannabis dispensary and ally of the LGBTQ community, Core Cannabis/Seed is inviting the Jamaica Plain community to come down

to Perkins Street between Centre Street and South Huntington Avenue for a day of music, food, games, contests and prizes.

CEO of Core/Seed April Arrasate said there will be live entertainment all day long with performances by The Chops, The Ray Liriano Experience, and the legendary Rick Berlin & the Nickel & Dime Band.

"Boston LGBTQ activist, DJ Ayo'Buelo, will be keeping the vibes going throughout the day with uptempo music, and joining the party as our master of ceremonies is the entertainer and

self-described "inter-gay-lactic space alien" Vice V'Ersatile," said Arrasate.

Attendees are encouraged to dress up in festive Pride garb and enter the costume contest during the event. There will be prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place contestants.

"The party will be capped off with an extravagant Drag Show performance hosted by the infamous and legendary Mizery McRae and her bevy of beauties," said Arrasate.

Arrasate said the block party will be family friendly and Seed

will set up a "family-friendly" zone that will include games, face painting, and more while adults will have the opportunity to interact with well-known cannabis brands like Pax, Rythm, Levia, and Bountiful Farms, in a 21+ lounge located within the event.

On March 13 Core Cannabis/Seed became Jamaica Plain's first adult-use cannabis dispensary and the nation's first Social Justice Cannabis Museum. Core Cannabis's Seed Dispensary and attached Social Justice Cannabis Museum opened at 401 Centre

St. in Jamaica Plain with a ribbon cutting that included the dispensary and museums founders, staff and Acting-Mayor of Boston Kim Janey.

The unique dispensary has already gained national recognition for being the first dispensary in the US with a social justice museum attached to the project.

One of the first exhibits featured Boston native Niambe McIntosh, daughter of legendary Jamaican Reggae Musician, former Wailer and cannabis activist, Peter Tosh.

# Janey calls for equity in BPS; applications for Boston School Committee are open

BY LAUREN BENNETT

Last week, Acting Mayor Kim Janey announced "important steps to move the Boston School Committee forward with greater equity and opportunity" at a press conference on June 16.

The announcement follows the resignation of two Boston School Committee members, Alex Oliver-Davila and Lorna Rivera, after disparaging text messages came to light, leaving two spots open.

At the press conference, Janey announced that Betty Francisco, a Boston Public Schools (BPS) parent and Dorchester resident, has been appointed to the Boston School Committee nominating panel. Fransisco is also the co-founder of Amplify Latinx.

"I know Betty to be a thought leader and a problem solver," Janey said, "and I'm thrilled that she will begin her service today, along with Laurie Ciardi, Tony Barros, Jerry Howland, Angelina Camacho, Michelle Cannon, Joanne Freeman, Michael McGuire, Susan Ou, Valerie Roberson, John Riordan, Rhoda Schneider, and William Thomas. This panel will guide the application process for new members of the Boston School Committee."

Janey continued, "The nominating panel will recommend school committee nominees for my consideration within 30 days. I want to invite all those who care about the future of BPS to consider this important opportunity to serve."

The panel began accepting

nominations on June 17, and Janey said that "all Boston residents are eligible to apply on boston.gov."

Janey said that over 40 percent of BPS students are Latinx, and "with the resignation of two Latino leaders, there is a void that must be filled."

She also announced that Race, Equity, and Leadership Training (REAL) will be provided to all Boston School Committee members as well as all City of Boston staff.

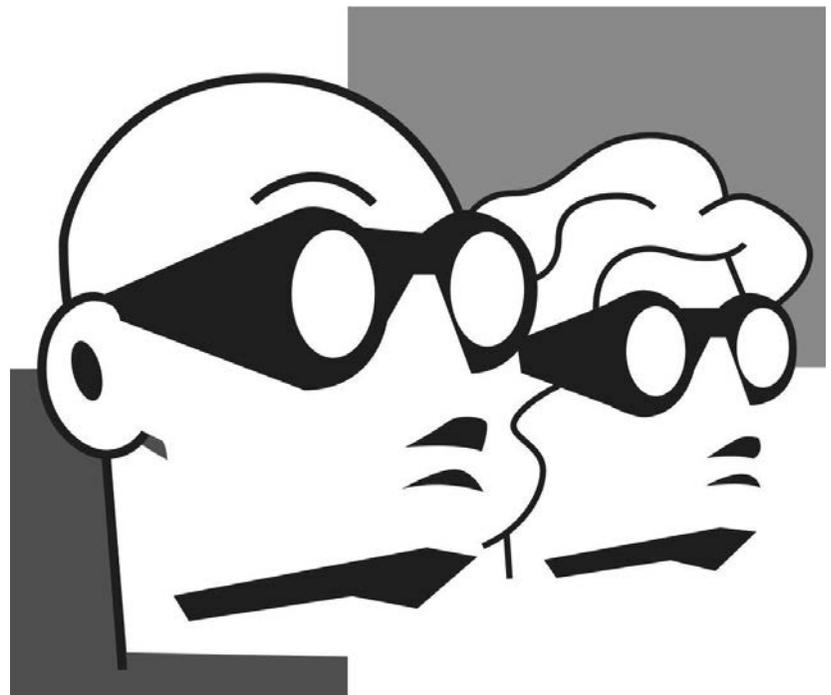
"Equity in Boston Public Schools cannot wait," Janey said. "As mayor, I am committed to creating opportunities for all children in Boston Public Schools."

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# Ula Cafe's new owners plan to offer local food, events

BY LAUREN BENNETT

When Marvin Mathelier and Beth Santos moved to Egleston Square a few years ago, they took note of the changing nature of the neighborhood and its diversity. The two said they always wanted to open a cafe as a community gathering place, but hadn't found the right spot until Ula Cafe was up for sale.

The cafe, located in the Brewery complex on Amory Street, has been a staple in the Jamaica Plain community since its opening in 2007, bringing people together for meetings, a cup of coffee, and a sandwich or pastry.

"I've always wanted to own a cafe," said Kelly Fernandes, who has had 10 years of experience in the food industry. "I would go to Ula pretty much every single day. It was like my pit stop."

Once she found out her favorite cafe was up for sale and she

became connected with Santos and Mathelier, "one thing led to another," and "the three of us got to buying it," she said.

With three new owners, all of whom live in the JP area, Ula Cafe is in for some changes that will put a spin on its roots as a gathering place for the community.

"We're not going to do anything crazy," Fernandes said, adding that the hope is to close down the cafe for a few weeks early next year to remodel the inside and "give the cafe a refresher. It's definitely due for a good face lift," she said.

Right now, the cafe is not open for indoor seating.

"We want to make sure we have all of our ducks in a row," Mathelier said, and "make sure we're not rushing things." There are 25 seats available outside on the cafe's patio.

Fernandes now serves as the

Executive Chef for the cafe, and has some plans up her sleeve for creating delicious, nutritious, locally sourced food for the neighborhood.

She said that in the kitchen, she plans on keeping "some of the classic stuff," but she also does not want to stick to just one type of cuisine. The three owners have roots in Haiti, Cape Verde, and Portugal, so she hopes to introduce foods from those countries as well as others.

She hopes to keep a similar collection of menu items to what Ula used to offer, such as sandwiches, salads, small plates, and pastries.

Fernandes said that she will be partnering with a lot more local providers for food items, such as Allandale Farm for produce, and hopes to introduce a seasonal menu to ensure that all ingredients are as fresh as possible. she added that she hopes to



Ula Cafe's new owners, Kelly Fernandes, Marvin Mathelier, and Beth Santos outside of the cafe on Amory Street.

be using local milk in coffee and baked goods by the end of this summer.

Fernandes also wants to "el-

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Acting Mayor Janey and her granddaughter pose by a Juneteenth–Freedom Day flag at the Franklin Park celebration on June 19.



Acting Mayor Kim Janey greets Tito Jackson and Councilor Ricardo Arroyo at the Juneteenth celebration in Franklin Park by the Shattuck.

### Ula Cafe

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evate the pastry programs,” and offer things like babkas and donuts on the weekends, as well as possibly croissants if she can get the right equipment.

Santos added that the goal is to have a “multicultural menu because our community is so multicultural.”

Santos also said that “Ula was started to gather people together, to create that home for people,” and she said the new owners really want to build on that mission, whether it be bringing together parents with kids, an elderly person, a low income individual, or someone moving into the new condos down the street, she said everyone is welcome.

“We want to see gallery nights and showing off musicians,” she said, as well as have open mic nights and “have a place where people come together for food, yes, but also they feel like they’re family when they’re there.”

Mathelier said that some of these changes to the cafe will be rolled out slowly, but the trio is making efforts to engage with the community and get their feedback about what they would like to see for the space..

The cafe just held its first community event, a conversation with local organization Call It Out, for Juneteenth this past Saturday.

“To me, I felt like it was a huge success,” Mathelier said, adding

that people have already asked when Ula will be hosting another event. A strawberry basil limeade was also introduced as a drink to celebrate Juneteenth, and it was so popular that it will remain on the menu through the end of the month. Additionally, a portion of the sales is being donated to the NAACP Legal Defense Fund.

Ula Cafe has also teamed up with Wild Pops, a company located in Egleston Square that creates popsicles using fresh ingredients, to sell the popsicles at the cafe.

Fernandes said that the team hopes to continue to partner with local businesses and organizations in the future.

The team is also very open to suggestions from the community, and during the first week, had a suggestion box for people to write down what they wanted to see.

Santos said that one of the most popular suggestions was to bring back the popovers that were once offered by the cafe and were a huge hit.

“The people want their popovers,” she said, and Fernandes was able to make that happen.

She said that with COVID restrictions lifted, people are beginning to return to a sense of normalcy “Even now, we have people coming in; introducing themselves.” She said people are coming who said they haven’t been to Ula in a year or more, saying they are “just so happy to see it in the hands of local owners,” Santos said.

She also said that people are hoping to see more vegan options and more biscuit breakfasts, as well as “a couple really interesting suggestions about social impact,” which is also a goal of the team.

“I’m most excited about what we can do with the community,” Mathelier said, and “being able to provide good quality food and drinks through Ula.” He also looks forward to more community events and for the cafe to be a regular space for that type of activity.

“Same for me really,” Santos said, adding that “hearing people’s stories and starting to get a better understanding of why they come to Ula” has excited her about the future of the cafe.

“I’m excited for everything,” Fernandes said. “I’m excited to see Ula get back to its prime,” and “super excited to meet the community and feed them.”

Santos encourages residents to come down to the cafe and introduce themselves “and see what we’re up to.”

Mathelier added that he’s interested in hearing feedback of any type, “whether it’s good, bad, or ugly. Let us know what’s going well, what’s going bad, so we can position ourselves for success.”

Santos said that because all three owners live in the community, their customers “aren’t just customers,” she said. “We’re just feeding our neighbors.”

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## Local nonprofit boosts greener world with and for energy consumers

BY SANDRA STOREY / SPECIAL TO THE GAZETTE

### Transportation—including electric cars—a major focus

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To do that, the non-profit has programs and services for residents and businesses that help them improve their energy choices. At the same time, Green Energy Consumers advocates for green policies and programs locally and beyond.

Green Energy Consumers is responding to the large portion of harmful greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions transportation contributes. In Massachusetts, according to the state’s Department of Environmental Protection’s latest inventory in 2017, a full 42 percent of our GHG emis-

sions come from transportation, Anna Vanderspek, director of the Electric Vehicle (EV) Program at Green Energy Consumers, told the Gazette.

The United States Environmental Protection Agency reports that the transportation sector “accounted for the largest portion (29 percent) of total greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in 2019.” (Other sectors are: electricity, industry, agriculture and commercial.)

“Drive Green,” launched in 2016, is Green Energy Consumers’ electric vehicle discount and education program that makes driving an electric vehicle easier by offering information about: environment and health; charging and driving; along with discounts—using presentations and showcases.

Their stated mission is “to

protect our climate by getting electrical vehicles on the road in place of gas-powered cars.” Drive Green helps people explore the list of cars and local dealerships that offer discounts.

Since the program began, 3,000 participants have taken a test drive, and 900 bought or rented electric cars, according to Vanderspek. At least 16 JP residents have gotten electric cars through Drive Green.

“I have leased two electric vehicles (Chevy Bolts) over the past four years through the Drive Green program, and with help from Costco as well!” Haskell Werlin wrote in an email. “I’m spending far less money per year than I did with my Audi, which I owned for 16 years prior to the two EVs.

“And I don’t ever waste time at Hatoffs!” Werlin, a JP resident for 42 years, added. “My clothes smell better, and bicycle riders can breathe behind my non-tailpipe!”

“I had been thinking about getting an electric car for a while,” Rebeca Plank said in a recent interview. “Drive Green helped me take the plunge.”

She said the Chevy Bolt she bought has “tremendous pick-up” and has needed no repairs and, of course, no oil changes, since she got it in 2017.

“I absolutely love it,” the 20-year JP resident said.

She echoed many when she added that “The City needs to invest in more chargers” at parking spaces as they have done in the lot behind Blanchards.

To cure “range anxiety,” she suggested putting charging stations at beaches and parks all over as well as at restaurants along highways.

“I love my Chevy Bolt,” Doris Burford said, echoing the other satisfied consumers in JP. She said the presentations and information about dealers and prices she got were “fabulous.”

For more information about buying or leasing an electric car, go to [drivegreen@greenenergyconsumers.org](mailto:drivegreen@greenenergyconsumers.org).

Green Energy Consumers actively advocates for public poli-

cies to cut GHG emissions.

Massachusetts passed a far-reaching Clean Energy and Climate Plan in March, setting a goal of reducing the state’s carbon emissions by at least 50 percent below 1990 levels by 2030, 75 percent below those levels by 2040, and achieve “net zero” emissions by 2050.

Green Energy Consumers commented that the bill needed to see set a faster timeline, that it needed more details, more on implementation, and it neglected the value of public transportation in reducing carbon emissions, Vanderspek said.

Green Energy Consumers was a strong backer of the Community Choice Electric program that was instituted in Boston this past February after several years of research and preparation. It gives residents and businesses electricity sourced from cleaner sources through Eversource.

The Transportation and Climate Initiative (TCI) is a promising regional movement Green Energy Consumers is championing. TCI states would charge gasoline and diesel distributors five cents a gallon between 2023 and 2032 which they would invest in green transportation. Distributors could either pass it on to customers, or consider it a cost of doing business for those nine years.

According to Vanderspek, it would cost the average driver about 45 cents per week, if the fee is passed to them.

The predicted \$300 million income from TCI would go toward modernizing transportation, thereby improving health, combating climate change, and providing a “powerful tool” to right the historic wrong of overburdening low-income urban communities with GHG emissions.

In a webinar about TCI (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GkvOvbxbYc>) Vanderspek and Program Associate Mal Skowron, displayed a map by an MIT student that showed most drivers in eastern Massachusetts come from wide area surrounding Boston, and poorest air

quality is in the cities where the fewest residents drive.

Gov. Charlie Baker has already agreed that Massachusetts will participate in TCI, along with Rhode Island, Connecticut and Washington DC.

The state legislature will need to pass enabling legislation for it to go into effect. Other Atlantic states are still mulling it over, Vanderspek said.

With a board of 12 and a staff of 17, Green Energy Consumers sponsors a lot of helpful enterprises in addition to Drive Green.

Shave the Peak helps people save electricity when it matters the most.

Install Solar with EnergySage helps renters and owners choose a local solar company to install panels so they can reduce their electric bills.

Heating Oil Service gives users of oil heat who pay a small membership fee, get a discount on oil from local distributors.

New England Wind Fund encourages people to make tax deductible contributions to support existing and new wind turbines.

And Green Energy Consumers does lots of educational programs about energy and energy policy. Funding comes from a variety of sources, including small commissions on sales, grants, memberships and donations.

When Green Energy Consumers Alliance began in 1982, it didn’t have that name. It mostly focused on bringing people together to get heating oil at a discount as the Heating Oil Service program does now. The organization has had several names since it began, as its mission and activities broadened and evolved. Green Energy Consumers is very active in Rhode Island as well as Massachusetts.

For extensive information on Green Energy Consumers and the group’s activities and programs, see [greenenergyconsumers.org](http://greenenergyconsumers.org). The blog there contains useful current information, too. To contact Green Energy Consumers, call 617-397-5199 or email [hello@greenenergyconsumers.org](mailto:hello@greenenergyconsumers.org).

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# SNA hears from council candidate Kelly Ransom, proposal for recycling station, votes not to oppose enclosure of front porches at 93 Brookley Rd.

BY LAUREN BENNETT

The Stonybrook Neighborhood Association (SNA) met virtually on June 14, where members heard from District 6 City Council candidate Kelly Ransom, heard a preliminary proposal for a transfer station at Forest Hills at Morton Street, and voted on a project at 93 Brookley St.

## KELLY RANSOM

District 6 City Council candidate Kelly Ransom came to the meeting to talk about her campaign and answer questions from community members.

Ransom talked about her life in District 6 and the work she's done throughout her career, including working for City Councilor At-Large Anniessa Essaihi George, who is now running for mayor.

"Working at the City Council solidified in me that it's definitely my life's mission to serve," Ransom said. She also talked about her years in the restaurant industry, starting as a dishwasher at City Feed and working up to a kitchen manager at Bella Luna. She also worked as the catering chef at Fenway Park.

Ransom then shifted to more of a communications and fundraising career path, and taught marketing classes to small business owners.

"I don't just want to serve the community that raised me...but also because I want to continue doing what I do best and I know that is bringing people together," Ransom said.

She said she feels one of her biggest strengths is "bringing diverse groups of people together," which is something she's been doing since she was a teenager.

"I lead with vision, not division," she said.

During her campaign, she has been holding "virtual halls of progress" and roundtables where people with opposing views are purposely invited. Other events "help the community at large understand what the issues are," she said.

"I have a strong network," Ransom said, and prides herself in "getting people together whether they agree or not."

She also said she's "capable of supporting these difficult and

sometimes uncomfortable conversations," and can "turn these conversations into progress. My goal as a city councilor is to bring us together as a district to create change we want to see in all of our neighborhoods."

SNA Steering Committee member Paige Sparks asked Ransom what role she believes neighborhood associations playing in "local community politics."

Ransom said "I think they need to play a bigger role. I think they play a big role now, but I know that from going to so many neighborhood association meetings when I worked at the council."

She added that it's "really important for the neighbors to have a say in what's going on."

Ransom said that she wants to provide more support for neighborhood associations should she be elected.

"I think that we have the opportunity to grow our neighborhood organizations by working together," she said.

SNA member Jennifer Uhrhane asked Ransom what her thoughts were on the "current state of development review in Boston," as well as how the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) and the Zoning Board of Appeal (ZBA) currently operate.

"I think that we need to come up with a better way to separate our city planning and our city development," Ransom said. "Those are two separate entities." She said she does not want to completely get rid of the BPDA, but she said separating the planning from development would be beneficial.

"It is the job of the city council to be representative in those situations," she said. She also talked about how many of those meetings are inaccessible for many residents, and there are language barriers as well. She said getting the input of residents on these processes is important to her.

## NEW TRANSFER STATION AT FOREST HILLS AND MORTON STREET

Dennis Roache, Assistant Superintendent of Waste Reduction for the city's Department of Public Works, talked about very pre-

liminary plans to create a type of transfer station/recycling center at Forest Hills and Morton Street.

He said that the site in "some ways could be used hand in hand as a transfer station," but the intent is for it to be used as "more of a recycle center." The proposal is "still very early in its planning stages," Roache said.

He added that the goal would be to "use that site to take some of the heat off of the hazardous waste events" and provide "more options for recycling."

The site would function as a drop-off area for food waste, e-waste, textiles, mattress disposal, and things of that nature. Roache said that the plan is not to use this site for hazardous materials.

He said that "over the next six weeks," there will be opportunities for the community to make comments on this proposal.

"This still is very much in its infancy stages of planning," Roache said.

Jennifer Uhrhane expressed concerns about traffic and issues about when the facility is not open.

"We share both of your con-

cerns on both of these issues," Roache said, adding that the department will be working with the Boston Transportation Department.

"If this is only open once a month, it may get flooded like an event," Roache said. "That is not the intent of this center." He added that it is "supposed to create ease of use."

He said that while there are no specific answers to these concerns at this time, it will be something that will be part of the community discussion moving forward.

## VOTE ON 93 BROOKLEY

Royce Abel, a resident of 93 Brookley, had presented a proposal at last month's SNA meeting to enclose the existing front porches to create more indoor living space. The SNA asked him to come back with a design that would "delineate the floors of the building" once the porches are enclosed," he said.

"We don't use them; we don't have basements in our building," Royce said of the porches.

He showed the proposed simple design for the bands, which

he said the contractor said would be "easy to add in."

Allan Ihrer said "we had warned the developer before he started building the units that the water table was high and he didn't listen, thus you have no basements."

Another resident, Shannon Hourigan, said that "this is a change that would really improve the living conditions of some of our neighbors and very much allow them to stay."

Jennifer Uhrhane said that the "street noise is so bad, and their bedroom is off the porch. When this project was proposed, the neighborhood strongly urged the developer to put bedrooms on the street side and ignored us and put them in the front anyway."

She said that she understands the issue of street noise, and while the situation is not ideal, it's a "very different kind of situation than dealing with a new developer."

The SNA ultimately voted not to oppose the project after seeing the proposal for the delineation bands for the facade.

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				4	\$40,250	\$67,100	\$80,520
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# Obituary

## Norberto Zylbersztajn

We mourn the passing of Norberto Zylbersztajn

Norberto Zylbersztajn was born in Buenos Aires, Argentina, emigrated to the United States in 1962 and served in the Navy during the Vietnam War.

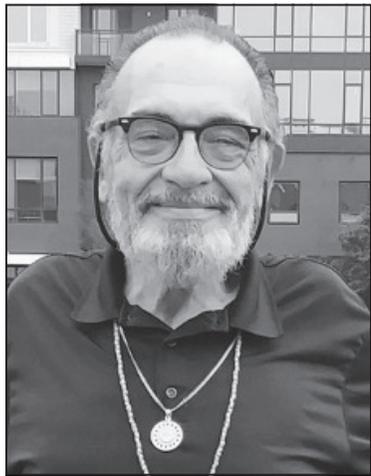
Z, as he was known, spent much of his adult life helping others in his social services' career. He spent years working with youth at Concilio

Hispano and then, later in life, with recovering addicts at Askia Academy/Dimock. Most recently, Z had been a site manager with Caritas Communities, a perfect fit for his strict brand of caring.

Z did have his own taxi company in the 90s, Conquering Lion of Judah Cab, with an ites, gold and green logo.

As much as Z helped others in his professional life, he was 10 times more caring as a family man. He was the original girl-dad before it was even a thing. His daughters will convince you Dad was the best, for hours on end. Z made everyone laugh with his jokes and made everyone feel heard and seen with his heart. Norberto was an amazing husband, father and man who will be deeply missed and forever loved.

Norberto "Mr. Z" "Bere" Zylbersztajn of Boston, died unexpectedly of natural causes on Tuesday, June 8 at age 71. He was preceded in death by parents Rose and Morris Zylbersztajn and brother Jaime Zylbersztajn of Patterson, NJ. Norberto is survived by his wife Elsa Brenda Zylbersztajn Prevoost of Boston; daughters: Neshamah Zylbersztajn and Gabriela Zylbersztajn, her partner. Jamal Forrest and their beautiful daughter, Raiden of Boston. He is also survived by his ex-wives Lourdes Sariol of Boston and Rena Rosenbush Katz of Daytona, FL. Norberto is also survived by his stepdaughters Shanna, Porshia and Nyleve of Boston.



Please join us for a memorial service to celebrate the life of Norberto! We will gather together on Tuesday, June 29 from 4 to 8 p.m. at Winthrop Elks, 191 Washington Ave, Winthrop to remember our wonderful friend who will be greatly missed. Please bring your fondest memories of Mr. Z to share with family and friends.

Eulogized by Christopher Field. Light refreshments served.

## Rockland Trust will close down several EBSB branches

By JOHN LYNDIS

As part of its \$1 billion merger with East Boston Savings Bank (EBSB), Rockland Trust

announced it will close several branches that EBSB opened as part of a massive expansion over the past decade.

While EBSB's flagship branches in East Boston will remain open, Rockland plans to close two branches in Allston/Brighton, one branch each in Chinatown, Dorchester, Mission Hill, Roslindale, West Roxbury, and Brookline and two branches in Cambridge.

Rockland will also close one of its own branches in Jamaica Plain at 725 Centre St. and keep the EBSB branch at 515 Centre St. near the Curley School.

In a statement to news outlets Rockland Trust wrote that the bank is looking forward to welcoming customers from EBSB as it deepens its presence in and around Boston.

"We have carefully considered where there are overlaps between our branch networks so that we may strategically consolidate and maximize the

impact of each branch," read the statement. "These were very thoughtful decisions, the factors of which included how we can most effectively serve our customers and the proximity of our retail branches."

Back in April EBSB, established in 1848, and Rockland Trust announced the two banks inked a merger agreement for Rockland to acquire EBSB's parent company, Meridian Bancorp., thus acquiring EBSB in a \$1.15 billion deal.

Under the agreement each Meridian stockholder will receive 0.275 of Rockland common stock for each share of Meridian common stock.

According to the two banks the merger is expected to close in the fourth quarter of 2021.

EBSB currently has 42 full-service locations, one mobile branch and three loan centers in the greater Boston metropolitan area.

## MNA endorses Erin Murphy for Boston City Council At-Large

Erin Murphy, candidate for Boston City Council At-large, was thrilled to announce on Thursday that she has received the endorsement of the Massachusetts Nurses Association (MNA), the most powerful and effective voice on nursing and health care in the Commonwealth.

"I'm deeply honored that the Massachusetts Nurses Association has chosen me as their candidate for At-Large City Council," Murphy said. "Our front-line responders have borne the brunt of this pandemic, and no one should question their commitment, their devotion, and their work ethic. I stand shoulder-to-shoulder with nurses around Boston and across the Commonwealth as they continue to provide life-saving service."

The MNA told Erin that they are very excited to be working on her campaign to help her get elected to the Council and be a strong voice for all nurses.

Murphy, a longtime teacher in the Boston Public Schools and single mother, is running for an At-Large City Council seat for the same reason she taught Boston's schoolkids for 22 years: devotion to this city, its children, and our shared future.

"Just like the nurses I'm proud to have standing with me, I clocked in every day as a mom and as a public school teacher, and I'll bring the exact same work ethic to the Boston City Council," Murphy said.

The MNA endorsed Erin's campaign because its members believe in her vision for Boston: an inclusive, welcoming city for all families and in every neighborhood. Erin has laid out a plan to make Boston an affordable place for all families to live and raise their children. Her message has resonated in every neighborhood, and she's been fortunate to meet supporters across the city. Erin Murphy is running to be the go-to call at City Hall for everyone in Boston.



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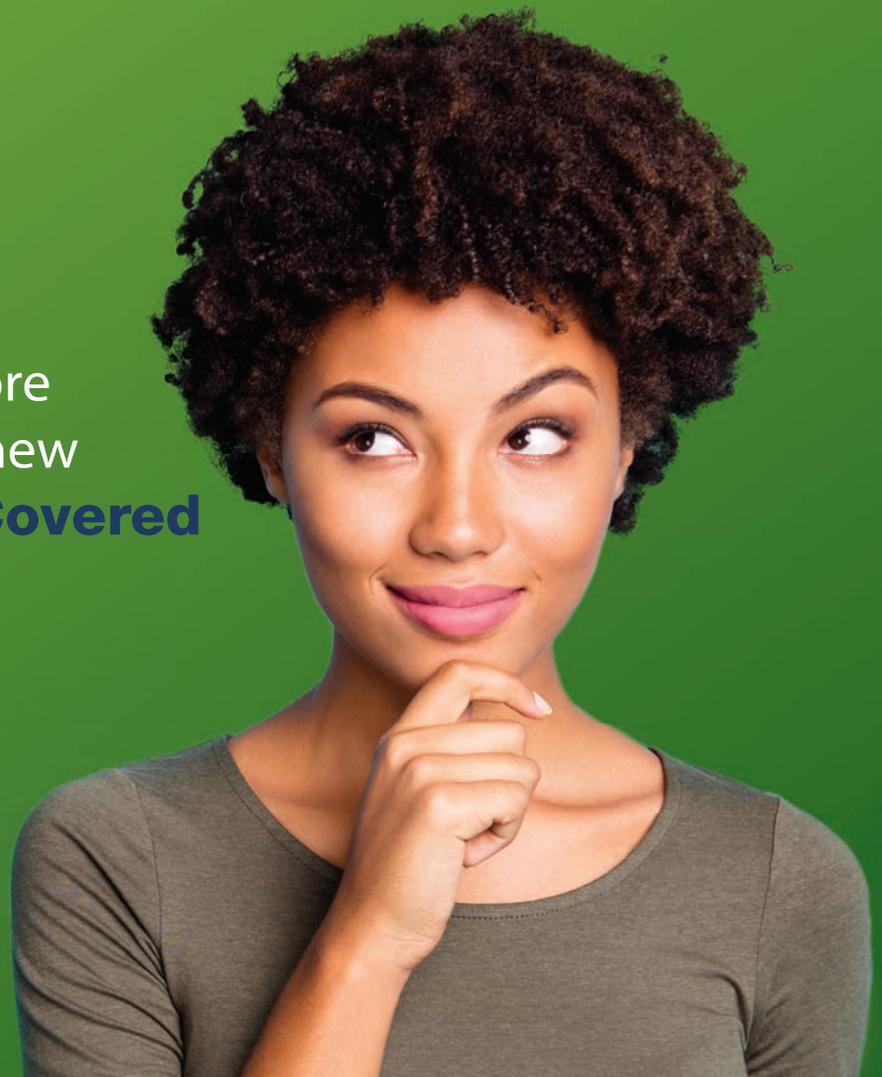
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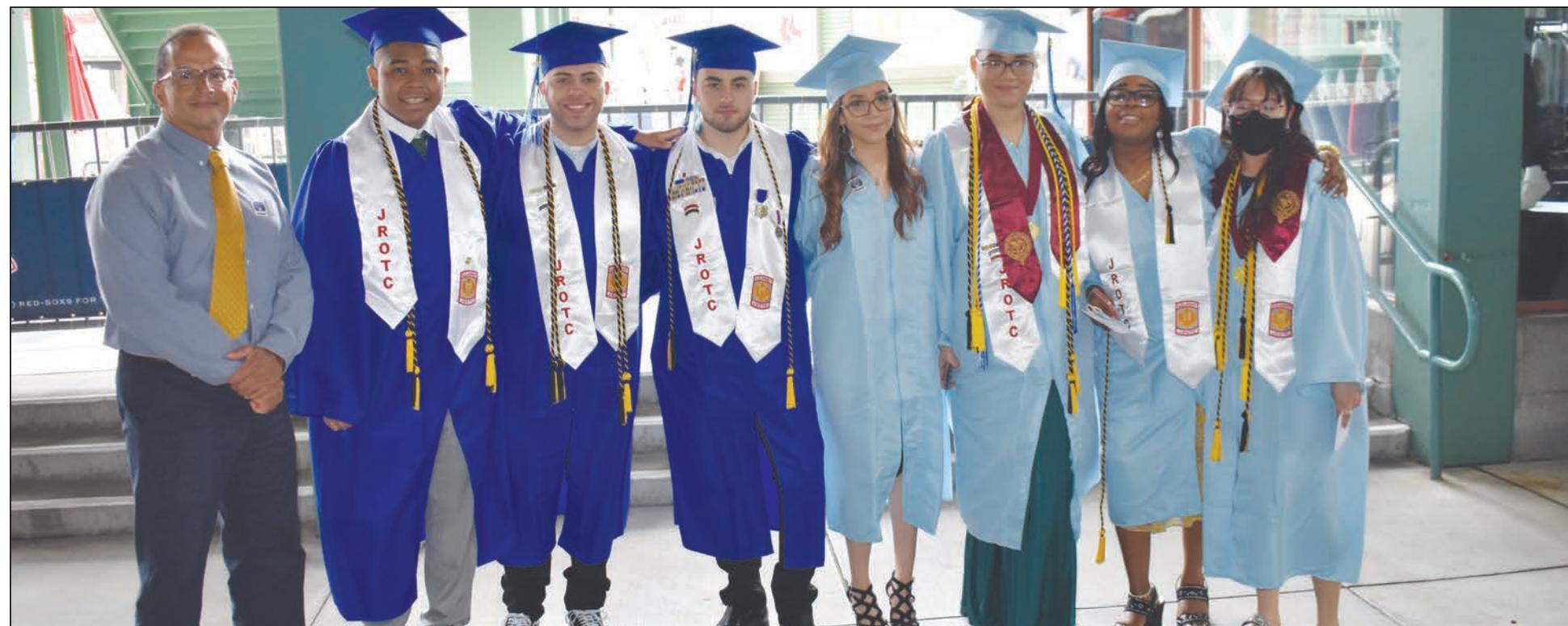
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Boston Latin School held graduation at Fenway Park on Tuesday, June 15, 2021. Diplomas were presented to 406 graduates. From left to right are valedictorian Julianna Zhao, salutatorians Aileen Luo, Rick Li, Alice Wu and valedictorian Ruth Shiferaw.



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English High School held graduation at Fenway Park on Friday, June 11. Head of School Caitlin Murphy is shown with Valedictorian Brandy Crismelys Rosario Cordero and Salutatorian Yanci Graciela Lopez Guillen. Diplomas were presented to 122 graduates.



The English High School JROTC graduates get together for a group photo prior to the graduation ceremony at Fenway Park.

### LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

#### BARRICKLO EARNS PRESIDENT'S LIST HONORS AT SHENANDOAH UNIVERSITY

Jenna Barricklo of Jamaica Plain is one of 430 students at Shenandoah University who made the President's List for

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Barricklo hails from Boston, MA (02130).

Shenandoah University was established in 1875, and is headquartered in Winchester, Virgin-

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# Baker nominates JP's James Budreau as Associate Justice of the Superior Court

STAFF REPORT

Gov. Charlie Baker this week announced the nomination of James Budreau as Associate Justice of the Superior Court. Budreau, a JP resident has been involved in youth sports and the Main Streets programs in the neighborhood for many years.

Attorney Budreau is a partner at Basil & Budreau, and has extensive legal experience, being a partner in the firm since 2013.

"Whether in public service or private practice, Attorney Budreau has demonstrated a strong commitment to the community," said Governor Charlie Baker. "Should he be confirmed, I am confident his legal experience will serve the Commonwealth well on the Superior Court."

Attorney Budreau specializes in both criminal and appellate law, as well as plaintiff employment, Title IX and tort defense issues. Prior to Basil & Budreau, he worked in his own law office from 1994 to 2013, practicing in criminal settings with a concentration on homicide cases that involved juveniles. For two years starting in 2008, he was a member of the criminal section of the

Boston Bar Association, where he developed teaching materials for the group. He taught employment law from 2003 to 2004 at Harvard University School of Law's Hale and Dorr Legal Clinic. Prior to his own firm, he worked at the Law Offices of Blake Godbout as an associate in civil practice from 1989 to 1990. He began his legal career as a law clerk in the Massachusetts Superior Court, a position he held from 1988 to 1989. Budreau earned a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Massachusetts Amherst in 1983 before graduating from the Northeastern University School of Law in 1988. He is a former youth baseball coach, lending his talents on the diamond in 2019 to the Jamaica Plain Regan League. From 2012 to 2017, he sat on the board of the Massachusetts Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, working on education and community outreach initiatives. He was also a Jamaica Plain Centre-South board member from 2014 to 2016, where he worked on efforts to grow local business.

The Superior Court, the trial court of general jurisdiction for Massachusetts, is committed to delivering high quality justice

in a timely and fair manner in accordance with the rule of law. The Court's 82 justices sit in 20 courthouses in all 14 counties of the Commonwealth. The Superior Court has original jurisdiction in civil actions over \$25,000 and in matters where equitable relief is sought. It also has original jurisdiction in actions including labor disputes where injunctive relief is sought, exclusive authority to convene medical malpractice tribunals, appellate jurisdiction over certain administrative proceedings, and may hold sittings for naturalization in any city or town. The Superior Court also has exclusive original jurisdiction of first-degree murder cases and original jurisdiction of all other crimes. If confirmed by the Governor's Council, Attorney Budreau will fill the seat vacated by the Honorable Mitchell Kaplan.

Judicial nominations are subject to the advice and consent of the Governor's Council. Applicants for judicial openings are reviewed by the Judicial Nominating Commission (JNC) and recommended to the governor. Governor Baker established the JNC in February 2015 pursuant to Executive Order 558, a non-partisan, non-political Com-

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# Mary Savioli Pallotta Educational Center welcomes Shelly Hinds as new Head of School

STAFF REPORT

The Italian Home for Children's Mary Savioli Pallotta Educational Center, a private special education school serving children with special education needs, announced the hiring of Shelly Hinds as the new Head of School.

Located on the Italian Home for Children's Jamaica Plain campus, the Mary Savioli Pallotta Educational Center provides both academic and therapeutic services for students in grades K-8 with disruptive behavioral disorders, social or emotions concerns, or learning disabilities. In her new role, Ms. Hinds will work to build off the organization's robust and successful history of providing community-based, state-of-the-art therapies structured to reintegrate the youth back into their communities.

"I am very excited to start this next chapter in my career at the Mary Savioli Pallotta Educational Center," said Shelly Hinds. "Having spent over a decade in different educational environments focusing on family engagement, academic success, and community enrichment; the rich history of the school along with the wide continuum of care made this the perfect fit for my personal and professional passions."

Before starting her new role at the Pallotta School, Ms. Hinds was the METCO Director at Lincoln Sudbury Regional High School, where she oversaw the criteria for student evaluation and implementation and served as a liaison between students from Boston, their families, school staff, and administration. Prior to her time at Lincoln Sudbury Regional High School, Ms. Hinds served as the assistant principal and dean of students at Holyoke Public School District.

"In her role as METCO Director, Shelly was an incredible advocate and voice for students and families. She cared deeply about the well-being and success of students and constantly found opportunities to help them excel both academically, socially and emotionally," said Milly Arbage-Thomas, President and CEO of METCO, Inc. "She worked diligently to encourage parent engagement and create a sense of community. Shelly is also a patient, caring and welcoming person. I am confident that all students and families at the Italian Home for Children will benefit greatly from her leadership and expertise."

"Shelly loved our students and cared for them all as if they were her own," said Pamela Jones, parent in the Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School district and 17-year participant of the METCO program. "She is a great leader, and she inspired our children and made it fun for them to come to school. It was a pleasure to have met and worked with her."

Ms. Hinds joins the Mary Savioli Pallotta Educational Center as the Italian Home for Children celebrates its 100th year anniversary and unique moment in the organization's history. Founded in 1921, the then-named Home for Italian Children was established in response to the influenza epidemic that left hundreds of orphans in its wake. 100 years later, the organization's mission came full circle as they successfully navigated the COVID-19 pandemic, during which the school continued their in-person educational services. The Italian Home for Children's capability to support the community during once-in-a-century pandemics has remained stronger than ever.

"Shelly's background in both school and clinical programs is the perfect match for the Pallotta School where we balance academics and therapeutic support," said Susan Keays, Acting CEO



Shelly Hinds.

and Chief Operating Officer at the Pallotta School. "The staff and students are very excited to benefit from Shelly's knowledge and passion about developing a supportive school culture, tracking academic and therapeutic achievements, striving for equity and inclusion, and engaging parents and guardians. Shelly will lead the vision for the Pallotta School as we move on from this challenging school year and look forward to post-pandemic 'new normal' and all the school has to offer."

Ms. Hinds obtained a B.S. from Lincoln University and M.S. in Urban Teaching from Wheelock. She also completed doctoral level coursework in Educational Leadership from University of Massachusetts and has her Principal K-12 license. She has served on the boards of the Boston Family Engagement Network and Fitchburg Arts Academy, and currently serves as an executive committee member of the Metropolitan Council for Education Opportunities.



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# JP's positive test rate continues steady decline

By JOHN LYNDS

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

According to the latest data 870 Jamaica Plain residents were tested last week and there were zero positive cases.

Of the 38,510 Jamaica Plain residents tested for COVID since the pandemic began, 7.7 percent overall were found to be positive—this was a 1.3 percentage decrease from the 7.8 percent reported by the BPHC on June

10.

Citywide, the weekly positive test rate decreased. According to the BPHC 12,562 residents were tested and 0.6 percent were COVID positive—this was a 45 percent increase from the 1.1 percent positive test rate reported by the BPHC two weeks ago.

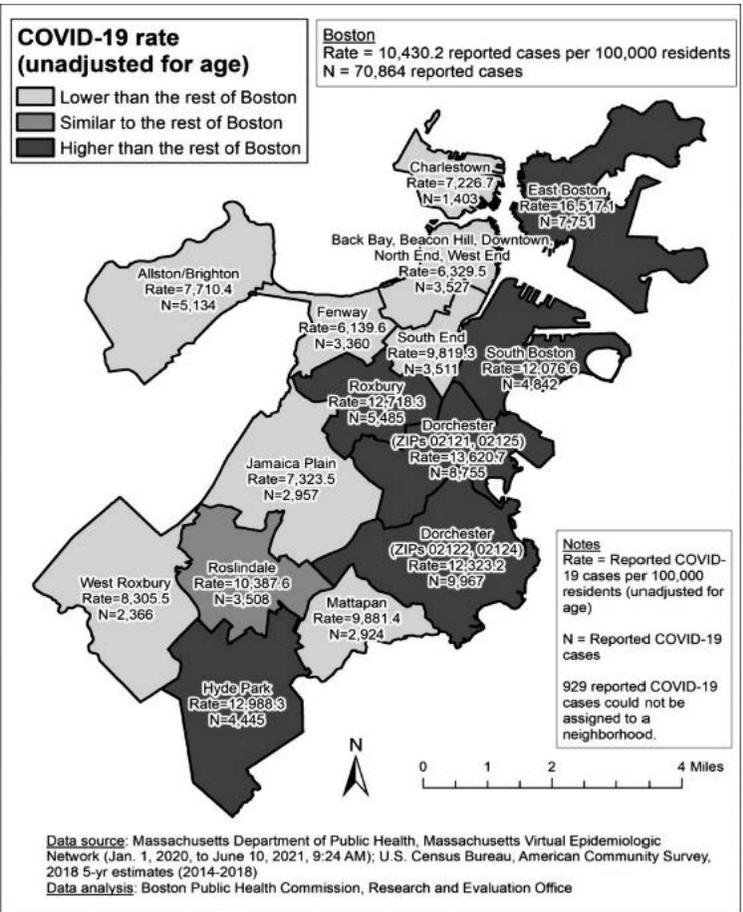
According to the BPHC data, Jamaica Plain's infection rate increased 0.2 percent since June 10 Jamaica Plain went from 732.1 cases per 10,000 residents to 732.3 cases per 10,000 residents.

One additional Jamaica Plain resident became infected with COVID-19 since June 10 and the number of total cases here went

from 2,956 cases to 2,957 cases in the neighborhood.

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 0.06 percent last week and went from 70,906 cases to 70,967 confirmed cases in a week. Two additional Boston residents died from the virus last week and there are now 1,391 total deaths in the city from COVID.



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*Shown right, on Friday the BPHC released its weekly COVID-19 stats by neighborhood that tracks infection rates and COVID testing results in Boston neighborhoods.*

## LEGAL NOTICES

### LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU97P2741 Estate of: Theodore James Katsiroubas Date of Death 06/21/1997

To all interested persons: A Petition for S/A - Formal Appointment of Successor PR has been filed by Theodore L. Katsiroubas of Newton Center, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: Theodore L. Katsiroubas of Newton Center, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 07/30/2021. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which

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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.

Date: June 18, 2021  
 Felix D. Arroyo  
 Register of Probate

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The Tier II Classification Submittal and the disposal tie file can be reviewed at the Northeast Regional Office of the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, located at 205B Lowell Street in Wilmington, MA 978-694-3200 or online at the MADEP website <http://eeonline.eea.state.ma.us/portal/#/search/wastesite> using Release Tracking. Number (RTN) 3-36285. Additional public involvement opportunities are available under 310 CMR 40.1403(9) and 310 CMR 40.1404.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Probate

And Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU21P1275EA Estate of: Annetta D. Rogers Date of Death: 02/07/2021

To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Sonia Lafauci of Marshville, NC requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 07/28/2021. 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 (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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### LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION TO EXPAND THE POWERS OF A GUARDIAN Docket No. SU20P1585GD In the interests of: Dorothy A. Golbranson of: Boston, MA

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Brigham & W Faulkner Hospital of Boston, MA in the above captioned matter requesting that the court: Expand the powers of a Guardian. The petition asks the court to make a determination that the powers of the Guardian and/or Conservator should be expanded, modified, or limited since the time of the appointment. The original petition is on file with the court. You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 07/01/2021. 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. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to

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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.

Date: May 28, 2021  
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT SUFFOLK PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT Docket No. SU17P0334PM Estate of:

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Rita Allen  
 A Petition for Order of Complete Settlement has been filed by James R. Allen of Jamaica Plain, MA and Mark T. Allen of Norman, OK requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 07/15/2021. 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 (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.

Date: June 10, 2021  
 Felix D. Arroyo,  
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### LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

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SUFFOLK PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR SALE OF REAL ESTATE BY A PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE Docket No. SU20P1992EA Estate of: Hermine Joan Greenfield

A Petition for Sale of Real Estate has been filed by Ronald D. Lefton of Port Washington, NY, requesting that the court authorize the Personal Representative to sell the decedent's real estate at a private sale.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 07/5/2021. 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 (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.

Date: June 10, 2021  
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## EDITORIAL

# A long, hot summer

The images of parched reservoirs in the western part of the country that have been filling the news lately paint a devastating picture of the effects of climate change coupled with the overuse of natural resources.

While it is true that the West has been experiencing drought conditions for the past few years, the reality is that western states have been using far more water than nature is able to provide, even under normal circumstances.

The combination of large-scale farming operations -- which require enormous amounts of water for irrigation -- and the rampant expansion of housing developments into desert areas has created a scenario that is clearly unsustainable for the environment.

Water always has been a precious resource in the West that has been ripe for meddling by politically-connected special interest groups, but in the present situation, with more than 75 percent of the West in extreme drought, there is barely a drop of water for anybody to fight about.

The combination of a lack of moisture on the ground and extreme heat creates a feedback loop that makes for even hotter temperatures and even drier weather, not only affecting water levels in lakes and reservoirs, but making for prime conditions for the wildfires that have been a scourge in the western states for the past few years.

By contrast, the southern coast of the U.S. has a different kind of problem. The warming atmosphere is making our oceans warmer, providing the primary fuel for a different sort of cataclysmic event -- catastrophic hurricanes.

The South was assaulted by a fast-forming tropical storm this past weekend that wreaked havoc in its path with heavy rain and tornadoes. Meteorologists are predicting another active hurricane season that promises to cause billions of dollars of damage, both along the coastline and further inland.

We in the Northeast have been lucky for most of the past decade. Hurricane Sandy occurred in 2012 and we've been fairly fortunate since then. However, if ocean temperatures and sea levels continue to rise, it is only a matter of time before a storm of a magnitude far greater than the fabled Hurricane of 1938 strikes this area.

Bob Dylan wrote that we don't need a weatherman to tell us which way the wind is blowing.

What we are seeing on our TV screens in the South and West is giving us a glimpse of a future dominated by the effects of climate change -- and it isn't pretty.

## PLEASE WRITE...

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## OP-ED

### Economic equity is key in Boston's efforts to recover from the pandemic

BY ACTING MAYOR KIM JANEY

Throughout the pandemic, our city has remained resilient through uncertainty and hardship. Together, we are making real progress in our public health recovery. Cases of COVID-19 continue to decline, as vaccination rates climb steadily across the city. Now, we must focus on an economic recovery, reopening and renewal that includes all of our communities. That starts with bold measures that encourage equity in our city and open opportunities for those who have been shut out.

Boston's recovery and reopening is a chance to renew our city, making it stronger and more equitable. The racial wealth gap among Boston residents made headlines even before the pandemic. I know we can do better. My administration is implementing concrete changes to help working families earn living wages and build wealth of their own. I have announced two new measures to promote economic equity and opportunity for working families in Boston.

The first initiative put homeownership within reach for first-time homebuyers. I used a first-time buyer program to purchase my own home, so I know how

important homeownership is economic stability and breaking the cycle of poverty. That is why I am excited to triple down payment assistance for the Boston Home Center's first-time Homebuyer Program.

With a \$2.4 million commitment to this program in my FY22 budget proposal, we will be able to provide up to \$40,000 in assistance to income-eligible residents seeking to purchase a home for the first time. Residents can also receive assistance with down payments and closing costs. This change more than triples the average amount of assistance previously offered by the City.

Owning a home is part of the American Dream, and I am proud of the work our City is doing to make this a reality. As we work to close the racial wealth gap, it is programs like these that can help us achieve equity in Boston.

Closing the wealth gap means we also have to address the wage gap. That is why I have also signed an executive order establishing a prevailing wage standard for key city service contractors.

Starting July 1, Boston will guarantee rates for city contractors of \$14.85 to \$20 per hour for services such as cleaning and

security, with an additional \$6.26 to \$6.70 per hour in health and pension benefits.

This executive order recognizes the importance of sustainable wages and benefits. It is time that the City of Boston sets a standard for other employers to follow that supports the wellbeing of Boston's working families, while also encouraging other employers to join us in the effort.

These new steps help ensure an equitable recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. These efforts will work together with other programs I have introduced since being sworn-in as Mayor, including the ONE+Boston Homebuyer Program, \$50 million in new rental relief to help residents stay in their homes and a \$50 million emergency package to support an equitable recovery and reopening for our City's residents, workers and small businesses.

I will continue fighting for a stronger, more equitable Boston. It takes persistence to make a difference, and I promise that economic equity for residents will be at the forefront of Boston's agenda to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.

*Kim Janey is the Acting Mayor for the City of Boston*

## OP-ED

### Taking on our Housing Crisis

BY MICHELLE WU, CITY COUNCILOR AT-LARGE AND CANDIDATE FOR MAYOR

One of the biggest challenges the next Mayor of Boston will take on is our housing crisis.

Too many Bostonians are shut out from buying homes, dealing with soaring property taxes on a fixed income, or struggling to make rent. Many residents worry about the cost of living, so much that they aren't sure that they can stay.

That's reflected in the number of families being pushed out by cost of living: Though our population keeps growing, the number of school-aged children in Boston is about half what it was in 1970.

The vibrancy and long-term wellbeing of our city depends on our ability to keep our housing

costs under control—not just to attract and retain new residents but also to protect and invest in the ones already here.

We cannot allow the city of Boston to be hollowed out by its lack of affordable housing options.

Our city has a proud legacy of incredible innovation. We were the first city in this country to build a public library, a public park and a taxpayer-funded public school. Yet when it comes to tackling the housing crisis and managing development in a way to build growth, affordability, community and environmental justice, we have lagged behind.

As home prices skyrocket, rents rise and disparities along racial and economic lines only increase, we need bold solutions that match the scale and urgency

of the crisis.

In Boston, our leadership for housing can have immediate and far-reaching impact. Several years ago, when Airbnb was driving rents up across the city, we built a coalition to stand up and pass the most protective ordinance in the country. They sued Boston, but when we won in court, it set a national precedent so cities across the country could also protect their tenants.

This week, I am announcing a Housing Justice Agenda to expand homeownership opportunities and housing stability for low- and middle-income Bostonians, residents of color and seniors, and to address the intersection of our homelessness, substance use, and mental health crises.

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OP-ED

Strategize your money flow

BY DR. GLENN MOLLETTE

If your outgo is more than your income then your upkeep will be your downfall.

A sure way to disable yourself financially is to spend more than your income.

If your income is \$2500 a month then you can't spend \$3500 a month and come out ahead.

An old friend used to say, "You can't borrow yourself rich."

We have "wants" and "needs." Needs must always outweigh wants. We need food and shelter, transportation and basic utilities to survive.

A person with a small income has severe financial pressure and must live on a strict budget. The person who has a lot of income still must determine a budget. The principal is the same for the person who has more income. Your outgo must not exceed your income. If you are earning \$9,000 a month but spending \$10,000 you are going to end up in financial trouble.

With a very low income even the very basic needs become a luxury. Keeping the house warm or cool is a luxury. Buying good or healthy groceries are difficult. Buying gasoline to go to work is expensive. If you have access to a credit card, the pressure is great

to put basic living needs on the card but the exorbitant fees and interest of credit card companies begin to quickly intensify your financial burden.

Your choices are few when it comes to good household budgeting. Let's look at a lean budget. Let's say your income is \$2,000 a month. You can afford the following: \$500 a month in rent, \$250 a month in utilities, \$250 a month for a used car payment and \$150 a month for gasoline. This gives you \$850 a month to buy food on and buy basic auto insurance. You will have to go through your state medical insurance program and apply for free state health insurance because you can't afford

to buy health insurance. You also have to figure out how to make more money. You have to work hard where you are and do good so you can get a better paying job. Or, you must gain additional income through a second job. With surging inflation facing our country this makes these numbers an intense strain. Consider living as close to your job as possible to save on transportation costs.

If your income is \$5,000, \$10,000 a month or more. Your strategy is easier. Your main goal must be to not buy a house or a car that stretches your income to the max. You don't need the stress. Budget so you can afford to take a vacation or have a play

day. Life is short! Enjoy it along the way. How you budget and spend your money can make you financially unstable or you can live with a feeling of financial security.

*Glenn Mollette is the publisher of Newburgh Press, Liberty Torch and various other publishing imprints; a national columnist - American Issues and Common Sense opinions, analysis, stories and features appear each week in over 500 newspapers, websites and blogs across the United States.*

LETTERS

Regarding the Boston School Committee

Dear Editor,

I'm outraged that some of the people we entrust with decisions about the education of Boston's children have proved to be biased and prejudiced, blind to the fact that our strength is in our togetherness. While I find the resignations appropriate, I am saddened by how this drives a deeper wedge in our City. An attack on any of our neighborhoods is an attack on all of our neighborhoods. This city's strength lies in our neighborhoods -- all of them -- and anyone who disrespects that is not fit to represent us.

As a teacher in Boston Public Schools for 22 years, I fought

for my students, their families, and our communities. Zip codes don't determine the value of our kids or families, and that's a core belief we all need to embrace.

I also call on the City of Boston's Office of Public Records, as well as BPS and the City's legal department, to investigate and explain to the people of Boston why the public record of the texts between the School Committee members at a public meeting were withheld from FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) requests. Public records that are released with redactions must, by law, be plainly marked as redacted and an official explanation for the redactions must be included in

a FOIA response.

I'm a Boston teacher and a Mom. I know our neighborhoods, our public schools, and our kids and families very well. And I know that expressions of hate and animosity against any group will do nothing but deepen divisions and sow animosity among people. We are one city. Everyone in government and elected office, and those seeking public office, must be committed to working together, with good will toward all, to make sure Boston's future is as bright as we know it can be, for all of us.

**Erin Murphy, Candidate for Boston City Council At-large**

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As Mayor, I will expand existing city programs to increase the purchasing power of first-time homebuyers, increase property tax relief for seniors and others living on a fixed income, and leverage our capital budget to build new, permanently-affordable housing. We must take advantage of existing public assets to co-locate housing with libraries, schools and other municipal buildings to create new,

multi-use developments that are deeply affordable and energy-efficient. This is a simple solution to help grow our housing stock while ensuring that units fit the environmental standards we need for a city of the future.

I will also push for greater tenant protections against eviction and displacement, and I'll prioritize investments and improvements in the Boston Housing Authority while creating new supportive housing.

These are just some of the actions we can take to tackle displacement and make Boston a city where people of all incomes,

backgrounds, professions, and ages can make a home and build community.

We will only deliver housing justice when we place our full focus and energy on opening up more housing opportunities, and listen to our residents who are dealing with this crisis every day.

But we have to act quickly. Our city is made vibrant by our neighborhoods and communities. To ensure they can thrive well into the future, we need leadership that takes on our housing crisis with the urgency it requires.

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Offered at \$749,000  
4 Bed | 2 Bath | 1969 Sq.Ft.



30 Beaufort Rd, Unit 30-3 - JP  
Offered at \$700,000  
2 Bed | 1 Bath | 1250 Sq.Ft.



63 Woodlawn St, Unit 1 - JP  
Offered at \$599,000  
4 Bed | 3 Bath | 1785 Sq.Ft.



73 Weld Hill St, Unit 2 - JP  
Offered at \$479,000  
2 Bed | 1 Bath | 807 Sq.Ft.



109 Heath St, Unit 1 - JP  
Offered at \$425,000  
2 Bed | 1 Bath | 920 Sq.Ft.



176 Poplar St - Roslindale  
Offered at \$850,000  
5 Bed | 3 Bath | 2493 Sq.Ft.



309 E St, Unit 33 - South Boston  
Offered at \$975,000  
2 Bed | 2 Bath | 1132 Sq.Ft.



762 Columbia Rd, Unit 2 - Dorchester  
Offered at \$549,000  
3 Bed | 1 Bath | 1335 Sq.Ft.



21 Dix St, Unit 1 - Dorchester  
Offered at \$412,500  
3 Bed | 1 Bath | 1119 Sq.Ft.



4925 Wash. St, Unit 405 - W. Roxbury  
Offered at \$252,000  
1 Bed | 1 Bath | 583 Sq.Ft.