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## MAYOR'S JP COFFEE HOUR



Photo by Mike Mejia

Jamaica Plain Liaison Enrique Pepen brought members of the Boston Neighborhood Trauma Team to Mayor Martin Walsh's annual Coffee Hour on Weds., June 19, in Mozart Park. The team on site included Wendy Polanco, Efrain Arias, Mare Torres, Sade Smith, and Carol Miranda. The Trauma Team provided their services to members of the community given recent violence near Mozart Park. They are available 24/7 365 days a year and could be reached by phone at 617-431-0125.

## Mayor's Office presents research on Dominicans in Boston

BY LAURA PLUMMER

On Thursday, June 13, residents gathered at the Curtis Hall Community Center for a presentation about the status of Dominicans in Boston.

The Spanish-language presentation hosted by the Mayor's

Office of Economic Development was based on research by the Boston Planning and Development Agency.

Presenters provided an informative flier with a snapshot about Dominicans in Boston. According to this document, Dominicans make up 6% of the to-

tal population of Boston, coming in at 38 thousand. They hold 16,000 jobs in the city, and own 1,300 businesses. Dominicans earn \$403 million annually and contribute \$21 million in state income taxes.

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## Alcaldía presenta estadísticas sobre los dominicanos en Boston

BY LAURA PLUMMER

El jueves 13 de junio, un grupo de residentes se juntaron en el Centro Comunitario Curtis Hall para escuchar una presentación sobre el estado de los dominicanos en la ciudad de Boston.

La presentación en español organizada por la Oficina de Desarrollo Económico de la Alcaldía se basó en una investigación realizada por la Agencia de Planificación y Desarrollo de Boston (BPDA).

Los presentadores repartieron un folleto informativo con es-

tadísticas sobre los dominicanos en Boston. De acuerdo con este folleto, los dominicanos representan el 6% de la población total de Boston, con 38 mil. Tienen 16.000 empleos en la ciudad y son dueños de 1.300 negocios. Ganan \$403 millones al año y contribuyen \$21 millones en impuestos estatales sobre la renta.

El folleto también mostró una tabla que comparan a los dominicanos nacidos en los EE.UU. con los nacidos en la República Dominicana, con los nacidos en los EE.UU. teniendo más éxito.

De acuerdo con esta tabla,

los dominicanos nacidos en los EE.UU. son más competentes en inglés, tienen más educación y ganan alrededor de \$3.000 más por trabajos de tiempo completo. Sin embargo, más dominicanos nacidos en el extranjero son dueños de su propia casa y más de ellos tienen un trabajo de tiempo completo.

Por lo que respecta al crecimiento de la población, el número de dominicanos nacidos en EE.UU. casi se duplicó en los últimos veinte años, mientras

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## JPNC in the midst of several changes, including updates to bylaws

BY LAUREN BENNETT

The Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council (JPNC) held their monthly meeting on June 25 at the Farnsworth House, where they spent the majority of the meeting discussing proposed changes to their bylaws. A few months ago, several Council members were selected to sit on a Bylaws Committee to come up with ways to update the bylaws to reflect the Council as it continues to move forward. After a lengthy discussion of what still needs to be reworked, the Council marked certain changes to go back to and tweak. The committee will

report back to the full Council in a month or two, when the changes can possibly be voted on.

The Council voted to remove member Bruce Marks for having missed at least seven of the last 12 Council meetings. After his removal, there are now three vacant seats on the council: two from Area A and one from Area C. According to the JPNC website, Area A is Ward 10, Precincts 6, 7, 8, and 9 (east of South Huntington Avenue); Ward 11, Precincts 4 and 5, and Ward 19, Precincts 4, 6, and 9 (East of Centre St.). Area C is Ward 10, Precinct 9

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## ROBERT G. LAWSON PARK



Photo by Mike Mejia

Ericka Lawson, Robert Lawson's daughter, cuts the ribbon as her brother, Tim Perry, unveils the new park plaque during the unveiling of the Robert G. Lawson Park in Egleston Square on Saturday, June 22. Family and friends gathered to celebrate the life of the late Robert Lawson, and to remember him with the naming of the small park on the corner near his long-time barber shop.



JPNC

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(west of South Huntington Avenue); and Ward 19, Precincts 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 9 (West of Centre Street) and 12. To determine your Ward and Precinct, refer to the map on [jpnc.org](http://jpnc.org).

The JPNC hopes to get the word out to as many people as possible to fill the seats.

After the bylaws discussion, the Council heard reports from committee chairs.

ZONING COMMITTEE

Zoning Committee Chair David Baron said that the Zoning Committee met on June 5 and June 19, where they discussed five projects to be voted upon by the entire Council. At 32 Rockview Street, the project proponents proposed to add a 3,500 square foot addition to the existing three-family residence, creating a four-family residence. Baron said this project has come before the committee a couple of times. People had opposition to the project both times, but less the second time. He said that some people thought it was too modern, but the Council ended up voting to approve the proposal with the proviso that the appli-

cant put some sort of sidewalk or pathway separate from the driveway for Units 2 and 4.

At 44 and 46 Marmion St., Baron said these are two adjacent lots, and the proponent wants to construct a new three-family house with a roof deck on the vacant land at 46 Marmion St. At 44 Marmion St., the proponent wants to add a third story to the existing two-family residence to make it a three-family residence. Baron said that he does not recall opposition to this project at the committee meeting, though there were some questions about the design. The Council approved the project with the proviso that the front bathroom at 44 Marmion be relocated so the windows on the second and third floors are consistent.

At 121 Brookside Ave., the project consists of constructing a four-story, mixed-use building with 23 units—2 artist live-work spaces, and 21 condos. Baron said that the Brookside Avenue Neighborhood Association was in favor, as were people who live close by to the project. He said that people were glad to see the artist live-work spaces, and the fact that the design was “substantially changed” to follow PLAN: JP/Rox. The project does require more FAR and units than what is

allowed, but people were generally happy to know that it offers more affordable units than the Inclusionary Development Policy (IDP) requires, Baron said. The Council voted to approve the project.

At 32 Perkins St., the proponent wants to renovate the existing three-family house and expand the basement to create an 11-room “boutique hotel,” and at 32R Perkins St., demolish the existing carriage house and create a new 6-room boutique hotel. These particular “boutique hotels” were formerly referred to as “lodging houses.” Baron said the owners plan on using the properties as Airbnbs, but there will be an innkeeper and it will be run strictly for that purpose. The Council approved the project with the proviso that this approval is for this property owner and business owner only.

A similar project on Wyman St. has also been proposed, and a neighbor on Bolster St. said at the Council meeting that “lodging house” and “boutique hotel” have different definitions. The Wyman St. proejct has faced much more opposition, and the neighbor said he opposes it because Wyman St. is 100 percent residential, and when he moved there, he expected to live on a residential street, not on one where people are constantly coming and going from a lodging house. He believes the addition of that type of building would “fundamentally alter the character of the immediate

area,” and also said that parking is already a problem without the lodging house.

The Perkins St. boutique hotel would sit on a residential street, but Perkins St. is also home to Whole Foods and a funeral home, so it is much more mixed than Wyman St., Baron said.

At 9 Rockwood St., the proponent wants to remove/repair walls on rear single-story room, install new roofing over the room and patio, and build a rood over the rear patio. The Council approved this project as-is.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMITTEE

Public Service Committee Chair Michael Reiskind said that at the last committee meeting, they continued the discussion of the protected bike lanes. At the next meeting on July 2, they will be discussing two new license requests, one for the hopeful reopening of Irish pub Eugene O'Neill’s, and one for JJPizle Kitchen, which is seeking a beer and wine license.

HOUSING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

JJPNC Chair Kevin Rainsford stood in for committee chair Carolyn Royce, as she was at the final public meeting for the Shattuck campus planning. Rainsford said that this Shattuck meeting ended the community discussion process, and a request for information went out to the state at large,

from which many responses were received from different programs who would be willing to develop on the Shattuck campus. The next step is to move to a Request for Proposal process for specific programs to be developed at the site.

The Council also voted to sign onto the list of demands for the city from the IDP Coalition.

ENVIRONMENT, PARKS, AND ENERGY COMMITTEE

The EPE committee has not had a char for a while now, and JPNC member Esther Tutella-Chen said that what is left of the EPE committee has met over the last few weeks to draft a sheet saying that they need to find a way to create a committee that is working and contributing to the community. She said that right now, it would be in the Council’s best interest to let this committee lie dormant and create a Parks Plus Ad Hoc Committee that would be smaller and more focused on parks, though it could also respond to other environmental issues that may arise. The Council voted to approve this request, and voted Tutella-Chen as chair. The first meeting of the Parks Plus Ad Hoc Committee will be Friday, July 19 at 6:00pm at JP Licks.

EDUCATION AD HOC COMMITTEE

Committee chair Trevor Wissink-Adams reported that the committee met with people from the community engagement team at Boston Public Schools, and said that new superintendent Brenda Cassellius is embarking on a listening tour to hear Jamaica Plain’s voice on education. Wissink-Adams said they also reached out to the BPS Welcome Center in Roslindale to see if they can help with piloting a mobile welcome center this fall, but that is still in the works.

He added that BPS is changing their ISEE exam policy, which students can take in sixth grade for entrance to the exam schools. This coming school year, students will be able to take the test in-school rather than on a weekend. Wissink-Adams said that BPS is looking for the JPNC’s help in disseminating that information out to families, and is also hoping for assistance with outreach for partners in the STEM field.

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## Dominicans

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The handout also showed a chart comparing U.S.-born Dominicans to those born in the DR, with those born in the U.S. coming out on top.

According to the chart, U.S.-born Dominicans are more proficient in English, are more highly educated, and earn about \$3,000 per year more in median earnings for full-time jobs. However, more

foreign-born Dominicans own their own homes than U.S.-born Dominicans, and more of them are employed full-time.

In terms of population growth, the number of U.S.-born Dominicans has almost doubled over the past twenty years while the number of foreign-born Dominicans has increased by 74%.

A map on the handout showed that Mattapan has the highest percentage of Dominicans in the city of Boston, and not Jamaica Plain as many had assumed.

These statistics were largely gathered from information from the U.S. Census Bureau, which drives home the importance of participating in the census. There is currently no question on the census regarding citizenship but the Trump administration is trying to change that in 2020.

Community leaders were given the chance to respond to the statistics and members of the community had the chance to ask questions regarding policy planning and initiatives.

The Mayor's Office of Economic Development features an Economic Development Center that offers free workshops throughout the City in order to increase access and opportunities. The June 13 meeting was part of their Community Economic Impact Series---presentations held around the city showing how different ethnic groups are participating in Boston's economy.

The goal of the series, according to its website, is "is to engage residents, to hear their

reactions to the data presented, and encourage suggestions on the city's economic development policies and priorities." Other populations in the series include Cape Verdeans, Haitians, Puerto Ricans, Brazilians, Vietnamese, Chinese, Irish and Jamaicans. All meetings offer food, interpretation services, networking opportunities and a child-friendly environment.

On June 26, the series featured Puerto Ricans in Boston at the Tobin Community Center in Roxbury.

## Dominicanos

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que el número de dominicanos nacidos en el extranjero aumentó en un 74%.

Un mapa en el folleto mostró

que Mattapan tiene la cantidad más alta de dominicanos en la ciudad de Boston, y no Jamaica Plain como muchos habían creído.

Estas estadísticas se obtuvieron en gran parte de la información de la Oficina del Censo de EE.UU., lo que subraya la importancia de participar en el censo.

Actualmente el censo no tiene preguntas sobre la ciudadanía, pero la administración de Trump está tratando de cambiar esto en 2020.

Una junta de líderes comunitarios tuvo la oportunidad de responder a las estadísticas y miembros de la comunidad fueron

invitados a hacer preguntas sobre planes e iniciativas políticos.

La Oficina de Desarrollo Económico de la Alcaldía tiene un Centro de Desarrollo Económico que ofrece presentaciones gratuitas para aumentar el acceso y las oportunidades. La reunión del 13 de junio fue parte de su Serie de Impacto Económico Comunitario --- presentaciones realizadas por toda la ciudad para mostrar cómo los diferentes grupos étnicos están participando en la economía de Boston.

El objetivo de la serie, según su sitio web, es "involucrar a los residentes, escuchar sus reacciones sobre el informe presentado y recibir sus sugerencias sobre las políticas y prioridades

de desarrollo económico de la ciudad". Cada presentación se lleva a cabo en el idioma nativo del grupo étnico considerado y en un vecindario con una mayor representación de ese grupo.

Otras comunidades en la serie incluyen caboverdianos, haitianos, puertorriqueños, brasileños, vietnamitas, chinos, irlandeses y jamaquinos. Todas las reuniones ofrecen comida, servicios de interpretación, oportunidades de establecer conexiones y una atmósfera amigable para los niños.

El miércoles 26 de junio, la serie presentó Los Puertorriqueños en Boston en el Centro Comunitario Tobin en Roxbury de 5:30 p.m. a 7:30 p.m.

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## JP OBSERVER

## JPNDC program for small contractors left out of the boom deserves a boost

BY SANDRA STOREY / SPECIAL TO THE GAZETTE

Boston is experiencing an incredible building surge right now. Evidence abounds right here in Jamaica Plain. Contractors with a range of skills are much in demand. Unfortunately, construction-related companies owned by people of color and women are struggling to benefit from the boom.

Although the picture has been grim for small minority and women-owned contractors up until recently, Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Development Corporation (JPNDC) is trying to do something about it through its fledgling Small Contractors Success Initiative (SCSI). Things have gradually been looking up since it was established in the second half of 2016. But there is much more to be done.

According to JPNDC Fundraising and Communications Director Sally Swenson, "Among some 1,100 black or Latino-owned construction firms in Suffolk County, only 56 have paid employees. And, though those firms make up 27 percent of contractors in Boston, their sales and receipts add up to only 2 percent of those of white-owned firms," she wrote.

"Less than 1 percent of the \$664 million Boston awarded last year for contracts for construction and professional goods

and services went to minority or women owned businesses," according to an article in the Boston Globe on May 2.

SCSI is overseen by Director of Small Business Services at JPNDC Carlos Espinoza-Toro. "We are the one answer to the less than 1 percent women and people of color as Boston construction contractors," he said in an interview earlier this month.

JPNDC became keenly aware of the needs of minority and women contractors in 2013 when it joined five other community development corporations (CDCs) and the Mass. Minority Contractors Association to ensure that 30 percent of contracting jobs on 11 CDC projects would go to minorities, according to Swenson.

JPNDC exceeded the goal (90 percent and 71 percent) on two of their projects but learned a lot from the experience, according to Swenson. They learned that "CDC projects alone cannot make a dent" in the need for work for people of color and women contractors.

Most important, they realized that "most minority-owned firms are not positioned to secure good contracts."

Given JPNDC's already strong Small Business Services office and its network of contractors,

the local CDC decided to create a program to alleviate the dearth of contracts obtained by Boston minority and women contractors.

Certainly, Swenson wrote, "discrimination against minority and women-owned enterprises exists in all procurement categories," as documented by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

But, after doing research, the JPNDC realized that practical steps need to be taken to support the small contractors who were struggling practicalities, including: informal, inconsistent business practices, especially in all aspects of money management and record keeping; credit issues and lack of working capital; expensive insurance; and lack of access to critical networks, including lists of approved vendors maintained by large management companies.

SCSI offers training and support to women and minority owned construction companies in Boston that have been operating at least two years, have annual revenue between \$50,000 and \$1 million and between one and five full-time employees. The value of their largest completed job need to be less than \$1 million.

In a recent presentation to John Barros, Mayor Marty Walsh's Chief of Economic Devel-

opment, JPNDC staff said they outlined how SCSI is addressing the minority contractors' needs with education and training. The JPCDC is looking to get city support, resources and connections to expand its program, according to Espinoza-Toro and Swenson.

In a combination of group sessions and one-on-one conversations with mentors and experts the small contractors get to learn specific business skills, address and improve practices from office and time management to bookkeeping and marketing. They can learn about vendor certification processes and how to do estimates and bids, among other skills. Meanwhile, they can contact mentors for advice and support.

SCSI is funded by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Small Business Technical Assistance Grant Program, whose funds come up every year in the budget. Income from the Brewery, which JPNDC owns, also goes toward economic prosperity programs. Targeted funding has come from the Boston Foundation and Mass Housing Investment Corporation.

So far, 13 contractors have participated in the program, getting help from three mentors and five experts. Those small construction businesses have achieved more than 33 new contracts and earned \$2 million from them,

according the JPNDC reports. Quite a success!

"We want the program to grow and spread," Espinoza-Toro said. "We want to scale up in terms of ownership of firms and capacity... we are building momentum right now."

The SCSI goal is to build program capacity and access \$9 million in new contracts in Boston over the next three years, according to their report to Barros.

Support, including from the City of Boston and others, is needed to do that.

Given the continued lack of construction contracts being given to the many companies owned women and people of color in Boston, Espinoza-Toro said, the program, which has shown some success already "has nowhere to go but up."

The Boston community deserves to benefit from the development boom. SCSI and Boston's small construction companies owned by women and people of color deserve a training boost to achieve that.

For more information about SCSI, see <https://jpndc.org/small-contractors-success-initiative/>. For information about Small Business Services overall see <https://jpndc.org/smallbusiness/>. For information about either, people may also call Espinoza-Toro at 617-522-2424 ext. 226.

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# Two men gunned down in Hyde Square

BY LAURA PLUMMER

Shortly before 10 p.m. on Monday, June 17, two men were victims of a shooting in the area of Mozart and Bolster Streets in an event the Suffolk District Attorney Rachael Rollins called "tragic." The victims were 32-year-old Christian Green of New Bedford and 34-year-old Jose M. Martinez of Boston. As of the deadline for this publication, Boston Police were still searching for a suspect.

According to press releases by the Boston Police Department

(BPD), residents reported hearing the screech of car tires as well as loud gunshots. When police arrived on the scene, a man was found deceased on Mozart Street as a result of apparent gunshot wounds. The other victim was found on Bolster Street and was transported to the hospital where he later succumbed to his injuries.

Mayor Marty Walsh held a previously scheduled coffee chat at the Mozart Street playground the Wednesday following the shooting. That same evening, members of the community came

together at Mozart Park to honor the victims in a candlelight vigil.

The deaths of Martinez and Green bring the city's murder total to 20 this year. They also came on the heels of two other shooting deaths in the city over the previous weekend, one in Dorchester and one in Mattapan.

The shootings of June 17 occurred in areas frequented by children: Mozart Park, John F. Kennedy Elementary School and Nativity Preparatory School. Children walking to school to celebrate their last week before

summer were greeted with the telltale sight of yellow police tape cordoning off the area while detectives searched for shell casings among the bushes.

BPD cannot confirm whether they suspect the shootings to be gang-related, though previous reporting by Gazette, Patch.com and Universal HUB connect Green (sometimes appearing as Greene) to the notorious Mozart Street Gang.

The BPD Homicide Unit is currently pursuing all leads to naming a suspect and asks for the community's support in finding the person or persons respon-

sible. Anyone with information is urged to contact the Boston Police Homicide Detectives at 617-343-4470. Callers can also report anonymously to the CrimeStoppers hotline at 1-800-494-TIPS, or text "TIP" to 27463.

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13 (1 ADA Mobility)	1 Bedroom	\$1274	60% AMI
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5	\$38,400	\$76,800	NA
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# MAYOR'S COFFEE HOUR

## WALSH MEETS WITH RESIDENTS IN MOZART PARK



Mayor Martin Walsh addressing attendees of the coffee hour at Mozart Park.



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Potential new JP residents, Antonio Serrato and Sofia De La Serna, from North Carolina, took a break from house shopping to attend the Mayor's coffee hour at Mozart Park.



JP resident and Veterans' Services Commissioner, Robert Santiago, and JP resident and Community Preservation Director for the City of Boston, Christine Poff.

Mayor Martin Walsh hosted a coffee hour at Mozart Park on Wednesday, June 19. Residents of Jamaica Plain were given the opportunity to speak with the Mayor and address their appreciations and concerns. The Mayor made many announcements for new projects throughout Jamaica Plain, which include universal pre-kindergarten, \$3 million for a new Curley School connecting bridge, a new playground near Martha Eliot Health Center, \$2 million for Daisy Field, \$1.2 million for White Stadium, and a new city-wide zero waste program. Members of the community also spoke with Police Commissioner William Gross, Councilor Annissa Essaibi-George, Rep. Elizabeth Malia, and Councilor Matt O'Malley.

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Councilor Annissa Essaibi-George and Rep. Elizabeth Malia.

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## WALSH MEETS WITH RESIDENTS IN MOZART PARK



JP residents Frezza Herrera with her mother, Gloria Herrera.



Above: JP resident Sarah Freeman, Councilor Matt O'Malley, and JP resident Rosemary Jones.



JP resident of 40 years, Ana Angel, with her daughter, Rosa Angel.

Right: Chris Cook, commissioner of the Boston Parks and Recreation Department, and Paul McCaffrey, director of the Permitting Division for the Boston Parks and Recreation Department.



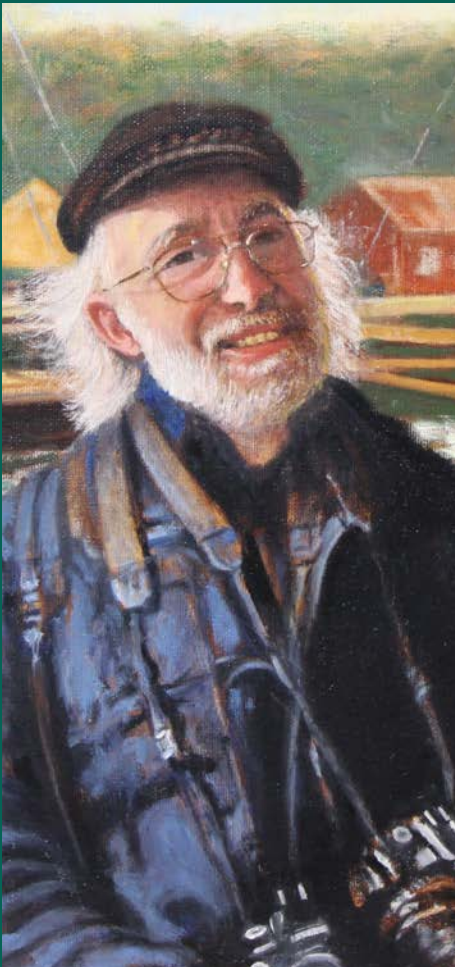
Mayor Martin Walsh presenting Glenda Bynoe-Allie with a Dunkin' Donuts gift bag.



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## Ellen McGuire celebrates 40 years at First Church in JP

On Sunday, June 2, Ellen McGuire was honored for forty years of Music Ministry at First Church in Jamaica Plain, Unitarian Universalist as she prepared to leave her post to pursue new goals. Ellen was hired in 1979 to be the organist for a very small and mostly elderly congregation. As the church's membership grew, Ellen's role expanded, and she created the First Church Choir in 1985. Ellen drew upon a diverse repertoire of music for the choir that included a variety of musical styles and cultural traditions. She also provided music for numerous church events, including annual Fellowship Dinners, Christmas Pageants and organ recitals on the historical 1854 E. & G.G. Hook organ.

In recognition of Ellen's forty years of service, the church commissioned a hymn in her honor. The hymn, "How Blessed



Ellen McGuire with Lucy.

Are All Who Gather Here," was composed by liturgical theologian Ruth Duck and was set to music by Daniel Charles Damon.

Throughout these forty years, Ellen McGuire enhanced the spirituality of Sunday morning worship services and created a vibrant array of musical experiences for the congregation. Celebration attendees wished Ellen fond farewells and heartfelt gratitude for her countless contributions to the church and to the Jamaica Plain community.

## JP's Jonah Barricklo was Boston Arts Academy's Valedictorian

By JOHN LYNDIS

Earlier this month Jamaica Plain's Jonah Barricklo took the stage and delivered his valedictorian address to his fellow Boston Arts Academy classmates.

The Boston's Arts Academy (BAA) valedictorian and theater major moved to Boston from the Bronx, NY in 2017.

While moving to a new city and attending a new school halfway through your high school career is never easy, Barricklo said his BAA peers were welcoming – not only to the school but also to the area.

Since arriving in Boston Barricklo showcased his singing, dancing and acting skills, starring in this year's spring musical Memphis at the Strand Theater. Being able to perform in a 1,400 seat theater is something he never even dreamed of doing before graduating high school.

Before Barricklo heads off to Emerson College in the fall the Jamaica Plain Gazette interviewed the recent graduate that is sure to be on his way to stardom.

**Jamaica Plain Gazette: How does it feel to be BAA's valedictorian?**

Jonah Barricklo: I am honored to be BAA's valedictorian. It is so nice to have been so warmly welcomed into the community at the school. Being valedictorian is a representation of all the hard work I committed to my education in the last four years, and I really appreciate all the care and support BAA gave me along the way.

**JPG: What was it like moving to a new city and a new school to years ago?**

JB: As the new kid, you're always a little nervous about fitting in at a new school. I was worried I wouldn't make any friends, but my theatre class welcomed me with open arms and included me in the ensemble right away. They made me feel like I wasn't new to BAA or Boston.

**JPG: What did you like about attending BAA?**

JB: BAA has pushed me to be

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## Valedictorian

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a stronger artist in many ways. As an actor, I've been able to find new depths of character and character analysis than I ever have before. I've also been able to grow other auxiliary skills like directing and lighting design that make me a well-rounded actor and have had the unique opportunity to take dance classes with the dance department, learning how to take more risks and build my skills as a perform-

er. I've also become a better citizen by attending BAA because of the school's diversity which has exposed me to a wide range of students with unique stories and family heritages. Most of the arts industry lacks representation and diversity, and BAA is one of the few places that help underprivileged students who may not have had the chance to make their voices heard.

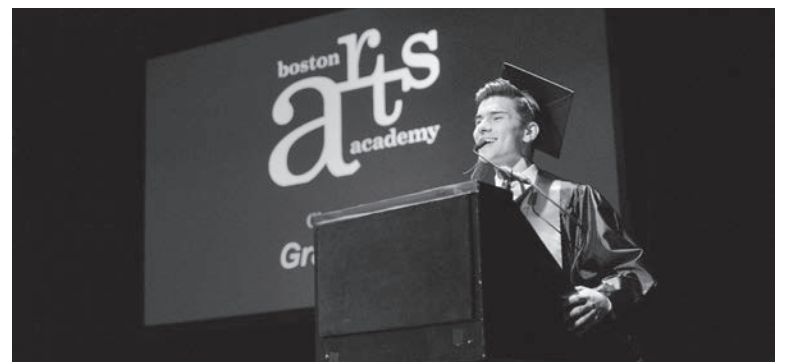
**JPG: What was it like performing in front of a 1,400 seat theater when you starred in BAA's spring musical, Mem-**

**phis at the Strand Theater?**

JB: Being able to perform in a theatre the size of the Strand is something I never even dreamed of doing before graduating high school. It was incredible to perform in front of three audiences sharing the stage with my classmates and friends. We had so much fun collaborating across departments and I was thrilled to showcase all our hard work.

**JPG: Why did you choose Emerson?**

JB: I'll be attending Emerson



Jamaica Plain's Jonah Barricklo took the stage and delivered his valedictorian address to his fellow Boston Arts Academy classmates.

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# JP Agenda

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## Meetings

• **Stonybrook Neighborhood Association.** next meeting is Monday, July 8, 7-9pm, back room of Doyle's, 3484 Washington St. More/latest info: [www.sna-jp.org](http://www.sna-jp.org)

• **The Jamaica Pond Association will meet Monday, July 1,** in the community room at Jamaicaway Tower, 111 Perkins Street, Jamaica Plain, beginning at 7:00 p.m. The board and community will hear a presentation by the new owner of J-Pizle (formerly Robinwood Café, 536 Centre Street, Jamaica Plain) with regard to an application for a new wine and malt beverage license. This is an open meeting. Residents who live near 536 Centre are especially welcome to attend and to ask questions or make comments. There is limited visitor parking to the right of the main entrance. Jamaicaway Tower is about a five-minute walk from the #39 bus stops at Perkins and South Huntington Avenue.

**The Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council Public Service Committee** will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 2 at 7:00pm at Curtis Hall, 20 South Street. On the agenda will be a petition of Eugene O'Neill's at 3700 Washington Street for a 7-day Common Victualler (Restaurant) All-Alcohol Beverage License with a 1:00am closing hour, with Melissa Hunt as manager, and an Entertainment License for four TVs, trivia, karaoke, and up to three live performers. Also on the agenda will be a petition of J-Pizle Kitchen at 536 Centre Street for a 7-day

Common Victualler (Restaurant) Beer & Wine License with an 11:00pm closing hour, with Cindy Villada as manager, and an Entertainment License for three TVs and up to three live performers. All interested residents are invited to attend. Police Community Relations Meeting will take place on Thursday, July 11 at 6:30pm 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 Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council Zoning Committee's next regularly-scheduled meeting will be July 10 at Farnsworth House. The agenda for that meeting is TBD. After July 10th, the Committee's next upcoming meetings will be July 24 and August 7.

### 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](mailto:kprainsford@gmail.com) or come to the monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 23 at 7:00pm 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/>.

**The Egleston Square Neighborhood Association** will meet on Monday, July 1 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

**June 29: Unity Day Cele-**

### bration at Mildred C. Hailey Apartments

Calling all residents in Mildred C. Hailey Apartments! On Saturday, June 29 from 12-5 at the Anna M. Cole Center, 10 Lamartine Ext. This event is a celebration of our vibrant community. We will have performances, activities, games, face paint, raffles, delicious food, and more! It is free and open to all MCHA community members of all ages!

We are still looking for volunteers. If you can help please call the Mildred C. Hailey Tenant Task Force for more information: 857-547-1271 or email [bromleyheath12@gmail.com](mailto:bromleyheath12@gmail.com).

### Wednesday night Hot Dog nights at Mildred C. Hailey Apartments

Every Wednesday this summer from 4:30-6:30 come to 42 Horan way and enjoy a hot dog (or two!). We will have music, sidewalk chalk, and other activities. Family friendly event and free to all. Each week the hot dog night is sponsored by a local community organization or local elected who has partnered with the Tenant Task Force.

If you want to help or learn more, please call the Mildred C. Hailey Tenant Task Force for more information: 857-547-1271 or email [bromleyheath12@gmail.com](mailto:bromleyheath12@gmail.com).

### Summer in the Park with Olmsted

Sunday, June 30th, 1-3 PM and Sunday, July 7th, 1-3 PM, FREE at Jamaica Pond Park Gazebo, Pond Street and the Jamaicaway, Jamaica Plain, RSVP on Eventbrite: June 30th <https://june30th-walk.eventbrite.com> July 7th <https://july7thwalk.eventbrite.com>

Featuring:  
**June 30:** Frederick Law Olmsted as portrayed by Gerry Wright (<http://www.friendsofjamaicapond.org/Olmsted.html>)

Frederick Law Olmsted will reflect on Jamaica Pond Park as part of his master plan for citizen parks in Boston and the importance of trees for the ecology of the pond and the city.

Gerry Wright has researched, written and produced a one-man show honoring the life and work of Frederick Law Olmsted, the father of landscape architecture. The play provides insights into Olmsted's passionate vision as he played critical roles in the dynamics of slavery as a writer, Executive Secretary of the U.S. Sanitary Commission in the Civil War, and as the landscape architect for New York City's Central Park, Boston's Emerald Necklace, the US Capitol grounds, along with multiple plans for colleges, communities and private estates. Olmsted was a key pioneer in the movement to preserve land as national parkland, both at Yosemite and Niagara Falls. Olmsted's life story, from "vagabond," to dry goods salesman, sailor, traveler, journalist, author, publisher, executive (including a goldmine in California), to becoming the father of landscape architecture in America is both inspiring as history and reason for continued commitment in the 21st century. The Olmsted play has been presented at the Olmsted National Historic Site in Brookline, Boston's 375th Anniversary Parade, Brookline's 350th Anniversary Celebration, plus numerous communities of the Commonwealth; along with performances in Volgoda, Russia; in New York City for the 150 year anniversary of the legislation for Central Park; Olmsted Parks Conservancy in Louisville, Kentucky; and in Asheville, North Carolina.

### July 7: Stephen Baird, Emerald Necklace Naturalist

Stephen Baird has photo documented the wild life of Jamaica Pond and Great Boston, produced ecology workshops and events for the Friends of Jamaica Pond, coordinated comprehensive water quality

studies of the pond. There will be environmental educational materials on Butterflies, Birds and Pond Aquatic Life with fun hands on projects for participants to explore. Stephen Baird restructured Club Passim, the historic folk music venue in Cambridge, as a nonprofit organization in 1995-1997, co-founded the Bread & Roses Festival in Lawrence in 1986, founded the Folk Arts Network in 1982, published the New England Folk Almanac and New England Folk Directory from 1982-1996, produced Jamaica Plain Open Studios and was the Executive Director of the Jamaica Plain Arts Council from 1999-2001. He is currently the Executive Director of Community Arts Advocates.

**Tuesday & Thursday a.m. bike training rides:** Paceline 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.

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The art sale represented more than 55 local artists and had more than 200 pieces for sale.

PHOTOS BY MIKE MEJIA



Paola Faoro, Dan Thomas, donating artist Remi Picó, and Sue Pranger sharing laughs at Art for All.



Sandy Green looking through art pieces at Art for All.



Silvina Mizrahi, Ginny Zanger, Jeremy Fischer of Boston for All, and Gail Bos of the Jamaica Plain Arts Council.



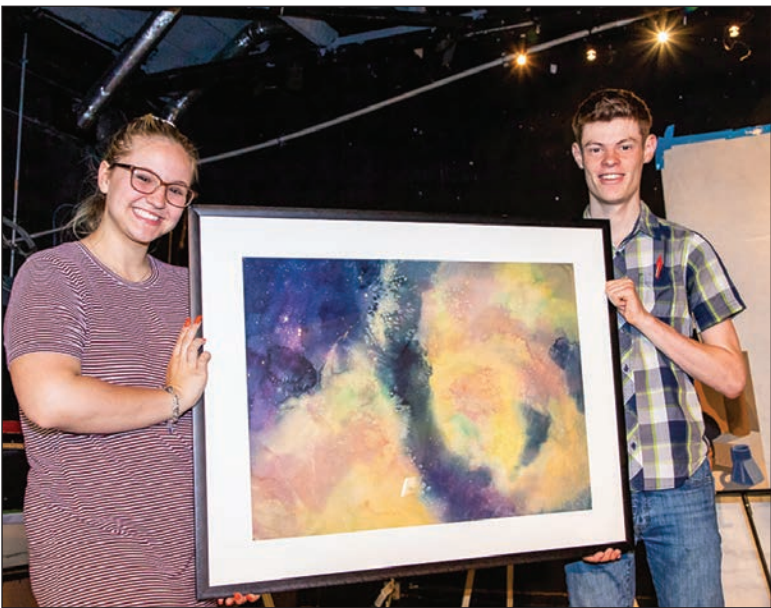
Donating artist and JP resident, Nancy Marks, carrying a newly acquired piece, and JP resident, Mary Lenihan.



JP residents and artists Laine Gifford, who donated a ceramic piece, and Suzanne Hoffman, who donated paintings for the art sale.



Talía Weinman with her 8-month-old son, Nathaniel.



Nikol Vladinska and Ben Ryan holding up their most recent purchase at Art for All.



Donating artist and JP resident, Marnie Jain, and JP resident, Debby Conover.

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BY LAURA PLUMMER

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Dr. Patricia Gallo started working for Dr. Elston in 1988 and purchased the practice from him in 1991 when he moved to California to practice cat care there. In 2014, she moved it to

its current location on the border of Jamaica Plain and Roslindale.

Gazette spoke with Dr. Gallo about the benefits of bringing your cat to a cat-only clinic.

"People who work at a cat-only practice have an expertise in how to handle cats," she said. "Everyone on our staff, from the receptionists to the techs to the doctors have skills that others don't have."

She gave examples such as swaddling with special blankets, speaking in a soothing tone of voice, and allowing cats to come out of their carriers on their own.

"I take a lot of time just talking to the cat and getting it to relax in my presence," she added.

Dr. Gallo said she educates cat owners about how they can manage their pet's anxiety prior to a visit with the use of medications at home that will put them at ease. She said her priority is to have a "happy cat and a happy owner."

"Today my first client said, 'You are so good with this cat. She is usually horrible at the vet,'" she said.

Dr. Gallo also emphasized the importance of helping cat owners

to strengthen their bond with their animal and teaching them how to manage behavioral issues at home.

Also at the practice are Dr. Gallo's husband Dr. Paul M. Henricks who specializes in abdominal ultrasounds, internal medicine consults and dermatology; and Dr. Josh Gidlewski, who specializes in cardiology.

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## Tips for senior dog care

(StatePoint) As your dog ages, your care must evolve to meet your furry friend's changing needs, particularly when it comes to mobility, injury-prevention and recovery.

The following tips can help keep your aging dog mobile, healthy and happy.

- **Fish oil:** Originally recommended for treating canine allergies, fish oil is now used to treat numerous conditions, including arthritis and high cholesterol. Consult your veterinarian about

the proper dose for your pup.

- **Paw or toe grips:** As your aging dog's hips get weaker, the risk of knee, hip or spinal injury increases. Hip dysplasia is particularly common among larger dogs. Using paw or toe grips, such as Dr. Buzby's ToeGrips, can provide dogs with greater traction, helping them get up off the ground and to slide less on wood floors. You may also want to try placing down rugs or yoga mats where your dog tends to spend time, to reduce the chance of sliding and injury.

- **Pain management:** Nonste-

roidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) are the most prescribed medications for treating conditions such as arthritis in dogs. Don't attempt to treat your dog with your own over-the-counter pain medications. Get dog-specific medications, such as Dazequin Advance.

- **Lifting assistance:** Aging and injured dogs can have trouble lifting themselves off the floor, up stairs and into cars, and you

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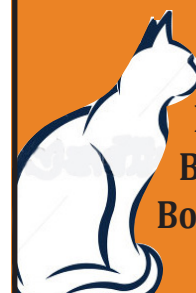
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## Top tips for moving with a pet

(StatePoint) Your furball is part of the family, so if you're like most, you don't make major life decisions without thinking of your pet's needs — including where you live and how you move into a new home.

When people decide on new homes and communities, pet priorities are often equal to or more important than human-focused amenities, according to the 2019 Mayflower Mover Insights Survey. American pet owners say one-third of their overall decision to move was related to their pets. What's more, survey respondents cited a willingness to pay significantly more in living costs per month (32 percent) and even forgo perks like shorter commutes and updated kitchens in favor of pet-friendly features.

Pets may get the priority for perks when their humans relocate, but moving is still a stressful activity for animals. Half of pet owners reported their pets struggled to adjust to new homes. However, there's good news: more than nine in 10 owners say their pets adjusted to new settings in less than a month. And, more than 90 percent agree that wherever they and their pets are together is instantly home.

Moving with a pet? Consider the following:

- **Yard Matters:** Dog owners consider yard size 85 percent of the time, and 82 percent of dog and cat owners consider a fenced-in backyard. If you're looking to let your dog off-leash or allow your cat into the yard, prioritize homes with fencing and plenty of space for pets to exercise.

- **Walking Trails:** Don't just consider the house when home-shopping. Look for neighborhoods offering proximity to parks, dog runs, walking trails and other amenities that make dog-walking safe and enjoyable.

- **Scope Out Pet Services:** Try not to leave a gap in veterinary care or pet services. If you're moving far enough away to require a new veterinarian, identify who that will be in advance. If anything arises as you're settling into your new home, you won't want to deal with the added stress of researching where



to take your sick pet. Likewise, get recommendations for services such as dog walkers, pet sitters or dog boarding so you and your pet can hit the ground running in your new community.

- **Anticipate Bumps:** A move can be difficult on pets — dog owners reported their dogs had trouble adapting to new neighborhoods, while cats had more trouble adjusting to new houses. Nine out of 10 dog and cat owners recommend being patient, spending more time with pets and showing them where everything

is in the new home.

- **Pack Pet Gear Wisely:** Make moving day a breeze by keeping all your pet supplies — food, medications, etc. packed in an easy-to-access box that's clearly labeled. Consider keeping several days' supply with you and transporting these necessities in your car.

Planning a move? For tips and insights, visit [mayflower.com](http://mayflower.com).

With a bit of extra preparation, you can pave the way for a smooth move for everyone in your family, including your pet.

## What to do if you see a pet in a hot car

(SPM Wire) It happens every summer. Pets left in vehicles with no owner in sight. Unfortunately, it doesn't take long for this circumstance to be dangerous or even deadly. Even on a temperate day, the greenhouse effect of rolled-up windows can heat up a car to 116 degrees F within an hour, according to the Humane Society.

If you see a pet in a hot car, act quickly to try to locate the owner. He or she is likely in a nearby establishment. Talk to the proprietors of nearby stores and ask them to make an announcement

to customers.

Then, call the non-emergency number of your local police department or animal control. Stay on site until help arrives.

While most pet owners have the best intentions, many are unaware of the danger of leaving a pet in a hot car. You can help spread the word. Free online resources, available at [HumaneSociety.org](http://HumaneSociety.org), offer tips, advice and important information on keeping pets safe.

This summer, be a hero to a pet in need.

## Senior dogs

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may not always be able to safely assist them yourself. For some help, use a special harness, such as the Help 'Em Up Harness. A nine-point chest and hip harness made of comfortable waterproof material, it can help aging pets or pets recovering from surgery stay active, gain confidence in their mobility, reduce the risk of re-injury and have a better quality of life. More information can be found at [www.helpemup.com](http://www.helpemup.com).

- **Rehab:** Just as you would

follow a course of rehabilitation exercises and physical therapy after a hip or knee surgery or injury, so should your dog. Seek out a Certified Canine Rehabilitation Therapist to help improve the function and mobility of your dog's muscles and joints. Muscle strengthening can help your dog stay injury free, as well as manage pain.

Providing dogs with a great quality of life involves new considerations as they age. Be sure to take special precautions with dogs facing mobility issues and pain, as well as preventive steps to reduce the risk of injury.

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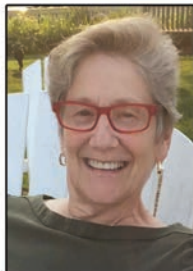


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# Sights & Sounds

The deadline for listings is noon, July 9 for the July 12 issue. Send listings to [reporter@jamaicaplain-gazette.com](mailto:reporter@jamaicaplain-gazette.com). Note: 617 should be dialed before numbers below, unless another area code is given.

## Special events

**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 show will be on exhibit through July 22.

**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."

**Free Guided Walking Tour** of Monument Square neighborhood will take place on Saturday, June 29 starting at 11:00am from in front of Loring Greenough House, 12 South Street. Conducted by the Jamaica Plain Historical Society.

**Free Guided Walking Tour** of Sumner Hill neighborhood will take place on Saturday, July 6 starting

at 11:00am from in front of Loring Greenough House, 12 South Street. Conducted by the Jamaica Plain Historical Society.

**On Wednesday July 31 at 6pm, join Dina Gilio-Whitaker**, author of *As Long as Grass Grows: The Indigenous Fight for Environmental Justice from Colonization to Standing Rock*, in a book signing and discussion at Norman B. Leventhal Map & Education Center. Through treaty violations, struggles for food and water security and protection of sacred sites, Native people have resisted environmental injustice and land incursions for hundreds of years. Join indigenous researcher and activist Dina Gilio-Whitaker to explore this history and discuss how modern environmentalists can look to Indigenous resistance for new approaches.

This event is presented as part of *America Transformed: Mapping the 19th Century* exhibition now on view at the Norman B. Leventhal Map & Education Center

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**The Haven, HOOTENANNY - JP's OPEN MIC EVERY WEDNESDAY**, hosted by Tom Dowd. Sign up is 9:30pm and we have prizes every Wednesday for the most interesting acts.

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

**Jeanie Johnston Pub**, 144 South St. Open Mic hosted by Tony Bluze, Sundays at 8pm. More events at [jeaniejohnstonpub.com](http://jeaniejohnstonpub.com).

**Bella Luna & The Milky Way** Weekly events include; NOLA Sundays every Sunday at 5pm with a live brass band. Stump Trivia every Monday 7pm-9pm, 50% of wings. Taco Tuesday, Teacher Tuesdays plus Dirty Water Saloon Line Dancing for queer folks and allies at 7PM. Live music every Wednesday from 6:30 - 8:30 pm. Throwback Thursday with DJ J-Wall 6- 8 p.m. Visit [www.milkywayjp.com](http://www.milkywayjp.com) for more late night events every Thu-Sat.

Old time music, Southern/roots music, second and fourth Wednesdays, 7:30pm, back room at Doyle's Cafe, 3484 Washington St. Info: [peggyconant@gmail.com](mailto:peggyconant@gmail.com).

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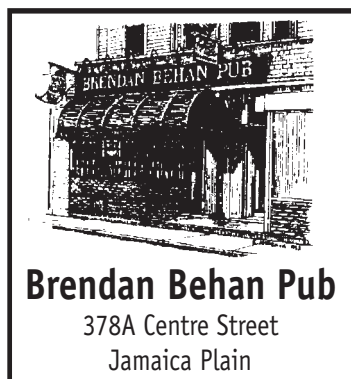
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## Meet-Ups

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

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

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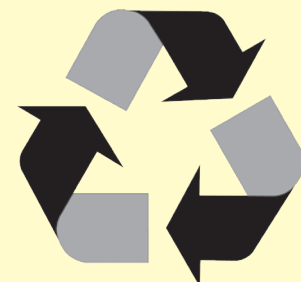
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## Reuniones

**Jamaica Pond Association**, lunes, 1 jul, Jamaica Way Tower, 111 Perkins Street, 7pm. Agenda: presentación del dueño de J-Pizie.

**JPNC, comité de servicio público**, martes, 2 jul, 7pm, Curtis Hall. Agenda: 3700 Washington Street, 536 Centre Street. Comité de zonificación, 10 jul, 24 jul, 7 ago. Farnsworth House. Vacante: 866-7672, [kprainsford@gmail.com](mailto:kprainsford@gmail.com). Vacante en area C. [jpnc.org/jpnc-map](http://jpnc.org/jpnc-map).

**Reunión mensual de la policía de E-13**, jueves, 11 jul, 6.30pm, Curtis Hall.

**Stonybrook Neighborhood Association**, lunes, 8 jul, 7-9pm, Doyle's, 3484 Washington Street. [Sna-jp.org](http://Sna-jp.org).

**Egleston Square Neighborhood Association**, lunes, 1 jul, 6.30-8.30pm. YMCA, 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.

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

**Spotheoles**, herramienta para reportar hoyos, 635-4500, con la aplicación móvil Citizens Connect, [cityofboston.gov/mayor/24](http://cityofboston.gov/mayor/24), y usando #spotheoles en twitter.

## Jóvenes/familias

**Verano en el parque**, 30 jun y 7 jul, 1-3pm, RSVP: [june30thwalk.eventbrite.com](http://june30thwalk.eventbrite.com).

**Tuesday & Thursday a.m. bike training rides**: Paceline 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.

**Recaudación de fondos para el campamento de verano para jóvenes** sin recursos, 26 jun, 6-8pm, Frogmore, 365 Centre St. [Sna-jp.org](mailto:Sna-jp.org). Organizada por Tree of Life y BPD. Donaciones aceptadas, 522-4832.

**Noches de Hot Dogs**, todos los miércoles, 4.30-6.30pm, 42 Horan Way. Con música y comida.

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

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

**Programa de Deportes Roberto Clemente** acepta aplicaciones para niños y niñas 6-16. El centro comunitario, 200 Heath St. 828-9524 o [alliriano@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto:amarks555@yahoo.com) / 610-999-5937.

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

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

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

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

## Salud/Bienestar físico

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

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

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

**Care to Care**, un grupo de apoyo para la familia de personas con Alzheimer y otras demencias, segundo miércoles del mes, 6.30-7.30pm. 44 Allandale St. Meredith Griffiths: 522-0043, [mgriffiths@springhouseboston.org](mailto:mgriffiths@springhouseboston.org).

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

## Adultos Mayores

**Prevención de caídas, clases**, los jueves, 10am-12pm, 18 jul a 5 septiembre, Woodbourne Apartments, 6 Southbourne Road, 477-6616/[agloria@ethocare.org](mailto:agloria@ethocare.org).

**Café mensual de la memoria**: 24 jun, 10.30am-12pm. No hay reuniones en julio o agosto. Jamaica Plain Branch Library, 30 South Street, 524-2053.

**Café mensual de la memoria**, para la gente que sufre de la pérdida de la memoria y los que les cuiden, Amory Street Housing Development, 125 Amory St., El último jueves de cada mes de

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

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

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

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

**Crossroads Café**, almuerzo gratis

y evento social para ancianos y sus invitados, con música en vivo y presentaciones 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](http://firstbaptistjp.org).

## Trabajo Voluntario

**Programa de aprendizaje para adultos**, se busca voluntarios para enseñar inglés a adultos, orientación gratuita. [jpcctutor@gmail.com](mailto: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@boston-publicschools.org](mailto:dweinstein@boston-publicschools.org), 857-334-9855. Mentor o tutor, matemáticas, ciencia, historia, inglés, idiomas extranjeros, SAT, y más.



**Boston Water and Sewer Commission**

## WATER MAIN FLUSHING NOTICE

Boston Water and Sewer Commission will begin Water Main Flushing in parts of the Downtown, Back Bay, and Fenway-Kenmore areas starting on **June 18, 2019 through July 23, 2019**.

The boundaries for the areas being flushed are: Storrow Drive to the north, Route 9 to the south, Charles Street and Washington Street to the East and Brookline border to the west.

**The purpose of the Water Main Flushing Program is to improve drinking water quality for residents and businesses.**

Water Main flushing will take place between **the hours of 10:00 P.M. and 6:00 A.M.**

The flushing process may cause discolored water and a reduction in pressure. The discoloration of the water will be temporary and is not harmful. If the condition persists, please contact BWSC's 24 Hour Service at (617) 989-7000.

BWSC appreciates your patience as we work to improve the quality of drinking water we will provide to the residents and businesses of Boston



If you have any questions, contact BWSC's Night Operations Manager at (617) 989-7000 or visit our website at [www.bwsc.org](http://www.bwsc.org).



**ROBERT G. LAWSON PARK DEDICATION**  
CORNER OF WASHINGTON STREET AND COLUMBUS AVENUE



Jordyn Elliot and her band from Berklee College of Music play songs inside Lawson's Barbershop and Beauty Salon.

Egleston Square Main Street and the Lawson family celebrated the naming of Robert G. Lawson Park after the late Robert Lawson on Saturday, June 22. The dedication of the park, which is located at the corner of Washington Street and Columbus Avenue, brought together members of the Lawson family, neighbors, and long-time friends of Robert Lawson.

PHOTOS BY MIKE MEJIA



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Betty Hillmon and Robert Lawson's sister, Deadre Lawson.



Marvin Watkins, Magda Drici of Lawson Park Friend's Group, and 10 month-old Almaia Watkins.



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# ROBERT G. LAWSON PARK DEDICATION

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City Councilor Matt O'Malley with Robert Lawson's daughter, Ericka Lawson, wife Jennie Lawson, daughters Ursula Vaughn and Vida Lawson, and son, Tim Perry, in front of the new sign.



Lawson family members Willy Wilson, Betty Richardson, Daniel Perry, Alice Perry, Marquis Burns, Anitra Clark, and Arthur McNair drove from New Haven, CT to attend the park dedication.



Will Poff-Webster, City Councilor Matt O'Malley and his wife, Kathryn Niforos.



Roscoe Giles, Rep. Liz Malia, and Carolyn Royce, of the Egleston Square Neighborhood Association.



Robert Lawson's son, Tim Perry, with members of the Lawson family: Theresa Perry-Wilson, Marion McNair, Mary Lawson, and Joe Lawson Jr.



Robert Lawson's daughter, Ericka Lawson, Egleston Square Main Street Executive Director Denise Delgado, and Robert Lawson's daughter, Vida Lawson, in the barber shop.

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EDITORIAL

Our national disgrace at the border

*Hundreds of migrant children have been transferred out of a filthy Border Patrol station in Texas where they had been detained for weeks without access to soap, clean clothes or adequate food, the authorities confirmed on Monday, -- The New York Times, Monday, June 24*

Regardless of how one may feel about the issue of immigration, legal and illegal, we would hope that every American would agree that the policy of separating children from their parents, and then detaining those children in facilities that are not fit for animals, represents a stain on our national consciousness that is evident for all the world to see.

These children, who range in age from toddlers to young teens, have been treated as less than human by our government. Some have died while under the care of the Border Patrol; others have become sick and malnourished. All will bear the psychological scars for the rest of their lives of being held in makeshift jails in conditions that are nothing less than appalling.

America is supposed to be a beacon of light in a world of darkness, a place where everyone, regardless of race, creed, or national origin, is treated with dignity and respect.

However, from our nation’s inception, all too often we have failed to live up to the noble words in the Declaration of Independence that, “All men are created equal.”

Slavery was embedded in our Constitution; segregation was legally permissible for almost 100 years after the Civil War; Native Americans were massacred and forced onto reservations; women were second-class citizens and not allowed to vote until 1919; and Japanese-Americans were interned during WWII.

None of us can change the past, but hopefully we can learn from it and not repeat the mistakes of previous generations. However, the present policies that are being enforced at our southern border are as cruel and as inhumane as any that have existed in our nation’s history.

The consequences of these policies are tragic, not just for those who are being subjected to them, but for all Americans, who stand as complicit, and therefore, shamed, by our own government’s inhumane subjugation of these innocent children.

Op-Ed

Updates to trash and recycling pickup will improve efficiency and convenience

By Mayor Martin J. Walsh

One of the most fundamental ways we can improve the quality of life in our neighborhoods is by proactively addressing the basic needs of our residents. The men and women of our Public Works Department do a great job keeping our communities clean and in good condition for the benefit of us all. We are always striving to do a better job in delivering the exceptional city services that our residents deserve, which is why we are excited to be making updates to our citywide waste collection services.

Beginning on July 1, trash, recycling, and yard waste collection will begin at 6 a.m. in every neighborhood across the City, one hour earlier than the current 7 a.m. start time. This change will allow workers to get a jumpstart on their day-long routes. It also means that they will complete their work earlier in the day, reducing congestion on city streets during peak hours.

While these changes may seem small, it is always our top focus to listen to the feedback

of our residents and make the changes that are necessary to best meet their needs. These changes to the trash collection schedule will build on the efforts we’ve made over the last several years to ensure high-quality services for residents and keep our neighborhoods in great condition.

Over the last several years, the City has taken several proactive steps to ensure high-quality services for our residents. We’ve created six full-time Hokey positions to keep sidewalks and streets clean of litter and debris. A Hokey is a city employee who works on foot with basic equipment to clean city streets. In addition, the City hires upwards of 20 seasonal Hokeys each year to assist with citywide cleanup efforts.

We’ve partnered with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection on a “Recycle Smart” campaign. Through the campaign, we’re looking to inform residents on placing proper materials in the recycling bin and separating problem materials that cause contamination. We’re also de-

ploying more assets through our Highway Division to ensure cleanliness on our main thoroughfares.

Just a few weeks ago, we concluded our “Love Your Block” projects in each neighborhood, a program that was established to unite neighbors and communities for a day of cleanups in community gardens, public spaces, and schools. These projects are a great way to foster a culture of community by bringing people together who share a common thread: love of their neighborhood.

We look forward to continuing to work in partnership with residents in communities all across the City of Boston to make sure their neighborhoods shine. I encourage any resident with questions about their trash collection schedule to download our free “Trash Day” app. App users can also view a calendar for their home’s collection dates, set reminders and get notifications of schedule changes. Information is also available on our City website, [www.boston.gov](http://www.boston.gov).

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

Op-Ed

What’s Next for the Shattuck Campus?

By State Representative Liz Malia and State Senator Sonia Chang-Diaz

The 70th anniversary of the law that enabled the state to treat chronically ill individuals at Lemuel Shattuck Hospital seems like an apt time to consider how our understanding of public health has changed, and how pressing the need for access to health care remains.

Chapter 770 of the Acts of 1949 formalized the City of Boston and the Commonwealth’s agreement to transfer “up to 15 acres of...Franklin Park...Any land conveyed under this act shall, from and after such conveyance be held for the state department of public health, which is hereby authorized and directed to construct on such land a six-hundred bed hospital for the care of persons suffering

from chronic disease, including a nurse’s home, outpatient department and other facilities.”

Policymakers then understood a general link between poverty and chronic disease incidence, which is why they agreed to build a public teaching hospital and outpatient facilities offering affordable diagnosis and rehabilitation services in the Commonwealth’s biggest city. Since then, diabetes and addiction have overtaken tuberculosis as public health threats, but the poverty-health link is clearer than ever now. We see our poorest neighbors often struggling with multiple chronic conditions (infectious and otherwise) that are impossible to treat when their housing is unstable or nonexistent. The infectious diseases that incubate among economically fragile, homeless and very sick populations rarely stay there, as

San Diego and other cities have learned to their chagrin.

I and others worked with state agencies in 2018 to meet your request for more transparent planning. I’ve spent the last year following the work of the Shattuck Hospital’s Community Advisory Board and neighbors to define a new service model that will ready the campus for another century of public health shifts. Those conversations between the state’s Executive Office of Health & Human Services, the Department of Public Health, and Department of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance, and the City of Boston’s Departments of Neighborhood Development and Health and Human Services and your neighbors are informed by links between poverty, housing and health

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## LETTERS

## Maintain our open spaces

Dear Editor,

I am responding to recent media articles about future uses for the Shattuck Hospital site at Franklin Park. There have been calls to restore the land to Franklin Park, and use the state owned Arborway Yards close by for the development proposals slated for the site. The Shattuck site was given to the state for 'public health' purposes in 1949.

I don't think the value of a park's contribution to 'public health' has been considered in recent articles. Boston is lucky that in past generations we had leaders who understood the important social and community benefits of parks - and worked hard to create and maintain our open spaces. Unfortunately some people look at 'open space' and

think 'empty'.

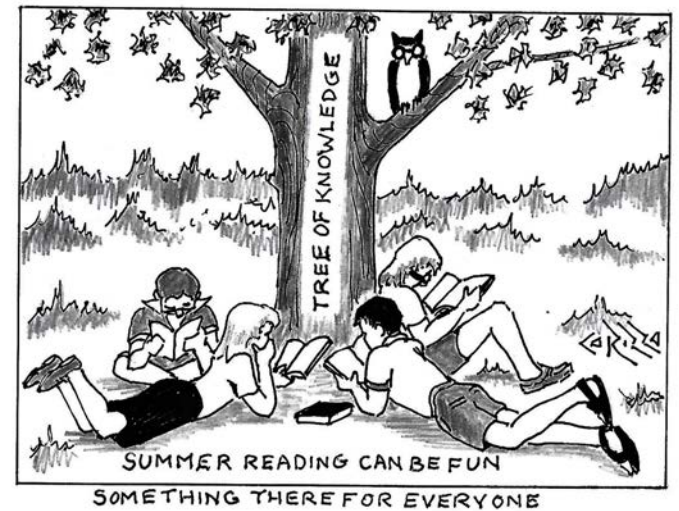
The importance of human connections to nature, the role of parks in reducing stress and providing leisure and exercise space, and the increasingly important role in the future of parks, and particularly trees, helping ameliorate the effects of climate change - cooling, reducing storm water runoff & pollution - is treated as an overall goal - but avoided in particular situations like Franklin Park.

Boston is very lucky to have Franklin Park - designed by Frederick Law Olmsted and considered by many his most beautiful park. However since its design and construction in the late 19th Century - the park has undergone many changes. Not only did Mayor Curley give the state

the 13 acres in 1949 - the rest of the park has been cut up into many single uses. These include a golf course, a zoo, the Parks Department maintenance depot, the police horse stables, roads and parking spaces amounting to 57% of the original space not currently 'free' public space.

The residential areas abutting Franklin Park are undergoing conversion into apartments and the population is growing. This area of Boston needs all the parkland it has and more. Why is using the Arborway Yards ( a state owned property) not a viable option for the health services proposed for the Shattuck Site? I've only heard the argument it is too much trouble.

MARJORIE GREVILLE



## Shattuck Campus

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At almost every neighborhood meeting we attend with you, and in others across our districts, the most common questions raised are: how anyone can afford to continue living here? How will our neighbors and friends afford housing? We also hear from you how frustrating it is to see people who desperately need substance use treatment but aren't able to access it. Pairing housing and health care facilities for the chronically homeless, while building in robust behavioral health options on this site, can help to answer both questions. The Community Advisory Board's work so far in agreeing on core principles for programming services on the campus draws from successful national models that have advanced beyond Housing First, to Housing and Health Together.

Since this first phase of planning for the campus kicked off in August of 2018, the State's hired consultant, Health Resources in Action, has drawn feedback directly from park users, advisory board members at five meetings, and neighbors at two community meetings and at individual association meetings. Community input during the request for proposal drafting and design review phases is just as critical -- the agencies need your help in deciding an appropriate level of density, and fleshing out facilities designs that avoid the kind of architectural mistakes that make the current Hospital feel so deeply disconnected from Franklin Park.

We strongly encourage you to read more about the planning process to date, to submit comments, and to attend the next community meeting on Tuesday, June 25, 2019 beginning at 6:30 PM at the Franklin Park Golf Clubhouse located at 1 Circuit Drive, Dorchester, MA 02121.

## Op-Ed

## Criminal Justice Reform

BY NIKA ELUGARDO  
STATE REP. FOR THE 15TH  
SUFFOLK DISTRICT

In our district, many agree that structural inequities abound in our public institutions. One stark example: the criminal justice system. The belief that we must not only expose, but also eradicate the injustice embedded in Massachusetts "Correctional" Institutions (MCIs), and in the systems that send people there, is a big part of what inspired my run as State Rep.

Since assuming office I've regularly visited four of our MCIs to participate in restorative justice events, to take a tour of education and jobs training facilities, and, most importantly, to learn from and support political organizing "inside the walls," as those living there often refer to themselves. The African American Coalition Committee (AACC) is one of a number of inspiring leadership organizations comprised of incarcerated persons. Led by men of color, their mission is to organize, uplift and train men of color to engage communities and improve lives both inside and outside the walls.

In my previous career I worked locally and abroad in organizational and Board development for over 20 years. I've rarely encountered a Board so organized, disciplined and produc-

tive as the AACC Board. Under circumstances of unimaginably stressful, oppressive, and unjust, they have toiled for decades to produce programming, training, and even legislation to advance their mission. They drafted the original text of some of the legislation I cosponsored, including a bill to end life without parole and another establishing a commission to examine and make recommendations regarding structural racism in the criminal justice system.

Rep Russell Holmes and the Black and Latino Legislative Caucus introduced me to AACC. We're exploring ways to engage other legislators, and the response has been good. I'd like to connect our community with the work behind the walls-- their advocacy and leadership, as well as their reflections and writing.

Corey "Al-Ameen" Patterson, an AACC leader, recently gave a speech at a forum they sponsored in collaboration with the Restorative Justice Group. He heard that our district communities are passionate about ending mass incarceration and wanted to share some of his speech with you.

"How much have we overcome the legacy of slavery? We've made significant progress. Still, who can deny that every black boy born in America in 2019 will inherit a society that incarcer-

ates 1 out of every 3 of us. Can I truly claim freedom if this skin that's between the world and me somehow makes me less valued by America? Free for black America has never equaled what it means to be free for white America. Free will be free when institutional racism is no more. Free will be free when the legacy of slavery found in the 13th Amendment is no more. Free will be free when black mothers entering their child's name in a lottery to get into a "good school" in an all white neighborhood is no more."

"When we sell drugs in our communities, or when we call our sisters b\*\*s and mistreat them, or call our brothers n\*\*\*\*s and kill them, this is a form of self hate; the legacy of slavery playing out right before our very eyes as even black communities do nothing! Our ancestors died to keep alive and pass on to us a culture and behavior that helps us get along and enables us to survive and prosper. We must reclaim that self-empowerment."

The full text of the speech can be found at electnika.com. Like Al-Ameen, our district communities understand the need both to identify our historic role and to activate our present responsibility. I attend AACC meetings monthly. If you'd like to join me, let us know at [atisabel.torres@ma-house.gov](mailto:atisabel.torres@ma-house.gov).

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object to this proceeding.  
WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn,  
First Justice of this Court.  
Date: June 21, 2019  
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THE TRIAL COURT  
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FAMILY COURT

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**NOTICE OF  
PETITION FOR  
CHANGE OF NAME**  
Docket No.  
SU19C0180CA  
In the matter of:  
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Engelbrecht  
A Petition to Change Name of  
Adult has been filed by Michele  
Marie Engelbrecht of Jamaica  
Plain, MA requesting that the  
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their name to:  
Michele Marie Hosmer  
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 07/19/2019.  
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NOTICE OF  
PETITION FOR  
APPOINTMENT OF  
GUARDIAN FOR  
INCAPACITATED  
PERSON PURSUANT

TO G.L. c. 190B,  
s 5-304  
Docket No.  
SU19P1008GD  
In the matter of:  
Nevia Arroyo  
**RESPONDENT**  
Alleged Incapacitated  
Person  
Of: Jamaica Plain, MA  
To the named Respondent and  
all other interested persons,  
a petition has been filed by  
Brigham and Women's Faulker  
of Jamaica Plain, MA in the  
above captioned matter alleging  
that Nevia Arroyo is in need  
of a Guardian and requesting  
that Brigham and Women's  
Faulker of Jamaica Plain, MA (or  
some other suitable person) be  
appointed as Guardian to serve  
Without Surety on the bond.  
The petition asks the court to  
determine that the Respondent  
is incapacitated, that the  
appointment of a Guardian is  
necessary, and that the proposed  
Guardian is appropriate. The  
petition is on file with this court  
and may contain a request for  
certain specific authority.  
You have the right to object  
to this proceeding. If you wish  
to do so, you or your attorney  
must file a written appearance  
at this court on or before 10:00  
A.M. on the return date of  
07/15/2019. 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.  
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right to make decisions about  
personal affairs or financial  
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above-named person cannot  
afford a lawyer, one may be  
appointed at State expense.  
WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn,  
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Date: June 14, 2019  
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INCAPACITATED  
PERSON PURSUANT  
TO G.L. c. 190B,

s 5-304  
Docket No.  
SU192533GD  
In the matter of:  
Shizhong Huang  
**RESPONDENT**  
Alleged Incapacitated  
Person  
Of: Quincy, MA  
To the named Respondent and  
all other interested persons,  
a petition has been filed by  
Lemuel Shattuck Hospital in the  
above captioned matter alleging

that Shizhong Huang is in need  
of a Guardian and requesting  
that Shizhong Huang of Quincy, MA  
(or some other suitable person)  
be appointed as Guardian to  
serve Without Surety on the  
bond.  
The petition asks the court to  
determine that the Respondent  
is incapacitated, that the  
appointment of a Guardian is  
necessary, and that the proposed  
Guardian is appropriate. The  
petition is on file with this court  
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the above-named person. If the  
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afford a lawyer, one may be  
appointed at State expense.  
WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn,  
First Justice of this Court.  
Date: June 10, 2019  
Felix D. Arroyo,  
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**LEGAL NOTICE**  
NOTICE AND ORDER

Petition for Resignation or  
Petition for Removal of Guard-  
ianship of a Minor  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Docket No. SU07P1786GM1  
Suffolk Probate and Family Court  
24 New Chardon St.  
Boston, MA. 02114  
In the interests of  
Lashawn A. Scott  
Of Jamaica Plain, MA  
Minor  
**NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED  
PARTIES**  
1. Hearing Date/Time: A hearing  
on a Petition to Resign as  
Guardian of a Minor or Petition  
for Removal of Guardian of  
a Minor filed by Doris M.  
Wilson on May 22, 2019 will  
be held 07/31/2019 8:30 AM  
Guardianship of Minor Hearing.  
Located 24 New Chardon St.,  
Boston, MA 02114, 3rd Floor  
Probation Department.  
2. Response to Petition: You  
may respond by filing a written  
response to the Petition or by  
appearing in person at the  
hearing. If you choose to file a  
written response, you need to:  
File the original with the Court;  
and Mail a copy to all interested  
parties at least five(5) business  
days before the hearing.  
3. Counsel for the Minor: The mi-  
nor (or an adult on behalf of the  
minor) has the right to request  
that counsel be appointed for  
the minor.  
4. Presence of the Minor at  
Hearing: A minor over age 14  
has the right to be present at  
any hearing, unless the court  
finds that it is not in the minor's  
best interests.  
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that may affect your rights has  
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understand this notice or other  
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attorney for legal advice.  
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# Eliot School seeks community feedback on program expansion

BY LAUREN BENNETT

As the Eliot School continues to expand its programming in crafting and fine arts, it has run out of room to adequately support its staff and students. The school is currently in a phase of feasibility research into solutions for this issue, according to Executive Director Abigail Norman. A very well attended community meeting was held on June 24 at the Farnsworth House to update the community on where they are in the process, as well as to solicit feedback about what the neighborhood would like to see out of an expanded school.

Norman began the presentation with a brief history of the Eliot School, saying that the schoolhouse was built in 1831 and offered a traditional grammar school curriculum. In 1842, a high school was created with separate programs for girls and boys, and the schoolhouse was leased out. The high school eventually became West Roxbury High School, then Jamaica Plain High School, and is now condos. The Eliot school eventually moved back to 24 Eliot St. and became a center for manual training.

“Photos from 1890 show the space very much the way it is today,” Norman said. She said the rising success of the school has come out of the rise of the do-it-

yourself and maker movements, as well as online shops like Etsy. The Eliot School also has an external program where teachers go off-site and teach things like art and woodworking to students in the Boston Public Schools. The Eliot School serves between 500 and 600 children and over 1000 adults each year.

The school is exploring models and options to expand on the current site, as well as what it might look like if they relocated should expanding outside not be feasible. Ed Forte and Melony Swasey are the co-chairs of the board and Project Committee for this research project, and they took a look at the current space and assessed what its limitations are and what things it would need to be fully functional.

Forte, also an architect, said that the study is trying to “answer the question about how the facility can align with the school’s mission.” He said that current space limitations include failure to meet the basic needs to students and staff due to a lack of handicapped access, sufficient restrooms, and ventilation. The existing space is also too small for the expanded programming being offered, as they are not able to have all programs and staff onsite together.

Swasey said that in a previous feasibility phase, it was deter-

mined that the school requires about 15,000 square feet of space in a standalone building to support its programming. “Right now, there is less than half of that,” she said, at about 7,000 square feet. This includes 6,000 feet in the schoolhouse for classroom space, storage, and a little bit of office space. The rest of the office space and one classroom is located offsite at Thew Brewery.

She said that at the minimum, they will commit to physical access for everybody, accessible stairs and elevator, a welcoming reception area, adequate workspace for staff, safe drop-off and pickup for children and projects, and proper restrooms.

The other side of the research that’s currently being done is seeing what moving off-site would look like. Tanya Hahnel of Tragorh Companies and Jennifer Gilmore are part of the consulting team that is “looking for options that are financially sustainable for the future,” Gilmore said.

Hahnel said that the first part of this process was to develop the site criteria in order to know what types of spaces to explore. It was determined that the Eliot School needs: equity and access for all, a welcome and safe building and site, 15,000 square feet, a loading dock with access to a woodshed space, safe drop-off and pickup, on-street parking for

guests and visitors, and public transport that is at least as good at what exists now.

While those are the necessities, the team also came up with some things that would be nice to include, such as off-street parking, space for modest program growth, closer proximity to other activities, cafes for before and after class and for parents while they wait, a yard/outdoor area, and possible retail space for artist studios.

“We are evaluating options inside and outside JP,” Hahnel said, adding that they are also considering Roxbury, Dorchester, and Roslindale Center. “This gives us a broad range,” she continued, to “make sure we’re really looking at the possible options that make sense for the school.”

Other things to think about when considering moving are owning vs. renting, a possible partnership or joint venture, and adding studio space for rent.

The team then broke the room up for a breakout session, where the public was encouraged to share ideas about what they’d like to see for the expansion of the school. Suggested ideas included putting the Eliot School in a housing development building along with something like a cafe to make it a more powerful development, partnering with higher ed institutions, having exhibition

space for organizations like the Jamaica Plain Artist Association, a media lab, and having an outdoor space that promotes creativity. Other suggested ideas that could raise money and increase revenue, like a community room that could be rented out, a cafe, and a gallery space where works could be sold.

Though some people were open to the idea of moving the school, most people in the room felt that the Eliot School and the land it sits on are “jewels” in JP and any expansion should happen on-site. People were concerned that if the school were to move somewhere that was inaccessible for current students, the student body would change too dramatically.

Norman said that next steps include working over the summer and into the fall to evaluate sites and partnership models, then developing models for the project committee and board to review. They then hope to report out these results in the fall of this year. In 2020, the board will go on a retreat, where they will revisit the school’s mission and values, Norman said, and explore the options of staying or relocating. She said that assuming the board makes a decision after the retreat, there will be a fundraising and planning period with construction and a grand opening to follow..

## BPDA enters into an Affordable Rental Housing Agreement and Restriction agreement for Rock Hill Road project

BY JOHN LYNDIS

The Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) board voted to enter into an Affordable Rental Housing Agreement and Restriction (ARHAR) agreement in connection with the proposed development located at 12 Rock Hill Rd. in Jamaica Plain at the board’s June meeting.

Developer MDH Nominee Trust plans to replace an auto body shop with a three story, 14-unit residential rental building with 18 parking spaces on the ground floor at a former garage

The project included 12, two-bedroom units and two, one-bedroom units on the second and third floor. The project also included a 13,000 square foot roof deck.

The Proposed Project is subject to the BPDA’s inclusionary Development Policy (IDP). The IDP requires that 13 percent of the total number of units within the development be designated as IDP units.

With the BPDA entering into the ARHAR agreement with the developer, two units within the Rock Hill Road project will be created as IDP rental units and made affordable to households

earning not more than 70 percent of the Area Median Income (AMI).

According to the BPDA board the location of the IDP Units will be finalized in conjunction with BPDA staff and outlined in the ARHAR agreement.

Under BPDA rules IDP Units must be comparable in size, design, and quality to the market rate units in the Rock Hill Road development and cannot be stacked or concentrated on the same floor, and must be consistent in bedroom count with the entire project.

The ARHAR must be executed

along with, or prior to, the issuance of the Certification of Approval for the proposed project. The developer must also register the project with the Boston Fair Housing Commission (BFHC).

Also under the agreement the IDP Units will not be marketed prior to the submission and approval of an Affirmative Marketing Plan by the BFHC and the BPDA. An affordability covenant will be placed on the IDP Units to maintain affordability for a total period of 50 years--this includes 30 years along with a BPDA option to extend for an additional period of 20 years.

Entering into a ARHAR is a common part of the Article 80 review process. The developer and BPDA staff will finalize how the developer will meet its IDP obligations, and these obligations will be spelled out in the recommendation memo submitted to the BPDA Board for approval.

When possible, the actual locations of the units will also be decided at this time. The exact locations and unit numbers of the IDP units are then outlined in the ARHAR.

The affordable housing agreement must be completed before a building permit can be issued.

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