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TURTLE SWAMP BREWING CELEBRATES 2 YEARS



PHOTO BY DEREK KOUYOUJIAN

Turtle Swamp Brewery founders Nik Walther and John Lincecum with Assistant Brewer Tanner Cobb in their Washington Street brewhouse operation. The popular brewery and family hang-out spot has just celebrated its second year of business this month.

Turtle Swamp Brewery anchors Washington Street district

BY SETH DANIEL

In what was for decades a heating oil depot, and then an alleged auto chop shop, an anchor for the Washington Street area near Egleston Square has begun to brew up on the back of great, local beer.

A secret no more, Turtle Swamp Brewery in JP celebrated two years in business on June 1 with its annual Swampapalooza, but the milestone was a great time to pause for the neighborhood, and the brewery founders, John Lincecum and Nik Walther,

who both live in JP for many years but hail from the Republic of Texas, they said.

The brewery with its expanded tap room and cozy patio area has become the gathering spot for families, friends and those looking for a unique beer, but don't want the bar experience.

It's what Lincecum called the 'Third Place.'

"It's not work or home, but it's a space you can go where they'll listen to you complain and moan," he laughed. "It's that third place."

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E-13 police share May's crime statistics

BY LAURA PLUMMER

On Thursday, June 6, Curtis Hall in Jamaica Plain hosted the monthly police and community relations meeting organized by District E-13 of the Boston Police Department (BPD).

Every month, Officer William Jones from the Community Service Office and Captain John Greland use this meeting to update the community about local crime statistics from the previ-

ous month. They also take the opportunity to provide common sense advice for how to prevent crime in Jamaica Plain and to answer questions from community members. Also invited to these meetings are officials from MBTA's Transit Police and Massachusetts State Police.

This month, Sergeant John Dougherty stood in for his colleague Officer Jones. Sgt. Dough-

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Kicking off the Summer Season

Local First Fair to showcase local services and art

SPECIAL TO THE GAZETTE

Nearly 40 independent, locally-owned businesses and nonprofits will exhibit at the Jamaica Plain "Local First Fair" on Thursday, June 20, 3:30 p.m.-dusk at the Loring-Greenough House, 12 South Street, JP. (The rain date is Thursday, June 27, 3:30 p.m.-dusk at the same location.)

Jamaica Plain is known for its eclectic mix of locally-owned, community-oriented retail stores, restaurants, and cafes, but it's also the home of many "hidden gems" that residents don't usually see. The Local First Fair will feature businesses that offer a wide range of personal and professional services, including coaching, financial services, holistic health, legal, marketing, personal training, photography, and printing.

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Jamaica Plain celebrates 6th Annual Porchfest!

SPECIAL TO THE GAZETTE

Jamaica Plain will explode with talent and crackle with excitement on July 13 from 12-6PM, (rain date July 14) at the sixth annual Jamaica Plain Porchfest, a music and arts festival taking place on porches throughout the community! JP Porchfest will include music, theatre, spoken word, comedy, circus arts, and more!

After five amazing years, JP Porchfest founders Mindy Fried and Marie Ghitman have passed the torch to long time collaborators Devin Ferreira and Eli Pabon to produce this free, all-volunteer event. JP Porchfest celebrates the creative talent and diversity of JP and beyond, using the arts as a vehicle to weave together the community across the divides of race, class, culture and immigrant status.

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La policia del E-13 comparte las estadísticas de delincuencia de mayo

POR LAURA PLUMMER

El jueves 6 de junio, Curtis Hall fue el sitio de la reunión mensual de policía y relaciones comunitarias organizada por el Distrito E-13 del Departamento de Policía de Boston (BPD).

Cada mes, representantes del Distrito E-13 usan esta reunión para informar a la comunidad sobre las estadísticas de la delin-

cuencia del mes anterior.

Este mes, el Sargento John Dougherty proporcionó copias de una tabla que compara las estadísticas de delincuencia de 2019 con las de 2018.

Entre enero y mayo de 2019 hubo 353 delitos, una reducción del 17% de 2018. Los delitos que experimentaron un aumento in-

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erty provided copies of a chart comparing the year-to-date Part One crime statistics from 2019 with those from 2018. Part One crimes are those that are more serious in nature, and do not include lesser crimes such as vandalism, drug dealing or possession of firearms.

In order to better interpret the Part One crime statistics, it's important to know the difference between robbery, burglary and larceny. Robbery is the taking of someone's property directly from that person using intimidation or force. Burglary, also known as breaking and entering (or B&E in law enforcement shorthand), is unlawfully accessing a building with the intent to commit theft. Larceny deprives someone of their property but it doesn't include force (like robbery) or breaking and entering (like burglary.) An example of larceny would be shoplifting, stealing items out of a car or picking someone's pocket on a crowded subway train.

According to Sgt. Dougherty's chart, so far in 2019 there were 353 reported Part One crimes in Jamaica Plain, down from 423 this time last year, a 17% decrease. Crimes that saw an uptick in 2019 included rape and attempted, domestic aggravated assault and residential burglary. Crimes that have seen a decrease so far in 2019 compared to the same time period in 2018 included homicide, robbery and attempted, non-domestic aggravated assault, commercial burglary, other burglary, motor vehicle larceny, other larceny and auto theft.

Sgt. Dougherty also provided

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cluyeron la violación, el asalto agravado doméstico y el robo residencial. Los delitos que han experimentado una reducción incluyeron el homicidio, el atraco, el asalto agravado no doméstico, el robo comercial, otros robos, el hurto de vehículos, otros hurtos y el robo de autos.

Sargento Dougherty también distribuyó una lista de los delitos individuales.

En el mes de mayo se denunciaron 53 hurtos (36 en abril), 10 robos (siete en abril), 13 asaltos agravados (siete en abril), seis atracos (tres en abril), cinco robos

a comprehensive list of the individual Part One crimes reported in the area the previous month, including the date, time and location of each incident.

According to this list, the month of May saw ten burglaries (up from seven in April), six robberies (up from three in April), thirteen aggravated assaults (up from seven in April), five motor vehicle theft (up one in April), and 53 larcenies (up from 36 in April), one arson (up from zero in April). There were no reported incidents of rape, kidnapping or murder in April.

On his handouts, Sgt. Dougherty wrote notes next to the major incidents, adding more context and detail than is available online. For example, we know that in four of the burglaries, there were no signs of a forced entry, which means that the access to the premises was not properly secured. In the past, Officer Jones has urged residents to properly secure their homes by locking all doors and windows when not home and leaving valuables out of sight from passers-by.

"Our best advice is to get people thinking about crime as an opportunity and to collectively participate in removing as many opportunities as possible," he told the Gazette.

The police and community relations meeting is on the first Thursday of every month at 6:30pm at Curtis Hall at 20 South Street. However, the next meeting will be held on Thursday, August 1, due to the holiday July 4. A Spanish language version of this meeting is also held on the second Thursday of every month at 6:30pm at 155 Lamartine Street. The next Spanish-language meeting is Thursday, July 11. These meetings are open to the public and all interested residents are encouraged to attend.

de vehículos (uno en abril), un incendio (cero en abril). No se denunciaron incidentes de violación, secuestro o asesinato.

Sabemos que en cuatro de los robos, no hubo signos de acceso forzado, lo que significa que las propiedades no fueron aseguradas adecuadamente. En el pasado, el Oficial William Jones urgió a los residentes a asegurar sus casas de manera adecuada, cerrando todas las puertas y ventanas cuando no están en casa y dejando los objetos de valor fuera de la vista de las ventanas.

Se realiza una versión español de esta reunión el segundo jueves de cada mes a las 6.30 pm en 155 Lamartine Street. Son abiertas al público y todos los residentes están invitados.

Essaibi-George talks homelessness, education at JPNC meeting

BY LAUREN BENNETT

The Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council met for their monthly meeting on May 28, where they heard from City Councilor At-Large Anissa Essaibi-George as well as regular updates from council committees.

Essaibi-George spoke about

the work she has done with the City Council, specifically related to housing the homeless, the opioid crisis, and education. She said that 4200 students have been identified as homeless, with the number probably closer to 5000. As a city, Essaibi-George said that Boston has gotten better at identifying homeless people and she has been working to

house more homeless families, eventually leading to the elimination of homelessness. She said she also works to support families who are at risk of losing their housing.

"We are seeing larger family sizes due to more kids or multi-generational families with-

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First Local Fair

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JP's many arts-related nonprofits and businesses, where residents can learn and practice fine arts, crafts, dance, music, theatre, and more, will also be represented at the Fair, along with some popular JP retail stores and restaurants. Local musicians will perform at the fair this year, and food trucks Melt, Bon Me and Bartleby's are also lined up. In addition to the face painters and other children's activities that The Loring Greenough House includes in its Thursdays on the Lawn series, there will also be a bounce house.

The fair is sponsored by Eastern Bank and by JP Local First, a network of local and independently owned businesses based in Jamaica Plain and surrounding neighborhoods. For more information, visit <http://jplocalfirst.org>. The mission of JP Local First is to support, promote, and celebrate a "Local Economy Community" by educating the public and government about the signif-

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icant environmental, economic, and cultural benefits of a strong

local economy.

Porchfest

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Porches, loosely defined, include stoops, yards and driveways, as well as churches, community centers, affordable housing, and elderly housing.

From Hyde Square to Centre Street to Egleston Square to South Street, 177 artists or arts groups will perform on 99 porches! Some highlights include:

The circus porch at the Eliot School with your local circus community! Teaching mini circus lessons in juggling, stilt walking, hula hoop, partner acrobatics, aerials, and more!

The Dunamis porch showcases work from emerging artists ages 16-29. Working in partnership with the Young Civic Leaders at MassVOTE to facilitate voter registration as well.

Cinematic, mysterious, and captivating music from Minouchka, evoking influences of the Balkans and the Middle East, avant garde jazz, and classically influenced art rock.

Orkestra Marhaba, featuring re-interpretations of Mediterranean music primarily from Anatolia, Ottoman court music and original compositions.

Eleanor Elektra, whose practice spans songwriting, printmaking, drawing and installation work. Her music combines

elements of folk, jazz and classical music within the songwriter idiom to create unique cinematic songs.

Never Too Late to Be a Poet features 10+ members of the local Never Too Late to Be a Poet workshop who will read their poetry.

Youth artists from all over the city of Boston are joining us this year, including musicians and spoken word artists including Lowkey Jay from English High School.

A BIG THANK YOU from the entire Jamaica Plain Porchfest team for all you do in bringing the Jamaica Plain Porch Festival to life!

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in those units,” Essaibi-George said. She said she believes “we need to move away from thinking about one and two bedroom units and start thinking more about three and four bedroom units.” She also wonders whether the Boston Housing Authority waitlist should be closed, as it may be giving people false hope that they are going to get housing quickly. Right now, there are over 40,000 families on the waitlist. “We need more private developers on line opening their doors for family homelessness,” she said.

Essaibi-George also said she called for the formation of a mental health commission for the City of Boston, as many young people in the city do not have access to mental health services. She said she hopes to “create an atmosphere in school buildings where mental health professionals can better do their jobs,” with “culturally competent and properly trained professionals in schools.” She said she’s also looking to create “more creative care” by working with Chief of Health and Human Services Marty Martinez as well as local colleges to create better access points for students.

When it comes to the opioid crisis and caring for homeless people, “We’ve got quite a bit of work to do in that space,” Essaibi-George said. She said the City Council has been an advocate for more resources for better care. She said the city has gotten “much better” at tracking improperly discarded needles, and she is asking in this year’s budget to double the mobile sharps team members to eight. Last year, over 600,000 needles were collected through the mobile sharps team, she said.

She added that there are now drug take back kiosks in police stations across the city, and all of the large pharmacies (CVS, Walgreens, etc.) have them too. She’s hoping to get more needle kiosks attached to the drug ones, and hoping that the needle ordinance “will have more success this time around.” She said she is also working with City Councilor Matt O’Malley on some work surrounding vaping.

On the education front, Essaibi-George said she thinks “we picked the right person to lead the district,” speaking about new Boston Public Schools superintendent Brenda Cassellius. Formerly of Minnesota, “she

has shown a tremendous willingness to get to know Boston,” Essaibi-George said. She said she is very open to taking phone calls and has been “out and about” in the city. She said she hopes that Cassellius’ strong community engagement will lead to a “more transparent school committee.”

Public Service Committee:

The JPNC voted to approve the petition at Blue Nile to change its license from beer and wine only to include liquor. It was reported that there was “very little discussion” at the meeting regarding the change.

Housing and Development Committee:

JPNC member Carolyn Royce said that the city is looking to update its Inclusionary Development Policy (IDP) “in several ways.” She said that Tim Davis from the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) is having conversations across the city to get different ideas from different neighborhoods. She proposed a letter to Davis saying that the JPNC supports the request of the IDP Coalition for the BPDA to hold a meeting in Jamaica Plain to talk about the update, and that the JPNC offers to help host the meeting. The JPNC voted to approve the letter. “I think this is a good idea,” Royce said.

Another letter was proposed to MassDOT regarding the Arboryway Yard and funding for a permanent bus facility in the department’s Capital Improvement Plan. The JPNC supports the use of the Arboryway Yard as a bus facility.

“The facility that’s there right now is just a temporary facility,” said JPNC member Kevin Rainsford. He said money needs to be put into this, as “every one of their bus facilities is in need of repair.”

Within the letter is a request that a community advisory group be formed for ongoing discussion about what the use of the site would be. Royce said that this is a letter the JPNC sends annually to MassDOT in order to keep reminding them about the Memorandum of Understanding, and “to keep the request alive” as well as keep the community informed about the issue. The JPNC voted to approve this letter.

Zoning Committee

JPNC member David Baron said the Zoning Committee met on May 1 and May 15. Four projects were approved by the JPNC. At 67 Forest Hills St., the propo-

nents are looking to construct a new three-family house. At 17 Chestnut Ave., the proponents are looking to change the occupancy from commercial to a three-family residential building and renovate the building to add a story.

At 137 Carolina Ave., 71 Call Street, 73-73A Call Street, and 77-79 Call St., 417 square feet of land is proposed to be conveyed from 137 Carolina Ave. to the abutting project on Call Street. There will be new construction of four attached three-story, two-family dwellings with eight residential units in all. The parking for 71 Call St. will be at 73-73A Call Street and six off-street parking spaces will be created.

At 79-81 Spring Park Avenue, the proposal includes installing skylights and finishing the attic space for the creation of a home art studio.

Two projects were denied by the JPNC, one at 197-201 Green Street, where the proposal includes the consolidation of parcels to create one new lot. The existing structure will be razed and a four-story mixed use building will be erected with 23 residential units, one retail space, and six off-street parking spaces. This one had already gone before the ZBA prior to the JPNC general meeting, so the Council did not vote on this one at the general meeting.

At 11 Minton St., the JPNC went back and forth about whether or not to deny this project, as many people at the meeting had complaints about the practices of developer City Realty, who is in charge of this project. The proposal is to renovate the building at 11 Minton St. and add a third-floor addition, including dormers and a pitched roof, as

well as installing a sprinkler system. Some JPNC members felt that the project should be denied because of the issues with City Realty, but others said that the project should be allowed to move forward. Ultimately, the JPNC voted to deny this project.

Education Ad Hoc Committee

JPNC member Trevor Wissink-Adams said that the Education Ad Hoc Committee met on May 21, and is “continuing to focus on meeting in the fall for BPS to have a registration information session for new families.” He said they also discussed a mobile welcome center for families to enroll their students as another possibility, but Wissink-Adams said he was “less hopeful that that will come to fruition.” The information session with BPS is more likely to occur, he said.



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Luis McGill-Scott (second from left) is shown with his teammates and coaches..

Mcguill-Scott receives athletics award

On May 20, Chapel Hill-Chauncy Hall School held their Spring Athletics' Awards Night. Luis McGill-Scott from the class of 2021 was recognized with the Captain's Award for the Boys Lacrosse team.

"While your athletic talents and championships are impressive, it's more impressive that

you've maintained these inclusive, and welcoming teams," said Athletic Director, Lori White. "Setting the foundation for future successes and modeling the true meaning of a great teammate."

In addition to Luis's award, other CH-CH students were honored for their extraordinary work in athletics during the spring trimester. The baseball, lacrosse, tennis, ultimate Frisbee and softball teams presented awards and citations, and a highlight reel was viewed.

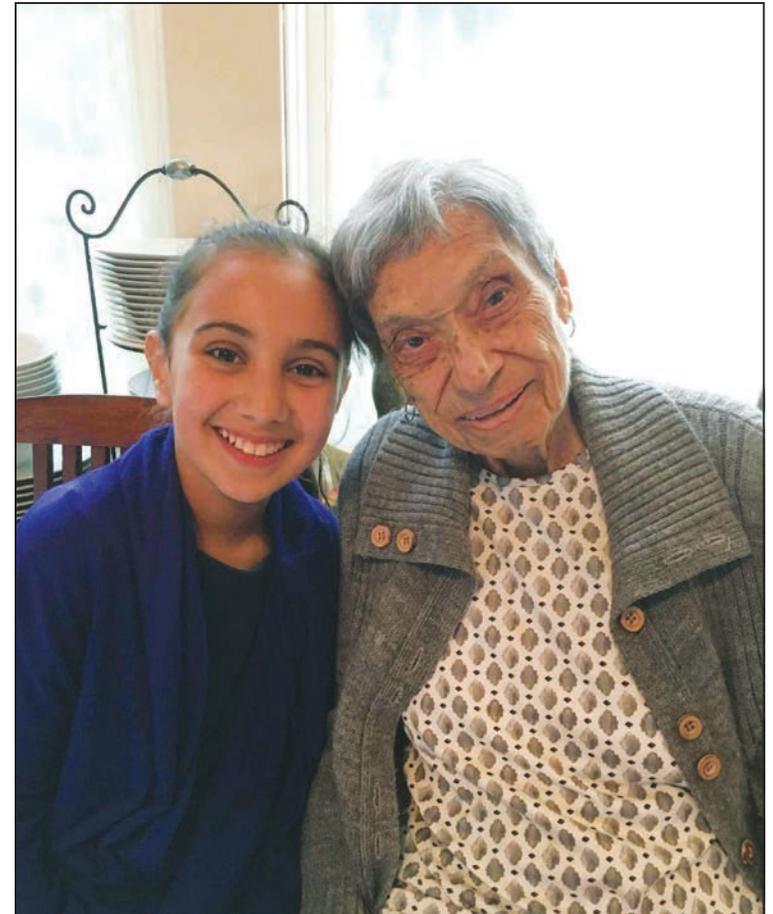
Chapel Hill-Chauncy Hall is a coeducational day and boarding school located in Waltham, MA. With 190 years of history, the school remains dedicated to teaching the way students learn. Learn more at www.chch.org.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY 'AUNTIE LENA' 104 YEARS OF LIVING!

Pasqualina Spagnola recently turned 104 years of living. She was born June 3, 1915. After doing some research, it seems that she could be the oldest living woman in the Suffolk/Boston area, and pos-

sibly Massachusetts. She is a Revere native. She currently resides in Jamaica Plain with her daughter.

Pasqualina, also known to family and friends as Auntie Lena, is such a humble and sweet soul.



Ms. Lena and shown with her Great Great Niece Elisia LeBranti.

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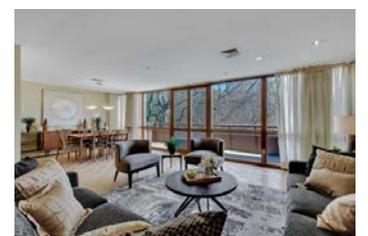
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Q&A with Local Author: Laura McCune-Poplin

BY LAURA PLUMMER

“Fourteen-year-olds exist, and they deserve to have their stories told,” said Laura McCune-Poplin, author and fifteen-year resident of Jamaica Plain.

She is speaking about her latest work, *Fatechanger*, which was recently published by Black Rose Writing.

A fiction novel for young teens, *Fatechanger* tells the story of Penelope (Penn) Clark, a fourteen-year-old who finds herself having to survive on the streets in early twentieth-century Boston after accidentally traveling back through time.

The Gazette recently interviewed McCune-Poplin about her life as a writer in Jamaica Plain.

Q: What initially drew you to writing for the tween population?

A: When I first set out to write a book, I was told to write the book I would have liked to read, and I guess I was a “tween” kind of kid. But I think there are a lot of us out there—younger readers who can handle a more sophisticated story in terms of structure or language, and older readers who are still willing to believe in a “magic penny.” Honestly, I was surprised by the amount of resistance I encountered in writing *Fatechanger*. Editors and agents wanted to make Penn either older or younger to land the book more clearly in MG or YA territory. Apparently, a fourteen-year-old protagonist is a hard one to categorize. But fourteen-year-olds exist, and they deserve to have their stories told too.

Q: Do you base your characters on people in your life? Or do they represent a younger version of yourself?

A: In some sense, all my characters are products of my interactions with the world—even the ones that don’t specifically reference anyone I’ve met. But my main characters are almost always based, at least in part, on real people. Penn was inspired by my childhood best friend, Heidi. She was born with a defective heart valve that required multiple open-heart surgeries, but she refused to let anyone tell her she couldn’t play basketball. Or go backpacking. Or skiing. The last time I heard from her, she was rescuing cats from the Paradise, California fire. Penn is also like me in the sense that I’ve often

felt like I don’t belong. I’ve often felt invisible. *Fatechanger* is about Penn learning how to be visible.

Q: What is most appealing to you about writing fiction as opposed to other genres?

The short answer: I love writing fiction because I love reading fiction. There’s a freedom to follow my imagination wherever it goes, even if it’s not historically accurate. (Hopefully, I’ll be forgiven for some of the liberties I’ve taken with Boston’s history!!)

Q: What do you love most about living in JP?

A: Too many things! I don’t own a car, so I love how everything I need is within walking distance. My son’s school, his Taekwondo classes, art classes, the pet store, the toy store, the post office, the grocery store, the drugstore. And of course the ice cream store. I try to shop local as much as possible. I’m also in love with the abundant green space, and the sense of community in JP. It feels like a small town, but with instant access to (and all the perks of) a big city.

Q: What are your favorite places in town to visit?

A: Franklin Park. The Arboretum. The Pond. Minton Stable Community Garden. Thursdays at Loring Greenough. JP Licks. The library. Allendale Farm. The playgrounds along the bike path. Boing. I’ve probably shopped in most of the stores along Centre/South street and eaten at most of JP’s restaurants.

Q: Have you found a community of writers in JP?

A: Yes! Although the community tends to shift and change as time goes on. When I first moved to JP, I would regularly meet up with friends from grad school to workshop our WIPs. Since having my son, I’ve been able to meet many parents who are also talented writers and artists. Not only have they supported me in my writing, they’ve also proven (much more gracefully than I) how to balance a creative life with family life and a professional life. I’ve made a lot of connections through work too. Just last week I was able to meet a writer who teaches at Grub Street. I feel really lucky to be surrounded by so many creative people.

Q: How is JP supportive of writers?

A: So many of my conversations in JP—at the playground, the farmer’s market, the community garden—revolve around books.



L.M.Poplin.

People love to read! The libraries are a vibrant, central part of our community. Plus, people seem

to be community oriented and willing to support one another in general.

Q: What advice do you have for young people who want to become authors?

A: Don’t let anyone tell you that you’re not a good writer! Not even your English teacher!! I teach first-year writing courses at Berklee College of Music, and I’m astounded by the number of students who believe they’re bad writers because of a grade they got, or something that their teacher said. Yes, there are people who are naturally gifted with

language, but I firmly believe that anyone can become a good writer. The real trick is not to give up, especially when people doubt you. Don’t doubt yourself. Keep writing.

McCune-Poplin has lived in Jamaica Plain for fifteen years. She currently lives with her husband and nine-year-old son. When she’s not busy writing on her couch in front of her living room windows, she enjoys traveling, reading, cycling, hiking and gardening. She is currently working on the second book in the Fatechanger series. Read more about her on her website at lmpoplin.com.

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Walsh has street designated for Puerto Rican veterans

BY SETH DANIEL

When it comes to surprises, Puerto Rican Veterans Monument Square Association President Tony Molina – of Jamaica Plain – always has something up his sleeve as it relates to improving the veterans memorial on Washington Street in the South End.

However, on Memorial Day this year, it was Mayor Martin Walsh and Molina that had a surprise for the Memorial Day crowd – an alleyway behind the memorial being dedicated to the vaunted and historic 65th Infantry Regiment predominately made up of Puerto Ricans.

“Today, we have one more surprise,” said Mayor Walsh. “This summer is going to be the 20th anniversary of the dedication of this monument square and today we are naming the alleyway behind it after the 65th Infantry Regiment. This is one more way to honor the men and women who gave their lives for the country. This designation isn’t because of me or any elected officials. It’s there because of one veteran who grew up in Puerto Rico and made Boston his home. I’d like to thank Tony Molina for his advocacy.”

The new designation is prompted by signs at either end of the alleyway, which is adjacent to the Blackstone School and be-

hind the Puerto Rican Veterans Monument.

When announced, it took most of the crowd on hand by surprise, with some gasping at the announcement, and a healthy round of applause given after it was official. Signs had already been placed prior to the ceremony, but few noticed them until it was announced.

The 65th Infantry Regiment is nicknamed ‘The Borinqueneers’ based on the original native name for Puerto Rico, which is Borinquen. The regiment was formed by an Army appropriation bill in 1898, which authorized the creation of a body of native troops on the island. It became organized in 1901 and incorporated into the regular U.S. Army. They were first activated in 1917 to serve in Panama. They also served in World War I, World War II, the Korean War and the War on Terror.

It was one of the first units deployed at the outset of the Korean War, and in 2016 the Infantry was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal.

The announcement came during the regular Memorial Day Exercises at the Monument, a ceremony that has grown in popularity year after year and attracts numerous elected officials from across the City.

Sgt. Gumersindo Gomez, pres-

ident of the Vietnam Veterans, took time to call for an end to the unequal treatment of Puerto Rican veterans living on the island. He said the continue to not get the same benefits that are given to those living in the states.

“I saw three of my friends go down and there’s not a day in my life I don’t forget those three Puerto Rican kids,” he said. “One went down on the day his wife was in labor with their child. These three gave their lives – they gave everything. Yet, still, it’s okay for us to die or get wounded in battle, but it’s not okay for us to vote for the Commander in Chief that sends us into battle. Nor do we have a senator or representative in Congress...That is the battle. The vets who choose to live in Puerto Rico should get the same benefits that we do here in the U.S. Yet they do not. We have to all fight for that right for them.”

This year, as well, Molina said there was something new in that the Encore Boston Harbor casino agreed to support the Association and its efforts.

“It’s not the quantity of the donation,” he said. “The importance is they thought of us and wanted to support the Puerto Rican Veterans Square Monument Association.”

The Association will celebrate its 20th year this July.



Tony Molina, Puerto Rican Veterans Monument Square Association president, addressing the crowd.



Association President Tony Molina welcomes former Mayor Ray Flynn, who was helpful at the beginning of the Association’s efforts many years ago.



Above: Mayor Martin Walsh announced that the alleyway behind the Square was being named for the 65th Infantry Regiment.

Above, left: The sign commemorating the 65th Infantry Regiment Way adjacent to Monument Square and the Blackstone School in the South End.

Below, left: State Rep. Jon Santiago, Capt. Zoraida de la Rosa, Councilor Michelle Wu, and Councilor Ed Flynn laying the wreath in front of the Puerto Rican Veterans Monument.

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Efrain Diaz Jr. shows off the cover that was on the memorial brick added for his father, Sgt. Efrain Diaz. The Association is continuing to sell memorial bricks at the Square for a donation of between \$250-500.



Encore Boston Harbor President Bob DeSalvio showing off the framed photograph of the Memorial given to him by the Association. This year, Encore helped to sponsor the event.



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DCR's Leo Roy discusses preservation, improvements at JPA annual meeting

BY LAUREN BENNETT

The Jamaica Pond Association (JPA) held their annual meeting on June 3 at the Loring Greenough House, where special guest speaker Leo Roy, Commissioner of the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) addressed attendees.

Prior to Roy's speech, JPA members and the community mingled over snacks and bev-

erages with new JP liaison Enrique Pepen, State Senator Sonia Chang-Diaz, and Rep. Nika Elu-gardo.

During his speech, Roy spoke about the history of DCR and its outlook on nature, as well as talked about some of the work it has done across the state and very locally. He said that the DCR has "made improvements over the last four years," but he admitted that there is still "a lot more work to do." The DCR manages near-

ly 500,000 acres of land across the Commonwealth, Roy said. He talked about the DCR's effort to "green the gateway cities," where the DCR was challenged to plant 10,000 trees. It took three years, but the effort was supported by Governor Baker. This past Earth Week, Roy said they doubled that amount by planting the 20,000th tree, in hopes of "transforming or reducing the heat island effect and improving quality of life" in cities across the state. The sur-

vival rate of the trees was "better than 90 percent," Roy said, "almost unheard of in urban areas." People in the communities have adopted these trees and have promised to take care of them for two years, Roy said.

He also talked about projects that have been done in the Jamaica Plain area, and said that "replacing damaged infrastructure with parks is really the direction we need to go in." He said that the Casey Overpass

was removed and replaced with paths and walkways, three new crosswalks were created on Centre St., and intersection improvements were made on Perkins St. and Parkman Dr.

Roy said that the DCR is responsible for 1700 intersections, "many of which were poorly designed. We have a lot of work to do," he said. He said that the raised crosswalk at the Upper

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JPNDC annual meeting draws large crowd, celebrates success and looks toward the future

BY LAUREN BENNETT

The Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Development Corporation (JPNDC) held its annual meeting on May 20 at the Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall. Singer Eli Pabon entertained the crowd while they mingled and enjoyed a catered buffet. Several speakers gave presentations about what the organization has done over the past year, and what it is looking forward to in the coming year. Awards were also presented to people who have tremendously given back to the community.

"I have not seen this place like

this in many years," said JPNDC Co-Chair Bashier Kayou. "It is packed." He spoke of JPNDC's more than 40-year commitment to meeting the needs of low income people, and spoke about some "key areas" that are "critical" for the future of the organization, which include organizing with partners and continuing their relationship with the Mildred Hailey Apartments. Kayou said another focus must be on racial equality.

"We have the voice and the power to do something about it," he said. "We can no longer sit quietly in this space. We need to get up and do something and

make a difference in this world."

JPNDC Executive Director Richard Thal said that the JPNDC is "more ready than ever" to work to make JP and the rest of Boston "a better and more equitable community."

He said that to do this, the organization needs to embrace more of a citywide role. The JPNDC has been working with people from other neighborhoods in the city through their family childcare program, financial counseling, job placement, and working with small businesses.

"We not have more than 80 percent of the folks in our pro-



The JPNDC Board, after electing Max Glikman and Aadil Sulaiman at the annual meeting.

grams live in other neighborhood in Boston, and that is a good thing," Thal said. He praised the staff for their "amazing work" and dedication to helping people across the entire city.

Thal talked about some of the work that the JPNDC has done recently, which includes saving 200 homes from what was once the Lorenzo Pitts portfolio in Roxbury and Dorchester. Last fall, they put together a financial package totaling \$90 million. "The fact that those are now permanently affordable homes; that's a great accomplishment," he said.

"We are doing way more than we've ever done in Jamaica Plain to preserve and create new affordable homes," Thal continued. "That only happens because there's so many people who care so much in this neighborhood."

At 125 Amory St., Thal said the JPNDC, along with the Com-

munity Builders, took ownership of the property from the Boston Housing Authority. He said there are 200 households there now, but after "major renovations," 12 more deeply permanently affordable units will be added as well.

This summer, at 25 Amory St., ground will be broken on a "beautifully designed project" that will provide housing for 44 low-income families, he said.

There are also plans to build a Prosperity center in the Brewery, which the JPNDC hopes will provide services to at least 700 families a year. He said they will keep the community updated as more information about the project becomes available.

"What folks do in this community is amazing, and it's what sustains us," Thal said. "I can't express enough gratitude and just say thank you, thank you, thank you. We're going to keep fighting."



Luz Zambrano, Board member Danilo Morales, Board member Martha Rodriguez, and Kevin Whalen. Zambrano and Whalen are members of the Center to Support Immigrant Organizing, which was the recipient of a Building our Community Award.



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Arborway was the first one installed in the DCR system. They also worked on signal timing improvements at Bynner and Willow St. and the Jamaica way. "We're trying to do some experiments," Roy said.

Roy also talked about the roadway safety audit, which has been a topic of conversation at several recent JPA meetings. "Out of that study will come short-term improvements to bicycle and pe-

destrian safety," he said.

JPA member Kevin Moloney asked Roy about a revised plan for Murray/Kelly Circles. Roy said that they will build on the work that has already been done. "The problem we have at the circle is too much pavement," Roy said. "We don't need all that pavement." He said that shrinking down the amount of pavement in the area is "what's going to make a big impact."

He said that once the consultant is back on board, they will meet with the community and provide updates. "We're stressing your pa-

tiency as a community for a solution. Bear with us....," Roy said.

JP resident Steve Crosby told Roy that several members of the JPA have been meeting to discuss closing down a portion of the Jamaica way on select Sunday afternoons in the summer, but they have not received much correspondence from the DCR regarding the idea. "We would love to sit down with you or your designee to discuss a pilot weekend and experiment with it," Crosby said.

"I will endeavor to keep an open mind to the idea," Roy said. "I have to tell you that I am

initially strongly opposed to it." He said that the Jamaica way is a "key link to the hospitals," and he said he was concerned for the safety of people needing help from emergency vehicles needing to use the Jamaica way. However, he did say he was "happy to have a conversation; it certainly has appeal." Crosby said that the subcommittee has raised the safety issue too, "but I appreciate an open mind."

A resident on Bynner St. told Roy that he and a group of other residents have been meeting regarding the traffic issues on the

street. "Traffic is catastrophic," he said.

"We have made some signal timing changes at Bynner," Roy said. "I think there is some additional work we can do to continue tweaking that."

Roy finished his speech with the notion that DCR's job is to protect natural resources in Massachusetts. "DCR was created over 125 years ago out of fear that parks and open space would be lost in the changing world," Roy said. "Our vision as we look ahead is continuing to connect with nature."

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Turtle Swamp

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That's what we have."

Part of what has helped them take off is the brewery concept, which has grown in the Greater Boston area by leaps and bounds, but not necessarily as quickly in the City of Boston.

Turtle Swamp was one of the first in the neighborhoods, and certainly in JP, and the brewery played a role in showing that it is more of a community gathering

spot for young and old rather than a dingy, window-less bar room focused on ample amounts of alcohol and getting drunk.

"This is different," he said. "We attract families. We attract women. Some women don't like to go to bars. Many people don't like sports on the TV and Wi-Fi. We don't have that. We find we get a lot of folks who are Dads that come down with the baby and have a few beers with a friend – maybe play a game or two. I love it. It creates an easy atmosphere. We don't get the problems like a bar...You don't come here to

get drunk. You come to drink beers – plus we close at 11. This is actually a family place in JP."

Added Walther, "People want something authentic and that you can't get in another place. We're about changing the post-World War II trend of consolidation of industries into monopolies. People want a genuine experience, and that's what we have here."

The brewery is in what might have been thought to be the unlikely of places – in the JP/Rox area that has had its challenges and has been a tough area for

businesses in the past. The 'JP/Rox' area has been in the midst of a long planning process with the City, and Lincecum and Walther felt like their brewery could help to make the area more vibrant.

Two years ago they took that risk, and it has paid off.

"That was really something great about JP/Rox is we felt we could use the brewery as a catalyst to build out JP/Rox," said Lincecum. "Believe it or not, it's exactly what happened."

The brewery sits on what was likely a brewery in the 1870s, and the entire Stony Brook area was lined with breweries of all types. That, however, gave over to industry, and for a long time it housed McManus Oil. When that heating oil depot sold to a car repair shop, things took a bad turn and the building became an environmental hazard. The clean-up was the best gift the brewery could have asked for.

Lincecum said the clean-up involved tearing up the entire floor of the shop, cleaning it out and then pouring a new, flat slab of concrete. Interestingly enough, he said, a solid, flat slab of concrete is the main ingredient in a great brewery.

And so their location was born.

The brewery now sports four large fermenters in the brewhouse and a 600,000 BTU stove plant, creating the capacity for 2,000 barrels per year, or 4,000 kegs.

"We have the capacity for 4,000 gallons at any given moment, which is quite bit," he said. "However, that is the equivalent of what Budweiser brews in three seconds."

Keeping things local, their first account was at Doyle's Café – just down the street and where Lincecum helped to run a number of Stony Brook Neighborhood Association meetings prior to the brewery.

That led them to give a shot at getting a tap room running, which in the brewery business is key to funding the beer making process.

"The tap room is critical for startup breweries," he said. "The tap room allows us to immediately generate revenue and make beer."

That tap room has also led to a new avenue of business.

Soon after opening it for the purpose of funding their beer-making operations, folks started to ask if they could rent out the tap room for parties. Then soon that became a trend.

That, Lincecum said, was the most surprising thing about the brewery business – that brewery tap rooms statewide had also morphed into a community and

function space.

"Suddenly everyone wanted to be here and to rent our space," he said. "It never occurred to me, but beyond Spontaneous Celebrations and the Footlight Club, there is not function space here. Suddenly we were one... We were proud that suddenly we had a popular public space."

The company brought on Lincecum's wife, Allison, who is the events manager and coordinates the many fun things that happen in the brewery – such as vinyl record parties, holiday events and special private events. That has opened up a whole new avenue for the Brewery that they never expected when their journey to make great beer started.

But it wasn't the only surprise.

Their wholesale business took off as well – particularly on the back of their Orange Line New England IPA. That beer grew quickly in popularity and was eventually offered in the Whole Foods store in the South End. Later, the Whole Foods began to feature Turtle Swamp in many of their local stores.

"Orange Line is our flagship brew," he said. "We can't make it fast enough. I could sell every drop I make. We make beers for people who don't like beer and don't want to be drunk. That's why they choose this kind of quality."

With that wholesale business, the company has heavily invested in a canning operation, which is going full-steam in the company's second year. This year they are averaging about 10,000 cans produced per month, and that could grow.

And of course the topic of expansion has come up numerous times as Turtle Swamp has become a recognized name. Already, they run a pop-up beer hall in Roslindale at the vacant Substation building there, but it is just a temporary situation at the moment.

Lincecum said he is a firm believer that there needs to be more breweries in Boston, particularly in neighborhoods like JP.

"In the near future we want to remain dedicated to JP," he said. "We self-distribute and will continue that...We'll continue to grow out our wholesale business. We may entertain an expansion into somewhere that's local. I'm not interested in doing business downtown now...No, I don't want to own Harpoon Brewery. We want a small, family-owned business that supports our families, our employees and our neighbors."

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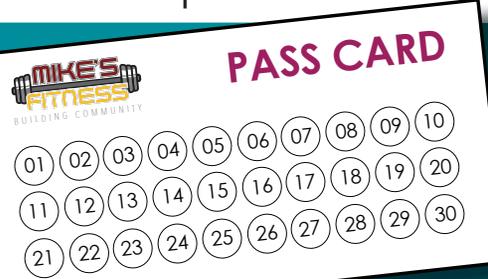


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JP Agenda

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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

* **The Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council (JPNC)** The Housing and Development Committee will meet Tuesday, June 18 at 7 pm at the Bowditch School, 82 Green Street

Agenda
Updates & Announcements
Update on Shattuck Campus Planning Process*

Continued discussion of the City's Inclusionary Development Policy (IDP) and current efforts to update the IDP; the purpose of the IDP is to create and preserve affordable housing

All meetings are open to the public.

The Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council (JPNC) will hold its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, June 25 at 7:00pm at Farnsworth House, 90 South Street.

On the agenda will be reports from the Working Committees. All interested residents are invited to attend.

Vacancy on the Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council
People who are interested in an available seat on the Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council can contact Kevin Rainsford, chair of the Council at (617) 866-7672 or kprainsford@gmail.com or come to the monthly meeting on Tuesday, June 25 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 Po-

lice Station Community Room, 3347 Washington St. Info: Liana Poston, 722-2060.

Youth/Families

June 26: Fundraiser for Police Summer Camp for Underprivileged Youth in Jamaica Plain

Every summer, Tree of Life, in association with Boston Police Department E13's Community Service Youth Officers, organizes a two week camp for underprivileged youth in Jamaica Plain. Our program gives some J.P. kids and teens positive experiences, summer fun, and role models that will last for years to come. It's more than a summer camp – the program helps the youth develop personal connections with the police and community. We follow up with them throughout their years of development so they have a strong support system. Our goal has been to educate and teach them not to give up. We give them the confidence to excel in their life endeavors. In order to successfully continue our programs, and hopefully increase the number of youth enrolled, we hope to

raise needed funds at our fundraiser on June 26, 6-8 pm at the Frogmore, 365 Centre St. This funding will provide food, transportation and exciting activities for 30 youth over a two-week period, twice the number of youth served last year.

For donation questions, you can call Carol Miranda, Director, Tree of Life, 617-522-4832.

June 29: Unity Day Celebration 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.

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.

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

Jamaica Plain Community Softball League Seeks a team or players to form a team. Adult, co-ed, slo-pitch in Franklin Park. Games at 6 p.m. weekdays through August. Email jamaicaplainsoftball@gmail.com for more information or to inquire about signing up

The Roberto Clemente 21 Sports program is now accepting applications (boys and girls ages 6-16). Location: The Hennigan Community

Center, 200 Heath St., Jamaica Plain. Info: 617-828-9524 or alliriano@yahoo.com.

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

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

Tiny Tots World Music and Movement, music classes for kids age 2-5 by Helder Tsinine, Mondays 11-11:45am; Saturdays, 10-10:45am, \$17 per class or \$90 for 6 weeks, Egleston YMCA, 3134 Washington St. Info: htsinine@gmail.com.

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

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

Health/Fitness

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

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

Fitness Walk, Saturdays, 8-9 a.m., Franklin Park Golf Clubhouse parking lot. Info: alison.g.m.brown@gmail.com.

Care to Care, a support group for family caregivers of people with Alzheimer's and other dementias, second Wednesdays of the month, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Springhouse, 44 Allandale St. Info: Meredith Griffiths, 522-



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Road work continues on Washington Street

SPECIAL TO THE GAZETTE

Officials announced that the sidewalk and concrete apron installation at the upper busway canopy island and adjacent to the landscaped berm along Washington Street west (towards the Arboretum) of Forest Hills Station. Fence installation along the eastern (towards Franklin Park) of the landscaped berm has likewise been completed and the short stretch of cycle track which had been closed next to Forest Hills Station for installation of pavers has been reopened.

Landscape maintenance and construction of the new northern (towards Green Street) headhouse at Forest Hills Station has also continued to advance. Installation of the northern plaza's water fountain and public bicycle tool set has been completed.

Motorists are reminded that eastbound (towards Franklin) and westbound (towards the Arboretum) left turns off the Arborway at the intersections of South Street/Arborway and Washington Street/Arborway are now permanently prohibited. These movements will now be permanently handled by the eastern and western median U-turns. The only exception to this is the westbound left turn at Arborway/Washington Street which is available to general purpose traffic as directed by the electric sign mounted on the signal controlling the Arborway westbound approach. Drivers of

private cars using this left turn when the approach is signed for buses only may be subject to fines and assigned moving violations. Additional warning signage addressing this issue has been installed and is subject to police enforcement. As of the period addressed by this look ahead, enhanced traffic enforcement by the State Police is in place.

Motorists are also reminded that the northbound (towards Green Street) right lane of Washington Street west (towards the Arboretum) of Forest Hills Station is now an active travel lane. Taxis are now operating from their permanent location on the Arborway north of Forest Hills Station. Private vehicles, Lyfts, Ubers, etc. are prohibited from stopping in the active travel lane. This will be subject to traffic enforcement during the three weeks covered by this look ahead and beyond. Regulatory signage to this effect has been placed and will be subject to police enforcement.

Landscape maintenance, replacement of trees which did not survive installation, mowing of grass, installation of landscape elements not installed last fall, etc., will occur as needed and appropriate project wide during the

three weeks covered by this look ahead.

During the week of June 17, work will address the following:

- Weather permitting, the concrete around the bicycle roundabout in the northern (towards Green Street) plaza will be engraved.

- Work at the new northern headhouse will focus on installation of automated fare collection (Charlie Card) machinery and finalization/testing of the elevator.

- Upgrades to MBTA duct banks will continue along Washington Street north of the Arborway.

- At Forest Hills Station, the access platform for the station's new emergency generator will be constructed.

During the week of June 24, work will address the following:

- Work at the new northern headhouse will focus on installation of automated fare collection (Charlie Card) machinery and finalization/testing of the elevator.

- At Forest Hills Station, the access platform for the station's new emergency generator will be constructed.

BUSINESS OWNER GASKIN REMEMBERS HER ROOTS



Jamaica Plain resident Kathleen Gaskin poses in front of her upholstery shop, Decorator's Workroom at 181-183 Lamartine Street, prior to attending the "40 Years Rising" celebration of the founding of Dorchester Bay Economic Development Corporation. The gala 40th anniversary celebration took place on June 6 at the John F. Kennedy Library in Boston. In 1990, Gaskin received one of DBEDC's first small business loans, which enabled her to expand her Jamaica Plain upholstery business, an enterprise that has served the community for more than 30 years and is thriving today. She also teaches upholstery at the Eliot School of Fine & Applied Arts in Jamaica Plain.

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Sights & Sounds

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Special events

Mayor Martin J. Walsh will meet with constituents at Jamaica Plain's Mozart Street Playground on Wednesday, June 19 at 9:30 a.m.. Walsh has visited neighborhood parks and residents have had a chance to speak one-on-one with Walsh and City of Boston department heads about local issues. Participants are treated to coffee and breakfast treats provided by Dunkin' and fruit from Star Market along with flowering plants grown in the city's greenhouses.

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 mod-



ern 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

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

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

Free Guided Walking Tour of the Woodbourne neighborhood will take place on Saturday, June 15 starting at 11:00am from in front of Bethel AME Church at the corner of Walk Hill Street and Wachusett Street. Conducted by the Jamaica Plain Historical Society.

Free Guided Walking Tour of Jamaica Pond will take place on Saturday, June 22 starting at 11:00am from in front of the Bandstand, Pond Street and Jamaica Way. Conducted by the Jamaica Plain Historical Society.

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

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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.

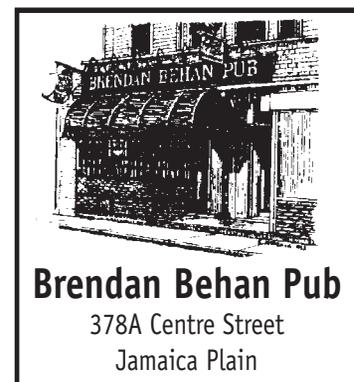
Jeanie Johnston Pub, 144 South St. Open Mic hosted by Tony Bluze, Sundays at 8pm. More events at jeaniejohnstonpub.com.

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 for more late night events every Thu-Sat.

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

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

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

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

Free Drop-In Homework Help Egleston Square Branch Library, 2044 Columbus Ave.

Mondays-Thursdays, 3:30-5:30pm The library provides free, drop-in afterschool homework help for students in grades K-8 throughout the school year. Spanish assistance is available Mondays and Thursdays. Help is provided by trained, high-achieving high school students. This program is available at locations across Boston on days that Boston Public Schools are in session. The full list of locations is online at www.bpl.org/homework. Jamaica Plain Branch Library, 30 South Street, (617) 524-2053 www.bpl.org

Connolly Branch Library 433 Centre St., 522-1960

Tours/talks/workshops

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

Woodworking, sewing, art classes, fiber arts, photography, book arts. Children, teens, adults, year round. Eliot School of Fine & Applied Arts, 24 Eliot St. Info: eliot-school.org or 524-3313.

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

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.

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

Mattapan Food and Fitness Coalition presents "Mattapan Moving for Life"

"Mattapan Moving for Life", the power of movement, meditation and mindful eating. will be held at the Audubon's Boston Nature Center 500 Walk Hill Street, Mattapan, MA 02126 on Saturday June 22, and runs between 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. It features yogalates, Afro soca dance, scavenger hunt, Birds of Prey, Chair massages, meditation, WIC, DJ, Smoothie Demonstration and conversation on Mindful Eating.

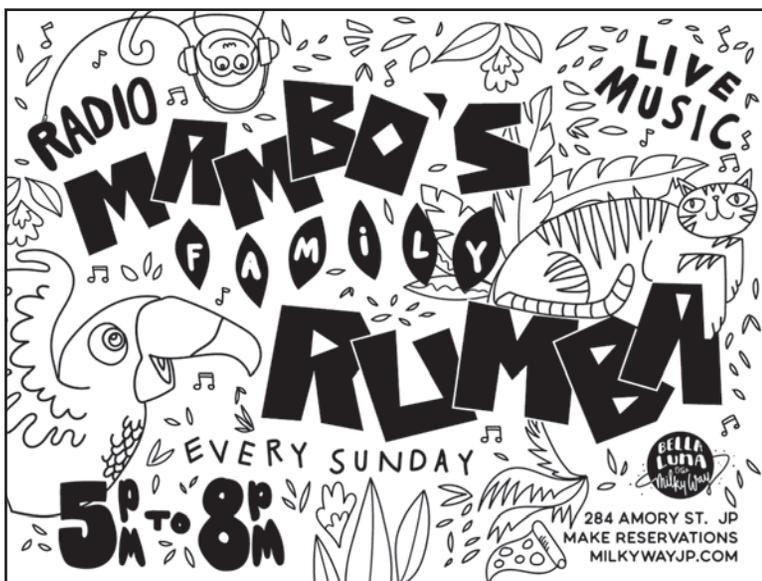
The featured speaker is Christine Rose of 4 Corners Yoga. This free event will be held rain or shine.

Other activities of this Coalition are the opening of the Mattapan Farmers Market at the corner of Cummings Highway and Fairway Street on Saturday July 13, and Mattapan on Wheels at Norfolk Playground on Saturday July 20, 2019.

The Mattapan Food and Fitness Coalition meets once monthly on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 7-8:30 pm at the Mildred Avenue Community Center at 5 Mildred Avenue in Mattapan and welcomes new members.

Other Mattapan Food and Fitness Coalition programs include Vigorous Youth aimed at students, the Fairmount Greenway/Kennedy Playground, the Neponset River Greenway and a series of fall cooking classes designed for school aged children.

As you can see this volunteer Coalition has great programming and many on going programs and would like to get larger participation at their events, more people to attend their monthly meetings as well as potential funders or grants.



INVITACIÓN

Plazo para la sección de eventos: martes, 25 junio para la edición de 28 junio. Mande eventos a reporter@jamaicaplaingazette.com. Los números telefónicos que siguen empiezan con 617.

Reuniones

Stonybrook Neighborhood Association, lunes, 8 jul, 7-9pm, Doyle's, 3484 Washington Street. Sna-jp.org.

JPNC Comité de vivienda y desarrollo, martes, 18 jun, 7pm, Bowditch School, 82 Green Street. Agenda: actualizaciones y anuncios, Shattuck, discusión sobre la IDP.

Vacante en JPNC, 866-7672, kprainsford@gmail.com. Reunión mensual, 25 jun, 7pm, Farnsworth House, 90 South Street. Vacante en area C. jpnc.org/jpnc-map.

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.

Noticias publicas

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Línea de quejas sobre el ruido del aeropuerto, línea de quejas de Massport sobre

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

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

Compostaje comunal, sábados, 10am-2pm, mercado de agricultores de Egleston Square, 45 Brookside Ave. greenovateboston.gov.

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

Jóvenes/familias

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

Día de Unidad en los departamentos de Mildred C. Hailey, sábado, 29 jun, 12-5pm, Anna M. Cole Center, 10 Lamartine. Con comida, juegos, actividades, rifas.

Se busca voluntarios, Mildred C. Hailey Task Force, 857-547-1271, bromleyhealth12@gmail.com.

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

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

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

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

Programa de Deportes Roberto Clemente acepta aplicaciones para niños y niñas 6-16. El centro comunitario, 200 Heath St. 828-9524 o aliriano@yahoo.com.

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

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

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

Salud/Bienestar físico

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

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

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

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

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

Adultos Mayores

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 1.30 – 3pm. Gratuito para todos. 440-1615 / bmclaren@uphams.org.

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

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

Talleres de Ethos para el en-

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

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

Trabajo Voluntario

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People from all over New England visited Jamaica Plain to celebrate the 10th Annual Lebanese Festival on Saturday, June 8, at the Our Lady of Cedars Church. Attendees enjoyed the warm, Saturday afternoon sharing laughs and smiles, all the while enjoying delicious Lebanese food and pastries, live music, games and events.



Georges Tarjoura and Coco Raynes.



Carol Woodworth, Eva Chojnowski, Elizabeth Eblan, Lisa Connor, and Lucille Noel volunteered to make the event happen.



Fadi Bouchrouche, Father Fares, and Maggie Bouchrouche.



Brian Flatley, Anh Do, Baldemar Garza, Michael Hajjar, Philip Raezka, Nicholas Samra, and Checrallah Abichaker.



Lina Gallotto, Marina Gallotto, and Georgette Dagher.



Anthony Awad, 5, and Ariana Boutros, 4, making tie dye shirts.

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Mike Little, Jameson, 2, and Brielle, 5.



Mimi Nguyen, Lila Salas, Anna Wainwright, Gene Williams, Mike Sperring, and Sean O'Connor.



Our Lady of the Cedars pastor Monsignor Georges El-Khali, Abe Tannous, and Colette Tannous.



Marwan Zogheib performing during the 10th Annual Lebanese Festival.



Guests dance to the music of Marwan Zogheib during the 10th Annual Lebanese Festival.



EDITORIAL

Congratulations to the Class of 2019

Graduation Day is one of the few occasions that brings a smile to the faces of everyone in a community, regardless of whether they know a graduate. It is an occasion when all of us share in the joy -- and pride -- that graduation day marks in the lives of our young people. For older folks, graduation day recalls a time when we too, were young and full of life.

However, graduation day marks a bittersweet moment for parents, friends, family, and teachers, as well the grads themselves. As befits every turning point in our lives, it is a time of mixed emotions of joy, sadness, and reflection. Although the graduates and those close to them are looking forward to the exciting future that lies before them, they also will be looking back on the passing of their carefree youth and the experiences that have shaped their lives to this point.

The young women and men who receive their diplomas no longer are considered “youths” in the eyes of the world. They are full-fledged adults who have been deemed ready to assume all of the rights -- and responsibilities -- that adulthood implies.

The graduates, most of whom have turned 18, can vote, run for public office, enter into contracts, be tried fully as adults in the criminal justice system, and fight and die for their country.

For the parents of the grads, watching their “little boy or girl” proceed to the podium to receive his or her diploma will be a poignant moment. No doubt every parent will be thinking of the sentiments expressed in the song *Sunrise, Sunset* from *Fiddler On The Roof*:

*Is this the little girl I carried?
Is this the little boy at play?
I don't remember growing older
When - did - they?
When did she get to be a beauty?
When did he grow to be so tall?
Wasn't it yesterday when they - were - small?*

Although economists these days tell us that the value of a high school diploma is not what it was a generation or more ago, the graduates should keep in mind, as they contemplate venturing out into an uncertain future, that their mere presence on the podium has proven that they have the ability and the determination to achieve whatever goals they may set for themselves.

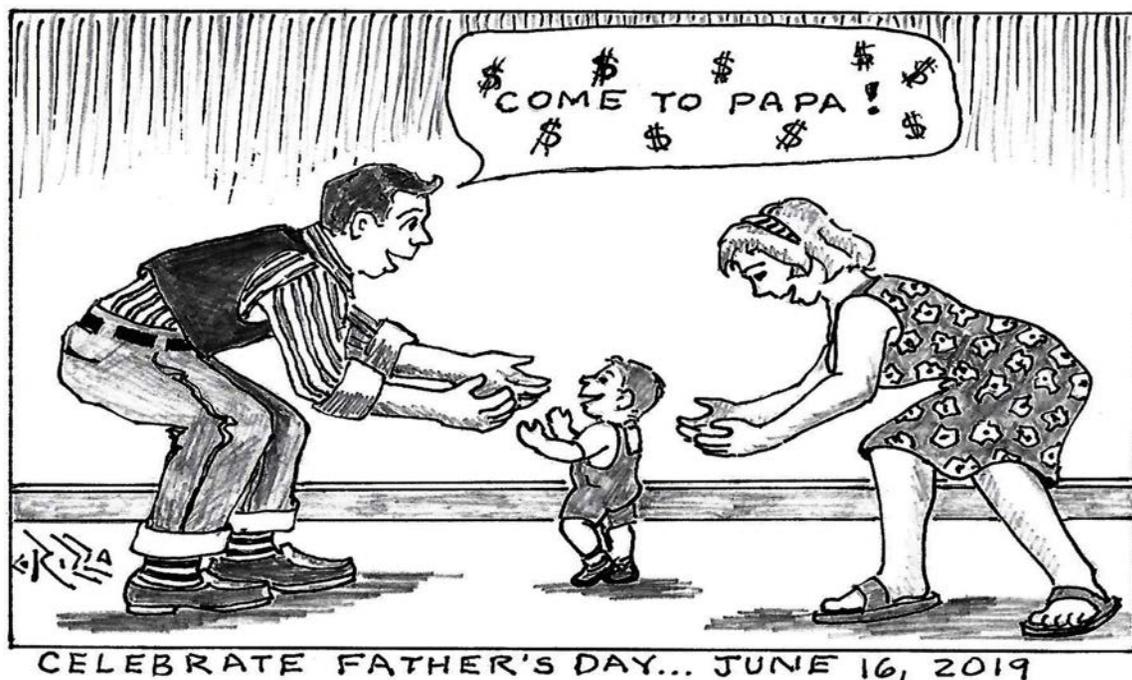
We came across a news item from one of our sister publications, The Winthrop Sun-Transcript, from June 24, 1898. The article, which reprinted the Class Ode for the Winthrop High Class of 1898, is as timely today as it was 121 years ago, and sums up the feelings of all of us on Graduation Day.

*The years pass by in swift array
We cannot check their onward flight;
The moments that were ours today,
Have passed forever from our sight.*

*Yet while the course of life moves by
We too, must never lag behind;
But work and strive as best we may
To aid and benefit all mankind.*

*This we must do, or soon too late
We think in sadness of our loss,
For “Each is Master of his Fate,”
Though some must bear a heavy cross.*

And when the race of life is run,
This life that holds so much for each
Shall come the gentle words, “Well done!”
As we at last the goal have reached.



Op-Ed

Investing in our next generation

BY MAYOR MARTIN J. WALSH

In 2015, we launched BuildBPS, a 10-year educational and facilities master plan that reflects a \$1 billion commitment to our students. This plan is a promise to our young people that their schools will be equipped with the facilities, tools, and curriculum they need to succeed in today's world. We have said many times that making sure our students have the best learning facilities available to them is a priority, and today we're taking the next step to fulfill that promise: a planning and engagement process for school expansions and reconfigurations.

The majority of Boston's public schools were constructed before World War II, and many lack modern educational spaces like music and technology classrooms. There are also several different grade configurations, meaning that many students change schools several times before graduating from high school. We want to simplify things for families by offering single-transition pathways. Families have also told us that they want to see more K-6 schools in their neighborhoods, and this next step in the plan provides an opportunity to meet that need as well.

The Boston Public Schools (BPS) recently announced updates to the BuildBPS plan. These include: modernizing school facilities; adopting two preferred grade configuration models of K-6/7-12 and K-8/9-12; increasing access to classroom seats in neighborhoods with the most need; addressing declining enrollment and sustainability

in the few remaining middle schools serving grades 6-8; and facilitating greater equity of program placement to meet the needs of students with disabilities, English learners, and more.

Ensuring smooth transitions for students and families is a top priority and critical to expanding high-quality school options in all neighborhoods across our city. After years of analyzing school enrollment patterns and facility layouts and capacity, we are now asking for the community to get involved in the process by providing feedback to the following updates:

- A new 7-12 school at the site of the current McCormack Middle School on Columbia Point in Dorchester, which will combine programming with the Boston Community Leadership Academy (BCLA) in Hyde Park. This new, fully-renovated school will open in the fall of 2022 and will keep specialized programs from both schools, including those for English learners and students with disabilities.

- Expanding 17 elementary schools from grades K-5 to K-6, which includes five schools in South Boston and Dorchester in September 2020 (Dever, Perkins, Tynan, Everett, Clap); six schools citywide in September 2020; and six East Boston schools in September 2021.

- Expanding middle-grade seat capacity in East Boston through possible expansion at East Boston High School while maintaining options at the Umana and McKay K-8 schools.

- Purchasing property at 189 Paris Street in East Boston to

construct a new school building to serve elementary grades, and at 249 Harrison Avenue in Chinatown for a new Josiah Quincy Upper School.

- Continuing to seek property near the Dorchester-Mattapan line to construct a new school building to address the need for elementary seats in the area.

- Beginning a planning and engagement process leading to the reconfiguration of the Edwards Middle School in Charlestown, phasing out the grade 6-8 middle school in June 2021, and reconfiguring the school to expand pre-K and elementary grade capacity.

- Continuing a planning and engagement process for schools in Allston-Brighton to address facilities challenges at the Jackson/Mann and Horace Mann schools.

- Continue working with Grove Hall Alliance school communities (Burke High, Frederick Middle, Trotter K-8, King K-8, and Haynes Early Education Center) to review feeder patterns for the potential creation of a pathway for students.

All of these proposals advance the values of BuildBPS by ensuring that every student has access to a high-quality, 21st-century public education. Throughout this process, we'll rely on the input of residents and BPS families. BPS will keep providing updates at bostonpublicschools.org/buildbps with more details on how the plan will affect them. I look forward to working with the community on these exciting changes.

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

LETTERS

Celebrating pride

Dear Editor:

Our country celebrates Pride Month throughout June. At Springhouse Senior Living, we uphold the value of diversity and realize people come from all segments of community. Celebrating Pride, we have an opportunity to recognize and remember our Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ) Family, Team Members, Residents and their Families. Together we are all stronger, more compassionate and more creative. Springhouse is proud of our community for our on-going commitment to cultural diversity, inclusion, transparency and family. You are all

simply the best!

We celebrated a Pride Party on Wednesday, June 12.

Throughout the month, our Tuesday Night Movies series will feature films that celebrate the lives of LGBTQ individuals and bring awareness to the community. The schedule is as follows: June 18 -Milk, June 25 -The Danish Girl. Each screening will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m.

To mark it's 50th Anniversary, we will be offering a special screening of the documentary The Stonewall Rising on Wednesday, June 19, at 7:30 p.m. This film is part of PBS's American Experience series and uses eyewitness interviews and archival footage to recapture

a pivotal moment in time that mobilized a generation of gay activists and marked the dawn of the modern Gay Rights Movement. Please RSVP to Meredith Griffiths at 617-522-0043 x2110 if you'd like to attend this screening or any of the events mentioned above.

For specific information about Boston Pride and events around the city visit:<http://www.bostonpride.org/2019/04/boston-pride-commemorates-the-50th-anniversary-of-the-stonewall-inn-uprising-with-a-community-forum-and-more/>

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Avoid that lot

Dear Editor

For many years I have parked in the lot on Centre St. Yesterday I was there for less than 90 minutes and came back to find my car towed. To my surprise, I was told that parking is only allowed for patrons of the stores that back onto the lot. The sign saying so was pointed out to me.

It's true that I was not shopping in any of those stores yesterday-

but let's not forget about the hundreds of dollars my family and our insurance companies pump into those store every year.

It was an expensive and frustrating mistake to make- \$160 in cash and a couple of hours out of the middle of the day to get to Mattapan to bail it out. Please learn from my mistake and avoid that lot.

JULIE TABERMAN

OP-ED

Development and neighborhood preservation can go hand in hand

BY ROBERT FIELD AND ANDREW KING

What is the right way to solve Boston's need for housing? Some people believe that spurring development requires weakening of protections, such as zoning laws, for existing neighborhoods. This belief puts neighbors, developers, and public officials in uncomfortable opposition. The resulting conflicts and disagreements can be heated, but they are also, fortunately, unnecessary. Both academic research and practical experience suggest that development and neighborhood protection can, and should, go hand-in-hand.

The city of Chicago discovered the hard way the folly of weakening neighborhood protections. In the hope of speeding development and controlling prices, they relaxed zoning restrictions in some areas of the city. According to a recent publication by Yonah Free-mark in Urban Affairs Review, Chicago's experiment backfired: the rate of development did not increase, but prices of residences did! How can that be? One possible explanation is that relaxed zoning rules made it relatively more profitable to develop luxury units in desirable neighborhoods. As a result, zoning changes may have encouraged the construction of a limited number of luxury units rather than more numerous affordable ones.

In Jamaica Plain, another ex-

periment in weakened zoning protection seems to be occurring. For the most part, zoning regulations have not changed, but expectations of their enforcement have. This process of "de facto" zoning relief may be well intentioned, but it is causing a variety of harm. It is creating an unfair review process, damaging the fabric of neighborhoods, and sometimes actually slowing development.

Why do de-facto zoning changes result in an unfair process? Because they give developers an enormous advantage. Developers have the time and knowledge to navigate the zoning appeal process, but most citizens do not. When zoning variances become commonplace, the courts are the only means of zoning enforcement. Most residents, unable to mount a legal challenge, just get steamrolled.

Why are de-facto changes destructive to neighborhoods? Because it makes the community review process toothless and removes the incentive to find common ground. De-facto relaxation of zoning approval also reduces trust in government and the rule of law. We see too much of this process at the national level. Let's not have it within our city too.

Finally, as occurred in Chicago, zoning changes can fail to provide the hoped-for benefit of increased development. Changes in enforcement, rather than legal changes of laws, as is occurring

in JP, can actually slow development by causing confusion about the starting point for the design process. Anticipating zoning relief, developers are motivated to propose projects that are so outsized they incite widespread opposition. For example, a recent proposal before the JP Neighborhood Council included a plan for 15 units on a property where only six are allowed. The local community became incensed and more than 100 people signed a petition against the project. A long fight is now likely, when a more modest proposal might have gone through quickly.

Fortunately, the solution to these problems is relatively simple – at least in JP. We just need to recognize, as the experiment in Chicago demonstrates, that relaxation of zoning regulations is not a magic bullet. Relaxed zoning rules or enforcement may not spur development, may cause prices to rise, and can harm the community in other ways. We need to return to a process where zoning regulations are the starting point for discussions, and variances are granted based on demonstrated community benefits. This will allow for an orderly and fair process of design review. It will make it easier for city officials to do their jobs, increase confidence in government, and lead to developments that we can all agree both improve the city and ease our housing shortage.

Robert Field is an artist and entrepreneur. Andrew King is a college professor.

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OBITUARIES

Elizabeth Van der Snoek

April 7, 1930 - June 2, June 2, 2019

Elizabeth Van der Snoek of Jamaica Plain, formerly of Scotia, NY, passed away at home on June 2 after a long illness in the arms of her son, Michael.

She was a character, she was unique...She was the mother of 10 loving children. She devoted her life to her children in Scotia, NY to her final days in Jamaica Plain.

Betty was the eldest daughter of five, born to Percy and Mary Helen Van Etten. After being married for 25 years to Cas Bojanowski, she moved to Boston and Jamaica Plain. Briefly remarried and widowed, she became the doyenne of Today's Bread in JP, holding court at the big back table. Betty was gracious and funny and definitely made an impression on all she encountered.

Each holiday she embraced with gusto. Halloween saw her giving out treats dressed as a

witch or an angel, a mermaid or a pirate and even as a lobster.

When not clowning around, she led a group to paint pedestrian lines in unsafe intersections, among other minor civil disobediences. After open heart surgery, she did slow down a bit to enjoy her 18 grandchildren and now four great grandchildren. She also loved crab cakes and steamed clams, any dessert, and little babies.

Last weekend the large and growing family gathered on Cape Cod for a Celebration of Life and her burial at sea. She was beloved by all and will be missed.

If you can, in lieu of flowers etc., just call your Mom.

Kathy, Terry, Michael, Pati, JoAnn, Veronica, Gerry, Alice, Betsy and Joseph Bojanowski

C/o Terry Bruce, 705 Centre St., JP. 617-780-2154 or Kathy Gower, 415-730-2414.

Sano to attend Tufts University

MassBay Engineering graduate, Sanoli Sano of Jamaica Plain, will attend Tufts University to pursue a degree in their engineering program. She plans to study Civil and Environmental Engineering and earn her bachelor's degree, with career goal of working with the City of Boston on their plan to become a carbon free city by 2050.

Sanoli was born and raised in the Dominican Republic before moving to Massachusetts three years ago. Since coming to MassBay, she has worked closely with MassBay's STEM Starter Academy (SSA) program. The SSA program is a statewide Massachusetts Department of Higher Education grant program that engages, recruits, supports, and assists in transferring more underserved students in STEM majors. Through her activities with the SSA program, she has conducted high school and community outreach for MassBay's



Sanoli Sano.

STEM programs, represented MassBay's STEM division at external and internal events, served on student information panels, and led engaging, inter-

active, hands-on STEM activities for high school students. She participates in the STEM Mentor Program at MassBay, where STEM students are matched with STEM professionals to provide another layer of academics and transfer guidance in a specific STEM field. She is a member of the Society of Women Engineers, an advocate at El Centro Del Cardenal in Boston, MA for English Language Learners, promotes the importance of English as a Second Language (ESL) programs in the Boston community, and speaks three languages.

While at MassBay Sanoli worked full-time and attended classes full-time, while maintaining a 3.723 GPA, and was a member of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. She received her associate degree in Engineering on Thursday, May 23, 2019 at MassBay's commencement ceremony.

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Docket No. SU19P1215EA
Estate of: Bradford J. Turner
Date of Death: December 25, 2018
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Sylvia G. Portnoy of Boston, MA
A Will has been admitted to informal probate.
Sylvia G. Portnoy of Boston, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond. The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
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LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF CONSERVATOR OR OTHER PROTECTIVE ORDER PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, § 5-304 & § 5-405

Docket No. SU19P0567GD
In the matter of: Cleonia Pollock
Of: Jamaica Plain, MA
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Lemuel Shattuck Hospital (LSH) of Jamaica Plain, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Cleonia Pollock is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that Lemuel Shattuck Hospital (LSH) of Jamaica Plain, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve Without Surety on the bond. The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file

with this court. You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 07/05/2019. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.
WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: June 05, 2019
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Division INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

Docket No. SU19P0979EA
Estate of: David J. Hartzband
Date of Death: April 8, 2019
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Maureen Harvey of Jamaica Plain, MA
A Will has been admitted to informal probate.
Maureen Harvey of Jamaica Plain, MA have been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.
The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION TO EXPAND THE POWERS OF A GUARDIAN

Docket No. SU13P2976GD
In the interests of: Freda B. Hardy
of: Jamaica Plain, MA
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Boston Health Care for the Homeless of Boston, MA and Keri Welch of Northwood, NH in the above captioned matter requesting that the court: Expand the powers of a Guardian.
The petition asks the court to make a determination that the powers of the Guardian and/or Conservator should be expanded, modified, or limited since the time of the appointment. The original petition is on file with the court.
You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 07/02/2019. 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.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.
WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: May 21, 2019
Felix Arroyo, Register of Probate

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LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Suffolk Division
24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Docket No. SU19P0237EA
Estate of: Gutman Gritushkin

Date of Death: 11/11/2018
To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Gitana Kaplun of Chelmsford, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.
The Petitioner requests that: Gitana Kaplun of Chelmsford, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 07/01/2019.
This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.
UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.
WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: May 20, 2019
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

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LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION TO EXPAND THE POWERS OF A GUARDIAN

Docket No. SU17P0424GD
In the interests of: Jerry Lee Carvin
of: Dorchester, MA
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Department of Mental Health Boston of Westborough, MA in the above captioned matter requesting that the court: Expand the powers of a Guardian.
The petition asks the court to make a determination that the powers of the Guardian and/or Conservator should be expanded, modified, or limited since the time of the appointment. The original petition is on file with the court.
You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so,

you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 06/20/2019. 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.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.
WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: May 22, 2019
Felix Arroyo, Register of Probate

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LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT

TO G.L. c. 190B, s 5-304
Docket No. SU19P1120GD
In the matter of: Jesse Hall
RESPONDENT
Alleged Incapacitated Person
Of: Jamaica Plain, MA
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by DMH c/o Office of General Counsel of Westborough, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Jesse Hall is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Deanne Fonville of Cambridge, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve on the bond.
The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.
You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 06/27/2019. 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.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.
WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: May 17, 2019
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

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LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Suffolk Division
24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Docket No. SU18P1643EA
Estate of: Mildred M. Pasek
Date of Death: 08/08/2017
To all interested persons:
A Petition for S/A - Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Stephen Brazdovic of Dunellen, NJ requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.
The Petitioner requests that: Gregory of White of Weymouth, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 07/30/2019.
This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.
UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.
WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: May 30, 2019
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

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LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Suffolk Division
24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Docket No. SU19P1000EA
Estate of: Wilbur Eugene Commodore
Also Known as: Wilbur Commodore
Date of Death: 03/02/2019
To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Alexis Commodore of Jamaica Plain, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition, and further requesting that Decedent died without a Will and determine the heirs.
The Petitioner requests that: Alexis Commodore of Jamaica Plain, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 07/05/2019.
This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.
UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.
WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: May 30, 2019
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

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