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INSIDE OUT SIDEWALK FAIR



Photo by Mike Mejia

El Duo Dinamico's Oscar Campero and Cesar del Cid playing music on Centre Street Saturday, May 18, during the 5th annual Inside Out Sidewalk Fair and Sale, sponsored by the Hyde/Jackson Main Streets. See Pages 6 and 7 for more photos.

Latin Quarter World's Fair in JP on September 15

SPECIAL TO THE GAZETTE

On Wednesday, May 22, 2019, the Latin Quarter World's Fair (LQWF) Committee officially announced that the Latin Quarter World's Fair will take place on Sunday, September 15, in Boston's Latin Quarter Cultural District in the Hyde/Jackson Square neighborhood of Jamaica Plain. The multicultural celebration is being reimagined to kick-off National Latinx Heritage Month, recognize the neighborhood's recent designation as a Cultural District by both the Mass Cultural Council & The City of Boston, and to honor what would be the 30th anniversary of the Jamaica

Plain World's Fair which came to a halt in 2008.

The Latin Quarter World's Fair builds off the 20-year history of the JP World's Fair, a street festival organized by local groups and residents that was last held in 2009. At its peak, the JP

World's Fair featured more than 20 musical performers, 100 arts & crafts vendors and informational booths, and drew crowds of more than 10,000 to the streets of Hyde-Jackson Square.

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Feria Mundial del Barrio Latino 15 septiembre

El miércoles 22 mayo, el comité de la Feria Mundial del Barrio Latino (LQWF) anunció que la Feria se realizará el domingo 15 de septiembre en el distrito latino en el vecindario de Hyde/Jackson Square. La celebración multicultural inicia el Mes de la Herencia Latina.

LQWF es la reencarnación de la Feria Mundial de JP, presentada por última vez en 2009. Contó con más de 20 músicos, 100 vendedores y stands informativos, y atrajo más de 10 mil personas a las calles.

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JP Manning School gets long-sought after sixth grade expansion

BY SETH DANIEL

Last fall, Interim Supt. Laura Perille and her team came out to the community to talk about BuildBPS and new changes to education in Jamaica Plain and Roslindale – but she was met with some very disappointed parents at a number of K-5 schools who wanted a quick 6th grade expansion and were told that such a thing was years away.

Citywide, K-5 school communities flooded the School Department and City Hall with phone calls – pleading their case for a sixth grade to be added to their schools.

Their pleas were heard, and their request granted.

On Tuesday, Supt. Perille announced that the JP Manning School on Louders Lane would be one of six citywide schools to add

a sixth grade to their school in September 2020 – well ahead of disappointing predictions made last fall to parents.

“We are very pleased, and hope that in the future they will continue to add on more grades to the Manning School,” read a statement from the Parents Association at the school.

That list of those changing also included the George H. Conley in Roslindale, the Nathan Hale in Roxbury and schools in Matapan, Charlestown and Hyde Park. Also, five schools in South Boston and Dorchester will make the move as part of a plan to construct a new Boston Community Leadership Academy High School on Columbia Point there. In East Boston, six K-5 schools will make the transition to add

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Conservancy calls for Shattuck Hospital site to return to open space

Plan riles hopes of the South End for relocation of some services there

BY SETH DANIEL

The Emerald Necklace Conservancy has put a wrinkle into the Shattuck Hospital planning process, calling for the entirety of the hospital campus to be returned as open space – a proposal that has been rebuffed by state leaders and has riled many in the South End who had been promised some relief via the Shattuck.

Conservancy President Karen Mauney-Brodek said the plan-

ning process has not gone as her organization expected, has not been transparent, and they would like to see the public health uses relocated to the Arborway Yard – an underutilized MBTA bus yard about a half-mile from the Shattuck site in Jamaica Plain.

“We’re glad there is a public conversation about planning the site,” she said. “However, we

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NEWS BRIEFS

PARKS DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES 2019 FENWAY CHALLENGE SERIES

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department, the Boston Red Sox, and Highland Street Foundation team up once again to present the Fenway Challenge featuring the Red Sox Showcase in local parks on three Tuesdays in July and August.

The free series gives children ages 7 to 14 the opportunity to test their pitching accuracy, swing in a batting cage, and practice base stealing. Food and entertainment including virtual reality, a replica Green Monster, and Red Sox mascots Wally and Tessie will provide participants with an unforgettable field day. Participants will also have the opportunity to win Red Sox tickets.

The Fenway Challenge will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon. The dates are July 16 at Doherty Playground (Town Field), 1545 Dorchester Avenue, Dorchester; July 30 at Lee Playground, 775 East First Street, South Boston; and August 6 at Carter Playground, 709 Columbus Avenue, South End.

Sponsored by the Boston Red Sox and Highland Street Foundation. For more information, contact Cheryl Brown at (617) 961-3085 or cheryl.brown@bos-

[ton.gov. To register please go to https://www.mlb.com/redsox/forms/fenway-challenge.](https://www.mlb.com/redsox/forms/fenway-challenge)

ANNUAL AWARD RECOGNIZES THOSE WHO MAKE A POWERFUL DIFFERENCE IN THEIR COMMUNITY

AARP is now accepting nominations for its 2019 Massachusetts Andrus Award for Community Service, which honors 50+ Commonwealth residents who are sharing their experience, talent, and skills to enrich the lives of their community members.

“AARP Massachusetts is excited to shine a light on 50+ Bay Staters who are using what they’ve learned in life to make a difference in the lives around them,” said Mike Festa, AARP Massachusetts State Director.

Nominations will be evaluated by the Massachusetts state office based on how the volunteer’s work has improved the community, supported AARP’s vision and mission, and inspired other volunteers. The award recipient will be announced in early fall.

AARP Massachusetts Andrus Award for Community Service nominees must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Nominee must be 50 years or older.
- The achievements, accom-

plishments, or service on which the nomination is based must have been performed on a volunteer basis, without pay.

- The achievements, accomplishments, or service on which the nomination is based must reflect AARP’s vision and purpose.

- The achievements, accomplishments, or service on which the nomination is based must be replicable and provide inspiration for others to volunteer.

- Couples or partners who perform service together are also eligible; however, teams are not eligible.

- This is not a posthumous award.

Please visit www.aarp.org/andrus for further information and a nomination form. The application deadline is July 15, 2019.

The AARP Andrus Award for Community Service is an annual awards program developed to honor individuals whose service is a unique and valuable contribution to society. Last year, AARP recognized 50 outstanding individuals and couples from around the country.

COMMUNITY INPUT SOUGHT

Primary, the owner of 3326 Washington (formerly JP Auto Glass, near the intersection of Washington and Green Sts., seeks community feedback as they create their development plans for this site. Interested neighbors are invited to attend this meeting on Thursday, June 6 at 7 p.m. at the Brookside Neighborhood Health Center, 640 Washington St.

POLICE OFFICER INJURED

Officer Hernandez, the District E-13 walking beat officer who patrols Egleston Square, was injured in an incident.

On Wednesday morning, May 15, Officer Hernandez identified a person with outstanding warrants, and attempted to arrest him. When the person ran, Officer Hernandez gave chase, and both men were hit by a car on Washington Street. Both men were taken to the hospital, and have remained there.

“Officer Hernandez is recovering and resting. His injuries are serious and his recovery time will be long. The doctors will meet to decide on the next steps. He is a very strong man and determined to make a full recovery.

PARKS DEPARTMENT SUMMER GUIDE NOW ONLINE

If you are looking for some outdoor fun this summer in City of Boston parks simply go to the City

of Boston website where you can view the Boston Parks and Recreation Department’s full schedule of free summer events under the Spotlight section at www.boston.gov/departments/parks-and-recreation#spotlight.

Concerts, movies, fitness, sports centers, watercolor painting workshops, and a wide range of children’s activities - there’s something for everyone, all offered free of charge. The schedule includes the popular Artists in Residence Craft Workshops for ages 3 to 10 in parks citywide July 9 through August 16, the Boston Children’s Summer Festival at Franklin Park on August 20, park visits from the New England Aquarium, Movie Nights in 11 locations, and the opening of the Boston Common Frog Pond spray pool on June 27.

Musical offerings include the annual Dorothy Curran Wednesday Night Concert Series sponsored by Bank of America kicking off July 17 with the Total Access Chicago tribute band on City Hall Plaza at 7 p.m., ParkARTS Citywide Neighborhood Concerts from July 10 to August 5, Summer Sundays in the Park at Jamaica Pond on July 28 and August 11, and the sizzling hot Tito Puente Latin Music Series in the South End, East Boston, Mission Hill, and Jamaica Plain from July 11 through August 15.

For more information, please view the full summer guide and other Parks Department events and programs at www.boston.gov/departments/parks-and-recreation.

FOOTLIGHT CLUB TO CLOSE OUT 142ND SEASON

The Footlight Club, America’s oldest continuously operating community theater and one of Jamaica Plain’s hidden gems, is proud to announce its final show of its 142nd season: Oscar Wilde’s “The Importance of Being Earnest”, for six performances this

June at its Eliot Hall home, 7A Eliot St, Jamaica Plain.

The play is widely considered to be Wilde’s masterpiece, as well as the most often revived of his plays. The “Importance of Being Earnest” brought Wilde to the peak of his career, mere months before his reputations would come crashing down, forcing the show to close out its West End debut only months after opening.

Written in 1894 and first produced in 1895, The Importance of Being Earnest is a farcical comedy set in late Victorian era London, in which the leading characters maintain fictitious personae to escape burdensome social obligations. In the hands of talented director David Marino, and a cast of vets and newcomers to the Club, the lush, clever dialogue crackles with wit and charm.

Led by Michael Jay and Bradley Butcher as Jack and Algernon, and Gabriells Jaques and Elizabeth Loranth as Cecily and Gwendolen, come enjoy a comic night of determined plans and desperate measures, secrets hidden and told, the folly of youth and the slyness of age, as have generations of Footlight attendees in the past. The first production was mounted at Eliot Hall in 1904. JPers have been enjoying Wilde’s best lines for over a century - come join the club!

PERFORMANCE DETAILS

“The Importance of Being Earnest” opens June 1st and runs for six shows through June 15. All but one performances are at 8pm - there will be only a 2 p.m. matinee on June 2. Tickets \$22/\$20 for students & seniors. Available online at www.footlight.org or at box office, the night of the show.

The Footlight Club located at 7A Eliot Street, Jamaica Plain. The Footlight Club is America’s oldest continuously operating Community Theater, currently in its 142nd season.

Best wishes for a meaningful

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Robert Santiago becomes first gay Commissioner of the Office of Veterans' Services in the city.

Robert Santiago becomes first gay Commissioner of Veterans' Services

BY JOHN LYNDIS

Earlier this month Mayor Martin Walsh announced the appointment of Robert Santiago as the new Commissioner of the Office of Veterans' Services (OVS) for the City of Boston.

Santiago, who lives in Jamaica Plain with his husband, becomes the first openly gay man appointed to the post that oversees veterans' issues in the city.

"I am grateful to Mayor Walsh for this opportunity to serve the veterans of Boston," said Santiago. "I remain dedicated to promoting the Mayor's agenda to serving all veterans no matter the zip code, status, or orientation."

In 2016, Santiago joined the City of Boston as Deputy Commissioner at the Mayor's Office of Veterans' Services. Prior to joining the Mayor's Office of Veterans' Services, Santiago replaces former Commissioner Giselle Sterling.

"I am proud to name Robert as the next Commissioner of Veterans' Services, taking on an important role by making sure veterans in our city are well-supported and know that their service to our country will always be appreciated," said Mayor Walsh. "Robert has proudly served our nation, and has shown through his work over the last three years that his commitment to serving our veterans in Boston is unwavering."

According to his biography Santiago served 20 years in the Navy in diverse duty stations including sea duty on four warships; and overseas tours in Belgium, Puerto Rico, Panama, and Japan. Santiago participated in Desert Shield/Desert Storm, Eastern Exit, Enduring Freedom, and Iraqi Freedom. His final duty station was in Boston onboard America's Ship of State, the USS Constitution, which is the oldest commissioned warship afloat in the world. He retired from

military service in 2008 while onboard the Constitution.

Santiago serves on the Executive Board of the Massachusetts Veterans Services Officer Association and is a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion. Santiago is also a member of the leadership team for the Homes for the Brave initiative which is part of the Mayors' Challenge to end Veterans' homelessness.

He currently resides in Jamaica Plain with his husband, Robert Torres.

The Mayor's Office of Veterans' Services aims to recognize and engage veterans and their families; advocate for assistance in their time of need, and connect them with the services they've earned.

Part of the work the Office of Veterans' Services includes financial help for veterans experiencing homelessness and low-income Veterans and their families. These benefits also include military burial assistance, subsidies on medical expenses and the decoration of veterans' graves and hero squares for Memorial Day.

The office also hosts Operation Thank a Vet, a program for volunteers to canvass identified Boston Veterans to thank them for their service and share information about critical resources that are available to them from the city, state and federal government.

To date, an average of 10,000 veterans receives financial assistance each month from the Department of Veterans' Services in Massachusetts with approximately 450 from OVS, the most in the Commonwealth. Through the Operation Thank a Vet program, the City has spoken to over 1,500 veterans and thanked them for their service as well as informing them of critical City services and resources.

No ledge found at 1 Rockwood Terrace

BY LAUREN BENNETT

On April 30, the Zoning Board of Appeal (ZBA) approved a proposed project at 1 Rockwood Terrace to erect a single family home on the lot, but due to serious concerns from the neighbors, the proponents were instructed to conduct a thorough design review with the Boston Planning and Development Agency, as well as deal with the issue of potential ledge and keep the neighbors informed. In a recent email to abutters, project proponents announced that they found no ledge on the property.

At various community meetings as well as at the ZBA hearing, several neighbors expressed their concern about possible ledge on the property and said that the proponents had so far "refused" to do tests to see if there was ledge

and they were worried about damage to their properties.

The proponents promised the ZBA that they would do the tests and cooperate with the neighbors, and in email correspondence to neighbors on May 1, Christopher Tracy of O'Neill and Associates said that "We will be doing test pits on the ledge in the coming week and will share those results with the neighborhood before taking a next step."

On May 6, Marc LoPilato of LoPilato Construction Corp. emailed Tracy with the results of the test pits, which Tracy forwarded to the abutting neighbors. "We dug six test holes this morning. One on each corner of the proposed foundation and two in the middle of the proposed basement," LoPilato wrote. "We were able to achieve a depth of over eight feet on every

hole and encountered no ledge. Each hole was approximately four feet wide by six feet long and over eight feet deep. Each hole was dug deeper than needed as a precaution to ensure we did not encounter ledge or water. The material we encountered was one foot of top soil/ loam under that was gravel. Based on my excavation subcontractors professional opinion there is no sign of ledge within the scope of our proposed work. Also, there was no sign of water when we dug down eight feet, which is great considering the wet spring we have had. Some neighbors were outside and witnessed that it was easy digging and we were done in less than an hour and a half. Hopefully this puts the neighbors who were concerned about ledge at ease."



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Gallo leads restoration effort at Blessed Sacrament Church

The Hyde Square Task Force (HSTF) has hired urban planning and development consultant Beverly Gallo to lead the organization's efforts to restore the historic Blessed Sacrament Church through a new initiative that would revive the Jamaica Plain landmark through a combination of uses that may include community, events and arts space.

Gallo is a principal at Peregrine Urban Initiative, which works on development projects in emerging, transitional and underdeveloped urban neighborhoods with a specific focus on mixed-use/mixed-income housing and economic development. Gallo has led successful projects in Boston neighborhoods including Dorchester and Roslindale.

"We are excited to bring Beverly Gallo on board to support the Hyde Square Task Force as we develop a proposal that can save the historic Blessed Sacrament Church, deliver much needed public, and cultural spaces to the neighborhood and in a comprehensive approach that is economically sustainable into the future," said HSTF Executive Director Celina Miranda.

HSTF purchased the landmark Blessed Sacrament Church in 2014. Studies and records indicate that the property has been in disrepair since as far back as 1991 and data gathered by the organization has developed a cost estimate of approximately \$20 million to restore the structural integrity of the building, and another \$4 to \$5 million to make the building operational as a community space.

The prohibitive nature of the costs led leaders of HSTF to conduct a lengthy fact-finding period, speaking with community members and other stakeholders, as well as more than a dozen experts in the fields of real estate development, historic preservation and non-profit management.

Gallo will assist HSTF in developing an RFP that is scheduled to be released to the marketplace in early June. The prospective developer will have a complex task of balancing restoration, and community needs to ensure the project and HSTF embark on a financially sustainable initiative with far-reaching benefits to the neighborhood and the city.

"I am excited to join the HSTF

team in the effort to move the restoration of Blessed Sacrament Church forward so that it serves both the history of Jamaica Plain, and surrounding Hyde Square community," said Gallo. "This is a complex project, but also an exciting opportunity to work with the City of Boston and the community on a project that offers a range of benefits as envisioned by HSTF and its stakeholders."

Gallo holds two master's degrees from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, one in Real Estate Development and another in City Planning. She is also a principal at Byer Gallo Associates, a real estate development consulting firm specializing in the creation and preservation of affordable housing and community economic development.

Gallo's expertise includes real estate development, project finance, public/private partnerships, public subsidies, non-profit organizations, affordable housing, and urban planning.

About Hyde Square Task Force

HSTF's mission is to amplify the power, creativity, and voices of youth, connecting them to



The former Blessed Sacrament Church.

Afro-Latin culture and heritage so they can create a diverse, vibrant Latin Quarter and build a just, equitable Boston. HSTF was founded in 1991, when a coalition of neighbors and community leaders felt a sense of urgency to address the growing violence, economic, and social challenges facing the Hyde/Jackson Square neighborhood of Jamaica Plain. Now known as Boston's Latin Quarter, our community has transformed into

a vibrant neighborhood. Despite the progress, like in other urban neighborhoods, our youth continue to struggle with high levels of poverty, community violence, and low educational attainment. HSTF now engages more than 800 children, youth, and young adults each year through our *Jovenes en Accion/Youth In Action*, *College Success*, and *Creative Development and Community Engagement* work.

Feria

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Con el paso de los años, muchos residentes y comerciantes esperaban el regreso del festival. Gracias a los esfuerzos de Hyde Square Task Force, ha llegado el momento.

La nueva LQWF será un festival comunitario celebrando las tradiciones culturales del

vecindario y organizado por los mismos residentes y comerciantes. Habrá reuniones abiertas y sesiones de planificación donde los residentes pueden participar en la creación de un evento que representa el espíritu de eventos pasados. De esta manera, el festival pertenecerá a la comunidad.

Después de mucho apoyo de la comunidad, un comité se formó en otoño de 2018 para realizar el evento. Actualmente, el comité se basa en voluntarios que repre-

sentan Jamaica Plain Neighborhood, Development Corporation, Hyde Square Task Force, Hyde Jackson Square Main Street, The Latin Quarter Cultural District Advisory Committee, Ransom Productions, Bella Luna Restaurant & Milky Way Lounge, Hoopla Productions, Kate Lynn Huffman, Coastal Productions, La Gringa Loca Productions, Ultra Beauty Salon, Convite Internacional Banilejo, el coordinador del último festival Harry Smith, y varios

residentes.

"Los festivales de calle tienen una energía especial porque es mágico andar por una calle normalmente llena de autos," dijo Carol Downs, miembro del comité LQWF y dueña de Bella Luna. "Las personas se libran de las barreras normales y se juntan de una manera especial."

"LQWF celebra la rica historia de arte, cultura, comida y música afrolatinos de este barrio," dijo Ciznell Baez, miembro del comité

LQWF. "Estamos empoderando a los demás a tomar decisiones sobre su barrio."

LQWF espera un verano de recaudar fondos, planificar y trabajar con la comunidad. Además de lanzar una campaña GoFundMe (gofundme.com/LatinQuarterWorldsFair2019), el comité está ofreciendo diversas oportunidades de patrocinio (latinquarterworldsfair.com) y planeando eventos benéficos en varios sitios en JP.

Fair

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Over the years, many residents and merchants have hoped for a return of a multicultural street festival to Hyde-Jackson Square and with the energy and activity surrounding Hyde/Jackson Square's formal designation as the Boston Latin Quarter Cultural District, thanks to the advocacy efforts of the families & youth from Hyde Square Task Force, the time has now come.

The new Latin Quarter World's Fair will be a true community festival celebrating the cultural traditions of the neighborhood

and organized by local residents and merchants. There will be open community meetings and planning sessions in the lead up to the LQWF where residents can play a role in creating an event that represents the spirit of past events while making sure that current residents and merchants shape the LQWF. In this way, the Fair will truly belong to the community!

After an outpouring of support from the community that wishes to see the event return, a committee was formed in Fall 2018 to conceptualize and execute the event. Currently, the committee is volunteer driven and comprised of representatives from Jamaica Plain Neighbor-

hood Development Corporation (Official 2019 Fiscal Sponsor), Hyde Square Task Force (Boston's Latin Quarter cultural district is managed by Hyde Square Task Force), Hyde Jackson Square Main Street, The Latin Quarter Cultural District Advisory Committee, Ransom Productions, Bella Luna Restaurant & Milky Way Lounge, Hoopla Productions (JP Porchfest producers), Kate Lynn Huffman (Arts Administrator), Coastal Productions, La Gringa Loca Productions, Ultra Beauty Salon, Convite Internacional Banilejo, as well as previous JP World's Fair planner, Harry Smith and a number of residents & community members.

Carol Downs, LQWF Commit-

tee member and owner of Bella Luna Restaurant & Milky Way Lounge, notes "Street festivals have a special energy because it is magical and invigorating to walk down a street that is normally reserved for cars. People in the neighborhood are literally and figuratively freed from normal boundaries and it just opens up to being together in a special way."

"The Latin Quarter Cultural District's new take on the JP World's Fair will focus on celebrating the neighborhoods long, rich history of Afro-Latin art, culture, food, and music." Says LQWF Committee member and former resident, Ciznell Baez. She mentions, "By creating spaces and events that are led by the

community who lived, work, and own businesses there, we are empowering them to make decisions about their neighborhood."

The Latin Quarter World's Fair (LQWF) Committee is looking forward to a busy summer of fundraising, planning, and reaching out to the community for their input on the event. In addition to a GoFundMe (www.gofundme.com/LatinQuarterWorldsFair2019) that was recently launched, the Committee is offering a robust selection of sponsorship opportunities (more information available at www.latinquarterworldsfair.com), and planning community fundraising events at various venues throughout Jamaica Plain.

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Choosing several great Democrats from a crowded field for president

BY SANDRA STOREY / SPECIAL TO THE GAZETTE

We are at the start of an exciting, very long election season leading up to the final vote for president on Nov. 3, 2020. As of now, at least 24 Democrats are running. Our first official choice will be in the primary on Tuesday March 3, 2020 here in Massachusetts.

Many people want to see Republican President Donald Trump—who is trying to dismantle government, ignore climate change, throw out affordable health care, marginalize people of color and expand his powers of the president—defeated. In a recent survey, Massachusetts residents had the lowest opinion of Trump of any state in the country.

Jamaica Plain is probably the same, given that a relatively small number of people here are registered Republicans, and Hillary Clinton won the neighborhood handily in 2016.

As of mid-May, it looks like Democrats and unenrolled (in a party) residents who vote in the Democratic primary will have 24 candidates to choose from, though some are likely to join or drop out before March 3.

The crowd can be daunting to voters, but the good news is that it appears any of the candidates would be a better president than the incumbent. And those with name recognition, various polls have shown, would each beat Trump if the election were now.

Trump will have an opponent in the Republican primary—former Massachusetts governor William Weld. Choosing between Trump and Weld, who are quite different from one another, will be fairly easy for Republicans and their allies.

At first glance, it won't be so easy for Democrats, but looking at the crowded field can be inspiring. One thing for sure is that Democrats want their nominee to beat Trump on Nov. 3, 2020 and be ready to undo the damage he's done to the country.

It is tempting and traditional for Democrats to think they need to pick a single favorite as soon as possible and start supporting their person with passionate devotion right away.

Being adamantly in favor of one person over all others is not the best route to victory this time. Single-mindedness could serve to fracture voters so badly that

many don't get behind and vote for the Democratic nominee in final election. Hence, four more years of Trump.

Basing one's support at this stage on who it seems is most likely to beat Trump or even to consider that is absurd. Nobody knows or even knows how to find out, despite the pundits and pollsters who earn their livings pretending they do. And lots will happen during the coming 18 months that will affect the final outcome.

In the next five-plus months, it's actually a good idea to support more than one Democratic contender. On March 3 Democrats can just pick one to vote for that day, then back up the eventual nominee in fall 2020 even if its someone else. Meanwhile, we can talk up several of our favorite candidates to friends. Donate to them, even. It's a revolutionary idea to support more than one person, but a rational revolution is necessary today.

We have lots of time, and a plethora of great candidates, but getting to know them thoroughly and objectively enough to narrow the field to a few will require some effort.

A pair of nationally televised debates among the Democratic contenders is scheduled for this June 26 and 27 in Miami and July 30 and 31 in Detroit. Questions and speaking time for each of the 20 candidates who qualify to be on stage over two nights each month will be severely limited. As set up by the Democratic National Committee, candidates can qualify based on numbers of donors and/or placement in recognized polls as of two weeks beforehand. Ten will appear each evening in each location. They will be interesting, but it's not a terrific way to select just one person to support.

Because Massachusetts is not a battleground or early primary state, candidates won't focus much on us, just as they don't in final elections. Our state isn't very big, so we don't send a large number of delegates to party conventions (or electors to the electoral college) compared to some other states. Massachusetts will send 91 delegates to the Democratic Convention—California, 495—for example.

This means we don't get the same number of commercials or rallies (except ones aimed at vot-

ers in New Hampshire, an early primary state) or visits from candidates (except to attend fundraisers) as many other states. Our Super Tuesday primary is the same date as 12 others, also watering down attention from candidates.

Ongoing coverage of the candidates by major media, if it continues the way it did for the 2016 election, will be pretty worthless for people looking to choose favorites. Most coverage treats the election more like a sports tournament or a celebrity reality show, focusing on candidates' personal stories, quirks, whacky soundbites and isolated incidents.

The only exceptions are some TV channels that are offering town meetings to present candidates one at a time to answer questions about the many critical issues they would have to deal with as president. Unfortunately, watching them all requires major a time commitment.

Boston.com has "Meet the Democratic Candidates Who are Running for President" that contains, so far, at least, just a photo, very basic info about the candidates and the unnamed writers' opinions in the categories: "Best Known For" "Biggest Strength" and "Biggest Weakness."

Candidates' rallies are not so much for the purpose of convincing and educating as they are for putting forth easy to remember slogans and generating passion and heat in the person's favor—enthusiasm that could lead to donations and volunteers. Any policies laid out in rallies and speeches need to be described in writing for the public to easily see.

Candidates' websites provide a fabulous way to get to know their stands on issues (or lack thereof), unfiltered by social and traditional media and unrestricted by time. Candidates stating their positions on their websites bravely where everyone can see them is a great modern tradition that has improved our elections.

Looking over so many websites takes some time, so I did a first pass for readers of this column on May 11 using a list of the 22 known contenders, adding and checking two late entries the next week. Voters should visit the websites periodically themselves. They can be changed frequently. Also, because it is early, some

candidates might not have had time to put their policy stands there yet.

What I found on the Democratic candidates websites in mid-May was surprising and edifying compared to presidential elections earlier in the internet era. Almost every website prominently features a solicitation of the visitor's contact information on the home page, often with a "Donate" button. Many of them have a link in the navigation bar called "Store" or "Shop" where the hats with slogans are for sale, no doubt.

On many sites, how a visitor can do anything but sign up or donate or maybe attend an event wasn't obvious. No "issues" section on many. Clicking on the logo or a link in small type at the bottom of the donate page sometimes leads to more information. Several sites emphasized the candidate's life story and beliefs.

Any candidate who does not put their positions (and even some proposals) in writing on at least 20 issues on a range of topics easily accessible on their websites by this coming November should not be taken seriously enough to vote for. More than 20 issues will confront them as president in just their first weeks in office, and we need to know what they think about at the issues the candidate thinks are important.

Six candidates, to their credit, already describe a range of more than 20 issues they are concerned about on their websites. They include former Congressperson John Delaney of Maryland, Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand of upstate New York, former Sen. Mike Gravel, of California, Sen. Bernie Sanders of Vermont, entrepreneur Andrew Yang of New York City and author Marianne Williamson, also of New York City.

Among those who have fewer stands on their sites as of mid-May is former Vice President Joe Biden of Delaware who briefly stated eight general policy goals. Gov. Jay Inslee of Washington makes two extensive statements about climate change. Massachusetts Sen. Warren names some general goals, like to "rebuild the middle class," deal with the opiate epidemic and end college debt, but has nothing extensive or detailed.

Warren and Sen. Amy Klobuchar of Minnesota both, rather

oddly, suggest readers should subscribe to Medium.com, to which they provide a link to a form where the visitor can sign up in order to read more about their positions on issues.

Former Congressperson Beto O'Rourke of Texas stood out by providing a check-list of issues and a comment box for voters to fill out, but he took no stands himself.

Eleven other candidates, including well-known Sen. Cory Booker of New Jersey; Mayor Pete Buttigieg of South Bend, Indiana; former San Antonio Mayor Julián Castro of Texas; Mayor Bill de Blasio of New York City, Sen. Kamala Harris of California; and Klobuchar had no specific, easily identifiable issues stands on their websites as of mid-May. Some had a few references to previous stands on issues in their biographies or scripts of speeches.

Mayor Wayne Messam of Miami, Florida and Gov. Steve Bullock of Montana had no stand-alone presidential campaign websites that I could find in mid-May.

So what about Facebook and other social media? Some candidates have more than one FB page. One of Elizabeth Warren's pages features her doing short blurbs mostly on issues of the day. Other candidates' pages have their speeches or events announcements. Of the Facebook pages I looked at, none seem to be a good source of easy to access info about a range of issues.

Voters shouldn't fear being called a "policy wonk" for wanting to examine what policies and actions candidates support. We've had enough of government by celebrity and soundbite. It's good to examine the characters of candidates, but a candidate being a character, no matter how passionate or outspoken he or she is, is not a reason to support them.

Knowledge and cooperation don't make good soundbites or slogans to chant at a rally. But when voters and candidates talk and behave as though they value them, results on both election days should be good.

Sandra Storey is a longtime resident of Jamaica Plain and former publisher and founder of the Jamaica Plain Gazette

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Jessica Guzman and Sarah Brugge of Hyde Square Task Force.



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Andrea Tavenner Liva, 5, had her face painted red to match her ladybug outfit.



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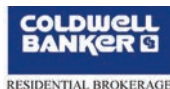
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JP developer receives \$250,000 from Brownfields fund

STAFF REPORT

The Baker-Polito Administration announced over \$2.6 million in Brownfields Redevelopment Fund grants to support the environmental assessment and cleanup of 13 contaminated and challenging sites across the Commonwealth.

One of those 13 sites is the Jackson Square Site III at 25 Amory St & 250 Centre St. Jackson Square Partners LLC will use the \$250,000 awarded grant funds to clean up this three-acre site, formerly used to store jewelry manufacturing chemicals. The site is adjacent to the Town's Riverwalk and the commuter rail, and is the final parcel requiring cleanup in the transit center area.

The Brownfields Redevelopment Fund works in tandem with other statewide initiatives to support the redevelopment of underutilized and abandoned properties – where the reuse of the property can result in new jobs and housing opportunities,” said Governor Charlie Baker. “Together with MassWorks and the Site Readiness Program, this funding helps cities and towns identify opportunities and lay the groundwork for economic development.”

“The goal of the Brownfields Redevelopment Fund is two-pronged, helping to both assess and clean up sites impacted by environmental contamination and guide them toward productive use,” said Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito. “Congratulations to

all of today's awardees, and thank you for championing site reuse across the Commonwealth.”

“The Brownfields Redevelopment Fund provides flexible financing for environmental site assessment and remediation projects that are crucial to development projects across the Commonwealth,” said Housing and Economic Development Secretary Mike Kennealy. “In addition to creating jobs and housing opportunities, brownfields restoration is an important tool for protecting our environment and ensuring Massachusetts remains an attractive place to live and work.”

In Lawrence, Lt. Governor Karyn Polito and MassDevelopment President and CEO Lauren Liss joined Mayor Daniel Rivera to announce the awards at Union Crossing, a site that local nonprofit Lawrence CommunityWorks cleaned up and transformed into 60 units of affordable housing and 30,000 square feet of commercial space using funds from the Brownfields Redevelopment Fund. Lawrence CommunityWorks is receiving funds this year to assess an adjacent building, the former Ultimate Windows site, which will serve as the final phase of the Union Crossing development.

MassDevelopment oversees the Brownfields Redevelopment Fund, which helps to transform vacant, abandoned, or underused industrial or commercial properties by financing the environmental assessment and remedi-

ation of brownfield sites in “Economically Distressed Areas” of the Commonwealth. Since the Fund's inception in 1998, it has supported 726 sites for a total investment of more than \$102 million. Once redeveloped the 13 projects receiving funding today are projected to redevelop over 37 acres, create more than 508 new housing units, and provide more than 450 full-time, part-time, and construction jobs.

“The Brownfields Redevelopment Fund is one of the most important tools in our economic development toolbox, as it provides needed resources to help communities clean up vacant or abandoned properties and put them back into active use,” said MassDevelopment President and CEO Lauren Liss. “We're grateful to the Baker-Polito Administra-

tion and the Legislature for their continued support of this fund.”

“I commend MassDevelopment and the Brownfields Redevelopment Fund for their choice to award Lawrence CommunityWorks for their Island Parkside Project,” said Senator Barry R. Finegold. “CommunityWorks is a shining example of the positive impact the non-profit community in Lawrence continues to have on the city. The organization has done a tremendous job building a mixed-use development at Union Crossing in the face of the current housing shortage.”

“I'm thrilled that the Baker-Polito Administration has utilized the Brownfields Redevelopment Fund to award Lawrence CommunityWorks in their efforts on the Island Parkside Project. Increasing affordable housing

and commercial space with the mills portion of this project has already been a big success, and the next phase will see more affordable housing, parking and three acres of beautiful outdoor space created. I look forward to seeing this project come to completion and the benefits our community will see because of it,” said Representative Frank Moran.

“The redevelopment of unproductive property through investment and imagination is vital to economic development, especially in Gateway cities,” said Representative Christina Minicucci. “When we connect organizations like Lawrence CommunityWorks to resources like the Brownfields Redevelopment Fund, we empower them to revitalize city blocks and create strong neighborhoods, which are the foundation of strong community.”

Schools

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a sixth grade in 2021 as part of an overall planning revamp of all schools there.

“The rollout of our initial Phase 2 plan in October did say that unless we were converting a middle school we were going to be able to respond to the pent-up demand to add a sixth grade. Charlestown and others were just one of many citywide who have long been waiting for this, whether it's the Manning in Jamaica Plain, the Hale in Roxbury and about 35 or 40 schools that have indicated interest. So what we did was in response to that, I went back to the BuildBPS team and asked if we could come up with some criteria to identify a group of schools that could go early on an accelerated timeline.”

Perille said she heard from the Manning and a number of other schools that were ready to go and could likely make the transition with little impact.

The interim superintendent was facing a challenge, and she said she went back to the drawing board and came back with a new path forward.

“That's exactly what happened,” she said. “We came up with those criteria, shared them with all elementary school lead-

ers in January...We put the guidelines out and 14 schools responded to raise their hand that they would like to be a part of that. From that we identified the citywide schools...”

For non-parents, adding that one single grade might seem insignificant, but for parents of school-age kids it allays a lot of anxiety. Without a sixth grade, many parents had to scramble to find a school for one year to have their child attend before they headed off to a 7-12 school. Or, they had to choose a less desirable stand-alone middle school with grades 6-8 – a school format the district announced it will be transitioning away from. With a sixth grade, parents said, they can be assured of one educational transition after sixth grade if they so choose.

School Committee Chair Michael Loconto is hopeful that the large-scale proposal will lead to positive outcomes for students and families.

“The Boston School Committee is thankful for the level of thought, care, and planning that has gone into developing these broad and substantive BuildBPS proposals, which reduce transitions and move us toward a system that will better serve our families,” Loconto said. “These improvements demonstrate that students and families are always

at the center of the district's BuildBPS efforts.”

This month, the Boston School Committee named Dr. Brenda Cassellius, the former education commissioner of Minnesota, the next BPS superintendent beginning July 1. Cassellius said she is committed to take on the important BuildBPS initiative.

“Making sure our schools have long-term, sustainable learning spaces and programming is critically important to closing opportunity and achievement gaps, and is responsive to the needs of students and families,” Cassellius said. “BuildBPS offers an incredible opportunity to achieve a goal of having high quality schools in every neighborhood. I am proud of the commitments already made and look forward to engaging with the entire BPS family soon to continue this important strategic work in ensuring an equitable and excellent school for every BPS student.”

As part of the plan to qualify, the Manning had to show they were including their Special Education/ELL populations in the expansion, that they weren't wiping out art and science space for expansion, and that they weren't making significant impacts on feeder schools.

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Stewart Goff Welcomed as new CEO of AWWA and ANRC

The Board of Directors of the Armenian Women's Welfare Association (AWWA) and the Armenian Nursing and Rehabilitation Center (ANRC) is very pleased to announce the appointment of Stewart R. Goff, RN, MS as the new CEO of AWWA and ANRC. He assumed this position on May 8, 2019.

Mr. Goff brings his significant administrative experience and clinical background to leadership

of these important non-profit institutions. Trained as an RN and Nursing Home Administrator, for the past 14 years Goff worked with Covenant Health as Executive Director of the 231-bed Mary Immaculate Nursing/Restorative Center in Lawrence, MA and as Administrator of Campion Health & Wellness, a 70-bed skilled nursing facility and rest home for infirm and senior members of the Society of Jesus. Both sites provide

services across multiple levels of care. Previously he served as Executive Director of Goddard House in Jamaica Plain from 1999-2004.

Stewart Goff says "I am so honored to be part of an organization with such history of service to a community which has come to mean so much to me on a personal level. I look forward to applying my many years of experience to the provision of eldercare services in the Armenian tradition." Goff

is at home with the Armenian community as his wife is of Armenian descent; her grandmother appears in a 1948 photo of AWWA members.

"The Board of Directors welcomes the exemplary skills and experience that Stewart brings to our projects. We are excited to have his leadership as we look forward to expanding our services," says ANRC/AWWA Board President Susan Deranian.



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Shattuck

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think there should be some real conversation about what happened in the last meeting. We saw housing and support services going from 200,000 sq. ft. to 600,000 sq. ft. and complete development of the area with new buildings. We feel there should be another conversation..."

That conversation includes opening up the Shattuck as green space, something she said was the case for nearly 70 years when Franklin Park was first opened. She said the Shattuck assumed 13 acres for public health purposes in 1949, and now might be a good time to return it to open space.

"Sometimes a city encounters a rare, pivotal moment when we can make a decision to invest in the long-term needs of our city, its communities and climate by adding in a significant manner to Boston's open space inventory. We are in one now," read the letter.

Instead of building up to 600,000 sq. ft. of supportive housing and supportive services on

the Shattuck, she said they would propose locating those uses on the state-owned Arborway Yard – which is close by. That would free up the Shattuck space to be used for open space.

"It was a park for 60 or 70 years," she said. "I think that conversation has been happened already in the neighborhoods. People have been asking for open space and walking paths. That area has no bathrooms and very few public amenities like playgrounds. There are a myriad of public amenities that could serve the thousands of new and existing residents in this underserved area."

In the South End, the letter has riled those who have been monitoring the Shattuck Hospital relocation process. The state plans to relocate the Shattuck Hospital to the South End in the Newton Pavilion building by 2022. Already, the state has purchased the building, and the planning process was meant to look at the future of the Shattuck campus in JP. Part of that process was providing relief to the South End for the numbers of human services that are there now. It was expected by numerous



neighbors in the South End that in exchange for accepting the Shattuck in the South End, they would have some human services there moved to the new recovery

campus in Franklin Park.

Steve Fox, moderator of the South End Forum, sent out a letter to the long-established Opiate Working Group last week. That letter addressed the Conservancy's position and explained how it could conflict with some of the promises made to the South End.

"I thought it important for all members of the Working Group to understand the impact of the Emerald Necklace Conservancy position," he wrote. "They are asking that no buildings, programs, housing, or services be allowed on the thirteen acres of the Shattuck Hospital campus, that the entire campus be adsorbed as pure open space. I urge all members of the Working Group to read their letter seeking broad political support and understand what it would mean to our priorities and needs

should this proposal gain political and administrative support."

Mauney-Brodek said the uses proposed at the current Shattuck site are not in harmony with the area and would work far better at the Arborway. She said it would be best there because it could be closer to transit.

"But this site is clearly not the best place for these uses, as it is not integrated into a community; instead these uses would be far better located nearer to transit and other activity areas," she wrote. "Though the process has not explored other options, we request consideration of nearby state-owned property, the underutilized 18 acres at the Arborway Yard, which could provide at least 200,000 sq. ft. of space. It is located near the park, but is closer to transit and less isolated, making it a far better location."

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Kathryn Ott Lovell, Commissioner of the Philadelphia Parks & Recreation, was awarded the 2019 Liff Spirit Award.



Mary Jo Meisner, Caroline Simco, and Stacy Mullaney.



Courtney Forrester, Caitlin Levinson, and Suzanne Taylor.



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JP Agenda

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Meetings

Stonybrook Neighborhood Association. next meeting is Monday, June 10, 7-9pm, back room of Doyle's, 3484 Washington St. More/latest info: www.sna-jp.org

The Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council (JPNC) will hold its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 28 at 7:00 pm at Farnsworth House, 90 South Street. On the agenda will be a presentation from City Councillor At-Large Annissa Essaibi-George. Also on the agenda will be reports from the Working Committees. All interested residents are invited to attend.

The Public Service Committee of the Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, June 4 at 7:00 p.m. at Curtis Hall, 20 South Street. All interested residents

are invited to attend.

Police Community Relations Meeting will take place on Thursday, June 6 at 6:30 p.m. 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.

Vacancy on the Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council People who are interested in an available seat on the Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council can contact Kevin Rainsford, chair of the Council at (617) 866-7672 or kprainsford@gmail.com or come to the monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 28 at 7:00 p.m. at Farnsworth House, 90 South Street. There is one vacancy in Area C. The area map is available at <http://www.jpnc.org/jpnc-map/>.

JPNDC (Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Development Corp.) is announcing a new vision for our times. Come learn more at the Annual Meeting, Thursday, May 30. 6-8:30 p.m at 45 Brookside Ave. (Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall). Info@jpndc.org or 617-522-242.

The Jamaica Pond Association The Annual Meeting of the Jamaica Pond Association will be held at the Loring-Greenough House, 12 South Street, Jamaica Plain, on Monday, June 3, 2019. The community is invited to a social hour with light refreshments beginning at 6:30 p.m. Department of Conservation and Recreation Commissioner Leo Roy will speak at 7:30 p.m. The business meeting for JPA members to elect members of the board of directors and officers begins at 8:15. All are welcome; no charge to attend.

Police Community Relations Meeting will take place on Thursday, June 6 at 6:30 p.m. 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, June 3 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. The meeting is in the YMCA Building at 3134 Washington St. Agenda to be determined.

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

Youth/Families

South Street Youth Center Annual Giant Yard Sale and Car Wash. Will be on Saturday, June 1, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. The Center is located at 125 South Street. Get your car washed and do some shopping to benefit the South Street Youth Center's summer leadership program and college tour. You can donate items to the yard sale on May 29 and 30, 6-8 pm, and May 31 from 3-9pm, by bringing the donated items to the Youth Center, 125 South Street/17 St. Rose Street.

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

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 through August. Email jamaicaplainsoftball@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.

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 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@jfcscboston.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.

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

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

Health/Fitness

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

Yoga, meditation and stress reduction classes at the MindBody Center (SJPHC-HPC) @ 10 Green Street. Low cost or free, in English and Spanish. For more information call 983-4226.

Fitness Walk, Saturdays, 8-9 a.m., Franklin Park Golf Clubhouse parking lot. Info: alison.g.m.brown@gmail.com. Care to Care, a support group for family caregivers of people with Alzheimer's and other dementias, second Wednesdays of the month, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Springhouse, 44 Allandale St. Info: Meredith Griffiths, 522-0043/mgriffiths@springhouse-boston.org.

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

Seniors

The Jamaica Plain Branch Library, 30 South Street, Jamaica Plain (617) 524-2053 Monthly Memory Cafe. June



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24. 10:30-noon. We will hold a short music program as well as our usual conversation and sharing of refreshments and memories.

After June 24, we will take a break for the summer and meet again on Monday, September 30th.

Intro to Medicare, May 29, 10:15-11:15am. Learn about Medicare and how it works.

RSVP required, call 617-522-9270 and leave name, phone number and mention this event

Café Connections NEW from Ethos! Combine a nutritious lunch with an informative and interactive workshop that also includes a simple exercise routine to stretch and strengthen.

Learn how to eat well, control pain, begin an exercise program, handle stress and relax, and increase your energy level. Lunch and Workshop are offered at no charge. Anyone from any neighborhood may join in. Location: Woodbourne Apartments, 6 Southbourne Road in Jamaica Plain Day and Time: Thursdays, beginning at 11:00 a.m. Class dates: through March 7. For more information or to register for this workshop contact Ann Glora at 617-477-6616 or aglora@ethocare.org

Monthly Memory Café, Are you an individual with memory loss? Are you a caregiver to someone with memory loss? Are you looking for an enjoyable way to spend time together? Come and enjoy coffee, creative arts, refreshments and conversations with new friends of all ages. Amory Street Housing Development, 125 Amory St., in the community room. Meets the last Thursday of every month from 1:30-3 p.m. Free to all. Call Brittany McLaren at Upham's Elder Service Plan at 440-1615 or email bmclaren@uphams.org 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, 10 a.m., SJPHC, 640 Centre St., powerful tools, Wednesdays, 4:30pm Ethos, 555 Amory St. Info:

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, 6r33 Centre St., 12:00-2pm. Info: 524-3992/www.firstbaptistjp.org.

Volunteers

Tutor Adults, 2 hrs a week, PM. Jamaica Plain Adult Learning Program seeks volunteer tutors to help students work towards their H.S. Diploma or learn English as a Second Language. Work in innovative student centered program with motivated adults from all over the world. Free Orientation and Training. Contact Eric at jpcctutor@gmail.com or 617 635-5201.

Volunteer Tutors Needed, The Boston Teachers Union School is looking for volunteers to tutor middle school students one-on-one or in small groups Tuesday and/or Wednesday afternoons from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Contact: David Weinstein, 7/8th Grade Math Teacher, Boston Teachers Union Pilot School, dweinstein@bostonpublicschools.org, 857-334-9855.

Volunteer as a mentor or tutor, help students explore career and college opportunities. Tutor students in a range of subjects including math, science, history, English, foreign languages, SAT, and more. Tues, Weds, and Thurs, 3-8 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. To apply: www.hydesquare.org/get-involved/join-our-programs/

Chelsea Jewish Hospice & Palliative Care (CJHPC) is seeking volunteers to offer companionship and support 1-2 hours per week to persons facing terminal illness who reside in Jamaica Plain. Volunteers can make a difference for patients through activities such as holding a hand, listening to music, running an errand, or even just sitting quietly. Musicians, certified pet therapy teams, and those trained in alternative modalities such as Reiki are also encouraged to apply. Free training provided. Info: Aimee, Volunteer Coordinator, at 889-0779 or email

afarrell@chelseajewish.org.

Serve with Franklin Park Coalition, Seeking board members, committee members, and volunteers. Info: admin@franklinparkcoalition.org (Board of Directors and Committee) or volunteer@franklinparkcoalition.org (volunteer) or call at 442-4141.

Senior Companions Needed, Ethos is looking for elders to provide friendly visits and companionship to homebound or isolated seniors! Take a walk together, chat over a cup of coffee, play a board game, and develop a new and rich friendship! Volunteers must attend a one-time orientation and make a one hour per week commitment. Opportunities available in Jamaica Plain, Hyde Park, West Roxbury, Roslindale and Mattapan. Apply via www.ethocare.org/volunteer/application or call 522-6700.

English for New Bostonians, looking for volunteers to serve as ESL tutors. Info: 982-6864/fmartinez@englishfornewbostonians.org.

VNA Care, a nonprofit home health and hospice organization, needs volunteers to provide companionship to patients and respite for family members in close to your home. Training, supervision, and support are provided. Call 781-569-2811 for more information about becoming a hospice volunteer or visit www.vnacare.org.

Brigham and Women's Faulkner Hospital at 1153 Centre St. seeking volunteers for gift shop, info desk, radiology, orthopedic center and more. Info: 983-7424 or brighamandwomensfaulkner.org.

FriendshipWorks Music Program, Do you enjoy music? Seeking volunteers to share music and friendship with elders in JP. 277-5248.

Reunions

*** A reunion for all who attended Roslindale High School** and the Class of 1969 takes place on Saturday, June 22 at the West Roxbury Elks Club, 1 Morrell Street from 7 to 11:30 p.m. Send a check for \$40. To Roslindale High School Reunion c/o Maria Bennett P.O. Box 365858 Hyde Park, MA 02136. Include an e-mail address and year of graduation. Updates can be found at roslindalehighschool.com

Public Notices

Airport Noise Complaint Line, Massport's Noise Complaint line is open 6 AM to 6PM. Call whenever Logan

Runway 27 airplane noise disturbs you: 561-3333. Congressman Steven Lynch 428-2000 also asked Jamaica Plain constituents to call their office about aircraft noise.

Free Community Meal Program: These are free walk-in meals for all ages with vegan options always available! Come in, eat all you want or take a plate to go! We recently hired a new cook, Elaina Smith & She provides a healthy home cooked experience to every meal! Community dinner every Wednesday @6:30 pm. Crossroad Café lunch every Saturday @12pm For More info contact Kennia Phone 617-524-3992 / Email: Churchoffice@firstbaptistjp.org

Just Cookin' Kitchen is a partnership between FBCJP and caterers in need of quality kitchen space. We offer a commissary kitchen for less money, available to small businesses interested in catering, food truck prep and/or culinary educational experiences. We provide an opportunity to let your business grow so you can save & spend less on start-up cost. For More info contact Kennia Phone: 617-524-3992 / Email: Churchoffice@firstbaptistjp.org

Seeking Interested Local Small Business Owners and Entrepreneurs for New Mentoring Program, In response to feedback from local small businesses and entrepreneurs, JP

Centre/South Main Streets is excited to kick off a new mentoring program this year. The program will provide a valuable mentoring network to local small business owners and entrepreneurs. There will be opportunities to connect participants with entrepreneurs from other local university and business associations. Renee Wong, a local JP resident with extensive economic consulting background, is volunteering with JPCSMS to spearhead this project. If you are a small business owner or entrepreneur interested in participating in the program, as a mentor, mentee, or both, please reach out to Renee Wong or Ginger Brown.

Needle disposal, City of Boston reminds residents medical needles/syringes cannot be put in household trash; drop-off location: AIDS Action Committee, 75 Amory St. Needle exchange program for IV drug users available via AHOPE Boston at 534-3963. If needle found in public area, call Mayor's Hotline: 635-4500.

Community composting, Saturdays, 10am-2pm, Egleston Square Farmers Market, 45 Brookside Ave. Info: greenvateboston.gov.

Spotholes, pothole reporting tool, 635-4500, Citizens Connect mobile phone app, cityofboston.gov/mayor/24, and using #spotholes on twitter.




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Sights & Sounds

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Special events

Jamaica Plain Spring Fair at the First Church In Jamaica Plain, 6 Eliot Street (at the Monument) on Saturday June 1 2019 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Fifty amazing crafters selling hand made goods - food, fun! Check out the vendors at jpsbestcraftfair.com

A park in Egleston Square has been named in honor of Mr. Robert G. Lawson, longtime businessman and entrepreneur in the Square. This is the result of several years of a broad community effort to honor Mr. Lawson. The park is at the intersection of Atherton, Washington, and Columbus, and is now officially named Robert G. Lawson Place.

The Dedication Ceremony will be at the park on Saturday, June 22, 3 pm, followed by refreshments at 1979 Columbus Ave., Lawson's Barber Shop.

Boston Ward 10 2019 Caucus, June 1

Boston Ward 10 will caucus on Saturday, June 1 from 9:30 AM – 12 PM at 835 Huntington Avenue. Join Boston's Ward 10 for the 2019 Caucus!

Hear from candidates running for local office in 2019, and elect your neighbors to be delegates (and alternates) at the 2019 Massachusetts Democratic State Convention.

The 2019 Massachusetts Democratic State Convention will be held at the MassMutual Center in Springfield on September 14th. The Convention is an event for Democrats from across the

state to come together to discuss Party business, celebrate successes, and prepare for the upcoming elections in 2019. Learn more here: <https://massdems.org/2019-state-convention/>

Free Guided Walking Tour of Stony Brook/Brookside neighborhood will take place on Saturday, May 25 starting at 11:00am from in front of Stony Brook MBTA station on the Orange Line. Conducted by the Jamaica Plain Historical Society.

Free Guided Walking Tour of Hyde Square neighborhood will take place on Saturday, June 1 starting at 11:00am from front of Brendan Behan Pub, 378 Centre Street. Conducted by the Jamaica Plain Historical Society.

A show of paintings by Dawn Nelson will be coming to The Turtle Swamp Brewery. 3377 Washington St. The show will be called "For Crying Out Loud!" Dates for previewing will be June 6 - July 7. The opening: will be Thursday, June 6, from 6-8 p.m.

Faith Girdler will present a slide show on June 6 at the Jamaica Plain Branch Library 30 South Street, (617) 524-2053 www.bpl.org. entitled "How NOT to Enjoy Your Birthday: Getting Malaria & Almost Dying."

The theme it is about how in Feb of 2019, she was bitten by a malaria infected mosquito in Ghana, W. Africa and didn't even know it. She returned to the United States for a few days and she went onto Rio De Janeiro, Brazil. She still felt fine, until she passed out on the street. She was then rushed by ambulance to a world-famous clinic specializing in infectious diseases.

So she will have pictures of the doctors, but also the GORGEOUS hospital grounds and historical background of this famous place and visionary doctor who invented

the vaccine for smallpox and yellow fever, singlehandedly!

Monday, May 20 at 7:30 p.m.: The Healing Power of Stillness, a complimentary Christian Science lecture given by Larissa Snorek, C.S.B., a member of the Christian Science Board of Lectureship. Lorissa invites you to consider if it's possible to find an enduring, deep-settled calm within ourselves.

Held in the community room at First Baptist Church, 633 Centre Street, Jamaica Plain. Sponsored by the members of Third Church of Christ, Scientist, Boston. <https://christianscienceboston.org/2019/05/01/save-the-date-monday-may-20th-the-healing-power-of-stillness/> Public warmly invited! 781-308-9455

Our Lady of the Cedars will be holding their 10th Annual Lebanese Festival on Friday June 7, 6 to 11 PM; Saturday June 8, 3 to 11PM and Sunday June 9th, 12 to 6 PM at 65 Rockwood Street Jamaica Plain, MA 02130

The admission is free. Offered will be Lebanese and American food with a full bar and Live Entertainment every day. There will be lebanese pastry, souvenirs, jewelry and raffles

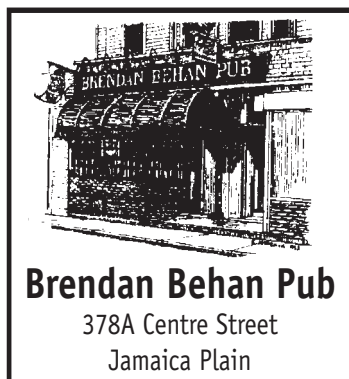
Arts, music, and culture

Jamaica Plain Branch Library, 30 South Street, (617) 524-2053 www.bpl.org

May 30, 6:30pm. Phakamani Pega and Friends. Pega is a South African violinist performing with Taiward Wider and Lydia Taylor Downard (cello, viola and percussion).

Family Day: America Transformed

Join us for a fun afternoon to celebrate the opening of a new exhibit, "America Transformed: Mapping the 19th Century" at the Norman B. Leventhal Map & Education Center at the Boston Public Library at Copley Square. This collection of maps and images will explore the dramatic changes and developments in the land, the population, transportation, and the economy that occurred in the 1800s.



This free, family-friendly event will take place on Saturday, May 18, from 1-4pm, and is open to community members of all ages. The afternoon will open with a ribbon cutting ceremony and include an introductory talk by Curator Ron Grim. The event will also feature hands-on, family-oriented activities; debut an evocative sound/video installation by artist Beau Kenyon; and host exhibition tours. We are grateful for our ongoing partnerships with the Boston Map Society and the Boston Public Library, as well as guidance from the Akomawt Educational Initiative. This exhibition was made possible through lead sponsorship from Iron Mountain, as well as support from the MacLean Foundation, Jane & Lawrence Caldwell, and other individuals and institutions.

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.

The exhibition's curator Caitlin Foley writes: "Radin and Goldman employ their work as a means of documenting, celebrating, and asking questions about the communities in which they are embedded...These two distinctly different bodies of work complement one another via their shared exploration and documentation of place and community."

JESUS DRINKS FREE! 1950s-70s country, gospel, soul and RnB spun by 2 atheists (and guests) @ Jeanie Johnston 9pm-Close FREE SOUL music & COUNTRY music. Foundational sounds of the American experience spun monthly with love, admiration, and a deep want to create fun. Throw in a non-believer's true lust for spinning GOSPEL music and you have JESUS DRINKS FREE. The music comes from the 1950s thru the 1970s. We're @ The Jeanie Johnston Pub every first Thursday night of every month. Good times in Jamaica Plain."

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. Saturday 6/8 (Day Show): Sammy Kay, Townes Constantino, Michael Kane, Matt Charette Saturday 6/8 (Night Show): Graveyard Of The Atlantic, Forktie, Knock Over City, The Melatonins

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

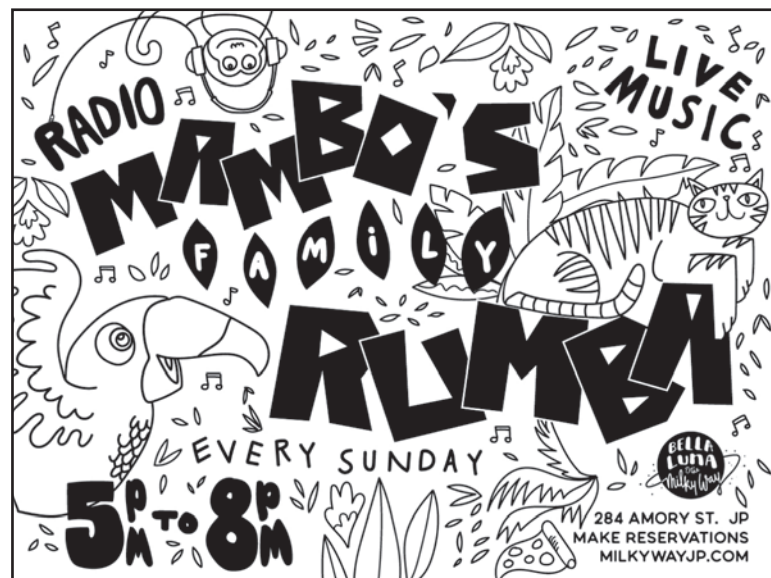
First Fridays Youth Open Mic with renowned feature artists, first Friday of every month, 7pm at First Baptist Church, 633 Centre St. Free for performers and those under 25, \$10 suggested donation for those 25 and over.

Doyle's cafe 3484 Washington St., Jamaica Plain 617-524-2345Trivia every Tuesday 8pm-10pm Old Time Jam every other Wednesday PM..Now Featuring Live music first Friday of each month with Chris Baird and friends 8pm no cover Irish and American tunes

Dance and comedy

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

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



INVITACIÓN

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

Reuniones

Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council: Reunión mensual, 28 mayo, 7pm, Farnsworth House. Agenda: presentación de la Consejera Municipal Anissa Essaibi-George; informes de los comités de trabajo. Comité de servicio público: 7 junio, 4pm, Curtis Hall. Vacante en Area C, llame al 866-7672.

Stonybrook Neighborhood Association, lunes, 10 junio, 7-9pm, Doyle's, 3484 Washington St. sna-jp.org

The Jamaica Pond Association, 3 junio, 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, 3 junio, 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.

JPNDC, reunión anual, 30 mayo, 6-8.30pm, 45 Brookside Ave.

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

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empresarios. Con oportunidades de hacer conexiones con asociaciones de negocios. Con Renee Wong, una consultante económica de JP. Renee Wong: w.renee@gmail.com. Ginger Brown: 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. greenovate-boston.gov.

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

Jóvenes/familias

Liga comunitaria de softball de Jamaica Plain, se busca un equipo o jugadores. Adultos, mixto en Franklin Park. Juegos 6pm lunes a viernes hasta agosto. jamaicaplainssoftball@gmail.com.

Lavado de Autos y Venta de Garaje Anual de South Street Youth Center, sabado, 1 jun, 10am-2pm. 125 South Street. Se busca donaciones.

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.

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 alliriano@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 / 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.

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.

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 Allandale St. Meredith Griffiths: 522-0043, mgriffiths@springhouseboston.org.

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

Adultos Mayores

The Jamaica Plain Branch Library: Introducción a Medicare,

29 mayo, 10:15-11:15a.m. Responda a 522-9270 y deje su nombre, número de teléfono y el nombre del evento.

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.

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

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

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

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

Crossroads Café, almuerzo gratis y evento social para ancianos y sus invitados, con música en vivo y presentaciones educativas. Comida de ingredientes locales. Pan, vegetales, leche y comida para llevar disponibles. Los sábados, 633 Centre St., 12.00-2pm. 524-3992, firstbaptistjp.org.

Trabajo Voluntario

Programa de aprendizaje para adultos, se busca voluntarios para enseñar inglés a adultos, orientación gratuita. jpcctutor@gmail.com o 635-5201.

The Boston Teachers Union School busca voluntarios para tutelar a alumnos de la secundaria, los martes y/o miércoles, 3-4.30pm.

David Weinstein, maestro de matemáticas: dweinstein@bostonpublicschools.org, 857-334-9855.

Mentor o tutor, matemáticas, ciencia, historia, inglés, idiomas extranjeros, SAT, y más.

Los martes, miércoles, jueves, 3-8pm, sábado 10am-2.30pm. hydesquare.org/get-involved/join-our-programs.

Chelsea Jewish Hospice & Palliative Care (CJHPC) busca voluntarios para ayudar a las personas con enfermedades terminales en JP, 1-2 horas/semana. Formación gratis. Aimee: 889-0779, afarrell@chelseajewish.org.

Coalición de Franklin Park, busca miembros para la junta directiva, miembros del comité y voluntarios. admin@franklinparkcoalition.org (junta directiva y comité); volunteer@franklinparkcoalition.org, 442-4141.

Ethos busca compañeros para visitar ancianos en casa. Se requieren una orientación y un compromiso de una hora por semana. JP, Hyde Park, West Roxbury, Roslindale y Mattapan. ethocare.org/volunteer/application, 522-6700.

Cuidado hospicio de VNA, una organización sin fines de lucro, busca voluntarios para proveer amistad a los pacientes. Ninguna experiencia requerida, ofrecemos entrenamiento continuo y apoyo para todos los voluntarios. vnahospicecare.org, 781-569-2811.

Inglés para nuevos bostonianos, buscando voluntarios para servir como tutores de inglés. 982-6864, fmartinez@englishfornewbostonians.org.

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

Programa de música Friendship-Works, ¿Le gusta la música? Buscamos voluntarios para compartir la música y la amistad con los ancianos en JP. 277-5248.

Reuniones de clase

Reunion de clase, Roslindale High School, clase de 1969. 22 junio, West Roxbury Elks Club, 1 Morrell Street, 7-11.30 pm. \$40 en forma de cheque a Roslindale High School Reunion c/o Maria Bennett, P.O. Box 365858, Hyde Park, MA, 02136. Incluye su dirección de correo electrónico y su año de graduación. Roslindalehighschool.com

CITY PAWS

Vet visit basics

By Penny & Ed Cherubino
This spring we've taken our Westie Poppy to her medical team for a few minor issues. Vet visits can be stressful for both people and pets, but they are something you can get better about with experience and preparation. Just as with human medical care,

vet visits fall into a few basic categories.

Routine Checkups

The frequency of routine checkups is something you and your veterinary team should determine depending on the health and age of your animal. Often an annual checkup to update blood work for heartworm medication, titers to determine if additional vaccinations are needed, and a thorough physical examination is enough.

If the cat or dog has ongoing medical issues or is elderly and frail, the veterinarian may want to see your pet more frequently.

This visit will begin with a veterinary technician who conducts routine tests like weight, temperature, and then sits with you to prepare a briefing for the doctor. You should be ready to answer questions about how the pet is doing with routine matters such as eating, elimination, exercise, and behavior.

This is also the time to raise all the topics you want to discuss with the doctor, request medication refills, and list all the reasons for your visit. These should include questions you have about your animal's weight, behavior, exercise, food, medications, sup-

plements, and dental health. We create a checklist so we walk out with all our concerns covered and decisions about ongoing care made.

Non-Routine and Emergency Visits

Some non-urgent visits with your primary care vet are for specific symptoms or a change in your pet that concerns you. Sudden, urgent problems may mean a trip to an animal emergency hospital.

Here the focus for both you and the doctor will be on the symptoms that brought you there. An emergency vet won't know your dog or cat, so you must fill in the blanks for them. They may or may not have access to your animal's medical records.

You should try to have a complete medical history available for situations like this. We ask for copies of all reports, tests, and bloodwork and upload them to an online service we can access from our phones. This can be a great help to someone trying to diagnose a problem.

Seeing a Specialist

Certified, specialty veterinarians often have long waits for appointments and are more expensive, so you



Veterinary technicians are an important part of a your vet visit. They are trained to assist the doctor in more ways than just holding the patient.

should make the most of the time you have with them.

After a recent ER visit for an ear infection, our primary care vet suggested a follow-up exam with a specialist. We not only covered the ear issue with the dermatologist, but also had him review all the skin and allergy related questions we had about Poppy. He set up a topical treatment plan for her ears and provided us with a better solution than the one we were using for a skin irritation caused by some obsessive licking.

At every type of vet visit,

you have to speak for the animal, ask any and all questions you have, and listen carefully to the instructions for the things you have to do in the days ahead. We're fortunate that we can usually go as a family. However, when one of us has faced a solo emergency visit, we have asked a friend to be our second set of ears and to help keep us calm.

Do you have a question or topic for City Paws. Send an email to Penny@BostonZest.com with your request.

JP Movie Night set for June 1 scheduled

A few years ago South African storyteller, Gcina Mhlophe, met with five orphaned children from Eswatini (the former Swaziland). Together they collaborated to craft an original fairytale drawn

from their troubled past. Together they created Liyana; a brave young woman who embarks on a dangerous quest to rescue her young twin brothers from danger.

Then they made a movie about her.

In cooperation with the Roxbury International Film Festival, and for one night only, JP Movie Night will be showing this internationally acclaimed, award winning film that mixes animated and live-action sequences. Taking place at the venerable Doyle's Cafe on Saturday, June 1, 7pm this film will cap off JP Movie Night's first successful season showing independent films by some of today's most exciting filmmakers (many of whom are Boston-based).

Bring your handkerchief, and be prepared to be awestruck by the remarkable resilience of these children as they quite literally take control of their own narrative. To reserve your ticket (suggested donation \$8) go to JP Movie Night's Eventbrite page: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/jp-movie-night-liyana-saturday-june-1-7pm-suggested-donation-8-2-students-tickets-61382090485> For any questions about JP Movie Night, it's mission and films they have shown in the past go to www.jpmovienight.org

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Gazette Pet of the Week

by Sarah Carroll



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



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Boston Planning and Development Agency gives go ahead for project at 121 Brookside Avenue

By JOHN LYNDS

The project at 121 Brookside Ave. in Jamaica Plain by developer Scott Johnson received Boston Planning and Development Agency board approval last Thursday at the board's May meeting.

Johnson plans to develop a four-story residential loft-style building on two parcels totaling 8,679 square feet. The project will replace a parking lot with quality transit-oriented housing that includes artist live/work and residential unit.

The property abuts a one-story brick structure to the left, parking lot parcels to the rear and an area used for parking by a light industrial abutter to the right. Across the street is a new mixed use residential and artist work space development already under construction close to Bartlett Square.

The BPDA approved building will contain 23 homeownership units--including two artist live/work condominium spaces on the ground floor as well as a ground floor parking garage for 11 vehicles. Upstairs are an additional 21 condominium residences or seven units per floor.

The units are a blend of studios, one bedrooms and two bedrooms.

"The project is compliant with the affordable housing, urban design, green building and open space recommendations outlined in PLAN: Jamaica Plain/Roxbury which was approved by the BPDA Board in March 2017," wrote the BPDA board in its ruling. The PLAN: Jamaica Plain/Roxbury initiative changed some zoning in the areas while 'preserving, enhancing and growing' the two communities.

Positioned on the site to allow for wider sidewalks and street trees consistent with the Boston Complete Street Guidelines, the proposed building is designed to complement, and be compatible with, the architecture of the surrounding area, according to Johnson.

The massing is articulated to break down the scale and to relate to neighboring buildings, and at 45 feet, is consistent with the PLAN: Jamaica Plain/Roxbury new zoning .

The first floor includes two live/work units with separate entrances and larges glazed openings. Cladding will be a combination of brick, metal siding and cement board allowing a mix of



An artist rendering of the BPDA approved project on Brookside Avenue.

textures with multiple colors that is reflective of the variety found in the neighborhood. "Balconies are included to provide access to private outdoor space, and a roof level amenity space provides access to a common outdoor roof deck," wrote Johnson in his BPDA filing. "The building is designed to provide appropriate access to daylight and fresh air for residents, with dura-

ble materials and energy efficient systems and technology."

The BPDA cited the fact that the project will replace a parking lot and industrial use coupled with the pedestrian environment on Brookside Avenue being improved with wider sidewalks, landscaping and active ground floor uses as community benefits for Jamaica Plain.



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EDITORIAL

Memorial Day is a day to reflect upon those who gave the last full measure

The Memorial Day weekend is upon us, a three-day weekend that for most Americans marks the start of the summer season. Many will celebrate appropriately with barbecues and outdoor activities with family and friends.

However, amidst our festivities, we should not forget that Memorial Day is America's most solemn national holiday, marking our nation's tribute to those who made the Supreme Sacrifice for our country.

Memorial Day initially was observed on May 30 and was known as Decoration Day, in an era before the turn of the 20th century, when the Northern states paid tribute to the Union soldiers -- who gave their lives to preserve America as we know it -- by decorating their graves that were a part of the landscape of every Northern community whose sons died to preserve the Union and free the slaves.

That tradition continues to this day, with the graves of those who gave their lives for their country being decorated with American flags and flowers around the country, whether by veterans organizations or family members.

The new century soon brought with it wars, seemingly every generation, that would give new meaning to the words Supreme Sacrifice. Starting with the Spanish-American War in 1898, American blood was shed on foreign soil in WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam, the Gulf War, and then Iraq and Afghanistan, not to mention in other far-off places around the world that are known only to our government.

Although history has been less than kind in judging the wisdom of our policy-makers who involved us in many of these conflicts, what is beyond dispute is that in every war to which we have sent our young men and women, they have performed with courage and patriotism in the belief that they were serving the best interests of our nation.

For those of us who have been spared the horrors of war, it is difficult, if not impossible, to appreciate the sacrifices that have been made on our behalf by those who served -- and died -- while wearing the uniform.

It is these brave Americans, who gave "the last full measure," whom we honor on Memorial Day. Without their heroic efforts, we would not be writing this editorial -- nor would you be reading it.

So as we enjoy the long holiday weekend with friends and family, let each of us resolve to take a moment -- if not longer -- to thank those who gave their lives in order that we might be able to enjoy the freedoms that make America the greatest nation on earth.

Abraham Lincoln's words in his Gettysburg address ring as true today as they in 1864:

Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battle-field of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

But, in a larger sense, we can not dedicate -- we can not consecrate -- we can not hallow -- this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us -- that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion -- that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain -- that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom -- and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.



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OP-ED

How we're investing in Jamaica Plain

BY MAYOR MARTIN J. WALSH

Every spring, we release our Capital Investment Plan which funds the critical improvements to our infrastructure and facilities in Boston over a five-year period. It is a reflection of our priorities, and is guided by the voices of over 15,000 residents who offered input for our citywide plan, Imagine Boston 2030. Our Capital Plan funds the essentials of community life -- our schools, streets, libraries, and parks, including climate and resilience projects. It's a commitment to all those who call Boston home and to our future generations.

Here in Jamaica Plain, we're making investments across a wide range of projects, including parks and open space, streets and transportation, our schools' infrastructure, and our delivery of City services.

In Jamaica Plain, the environment and accessible, open spaces for families, neighbors and the community are key investments. That's why we're investing \$10.5 million into equitable and accessible open spaces and parks in Jamaica Plain, including a \$4.77 million investment in Jamaica Plain's beloved Jamaica Pond, a longstanding landmark of Boston and the neighborhood. This investment will revitalize the pond's pathways, and improve accessibility and pond drainage. Additionally, we're putting

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\$10.5M INVESTMENT
for equitable and accessible open spaces and parks.

\$600K INVESTMENT
for structural repairs to stone walls near Bussey Brook.

\$600K INVESTMENT
for the Bussey Brook Meadow Trail at the Arnold Arboretum to repair the walking paths, restore the wetland habitat and improve the flood retention capacity.



\$1.74M INVESTMENT
for renovations to the Parkman Playground, including upgrades to the pavilion, entrance, and perimeter.

\$679K INVESTMENT
in the restoration of Olmsted Park, including woodlands restoration, stair stabilization, and landscape improvements.

\$3M INVESTMENT
at the Curley K-8 school, for rebuilding the bridge and walkway to connect the two buildings.



\$1.75M INVESTMENT
to upgrade the Flaherty Playground.

\$750K INVESTMENT
to redesign portions of Centre Street and South Street.

\$1.89M INVESTMENT
for improvements at the Daisy Field at Olmsted Park, including two softball fields, pathways, and LED sports lighting.

\$200K INVESTMENT
to create and install permanent artwork at the newly-renovated Jamaica Plain Branch of the Boston Public Library.

\$210K INVESTMENT
to repair and rehabilitate the boat dock at Jamaica Pond.

\$4.77M INVESTMENT
for the revitalization of pathways around Jamaica Pond and improvements to accessibility and pond drainage.

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Budget

\$210,000 towards repairing and rehabilitating the pond's boat dock. We believe that funding equitable and accessible community spaces is crucial to keeping Boston not only a beautiful city, but also an open and welcoming one.

In addition to Jamaica Pond, we've also devoted \$1.89 million to renovate the Daisy Field at Olmsted Park, modernizing two

softball fields, pathways, and LED sports lighting. We've also invested \$1.75 towards upgrading the Flaherty Playground, and \$1.74 million to improve Parkman Playground.

The City is also designating \$600,000 for the Bussey Brook Meadow Trail at the Arnold

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LETTERS

May is Mental Health Awareness Month

Dear Editor:

In America today, approximately 45-47 million, or one out of five Americans, is suffering with a mental health issue; and approximately 1 in 25 adults is currently experiencing a serious mental illness that substantially interferes with one or more major life activities. Sadly, the rate of suicide is at a 30-year high.

While more individuals are accessing care, an astounding 9 million are struggling with unmet needs. These are our friends, colleagues, neighbors and perhaps our own family members. As CEO of the Arbour Hospital, my staff and I have the privilege of serving many members of our community who are experiencing some of the most challenging times of their lives – mental illnesses that are often invisible to the casual observer in ways that physical illnesses are not.

May is Mental Health Awareness month, providing an important opportunity for reflection and collective action to address barriers, including the ongoing stigma and stereotypes preventing many individuals from getting the care they need.

A recent poll of 1,000 Americans conducted by Research Now provides some noteworthy insights regarding perception and barriers. High percentages of respondents view mental health as equal in importance to physical health with illnesses like depression and anxiety cited among the top concerns, along with cancer and heart disease. The same poll identified barriers to care and different perspectives regarding value for physical and mental health where historically the latter wasn't taken as seriously.

The good news is that there is much hope – and today, positive outcomes are not only possible,

they are experienced every day. Like chronic physical illness, mental illness can be diagnosed and effectively managed. Individuals who were once in despair can regain their mental health and go on to live their best lives. This is highly rewarding and one reason I chose to work in this field.

What can we do within our communities to recognize the signs of mental health issues and assist those in need of care and treatment?

- Listen and show understanding: If you suspect a 1 is struggling, offer to listen and encourage them to seek professional help.

- 1Share the Lifeline number (800-273-TALK) – a 24/7, free and confidential support line. Military veterans may press '1' for dedicated support. Suicide affects all demographics: different ages, races, ethnicities, sexual orientation and occupations.

- 1In case of acute emergency, dial 911 or go to the nearest emergency room. Suicide is often preventable when people at risk receive the support that they need.

- Our schools should encourage students to pursue careers in mental health fields, whether through nursing, medical or vocational programs. This is a growing field; we need the next generation of talented professionals. Arbour educational partners include Northeastern University, Roxbury Community College and Tufts School of medicine.

- Each of us can play a positive role to improve the lives of the millions of Americans suffering from mental health challenges, not just during this month, but every month in every community across the country.

ERIC KENNEDY, CEO
ARBOUR HOSPITAL



Some of the volunteers at the cleanup

Thank you to all who volunteered

Dear Editor,
Thank you to all who volunteered for the Arborway Hillside "Pop-up" Clean-up on May 11!

Volunteers removed:

- * 9 large bags of trash
- * 3 containers of recycling
- * 1 highway cone
- * 1 bedroll
- * a variety of invasives

Thank you to all who helped to make this clean-up possible:

- * Emerald Necklace Conservancy -

- for shovels, clippers, rake, tecnu, water bottles, bags, sharps container and more

- * Arnold Arboretum -

- for the mulch delivery

- * Judy Teitelman -

- for donating gloves
- * City Councilor Matt O'Malley -

- for outreach via social media
- * Steering Committee -

Ann & Jim Stillman, Sue Pfeiffer, Clay Harper, Celeste Walker, Kit Ganshaw, Sarah Freeman - for graphics, tools, bags, outreach, refreshments, etc. etc.

* City & DCR for trash pick-up.

* The volunteers who helped clean up!

This hidden gem in the Emerald Necklace park system is in much better shape thanks to your combined efforts.

SARAH FREEMAN

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State Fire Marshal offers outdoor fire safety tips

Start the Summer Off Safely
 “Memorial Day is the unofficial start of summer,” said State Fire Marshal Peter J. Ostroskey. “Many people are anticipating activities with family and friends, and getting their yards and grills ready for gatherings. Take a few minutes for safety and have a wonderful Memorial Day weekend.”

Grilling Safety

Between 2014 and 2018, Massachusetts fire departments responded to 474 fires involving grills, hibachis, and barbecues. These fires caused 19 civilian injuries, seven firefighter injuries, and \$3.8 million in property damage. Last year, a terrible house fire started in Duxbury when the grill was used right against the side of the house.

State Fire Marshal Ostroskey offered these safety tips for grilling safety:

- Always grill outdoors.
- Place grills 10-feet away from the house and deck railings. Make sure grills are not under eaves or overhanging branches.
- You should not use a gas or charcoal grill on any porch or balcony.
- Gas grills can be used on first

floor decks or patios, only if there is an outdoor stairway to the ground, or what is at ground level.

- Grills cannot be used indoors or on fire escapes.
- Keep all matches, lighters and lighter fluid away from children.
- Keep children and pets three feet away from grills. Create a circle of safety. Children should never play near grills.

On June 6, 2018, the Millbury Fire Department responded to a supertime grill fire. The grill ignited nearby furniture on the porch. Damages were estimated at \$20,000. The home had no fire sprinklers.

On July 11, 2018, shortly after midnight, the Ayer Fire Department responded to an outside grill fire. The homeowner had left the grill on at around 9 p.m. to clean it but forgot to shut it off later. The heat from the grill ignited the nearby wood railings on the deck and caused \$26,000 in damage. The home had no fire

sprinklers.

On August 19, 2018, the Scituate Fire Department responded to a grill fire on the back deck of a single family home. Working smoke alarms alerted the residents. Damages were estimated at \$15,000. The home had no fire sprinklers.

Charcoal Grills

Propane is the most common grilling fuel, but many people use charcoal grills. Here are some charcoal grill safety tips:

- Only use charcoal starter fluid. Do not use gasoline or kerosene to start a fire in a grill.
- Never add lighter fluid to burning briquettes or hot coals. Doing so may cause a flash fire and result in serious burn injuries.
- Charcoal briquettes give off carbon monoxide, a colorless, odorless gas that can be deadly. Always use charcoal grills in a well-ventilated area. Never use

charcoal grills indoors.

• For proper disposal of grill ashes, allow the coals to burn out completely and then cool for 48 hours before disposal.

• If you must dispose of ashes before they are completely cooled, thoroughly soak them in water before putting them in a metal container.

Gasoline and Lawnmowers

State Fire Marshal Ostroskey said, “Is your teenager finally old enough to mow the lawn? Then be sure to discuss gasoline safety at the same time; talk about why it is important to let the engine cool before refueling.” Gasoline vapors are highly flammable and refueling a hot motor can ignited them. Gasoline spilled onto clothing can give off vapors until completely dry and be ignited by any heat source. Gasoline vapors can travel a long distance to find an ignition source, which is why gasoline cannot be stored inside the house. In the past five years

(2014-2018), 335 lawn mower fires caused one civilian death, four civilian injuries, two fire service injuries and an estimated dollar loss of \$1.6 million.

- Store gasoline outside only in approved containers.
- Keep gasoline away from all heat sources, such as smoking materials, pilot lights, campfires, and grills.

• Fill a cooled lawn mower. Never refill while it is hot.

• Keep hands and feet away from a mower while it is running.

On April 24, 2017, at 9:05 a.m., the East Bridgewater Fire Department was dispatched to a fatal fire in a single-family home. The victim, an 86-year old man was working on his lawn tractor when it caught fire and spread to his clothes and the deck. The building did not have any sprinklers and damages were estimated to be \$242,400.

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Meadow Trail at the Arnold Arboretum, including repairing the walking paths, restoring the wetland habitat and improving the flood retention capacity, and another \$600,000 to mend the stone walls near Bussey Brook. A further \$679,000 will go towards the restoration of Olmsted Park, which includes woodlands restoration, stair stabilization, and landscape improvements. We

hope residents can continue to enjoy these spaces in the coming years.

We’re also allocating much of our budget to infrastructure and transportation efforts in order to make navigating Boston safe, reliable, and equitable. That’s why we’re putting \$750,000 toward the redesign of portions of Centre and South Street.

We’ve also funded a number of longer-term projects designed to create growth and opportunity in each neighborhood long after the initial investment. These account for the requests of the neighborhood’s residents and prepare Boston for the coming years.

With an eye towards the future, we’re investing heavily in high-quality infrastructure improvements to better serve residents. That’s why we’re spending \$3 million to rebuild the walkway that connects the two buildings of the Curley K-8 school. We’ve also put \$200,000 towards create and install permanent artwork at the newly-renovated Jamaica Plain Branch of the Boston Public Library.

Now that we’ve submitted Boston’s budget, where do we go from here? First, to the City Council, where it will be reviewed and adjusted as necessary. After it’s gone through that process and secured approval, it will go into effect, starting in July 2020 and running throughout the next 12 months. We hope you will continue to provide your valuable input on what we as a city can do to raise up your community. If you’d like to learn more about the Capital Plan and how this budget was created, go to budget.boston.gov.

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LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

RIFFE OF JAMAICA PLAIN NAMED TO EMERSON COLLEGE DEAN'S LIST

Hannah Riffe, a resident of Jamaica Plain, MA, has been named to the Emerson College Dean's List for the Spring 2019 semester. Riffe is majoring in Theatre Studies: Acting and is a member of the Class of 2019. The requirement to make Emerson's Dean's List is a grade point average of 3.7 or higher.

LOCAL STUDENTS GRADUATE FROM BRIDGEWATER STATE UNIV.

BRIDGEWATER — Bachelor's degrees in the arts, sciences, business and education were awarded to approximately 2,100 graduates during Bridgewater State University's 178th Spring Commencement Convocation on Saturday, May 18 on the Boyden Quadrangle. Local graduates include Renadi Drosier and Michael McNeil of Jamaica Plain.

Undergraduate majors from the Ricciardi College of Business, College of Education & Allied Studies, and the Bartlett College of Science & Mathematics were awarded their degrees during the morning ceremony

while graduates in the College of Humanities & Social Sciences received their diplomas in the afternoon.

Martin J. Walsh, mayor of Boston, addressed graduates during the morning ceremony and received an honorary degree while U.S. Sen. Edward J. Markey delivered the commencement address and will receive an honorary degree at the afternoon ceremony.

Mayor Walsh is Boston's 54th mayor. His agenda has focused on strengthening Boston Public Schools by expanding pre-kindergarten and extended learning time. He has been a champion of social justice, creating programs aimed at ending veteran and chronic homelessness and closing racial achievement gaps. He has led Boston to the forefront of the global innovation economy, helping attract industry-leading companies to the city. Before being elected mayor, he served in the Massachusetts House of Representatives and headed the Building and Construction Trades Council.

Sen. Markey has served the residents of Massachusetts in the United States Congress for more than 40 years. He is a national leader and author of some

of the most important laws in the areas of energy, the environment and telecommunications policy, and has been a powerful voice for transitioning the U.S. economy to clean and sustainable energy resources and mitigating the consequences of climate change. Sen. Markey served in the U.S. Army Reserve and for two terms at the Massachusetts State House before being elected to Congress.

Distinguished Service Awards were also presented at both ceremonies. In the morning, Dr. Lisa Battaglino, retiring dean of BSU's College of Education & Allied Studies, was recognized for her efforts while Marquis Taylor, founder and CEO of Coaching4Change, based in Taunton, was presented the award in the afternoon.

Lucas Bentes of Milford, a management and marketing major, delivered the student address at the morning ceremony and Gwendolynne Weissinger of Northbridge, a psychology major, addressed her fellow graduates in the afternoon.

LOCAL STUDENTS GRADUATE FROM EMERSON COLLEGE

On Sunday, May 12, Emerson

College awarded more than 970 undergraduate degrees and on Saturday, May 11, awarded nearly 300 graduate degrees during the College's Commencement ceremonies.

Isaac Nelson from Jamaica Plain graduated from Emerson College, receiving a BA in Media Arts Production. Nelson completed the degree in December 2018 and was honored on Sunday, May 12, during commencement.

Hannah Riffe of Jamaica Plain graduated from Emerson College, with a BA degree in Theatre Studies: Acting.

Nicole Lawrence of Jamaica Plain graduated from Emerson College, with a BFA degree in Creative Writing BFA.

Award-winning journalist, speaker, and author Soledad O'Brien received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree and delivered the undergraduate commencement address. Award-winning scholar and writer Nell Irvin Painter, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist, Emmy-nominated filmmaker, and theatrical producer Jose Antonio Vargas, and President of Miami Dade College Eduardo J. Padron

also received honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degrees.

About Emerson College Located in Boston, Massachusetts, opposite the historic Boston Common and in the heart of the city's Theatre District, Emerson College educates individuals who will solve problems and change the world through engaged leadership in communication and the arts, a mission informed by liberal learning. The College has 3,750 undergraduates and 750 graduate students from across the United States and 50 countries. Supported by state-of-the-art facilities and a renowned faculty, students participate in more than 80 student organizations and performance groups. Emerson is known for its study and internship programs in Los Angeles, Washington, D.C., the Netherlands, London, China, and the Czech Republic. A new, permanent facility on Sunset Boulevard for its L.A.-based program opened in January 2014. The College has an active network of 39,000 alumni who hold leadership positions in communication and the arts. For more information, visit www.emerson.edu.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Suffolk Probate And Family Court
24 New Chardon St.
Boston, MA 02114
(617)788-8300
CITATION ON PETITION FOR TERMINATION OF A CONSERVATORSHIP
Docket No. SU16P2245PM
In the Interests Of: Anita Dhekne Of: Jamaica Plain, MA
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Rasika R. Dhekne of Jamaica Plain, MA in the above captioned matter requesting that the court: Terminate Conservatorship. The petition asks the court to make a determination that the Guardian and/or Conservator should be allowed to resign; or should be removed for good cause; or that the Guardianship and/or Conservatorship is no

longer necessary and therefore should be terminated. The original petition is on file with the court. You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 06/13/2019. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date. The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer,

one may be appointed at State expense. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: May 15, 2019 Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

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Suffolk Probate And Family Court
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NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Docket No. SU19C0021CA
In the matter of: Anthony Michael Burnham, Jr.
A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Anthony Michael Burnham, Jr. of Jamaica Plain, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: Angela Mae Ni Mhaille
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 05/30/2019. 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: May 08, 2019 Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT SUFFOLK DIVISION INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

Docket No. SU18P2477EA
Estate of: Karen Deborah Qubell
Date of Death: October 3, 2018
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Bonnie

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A. Radding of Baltimore, MD and Henry G. Levinson of Dover, MA
Bonnie A. Radding of Baltimore, MD and Henry G. Levinson of Dover, MA have 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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ROLLING INTO SPRING

BIKE WEEK CONCLUDES IN STYLE

The Jamaica Plain Bike Week Festival concluded with the 11th Annual Spring Roll Bike Ride down South Street and Centre Street on Sunday, May 19. Parents and children decorated their bikes and scooters in preparation for the parade.



Officer Nguyen of the Boston Police Department Citywide Bike Unit leading the parade on Centre Street through some wet weather.

Elliot Stroup-Jones, Greta Stroup-Jones, Kim Jones, and James Demarrais line up at the start of the parade.



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Naomi Roth-Gaudette with her daughters, Avril, and Sylvie.



Shary Eskin and Guy Harris of JP Bikes volunteered to make the event happen.



Jamaica Plain's Spiderman rides his bike through the rain.



Sarah Abdelkarim, of Jamaica Plain, decorating her scooter with stickers.



Aaron Schmidt, 5, shows off his newly decorated bike just before pedaling off in the 11th annual Spring Roll ride.



Mai-Linn, of Jamaica Plain, is ready to ride.