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## **CELEBRATING NATIONAL NIGHT OUT**



PHOTO BY LAUREEN BENNETT

*The JP community gathered at Mozart Park on August 1 for National Night Out. Residents and community members got the opportunity to learn about the Boston Police first-hand, as well as enjoy family friendly activities and refreshments. See more photos on Pages 10 and 11.*

## **Uptick in robbery, burglary could be result of inflation**

BY LAURA PLUMMER

On Thursday, Aug. 4, the Jamaica Plain Branch of the Boston Police Department hosted its monthly community relations meeting remotely on Zoom. The meeting is an opportunity for residents to ask questions of local law enforcement.

Attendees received year-to-date Part One crime statistics compiled by the Boston Regional

Intelligence Center (BRIC). Part One crimes include burglary, robbery, assault, larceny, auto theft, rape and homicide. They don't include lesser offenses like vandalism, drug dealing or possession of firearms.

Part One crime is up just one percent across the city but up 22 percent in Jamaica Plain. All part one crimes except rape are up compared to 2021. There have been almost twice as many rob-

beries (taking something by force or intimidation), and more than twice the number of residential burglaries.

The uptick in robberies and burglaries could indicate the desperation of individuals for whom making ends meet is increasingly difficult. With soaring gas prices and runaway inflation, covering basic needs can become near-

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## **Aumento en robos, atracos podrían ser el resultado de la inflación**

BY LAURA PLUMMER

El jueves 4 de agosto, la sucursal de Jamaica Plain del Departamento de Policía de Boston organizó su reunión mensual de relaciones comunitarias de forma remota en Zoom. La reunión es una oportunidad para que los residentes hagan pregun-

tas a la policía local.

Los asistentes recibieron estadísticas de delitos de la Parte Uno hasta la fecha compiladas por el Centro Regional de Inteligencia de Boston (BRIC). Los delitos de la Parte Uno incluyen el robo, el atraco, el asalto, el hurto, el robo de auto, la violación y el homicidio. No incluyen delitos

menores como el vandalismo, el tráfico de drogas o la posesión de armas de fuego.

El crimen de la Parte Uno ha aumentado solo un uno por ciento en toda la ciudad, pero un 22 por ciento en Jamaica Plain.

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## **Neo-Nazi group demonstrates at Loring Greenough event**

BY LAUREN BENNETT

The Jamaica Plain community came together following an appearance by neo-Nazi group NSC-131 at the Loring Greenough House on July 23. Many community members spoke out against the group on Twitter and a counter-protest was organized.

On that date, the Loring Greenough House was featuring a Drag Queen Story Time, where "parents and children were entertained with singing and book reading," according to a statement from the Loring Greenough House, where "All enjoyed the event."

It continues, "Unfortunately, a group of masked neo-Nazis gathered just outside our fence to chant malicious and homophobic rhetoric. The protest of a Drag Queen event was a tool to gain attention. Any concern for the

well-being of children was absent."

Drag performer Patty Bourrée was on the Loring Greenough House lawn on July 23 leading the story event, when the white supremacist group approached the fence. As reported by Jamaica Plain News, the event was originally scheduled for July 9, "but was postponed after a tip was provided there'd be a protest," the article reads.

Liz Miranda, who is running for State Senate, tweeted on July 23 that her campaign launch at the Loring Greenough House "was bombarded by white supremacist neo-nazis who were targeting LGBTQ+ lives. This hate is unacceptable, we are here to stay, we did not move an inch and we never will to accommodate hate. Period."

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## **JP resident brings Feldenkrais method to Jamaica Plain and beyond**

BY LAUREN BENNETT

JP resident Eve Boltax has been bringing the Feldenkrais method to Jamaica Plain since she graduated from the training program in 2020.

The Feldenkrais method, as Boltax describes it, is "really a process of experiential learning through movement," as well as "all about self-discovery through sensory exploration."

The method is named after Moshé Feldenkrais, a 20th century physicist, engineer, and

martial artist who was able to rehabilitate his own injured knee and avoided having surgery. There are now more than 10,000 Feldenkrais practitioners worldwide, Boltax said.

Boltax found the Feldenkrais method when she was in graduate school for viola performance. She had played the violin for three to six hours a day since she was six years old, but "despite my working hard and having great teachers, I was still feeling

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# BLC discusses study report; advisory review for Blessed Sacrament Church

By Lauren Bennett

The Boston Landmarks Commission (BLC) discussed the Blessed Sacrament Church in two different capacities on August 9: first, a public hearing and comment period was held for the study report to designate the church as a landmark; and second, an advisory review for the proposed conversion to housing and programming space for the Hyde Square Task Force (HSTF).

## PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT ON STUDY REPORT

Following a summary from BLC staff member Jennifer Gaugler stating that staff believes the Blessed Sacrament church complex is significant for several reasons that are outlined in the study report, the BLC took testimony from the community. The full draft study report can be found at [boston.gov/landmarks](https://boston.gov/landmarks).

The Blessed Sacrament Church is currently owned by the HSTF, which is working with developer Pennrose on a conversion project.

Celina Miranda, Executive Director of the HSTF, said that the group has “submitted a joint written report with Pennrose. It is my hope that we can work together to make sure that Pen-

nrose is able to realize the proposed project.”

Miranda stated that the building has been in “disrepair” since the late 1980s and early 1990s and “continues to deteriorate on a daily basis.” She said that she is “worried that this designation will not allow the necessary repairs to take place.”

Several members of the community spoke in support of designating the church as a landmark, including Curtis Glavin, who owns a condominium on the corner of the church campus. He said that he has some concerns about the building at 21 Creighton St., which is wood and does not have the same masonry facade as the church and other buildings. He said he does support the designation, but also discussed some other factual changes he believes should be made to the study report.

Pat Feeley, a resident who spoke on behalf of the Friends of Blessed Sacrament, said that the group is “in support of programming and cultural spaces for youth and families, which HSTF has a long history of doing very efficiently in this neighborhood.”

In a written statement, the Friends said that “As the landscape of the city evolves with modern design, it is important to maintain and highlight an

edifice that is both architecturally beautiful and historically significant. At the same time we want to make sure that the Study Report allows for creative and flexible design solutions that allow the much-needed program to move forward in the church.”

It continues, “We do think the Study Report needs to be updated to include community efforts over the past ten years to preserve and maintain the Church as a hub of community life, as well as the deterioration of the building itself, including the well-documented falling of coping stones from the top of the façade in late 2020. There is an urgent need to move forward with the adaptive reuse of the church building while there is still a chance to preserve it.”

Charlie Adams of Pennrose said that “we like the idea that it’s a landmark to be preserved,” but also stated that he was worried that the landmark designation would remove “flexibility” from the proposed project.

BLC Chair Lynn Smiledge said that the BLC intends on being “very collaborative and flexible” when they review projects, and “these guidelines are a starting point.”

Though there was no vote taken on the landmark designation at this hearing, next steps include acceptance of written

statements until August 12 at 5pm. Written comments can be sent to [blc@boston.gov](mailto:blc@boston.gov).

Following the public comment period, staff will determine if any amendments need to be made to the study report, and set a date for a hearing and vote on the report.

## BLESSED SACRAMENT ADVISORY REVIEW

Also part of Tuesday’s hearing was an advisory review for the proposed project at the Blessed Sacrament Church, which includes converting the church into 55 affordable apartments, a 250+ capacity multipurpose community space, as well as landscaped spaces for use by the HSTF.

This is the second advisory review hearing for the project, and the team intends on returning to the BLC in a few weeks for an official vote on this project.

Charlie Adams of Pennrose said that the “highest priority” for the architectural team based on feedback from the last advisory review was to “take another hard look at the windows. We’ve made some revisions and some changes since the last time we spoke.”

He said that they were able to change the arched windows as requested by the Commission, but it comes at a higher cost.

Architect Philippe Charles Saad went through the proposal, starting with the windows. He said that the arched window profiles can remain at the upper stories and the transept, but the previously proposed two bedrooms have to become one bedrooms to allow that to happen.

Alternate window options were also presented at the low-

er stories, on the sides of the transept that faces Centre St., and above the entrances on Centre St. Masonry detail will also be preserved at all the existing window openings.

Saad also talked about the existing baptistry, which is closed, but the proposed has openings that could be used as a stage for performances.

He also talked about changing portions of the fenestration to make it “appropriate for housing,” which includes bringing the sill down from the upper windows, as well as adding punched openings on the south elevation.

Two colors were proposed for the addition in the back of the church: one a lighter, blonde colored brick, and one with a darker brick that would contrast with the existing red brick of the church.

Joe Cornish, Director of Design Review for the Boston Landmarks Commission, said that staff met with the design team and is “very happy with the direction this is going in.”

Landscape architect Amy Allen then spoke a bit about the proposed landscape design.

“The main goal is really to provide inclusive and accessible community space,” Allen said, that will be used “for a variety of purposes” ranging from HSTF performances and events to other community gatherings to just general use by the neighborhood.

Materials like granite pavers, fixed and semi-moveable furniture, and granite block seating with a wood top are all being proposed for the outdoor area.

She said the proposal also includes “medium-size canopy

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# Eliot School featured in American Craft Magazine summer issue

BY LAUREN BENNETT

The Eliot School of Fine & Applied Arts' Abigail Norman and Alison Croney Moses were both recently featured in American Craft Magazine's Summer 2022 issue. American Craft Magazine is published by the American Craft Council, a "national

nonprofit working to keep craft artists and the community connected, inspired, and thriving," according to its website.

The article is part of the magazine's "Visionaries in Craft" profiles, and provides some history about the school and features photos of Croney Moses, who serves as Associate Director, and Norman, who serves as

the school's Executive Director, along with woodshop student Tanya Nixon-Silberg.

The article highlights the Eliot School's dedication to racial equity and inclusion, including its "online salon talks on racial equity in craft," it states. The article also mentions that Croney Moses heads the national Racial Equity in Craft Peer Learning

Group.

"It's truly an honor to have our work be put forward at this level of national recognition," Norman told the Gazette in an email. "We know we still have

much to do, and we look forward to continuing that journey."

The article can be viewed at [craftcouncil.org/magazine/article/visionaries-craft-eliot-school-fine-and-applied-crafts](http://craftcouncil.org/magazine/article/visionaries-craft-eliot-school-fine-and-applied-crafts).

## Neo-Nazis

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Universal Hub reported in a July 23 article that District E-13 police, along with officers from other districts, arrived at the scene. The article also states that the white supremacist group had a sign that said 'Pedo scum off our streets!' and were yelling 'monster!' at event participants.

The same article also reports that the group donned masks, and that a Nazi leader was arrested, as were two counter-protesters.

"It's clear that Boston is a way point in the crusade of hate

launched five years ago in Charlottesville," said District Attorney Kevin Hayden in a statement. "The presence of white supremacists at a Jamaica Plain book reading today, like their downtown Boston march earlier this month, is at once a disgrace and a warning. Society everywhere is targeted by these groups, and society everywhere must reject them."

District 6 City Councilor Kendra Lara tweeted on the evening of the July 23 that "the counter protestors who were arrested have been bailed out."

The rest of the Loring Greenough House statement reads:

"The Loring Greenough

House deeply appreciates our community who gathered across the street to support each other. It was uplifting to see Jamaica Plain demonstrate that we will not be bystanders in the face of bigotry. We also wish to express our gratitude to the District 13 Police force who were on hand to keep The Loring Greenough Houses' guests safe.

As a part of our mission, the Loring Greenough House strives to foster civic and community spirit. On this day and every day, we do so by standing with our community against hatred and injustice. We continue to welcome respectful community members to our premises."

## BLC

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trees with permeable paving underneath," as well as maintaining existing street trees and providing bike parking. The existing Linden tree will also feature a wooden deck underneath.

Once the presentation was over, Commissioners made their comments.

"Thank you for taking so

seriously our concerns about the windows," BLC Chair Lynn Smiledge said. "It's a very positive step that you've taken."

Commissioner Jeffrey Gonyeau said that "I appreciate the direction you've gone in" with respect to the side elevations and the windows.

Commissioner David Berarducci said that the "window pattern makes sense for it becoming a residence," and added that he feels the darker addition option is the better one. Several other Commissioners agreed with that sentiment.

After a few more comments were made surrounding the windows and the landscape plan, Adams said that he hopes to return to the Commission shortly to "get a decision" as the team hopes to "get through the zoning process" as soon as possible.

"We certainly support that," Smiledge said. Cornish added that the plan is to have the team come to the August design review in two weeks for an official vote. Information on that hearing will be available on [boston.gov/landmarks](http://boston.gov/landmarks).

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# Congresswoman Pressley submits community testimony from Food Insecurity Convening

By John Lynds

U.S. Congresswoman Aynna Pressley recently submitted community testimony from the Food Insecurity Convening she held at the back in July.

The community testimony was transmitted to the White House ahead of the White House's Upcoming Hunger Summit and was the result of a day-long convening with Project Bread, constituents, local leaders and advocates.

Pressley said the convening came at the request of the White House ahead of its conference on hunger later this year and the submitted testimony will inform the Biden Administration on how it can address the crisis of food insecurity across the nation.

"We must continue to provide solutions that are rooted in the reality of those who experience hunger and hardship firsthand, and that means centering the families that suffered food insecurity long before the global pandemic," Pressley wrote in a letter

to the White House along with the testimony. "It was an honor to host this listening session in my District and it is my hope that our shared constituents' lived experiences and expertise will aid the White House Task Force in crafting a transformational roadmap to ending hunger once and for all."

The convening consisted of three panels featuring testimony from community members, providers, advocates, academics, and elected officials.

Recommendations made by the panelists include providing increased and sustained financial support to our most vulnerable communities, while reducing bureaucratic barriers to access; emphasizing universalism and equity in policy solutions to address the structural factors that perpetuate hunger; removing barriers and reducing stigma associated with hunger and assistance program participation; expanding eligibility regardless of immigration status and focusing on continuity of benefits for families, especially those with

young people in the household.

"Our first panel of community members with lived experience spoke about the importance of continued and increased support to our most vulnerable communities without strings attached," said Pressley. "They offered their personal stories as a way to illustrate systemic issues perpetuating food insecurity for their families and their communities. Panelists from East Boston to Hyde Park discussed supporting existing small community-based groups to do this work, leveraging the trust built up among neighbors, and allowing for flexible money and resources to meet the need. The value of large-scale organizations who work on food security is undeniable, but what seems to be missing from these efforts is the power in the hands of those who are experiencing food insecurity. In community-based organizations, communities can bring unique perspectives and voices to the decision-making table, allowing them to get feedback and significantly impact change."

Pressley added, "Our advocates, academics, and local elected officials stressed removing barriers and reducing stigma associated with hunger and assistance program participation; expanding eligibility regardless of immigration status; and focusing on continuity of benefits for families, especially those with young people in the household."

Pressley said there was also broad agreement that stabilizing families' economic situation is critical to addressing long-term food insecurity, which includes recommendations to raise the federal minimum wage, expand the Federal Child Credit, invest in affordable housing, and ensure high-quality affordable childcare options for every family.

Joining Pressley and Project Bread at the convening were State Senator Lydia Edwards, Boston City Councilor Ricardo Arroyo, Boston City Councilor Gabriela Coletta, Boston City Councilor At-Large Erin Murphy, La Colaborativa, Greater Boston Food Bank, YMCA of Greater Bos-

ton, Metropolitan Area Planning Council, East Boston Neighborhood Health Center, Community Action Agency of Somerville, Eastie Farm, Chelsea Public School District, and community members from the Massachusetts 7th Congressional District.

In October, Pressley joined Congressman James P. McGovern (MA-02) and Senator Cory Booker (D-NJ) at a press conference to unveil legislation that would start the process of convening a national White House conference on food, nutrition, hunger, and health.

Pressley has also led efforts to extend the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) child nutrition waiver authority, which has allowed millions of children in Massachusetts and across the nation to access free and healthy school meals during the pandemic. She delivered a floor speech renewing her calls for its extension last month and applauded the House's passage of legislation to do so later that month.

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## Jamaica Plain's weekly COVID positive test rate decreases

By JOHN LYNDIS

While some Boston neighborhoods have been hit particularly hard by the latest surge of COVID, the percentage of those testing positive in Jamaica Plain dropped slightly last week.

According to the latest data by the Boston Public Health

Commission (BPHC) 973 Jamaica Plain residents were tested for the virus last week and 6.3 percent were positive—this was a 15 percent decrease from the 7.4 percent that tested positive between July 25 and August 1.

Sixty one additional Jamaica Plain residents contracted the virus between August 1 and August

8 and there have now been 9,668 confirmed cases in the neighborhood since the start of the pandemic.

According to the BPHC, 10,355 Boston residents tested citywide and 8.6 percent were positive—a 5.5 percent decrease from the 9.1 percent that tested

positive between July 25 and August 1.

Adult COVID-19 Hospitalizations in Boston are now averaging 129.6 per day—down 2 percent from the previous week. This metric helps the BPHC understand the burden of serious COVID-19 cases among adults resulting in inpatient care in Boston hospitals. It includes the total number of adult hospitaliza-

tions among Boston and non-Boston residents for COVID-19.

Citywide positive cases of coronavirus increased 1 percent last week and went from 197,686 to 199,831 confirmed cases since the start of the pandemic.

There were four additional deaths in Boston from the virus in the past week and the total number of COVID deaths is now at 1,506.

## Crime uptick

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ly impossible for those already struggling financially. For more information on how inflation can impact crime rates, read the article “Will Higher Inflation Lead to a Spike in Crime?” by Brent Orrell on The Bulwark.

The U.S. Senate recently passed the Inflation Reduction Act. This \$700 billion package aims to tackle inflation by lowering families' energy and health care costs and bringing down the

deficit. However, some skeptics wonder what impact it will have on rising inflation rates.

The police and community relations meeting is on the first Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm on Zoom. The next meeting will be on Sept. 1 at [meet.google.com/hgf-fdj-q-cui](https://meet.google.com/hgf-fdj-q-cui) or by dialing 617-675-4444 and entering the passcode 837 505 064 4015#.

BPD depends on residents to report crimes. A crime in progress can be reported to 911. Knowledge of a crime can be reported anonymously to 800-494-8477 or by texting “Tip” to 27463.

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Todos los delitos de la primera parte, excepto la violación, aumentaron en comparación con 2021. Ha habido casi el doble de atracos (tomar algo por la fuerza o intimidación) y más del doble de robos residenciales.

El repunte de los atracos y robos podría indicar la desesperación de las personas para las que cada vez es más difícil llegar a fin de mes. Con los altos precios de la gasolina y la inflación galopante, cubrir las necesidades

básicas puede volverse casi imposible para aquellos que ya tienen dificultades financieras. Para obtener más información sobre cómo la inflación puede afectar las tasas de criminalidad, lea el artículo “Will Higher Inflation Lead to a Spike in Crime?” de Brent Orrell en The Bulwark.

El Senado de los Estados Unidos aprobó recientemente la Ley de Reducción de la Inflación. Este paquete de \$ 700 mil millones tiene como objetivo abordar la inflación al reducir los costos de atención médica y energía de las familias y reducir el déficit. Sin embargo, algunos escépticos se preguntan qué impacto tendrá

en el aumento de las tasas de inflación.

La reunión de relaciones con la policía y la comunidad es el primer jueves de cada mes a las 6:30 p. m. en Zoom. La próxima reunión será el 1 de septiembre en [meet.google.com/hgf-fdj-q-cui](https://meet.google.com/hgf-fdj-q-cui) o llamando al 617-675-4444 e ingresando el código de acceso 837 505 064 4015#.

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## J.P. Licks unveils a new ice cream flavor and announces the return of a few favorites

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J.P. Licks, Boston's favorite ice cream shop, recently announced the release of the all new Oatmeal Butterscotch Cookie Batter Ice Cream. Along with this new delightful treat, J.P. Licks is bringing back the popular colorful ice cream flavors of Ube, Fruity Pebbles Cereal Milk,

and Fresh Peach. The flavors are available at all 17 of the ice cream shop's store locations. The new Oatmeal Butterscotch Cookie Batter Ice Cream mixes all the delicious elements of cookie dough together – oatmeal, brown sugar, and butter, mixed with butterscotch chips and a hint of cinnamon. In addition to unveiling a new flavor, J.P.

Licks is bringing back a favorite due to popular demand, Ube. This bright purple flavor celebrates the root vegetable that is common in Filipino cuisine, which tastes like a combination of vanilla and pistachio; the ice cream is combined with coconut for an extra punch of sweetness. Fruity Pebbles Cereal Milk tastes exactly like what it sounds, the sugary and delicious sips of milk at the bottom of a cereal bowl that was once filled with Fruity Pebbles—another very colorful flavor. J.P. Licks is also excited to announce the return of peach season with Fresh Peach; the ice cream shop hand-cuts over 100 cases of fresh peaches and marinates them in brown sugar for this summer favorite.

“Our new addition, Oatmeal Butterscotch Cookie Batter, has a flavor experience similar to sneaking a spoonful of dough out of the mixing bowl,” says J.P. Licks founder and owner Vincent Petryk. “It’s a delicious addition to our stores and we are so excited to bring back some of our summer favorites. We always have customers asking about the return of Ube, and if you haven’t tried it yet, please make sure to ask one of our scoopers for a sample!”

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# JP Centre/South Main Streets to host workshop on structural racism

STAFF REPORT

JP Centre/South Main Streets hosts All Aces, Inc. as they present their flagship workshop - The Dignity Activity: An Experiential Workshop on Structural Racism - in partnership with West Fairmount Hill Community Group, Roslindale Substation, Roslindale Village Main Streets, Hyde Park Main Streets, and Roundhead Brewing Company. The workshop is an engaging simulation that recreates the conditions of oppression to facilitate a more complex and nuanced understanding of racism. Participants will navigate the activity to find some unexpected but insightful lessons that help to internalize, and not just intellectualize, concepts important to confronting racism and advancing racial equity within our lives and organizations. The workshop is part of Main Streets' ongoing work for racial equity and justice, and made possible in part

by a grant from the Boston Main Streets Foundation, the New England Aquarium, and Hyde Park Main Streets.

The workshop will be held on Saturday, September 10, 2022, from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM at Roundhead Brewing Company in Westinghouse Plaza, Hyde Park, MA 02136. The half-day session will include breakfast and lunch, with a chance to sample beers from Roundhead Brewing. Small businesses and employees of small businesses are encouraged to attend, in order to bring the work of addressing structural racism to the Main Streets communities. Anyone interested can register at <https://bit.ly/JuneteenthDignityForum>.

Studies show that 8 in 10 Bostonians say racism is a significant problem, and when Massachusetts has the fourth highest levels of hate propaganda activity in the nation, it is incumbent on communities to do the work of addressing racism and enacting justice. This workshop seeks to

bring together our three communities - Hyde Park, Jamaica Plain, and Roslindale Village - to create allies and partners for racial justice. These communities have experienced the effects of structural and interpersonal racism, and our Main Streets organizations are doing the work to bring racial equity and justice to our districts.

The Dignity Activity addresses the definition of structural racism; how it is manifested in organizational contexts (at any scale) and in how individuals play into structural racism; elements of racial oppression; key practices that

interrupt or dismantle structural racism; and what is the role of an ally. It is facilitated by All Aces, Inc. All Aces is an alternative to traditional Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI)/Diversity & Inclusion (D&I) consultants and professional development. They operate with the philosophy that people and organizations learn best and facilitate action when we build on their strengths and help them reimagine their organizational culture together. They focus on how consciousness, critical thinking, and capabilities-building can facilitate and sustain transformative action

that advances racial equity and resilience.

JP Centre/South Main Streets is a volunteer-driven, 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that seeks to guide the growth of Jamaica Plain's Centre and South Streets' business district through the active collaboration of residents, business owners, and others committed to a community-led initiative. In partnership with Boston Main Streets, we provide a direct conduit to the City of Boston and can provide technical assistance to help businesses succeed.

## Boston Children's Rec Fest returns Aug. 16

STAFF REPORT

Mayor Michelle Wu and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department invite city youth to come celebrate the summer at the 2022 ParkARTS Boston Children's Rec Fest on Tuesday, August 16 at Franklin Park from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Visit [boston.gov/childrens-rec-fest](https://boston.gov/childrens-rec-fest) to learn more.

Children and families from throughout Boston have the opportunity to participate in a variety of free activities from various exhibitors including Rosalita's Marionette Puppets, "Bubble Guy" Jim Dichter, ParkARTS arts and crafts, and face painting. The event will showcase active sports and play with exciting inflatable attractions such as the All-In-One Sports Arena, a family Zumba class, and hands-on clinics hosted by sports professionals teaching tennis, baseball, and soccer skills. The event will also include free treats and giveaways from HP Hood LLC, Driscoll Berries, and Polar Beverages.

New England Dairy, a non-profit education organization that serves as the voice of local dairy farmers will be on

site to celebrate all things dairy - farming, food, nutrition, and wellness. Stop by their Mobile Dairy Bar to enjoy specialty milk flavors while learning about healthy eating and physical activity.

The location of the festival is at 25 Pierpont Road in Roxbury

near the rear entrance of the Franklin Park Zoo. By MBTA, take the Orange Line to Forest Hills and the #16 bus to the Zoo. By car, the park can be reached from Blue Hill Avenue, Seaver Street, or Circuit Drive. Ample free parking is available and the park is ADA compliant.

## Feldenkrais

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blocked."

She said that once she learned about the Feldenkrais method, "my viola playing suddenly improved. It got freer and easier and more comfortable."

She added that "Feldenkrais was showing me a way of progress from ease rather than strain."

After graduate school, Boltax said that she "lost touch" with the method, instead turning to yoga and freelancing as a professional musician.

But once she learned that there will be a Feldenkrais training in Boston, "I applied without hesitation," she said. The training took four years to complete, and she said that "I found that the method was the most intriguing thing to me since music."

"Today, I share the method with all types of people who are feeling blocked for whatever reason," whether it be getting out of bed to sit at the computer, chronic pain, recovering from injury, people with Parkinson's disease, multiple sclerosis, anxiety, depression, or simply just moving around the house more easily.

The Feldenkrais method of-

fers individual sessions as well as group classes. Boltax described the one-on-one sessions as "personally tailored, hands-on, fully clothed lessons to help you with your individual needs."

The group classes offer "awareness through movement," and can be accessed online through virtual classes or in person.

The Feldenkrais method is "really for anyone who wants to learn and improve and take their health matters into their own hands."

Boltax sees clients in her Jamaica Plain home studio, but this fall will also teach group classes at Blissful Monkey.

Boltax also recently held a full-day Feldenkrais workshop in which attendees learned about the method and talked about what they experienced throughout the day. They also participated in "awareness through movement" classes that used gentle movement sequences and each lesson explored a different theme, she said, that was "based on everyday movements" such as rolling over, reaching, and turning.

The Feldenkrais method offers "thousands of lessons—we never get bored," Boltax said.

For more information about Boltax's Feldenkrais practice and the classes she offers, visit her website at [www.feldenkrais-jamaicaplain.com](http://www.feldenkrais-jamaicaplain.com).



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# Hill Happenings

BY MAURICE "MOSSY" MARTIN

While sipping my Coors Light at Brendan Behan's with my Saturday night Irish-music gang, I was pleasantly surprised when the wonderful Father Dabney visited our table.

He served at Mission Church for a dozen years before being transferred to Baltimore Provincial House in Washington, D.C., in 2019. Father Dabney was loved by his Mission Hill parishioners, and a bench in his honor aptly sits across Mission Church.

I offered to buy Fr. Dabney a beer, but he was content with his ginger ale. Fr. Dabney was in town for a farewell mass for 92-year-old Father Lennon, who is now in the Marion Manor nursing home in Florida.

Fr. Lennon had been the Healing and Restoration Minister at Mission Church since 1986. A Mission Grammar School graduate, Fr. Lennon played on the famous Mission CYO championship baseball team in 1944. He and his Mission Grammar School teammates lived out their

dreams, playing at Fenway Park and Braves Field, and before the games, they lit candles at Mission Church for their older brothers who were fighting in World War II.

The sound of sneakers squeaking on the floor and balls bouncing on the basketball court echoed through Reggie Lewis Center, as 200 kids participated in the annual Wayne Selden Basketball Clinic. The 28-year-old Selden, from Mission Hill, has played in the NBA, most recently with the New York Knicks, and he has also competed in China and Israel.

A pleasant kid from a wonderful family, Wayne never forgets his Mission Hill connection. Wayne's grandfather, Anthony "Amps" Pitts instructed many of the kids, emphasizing basketball fundamentals. Amps was a great hoopster back in the old days and he was my teammate on the Mission Hill Liquors softball team when Wayne was our 4-year-old batboy.

I enjoyed chatting with Wayne's father, Wayne Selden Sr., who was also on our soft-

ball team. The elder Selden was known for his moon-shot homeruns at McLaughlin Park.

Condolences to the family and friends of Paul McConoghy, a Mission Hill resident who passed away after battling cancer.

Paul, who worked as a landscaper, was an easygoing guy who wore a constant smile. He had many friends and several of them gathered at the Flynn House in Mission Park to celebrate Paul's life. R.I.P., Paul.

Happy 84th birthday (Aug. 18) to my friend, Jim McGonagle, a former local boxing star who fought many times in the Boston Garden and at the old Boston Arena. Jim grew up in Tobin Court, where he learned how to defend himself at an early age when he was a member of the Emanons, a carefree Mission Hill group in the 1950s who were often bullied by the older, ruffian Checkered Aces gang. God Bless Jim's sister, Sister Helen Mary McGonagle, who will celebrate her birthday Aug. 31.

Sister Helen who is an avid M.H. Gazette reader attended Mission Grammar School, and she also taught at that wonderful school.

The Mission Hill Post 327 will hold its annual Golf Fundraiser Saturday, Sept. 24, at the Norwood Country Club. A \$10,000 prize will be awarded for a hole in one on the 7th hole, for more information, contact our Commander, Col. George Rollins at 703 209-2124.

Mission Hill Post 327 members are proud of our Senior Vice Commander, Nancy Ross, who accompanied a group of wheelchair-bound veterans on a fishing excursion on Quincy Bay.

The Mark MacDougall Memorial Golf Tournament will take place Aug. 18 at Easton Country Club. For information, email [macdougallgolftournament@gmail.com](mailto:macdougallgolftournament@gmail.com).

Condolences to the family of Mae Chaisson Bannon who passed away last month.

Mae, who lived up the Hill for

years, was a dedicated worker at the Brigham & Women's Hospital while raising a terrific family. I knew Mae and the Bannons from back in our days in the Mission Hill project. Mae will be dearly missed.

Good luck to Erdi Kembo- ra, who recently purchased the Westbury Restaurant in West Roxbury.

Erdi acquired his admirable work ethic from his wonderful mother, Ermira Kembora. Ermira serves me coffee with a smile every morning at Mike's Donuts in Mission Hill.

I did some banking business last month at Needham Bank in Mission Hill (1457 Tremont St.) and Personal Banker, Ermis Pena Brito was helpful and so nice. Stephanie Robinson, the Assistant Branch Manager, also interacted with me in a professional convivial manner.

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# NATIONAL NIGHT OUT IN JAMAICA PLAIN

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Mayor Michelle Wu joined Boston Police and elected officials on August 1 for National Night Out in Mozart Park. Boston Police showed neighbor-

hood children how a police dog searches for lost items, and other activities were available, such as dancing, music, and balloon animals. Pizza was also provided as part of the event.



Balloon animals were a fun offering for kids of all ages.



BPD Officer Quinn and his K9, Cedric, did a demonstration for kids.



Kids watched as K9 Cedric demonstrated his duties as a search dog, looking for some lost keys in the swing area.



Mayor Wu was joined by Boston Police and elected officials to present awards to the Jamaica Plain community.

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## PUERTO RICAN FESTIVAL AND PARADE AT FRANKLIN PARK

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After a two year postponement due to the pandemic the 55th Annual Jamaica Plain Puerto Rican Festival and Parade returned to Franklin Park on July 31.

The three day long celebra-

tion of Puerto Rican culture and pride culminated that Sunday at noon with the historic parade that made its way from Cedar Street, down Columbus Avenue, and ending in Franklin Park with a community celebration.

Over 90,000 residents joined in the festivities that included food, music, art, and other activities.

Robert Santiago, the city's Department of Veterans Services Commissioner, served as the Grand Marshal of the parade.

"My mom taught me what it means to be Puerto Rican through her pride, actions, and deeds and because of her I am very grateful for my Puerto Rican heritage, it's who I am. I'm so proud to serve as Grand Marshal of this year's parade," said Santi-

ago in a statement. "The Festival and Parade hold a special place in my heart. I've attended this wonderful event since I first ar-

rived in Boston as a crew member of USS Constitution, and I'm looking forward to another great year!"



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# Leland Cooperative Garden celebrates new community-built shed

BY LAUREN BENNETT

The Leland Cooperative Garden will soon get a new shed, thanks to an effort from garden member Alex Klosterkemper. After a 40-foot tall spruce tree fell in his yard following a storm in late 2020, Klosterkemper knew he wanted to do something with the wood. Though he does not have a background in woodworking, taking a timber frame course was something he really wanted to do.

He thought that using the wood to create a shed would be a good idea, so he brought up the idea to other gardeners at the monthly Leland Garden Coordination meeting. He suggested hosting a timber frame workshop and interested people could all split the cost. Two spots would be offered for free, as the gardeners decided that they did not want cost to be a barrier for participation.

“When we moved to JP five years ago, I really got connected to the garden,” Klosterkemper told the Gazette. “I found it a beautiful place,” and “ever since, I’ve been involved in it.”

There is an existing shed at the garden, but the group has outgrown it. That, too, was built

by community members and has since been moved to a different location in the garden. It will be used to store hand tools and other smaller items. The new, larger shed has a transparent roof so it can partially be used as a greenhouse as well.

“The idea is to really use it for early season starters,” he said, which has “always been a problem for the garden.”

He said that he first contacted the Shelter Institute in Maine in early 2021 and was “quickly” connected to the Timber Framers Guild and Mack Magee.

Magee connected Klosterkemper with Adam Miller, who would teach the course and help with refinement of Klosterkemper’s original sketch of the shed.

The workshop was five days long, and included lumber at a reduced cost. There were concerns that the wood from the tree that had fallen in Klosterkemper’s yard was not strong enough to use for the shed frame, so it was used for siding instead.

The group received a \$3,000 grant from the New England Grassroots Environmental Fund Grow Grant program to “offer at least two scholarship spots at the workshop to youth in disad-

vantaged communities that are looking for work experience and job opportunities,” according to a project history written by Klosterkemper.

“The big lag was getting the funding and the grant,” he said. Following that, an application process commenced in search of young people ages 18-35 “who could use timber framing skills in some way in their line of work or who would be interested in pursuing a career in timer framing,” Klosterkemper wrote.

After two winners were chosen, two other applicants were able to raise their own funds and join the team, making it eight.

“The next five days were intense,” Klosterkemper wrote. “Students were feeling like they were drinking from a firehose—learning how to read plans, thinking three-dimensionally, using tools they never used before.”

The group started out by only using hand-powered tools such as chisels, mallets, saws, and hand borers, but eventually had to bring in power tools in order to meet the deadline.

Following the raising of the frame, the Trustees offered some of its annual garden budget and other donations were sought.

Lowes provided a gift card for hardware like nails and screws, Hyde Park Masonry and Landscape donated gravel for the shed floor and the area around it, and ePlast was chosen as the provider of the greenhouse roof.

Between November of last year and June of this year, workshop participants as well as other volunteers installed siding, gravel, creating windows, and installing the roof.

A month ago, the door was put in, and a ribbon cutting/oiling ceremony will take place on August 20.

“One thing everyone can do is put the oil on,” Klosterkemper said. “Everybody can participate and have a feeling that they helped build the shed. That’s the idea of the oil.”

The oil was donated by Autumn Peterson, a board member of the Timber Framers Guild, he said. “It just came together nicely.”

He added that he appreciates that this shed is “in the community, for the community, by the community.”

Klosterkemper wrote, “It’s been such an incredible journey for the garden, the students and the community learning new skills, working together with new friends and seeing this shed come together! Especially during the unprecedented times of the Covid pandemic when many were struggling with social isolation, financial challenges, and general stagnation we tried to navigate and found great fun in working and growing together and building something long-lasting for the community.”

The shed oiling and ribbon cutting will take place on Sat., Aug. 20 from 10am-2pm at the Leland Cooperative Garden. The oiling will happen from 10am-12pm, with a ribbon cutting at noon. Followed by drinks, snacks, and games until 2pm.

## Gaby Germanos named Chief of Staff for the Equity and Inclusion Cabinet

The Equity and Inclusion Cabinet announced that Gaby Germanos will serve as the Cabinet’s Chief of Staff. Germanos started on August 1st.

“Gaby is a great addition to the Cabinet. Her expertise in identifying equitable resources while inviting the public to understand and get involved with the City’s budget process shows the spirit our cabinet embodies,” said Mariangely Solis Cervera, Chief of Equity and Inclusion. “I look forward to working beside her as we lay the foundation to transform city practices as a whole.”

As Chief of Staff, Germanos will play a crucial role in advancing the Cabinet’s priorities of ensuring that each resident has fair access to City resources and embedding equity and inclusion through City practices. She will be responsible for overseeing the Cabinet’s daily operations and implementing equitable policies that reach all Boston neighborhoods. Germanos will also work alongside Chief of Equity and Inclusion Mariangely Solis Cervera to drive strategic projects forward, streamline internal communications, and build capacity for the Cabinet’s eight departments.

“I’m excited to support the critical work of the Equity and Inclusion departments and advance Chief Solis Cervera’s and Mayor Wu’s vision for equity in Boston,” said Gaby Germanos. “This Cabinet is filled with some of the most dedicated, smart, and empathetic people I have met across the City, and I am humbled by this opportunity to work with them to tackle the big issues.”

Gaby is a Boston-area native and daughter of immigrants who is committed to ensuring that the city she loves is equitable, accessible, and welcoming to people of all backgrounds. Germanos has extensive experience in City operations and policy. Her tenure with the City began in 2017 in the office of then-City Council President Michelle Wu, helping develop the Councilor’s policy platform and recommending improvements to the BPDA’s development review process. Most recently, Germanos worked in the City of Boston’s Office of Budget Management (OBM), where she started in 2018 as an analyst and quickly rose through the ranks to Assistant Director. In this role, she led the City’s

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# City officials announce preparations ahead of the 2022 state primary

STAFF REPORT

The City of Boston's Election Department on Aug. 8 announced its preparations ahead of the State Primary, taking place on Tuesday, September 6, 2022. In addition to early voting and ballot drop box locations, these preparations include expanded voter access created by the VOTES Act and the addition of new voting precincts from the Boston Election Department's Precinct Adjustment Plan.

The VOTES Act includes new policies aimed at increasing access to voting opportunities and makes vote-by-mail and early voting options permanent.

The City also previously announced the addition of 20 new voting precincts, following the Boston Election Precinct Adjustment Plan completed in October 2021, which aimed to increase voting accessibility by distributing voters equitably across precincts. The number of voting precincts have now increased from 255 to 275. Due to these additions, the City of Boston is advising voters that they may experience a change in their precinct and polling location.

The Elections Department will be conducting outreach in

the coming months to ensure that residents are aware of any change to their polling location ahead of the primary and general elections. Voters can also check their registration status via the Secretary of the Commonwealth's website to find their election day polling location.

## On the Ballot

The September 6, 2022 State Primary will include candidates for the following offices: Representative in Congress, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of the Commonwealth, State Treasurer, State Auditor, Governor's Council, State Senator, State Representative, District Attorney, and Sheriff.

## Vote By Mail

Applications for vote-by-mail ballots have been mailed out to every voter in Boston. To be eligible to vote by mail in the State Primary, applications must reach the Boston Election Department by Monday, August 29, at 5:00 p.m. Vote-by-mail applications can be returned by U.S. mail using the prepaid postcard, in

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## Germanos

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budget analyst team, drove landmark budget engagement initiatives, and was instrumental in the creation of Mayor Wu's first budget.

Germanos lives in the South End with her partner and some dubiously healthy plants. Outside of work, she enjoys spending time in Boston's parks and green spaces, taking weekend rides on the commuter rail, and frequenting the many great restaurants in her neighborhood.

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# Jamaica Pond Assoc. discusses parkway safety, neighborhood updates

By Lauren Bennett

The Jamaica Pond Association (JPA) met virtually on August 1 to discuss parkway safety with the Massachusetts State Police, as well as talk about a new sign proposal for Rogerson Communities and committee updates.

### ROGERSON SIGNAGE

Ken Crisafulli of Rogerson Communities came before the JPA to discuss signage in two sites for Rogerson Communities. “Through the years,” he said, “we’ve noticed...folks are referring to Rogerson Communities as Rogerson House.”

He said that they are currently undergoing a “branding study” to see how Rogerson House re-

lates to Rogerson Communities as well as how the organization can “upgrade and become more modern with our new logo.”

Crisafulli added, “we’re trying to upgrade the vision and Rogerson House and Rogerson Communities with this sign,” he said, which features the letters “rh” inside a maroon-colored shape of a house.

He said that “we have two sites,” which include the stone wall as well as the circular drive that sits to the left of the parking lot, for these signs. He said that the existing sign is about 81 by 30 inches, and the “total square footage” of the new sign is the same.

“I think they are handsome signs,” said JPA Chair Kay Mathew. The JPA voted not to

oppose them.

### DISCUSSION WITH STATE POLICE RE: PARKWAY SAFETY

A captain and a lieutenant from the Boston state police barracks attended this JPA meeting to discuss various issues and concerns with members on roads such as the Jamaicaway and the Arborway, since those fall under the jurisdiction of state police. They talked about signage on the roads, and concerns about non-enforcement were also brought up.

“I really would like to encourage us and the state police on a quarterly basis to meet in a forum like this for 15-20 minutes as we did today and review what has happened over the last

three months,” said JPA member Franklyn Salimbene.

Later on in the meeting, Salimbene suggested that the group advocate for a “portable sign” with a posted speed limit of 25 on the Jamaicaway and Arborway that would flash to let people know their speed.

The state police agreed to attend more JPA meetings so long as they are prepared with topics and are able to answer questions and address concerns.

JPA member Peter Steiger said he was “impressed and encouraged” by the attendance of the state police at this meeting and that they are “willing to engage in a discourse with us.” He suggested that the group be “well prepared for these conversations” in the future, and also

suggested that the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) attend meetings more regularly.

The JPA also discussed having a working group to discuss details and topics for this issue, but Mathew worried the group would “be stretching ourselves too thin.” They decided that an existing committee, the Parks, Parkways and Open Spaces Committee, could probably tackle this and a few extra members offered to work on it.

### BETTER BUS PLAN

Franklyn Salimbene, who is also a member of the Arborway Committee for Public Transit, gave an update on the group’s

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# Voting

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person at the Boston Election Department (located at Boston City Hall, Room 241), or by emailing [absenteevoter@boston.gov](mailto:absenteevoter@boston.gov).

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vote-by-mail website. Applications can be submitted by mail, email, or fax. If you're emailing your application, you need to sign it in a way that can be compared to your hand-written signature. Electronic signatures, scanned applications, and photos of applications are acceptable. Typed signatures cannot be accepted.

Once a voter receives their ballot package, they should follow the enclosed instructions. It is important to sign the yellow ballot affidavit envelope. Unsigned ballot affidavit envelopes will cause a ballot to be rejected.

## Ballot Drop Boxes

The Boston Election Department has placed 21 ballot drop

boxes around the City, including at both the first and third floor entrances of Boston City Hall. All drop boxes are monitored under 24 hour video surveillance. Drop boxes will also be available at each early voting location during the scheduled voting hours. To find a ballot drop box location, visit here. Voters can track their ballot through the state's website.

To be counted, ballots must be received by the Boston Election Department or in a ballot drop box by the close of polls on Election Day, Tuesday, September 6, 2022 at 8 p.m. Ballots cannot be returned to a polling location.

## In-Person Early Voting

Voters registered in Boston

can vote during the early voting period from Saturday, August 27 through Friday, September 2, 2022, at any of the early voting sites. Hours and locations for early voting can be found here.

All early voting sites are equipped with electronic poll books for voter check in. Early voting locations are well-staffed with poll workers and interpreters, and fully accessible to voters with disabilities.

## Voting on Election Day

Polling locations for the State Primary will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Sep-

tember 6, 2022. As a reminder, voters should check their registration status via the Secretary of the Commonwealth's website.

Ballots will be available in English, Spanish, Chinese, and Vietnamese. Language assistance will be available on Election Day by interpreters at polling locations or by contacting the Election Department's interpreters phone bank. Those interested in volunteering can apply to be a poll worker here.

For more information on how to participate in this year's elections, please visit [boston.gov/election](http://boston.gov/election).

# JPA

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discussion of the MBTA's Better Bus Plan.

He said the committee had met a couple of weeks ago and came up with some bullet points to send to the MBTA regarding this plan.

"Any revision to the system should create an equitable system that provides service to communities, particularly those most reliant on bus service," Salimbene said.

Additionally, he said that the system as it currently stands is "hub and spoke," which means that "most of the transit groups run into the center" and require people to travel into the city to leave again. He said that adjusting this "hub and spoke" system would allow buses to "run cross town" instead.

Salimbene also said that the group is "realistic in our view in what the T would confront in coming up with a new bus plan," and that in order to work out some of the issues, it would have to be implemented first.

Other things the committee discussed were "priority signalization along routes most affected by signalizations," along with the implementation of bus lanes "along heavily trafficked routes" and a "system of dispatch of service according to schedule," Salimbene said.

"The key here is any change in the bus service must result in better service and not just rearranged service," he said.

The group also continues to

discuss extension of the Green Line from Heath St. to Canary Sq., and the changes that would occur should that not happen, along with the proposed changes to the Route 39 bus.

He said a letter with these points will be sent to the MBTA and various elected officials and other groups as well.

## OTHER MATTERS

The JPA continues to make

an effort to reconvene the JPA Centre St. Business committee, as well as discuss what returning to in-person meetings might look like.

Aside from finding a suitable location, the group has to discuss what those meetings would look like and whether or not to offer hybrid meetings. Further discussion is expected at future meetings.

## Gazette Pet of the Week

by Sarah Carroll

### 'ALFIE'

Alfie is a lovable and goofy older man looking for



his forever home. He enjoys his walks and does get sad if left alone too much. Alfie wants to be the only pet in his new home so that he can steal all the attention for himself! He's 11 years old and weighs 15lbs.



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# MassArt to offer workshops; expands programming thanks to grant from Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture

By Lauren Bennett

Massachusetts College of Art and Design (MassArt) will offer several workshops and opportunities for professional development later this year, funded by a Workforce Development grant from the Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture.

According to a press release, offerings include:

- 24 one-day non-credit creative economy workshops for aspiring and practicing entrepreneurs ranging from high-level introductions to tactical advice



3D artwork by Nathalie Miebach, a graduate of MassArt and a participant in the Creative Economy Business Incubator.

on a range of business related topics such as taxes, branding, social media, and grant writing. The calendar of workshops will be announced in September.

- One-on-one office hours with workshop speakers to ask individual follow-up questions.

- Portfolio reviews and critique groups for Boston-based visual artists led by MassArt graduate program faculty. Artists may sign up for a 30 minute one-on-one zoom session with a faculty member and the critique groups will be open to groups of up to four artists for two hours.

- Space for 12 artists to enroll in MassArt's Creative Economy Business Incubator program, an eight-month two-course program designed to teach creative entrepreneurship through the launch and growth of a student-owned venture. The application process is now open and will close August 5, 2022.

The Gazette spoke with MassArt faculty member Sara Hartmann, who said she created the Creative Economy Business Incubator program because she saw a lack of resources for people "who are starting creative ventures."

Hartmann, who is also a MassArt alum and holds an MBA,

said that it can also be "incredibly expensive" to start a creative business, so that limits who can start one—excluding many bright, creative minds.

Hartmann decided to "create a formal program that's uniquely designed to the needs of art and design business," she said.

The grant allows the Incubator program, along with other existing offerings, to expand even further. Since 2019, MassArt has partnered with the City of Boston on professional development workshops that are open to the public. Hartmann said these workshops range topically, from negotiations to legal issues to tax assistance for artists.

She said that this workshop series has been "really popular" and has "demonstrated the high demand for business and professional resources" that are "tailored to the specific needs of the creative economy."

With the grant funding, 24 workshops will be offered in the coming months and early next year, "Targeted to artists in Boston" but also open to the general public, Hartmann said.

The workshops will be free to attend, and will be held on Zoom.

"We will be announcing the schedule for the first portion of the series in the fall," Hartmann said, and there will be a couple of "mini series" within the 24 workshops, including a series for marketing for artists and using social media.



Nina Ennis, founder of Nina Cherie, participated in the Creative Economy Business Incubator as a senior at MassArt, and started her business after that.

Another talk will include "branding for artists—copywriting and storytelling," which helps folks brand themselves and tell their stories, Hartmann said.

Additionally, the Creative Economy Business Incubator program has been up and running for the past two years, but with this new grant funding, it will expand to Boston artists in the general public as well as

MassArt students and alumni.

The Incubator is an eight month program that offers information on strategy, finance, operations, and marketing, "all through the lens of how these theories can and should be applied through a creative economy startup," Hartmann said.

Nina Ennis, Founder of Nina Cherie, graduated from MassArt with a BFA in Fibers, was part of the Incubator program as a senior.

"The Creative Economy Business Incubator gave me the push I needed in order to get my products out to retailers and in the public eye! Three major take-aways from my experience were how to be confident in myself and my brand, networking with mentors plus learning from their experiences, and how to price my work as an artist! The best part now is that I have so many people in my corner and I can still count on my mentors if I ever need them," Ennis said in a statement.

Nathalie Miebach also participated in the program as an artist with 15 years of experience, but graduated from MassArt with an MFA in 3D and runs Spiders & Birds, a design studio at SoWa in the South End.

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"One of my biggest surprises about joining the Creative Economy Business Incubator was how empowering and fun it was, Miebach said in a statement. "I learned valuable tools and financial strategies on how to make my art practice more financially sustainable while connecting to a vibrant network of other aspiring and inspiring creatives wanting to put their dreams and visions into a business reality. It was humbling, challenging and one of the best things I have done for my studio practice in a long time."

Hartmann said that she's heard a lot of positive feedback about the Incubator program since its inception two years ago. She said that "having this entrepreneurial mindset and a baseline of business knowledge" helps frame the way people think about their whole careers.

"Every artist is a small business in their own way, even at times when they may be employed by a larger firm," Hartmann said, which is "something really unique about the arts."

She said she is most excited for the way the program's expansion "is going to change the community."

One of the most exciting parts of her job, she said, is "watching full-time students working in small breakout sessions and seeing the way they influence each other and the way they grow together." She added that she's "really excited to see how this bigger cohort of full-time working artists changes and informs the group dynamic."

As the first publicly funded art school MassArt is a "unique school," Hartmann said, and this program is "giving the opportunity to engage in an arts career to a group of students who might not have otherwise taken that leap."

The application to apply for the 12 Creative Economy Business Incubator slots is open through August 5, and the program will begin on September 12. More information about the free Zoom workshops will be announced in September.

For more information about the Creative Economy Business Incubator and to apply, visit [sites.google.com/massart.edu/business/incubator](https://sites.google.com/massart.edu/business/incubator).

## LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

### STUDENTS NAMED TO HONORS LIST

The following students have been named to the Champlain College an Honors List for the spring 2022 semester. The honors include:

- Dean's List - achieving a grade point average of 3.5 or higher for the spring semester.
- President's List - achieving a grade point average of 4.0 or higher for the spring semester.
- Trustees' List - achieving a grade point average of 4.0 or higher for two consecutive semesters.
- Beatrice Espanola of Jamaica Plain made the Dean's list.
- Charlotte Ross of Jamaica Plain made the Trustees' list.

### ESPANOLA GRADUATES FROM CHAMPLAIN COLLEGE

Champlain College is pleased to announce that Beatrice Espanola of Jamaica Plain recently graduated from Champlain College after the spring 2022 semester.

Espanola was one of 587 students who completed their degree requirements and received their diploma at this time. Espanola completed a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Creative Media.

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College is a small, not-for-profit, private college in Burlington, Vermont, with additional campuses in Montreal, Canada, and Dublin, Ireland. From its beautiful campus overlooking Lake Champlain, the College offers an innovative academic experience and more than 100 residential and online programs, including undergraduate and graduate degrees and certificates. Champlain's distinctive career-driven approach to higher education embodies the notion that true learning occurs when information and experience come together to create knowledge. For the sixth year in a row, Champlain was named a "Most Innovative School" in the North by U.S. News & World Report's "America's Best Colleges" rankings, and was listed among The Princeton Review's "The Best 387 Colleges" in 2022. Champlain is also featured in the 2021 Fiske Guide to Colleges as one of the "best and most interesting schools" in the United States, Canada, and Great Britain and was recognized as a 2020 College of Distinction for its "Engagement, Teaching, Community, and Outcomes." For more information, visit [champlain.edu](http://champlain.edu).

### LOCAL STUDENTS GRADUATE FROM EMERSON

Emerson College, the nation's

premier institution for the arts, communication, and the liberal arts, awarded more than 1,000 undergraduate degrees during its 142nd Commencement at Agganis Arena in Boston.

Augustus Lamb from Jamaica Plain received a BA in Media Arts Production.

• Beatriz Andrade from Jamaica Plain received a BA in Media Arts Production.

• Lou Balikos from Jamaica Plain received a BA in Writing, Lit & Pub: Publishing.

During the ceremony, the College honored three award-winning artists, innovators, and Emersonians for their contributions and efforts to the arts, communication, and greater humanity.

Crazy Rich Asians and Raya and the Last Dragon screenwriter Adele Lim '96; composer and singer Toshi Reagon; and Emerson Trustee, founder and chairman of Samuels & Associates, and film producer Steve Samuels each received honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degrees. Lim '96 gave the commencement address.

"I admire your sense of community, of social justice, fairness, and your willingness to use your voice in the pursuit of those ideals," said Interim President William Gilligan in the President's Address at the ceremony. "The world needs you now to continue that with all the skills and

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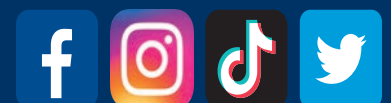
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EDITORIAL

Record heat? Bring it on!

To paraphrase Bob Dylan, we don't need a weatherman to tell us how hot it has been these past few weeks. Still, even we were surprised to learn that the past 21 days have set a record for the hottest 21-day period in Boston history. The combination of the extreme heat and the lack of rainfall has browned our lawns and dead-headed our flower beds, although the abundant sun has given us a bumper crop of tomatoes, which we water by hand in their pots on our patio. We realize that the onset of the high heat and humidity these past few weeks is not everyone's cup of tea. But for those of us who crave this kind of weather, summer finally has arrived. Our fondest childhood and young-adult memories are of languid summer days; as if perhaps the heat seared them into our brains. Playing in summer basketball leagues in the early evening, when the heat was radiating off the asphalt courts and we would end up drenched in sweat -- well, that was the best. Admittedly, we do not have the same tolerance for summer heat and humidity -- especially the humidity -- that we had when we were much younger. On the other hand, the feel of a hot breeze on our face brings us back to the carefree days of our youth like nothing else can.

Olivia Newton-John

Although Olivia Newton-John was Australian (by way of England), for a period in the 1970s and '80s, she was America's sweetheart, the proverbial girl next door. She'd already had great success as a singer in the mid-70s, but her appearance in the movie Grease in 1978 catapulted her to international fame and acclaim. Even at the height of her stardom, her genuineness as a person shone through. It was her down-to-earth qualities that made her the perfect spokesperson for breast cancer when she disclosed that she had been stricken with the disease in the early 1990s while barely 40 years old. Her courageous fight for the next three decades, and her tireless advocacy for research and adequate care for victims, will be her greatest legacy. Still, we'll always think of Olivis Newton-John as Sandy, her iconic character in Grease, to whom the millions of her fans always will be hopelessly devoted.

Op-Ed

Losing everything, what or who is important?

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

What or who is important to you? The recent devastating flood in eastern Kentucky reminds us all that life can be swept away in a moment. Hundreds of families lost everything. One family lost their house and everything in it but lost their family -- four children ages less than two up through eight were swept away by the raging flood. One woman who had also lost her house and everything in the house stated she and her family were alive and that's all that mattered.

None of us want to lose our houses and everything we've worked for most of our lives. However, it's all junk in comparison to our children and loved ones.

From the fires of California to the floods of eastern Kentucky to the devastation of Ukraine by Russia, Loss and devastation can come to us all. We don't want loss. We recoil from natural disasters, invaders or diminishing health.

It takes a lifetime to pay for a house. Today, cars are often financed five years and more. People work hard to accumulate a few things. Little children, spouses and aging parents are not easy to come

by. Most of the time we take everything we have for granted. When the floods of life literally wash away all that we have and love, the loss is horrific.

We really don't know the full extent of how painful loss is until we have lost it all. Recent flood victims in eastern Kentucky essentially lost it all. Many literally escaped with only the shirts on their backs.

Cancer can eat away at our lives. Other forms of diminishing health can take us down to nothing. Financial losses can make us miserable. A fire can destroy everything. Life can change and in a moment.

Sometimes we have warnings that life is on the way to changing. When it rains, we don't automatically think the water will become so deep that we will all drown. Some people in eastern Kentucky will never be able to enjoy a long night of rain because of what it may bring.

Overall, people would like to live out their lives quietly and safely. Avoiding floods, fires and other life-threatening crises. Food to eat, something to wear and the enjoyment of people we love are most meaningful to us.

In the middle of life's dev-

astations, we often look to God and ask why? If he is really so great, so good, and so loving then why would he send or allow eight or nine inches of rain to fall on the hollers of eastern Kentucky and sweep away little children? Did he go to sleep? Does he not care? Is he detached from what happens in the world? Is he really out there? Yet, as many grieve, they will fall upon God as he is all they have left to get them through. An old saint of God who suffered through the storms of life once said, "I didn't realize God was all I needed until God was all I had."

Whatever or whoever you have today, don't take it or them for granted. Be grateful, give thanks. Love on your loved ones and be kind to all. Consider taking some of your stuff and giving it to someone who may have nothing. It will be good for you both.

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ZBA approves two projects

By Lauren Bennett

The Zoning Board of Appeal (ZBA) on Tuesday approved proposals at 19 Spalding Street and 19 Malcolm Road in Jamaica Plain.

19 SPALDING STREET

At 19 Spalding St., homeowner Hudson Klebs proposed to convert a portion of his existing attic space to one bedroom and one bathroom. This proposal had come before the Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council (JPNC) Zoning Committee, which approved it.

Kleb said that the space is currently deeded as storage space, and no dormers are being proposed as part of the project.

It will just fit within the existing confines of the attic space.

City Councilor Michael Flaherty was in support of the project, and the ZBA reported that it had received a "couple of support letters."

The ZBA voted to approve the proposal with BPDA design review.

18 MALCOLM ROAD

At 18 Malcolm Road, architect Derek Rubinoff proposed a renovation to the existing single family dwelling, including finishing a portion of the basement to include a full bath, a rec room, and a man cave. Above the existing sunroom, a master bathroom is proposed as an addition.

By adding a second floor to that sunroom, a master bath-

room will be added to the existing master bedroom.

He said that the ceiling height in the basement is "above code" and "at least seven foot six."

Conor Newman of the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services said that the Mayor's Office received "five letters of support, including one from a direct abutter" as part of the community process for this project.

City Council Michael Flaherty was in support, and the ZBA reported that it had also received the support letters that Newman mentioned.

This proposal was also heard and approved by the JPNC Zoning Committee.

The ZBA voted to approve the proposal as presented.

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# LEGAL NOTICES

## 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. SU13P0634GD Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114 In the interests of: Jose Chow

Of: Jamaica Plain, MA RESPONDENT Incapacitated

Person/protected person To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Salem Hospital of Salem, 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 08/25/2022. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date. IMPORTANT NOTICE The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named

person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

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

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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. SU18P1848GD In the interests of: Donald L. Curry of: Boston, MA

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Barbara A. Curry of Randolph, MA and Brigham and Women, Æs Faulkner of J Jamaica Plain, MA in the above captioned matter requesting that the court: Expand the powers of a Guardian of the Respondent.

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 07/14/2022. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days

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

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## LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Docket No. SU22P1630EA Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300 Estate of: Judith Anne Leonardo Date of Death: 06/15/2022

To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by John F. Leonardo of Scottsdale, AZ requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: John F. Leonardo of Scottsdale AZ 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 a the 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 09/08/2022. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which

you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty(30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you. UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC) A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

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

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. C. 190B, §5-304 Docket No. SU22P1620GD Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300 In the matter of: Francis Christoferson Of: Jamaica Plain, MA RESPONDENT Alleged Incapacitated Person

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Lutheran Home Of Jamaica Plain, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Francis Christoferson is in need of a Guardian

and requesting that Brian J. McLaughlin, Esquire of Boston, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve on the bond. The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority. 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 09/15/2022. 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 the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date. IMPORTANT NOTICE The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

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

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME Docket No. SU22C0061CA Suffolk Probate and Family Court

24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300 In the matter of:

Jamari King Spencer A Petition to Change Name of Minor has been filed by Jamari King Spencer of Jamaica Plain, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: Jamari King Silva

IMPORTANT NOTICE Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Suffolk Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 09/01/2022. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

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

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## LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. C. 190B, §5-304 Docket No. SU22P0593GD Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300 In the matter of: Jacqueline Jeannetti Of: Hyde Park, MA RESPONDENT Alleged Incapacitated Person

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Brigham and Women's Faulkner Hoof Boston, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Jacqueline Jeannetti is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Ronald Jeannetti of Dedham, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve Without Surety on the bond. The petition asks the court

to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority. 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 08/25/2022. 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 the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date. IMPORTANT NOTICE The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

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

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU22P1630EA Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300 Estate of: Ping Cheung Wong Also Known as Geoffrey Ping Cheung Wong

Date of Death: 10/02/2019 To all interested persons: A Petition for S/A - Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Jadie Wong-Li of Tai Po, HK requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Jadie Wong-Li of Tai Po, HK 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 09/16/2022. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty(30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you. UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC) A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.  
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LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

Honors

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knowledge you have acquired, the values you have developed and displayed, and that indomitable Emerson spirit that you have shown us often.”

Commencement speaker Adele Lim ‘96, said, “I am far from done, but what I hope for myself, for all of us, for all of you, is what all great stories have: a journey that is authentic and meaningful, and if we’re lucky, one that touches the lives of others.”

LOCAL RESIDENTS NAMED TO DEAN’S LIST

The following local residents were named to Clark University’s Spring 2022 Dean’s List:

- Nicholas P. Morrow, of Jamaica Plain was named to second honors.
- Sam M. Lapowsky, of Jamaica Plain was named to first honors.

Students must have a GPA of 3.8 or above for first honors or a GPA between 3.50 and 3.79 for second honors.

Founded in 1887, Clark University is a liberal arts-based research university that prepares

its students to meet tomorrow’s most daunting challenges and embrace its greatest opportunities. Through 33 undergraduate majors, more than 30 advanced degree programs, and nationally recognized community partnerships, Clark fuses rigorous scholarship with authentic world and workplace experiences that empower our students to pursue lives and careers of meaning and consequence.

MURRAY NAMED TO DEAN’S LIST AT BATES COLLEGE

Sadie Murray of Jamaica Plain was named to the dean’s list at Bates College for the winter semester ending in April 2022. This is a distinction earned by students whose grade point average is 3.92 or higher.

Murray, the daughter of Terrence J. Murray and Nicole S. Murray, is a 2018 graduate of Milton Academy. She is a junior at Bates majoring in sociology and minoring in education.

Located in Lewiston, Maine, Bates is internationally recognized as a leading liberal arts college, attracting 2,000 students from across the U.S. and around the world. Since 1855, Bates

has been dedicated to educating the whole person through creative and rigorous scholarship in a collaborative residential community. Committed to opportunity and excellence, Bates has always admitted students without regard to gender, race, religion, or national origin. Cultivating intellectual discovery and informed civic action, Bates prepares leaders sustained by a love of learning and zeal for responsible stewardship of the wider world.

OCKENE NAMED TO DEAN’S LIST

Misha Ockene from Jamaica Plain has been named to St. Lawrence University’s Dean’s List for achieving academic excellence during the Spring 2022 semester.

Ockene attended Brookline High School. Ockene is a member of the Class of 2025. To be eligible for the Dean’s List, a student must have completed at least four courses and have an academic average of 3.6 based on a 4.0 scale for the semester.

UW-MADISON ANNOUNCES 2022 GRADUATES

About 7,700 students received degrees from the University of Wisconsin-Madison on May 13 and 14, including .Sara Pratt, College of Agricultural and Life Science who earned a Bachelor of Science in Biology and Life Sciences Communication.

There were two live ceremonies: one at the Kohl Center on May 13 for doctoral, MFA and medical students; and one at Camp Randall on May 14 for undergraduate, law and master’s students.

TUFTS ANNOUNCES LOCAL GRADUATES

Approximately 3,275 students across all schools graduated from Tufts University on May 22 during a university-wide commencement ceremony that featured the awarding of honorary degrees to a number of academic, business and civic leaders making a positive impact on the world.

The graduates from the School of Arts and Sciences and the School of Engineering included:

- Miles Reid of Jamaica Plain graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology
- Magda Petmeza of Jamaica Plain graduated with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Studio Art

In addition to the degree conferral, the ceremony featured an address by award-winning historian, scholar, and writer Erika Lee.

Tufts University, located on campuses in Boston, Medford/Somerville and Grafton, Massachusetts, and in Talloires, France, is recognized among the premier research universities in the United States. Tufts enjoys a global reputation for academic excellence and for the preparation of students as leaders in a wide range of professions. A growing number of innovative teaching and research initiatives span all Tufts campuses, and collaboration among the faculty and students in the undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs across the university’s schools is widely encouraged.



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