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## EGG HUNT & SPRING CELEBRATION



Boing! JP's Toy Shop donated more than 3,000 eggs and toys for the Loring Greenough House Annual Egg Hunt and Spring Celebration. See Page 13 for more photos.

JP KIDS SEE PAGES 12 — 13

## Children's summer programming at Tony Williams Dance Center

LAURA PLUMMER

The Tony Williams Dance Center, located in the Sam Adams Brewery Complex in Jamaica Plain, is rolling out exciting opportunities to engage children and teens during the summer of 2019.

The Center is offering Full Day Fun Camp for children ages 5 through 14. Each of the seven weeks between June and August will feature ballet, select other dance styles, art and drama, as well as your typical summer camp fun-in-the-sun activities. Fun themed weeks, like their Princesses and Princes week, aim to entice younger dancers. The day camp runs from 9am to 3pm Monday

through Friday and costs \$325 per week. Discounts are offered for multiple weeks, as well as sibling registration.

In addition, the Center will be hosting summer ballet classes for children 3 through 18. The one-

hour classes meet every Tuesday from July 16 until August 27 and cost \$17 per class.

For older children, the Center offers a chance to assist teachers

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## Programas juveniles de verano en el Tony Williams Dance Center

LAURA PLUMMER

El Tony Williams Dance Center, ubicado en el complejo Sam Adams Brewery en Jamaica Plain, está ofreciendo oportunidades emocionantes para los niños y jóvenes

durante el verano de 2019.

El centro de baile ofrece un campamento de día completo para niños de 5 a 14 años. Cada una de las siete semanas entre junio y

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## State issues RFI for Shattuck Hospital programming, new uses

BY SETH DANIEL

The state has issued a Request for Information (RFI) this week regarding the Shattuck Hospital site in Jamaica Plain – a document that will look to select participants to create a new public health use on the site when the Shattuck moves to the South End.

The RFI comes after a long planning process over the past year that has played out in several meetings where representatives from Jamaica Plain, the South End and several City/state officials discussed plans. That visioning process has culminated with the issuance of the RFI this week.

The RFI revealed the future vision of the Shattuck, which is a campus for mental health and

substance abuse services coordinated with the coming Long Island recovery campus.

“To achieve this vision, the Commonwealth hopes to provide a continuum of mental health and substance use services, permanent supportive housing, emergency shelter and wrap-around supportive services for those in the behavioral health system,” read the RFI. “In addition, EOHHS seeks to create a healing environment on the future Campus that takes advantage of and integrates with the unique location adjacent to Franklin Park, provides broader community programming, and fosters social connectivity for clients and the broader community.”

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## Jamaica Plain organizations receive Cultural Council grants

BY JOHN LYNDIS

Nearly two dozen Jamaica Plain organizations were on hand during a reception at MassArt's Pozen Center held to congratulate the 2019 Boston Cultural Council (BCC) organizational grant winners and mark Mayor Martin Walsh's largest ever investment in local arts organizations. Walsh said the grants are part of an effort to bring accessible opportunities to engage in the arts throughout the entire City.

Twenty three Jamaica Plain nonprofits were among the 221 grant recipients that shared in \$487,000 in grant money as part of a partnership between the BBC

and the Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture.

The selected organizations in Jamaica Plain and citywide represent an array of disciplines, including visual arts, theater, film, music, dance, and the humanities.

In Jamaica Plain organizations like the Friends of the Jamaica Plain Branch Library, the Jamaica Plain Music Festival, Urbano Project and Theatre Espresso were just some of the grant recipients announced by Mayor.

The organizations here were evaluated on a series of criteria, including diversity of the organization, how well they serve his-

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## CAPE VERDEAN-JEWISH SEDER



State Rep. Nika Elugardo (right), who represents Jamaica Plain, joins State Rep. Liz Miranda (left) and peace activist Isaura Mendes at the Cape Verdean-Jewish Seder on April 10 at Hibernian Hall, Roxbury. Each year this unique Seder brings together people of the two cultures with many friends and supporters for a joyful celebration. With a theme of **STANDING TOGETHER**, the Seder called for all people to be united during a time when immigrants, people of color, and Jews are under attack. Rep. Miranda was keynote speaker for the event, emphasizing the bond between the two cultures and praising their work for peace and unity. Cape Verdean and Jewish children took the stage to explain the special Cape Verdean-Jewish Seder Plate placed on each table, and the group was entertained by Cape Verdean recording artist Bino Barros and heard Sephardic Jewish music performed by Guy Mendilow, Sofia Tosello and Andy Bergman.

## Grants

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torically represented populations, whether they provide public benefit, and whether they meaningfully reflect the goals and ideas of the Boston Creates cultural plan.

“The organizations that received Boston Cultural Council grants this year demonstrate the enormous power of creative expression, and reflect the cultural vitality of our city,” said Mayor Walsh. “I’m eager to see how each organization strengthens Boston’s neighborhoods through arts programming in 2019.”

The Mayor’s Arts Chief Kara Elliott-Ortega said grants of up to \$5,000 were awarded to organizations in two categories. Organizations with a budget of less than \$1 million received general operating support, and organizations with a budget of over \$1 million received project-specific support. In order to be eligible for either award, organizations had to either be based in the City of Boston, or offer programming in the City. The City of Boston contributed \$300,000 in funding and the Mass Cultural Council (MCC) contributed \$187,000 in funding to the BCC.

“Boston is home to so many incredible arts organizations and cultural institutions that work tirelessly to bring opportunities to

engage in creative expression to every individual, in every neighborhood,” said Elliott-Ortega. “It’s great to see Boston provide increased support and resources to these organizations year after year, and witness the impact it has on our local communities.”

The full list of grant recipients in Jamaica Plain are as follows;

- Friends of the Jamaica Plain Branch Library
- Gravity Arts, Inc.
- Sheffield Chamber Players
- Sound Energy Trio
- Transient Canvas
- Music as a Second Language
- Chameleon Arts Ensemble of Boston
- Jamaica Plain Music Festival
- Theatre Espresso
- BOMBAntillana
- FINEX House
- MetaMovements
- BalletRox
- Girls Rock Campaign
- Boston
  - Spontaneous Celebrations
  - OrigiNation Cultural
- Arts Center
  - Urbano Project
  - Boston Makers, Inc.
  - Non-Event
  - The Footlight Club
  - Eliot School of Fine and Applied Arts
    - Rehearsal for Life, Inc. (formerly Urban Improv/Freelance Players, Inc.)
    - Boston Scores

## Volunteers of America in Jamaica Plain part of state program to expand addiction treatment

BY JOHN LYNDS

Volunteers of America in Jamaica Plain is one of 26 community-based treatment providers that will contract with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) to open new specialized residential rehabilitation treatment programs to serve individuals who experience substance use and mental health disorders.

The program at Volunteers of America is part of Governor Charlie Baker’s Administration’s goal to add 398 treatment beds to the current number of beds in the state. The partnership with Volunteers of America represents a significant expansion of services to individuals who are at higher risk for a fatal opioid-related overdose and will increase their opportunity to access treatment for both diseases in a single program.

“Part of our administration’s comprehensive approach to addressing the opioid epidemic and getting more people into recovery includes significantly increasing the number of treatment beds available for individuals struggling with substance use,” said Governor Charlie Baker. “We are pleased to support these new specialized programs as they expand access to critical recovery support for individuals seeking treatment for substance use and behavioral health needs.”

According to the state’s opioid

data the risk of a fatal opioid-related overdose is six times higher for people diagnosed with a serious mental illness and three times higher for those diagnosed with depression. In addition, DPH data on patient enrollment in treatment programs showed a high percentage of enrollees had prior psychiatric illness. “Integrating substance use and mental health treatment programs on this scale marks an important step to address the continuum of care for this vulnerable population,” said Health and Human Services Secretary Marylou Sudders. “These community programs will allow us to remove barriers to treatment for people with co-occurring disorders and provide them with a structured, 24-hour residential setting to assist in their recovery.”

Volunteers of America offers both outpatient and residential treatment services for individuals experiencing a mental health and/or substance use disorder.

Its services include;

- The Family Center— a dually licensed outpatient clinic offering services for mental health and substance use disorders.
- Men’s Hello House and Women’s Hello House— residential recovery programs which provide holistic services to individuals with a substance use disorder.

• Shiloh House— a co-occurring enhanced residential recovery program for women who have both a substance use disorder and a mental health diagnosis.

The enhanced residential program in Jamaica Plain will provide round-the-clock services to people with moderate to severe substance use and mental health disorders in a safe, structured environment in communities across the state. The support will continue as individuals reintegrate into the community and return to work, school and their social environments. This includes evaluating the individual’s need for medications, monitoring their medication, and introducing any of the three FDA-approved medications for treatment of opioid use disorder as clinically indicated: methadone, buprenorphine, and naltrexone.

“The prevalence of co-occurring substance use and mental health disorders requires us to address the needs of these patients who may have limited access to appropriate treatment,” said Public Health Commissioner Monica Bharel, MD, MPH. Anyone needing treatment for themselves or a loved one should contact the Massachusetts Substance Use Helpline at 800-327-5050 or via [www.Helplinema.org](http://www.Helplinema.org).

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# Sen. Chang-Diaz gives update at JPNC

BY LAUREN BENNETT

Sen. Sonia Chang-Diaz came to the Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council monthly meeting on April 23, where she talked about her year in review as well as what's coming up on her legislative plate.

Chang-Diaz said that the biggest thing that happened during the last legislative session was the criminal justice reform bill. She also fought for an increase in funding for charter schools, as well as paid family medical leave, for which she said the "buildout is happening right now in terms of strategy," and called it a "huge deal." She also said that this is in a bundle with raising the minimum wage to \$15 over the next couple of years.

Coming into this legislative term, Chang-Diaz said she is still very much involved in education legislation, despite no longer being the chair of the Education Committee. She said this "was not a requested change," but "committee assignments don't restrict you from working on things." She is committed to working on the Education Promise Act.

Chang-Diaz is also working on carbon pricing and solar equity legislation, as well as a new rule to require online publication of committee level votes for greater transparency. Currently, committees can choose whether or not they want to make that a rule within their committees, but Chang-Diaz has made it one in hers, she said. Other legislation includes the Higher Education Equity Act, as well as a gun trafficking bill that would prevent anyone from purchasing more than 15 guns per year.

She is the new chair of the committee on Children, Families, and Persons with Disabilities, and she said she plans on overriding the governor's veto on the policy that limits families on welfare from receiving additional welfare for kids conceived while the family is on welfare.

She's also done a lot of work around adoption and foster care, as well as chairing the committee on Cannabis Policy—she said she wants to make sure that interests of people from low income communities and people of color are heard.

## Housing and Development Committee

JPNC member Carolyn Royce gave an update on the Housing and Development Committee meeting, at which she said they heard from the Boston Clean Energy Coalition. "We have an initiative to think of guidelines for sustainable housing construction," Royce said. She said the presen-

tation was about net zero carbon and how all electric buildings can increase energy efficiency as well. Boston has a goal to be carbon neutral by 2050, which means that all new buildings now have to be built for net zero carbon, and then older buildings would have to be retrofitted, Royce said.

Also on their agenda was the Shattuck Campus planning, as the committee hopes to "serve as a venue for ideas that we can communicate to the state," Royce said. There was a suggestion for an easement through the park that the city would maintain that would create a pathway close to Forest Hills to reinstitute a connection that used to be there, connecting two parts of the park.

"We're not hearing a lot of specifics," Royce said. She said there are a lot of people who want to see the land returned to Franklin Park, but in the meantime as the state solidifies a plan, "there should be suggestions about how the park could be integrated into whatever is built there," she said. The next Housing and Development Committee meeting is May 21.

## Zoning Committee

JPNC member David Baron reported that the Zoning Committee met on April 3 and April 17. A large topic of discussion was 1 Rockwood Terrace, which is a single family house proposed for a vacant lot. Baron said that the JHA Zoning Committee "had a number of suggestions for the design and size of the house," and this house would be the "biggest and widest house on the street," which concerns a number of residents. Baron said that this project has an assigned Zoning Board of Appeal date of April 30, and he believes that the developer "needs to get the message" that the building needs to be less wide, but it could be deeper.

The JPNC Zoning Committee voted to deny this application with the proviso that if the developers notify them before the April 30 ZBA date that they are going to defer, the committee will hear another proposal. Baron said they want to put in a letter urging them to deny, but it would have to be filed by the end of the week.

The next Zoning Committee meeting has a packed agenda, and will be held on May 1.

## Public Service Committee

JPNC member Michael Reiskind reported that the Public Service Committee met on April 2, where they developed the annual list of streets needing repair, as well as crosswalks and bike lanes that need repainting. They also had another discussion about

bike safety, and in May, someone from the Boston Transportation Department will be at the meeting to discuss protected bike lanes. Along with this issue, there will be a licensing hearing on the agenda for the May 7 meeting.

## Education Ad-Hoc Committee

JPNC member Trevor Wissink-Adams reported that the Education Ad-Hoc Committee met on April 16 with "a light agenda and light attendance." He said they are still focusing on working with Boston Public Schools on local registration for this fall, and hope to approve a program for this fall's incoming students. He said that they are also working on getting an update on BuildBPS for next winter about where the initiative stands after a year of implementation. "The committee will try to build momentum on this," he said. The next meeting is May 21.

## IN THE NAVY



*U.S. Navy photo*  
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# Walsh's budget includes capital spending for Jamaica Plain

BY JOHN LYNDS

Last week Mayor Martin Walsh released his \$3.48 billion plan that aims at supporting his Administration's commitment to a responsible, balanced and bold

budget, with increased investments in early childhood education, affordable housing, climate preparedness, recovery services, public safety and economic opportunity.

In the budget Walsh included his Fiscal Year 2020-2024 Capital Plan that includes money to kick off several Jamaica Plain projects while getting others in the neighborhood over the goal line.

"Boston's budget sets forward a blueprint for the values that matter: creating opportunity, ensuring equity and working towards a better Boston for all residents," said Mayor Walsh. "I'm proud our strong fiscal management will continue to allow us to invest in the future of our city, and growing our middle class. By investing in our future, we'll strengthen our city for all who live here, and for our future generations to come."

In Jamaica Plain Park \$1.89 million will be spent on the renovation of Daisy Field at Olmstead

Park including two softball fields, pathways, and LED sports lighting.

The city will spend \$679,000 for Olmsted Park landscape restoration that includes woodlands restoration, stair stabilization, and landscape improvements.

Three million dollars will be spent at the Curley K-8 School to build an exterior bridge and walkway that connects the two school buildings.

A \$4.77 million line item was included on the Jamaica Pond Pathways and Perimeter Improvements project. This project includes rehabilitating pathways at Jamaica Pond to improve accessibility, site conditions, and drainage. The project will protect the pond's water quality.

Another \$210,000 will be spent on the Jamaica Pond Dock Rehabilitation project to repair and rehabilitate the boat dock at Jamaica Pond.

The city will spend \$200,000 at the Jamaica Plain Branch Library Art to create and install permanent artwork at the Branch Library.

Six hundred thousand dollars has been earmarked for the Bussey Brook Meadow Trail at Arnold Arboretum. The project includes the repair and extension of walking paths, wetland habitat restoration and improvements to Bussey Brook's flood retention capacity.

Another \$1.74 million will be spent to renovate playground, pavilion, entrance, and perimeter at the Parkman Playground

## JP Native Yareliz Diaz named a 2019 Rappaport Public Policy Fellow

The Rappaport Institute for Greater Boston at the Harvard Kennedy School has named Yareliz Diaz a 2019 Rappaport Public Policy Fellow.

A native of Jamaica Plain, MA, Yareliz is a graduate of John D. O' Bryant School of Mathematics & Science High School in Boston, MA and is currently attending the Boston University School of Public Health in Boston, MA.

Rappaport Fellows participate in a 10-week summer internship at municipal and state agencies throughout Greater Boston while attending a weekly seminar series featuring leading practitioners and scholars. Fellows receive a \$7,000 stipend for the summer.

"This group is one of the most diverse with regard to schools, interest areas, and backgrounds and the students are looking forward to working with a number of new agencies at the municipal and state level this summer" said Paulina O'Brien, Interim Executive Director, The Rappaport Institute for Greater Boston.

The fellowship program is a key component of The Rappaport



Yareliz Diaz.

Institute, which aims to improve the governance of Greater Boston by promoting emerging leaders, stimulating informed discussions and producing new ideas.

The Phyllis & Jerome Lyle Rappaport Foundation actively promotes the growth of leadership and innovative thinking in the areas of public policy, neurologic disease and mental health, and the arts. It does so by supporting individuals and institutions in the Greater Boston area in the quest to improve the quality of life and catalyze new generations of collaborative leaders.

## Tree of Life for Jamaica Plain Police Summer Camp Ages 10-13

Every summer, Tree of Life, in association with Boston Police Department E13's Community Service Youth Officers, organizes a two week camp for underprivileged youth in Jamaica Plain. The program gives some J.P. kids and teens positive experiences, summer fun, and role models that will last for years to come.

It's more than a summer camp – the program helps the youth develop personal connections with the police and community. The goal has been to educate and teach them not to give up. We give them

the confidence to excel in their life endeavors.

In order to successfully continue the programs, and hopefully increase the number of youth enrolled, the goal is to raise \$6000 by Friday, May 31. This funding will provide food, transportation and exciting activities for 30 youth over a two-week period, twice the number of youth served last year.

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# JP OBSERVER

## JP Regan Youth League marks 50 years of building community

By SANDRA STOREY / SPECIAL TO THE GAZETTE

The Jamaica Plain Regan Youth League has been around—and flourished—for 50 years for good reason. The baseball and softball league has expanded over the decades, building on the solid foundation of community principles in place from the start.

As the season opens this month for the 50th time, more than 700 boys and girls between 5 and 18 from JP and neighboring communities are expected to learn skills and enjoy camaraderie with teammates from diverse backgrounds across the neighborhood, as young people here have been able to do through the Regan League since 1969.

Incredible community organizing combined with clearly stated goals have resulted in success and growth for the local youth league. The purpose of the Regan League is stated to be to provide children “with the opportunity to play organized baseball and softball in an open, safe, and friendly environment...to foster the discipline and fun that are part of learning a challenging team sport, to encourage a spirit of community among participants from diverse backgrounds... and to promote good sportsmanship and respect for teammates, opponents, coaches, umpires, and the great games of baseball and softball.”

Every spring and summer for 50 years, it has fulfilled its mission quite well.

Regan League president Jodi Sugarman-Brozán said in a recent interview she “quickly fell in love with it” when her kids started playing in the Regan League. “It’s much more than baseball and softball,” she said. “It’s a community that brings people together like no other.”

Lots of people report having made friends with other families they might not have otherwise gotten to know, past president and volunteer Harry Smith said recently.

There are plenty of chances for families to meet in the stands or when they go for food after a game. The regular season features various co-ed baseball divisions ranging from tee ball for 5-6 year-olds to the Pony Division for 15-17-year. Girls 9-15 can play softball in two divisions.

During the summer, Regan League kids play Red Sox-supported RBI (Reviving Baseball in Inner-cities) Baseball, and 13-18 year-old girls can play RBI Softball. The Regan League enters baseball and softball teams in the Mayor’s Cup Summer Tournament, too.

Baseball and softball are games of statistics, and numbers provided by Smith tell a lot about the Regan

League as well.

In 2018 there were 52 teams with 632 boys and girls in the spring season, from Teeball to Pony to Softball. In the summer another 100 youth played baseball and softball.

The Regan League is one of the most diverse youth sports programs in Boston, according to Smith. There is strong Latino participation, representing more than one third of the participants. Girls make up about 25 percent of the League’s 700-plus players.

With more than 50 teams, the league needs at least 100 volunteer coaches every year, plus team parents, and volunteers to help with events and registration. The board of Regan League is all volunteer, too. Every year, volunteers donate thousands of hours.

The Regan League holds two major events each year. First is Opening Day In April, where teams in their new uniforms and coaches march from the Civil War Monument to Daisy Field for Opening Day ceremonies. The other big event is the annual end-of-year picnic, which will be on June 22 this year.

Past presidents include Gwen Friend, Steve Glickel, John Pierce, Mike Frank, Brad Fredericks, and Smith. Sugarman-Brozán has served as president for the past two years. Smith and Sugarman-Brozán, as well as the website [reganyouthleague.org](http://reganyouthleague.org), provided information for this column.

The League is open to families in Jamaica Plain and surrounding neighborhoods.

“Because of the affordability of the League [The \$40 fee even includes a uniform.] and the League’s reputation as a welcoming place for all families,” Smith said, more than 25 percent of the players come from surrounding neighborhoods of Roxbury, Roslindale, Mission Hill, Dorchester and Hyde Park.

In addition, families with more than one child playing get a discount. One reason the Regan League remains independent is to be able to keep fees low. The fees cover about half of a season’s costs, Smith said.

Local sponsors of the League and individual teams make a huge contribution each year. This anniversary year a team sponsorship is \$650. Some businesses, elected officials and organizations have been sponsors for years.

In exchange, sponsors’ names go on the uniforms and mentioned at events and on the website. And they get the satisfaction of knowing they are contributing to JP community-building as well as sports

instruction and fun for local kids.

Four years ago the League established the Dan Langdale Memorial Financial Aid and Scholarship Fund in honor of Dan Langdale, a lifelong baseball fan and friend of the League who passed away in 2014. In 2018 alone the fund offered almost \$5,000 in scholarships.

The Regan League works with the City of Boston Parks and Recreation Department to make use of fields across JP including, Murphy, Jefferson, Parkman, Daisy, Johnson fields. The fields are pretty much filled up between April and July and also used throughout the summer.

“The Regan League was started in 1969 by a few parents in the Hyde Square section of Jamaica Plain to give children in the neighborhood access to baseball and softball opportunities. After one of the parents who helped found the league, Joseph Regan, passed away, the league was named the JP Regan Youth League in his honor. As other local Little Leagues folded, the Regan League continued to grow,” Smith wrote in an email.

“A number of Regan League players have gone on to have success at the high school and college level.” Smith continued. “The most famous Regan graduate is Manny Delcarmen, the former Boston Red Sox pitcher who grew up in Hyde Park and played for Regan League throughout his youth. With literally thousands of young people having graduated from the Regan League we are also proud of the police officers, teachers, doctors, youth workers, and many other distinguished alumni who learned from and grew up in the league.”

The Regan League has expanded in several ways over the years. With more and more young people from the area participating, the younger divisions especially have grown, now with 12 tee ball and 10 Farm teams—all kids 8 and under.

Girls have been the focus of a different kind of recent expansion. The League started “Girls Play Ball” a few years ago to increase baseball and softball opportunities for girls. Out of that, some Regan League parents created the Boston Slammers girls baseball program so girls could play in tournaments across the country. The Slammers 11 and under team won the inaugural national Baseball for All championship in Rockford, Ill. in 2017. They beat teams from Washington D.C., Toronto, and Los Angeles before claiming final victory over the East Bay Oaks of Berkeley, Calif.

Hundreds of people and groups

in JP—donors and volunteers—deserve credit for the achievements of the JP Regan Youth League for 50 years. Supporting the League and the young people and diverse families of JP seems to give the supporters pleasure. Anyone who would like to help the now historic League is welcome to contact them

through their website.

“There’s something about a lovely summer day at Johnson Field,” Sugarman-Brozán reflected about families at a Regan League game. “Everyone is eating. Everyone is enjoying the game. It’s something that can’t be replicated.”

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# HYDE SQUARE TASK FORCE HOLDS 2ND ANNUAL BAILEMOS FUNDRAISER

Hyde Square Task Force (HSTF) held its 2nd annual Bailemos Fundraiser on Saturday, April 14. Members of the community danced the afternoon away while raising money for Hyde Square Task Force's youth and arts programs. HSTF, located in the heart of Hyde Square, is a

non-profit organization founded in 1991 whose aim is to amplify the power, creativity, and voice of the youth. In 2018, 96 percent of HSTF graduating seniors enrolled in college. Approximately 997 children, youth, and young adults were reached by HSTF in 2018.



Burju Perez carrying her daughter, Nayla. Burju Perez was one of four salsa instructors for the event.



The group shared many smiles and laughs throughout the fundraiser.



Photos by Mike Mejia  
Ankara Ruiz held an electrifying performance for everyone in attendance during the Hyde Square Task Force's 2nd annual Bailemos Fundraiser on Saturday, April 14, at the Hyde Square offices. Several children and supporters turned out for the event to raise money for the Task Force's youth and arts programs.



Audrey Guerrero, Dance Programs Coordinator for HSTF, and Celina Miranda, executive director for HSTF.



Will Sondey, Grant Writer at HSTF, and Barbara Civill, Director of Development and Communications at HSTF.



Alayna Blodgett of HSTF helping kids decorate paper cutouts.

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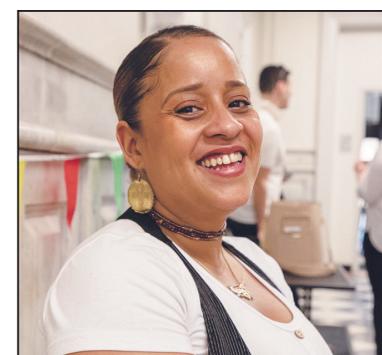
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Angie Egea, one of the four instructors, is also an Afro-Latin Dance Resident Artist at HSTF, and Ankara Ruiz, a member of the youth programs at HSTF.



Sasi Marcelino was one of the instructors at the event.

# Green New Deal discussion featuring Ayanna Pressley draws massive crowd in JP

LAURA PLUMMER

On Saturday, April 20, newly elected Massachusetts Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley spoke to a packed audience at the First Church in Jamaica Plain during a sold-out speaking engagement that is being called “historic” and “powerful.”

Congresswoman Pressley was joined by Reverend Mariama White-Hammond, a Boston pastor and climate and social justice advocate, to speak to the nearly 500 attendees about The Green New Deal, a policy initiative that is currently stoking the climate debate in Washington. The event was hosted by Jamaica Plain Forum.

Congresswoman Pressley and Reverend White-Hammond spoke about broader goals of The Green New Deal, which were detailed on a flier handed out to guests.

A nod to Roosevelt’s New Deal, a plan to rebuild the American economy in the midst of the Great Depression, The Green New Deal is a multi-prong approach for restoring American resilience and prosperity through a rigorous approach to slashing greenhouse gas emissions and meeting the country’s energy demands through renewable resources.

The Green New Deal would call on the U.S. Government to commit to the following goals: support communities most impacted by climate change, restore infrastructure, invest in renewable energy sources, invest in industries that



Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley.

utilize renewables, create green power grids, restore buildings to ensure maximum energy efficiency, invest in sustainable farms and food systems, investigate potential pollution sources, restore ecosystems, properly dispose of hazardous waste, design energy-efficient transit, and collaborate with the global community to better approach the issue of climate change.

“I pride myself on being the legislative Lorax,” said Pressley to a rousing applause. “We need more trees!”

But the real focus of the event was on The Green New Deal’s Equity Goals, those that address the intersectionality of race and class with issues of climate change and environmental impact. They take into account how environmental hazards disproportionately affect low-income populations and

communities of color.

The Equity Goals of the Green New Deal, which were enumerated by a handful of young people in the audience, include lower household costs of transit and energy, the creation of community resilience through sustainable infrastructure, greater racial and economic equity by supporting communities of color and the working class, improving infrastructure, weatherizing buildings and investing in clean energy options.

“Responding to our environ-

mental crisis must be done in a way that bridges Boston’s racial divide,” read the explanation of the event by Jamaica Plain Forum.

Following the speakers, members of the audience were welcomed to a standing microphone to ask questions about the practicality of the Deal and what it could mean for them and their neighborhoods.

The Jamaica Plain Forum, founded in 2008 by local activist and author Chuck Collins, aims to

bring local and national speakers to lead talks about “timely community-based conversations on the great issues shaping our neighborhood and our planet.” For anyone who couldn’t attend in person, Saturday’s event can be viewed on the Jamaica Plain Forum YouTube channel.

This free event was made possible by a number of local sponsors, including Friends of Jamaica Pond, Mothers Out Front - JP, and the Social Justice Action Committee of the First Church.



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## Chapter & Verse at Loring-Greenough

Readings by Members of Jamaica Pond Poets of Poems on Poetry and Art will be held on Friday, May 10, at 7:30 p.m. at the Loring-Greenough House, 12 South Street, JP Center. The program is as follows:

Mary Birnbaum was born, raised, and educated in New York City. She has studied poetry with Fred Marchant, Martha Collins, Yusef Komunyakaa and Danielle Legros Georges. She has participated in poetry readings in New England and had a poem published in Massachusetts Review.

Dorothy Derifield's collection, Zero Plus Time, will be published in 2020. She is the director of the long-running literary series Chapter and Verse. Her work received an editor's award from Plainsongs. She is the author of the chapbook The River and the Lakes.

Carolyn Gregory has authored two poetry collections, Open Letters and Facing The Music. Her poems and music essays have been published in American Poetry Review, Main Street Rag, Off the Coast, Cutthroat, Bellowing Ark, Seattle Review, Tower Journal, and Stylus. She previously won a Massachusetts Cultural Council award.

Holly Guran is the creator of two full-length collections, Twilight Chorus and River of Bones, and the chapbooks River Tracks and Mothers' Trails. She was a recipient of a 2012 Massachusetts Cultural Council finalist award. Her work has appeared in journals including Slipstream, Poet Lore, Poetry East, Hawai'i Pacific Review, and Salamander.

Audrey Henderson, originally from Scotland, was a 2014

Hawthornden Fellow and a finalist for the 2014 Homebound Publications Poetry Prize for her collection, Airstream, published by Homebound that year. She was a finalist in the Indiana Review 1/2 K Award and won second place in the River Styx International Poetry Contest.

Susanna Kittredge's collection, The Future Has a Reputation, will be published in 2020. She received a Master of Fine Arts in Poetry from San Francisco State University. Her poems have been published in many print and on-line literary journals including Salamander, Bang Out, 580 Split, Instant City, Parthenon West Review, and 14 Hills.

Dorian Kotsiopoulos has featured at various poetry reading venues. Her work has appeared in literary and medical journals, including Poet Lore, Salamander, Slipstream, New England Journal of Medicine, JAMA, Women's Review of Books, and Main Street Rag.

Poet, photographer, and generalist Jim LaFond-Lewis was born seventh in a family of nine siblings. He spent the first 30 years of his working life as a restaurateur, and subsequently, after a brief foray into journalism, earns his living as a candy manufacturer. The Year There Were No Apples is his first published volume.

Jennifer Markell's poetry collection, Samsara, was published in 2014. Samsara was named a "Must Read Book of Poetry" for 2015 by the Massachusetts Book Awards. Her work has appeared in Consequence, The Hawaii Pacific Review, Rhino, and The Women's Review of Books.

Alan Smith Soto was born in San José, Costa Rica, and lived in Madrid for many years. He has published two books of poems, Fragmentos de alcancía (Treasure Jar Fragments) and Libro del lago (Pond poems) and read his poetry in various cities on several continents. He is professor of Spanish literature at Boston University.

Sandra Storey is the author of the collection, Every State Has Its Own Light, a finalist for the May Swenson Poetry Award. She leads community workshops where a different poetic idea, sometimes suggested the week before by people in the workshop, is the focus each session.

Gary Whited's manuscript, Having Listened, winner of the Homebound Publications 2013 Poetry Contest, was published by Homebound that year. He is a poet, philosopher and psychotherapist who grew up on the plains of eastern Montana.

## FAIRY HOUSE BUILDING



Four-year-old Leo Infranca and his dad, John, of Jamaica Plain work on their creation at the annual Fairy House Building event held April 18 by the Boston Parks and Recreation Department at Schoolmaster Hill in Franklin Park. Children were provided with natural materials and encouraged to make homes for magical woodland creatures at the whimsical family event.



Chloe Weihing, 9, of Jamaica Plain checks out a wood shelter built to fuel the imaginations of the youngsters who attended the Boston Parks and Recreation Department's Fairy House Building event at Franklin Park on April 18.



Jamaica Plain youngsters Amelia Madden, 1, and Thea Brooks, 2, are joined by their friend Sean Thimas, 7, (left) at the April 18 Fairy House Building event hosted by the Boston Parks and Recreation Department at Schoolmaster Hill in Franklin Park.

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# Jamaica Plain opens its doors for the first annual Green Living tour May 19

The first annual Jamaica Plain Green Living tour will be held across Jamaica Plain on Sunday, May 19, from 2 to 4 p.m. This free walking tour, sponsored by Mothers Out Front-JP, will showcase a range of different green features at a dozen or so homes and businesses – including air source heat pumps and geothermal systems for heating/cooling, solar panels, induction stoves, electric cars and bikes, backyard chick-

ens, beekeeping, and composting options.

In addition to talking with neighbors about their transition to green living, wander around a mini-showcase of various models of electric vehicle (EV) and electric bike, with their owners available to answer your questions. Explore the Old Oak Dojo, certified by the Living Building Challenge, the world's most rigorous building standard. Pick up a bag of coffee

grounds for your own compost at JP Licks, and collect a free JP Licks coffee coupon at a few select locations. In addition, raffle tickets for a single-burner induction cooktop, donated by Monroe Heyman, green Realtor, will be available at all sites.

Almost all the tour sites are clustered along the South/Centre Street corridor (extending down to Lamartine Street) between the Monument and Hyde/Jackson

Squares. An interactive online map can be found at: [https://ma.mothersoutfront.org/jp\\_green\\_living\\_tour\\_2019](https://ma.mothersoutfront.org/jp_green_living_tour_2019). Printed maps will be available in May at several locations, including 12 St. John Street, J.P. Licks, and Allandale Farm.

"I am deeply concerned about climate change and needed practical solutions. This tour helps you make green solution a part of your everyday life." – Mary Lewis-Pierce, MOF team member

About Mothers Out Front  
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# Parks Department announces Jamaica Plain Tree removal hearing

In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 87, the Boston Parks and Recreation Department will hold a public hearing on Thursday, May 2, at 10:30 a.m. on a request to remove one public shade tree in Jamaica Plain.

the City of Boston's Tree Warden (or designee) in the 3rd floor Conference Room of the Boston Parks and Recreation Department at 1010 Massachusetts Avenue, Roxbury.

The request is for the removal of one little leaf linden tree measuring 24 inches dbh (diameter at

breast height) due to construction of a single family home at 74 Tower Street.

Public testimony will be taken at the hearing, or may be provided prior to the hearing in writing to

the Tree Warden, Boston Parks and Recreation Department, 1010 Massachusetts Avenue, 3rd floor, Roxbury, MA 02118 or by emailing parks@boston.gov with "Jamaica Plain Tree Hearing" in

the subject line.

A final decision regarding the request will be made within two weeks of the hearing. For further information, please contact the Tree Warden at (617) 635-7275.

## Shattuck

*Continued from page 1*

The vision laid out in the RFI also includes supportive housing, which many believed would be part of the bargain.

"This vision includes redeveloping the Campus into a community-integrated setting that would provide a continuum of behavioral health and health care services, a minimum of 75-100 units of supportive housing and other complementary services," it read.

Services outlined in the RFI

include:

- Ambulatory behavioral health services, including urgent psychiatric care services
- Limited health service clinics or outpatient medical services
- Substance use and co-occurring disorder treatment and recovery services, including inpatient, residential and outpatient services
- Supportive housing or emergency shelter
- Job training or workforce development
- Pharmacy services
- Outreach, navigation, and education services for people with

behavioral health needs

- Case management and other wrap-around services.

The RFI also stipulated that long-range planning for the Shattuck has included Boston's plan for a Recovery Campus on Long Island, saying that they are looking at how the new use of the Shattuck could complement Long Island.

Responses to the RFI must be returned by May 17.

## Jamaica Plain Food Pantry list hours

Jamaica Plain Food Pantry will be open, Thursday, May 2 from 11:00AM-Noon. 6 Eliot Street at First Church. The pantry serves people of all ages, races and circumstances. No ID needed. No questions asked. All are welcome. Serving canned and boxed goods, fresh bread, produce and personal products.

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**JP Kids**  
Special Section

# Montessori Early Childhood Center set to open soon in JP

Adventures in Montessori Early Childhood Center is opening soon in Jamaica Plain.

The beautifully built center, located at 65 Rockwood St. on the South Brookline-Jamaica Plain line, has been created for



The Infant Room at the school is welcoming and open for children ages 3 months to 12/15 months.

the communities of Jamaica Plain, Brookline, Roslindale, Newton, and other neighborhoods of Boston, according to Professor Theodora Koziol, creative consultant, and her extraordinary professional team who designed and put the school together.

The single-story center, built in a bucolic setting, is designed for children, ages three months to six years old.

Koziol said the school's curriculum, "in true Montessori philosophy" is: respect yourself, respect others, and especially respect our environment.

She added that other features of the school's curriculum will be "save the environment, the study of the wild species in the ocean and



Loads of natural light pour into the main Primary Room at the school. The Primary classes are for ages 2 years 9 months to 6 years.

on earth, and recycling."

There will also be a fine arts program and lessons in tap dancing and musical instruments. The school will be trilingual with classes in English, Mandarin, and French.

The center will be open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. and classrooms will be divided among different groups: infant, transitional infant toddler, toddler, primary, and transitional toddler primary.

Professor Koziol said a professional and nurturing staff will comprise the faculty. The director of the school will be Francesca Ephraim, a very accomplished and professional educator.

The school has scheduled open houses over the next few weeks. On Saturday, April 27, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., there will be activities for the families and children: face painting and balloon twisting.

"We welcome families from all our neighboring communities and hope they'll attend our open houses," said Professor Koziol.



An expansive outdoor play facility has access directly from the school and allows children to get fresh air in a peaceful outdoor environment.

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**LORING GREENOUGH HOUSE EGG HUNT AND SPRING CELEBRATION**

The Loring Greenough House held its Annual Egg Hunt and Spring Celebration on Sunday, April 14. Children of all ages hopped throughout the lawn, played with toys donated by Boing!, and enjoyed ice cream donated by J.P. Licks.



Photos by Mike Mejia Nevaeh, 5, and Sarai, 7, displaying their bunny ears.



Amanda Lomax, of the Loring Greenough House, serving ice cream to attendees.



Sydney with her son, Desmond, decorating eggs at the Eliot School before the egg hunt.



Milla Paumo and her daughter, Maia.



Faith, a volunteer for the Loring Greenough House, reads with 3-year-old Iker Gael.



Brittney, Greg, and their son, Gavin, having lunch on the lawn.



Aylin Kentkur and her son, Devin, drawing with chalk in the Loring Greenough House parking lot.

## Open House

Saturday, April 27, 2019 10:00am-2:00pm

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**INVITATION FOR SEALED BIDS FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF THE FOLLOWING SERVICES:**

NIGHTLY CLEANING OF THE MAIN OFFICE of the Boston Centers for Youth & Families (BCYF). The term of the contract shall be for 2 (two) fiscal years starting July 1, 2019 ending June 30, 2021

The City of Boston (the City), acting by the Commissioner of the Boston Centers for Youth & Families, hereinafter referred to as the Official, invites sealed bids for the performance of the work generally described above, and particularly set forth in the Invitation for Bids. The bid documents will be accessible online from Monday, April 29, 2019 through Monday, May 13, 2019 by visiting the City of Boston Public Procurement website at the following link <http://www.cityofboston.gov/procurement/> and accessing the event ID # EV00006699, or call Varnie Jules, Finance Unit Manager @ 617-635-4920 x 2149.

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

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

A bid deposit in the form of a bid bond issued for 10% (ten per cent) of the total bid amount shall be required from the winning bidder.

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

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

William Morales  
Commissioner

**CITY OF BOSTON/COUNTY OF SUFFOLK  
BOSTON CENTERS FOR YOUTH & FAMILIES (BCYF)**

**INVITATION FOR SEALED BIDS FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF THE FOLLOWING SERVICES:**

MAINTENANCE OF MATS, DRY MOPS, AND WET MOPS for the free-standing swimming pools and the Community Center sites of the Boston Centers for Youth & Families (BCYF). The term of the contract shall be for 2 (two) fiscal years starting July 1, 2019 ending June 30, 2021

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William Morales  
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# JHA holds hearings on Rockwood Terrace projects

By LAUREN BENNETT

The Jamaica Hills Association (JHA) met for their monthly meeting on April 10. JHA member Celeste Walker told the Gazette in an email that the proposed house at 1 Rockwood Terrace was the main point of discussion. She said that neighbors and abutters in attendance were concerned with the large size and the design of the house. The property site is mostly ledge, Walker said, which means drilling might be needed. She said that neighbors were worried about the effect of this on neighboring houses, as well as possible water

run-off issues.

Walker said that the JHA board did not vote, but rather asked the builder to come back with a different plan that addresses these concerns. She also said that this went before the Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council Zoning Committee, where they committee asked the builder not to appear before the Zoning Board of Appeals until the concerns were addressed.

Walker called this proposal “a continuing story,” saying “JHA zoning met with everyone again [Monday night] and we are waiting to see what they will do.”

Additionally, she said that the

JHA board voted to send a letter to the BPDA regarding the 12 unit development at 98 Rockwood. The builders say they can build 12 units in 6 buildings as of right in a Conservation Protection Subdistrict, Walker said, and “the letter will reflect our approval that the buildings will be set back 170’ from Rockwood and our outline of the small project site review principles that we expect the BDPA to follow.” She added that vehicular access to the property is “still undetermined,” as they do not know whether it will be on Rockwood in JP or on Avon St. in Brookline.

## Programas

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agosto incluirá ballet, otros estilos de baile, arte y teatro, así como actividades de campamento típicas. Semanas temáticas divertidas, como la de Princesas y Príncipes, atraerán a los bailarines más pequeños. El campamento de días 9 - 3 de lunes a viernes y cuesta \$325 por semana. Los descuentos se ofrecen con varias semanas y el registro de hermanos.

Además, el centro ofrecerá clases de ballet de verano para niños de 3 a 18 años. Las clases de una hora se reúnen todos los martes del 16 de julio al 27 de agosto y cuestan \$17.

Niños mayores tendrán la oportu-

nidad de ayudar a los instructores a enseñar las clases como una forma de desarrollar habilidades de liderazgo, perfeccionar sus técnicas y obtener créditos para clases adicionales.

“El programa de mentores permite que nuestros bailarines adolescentes de 12 años o más sigan obteniendo entrenamiento en danza mediante la repetición de la técnica del instructor para mostrar a los estudiantes más jóvenes del campamento”, dijo el Gerente de Operaciones del Centro, Dustin Rennells. “Lo hacemos durante todo el año en nuestras clases, pero es especialmente necesario durante el campamento cuando muchos niños nunca han bailado”.

El Centro también colabora con organizaciones de servicios sociales para ayudar a los padres

que no pueden cumplir con la inversión financiera requerida.

Según su sitio web, la misión del Tony Williams Dance Center es “proporcionar instrucción de danza de calidad a una comunidad urbana diversa”. Creado por Tony Williams, un nativo de JP y bailarín principal del Boston Ballet, es responsable de la tremendamente exitosa producción anual de Urban Nutcracker, que combina el baile callejero de alta energía con el clásico ballet navideño de Tchaikovsky.

Se alienta a los padres a inscribir a sus hijos lo antes posible para obtener un espacio en la programación de verano en el centro.

Para obtener más información sobre la programación de verano en el Tony Williams Dance Center, visite [tonywilliamsdancecenter.com/summer/](http://tonywilliamsdancecenter.com/summer/).

## Dance

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with classes as a way to develop leadership skills, hone their techniques and earn credits toward additional classes.

“The mentorship program allows our teen dancers aged 12+ to continue gaining dance training through repetition of the instructor’s technique to show to the younger camp students,” said the Center’s Operations Manager

Dustin Rennells. “We do this year-round in our classes, but it’s especially necessary during camp when many students have never taken dance before.”

The Center also works with social services organizations to help assist parents who cannot meet the financial investment required.

According to its website, the mission of Tony Williams Dance Center is to “provide quality dance instruction to a diverse urban community.” Founded by Tony Williams, a JP native

and former lead dancer with the Boston Ballet, it is responsible for the wildly successful annual production of Urban Nutcracker, which blends high-energy street dance with Tchaikovsky’s classic holiday ballet.

Parents are encouraged to enroll their children early for summer programming at the Center.

For more information about the summer programming at Tony Williams Dance Center, visit [tonywilliamsdancecenter.com/summer/](http://tonywilliamsdancecenter.com/summer/).

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# JP Agenda

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## Meetings

**Stonybrook Neighborhood Association.** next meeting is Monday, May 13, 7-9pm, back room of Doyle's, 3484 Washington St. More/latest info: www.sna-jp.org

### Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council

The Public Service Committee of the Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 7 at 7:00pm at Curtis Hall, 20 South Street. On the agenda will be a petition of Blue Nile Restaurant at 389 Centre Street for a change in their 7-day Common Victualler (Restaurant) Beer & Wine License to serve Beer, Wine and Liqueurs.

Also on the agenda will be a continued discussion on bicycle safety, including protected bicycle lanes.

All interested residents are invited to attend.

**The Zoning Committee's next regularly-scheduled meeting** will be May 1 at Farnsworth House. The agenda for that meeting will include 67 Forest Hills Street (construct a new three-family house per plans.); 21 Rocky Nook Terrace (erect a new single-family house on a newly subdivided lot, per plans); 32 Rockview Street (add 3500 square foot addition to existing three-family residence, creating a four-family residence); and the return of 197-201 Green Street (consolidate parcels to create one new lot. Raze existing structure and erect a four-story mixed use building with twenty-three (23) residential units, one retail space, and six (6) off-street parking spaces). The Committee's next upcoming meetings will be May 15th and June 5th.

**The Jamaica Pond Association** The May 6 meeting will be held 111 Perkins St. at the Jamaica Way Tower. All are welcome; there is no cost to attend.

**Police Community Relations Meeting** will take place on Thursday, May 2 at 6:30 pm at Curtis Hall, 20 South Street. Commanders from Boston Police Area E, MBTA Police and State Police will deal with all issues of public safety raised

by the community. All interested residents are invited to attend.

**The Egleston Square Neighborhood Association** will meet on Monday, May 6 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. The meeting is in the YMCA Building at 3134 Washington St. Agenda to be determined.

**JP Problem Properties Committee,** first Wednesday of the month, 10:30 am, E-13 Police Station Community Room, 3347 Washington St. Info: Liana Poston, 722-2060.

## Youth/Families

• **19th Annual Curley K8 Plant Sale** On Saturday, May 4 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the parking lot across from the school (490 Centre St.) the Curley K8 brings a pop up nursery to Jamaica Plain. There will be a great selection of annuals, herbs and vegetables plus a fabulous bake sale and activities for the kids. Come early, last year we sold out! Proceeds support arts and enrichment programs at the school.

### • MOTHERS OUT FRONT

Mothers Out Front will be holding Jamaica Plain Green Living Tour on May 19, 2019 2-4 p.m. Why: Wondering what a heat pump is? Looking for a food garden or composting tips? Intrigued by electric cars and solar panels? Check out all of these and more at the Jamaica Plain Green Living Tour! Come see what your neighbors are doing to Go Green on this self-guided walking tour of Jamaica Plain homes and other sites. Maps available at [https://ma.mothersoutfront.org/jp\\_green\\_living\\_tour\\_2019](https://ma.mothersoutfront.org/jp_green_living_tour_2019)

### BLESSED MOTHER BREAKFAST BUFFETT

Our Lady of the Cedars Blessed Mother Breakfast Buffet will be held on Sunday May 5 at 12:30 p.m. at the Cushing Center that is located at 65 Rockwood Street, Jamaica Plain. The event is hosted by Joanne Carter. There will be breakfast buffet, raffles, prizes and surprises. Donations are \$25 per adult and \$15 per child.

### • BIKE WEEK FESTIVAL

JP Bike Week Festival—Seven days of bike rides, kids events, training and more! May 12 through 19. See complete schedule at [ferriswheelsbikeshop.com](http://ferriswheelsbikeshop.com). Call Ferris Wheels Bike Shop for information 617-524-2453.

**Ninth annual Ferris Wheels Bike Shop free bike movie nights!** Free movies at Curtis

Hall Community Center (first floor), 20 South St., Jamaica Plain. Movies start at 6:30 p.m. on May 3 and May 17. Free popcorn and juice and soda. For information, contact Ferris Wheels Bike Shop, 66 South Street, 617-524-BIKE.

**2019 Kite & Bike Festival** on Saturday, May 18 from 11AM-4PM (Rain date: Sunday, May 19 from 1PM- 5PM) Playstead Franklin Park, 25 Pierpont Road 2019 festival highlights include: kite-making, games and activities led by Playworks and Appalachian Mountain Club's OutdoorsRX, biking in Boston - organizations & resources, food vendors, face-painting, music, performances & MUCH MORE! Visit <https://www.franklinpark-coalition.org/kitefest>.

**Jamaica Plain Community Softball League** Seeks a team or players to form a team. Adult, co-ed, slo-pitch in Franklin Park. Games at 6 p.m. weekdays from mid April thru August. Email [jamaicainsoftball@gmail.com](mailto:jamaicainsoftball@gmail.com) for more information or to inquire about signing up

**The Roberto Clemente 21 Sports program** is now accepting applications (boys and girls ages 6-16). Location: The Hennigan Community Center, 200 Heath St., Jamaica Plain. Info: 617-828-9524 or [alliriano@yahoo.com](mailto:alliriano@yahoo.com).

**Healthy Kids Running Series (HKRS)** is a series of races and competitions held on consecutive Sunday afternoons in the fall and spring for kids ages 3 - 8th grade, and it is a really great way for kids to experience fun competition, enjoy the outdoors and get in some activity on a (hopefully) nice weekend afternoon. They are currently looking for sponsors for the fall season! If your business would like to learn more or has any interest in being a sponsor, please feel free to contact Adam at [amarks555@yahoo.com](mailto:amarks555@yahoo.com) or 610-999-5937.

**Spanish-English Language Exchange** / Intercambio de Idiomas en Inglés y Español, Saturdays / sábados, 12 – 1:45 p.m. Connolly Branch Library.

**Support Group for Young Parents,** a program of Jewish Family and Children's Services, open to all faiths, for parents with children from birth to one-year, registration not required. Thursdays, 10:30am-noon. Info: 781-647- 5327/[info@jfcbsboston.org](mailto:info@jfcbsboston.org).

**Tiny Tots World Music and**

**Movement,** music classes for kids age 2-5 by Helder Tsinine, Mondays 11-11:45am; Saturdays, 10-10:45am, \$17 per class or \$90 for 6 weeks, Egleston YMCA, 3134 Washington St. Info: [htsinine@gmail.com](mailto:htsinine@gmail.com).

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

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

## Health/Fitness

**parkrun is a grassroots, community running event,** run by volunteers for the local running and walking community. We hold free timed 5k events every week. Everyone is invited to run, jog or walk for 5k (two laps around the pond). We are very proud to be the first parkrun in Boston, MA. It's been a very successful initiative for getting people of all ages outside to exercise, and to meet members of their local community. We meet on Saturdays at 8:45 a.m. at the top of the Sugarbowl. Run starts at 9:00am. All welcome, all ages, all abilities.

**Yoga, meditation and stress reduction classes** at the Mind-Body Center (SJPHC-HPC) @ 10 Green Street. Low cost or free, in English and Spanish. For more information call 983-4226. Fitness Walk, Saturdays, 8-9 am, Franklin Park Golf Club-house parking lot. Info: [alison.g.m.brown@gmail.com](mailto:alison.g.m.brown@gmail.com).

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

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

## Seniors

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

Monthly Memory Café. March 25, 10:30-noon. Conversation and activities. Anyone requiring special assistance should be accompanied by a caregiver.

**JP Jubilee "Joyful Singing"** JP Jubilee is a class for all seniors who want to learn new songs and musical skills, make friends, promote good health and perform for the community. Meets Friday mornings 10:30 - noon through May 10.

Class is held at the JP Branch of the Boston Public Library, 30 South Street, Jamaica Plain (617) 524-2053

Wheelchair accessible.

Instructor: Elizabeth Anker, singer and voice teacher

No registration, audition or experience required..

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

**ABCD Good Life Healthy Living Club,** monthly wellness sessions, for adults 50+, Wednesdays, 10am. My Life, My Health, class for adults 50+ with chronic health conditions, weekly classes, Thursdays, 2pm. Computer classes for adults 50 and older, Mondays, 3pm. 30 Bickford St. Info: 522-4251.

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

**Ethos workshops for healthy aging,** Chronic disease management Tuesdays, 10am, SJPHC, 640 Centre St., powerful tools, Wednesdays, 4:30pm Ethos, 555 Amory St. Info: [ethoscare.org](http://ethoscare.org).

**Diabetes Self-Management Program,** Hyde Park Community Center, 1179 River St., Wednesdays 9:30am-noon. Info: Ann Glora at 477-6616.

Crossroads Café, free lunch and social event for seniors and their guests, often featuring live music and educational presentations. Food made with local produce and other healthy ingredients. Bread, produce, milk, and leftovers to take home as available. Saturdays, First Baptist Church, 633 Centre St., 12:00-2pm. Info: 524-3992/[www.firstbaptistjp.org](http://www.firstbaptistjp.org).

## Volunteers

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# Sights & Sounds

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## Special events

**JP Centre/South Main Streets is planning our next Community CleanUp** on Saturday, April 27, 2019, from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. We need volunteers to help us plant flowers at the South Street Tennis Courts, and then clean along Centre and South Streets. Tools and gloves will be provided, but we welcome you to bring your own. (RAIN DATE IS APRIL 28.)

**The Annual Jamaica Plain Love Your Block/Spring Clean-Up** will be on Saturday, May 4 from 9:00am to 1:00pm. Tools will be available at 8:30am at Curtis Hall or 9:00am at Mozart Park. All interested residents who want to organize a local clean-up should sign up in advance with Enrique Pepen at [www.boston.gov/2019-love-your-block-spring-cleanup](http://www.boston.gov/2019-love-your-block-spring-cleanup) or at (617) 635-2185.

## Arts, music, and culture

**Jamaica Plain abstract landscape artist** Ruth LaGue announces her upcoming participation in ArtWeek MA. LaGue will be giving two separate talks during ArtWeek MA that takes place through May 5. More about ArtWeek MA at <http://www.artweekma.org>. On Thursday May 2 at 6:30 p.m., LaGue will give her presentation on "Art and Meditation" located at the BNN Media

Center at 3025 Washington Street, Egleston Square, Boston, MA 02119, On Saturday May 4th at 10am, LaGue will be giving an artist talk on her palette knife painting techniques at the Jamaica Plain Library located at 30 South Street, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130. This talk will be followed by a full exhibit at the JP library available through June.

All events are free and open to the public. More info at LaGue's Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Laguewax/>

**Jamaica Plain photographer** Robin Radin and Woods Hole artist Jon Goldman are currently exhibiting their work at The Boston Convention and Exhibition Center in the second floor Northwest lobby gallery. The BCEC is located at 415 Summer Street in Boston. The exhibit will run through May 27, 2019.

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**The Haven**, HOOTENANNY - JP's OPEN MIC EVERY WEDNESDAY, hosted by Tom Dowd. Sign up is 9.30pm and we have prizes every Wednesday for the most interesting acts.

**Midway Café**, All shows 21+, doors 8pm, 3496 Washington St, 524-9038. Thursdays are Queeraoke lesbian night; Fridays 6-8:30pm are Hippie Hour, free; Sundays 9pm-2am are open mic.

April/May 2019  
Saturday 4/27 (Day Show): Peach Fuzz, Youth & Canvas, Rivers & Plains, Medical Maps  
Sunday 4/27 (Night Show): Rawkstars Inc. Benefit Day 1 featuring Swarm of Eyes, Oxblood Forge, Disco Rice, Wrought Iron Hex

Sunday 4/28 (Day Show): Rawkstars Inc. Benefit Day 2 featuring Maiden New England, PanzerBastard, Arctic Horror, Cortez, and Scott Hel-land Guitarmy of One-ness  
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Wednesday 5/1: Toluca Lake, Mint Green, Scarlet Rose, Sean Brady Jr.

Friday 5/3 (after Hippie Hour): Poison T, Heavy America, Renegade Cartel, 25 Cent Habit  
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Saturday 5/4 (Night Show): The Whammy Bars' 10th Year Birthday Spectacular with special guests Trusty Sidekick!  
Friday 5/10 (after Hippie Hour): Cars Go West, Auguste And Alden, The Phosphorescent Rats  
**Jeanie Johnston Pub**, 144 South St. Open Mic hosted by Tony Bluze, Sundays at 8pm. More events at [jeaniejohnstonpub.com](http://jeaniejohnstonpub.com).

**Bella Luna & The Milky Way Weekly events** include; NOLA Sundays every Sunday at 5pm with a live brass band. Stump Trivia every Monday 7pm-9pm, 50% of wings. Taco Tuesday, Teacher Tuesdays plus Dirty Water Saloon Line Dancing for queer folks and allies at 7PM. Live music every Wednesday from at 6:30 - 8:30 pm. Throwback Thursday with

DJ J-Wall 6-8 p.m. Visit [www.milkywayjp.com](http://www.milkywayjp.com) for more late night events every Thu-Sat.

Old time music, Southern/roots music, second and fourth Wednesdays, 7.30pm, back room at Doyle's Cafe, 3484 Washington St. Info: [peggyconant@gmail.com](mailto:peggyconant@gmail.com).

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

## Dance and comedy

**Gender-Free/English Country Dance**, beginners welcome and encouraged. 2nd and 4th Tuesdays (5th Tuesdays: experienced) of the month, 7:30-11:30pm, First Church, 6 Eliot St. Info: [www.lcfd.org/bgfe/512-5554](http://www.lcfd.org/bgfe/512-5554).

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

## Libraries

**Egleston Square Branch Library**, 2044 Columbus Ave. Free Drop-In Homework Help Mondays-Thursdays, 3:30-5:30pm

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

**Jamaica Plain Branch Library** Boston Mosaic--Interactive family-friendly performance featuring exciting music, opportunity to meet musicians and a chance to try playing an instrument yourself. Saturday, April 27, at noon

May 2, 6 p.m., "Imprisoning a Generation", documentary re four young Palestinians detained and imprisoned in Israel. Q and A with Nidal Al-Azraq from 1for3.org.

May 3, 9 a.m. Ruth LaGue exhibit up in library, Gallery, Lower Level. Exhibit up through June 30.

May 4, 10 a.m., Artist Ruth LaGue will give a talk on her palette knife painting techniques.

May 9, 5:30 p.m. Art opening for Ruth LaGue exhibit  
May 10-11. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friends of the JP Branch Library Annual Book Sale. Thousands of titles! Bargain prices! Books and dvds for all ages!

Jamaica Plain Branch Library, 30 South Street, 617-524-2053  
**Connolly Branch Library** 433 Centre St., 522-1960, [www.bpl.org](http://www.bpl.org).

## Tours/talks/workshops

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

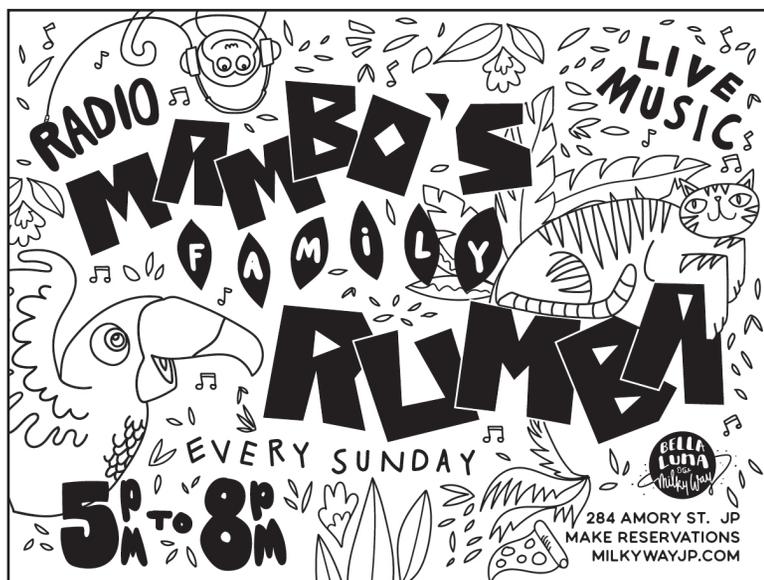
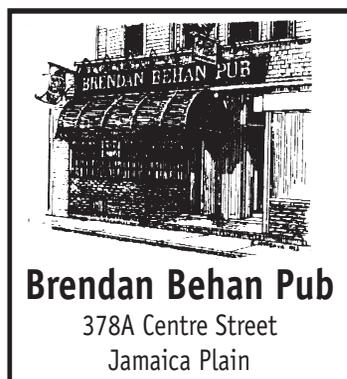
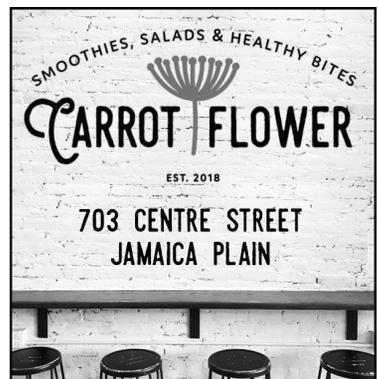
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**Shim Gum Do (Mind Sword Path)**, zen sword, karate and meditation classes, scholarships available, Spontaneous Celebrations, 45 Danforth St. Info: 429-8024/[mushimgum@gmail.com](mailto:mushimgum@gmail.com). Meet-Ups

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

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

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

# INVITACIÓN

Plazo para la sección de eventos: martes, 7 mayo para la edición de 10 mayo. Mande eventos a [reporter@jamaicaplainingazette.com](mailto:reporter@jamaicaplainingazette.com). Los números telefónicos que siguen empiezan con 617.

## Reuniones

**Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council**, 7 mayo, 7pm, Curtis Hall, 20 South Street. Agenda: Blue Nile, 389 Centre Street; discusión sobre la seguridad de ciclistas.

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

**The Jamaica Pond Association**, 6 mayo, 111 Perkins Street, Jamaica Way Tower.

**Reunión de la policía y la comunidad**, el primer jueves de cada mes. 6.30 pm at Curtis Hall, 20 South Street. Con representantes de la Policía de Boston.

**Egleston Square Neighborhood Association**, lunes, 6 mayo, 6.30pm - 8.30pm. YMCA Building at 3134 Washington St.

**Comité de casas abandonadas en JP**, primer miércoles del mes, 10.30, en la comisaría del distrito E-13, salón comunitario, 3347 Washington St. Liana Poston, 722-2060.

## Noticias publicas

**Programa de comida comunitaria**, comidas gratuitas, con opciones veganas. Comida casera sana. Cena cada miércoles, 6.30pm. Almuerzo, Crossroads Café cada sábado, 12pm. 524-3992, [Churchoffice@firstbaptistjp.org](mailto:Churchoffice@firstbaptistjp.org)

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**Buscamos a pequeños empresarios** para nuevo programa de tutoría, para ofrecer una red de interconexión para pequeños empresarios. Con oportunidades de hacer conexiones con asociaciones de negocios. Con Renee Wong, una consultante económica de JP. Renee Wong: [w.renee@gmail.com](mailto:w.renee@gmail.com). Ginger Brown: [directorjpcsms@gmail.com](mailto:directorjpcsms@gmail.com).

**Línea de quejas sobre el ruido del aeropuerto**, línea de quejas de Massport sobre el ruido, abierta 6am to 6pm. Llame cuando le molesta el ruido de aviones de la pista 27 de Logan: 561-3333. Los Congresistas Mike Capuano (621-6208) y Steven Lynch (428-2000) también quiere que la gente llame sobre ruido de aviones.

**La eliminación de agujas**, Las agujas/jeringas no se pueden tirar en la basura normal de la casa. Lugar para depositar: AIDS Action Committee, 75 Amory St. Programa de intercambio de agujas para los usuarios de drogas inyectables disponible en AHOPE Boston en 534-3963. Si ha encontrado una aguja en un área público, llame a la línea directa del alcalde: 635-4500.

**Compostaje comunal**, sábados, 10am-2pm, mercado de agricultores de Egleston Square, 45 Brookside Ave. [greenovateboston.gov](http://greenovateboston.gov).

**Spotheoles**, herramienta para reportar hoyos, 635-4500, con la aplicación móvil Citizens

Connect, [cityofboston.gov/mayor/24](http://cityofboston.gov/mayor/24), y usando #spotholes en twitter.

## Jóvenes/familias

**Venta de plantas anual de Curley K8**, 4 mayo, 10am-2pm, 490 Centre Street, con plantas, hierbas y vegetales, productos horneados y actividades para niños.

**Tour guiado de vivienda ecológica**, presentada por Mothers Out Front, 19 mayo, 2-4pm. Información: [ma.mothersoutfront.org](http://ma.mothersoutfront.org).

**Festival de Bicis**, 12 a 19 mayo, [ferriswheelsbikeshop.com](http://ferriswheelsbikeshop.com).

**Desayuno del Día de la Madre**, domingo, 5 mayo, 12.30pm, Cushing Center, 65 Rockwood Street. Presentado por Joanne Carter. Donación de \$25 / \$15.

**Noches de película gratuitas**, presentada por Ferris Wheels. Curtis Hall Community Center, 20 South St. 6.30 pm 3 mayo, 17 mayo. Con palomitas de maíz. 524-BIKE.

**Festival de Bicicletas y Cometas**, sábado, 18 mayo, 11am-4pm. Fecha de lluvia: domingo, 19 mayo, 1pm-5pm. Playstead Franklin Park, 25 Pierpont Road. [franklinparkcoalition.org/kitefest](http://franklinparkcoalition.org/kitefest).

**Clases de música y movimiento** para niños edades 2-5, con Helder Tsinine, los lunes, 11 - 11.45 am; los sábados, 10-10.45 am. \$17/clase o \$90/seis semanas, Egleston YMCA, 3134 Washington St. [htsinine@gmail.com](mailto:htsinine@gmail.com).

**Clase de arte para la familia**, accesible a las sillas de ruedas, los martes, 10.30 - 11.30 am, edades 3-5. Los martes, 3.30 - 4.30 pm, 5+. Family Resource Center, 1542 Columbus Ave. 522-1018.

**Programa de Deportes Roberto Clemente** acepta aplicaciones para niños y niñas 6-16. El centro comunitario,

200 Heath St. 828-9524 o [aliriano@yahoo.com](mailto:aliriano@yahoo.com).

**Healthy Kids Running Series (HKRS)** es una serie de carreras y competiciones los domingos para niños del tercero al octavo. Se buscan patrocinadores. Adam: [amarks555@yahoo.com](mailto:amarks555@yahoo.com) / 610-999-5937.

**Intercambio de idioma inglés-español**, sábados, 12-1:45pm, Connolly Branch Library.

**Grupo de apoyo para padres/madres jóvenes**, un programa de Jewish Family and Children's Services, para gente de todas religiones, para padres/madres de niños con menos de un año, no se requiere inscribirse. Los jueves, 10.30am-noon. 781-647-5327, [info@jfc-boston.org](mailto:info@jfc-boston.org).

**Intercambio de idiomas inglés-español**, los sábados, 12-1.45pm. Connolly Branch Library.

**Egleston Square Library**, ayuda con la tarea gratuita, los lunes, martes, miércoles y jueves, durante el año escolar, 3.30-5.30pm, 2044 Columbus Ave, Roxbury.

## Salud/Bienestar físico

**parkrun, evento comunitario de correo**, con eventos de 5 kilómetros cada fin de semana. Todos los sábados, 8.45am, Sugarbowl. Carrera: 9.00am.

Paseo para el bienestar, los sábados, 8-9am, Lote de estacionamiento del club de golf de Franklin Park. [alison.g.m.brown@gmail.com](mailto:alison.g.m.brown@gmail.com).

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

**Care to Care**, un grupo de apoyo para la familia de personas con Alzheimer y otras demencias, segundo miércoles del mes, 6.30-7.30pm. 44 Alandale St. Meredith Griffiths:

522-0043, [mgriffiths@springhouseboston.org](mailto:mgriffiths@springhouseboston.org).

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

## Adultos Mayores

**JP Jubilee**, clase de canto para los mayores de edad, los viernes 10.30 am - 12 pm, biblioteca de JP, 30 South Street, con la instructora Elizabeth Anker. 524-2053.

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

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

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

**Talleres de Ethos para el envejecimiento sano**, el mantenimiento de las enfermedades crónicas los martes, 10am, SJPHC, 640 Centre St., herramientas poderosas los miércoles, 4.30pm, 555 Amory St. [ethoscare.org](http://ethoscare.org).

**Programa de auto-mantenimiento de diabetes**, 1179 River St., los miércoles, 9.30am-12. Ann Glora, 477-6616.

**Crossroads Café**, almuerzo gratis y evento social para ancianos y sus invitados, con música en vivo y presentaciones educacionales. Comida de ingredientes locales.



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## REGAN YOUTH LEAGUE CELEBRATES ITS 50TH OPENING DAY

The Regan Youth League celebrated its 50th Opening Day with a parade down Centre Street on Saturday, April 20. The Regan Youth League, founded in 1959, is a baseball and softball league in Jamaica Plain. Coaches, friends and family joined the athletes in the parade as they made their way to Daisy Field.



Coach Noah Snyder with his son, Simeon.



Members of the Mike's Fitness team Quentin, Sam, and Wyatt.

Photos by Mike Mejia  
Members of the Regan family - Tom, Tim, Peter, and Joe holding a banner in celebration of the 50th annual Opening Day ceremonies on Saturday, April 20, on Daisy Field.



Former Regan League presidents Steve Glickel and Gwen Friend.



Members of the Jamaica Plain Auto Body team walk in the Regan League Opening Day parade on April 20.



Back row, former Regan League presidents Harry Smith, Mike Frank, and Steve Glickel. Front row, current Regan League President Jodi Sugerman-Brozan, and former President Gwen Friend.



Regan Youth League coaches Jesse Abair and Hamilton Ray.

### Gazette Pet of the Week

by Sarah Carroll



#### DAMON

Looking for a great ball player? Look no further than Damon! No, not the former Red Sox outfielder Johnny Damon. This Damon prefers tennis balls to baseballs. He is a big, STRONG, energetic boy who loves to play and cuddle! While at the shelter, Damon has been practicing his sits and downs, but he does still like to pull. To help him keep learning doggie manners, Beginner's Obedience courses are been included in his adoption fee. Given his rollicking play style, his family could include older, sturdy kids, but not really little ones who he might knock over. He might be able to live with another dog if they met first and got along. Does Damon sound like the perfect addition to your family? Stock up on the tennis balls and get on over here to meet him!



For more information about Meow and other animals in need of adoption, please contact:



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Never mind the rain, the JP Regan Youth League teams and coaches sing the National Anthem.

# YMCA kicks-off summer learning, movement programs and activities

On Saturday, April 27, the Huntington Ave YMCA of Greater Boston is hosting a free community event to inspire more kids to keep their minds and bodies active at the YMCA's annual Healthy Kids Day®, a national Y initiative to

improve the health and well-being of kids and families. The event, which is free and aims to awaken summer imagination, will feature; zumba, smoothie bike, bounce house, face painting, music, food, refreshments, photo station and more!

Healthy Kids Day, which is celebrated at more than 1,600 Ys across the country by over 1.2 million participants, works to get more kids moving and learning, creating habits that they continue all summer long. When kids are

out of school, they can face hurdles that prevent them from reaching their full potential. Research shows that without access to out-of-school learning activities, kids fall behind academically – this summer learning loss is more pronounced among students from low-income families. Kids also gain weight twice as fast during summer than the school year. As spring turns to summer, Healthy Kids Day is a powerful reminder not to let children idle away their summer days. Instead, the Y wants families to focus on “charging” kids up with enthusiasm for themselves and their potential.

“In the summer, we fill an enormous need for families,” said James Morton, the YMCA of Greater Boston’s President and CEO. “We are here for them on many levels with summer camps, child care, and programs that keep kids engaged, physically active, supported, and safe. Young people find strong mentors, intellectually stimulating activities, and a fun place to spend their summer days. It’s a winning and healthy combination for families and the community as a whole.”

In celebration of Healthy Kids Day, the Y offers the following tips to help develop healthy habits:

- High Five the Fruits and Veggies – Make sure kids get at least five servings a day, the minimum number nutritionists recommend to maintain healthy childhood development and to keep

kids’ taste buds evolving, have everyone in the family try at least one bite of a new fruit or vegetable at least once a month.

- Foster an Early and Ongoing Passion for Books – Read to - and with - your kids. Help children read at every age and every stage of their development.

- Team Up for Athletic Events – Set a family goal of great health by teaming up for community or charity events like races, walks, fun runs, bike rides, etc.

- Volunteer Together – Find a cause that matters to the kids. Open their eyes to a world beyond themselves and the rich rewards that come from making a difference.

- Make sleep a priority – Doctors recommend 10 to 12 hours of sleep a day for children, ages 5 to 12, and seven to eight hours per night for adults. Sleep plays a critical role in maintaining our healthy immune system, metabolism, mood, memory, learning, and other vital functions.

The Huntington Ave YMCA of Greater Boston Healthy Kids Day takes place at 316 Huntington Ave, from noon to 2 p.m., and features fun, active play and educational activities. All kids deserve the best summer ever, and Delta Airlines is proud to be the national sponsor of Healthy Kids Day, which kicks off a healthy, active and engaged summer for kids throughout the country. For more information, visit <http://ymcaboston.org/healthykids-day>.

## JAMAICA POND GETS STOCKED



Photo courtesy of the Massachusetts Department of Fish and Game Gov. Baker was all smiles when he helped the Massachusetts Department of Fish & Game and MassWildlife stock Jamaica Pond with trout on Thursday morning.

## Public invited to celebrate Executive Director Karla Fleming retiring from the Armenian Nursing and Rehabilitation Center

With enormous appreciation for her service, the Board of Directors of the Armenian Nursing and Rehabilitation Center (ANRC) and Armenian Women’s Welfare Association (AWWA) announces the upcoming retirement of its long-time Executive Director Karla Fleming. Fleming leaves a legacy of great accomplishment after 21 years of steadfast leadership.

The ANRC is an 83-bed non-profit skilled nursing facility located on Moss Hill in Jamaica Plain, sponsored by the 104-year old Armenian Women’s Welfare Association, Inc. The Center serves elderly Armenians and non-Armenians alike by providing the highest quality long-term care as well as outstanding short-term care for residents of all ages who require rehabilitation before returning to their homes.

The ANRC has thrived during Fleming’s tenure even as other nursing homes have closed due to increasing regulation and competition from a wider range of care options for frail elders and their

families. Under her leadership, ANRC is renowned for providing the highest quality, kind and ethical care for all of its residents. Highlights of Fleming’s tenure include:

- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) 5-star rating since inception of rating system; 14 years of deficiency-free annual surveys, a rarity in the industry
- Expanded short-term rehabilitation program
- Led \$3.0M expansion and substantial improvement of physical plant that included expanded rehab suite, dining space, additional elevator, and new power generator
- Obtained grant and other private funding for facility improvements including beauty salon, electric beds, and specialized wheelchairs
- Oversaw facility’s conversion to electronic medical records
- Hired and retained an excellent workforce - low employee turnover and high job satisfaction
- Earned membership in

Partners Healthcare Skilled Nursing Facility Collaborative

- Operated in the black in all of the past 20 years with auditor stating “on all measures of financial performance, ANRC exceeds industry benchmarks”

“The ANRC continues to reflect the traditions and core values that have been embedded since its founding in 1948 by the AWWA” says ANRC Board President Susan Deranian. “We thank Karla Fleming for her exemplary dedication and now look to our next chapter, building on her accomplishments and continuing her tradition of open-minded and skilled leadership.”

The Board of Directors is hosting an Open House to celebrate Karla Fleming’s service on Saturday, May 18, 2019 from Noon – 2 pm at the ANRC, 451 Pond Street, Jamaica Plain, MA. The public is invited to stop by and thank her. There will be light refreshments. Parking is available on site.

A new CEO will be announced in the near future.

## FAMILY GAME NIGHT

Saturday April 27th

**Mass - Board Games - Bring and Share Dinner**

<p><b>When</b> Saturday, April 27 • 4:00 pm - Mass • 5:00 pm - Dinner • 5:30 pm - Games</p> <p><b>What to Bring</b> Games you like to play • Food to share (snack / dessert / main dish) • The whole family; we will play games for all ages</p>	<p><b>Where</b> St Thomas Parish Hall 97 South St. Jamaica Plain MA, 02130</p> <p><b>Volunteer</b> Help needed to • Setup • Clean Up • Assist with Games</p>
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**Play fun games and share a meal while we draw the winner of the raffle!**

**We will be playing games for all ages including card games, board games, kids games, and more. All are welcome!**

Questions? Want to help?  
Contact Alain Kuchta (630-200-4641) [alain.kuchta@gmail.com](mailto:alain.kuchta@gmail.com)

# RAFFLE DRAWING

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## EDITORIAL

# The curse of social media and the internet

In the aftermath of the terrible coordinated attacks by suicide bombers on Easter Sunday in Sri Lanka that killed more than 300 people and wounded about 500 in churches and hotels across the small nation, the Sri Lankan government took the extraordinary step of shutting down social media platforms, including Facebook, YouTube, and Twitter, in order to prevent the dissemination of misinformation that might incite even more bloodshed among its various sectarian groups.

This decade has seen the spread of social media that rightly might be compared to an out-of-control wildfire. What initially was seen as an innocuous manner of sharing information among friend groups -- think of friends sitting around a camp fire telling stories -- has turned into a raging inferno whipped by the winds of greed and hatred that is destroying everything in its path.

Say what you want about the recently released Mueller Report, what is beyond dispute is that it shows that the Russian government used social media through coordinated bot attacks to spread misinformation among large swaths of the American public who utilize these forms of media. In short, the Russians are using social media to undermine our democracy.

The attacker in New Zealand who committed the atrocities in two mosques drew his inspiration from social media postings by right-wing organizations and individuals from around the world and then posted his carnage live online. It was hours before the social media companies were able to take down what he posted, but by then the damage had been done and his carnage had been viewed around the globe.

In some respects, these abuses of online platforms by those who wish to spread fear and disinformation are just the tip of the iceberg of the curse that has become the Internet.

There is no such thing as privacy for anybody, unless you live under the proverbial rock. Everything we do on-line is tracked and establishes a profile that can be used -- and misused -- by those who are keeping track.

The Chinese government is showing firsthand how the Internet can be wielded by a malevolent government (and non-government actors) to control both unfavored opposition groups and individuals.

The Chinese are employing facial recognition software to identify every person in their country -- a monumental task in a nation of a billion or so people -- but it already is being used to keep track of, and suppress, minority religious groups.

The Chinese government also is issuing a "score" for every person in the country -- think of it as a credit score, but taken to the nth degree -- that ultimately will rank every person in the country on a scale of social and economic acceptability, creating a hierarchy that will determine a person's lifelong fate.

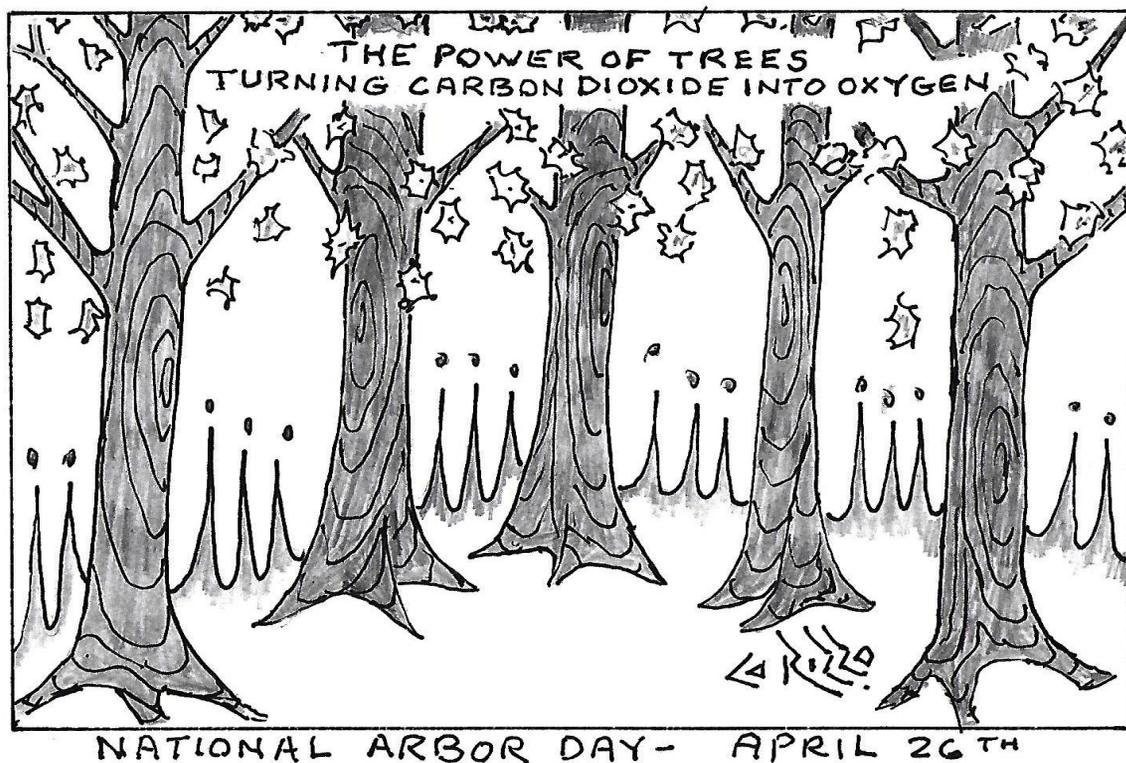
It also is clear that the internet has become the new battlefield among nations and others. Who needs nuclear weapons when a hostile government or terrorist organization or criminal enterprise can disable a nation's energy grid or wreak havoc on the financial system or hold individuals and businesses hostage simply by employing malevolent software?

America's military might -- our trillions of dollars worth of aircraft carriers, stealth bombers, and drones -- is no match for a computer virus or worm that attacks our nation's infrastructure.

George Orwell, in his novel "1984," describes a dystopian future in which the government, symbolized by Big Brother, scrutinizes every human action with the aim of creating conformity among its citizens.

Orwell wrote his novel in 1948. It is ironic -- and incredibly prescient of Orwell -- that the internet as we know it today was beginning to take shape in 1984.

It is clear in 2019 that the world Orwell predicted in 1984 has arrived -- and we fear that things are going to get a lot worse before we figure out how to get this Frankenstein monster under control, if we ever do.



## OP-ED

# It's a Guarantee: High-Quality Pre-K for All

BY MAYOR MARTIN J. WALSH

On April 2nd, we made a promise: in five years, Boston will achieve high-quality Universal Pre-Kindergarten for every four-year-old in the city. In the last five years, we've added 750 pre-K seats that are high-quality, and proven to close the achievement gap. Now, we're going to be investing \$15 million in our new Quality Pre-K Fund, which will close the high-quality gap by adding an additional 750 high-quality seats in Boston Public Schools, and community-based organizations.

Through this commitment, we'll be able to achieve our goal: a high-quality Pre-Kindergarten seat for every 4-year-old in the City in the next five years.

To make Boston a place where everyone can succeed, we need to start at the very beginning. The moment a child is born, they need high-quality resources and a safe place to call home. And when they set foot into the classroom, they need a strong foundation to set them onto the path to success. We must make sure that every single child, from every background and neighborhood, can get a strong start in life.

Access to high quality pre-K should be a guarantee, for every single family in Boston, regardless of income or background.

Boston's approach to pre-K is a national model in early child-

hood education, and we have proven success in closing achievement gaps. It's because we offer some of the most comprehensive and high-quality programs in the country. Our teachers are trained to support students of all cultural backgrounds, they encourage critical and creative thinking, and they put the needs of our students first.

And the lessons children learn don't just stay in the classroom -- they have lasting impacts, all the way from kindergarten to college and beyond.

Every year, we've been working to expand this successful approach with the goal of reaching every single four-year-old in the City.

When I took office, we were facing a gap of 1,500 high-quality seats. Ensuring equal access to high-quality pre-kindergarten became one of our top priorities. We couldn't have done it without the partnership and dedication of educators, partners, organizations, and many more.

One of the first steps we took was creating a UPK Advisory Committee. The Committee gathered input from families, educators, and stakeholders. Their recommendations have been our guiding light in how we've taken steps to expand access to high-quality pre-K.

We've invested in new pre-K seats every single year since 2014, despite constraints on our budget and available classroom space. In our most recent budget for FY19, we designated \$850,000 to devel-

op 80 pre-K seats, together with community partners.

We learned that community-based organizations are central to our UPK strategy. We wanted to make sure we were building something to last and truly serve our communities. And today, we're providing more options for working families, right in their own neighborhoods. Because of our work, over the last six years, our initial gap of 1,500 seats has been cut in half. And now, this new fund will help us close the remaining gap, and achieve Universal high-quality Pre-Kindergarten in the City of Boston.

This isn't just about making enough seats available -- because if that were the case, we could have already achieved Universal Pre-K. This is about ensuring that every single pre-K seat we offer is a high-quality one that closes opportunity and outcome gaps -- and gives all of our children an equal chance at a strong start in life.

Our work isn't done. We're going to continue to develop our programs and pay attention to the needs of our students. We're going to continue to seek partnerships to help us make our programs even better.

Any time we can make an investment in a young person, it's a step forward for our entire city.

And it's an investment worth making.

*Martin J. Walsh is the Mayor of Boston.*

## LETTERS

### Sad state of affairs

Dear Editor:

Recently, I was riding (on my bike) through the area Mayor Walsh once called Recovery Road, but is now better known as Methadone Mile. I was on my way to a 7 p.m. meeting when it struck me how much the Long Island facility for addiction treatment is missed ever since the bridge connecting the island to the mainland was torn down because of safety issues. There's one stretch of road paralleling Melnea Cass, Atkinson Street, that becomes populated at this time of evening with homeless, mostly addicts, mostly young to middle-aged men and women, working deals, nodding out, walking or riding aimlessly on bikes they must have "borrowed" waiting for admission to the shelter on that street, one that was built hastily to accommodate some of the folks who had been displaced when Long Island closed. The scene is not unlike something you would see in a film documenting the despair and depravity of the slums in a developing country as there is no attempt to dispose

of properly empty food cartons, bottles, tattered clothes being exchanged for slightly better protection. Most heartbreaking is the sight of the passed out individual here and there, ignored until the cops come by to do their regular sweep. To their credit, it seems these unfortunate souls do watch after one another in that they instinctively know when someone has OD'd and a call to the EMT's for Narcan is necessary. The security personnel associated with the Shelter also keep an eye on the scene, but they can only do so much.

Most people driving through the intersection of Mass. Ave. and Melnea Cass on their way to the Expressway are appalled by the sad state of affairs on both sides of that major intersection, but this street and others like it are missed by most except for employees and visitors of South Bay Jail and the Greater Boston Food Bank down the street.

Supposedly, construction of the new 3,400 foot bridge at somewhere around \$100 million will begin next year. There are ongoing

discussions regarding the use of the remaining piers and there has been some resistance by the city of Quincy as such a major project would cause disruption within its city limits.

I wonder if Mayor Walsh and those who recognize the true extent of this tragedy - rampant addiction and deaths due to the proliferation of opioids and related substances - marvel at the spirit of the French people around the burning of Notre Dame, the outpouring of donations and promises to begin reconstruction immediately. Even American citizens have offered money and assistance. The crises around this one epidemic and the loss of access to a highly successful therapeutic campus should provoke the same kind of reaction, the same kind of enthusiasm from the citizens of Boston. Come to think of it, this bridge, when it finally gets built, could well be the most important civil engineering project since the Big Dig.

SINCERELY,  
MICHEL L. SPITZER

### Ward 19 Democrats to elect delegates to Democratic State Convention

Dear Editor,

Registered Democrats in the Boston Ward 19 Jamaica Plain/Roslindale) will hold a caucus on Saturday May 18, 2019 to elect delegates and alternates to the 2019 Massachusetts Democratic State Convention. All Democrats who are registered or pre-registered in Ward 19 are invited to participate.

The Boston Ward 19 Democratic Committee caucus will be held at the Farnsworth House Community Room, 90 South Street, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130. Doors will open at 9:30 am and will close at 10:00 am. Ward 19 Democrats must be inside by 10:00 a.m. to participate in electing delegates and alternates.

This year's Massachusetts Democratic convention will be held September 14, 2019 at the MassMutual Center in Springfield, where thousands of Democrats

from across the state will come together to discuss Party business and celebrate our successes as we prepare for upcoming elections.

The caucus is open to all registered and pre-registered Democrats in Ward 19 (Jamaica Plain/Roslindale). Pre-registered Democrats who will be 16 years old by May 11, 2019 will be allowed to participate and run as a delegate or alternate. Ward 19 can elect 26 delegates and 5 alternates.

Youth, minorities, people with disabilities, and LGBTQ individuals who are not elected as a delegate or alternate may apply to be an add-on delegate at the caucus or at [www.massdems.org](http://www.massdems.org).

Those interested in getting involved with the Boston Ward 19 Democratic Committee should contact [info@bostonward19dems.org](mailto:info@bostonward19dems.org) or check out our website at [www.bostonward19dems.org](http://www.bostonward19dems.org).

ESTHER KAPLAN

### We offer our sincere thanks

Dear Editor:

In honor of National Volunteer Week, which is celebrated in April, we would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank and celebrate the over 560 volunteers whose steadfast dedication and commitment enable Care Dimensions, the state's largest provider of hospice services, to fulfill its mission: to enrich the quality of life for terminally ill patients and their families. Our volunteers' selfless acts of kindness and compassion, both large and small, allow our patients the comfort, companionship and dignity that make all the difference at a critical turning point in their lives.

Our volunteers provided over 45,000 hours of service last year. Whether at the bedside of a patient in a long-term care facility, in a family home, in the Care Dimensions' offices or in one of our two inpatient hospice facilities (the Care Dimensions Hospice House in Lincoln or the Kaplan Family Hospice House in Danvers), volunteers are an integral part of our success.

We at Care Dimensions would like to recognize Heather Guarnotta and Mary Louise Pauli of Jamaica Plain for their contributions and dedication to our agency.

For those who are interested in learning more about volunteering with Care Dimensions, please call us at 888-283-1722 or visit [CareDimensions.org](http://CareDimensions.org).

On behalf of our staff and

sincere thanks for all that our volunteers do each and every day for Care Dimensions.

SINCERELY,  
PATRICIA AHERN  
PRESIDENT & CEO

*The opinions expressed on these pages are not necessarily those of this newspaper.*

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# City Council hopes to gain \$5 million for supportive housing with new order

BY LAUREN BENNETT

The City Council Committee on Government Operations held a hearing on April 18 regarding an order that “seeks to accept an adjustment of the local room occupancy excise rate by .05 percent points to 6.5 percent for all lodging establishments,” according to City Councilor Michael Flaherty.

In addition, the order also seeks to allow the city to adopt three local options: a local room occupancy excise tax up to 6.5 percent on all short-term rentals, a three percent local community impact fee on professionally managed short term rental stays, and an additional local community impact fee on short term rental stays in locally defined, “owner adjacent” units, Flaherty said.

“These local excises and community impact fees will help mitigate the potential impact of short term rentals on our long term housing stock,” Flaherty said. “Monies collected through these local excise and community impact fees will be a dedicated source of revenue for housing and homelessness efforts here in the city of Boston.”

The order for these fees comes on the heels of the city regulatory law for the short term rental

industry that went into effect on January 1. The state also saw a law change earlier this year for the industry, and that law will go into effect on July 1 of this year.

In 2009, the state allowed for an increase in the rate from four percent to six percent. Given the most recent changes at the state level, Justin Sterritt, Budget Director for the City of Boston, said that they “decided to take a look at a kind of holistic approach” and level the playing field at 6.5 percent.

“The orders that have been submitted today are vital to ensuring that the city can continue to invest in critical housing and homelessness efforts,” Sterritt said. He said this order will generate \$5 million annually that will be put towards housing and homelessness programs and services. “In FY20, this includes \$4 million to fund supportive housing creation and \$1 million to support youth and young adult homelessness initiatives,” he said.

Sterritt said that the room occupancy tax will still keep Boston below major competitive cities like San Francisco and Chicago, “so we are confident that this will remain competitive,” he said. He said that they do not anticipate that the increase (about a dollar per average nightly rental) will

have a major effect on people staying in these places.

Laila Bernstein, Deputy Director for the Supportive Housing Division of the Department of Neighborhood Development, talked about Mayor Walsh’s 2015 plan to end veteran and chronic homelessness. She talked a little bit about the outcomes of that plan and why the department is seeking additional funds through this order. “When we started the effort, there were 612 chronically homeless individuals in the City of Boston and since then we have housed 735 chronically homeless individuals,” Bernstein said. “However, we are not at zero chronic homelessness, which was the Mayor’s plan. More names keep showing up.” She added that they have also “leveraged or created” 300 new units of permanent supportive housing, but more resources are needed to create even more housing.

They are also changing the way they go about ending chronic homelessness, Bernstein said, by switching from a method of making sure people were compliant with a treatment plan before

housing could be offered. The new method “reverses it, saying that housing is a right and people need a platform of stability before they can start to look at other issues that they may want to work on,” she said.

Bernstein said that four million dollars of the revenue raised from this proposal will be directly funneled towards creating more permanent supportive housing “and it will amplify the work that we’re already doing.” She said the remaining million dollars would be used to end homelessness among youth and young adults.

“The vast majority of this new five million will come from the existing lodging establishments, so those are mostly hotels and motels throughout the city,” Sterritt said, and “we’re pretty confident that we’ll collect the full five million.”

Amy Coolidge, Vice President of Community and Government Relations for Pine Street Inn, said that Pine Street Inn is in support of the proposal for funding for permanent supportive housing because “we know it works. We’ve been doing it for over 30 years, before there was even a name for it.”

Eric, a resident of supportive housing, explained how he used to have to “show up for my appointments, I couldn’t make excuses” in order to get the keys to his home.

“I showed up 15 minutes early, I walked from Jamaica Plain to Boston Housing to be there three hours early just to make sure that I was on time to sign two papers. That’s how hard I worked with nothing in my pocket but lint. And these are the things that our folks out on the streets have to work just as hard as well,” he said.

He said he was previously depended upon the shelter system which “had an adverse affect” on his health and medical issues. While staying in the Shattuck shelter, he said he developed a sore on his foot which resulted in him needed half of his foot amputated.

“When I go and put the keys into my front door, I feel like I’m a part of society again,” he said. “I took a shower to be here. I shaved.” He thanked the City Council for being “world class,” and urged them to adopt this order so more money would be allotted towards supportive housing.

## Artists and arts groups share nearly \$800,000 in grants

STAFF REPORT

The Boston Foundation and the Barr Foundation are pleased to announce that 61 Greater Boston artists and arts groups will share \$796,293 in grants to create, produce, or present their work in year 3 of the Live Arts Boston Program. The grantees were chosen from a pool of hundreds of local artists through an open application and community review process that included local artists, presenters, and producers.

A remarkable 72% of the grantee artist projects are headed by artists of color, and nearly half of the projects involve artists that identify as immigrants and new Americans. In addition to their grant funds, the grantees will receive wrap-around support services, advising, career workshops, networking and professional development opportunities that bring the total support for the project to about \$1 million.

“We are honored to once again be able to support a talented, deserving cohort of artists to create, produce and present works that bring to life the diverse voices, cultures and communities that make up Greater Boston,” said Allyson Esposito, Senior Director for Arts and Culture at the Boston

Foundation. “We welcome them to a powerful network of arts producers and performers we have partnered with through LAB, who are changing the way we think about and interact with the city.”

Live Arts Boston was launched in 2016 by the Boston Foundation and Barr Foundation as part of an effort to address the lack of resources directed to individual artists and small arts organizations in Greater Boston. The first grants from the program were made in 2017. To date, Live Arts Boston has made 186 grants to 143 grantees, totaling more than \$2.3 million. LAB has also provided over \$500,000 in additional support to grantees to strengthen their networks and enhance their ability to leverage grant-funded projects towards achieving greater career goals.

“Producing new creative work always involves risk. Live Arts Boston provides resources for artists to take that risk, to experiment, to leap into unfamiliar terrain, and to lift up new ideas,” said E. San San Wong, Director of Arts & Creativity at the Barr Foundation. “It’s in the DNA of artists to be truth tellers to the world, and the Live Arts Boston artists enrich the social commentary in our city. With a special focus on artists of color and immigrant artists, they

deepen the cultural narratives of Boston that are especially needed and relevant today

The impact of the grants can be seen in the results: in 2018, the 65 Live Arts Boston Grantees used their funds to put on at least 384 performances of new, original works. More than 60 percent of the grant dollars were spent to pay performers and other artists – creating more than 850 paid engagements for the artists.

Eight of the 61 grantees are from Jamaica Plain. Their names, followed by their project titles, are below:

Anthony Romero, Permanent Resident

Billy Dean Thomas, Breaking Binaries

Christopher Pegram, Final Fantasy (working title)

Feminine Empowerment Movement Slam, Inc, Home Spaces: Sustaining FEMS Community Oriented Programming

Karen S. Young, Older and Bolder Anthem

Non-Event, Sounding Boston: Experimental Music in Nontraditional Spaces (working title)

Tanya Nixon-Silberg, My Night in the Planetarium

Un-Bound Bodies Collective, UnBound Bodies Lab—UnBinding Series

### CITY OF BOSTON/COUNTY OF SUFFOLK BOSTON CENTERS FOR YOUTH & FAMILIES (BCYF)

#### INVITATION FOR SEALED BIDS FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF THE FOLLOWING SERVICES:

EXTERMINATION OF VERMIN for the Boston Centers for Youth & Families (BCYF) and its Community Center Sites and Pool Sites. The term of the contract shall be for 2 (two) fiscal years starting July 1, 2019 ending June 30, 2021

The City of Boston (the City), acting by the Commissioner of the Boston Centers for Youth & Families, hereinafter referred to as the Official, invites sealed bids for the performance of the work generally described above, and particularly set forth in the Invitation for Bids. The bid documents will be accessible online from Monday, April 29, 2019 through Monday, May 13, 2019 by visiting the City of Boston Public Procurement website at the following link <http://www.cityofboston.gov/procurement/> and accessing the event ID # EV00006701, or call Varnie Jules, Finance Unit Manager @ 617-635-4920 x 2149.

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

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

A bid deposit in the form of a bid bond issued for 10% (ten per cent) of the total bid amount shall be required from the winning bidder.

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

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

William Morales  
Commissioner

# Councilor Wu once again proposes resident parking permit fees

BY LAUREN BENNETT

City Councilor Michelle Wu filed an ordinance this week to add a “modest fee” for resident parking permits across the city, as well as to create a visitor parking pass. Wu has proposed parking permit fees in the past, but nothing has ever come to fruition.

According to a statement Wu released on Twitter, the parking permit system in Boston was last reformed in the 1980s—a period when the population was historically low.

“Boston has grown by over 100,000 residents and our traffic is now the worst in the country,” she said in the statement. “We all bear the cost of this—of longer commute times, extra full days per year spent in the car sitting in traffic, and less time that we are able to spend with family. Our air is dirtier and our children are experiencing asthma at higher levels. These are the costs we should be talking about, and the ones that are absolutely unaffordable in the long term.”

Wu’s proposal is to charge \$25

per household for the first permit, and \$25 more for each additional car, making it \$50 for the second car, \$75 for a third, and so on. Seniors, low-income residents, home healthcare aides visiting patients, and Boston Public Schools staff or students would be exempt from this charge, Wu said. Currently, there is no charge or limit for resident permits given out in the city, and Wu said that there has been a 25 percent increase in permits issued over the last 10 years.

The visitor parking pass would cost \$10 for a 72-hour spot.

The proposal was introduced at Wednesday’s City Council meeting, where it was assigned to committee, and public hearings will follow.

Wu said on Twitter, “Let’s take a bold, progressive step to align the value of our public streets with a smarter approach to parking management.”

# Registration now open for Boston Basketball League

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department has announced that registration is now open for the 50th annual season of Boston’s favorite summer basketball league, the Boston Neighborhood Basketball League (BNBL), kicking off on Monday, July 8.

BNBL is the oldest municipal basketball league in the country serving young men and women in three divisions each for boys and girls: 13 and under; 15 and under; and 18 and under.

Encompassing recreation, sports, and community engagement, BNBL’s real value is in helping make Boston happier and safer in the summer months by providing a physical outlet for youngsters throughout the city. Over 1,500 players on 150 teams will participate in this year’s league at 20 sites throughout the city. BNBL

is played at Boston Centers for Youth & Families (BCYF) community centers and selected city parks. The 2019 BNBL season ends with the championship games played in mid-August. To register online for BNBL go to [https://apm.activecommunities.com/cobpark-sandrecdepart/Activity\\_Search](https://apm.activecommunities.com/cobpark-sandrecdepart/Activity_Search).

BNBL also offers a free Pee Wee Developmental Program for boys and girls ages 6 to 11 offered at various locations across the city in Dorchester, Mattapan, Roslindale, South Boston, West Roxbury, and Roxbury. This program teaches young players the basics of basketball in a fun and non-competitive setting. Registration for Pee Wee BNBL is done on-site at the Pee Wee locations.

For more information, please email Charlie Conners at [Charles.Conners@boston.gov](mailto:Charles.Conners@boston.gov) or call (617) 961-3093.

## LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Suffolk Division INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

Docket No. SU19P0658

Estate of: Fredda S. Raimondi

Also Known As: Fredda Raimondi

Date of Death: January 2, 2019

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Ronald Rice of Newton Center, MA.

A Will has been admitted to informal probate. Ronald Rice of Newton Center, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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## LEGAL NOTICE

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SUFFOLK Division

Docket No. SU19W0385WD

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Upon motion of plaintiff for an order directing the defendant to appear, plead, or answer, in accordance with Mass.R.Civ.P./Mass.R.Dom.Rel.P.Rule 4, it appearing to the court that this is an action for Custody/Support/Parenting Time filed on March 21, 2019.

Defendant(s)/Respondent(s) cannot be found within the Commonwealth and defendant(s)/respondent(s) present whereabouts are unknown. Personal service on defendant is therefore not practicable, and defendant(s)/respondent(s) has/have not voluntarily appeared in this action.

It is Ordered that defendant is directed to appear, plead, answer, or otherwise move with respect to the complaint/petition herein on or before the return day of May 16, 2019.

If you fail to do so this Court will proceed to a hearing and adjudication of this matter.

Date: 3/27/19

Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

4/26/19 JP

## LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

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Docket No. SU19P0419EA

Estate of: Jennie Noviello

Date of Death: October 06, 2018

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Margaret Noviello of Boston, MA. a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

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The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the

Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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## LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Docket No. SU19C0143CA

In the matter of: Michael Mavilia

To all persons interested in petition described:

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Michael Mavilia of Jamaica Plain, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: Michael Mavilia Rochester

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 05/02/2019. 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. Date: April 10, 2019

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