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GARDEN TOUR: Brima Massaquoi and his daughter, Fatimah, 6, scan the program for the 2nd annual JP Garden Tour last Saturday morning, July 20. The tour-goers braved the heat in the morning for a tour of some of the neighborhood's best gardens. It was the second year The Trustees have put on the new tour, which has become a staple for decades in other neighborhoods.



PORCHFEST: Chris Davitt, Michelle Smith, Simon Pardo, 2, Martin Pardo, 4, and Chris Pardo sitting on Roanoke Avenue listening to Jam Sandwich during the 6th annual JP Porchfest on Saturday, July 13. There were 177 performances on 99 porches throughout the neighborhood – a smashing success by all accounts. Photos by Mike Mejia

Reimagined JP World's Fair seeking vendors, performers, and volunteers

BY LAUREN BENNETT

The JP World's Fair—which had taken place every year from 1989 to 2008—is turning 30 this year, and will be reimagined with a new version of the fair after a ten year hiatus. The fair began in 1989 as a sidewalk sale, then moved to Hyde/Jackson Square as a yearly multicultural celebration with food, performers, rides, activities and games made possible by the Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Development Corporation (JPND), the Hyde

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JP police share June crime stats

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 update the community about local crime statistics from the previous 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

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La policía de JP comparte estadísticas de la delincuencia de junio

BY LAURA PLUMMER

El miércoles 10 de julio, 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 informan a la comunidad sobre las estadísticas de la delincuencia del mes anterior.

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SUMMER ON CENTRE: Mayor Martin Walsh and Councilor Michael Flaherty greeted Metasbya, Lensa and Abyenezer Sheko during the Mayor on Main Trolley Tour that stopped on Centre Street for the Hyde/Jackson Square Main Streets awards on Monday, July 22. The children are off from school and helping their mother, Firehiwot Zeleke, who owns and operates the Ethiopian Café in Hyde Square.

Boston to host National Main Streets conference

BY SETH DANIEL

Mayor Martin Walsh and a consortium of administration officials converged on Hyde Square Monday afternoon for the annual Mayor on Main Trolley Tour – with the mayor breaking the news that the national Main Streets conference will come to Boston in 2021.

“We were talking about bringing the national Main Streets conference to Boston with several people in the neighborhoods

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Jerry Rubin of JP named as Barr Fellow

STAFF REPORT

Jerry Rubin, President and CEO of Jewish Vocational Service (JVS) was recently selected as a 2019 Barr Fellow. The Barr Foundation selects 12 exemplary civic leaders based on their personal qualities, organizational impact, and track record of collaboration to advance Greater Boston's community and civic agendas.

Awarded every two years, this prestigious award includes a group learning journey outside the US, a 3 month sabbatical, leadership

coaching, and facilitated retreats. JVS will receive a financial award from the Barr Foundation to support Jerry's participation in the fellowship, leadership team and organizational development, and exploration of new ideas. JVS is among the oldest and largest providers of adult education and workforce development services in Greater Boston.

"The Barr Fellowship experience begins with a ten-day group learning journey outside the United States. Each journey is carefully designed to immerse Fellows

in a collective growth experience; build deep relationships among Fellows; and offer a disruption from their day-to-day work," according to the Barr Foundation website. "Fellows then embark on a three-month personal sabbatical during which they are asked to disengage completely from their organizations. At the same time, organizations name an interim leader (or leadership team) who takes on increased responsibility during the Fellow's absence. The Fellowship offers coaching and collaborative learning retreats for

these interim leaders in order to strengthen the overall leadership within the organization."

"At the end of the two-year Fellowship period, each class is integrated into the Barr Fellowship Network, a forum through which participating leaders continue to learn from each other, deepen relationships, and potentially create collaborations that benefit the city as well as their organizations. There are 68 alumni of the Barr Fellowship program since its inception in 2005. Investing in leadership is a core value of the



Jerry Rubin.

Foundation that permeates all of our activities. We are thrilled to bring this value to life through the Barr Fellowship program.

Crime Stats

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from MBTA's Transit Police and Massachusetts State Police.

As usual, Officer Jones 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 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 bike theft, stealing items out of a car or pick-pocketing.

According to Officer Jones's chart, so far in 2019 there were 455 reported Part One crimes in Jamaica Plain, down from 530 this time last year, a 14% decrease. Crimes that saw an uptick in 2019 homicide, rape and attempted, and domestic and non-domestic aggravated assault. Crimes that have seen a decrease so far in 2019 compared to the same time period in 2018 included robbery and attempted, all burglary, motor vehicle larceny, other larceny and auto theft.

Officer Jones also provided 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 June saw six burglaries (down from ten in May), two

robberies (down from six in May), 16 aggravated assaults (13 in May), six motor vehicle theft (up from five in May), and 44 larcenies (down from 53 in May), one murder (up from zero in May). There were no reported incidents of rape or kidnapping in May.

On his handouts, Officer Jones wrote notes next to the major incidents, adding more context and detail than is available online. For example, we know that five of the larcenies were bike thefts.

Bicycle thefts generally rise in the summer months, when more people are cycling and leaving their bikes in various locations. On its website, the BPD lists ways to prevent your bike from being stolen.

Measures include using a U-lock rather than a cable or chain lock; always lock bikes even when running short errands; always lock the front wheel to the

frame; don't lock bike to a post that it can be lifted over; don't park bike overnight in public; mark your bike with identifying information and take photos of it in case it is stolen.

If your bike is stolen, ask the BPD to check their warehouse for confiscated bikes, and look for it being sold on Craigslist or at a used bike shop.

The police and community relations meeting is on the first Thursday of every month at 6:30pm at Curtis Hall at 20 South Street. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, August 1. 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, August 8. These meetings are open to the public and all interested residents are encouraged to attend.

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Matrícula de inscripción: \$25 (\$20 por cada hermano(a) adicional en JPCS).

La temporada es de 8 semanas, con "practicar" de una hora para todos los equipos, que se reunen los Miercoles a las 4PM o los Sabados a las 9, 10 y 11AM. Algo para recordar y que es sumamente importante para nosotros en todas las temporadas, es tener voluntarios para ser tecnicos y equipos de padres. Nosotros siempre necesitamos tecnicos de equipos, especialmente, para los equipos de los dias Miercoles. Por favor considere formar partes en estas posiciones.

Estadísticas

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El Oficial William Jones proporcionó copias de una tabla que compara las estadísticas de delincuencia de 2019 con las de 2018.

Para interpretar las estadísticas de la delincuencia, es importante saber la diferencia entre las palabras "robo", "hurto" y "atracó" como están usados en este artículo. "Atraco" significa tomar con fuerza la propiedad de alguien directamente de esa persona. "Robo" significa el ingreso ilegal a un edificio privado para llevarse algo. "Hurto" significa tomar la propiedad de alguien pero no incluye la fuerza o el ingreso ilegal. Un ejemplo del hurto sería robar una bici, robar artículos de un automóvil o robar la cartera a alguien sin que él sepa.

Entre enero y mayo de 2019 hubo 455 delitos, una reducción del 14% de 2018. Los delitos

que experimentaron un aumento incluyeron el homicidio, la violación, y el asalto agravado doméstico y no doméstico. Los delitos que han experimentado una reducción incluyeron el atraco, el robo, el hurto de vehículos, otro hurto y el robo de vehículos.

El Oficial Jones también distribuyó una lista de los delitos individuales.

Según la lista, en el mes de junio se denunciaron 44 hurtos (53 en mayo), seis robos (10 en mayo), 16 asaltos agravados (13 en mayo), dos atracos (seis en mayo), seis robos de vehículos (cinco en mayo), y un incidente de homicidio. No se denunciaron incidentes de secuestro o violación en junio.

El Oficial Jones siempre escribe apuntes en los márgenes de sus gráficos, dando más contexto a los delitos. Por ejemplo, sabemos que en cinco de los casos de hurto se llevaron un bicicleta.

El robo de bicicletas es más común en los meses del verano,

cuando más gente usan bicis para viajar. En el sitio web de BPD, hay una lista de precauciones que uno puede tomar para prevenir el robo de bicicletas.

Las medidas incluyen el uso de un candado "U" en lugar de un cable o cadena; siempre trabee las bicicletas incluso cuando haga visitas cortas; siempre trabee la rueda delantera al chasis; no bloquee la bicicleta en un poste sobre el que pueda levantarse; no estacione la bicicleta en público toda la noche; marque su bicicleta con información de identificación y tome fotos de la bici en caso de que sea robada.

Si le roban su bicicleta, pídale al BPD que revise su almacén de bicicletas confiscadas y busque que se venda en Craigslist o en una tienda de bicicletas usadas.

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.

World's Fair

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Square Task Force (HSTF), JP Center South, Hyde/Jackson Square Main Street, and Bella Luna restaurant.

In 2009, the fair was rained out, and since then, it has not happened again. Now, a group of dedicated volunteers has decided to bring the fair back under a new name—the Latin Quarter World's Fair. Kelly Ransom, a volunteer with the Latin Quarter World's Fair Planning Committee, was born and raised in Jamaica Plain and recalls going to the fair as a child. She has been instrumental in bringing the fair back to life with a new set of goals.

“Over the past couple of years, the Latin Quarter has become a cultural district,” she said at a community input meeting on July 22. “A lot of people mentioned missing the World's Fair,” as it “brought people from outside JP into this neighborhood,” Ransom said. She added that the Planning Committee has some people who remember going to the fair as kids who grew up in the Latin Quarter.

The Latin Quarter World's Fair will be on Sunday, September 15, which is around the time when the original fair took place, and is also the kickoff to National Latinx Heritage Month, so “it's a great way to recognize that,” she said.

The fair, which will not be quite as expansive as it had once been, will not shut down Centre St., but it will close off Creighton St. to Bynner St. and utilize the Blessed Sacrament campus, Ransom said. In the future, they hope to

restore it to its original size.

The Planning Committee is working closely with the Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Development Corporation (JPNDC) and the Hyde Square Task Force (HSTF) on this endeavor. The core goal and initiatives set by the Planning Committee include paying all participating artists and performers appropriately, as well as providing paid positions (\$20/hour) for local youth to help out with activities at the event. Though it won't happen this year, the Planning Committee hopes to offer training for youth in activities such as face painting and balloon twisting so they can start their own businesses and be hired at other events.

Another feature of this year's fair is a free bilingual training for any JP-based food business that would like to learn about the process for applying for a temporary food license in Boston. “We want to invite all the restaurants in Latin Quarter and JP to sell food outside,” Ransom said. “If they participate in the training, we will cover their food license, which is \$75.”

A free 6 foot table space will be provided for JP small businesses or artists, and non-JP vendors will be charged \$150 for a table, Ransom said, and all money goes directly to the fair. “We have 50 vending spaces for vendors,” she said, and 30 of them will be put aside on a first-come, first-serve basis for JP businesses. There are eight spaces for food vendors. “We definitely want a mix of food there,” Ransom said. It was discussed that the Committee might ask original food vendors if they'd like to come back to the fair to bring an air of nostalgia

to the event.

“We're going to make sure this event is for the community, by the community,” she said, so several community input meetings have been held to solicit information about what the community might like to see at the fair regarding food, performances, and activities.

So far, there will be a video project conducted at the fair where fairgoers will be interviewed in a 10x10 set about what they remember about the fair, if it's their first time, etc. and the footage will be turned into a video to promote next year's fair, Ransom said. So far, two bands have also been booked. The final activities/rides/games, as well as the rest of the vendors, have yet to be finalized. The Planning Committee is currently looking for more performing groups, volunteers, kids to run the activities, food vendors,

and small business vendors, as well as sponsors and donors. Any inquiries should be directed to latinquarterworldsfair@gmail.

com. The fair also has a website, latinquarterworldsfair.com, as well as Instagram and Facebook pages.



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Apprentice Learning benefits middle-schoolers, community

BY SANDRA STOREY / SPECIAL TO THE GAZETTE

Personal, practical experience at local workplaces has led to success for hundreds of Boston Public School eighth-graders, thanks to Jamaica Plain-based Apprentice Learning and its community partners.

Young people from five Apprentice Learning partner schools, including Boston Teachers Union, Mission Hill School and Rafael Hernandez School in the JP area, “learn essential work skills and habits and expose students to different careers and adults who are passionate about their professions, so that students can make a clear connection between success in school and a satisfying, productive work life,” according to the website.

More than a dozen workplaces in JP, along with dozens more around the city, have hosted Apprentice Learning eighth-graders over the past seven years.

JP businesses and nonprofits who have hosted students include: Boing Toy Shop, City Feed and Supply, Community Servings, Fresh Hair, Ferris Wheels Bicycle Shop, Horizons for Homeless Children, JP Comics, Mike’s Fitness and Kate McNally, Trainer, New Leaf Flores, NorthStar Asset Management, Polka Dog Bakery, Station 8 Salon and Urban Improv. More are always welcome.

The Apprentice Learning office itself is located in the Fowler Building at 743-745 Centre Street across from the fire station.

Founded by Executive Director Helen Russell in 2012 with the goal of improving high school graduation rates, Apprentice Learning has achieved that and more. Ninety-two percent of the students have reported they gained in academic motivation.

Eighty-seven percent of alums graduated, and 80 went on to further education. That’s compared to the overall rate of 73 percent who graduate and 66 percent who go on in Boston. In 2018, over 50 percent of the young people landed a paying summer job after being in the program during the school year.

In a recent interview, Russell said Apprentice Learning “introduces kids to career dreams and plans.” Apprentice Learning helps kids match the two up.

Students have Apprentice Learning training sessions at their schools, and the schools allow them to leave for their work experiences. During the school year, they may go to “Work Explorations,” with a group of students at one workplace to spend a day to learning about what they do.

Or they may participate in an apprenticeship by going to

a business to work two hours a week for six weeks. At the beginning, students make a “self presentation” video that includes their describing their learning style. Afterwards, they put together resumes for future jobs.

Apprentice Learning also offers a City Summer Internship just for girls which consists of a month of on-site and workshop learning about career opportunities in Boston in fields where women are typically underrepresented. The girls earn a stipend for the summer internship.

Russell described one girl who said she wanted to be a lawyer because she admired a particular lawyer. When the girl found out being a lawyer involved a lot of reading, though, she decided she wanted to better match her day-to-day interests with her future job. That’s one of Apprentice Learning’s goals: to help young people find out what jobs they might like.

As a Community Servings staff person observed to Apprentice Learning, “Experience is the best way to really understand what you want to pursue as a career.”

Workplaces get a lot out of hosting the young people. “They like being participants in public education,” Russell said of the business partners. The program offers employee engagement to people who work at the businesses. It promotes the importance of building of diversity in the workplace, she said, since many Boston Public School students are people of color.

“I love it,” Fresh Hair senior hairstylist and salon manager Amari Harris said in a recent interview about her experiences as the supervisor of young people from Apprentice Learning. She said on the first day she talks to the students about what they want to do and learn about for at least 30 minutes. She asks them related questions. She explains all the tasks during the apprenticeship, including how mundane things like cleaning, all go toward the goal of serving the customers.

Harris said one girl said she liked to organize things, so she let her, and she organized some so well, they kept her system.

Some of the apprentices are

shy, she said, so she likes to make them feel comfortable and encourages them to talk with her, because communication is important. One girl seemed smart but talked very little, so Harris asked her questions. She said she finally told the girl, “Be yourself.” On the last day, the girl gave her a hug, and Harris felt she had a real impact.

“The program is very rewarding for me,” Harris said. “I always get so much out of it. I love to watch the students learn and grow.”

Students send thank-you notes to the businesses that host them that reflect the specific and general experiences they have. Student Dymond Humphrey wrote to NorthStar Asset Management of her apprenticeship: “Thank you for teaching me the ways of a financial advisor and what your jobs consist of. What I enjoyed the most was learning about income and budgeting. I enjoyed this the most because I know I have been taught an important life lesson that is never supposed to be forgotten... My experience at your workplace will help me in the future by teaching me what the real world is like.”

Russell pointed out how helpful the school partners are, too, in letting students leave their regular classrooms for training and work.

About half of the funding for Apprentice Learning comes from individuals and fundraisers and half from local foundations, Russell said.

Last year Apprentice Learning served 311 young people. This year it has already worked with 286. Eighth grade is the perfect time to introduce young people to the world of work. The information they gain from learning work skills and getting work experience benefits them and society itself. For more information, see apprenticelearning.org.

Russell said she wants Apprentice Learning to “grow across the city and the state.”

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Brendan Halpin makes tabletop RPGs accessible to Boston teens

BY LAUREN BENNETT

By combining his gaming skills with his teaching ones, JP-based writer and teacher Brendan Halpin has discovered the many benefits that tabletop role-playing games can bring to teenagers. Now, he's on a mission to get his nonprofit, Everybody's Gaming Guild, off the ground.

"A lot of people are interested but they don't know how to start," Halpin said of breaking into the world of tabletop gaming. "It's a lot to process and helpful to have someone who knows the game to help you into it."

And that's why he started Everybody's Gaming Guild—so teens can help each other learn to problem solve and work together. Halpin said he used to play these games himself as a kid, especially Dungeons and Dragons, one of many role-playing games where players create a character and collaboratively navigate a world created by the "Dungeon Master."

As an adult, Halpin has volunteered at places like the East Boston branch of the Boston Public Library to play these games with teenagers. "I started really getting a sense of the benefits these games have," he said, adding that it helps kids become less impulsive and helps them think about different ways to approach problems.

"The action is imaginary, but the sense of accomplishment was

real," he said of the gameplay. "It hits the same buttons as other extracurriculars and it's really important for teenagers."

Halpin decided that rather than continuing to volunteer, he'd like to create a larger program in Boston that could reach a larger number of kids. The other reason he'd like to do it in the city is because "the hobby in general has a sort of suburban history; it's played in a lot of suburban basements," he said, and "It's a pretty white, middle class type of hobby." He added, "If you don't have the money for books" or other materials for the game, it can leave less well-off kids out of the activity.

"I'm trying to provide those factors for kids in the city," he said. "This would create a place for that and hopefully help diversify the hobby a little bit. Everybody benefits when there's a more diverse community." While Everybody's Gaming Guild is still in its fundraising phase and has no permanent location yet, Halpin plans on having a pilot program after school two days a week this fall at the Dewitt Center in Roxbury. He hopes to situate the permanent location in Egleston Square, but is also considering Dudley Square. "I feel like there's a need for it" [in neighborhoods like these], he said. "Once you start doing the thing, it becomes easier to raise the money," Halpin said.

Halpin said he's about \$2000

short of his goal for his crowdfunding campaign, and once more money is raised, he will be able to secure a location and really get the program off the ground. Right now, he's still meeting with people and trying to make contacts in the gaming and philanthropic communities. He also hopes to hold a game day sometime this fall as a fundraiser to get people to come out and play and learn about the organization.

Aside from money, Halpin is looking for people to eventually run the games. "When we expand enough, I'm going to need someone besides me to help run games," he said. "The more people that know, the closer we are to getting this to happen."

He will also need furniture once he has a permanent location, and volunteer labor to possibly help renovate the space, and will be reaching out to role-playing game company Wizards of the Coast for giveaways and promotional materials.

He's also accepting donations for any types of materials for the games, which can be anything from Dungeons and Dragons materials to materials for other role-playing games. He said he will be starting out mainly with Dungeons and Dragons, but hopes to have "tons of role-playing games in just about any setting—science fiction, spies, Star Wars, any kind of story that you want to get immersed in," he said. Eventually, he'd also like to have

a large library of sourcebooks so that people can run whatever game they'd like.

However, all games must be collaborative, not competitive, he said. "That's what I like about this kind of game; nobody goes home sad because they lost." Everybody's Gaming Guild truly is for everybody—there is no experience necessary to join, but skilled players are welcome too., he said.

While the teen program would be free for teenagers, Halpin said he'd also like to use the permanent space after dinner for a paid membership adult program. This

will "help to monetize the space a little bit and have a center for this community," as well as "help build a diverse gaming community," he said. Additionally, teens who graduate from the teen program would get a free membership to the adult program, he said.

"Eventually I'd like to be a big and stable corporation," Halpin said. But for right now, he is just hoping to spread the word, get the organization running, and "maybe inspire people in other places to do the same kind of thing."

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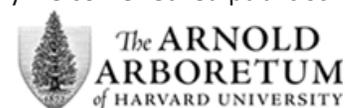
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ESNA seeks lease for Peace Garden upkeep

BY LAURA PLUMMER

The Egleston Square Peace Garden, located at the crossing of Washington and School streets, is a community gathering place that was transformed from a vacant, crime-ridden lot by the Ecumenical Social Action Committee (ESAC) and is supported by a number of local community organizations. It is framed by a sixty-foot mural by young Boston artists and was named the best community garden in Boston in a 2004 citywide contest.

The local community has recently shown an interest in improving the space, but, according to ESNA member Dan Newman, the landowner "is not making it easy."

"The land is owned by Clear Channel Outdoors and they have a billboard on the property. [They do] not clean the space and it has become a destination for drug use and litter," Newman told Gazette on July 17. "The neglected condition of the Peace

Garden is upsetting."

Despite securing funding from the Community Preservation Act (CPA), the Peace Garden cannot receive this funding without a long-term lease that would ensure site control. For this reason, ESNA is seeking a fifteen-year-lease from Clear Channel with a non-cancellation clause that would allow Clear Channel to keep the land, but would put the cleaning and upkeep burden on local organizations. ESNA even has a fully-developed landscaping design and funding plan ready to go for the space.

However, Newman reported that Clear Channel "has not been responsive or willing to broker a lease that would unlock funding to improve the space."

Clear Channel returned a phone call from Gazette on July 23 but was not authorized to comment on the issue aside from saying that it is working with ESAC to negotiate a lease.

Independent confirmed this with ESAC's Emily Morris on

July 24, who said that Clear Channel had offered a ten-year lease with a 60-day termination clause. However, this is not sufficient to secure the funding to realize the park renovations.

"Egleston Square Main Streets, ESNA and ESAC are trying to schedule a meeting with Yano Amara from Clear Channel to discuss options."

Newman claims that community programming could replace drug use if the space were renovated.

"We ask that Clear Channel act promptly to grant the Peace Garden the long-term site control necessary to bring about the improvements," he said. "With the space beautified and improved, positive programming can be expanded, and the Peace Garden will once again be an inviting public park and reminder of community goodwill."

ESNA is organizing a series of community meetings to discuss the future of the Peace Garden.

RESIDENTS OPEN THEIR GARDENS TO NEIGHBORS EVENT ORGANIZED BY THE TRUSTEES

The Jamaica Plain Garden Tour returned for its second year on Saturday, July 20. Community members opened their garden gates enabling visitors to peek inside them. Many of the gardens provided shade, fresh breeze, and cold water for visitors to cool down from one of the hottest days of the year.

The event was organized by The Trustees, a non-profit land conservation organization devoted to saving Massachusetts' land for public use and enjoyment.



Sisters Beverly Teal and Sharon Ferguson. Photos by Mike Mejia



Valerie Stone and Kathryn Hall inspect a garden on Dane Street.



Heidi Whitman walking Sarah Moynihan, Kim Spanler, and Janice Rogovin through her garden.





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Tom Morris walking through a garden on Burroughs Street.



Greta Hardina and Dan Simpson walking through a garden on Burroughs Street.



Katie Strunk, Nicole Kroll, Sarah Stone, and volunteer Maureen Sullivan.



Meredith Smith taking a break from work to view a garden on Eliot Street.



Dan and Dinah Satinsky stand in front of the Japanese maple tree in their garden.

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JP Agenda

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Meetings

Stonybrook Neighborhood Association. next meeting is Monday, August 12, 7-9 pm, back room of Doyle's, 3484 Washington St. More/latest info: www.sna-jp.org

The Jamaica Pond Association will meet Monday, August 5, in the community room at Jamaica Way Tower, 111 Perkins Street, Jamaica Plain, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council: Tuesday, August 27 at 7:00 pm, at Farnsworth House, 90 South Street. On the agenda will be updates and recommendations of committees. All interested residents are invited to attend.

Police Community Relations Meeting will take place on Thursday, August 1 at 6:30pm at Curtis Hall, 20 South Street. Commanders from Boston Police Area E, MBTA Police and State Police will deal with all issues of public safety raised by the community. All interested residents are invited to attend.

The Jamaica Plain Zoning Committee's next regularly-scheduled meeting will be August 7 at Farnsworth House. The agenda for that meeting will include 49 Rob-inwood Avenue (Arbour Hospital seeks to increase capacity from 118 to 122 beds within existing space); and likely 9-11 Seaverns Avenue (combine existing 6-family apartment buildings at 5 Brown Terrace, 7 Brown Terrace, 9 Seaverns Avenue, and 11 Seaverns Avenue, and renovate existing unfinished basement of 24-unit combined apartment building to create 9 new/additional units in basement. Combined building to have 33 units in total. Basement to be fully sprinklered). After August 7, the Committee's next upcoming meetings will be August 21st and September 4th.

The Public Service Committee of the Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, August 6 at 7:00pm at Curtis Hall, 20 South Street. All interested residents are invited

to attend.

Vacancies on the Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council People who are interested in the available seats 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, August 27 at 7:00pm at Farnsworth House, 90 South Street.

There are two vacancies in Area A and one vacancy in Area C.

The area map is available at <http://www.jpnc.org/jpnc-map/>.

The local District E-13 (Jamaica Plain, Egleston Square) Neighbors Night Out celebration will take place on Monday, August 5 from 4:00pm to 8:00pm at the South Street Youth Center, on Metcalf Court off South Street. Refreshments, police demonstrations, face painting, and games will be featured. All residents are invited to attend.

The Egleston Square Neighborhood Association will meet on Monday, August 5 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. The meeting is in the YMCA Building at 3134 Washington St. Agenda to be determined.

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

Youth/Families

Kids on Wheels: Play and learn, every Sunday, 3 to 5 pm – Ferris Wheels Bike Shop helps kids learn and practice safe riding skills while having lots of fun at the South Street Mall & tennis courts! Free helmet adjustments and free bike adjustments available. Heavy rain cancels. At the tennis courts at South Street and Carolina Avenue. 617-524-2453.

Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Development Corporation (JPND) on Wednesday, July 31 5-10 pm Hot Dogs and Movie night – Free. 42 Horan Way, Come join JPND for a FREE night of hot dogs, JP Licks ice cream, resources about Census 2020, and a family friendly film at Mildred C. Hailey Apartments. The event is open to all and will be weather dependent. BYO chairs/blankets for the movie. We thank JP Licks for their generous donation in

helping make this event possible. Movie will begin around 8pm.

For questions, please contact Erica Rothschild, Senior Community Organizer erothschild@jpndc.org, 617-522-2424 x272

Wednesday night Hot Dog nights at Mildred C. Hailey Apartments every Wednesday this summer from 4:30-6:30 pm 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: Paceline ride, great for training for charity rides or general conditioning. Leaves from Ferris Wheels Bike Shop, 66 South St. (1/2 mile from Forest Hills) at 7:00 a.m. sharp. Rain cancels. Call 617-524-2453.

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@jfc-boston.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

My Life, My Health: Chronic Disease Self-Management Program (CDSMP) is an informative, interactive workshop, designed for adults who live with the daily challenges of one or more ongoing health conditions. It will give people with chronic conditions (such as high blood pressure, arthritis, heart disease, cancer, asthma, etc.) and/or their caregivers the knowledge and skills needed to take a more active role in their health care. The workshop is offered at no charge and the book, Living a Healthy Life with Chronic Disease is provided for each participant. Workshop meets 1 day per week for 6 weeks.

Location: Ethos Offices, 555 Amory Street in Jamaica Plain
Day and Time: Wednesdays from 1:30 – 4:00 p.m.

Class dates: July 31 – September 4, 2019

For more information or to register for this workshop contact Ann Glora at 617-477-6616 or aglora@ethocare.org

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

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

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

Care to Care, a support group

for family caregivers of people with Alzheimer's and other dementias, second Wednesdays of the month, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Springhouse, 44 Allandale St. Info: Meredith Griffiths, 522-0043/mgriffiths@springhouse-boston.org.

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

Seniors

Falls Prevention Classes for Seniors. Many older adults experience a fear of falling. People who develop this fear often limit their activities, which can result in physical weakness, making the risk of falling even greater. A Matter of Balance: Managing Concerns About Falls is a program designed to reduce the fear of falling and increase activity levels among older adults. Classes run for 8 weeks and include fun videos, group discussion, a safe surroundings survey, and mild exercise to increase strength and flexibility. It is offered at no charge. Those using a cane or walker will also benefit from this program – it is a great class to help improve your balance and self-confidence.

Location: Woodbourne Apartments, 6 Southbourne Road in Jamaica Plain

Day and Time: Thursdays, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Class Dates: Through September 5, 2019

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

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

JP Regan Youth League Girls Softball wins 16U Mayors Cup Championship

Over the weekend of July 13-14, the Jamaica Plain Regan Youth League Girls Softball team overcame intense heat and strong competition to capture the 16U Mayors Cup Championship. After defeating defending champs East Boston in the first game, the girls went on to play five games in two days, emerging victorious with a nail-biting 6-5 victory in the championship game over Parkway Girls Softball. In all, four of the five games were decided by a margin of one or two runs, including an exciting walk-off victory that sent Regan League to the finals.

Head Coach Jenny Huezos-Rosales said, "I am proud of the

incredible effort and teamwork that the girls showed. They hung in there against very tough competition and never gave up. It was a complete team effort."

The Mayors Cup Tournament, which was held at Ross Field in Hyde Park, is sponsored by the City of Boston Parks and Recreation Department.

The Jamaica Plain Regan Youth League is celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2019. This spring featured more than 600 boys and girls ages 5-16 from Jamaica Plain, Roxbury, Roslindale, Dorchester and surrounding neighborhoods, playing baseball and softball on 47 teams.



Photo courtesy JP Regan Youth League

JP Regan Youth League Girls Softball Wins 16U Mayors Cup Championship. Front row (L-R) Tara Gipstein, Maya Vogt, Nyla James, Isabel Costa-Smith, Elesber Tejada, and Isabelle Roman. Back row (L-R) Jennifer Widener- Boston Parks and Recreation, Head Coach Jenny Huezos-Rosales, Lauren Johnson, Urvi Gipstein, Joy Martinez, Mary Bosch, Genesis Toledano, Coach David Gipstein, and Coach Harry Smith.

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Brigham & Women's Faulkner Hospital (BWFH) is proposing a 5-story, approximately 98,000-square-foot Inpatient Addition adjacent to and south of the hospital's main entrance, which will include 78 new inpatient beds as well as clinical support and ambulatory space. The Proposed Project also includes adding three levels onto the existing East Parking Garage (171 new spaces) and replacing the existing West Parking Garage with a new garage on an existing surface parking lot (adding 332 net new spaces) to support the Inpatient Addition. The plans include a new driveway into the replacement garage from Allandale Street to improve vehicular circulation.

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On April 9, 2019, ResiDex became aware of a data security incident, including ransomware, which impacted our server infrastructure and took our systems offline. ResiDex immediately undertook efforts to restore its servers to a new hosting provider. Backups and other information maintained by ResiDex were used to enable near seamless restoration of security and services on the same day. Additionally, ResiDex took affirmative steps to further safeguard its software systems. ResiDex simultaneously retained a forensic investigation firm to determine the nature of the security compromise and identify any individuals whose personal information and/or protected health information may have been compromised.

The forensic investigation was unable to identify any specific individuals whose personal information and/or protected health information may have been compromised due to the complexity of the event and efforts undertaken by the perpetrators to conceal their actions. The investigation did determine that first access to ResiDex's systems occurred on approximately April 2, 2019, with the ransomware launched on April 9, 2019.

The data security incident may have resulted in unauthorized access to protected health information, including medical records that existed on ResiDex's software as of April 9, 2019, and/or personal information including names and social security numbers. Please note that it is entirely possible that any one individual who is/was a current, former or prospective resident or staff member of Rogerson House and/or Springhouse did not have their personal information and/or protected health information compromised as a result of the incident. Nonetheless, notification has been provided to all potentially impacted individuals in an abundance of caution.

Individuals who have received a notification or who believe that they may have potentially been impacted by this incident are invited to contact (877) 347-0184 between 9:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday. ResiDex, Rogerson House and Springhouse understand the importance of protecting the protected health information and personal information maintained on its systems and deeply regrets any concern that this may have caused the potentially impacted individuals.

JP HISTORY

Jamaica Plain Historical Society announces Walking Tours

Please join members of the Jamaica Plain Historic Society (JPHS) for our 24th season of historic walking tours. All JPHS tours are free to the public and are offered on dates shown. All tours are held on Saturday at 11:00 a.m. sharp.

Tours last between 60 and 90 minutes and are canceled in case of heavy rain. No reservations are required, just meet the guide at the location listed.

A map showing the starting points of the walking tours can be found here.

- July 27 Green Street
- July 28 Southwest Corridor Park (Special Sunday tour)
- August 3 Woodbourne
- August 10 Jamaica Pond
- August 17 Monument Square
- August 24 Sumner Hill
- August 31 Stony Brook
- September 7 Hyde Square
- September 14 Green Street

and Hyde Square in Spanish
September 21 Woodbourne
September 28 Jamaica Pond

Green Street

Laid out in 1836, the street played a key role in Jamaica Plain's development, functioning as a residential, commercial, and transportation conduit in the lives of the district's residents. Although Green Street was subdivided as early as 1851

for stores, factories and houses, it was not extensively developed until the late 1870s with construction continuing until the early 1900s. The Bowditch School was completed in 1892, and early in the 20th century the United States Post Office moved from its location on Call Street at Woolsey Square to its new location at the corner of Green and Cheshire Streets.

Leaves from Southern Jamai-

ca Plain Health Center, 640 Centre St.

South West Corridor

Free Guided Walking Tour of the Southwest Corridor Park will take place on Sunday, July 28 starting at 11:00am from in front of Jackson Square MBTA station on the Orange Line. Conducted by the Jamaica Plain Historical Society.

Hyde Square

Learn about 1840s Hyde Square when German and Irish immigrants transformed the neighborhood with their businesses, schools, and institutions. See how in the early 1960s, Hyde Square changed again when Cuban, Puerto Rican, and Dominican immigrants transformed it into Boston's first predominantly Hispanic neighborhood. This tour also takes us to the home of Maud Cuney Hare, a prominent music historian and one of only two black women students at the New England Conservatory of Music in 1890. You will also learn about the property currently housing the MSPCA's Angell Animal Medical Center which was once a site of the Perkins School for the Blind. The tour will also walk through the Sunnyside neighborhood, the site of homes built by philanthropist Robert Treat Paine from 1889 to 1899 as a "worker's utopia" for working families.

Leaves from Brendan Behan Pub, 378 Centre St.

Note: this tour will be given in Spanish on September 14th

Aprende sobre la plaza Hyde en la década de 1840 cuando los inmigrantes alemanes e irlandeses transformaron el vecindario con sus negocios, escuelas e instituciones. Veremos cómo a principios de la década de 1960, Hyde Square volvió a cambiar cuando los inmigrantes cubanos, puertorriqueños y dominicanos convirtieron el vecindario en el primero predominantemente hispano de Boston. Este recorrido también nos lleva a la casa de Maud Cuney Hare, destacada historiadora de música y una de las dos únicas estudiantes negras en el Conservatorio de Música de Nueva Inglaterra en 1890.

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Los recorridos duran entre 60 y 90 minutos y se cancelan en caso de fuertes lluvias. No se requieren reservas, basta con ir al punto de partida a la hora indicada.

Monument Square

Tour a residential area that includes a National Historic District. View architecture that spans three centuries; the oldest community theater company in the United States; and an elegant 18th-century mansion that once served as the country’s first military hospital. Learn about the monument that commemorates fallen Civil War soldiers from West Roxbury and about Pauline Agassiz Shaw who established the class that became the model for free, public kindergarten education. We will visit a house dating to 1716 that once served as a tavern, the Eliot School dating back to 1689, the home of the first woman to graduate from MIT and the First Church Burial Ground.

Leaves from Loring-Greenough House, 12 South St.

Jamaica Pond

Once a district that only included the houses of Boston’s elite, the Pond later was put to industrial use as tons of ice were harvested there each winter. Learn about the movers and

shakers such as Francis Parkman and James Michael Curley who made their homes on the Pond’s shores. Discover how the Pond was transformed from private estates and warehouses into the parkland we know today.

Leaves from the Bandstand, Pond St. and Jamaicaway.

Stony Brook

Explore a fascinating industrial area at the geographic heart of Boston that includes 19th-century tannery and brewery buildings, the homes of early German settlers, and today’s Boston Beer Company, the brewers of Samuel Adams. In the 1970s, a coalition of community groups joined together to block construction of the Southwest Expressway through Jamaica Plain and other Boston neighborhoods. Today, the South-

west Corridor Park that runs through the Stony Brook neighborhood stands as a testament to the power of community activism.

Leaves from Stony Brook Orange Line T station.

Sumner Hill

Developed as a suburb by General William Hyslop Sumner in the mid-nineteenth century, this National Historic District includes one of the finest collections of Victorian houses in the area. The tour includes the ancestral home of the Dole Pineapple Company founder as well as the homes of progressives who were active as abolitionists and women suffragists.

Leaves from Loring-Greenough House, 12 South St.



Workers at the Haffenreffer brewery pose outside the plant along with their children and pet in this 1891 photograph. Photograph courtesy of Boston Public Library.



This early 1980’s photograph shows the main building of the Haffenreffer brewery complex just before renovations began on the building. Courtesy of the Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Development Corporation.



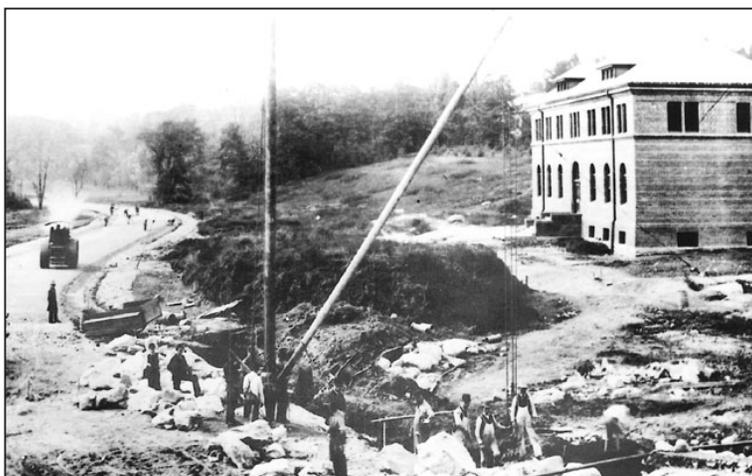
In this 1900 view of breweries and factories along the Stony Brook Valley, a portion of Mission Hill can be seen in the background. Photograph courtesy of Boston Public Library.



Fireman outside of Engine Company 28 near Myrtle Street in 1904. Photograph courtesy of Boston Public Library.



This 1910 photograph shows two delivery men using ice tongs to hold blocks of ice cut to the proper size to fit into iceboxes. Photograph courtesy of Boston Public Library.



Workers at the Arnold Arboretum visitor’s center at the turn of the century. Photograph courtesy of Boston Public Library.



Intersection of Centre Street, May Street and Arborway in 1949. Photograph courtesy of Boston Public Library.

Main Streets

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and I took that back to my office, and we agreed to go for it,” he told neighbors and business leaders gathered on the sidewalk in front of the iconic Brendan Behan Pub. “I’m proud to announce that we have been awarded the 2021 National Main Streets Conference here in Boston. That’s pretty exciting. It’s a way to highlight businesses throughout our neighborhoods to the entire country.” The trolley tour is not in its third year, after the mayor and his staff decided to stop having the annual Main Streets awards in the Strand Theatre in Dorchester – instead opting to go mobile and

visit several districts in person to give out the awards.

“We felt it was a good ceremony at the Strand, but no one was getting out and seeing the actual Main Streets and the neighborhoods,” he shared. “This was a way for us and the community to get out to the business districts, see what’s going on there and buy some things from the businesses.”

Jamaica Plain has three Main Streets Districts (Hyde/Jackson, Centre/South and Egleston Square), but the host for Monday’s trolley tour was the Hyde/Jackson Main Streets – which gave out two awards to those in the district.

Mayor Walsh shared that he was so impressed with the changes in Hyde/Jackson. He said he actually manned a campaign office for former Mayoral Candidate Bill Brett when he ran against the late Mayor Tom Menino a few decades ago. He said he was in the office late one night and ran across the street to a store, but



Mayor Martin Walsh pointed out that local business owners put it all on the line to be successful in the neighborhoods. Tony Barros, Winston Pierre and Alvaro Lima.



Above, Hyde/Jackson Director Gerald Robbins welcomes the trolley to the district. Shown right, Rich Parritz accepts the volunteer of the year award from Mayor Martin Walsh.

was stopped in his tracks when he encountered a brawl right in the middle of Centre Street.

That sort of thing was a rather common in those days, but Walsh pointed out that it had become something of the past.

“Main Streets came here and you don’t see that stuff,” he said. “You can really see businesses can change a community working with the neighborhood and the civic associations. That’s what happened here.”

For the awards, Hyde/Jackson Executive Director Gerald Robbins announced the business award went to the Brendan Behan Pub, and the volunteer of the year award went to Rich Parritz – who has spent the last several years volunteering to enliven the district with plantings and greenery.

“We are here to support and recognize our businesses and to bring positive attention to our



Gar Chiang, president of Mission Hill Main Streets; Abby Furey, the City’s neighborhood business coordinator; Michelle Flynn, general manager of Brendan Behan Pub; Ellen Walker, executive director of Mission Hill Main Streets; and Gerald Robbins, executive director of Hyde/Jackson Main Streets.

volunteers,” he said.

The Behan Pub has been in its location since the 1970s, and has become a constant supporter of the district and its neighboring businesses.

“I’m here to speak for the owner (Michel Soltani), but for us it’s a great honor to be recognized by the Main Streets, and we’re happy to be a part of all that

they do,” said General Manager Michelle Flynn.

The Mayor on Main trolley tour will come to Egleston Square on Tuesday, July 30, to honor businesses and volunteers from the Egleston Square Main Streets district and the Centre/South Main Streets District.



Brendan Behan General Manager Michelle Flynn accepts the business of the year awarded from Mayor Walsh and several City officials and City Councilors.



Visiting from the other side of JP were Centre/South Director Ginger Brown, and her husband, Brad Brown – of Blue Frog Bakery.

JPNC talks IDP, licenses, and new Parks Plus Committee

BY LAUREN BENNETT

The Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council met for its monthly meeting on July 23, where the agenda was light and members discussed reports from Council Committees.

Education Ad-Hoc Committee

JPNC member Trevor Wissink-Adams said that the Education Committee did not meet this month, but are continuing to work with Boston Public Schools Superintendent Brenda Cassellius to bring her listening tour to Jamaica Plain before October. He said the committee will also be doing outreach to Roslindale's Welcome Center to see how they can expand the center to be more accessible to families.

Zoning Committee

JPNC member Max Glikman discussed the only zoning matter brought before the committee this month, which was a request to renovate the attic space at 41 Pershing Road and convert it to additional living space including a master bedroom, bathroom, and

closet, as well as add a dormer and new stairs to the attic. A zoning variance is required for Floor Area Ratio (FAR).

Glikman said the owner would like to add the dormer so the house mirrors the house next to it that already has a dormer. "It is a relatively low stakes request but the neighbor of the sister house said 'please don't allow the house to have the dormer,'" Glikman said. He said there was a personal issue between the two homeowners that included privacy and light issues, but an architect said at the meeting that there wouldn't be any issues from a light perspective.

The council voted to approve the request for an FAR variance.

Public Service Committee

A former employee of the closed Eugene O'Neill's by Forest Hills is looking to reopen the restaurant under the same name, according to JPNC member Michael Reskind, who reported that the new manager, Melissa Hunt, is seeking a 7-day common victualer all-alcohol beverage license with a 1:00am closing hour, as

well as an entertainment license for four TVs, trivia, karaoke, and up to three live performers.

Reiskind said that people at the meeting were concerned about noise coming out of the bar, but he said that the live performers would be strictly acoustic and located on the back side of the bar. Additionally, it's an all-brick building, and "she was strong about the noise not emanating from the building and the performers just being acoustic," he said.

"Everybody who came came in support," Reiskind said. "Everyone thought this would be good for Forest Hills." Hunt has over 15 years of experience in the industry, he added.

The council voted to approve supporting the request for these licenses.

The second item voted upon was to write a letter to Chris Osgood, Chief of Streets, asking for striping and enforcement of the fire lane on Robinwood Avenue. "I strongly think that fire lane should be enforced," Reiskind said. The council voted to send the letter to the City.

Housing and Development Committee

Carolyn Royce, JPNC member and chair of the Housing and Development Committee, said that the committee would like to update its Inclusionary Development Policy (IDP) to parallel the city's efforts to update the citywide policy. At the last committee meeting, it was decided upon that a subcommittee would be created to analyze the JPNC IDP. Royce said they discussed what income levels get affordable housing and looked at topics that have come up in the city's recent discussion of its policies, such as onsite vs. offsite housing, cash payouts, and situations like artist live/work spaces, as well as how home ownership and affordability works since a lot of the focus is currently placed on rentals.

Royce also provided an update on the Shattuck Campus, following the wrapping up of the first part of the public process. A Master Plan summary is being prepared, and the state has some recommendations as well for what should be put on the site once the hospital moves to

the South End. Royce said she thinks the JPNC should provide a statement of some sort to the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance, who manages that land. The statement would reflect outstanding issues. A Request for Proposal (RFP) is expected to be out in the winter. Royce said she would draft a letter to bring to the August JPNC meeting for review.

Parks Plus Committee

Lastly, the newly reorganized Parks Plus Committee met for the first time and discussed creating a parks audit to see which parks in Jamaica Plain might need help. Esther Tutella-Chen, the chair of the committee, said a plan was created to try to figure out who to reach out to to find out more about the status of parks and what is already being done. There will be park cleanups and ways for the community to get involved so the beautification can continue, Tutella-Chen said, and "we can get to know our neighbors a little bit better."



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The walk wrapped up at Jackson Square Park with BPD Commissioner William Gross.

On Thursday, July 18, 2019, officers from District E-13 (Jamaica Plain), the Bureau of Community Engagement, and the Command Staff joined Jamaica Plain residents for a Flashlight Walk near the Mildred C. Hailey Apartments.

The walk wrapped up at Jackson Square Park, where participants visited the Score4More barbecue and enjoyed food, music, and dancing. Officers had a great time meeting and connecting with so many concerned and compassionate community members.

If you know someone who'd like to attend a future Flashlight Walk, please call the BPD's Neighborhood Watch Unit at (617) 343-4345 or send an email to: meetinginfo@pd.boston.gov.



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The Boston Police Ice Cream Truck handed out free ice cream to Jamaica Plain residents during last week's Flashlight Walk.

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Special events

From Scratch Ice Cream Sandwiches! Thursday August 8, 7:30-9pm. \$35 per person. In this hands-on NeighborFoodGroup workshop, you will make fresh vanilla bean ice cream and soft chocolate cookie wafers at my JP home off Forest Hills St. Info: www.neighborfoodgroup.com

New Urban Monuments: Community Lab, art making & conversation on the role of public monuments with Eliot School Artist in Residence L'Merchie Frazier and Teen Bridge. July 27, 10 am-2pm, Egleston Farmers Market, 31 Germania St.

Modern Monuments, family art-making with Wee The People and Eliot School Artist in Residence L'Merchie Frazier. What stories do public monuments tell, and what stories are missing? September 14, 2pm and 3pm, Eliot School, 24 Eliot St.

New Urban Monuments: Stand Up Inside Yourself! Art by Eliot School Artist in Residence L'Merchie Frazier and Teen Bridge about possibilities for public monuments.

September 28 & 29, 12-5pm, Eliot School Annex, 253 Amory St.

Eliot School Faculty Showcase at JP Open Studios, September 28 & 29, 11am-6pm, Eliot School, 24 Eliot St.

L'Merchie Frazier: New Urban Monuments, Eliot School Artist in Residence exhibition October 2-27. Reception October 4, 6-8pm. Artist's Talk October 20, 3pm, Galatea Fine Art, 460 Harrison Ave. #B-6, SoWa.

Lantern Making for Spontaneous Celebrations' Lantern Parade, all ages welcome. October 14, 2-4pm, Eliot School, 24 Eliot St.

Holiday Ornament-Making, family fun, all ages welcome. December 15, 10am-12:30pm, Eliot School, 24 Eliot St.

On Wednesday July 31 at 6 pm, join Dina Gilio-Whitaker, author of *As Long as Grass Grows: The Indigenous Fight for Environmental Justice from Colonization to Standing Rock*, in a book signing and discussion at Norman B. Leventhal Map & Education Center.

Through treaty violations, struggles for food and water security and protection of sacred sites, Native people have resisted environmental injustice and land incursions for hundreds of years. Join indigenous researcher and activist Dina Gilio-Whitaker to explore this

history and discuss how modern environmentalists can look to Indigenous resistance for new approaches.

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

Arts, Music and Culture

Jesus Drinks Free! 1950s-70s country, gospel, soul and RnB spun by 2 atheists (and guests) @The Haven JP 9pm-Close FREE Soul music & Country music. Foundational sounds of the American experience spun monthly with love, admiration, and a deep want to create fun. Throw in a non-believer's true lust for spinning Gospel music and you have Jesus Drinks Free. The music comes from the 1950s thru the 1970s. We're @ The Haven JP every first Thursday night of every month. "Good times in Jamaica Plain." 2 Perkins St., Jamaica Plain (617) 524-2836

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

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

Midway Café, All shows 21+, doors 8pm, 3496 Washington St, 524-9038. Thursdays are Queer-aoke lesbian night; Fridays 6-8:30pm are Hippie Hour, free; Sundays 9pm-2am are open mic. All shows 21+ - Doors at 8:00 PM unless otherwise noted EVERY THURSDAY 9:30 PM - 2:00 AM: QUEERAOKE (Drink - Sing - Dance - Repeat!)

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FRIDAY 7/26 (after Hippie Hour) 8:30pm (\$8.00): Mercury on Mars, Nuclear Bootz, Balichuthorium, Graneros

SATURDAY 7/27 (Night Show) \$10.00: Les Sans Culettes with special guests Muck & the Mires, Fireking, and Hambone Skinny

SATURDAY 7/27 (Day Show) 3pm (\$7.00): M.O.T.O., Jerry's Got Jokes, Cook Bag, The Trades, The Runouts

SUNDAY 7/28 (Day Show) 3pm (\$5.00): Zipper, Road Soldier, Larseny, Jig Fish

MONDAY 7/29 (\$8.00): Crunk Witch with special guests Telelectrix, Minusworld, and Mei Ohara

TUESDAY 7/30 (\$8.00): The Prizefighters, The New Limits, The Dirty Dottys, DJ Panda

WEDNESDAY 7/31 (\$5.00): Heavy Hands, Voting Yes, The Lightweight Champs, TIFFY

August 2019: THURSDAY 8/1 (before Queer-aoke) \$5.00: Dylan Roddick

FRIDAY 8/2 (after Hippie Hour) 8:30pm (\$12.00): Cleaver/Walker/Messerly (Of Wussy) with special guests E, Chris Brokaw (solo)

SATURDAY 8/3 (Night Show) \$8.00: Oppositional Defiance, Red Mantis, Death Pesos, Wrought Iron Hex

SATURDAY 8/3 (Day Show) \$6.00: Townies, Mechanical K9, Louzy, Doom Beach

SUNDAY 8/4 (Day Show) 3pm (\$6.00): Mandi Crimmins, Couch Beach, Daniel Yoong, Nismah Osman

MONDAY 8/5 (\$7.00): 3ft (from Detroit) with special guests The Modern Voice and Numbers Have Names

TUESDAY 8/6 (\$5.00): Muhammad Seven & The Spring, The Kieran Ridge Band, Hot Franks

WEDNESDAY 8/7 (\$7.00): The Muckers, The Gobshites, Dori Cameron

THURSDAY 8/8 (before Queer-aoke) \$5.00: Sool

FRIDAY 8/9 (after Hippie Hour) 8:30pm (\$8.00): Dead To You (featuring members of Skull and Roses, Uncle Johnny's Band, and more!)

SATURDAY 8/10 (Night Show) \$8.00: SEE THIS WORLD, Pint Killers, TBD

SATURDAY 8/10 (Day Show) 3pm (\$5.00): The Ear Bleeds, Lewd, Moose Knuckle, Flashback

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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.

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Reuniones

Asociación de Vecinos Stonybrook, lunes, 12 ago, 7-9pm, Doyle's. sna-jp.org.

Asociación de Jamaica Pond, lunes, 5 ago, Jamaica Way Tower, 111 Perkins Street, 7pm.

JPNC, martes, 27 agosto, 7pm, Farnsworth House. Vacantes en Area A y Area C: 866-7672, kprainsford@gmail.com; Comité de servicio público, 6 agosto, 7pm, Curtis Hall.

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.

Reunión de la policía con la comunidad, jueves, 1 ago, 6.30pm, Curtis Hall. Con representación del distrito E-13 de BPD.

Asociación de Vecinos de Egleston Square, lunes, 5 ago, 6.30-8.30pm. YMCA.

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

Comité de zonificación de JP, 7 agosto. Agenda: 49 Rob-inwood Ave; 9-11 Seaverns Avenue. Otras reuniones: 21 agosto, 4 septiembre.

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

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

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@jfc-boston.org.

Intercambio de idiomas in-

glés-español, los sábados, 12-1.45pm. Connolly Branch Library.

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JPNDC, noche de perros calientes y películas, gratuita. 42 Horan Way. 31 julio, 5-10pm.

Paseos en bici, martes y jueves, 7am, FerrisWheels, 66 South St.

Salud/Bienestar físico

Mi vida/mi salud, programa gratuito del automantenimiento del dolor, una clase interactiva para adultos con dolor crónico y sus cuidadores. Ethos, 555 Amory Street, los miércoles, 1:30pm-4pm. 31 jul a 4 sept. 477-6616.

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

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6TH ANNUAL PORCHFEST IDEAL CONDITIONS FOR MUSIC AND ARTS FESTIVAL



Sylvia Lobo and Payal Kumar listening to their friend, Ava Sophia, sing an original named "Love is Love" at 90 Bickford St.

The 6th Annual JP Porchfest, a vibrant music and arts festival, was held on Saturday, July 13. It was a perfect summer day to walk the streets of Jamaica Plain and enjoy music, spoken word, theatre, and dance. The successful community festival had 177 performances on 99 porches.



Tedra Halzel, Lisa Obermeit, Chantalle Pelletier, and Alyssa Tomolonis listening to Steve Robb's cover of "Brown Eyed Girl" on Centre Street. Photos by Mike Mejia

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Taylor Van Zile and Ethan Norton listen to Kevin Gillespie, who hosted his porch, and his music group, Ruby Tuesday Ukuleles.



Ben Aslinger, Evelyn Moore, and Vincent Smith during the JP Porchfest.

Gazette Pet of the Week

by Sarah Carroll



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Isaura Oliveira dancing during the 6th Annual JP Porchfest.

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Evnil Moldovan, Myla Green, Rebecca Peretz-Lange, and Josh Palmer enjoying music at 19 Eliot St.



Members of the Khalifa and Koliba band pose for a picture after an electrifying performance.



Mary Ellen Reich, Steve Marks, Bob Maxfield, who is visiting from Jakarta, Indonesia, and John Maxfield, all listening to music at the First Church in JP.



Chris Spear, Loay Abdelkarim, who hosted on his porch during the festival, Lami Spear, Bridget Coggins, and Jonathan Caverley listening to Girl Skull.

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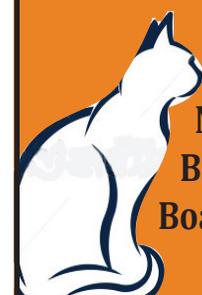


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EDITORIAL

Overuse of antibiotics threatens all of us

The discovery and widespread use of antibiotics in the middle of the last century ranks as one of the greatest achievements of modern science.

Until the 20th century, infections that we now consider straightforward to treat – such as pneumonia and diarrhea – that are caused by bacteria, were the number one cause of human death in the developed world.

However, during World War II, the widespread use of penicillin is credited not only with saving the lives of thousands of American soldiers, but also with paving the way for the development of many other forms of antibiotics that we take for granted today for the treatment of everything from ear infections in our children to more serious bacterial infections in those with compromised immune systems.

However, as with everything else in life, too much of a good thing can lead to bad consequences. Antibiotics not only are prescribed for illnesses for which they are often not needed in humans, but are in widespread use in the production of livestock. More than half of the antibiotics produced in the United States are used for agricultural purposes. If you are a consumer of beef, pork, chicken, farm-raised fish, and dairy products -- which is to say, just about all of us -- then you have been ingesting antibiotics with every meal you have eaten for decades.

The result of this mass use of antibiotics has resulted in the evolution of antibiotic-resistant germs. Recent news articles have highlighted the inability of even the top-rated hospitals throughout the world to fight these super-bugs. Individuals who go into the hospital for routine procedures now are subject to contracting a super-bug that modern science is powerless to fight.

Epidemiologists tell us that the greatest health threat worldwide is a super-bug that is resistant to all of the antibiotic weapons currently existing in our treatment arsenal and that the only way to prevent such an occurrence is to stop the overuse of antibiotics.

However, with the drug and agriculture lobbies firmly in control of Congress, it is not likely that anything will be done to change our present practices, thereby placing all of us at risk for becoming the victims of a super-bug that we will be powerless to stop.



HOW CAN ONE COMPETE... WITH THE RECORD HEAT

OP-ED

Raising the minimum wage is a women's issue

BY REP. AYANNA PRESSLEY AND
REP. PRAMILA JAYAPAL

We've been cheering on the U.S. women's soccer team — first as they won the World's Cup and now as they pursue pay equity. For too long, female professional athletes have earned just a small fraction of what male sports stars earn.

And to that we say: Pay them what they're owed.

The U.S. House of Representatives passed a bill to finally end the unfair and blatantly sexist gender pay gap for a vastly larger group of American women — those who work in low-wage jobs. Because they're more likely than men to be on the bottom rungs of the income ladder, women have even more to gain from a raise in the federal minimum wage.

So here's the shocker: Minimum wage is a women's issue and an economic justice issue.

According to the Economic Policy Institute, 58% of the nearly 40 million U.S. workers who would benefit from this wage hike are women. Nearly one in three out of all female wage-earners and 43% of single mothers would receive a raise. This increase would disproportionately benefit black and Hispanic women.

For women and men across

the country, this raise is long overdue. Congress hasn't passed a wage increase for more than a decade. The bill the House voted on, the Raise the Wage Act, would increase the hourly minimum gradually from \$7.25 to \$15 in 2024.

Passing this legislation would mean that millions of women will get a necessary raise. Many work hard every day performing services that are essential to our communities and our society, and yet they earn so little that they still worry about paying their bills. We're talking, for example, about the more than half a million childcare workers whose typical pay is just \$11.17 per hour. And we're talking about the nearly 800,000 home health aides whose median pay is \$11.63.

The overwhelming share of individuals doing the life-supporting, honorable, and extremely challenging work of caring for our children, people with disabilities, and seniors are women. These types of female-dominated, low-paid jobs are in the fields with the largest projected growth over the next decade. Meanwhile, Wall Street employees, who are predominantly male, made an average of \$422,500 (over \$200 per hour) in 2017.

Cities like Seattle and states like Massachusetts have been a test case for the federal wage increase. The Seattle City Council voted in 2014 to gradually raise the city's minimum to \$15 by 2021. It currently stands at \$12 per hour. The Seattle City Council voted in 2014 to gradually raise the city's minimum to \$15 by 2021. It currently stands at \$16 per hour for large employers and at least \$15 for companies with 500 or fewer employees. A recent study indicates that this can help hardworking Seattle moms put food on the table by raising their pay while not pushing up grocery prices. In the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the legislature voted to increase the minimum, including the subminimum wage, beginning in 2018.

The federal Raise the Wage Act would also raise the subminimum wage for restaurant servers and other tipped workers, which has been stuck at just \$2.13 per hour for a quarter of a century. While employers are technically supposed to make up the difference if workers' tips don't bring them above the regular minimum wage, enforcement can be lax.

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OP-ED

The Education Promise Act is an opportunity to fix our education system

BY REP. NIKA ELUGARDO

Massachusetts is a national leader on policy firsts. Education justice is no exception. We were the first state to establish education as a right in our Constitution. As with any worthwhile leadership challenge, the struggle to live out the vision is even harder than the act of codifying it.

Today education in Massachusetts is still unequal. Schools across the Commonwealth lack funding for basics, like computers, nurses, libraries, and even books. The school-based opportunity gap is pronounced in districts where poverty or English language learning needs have rapidly expanded. There's no shortage of education models that work in these districts. The problem is funding. We know this because in 2015 a Commission published a report detailing seri-

ous flaws in the way we calculate the funding that the state sends to local districts.

The Commission was called the Foundation Budget Review Commission (FBRC), named after the Foundation Budget formula codified in Chapter 70 of the MA General Laws. This Session, Senator Sonia Chang-Diaz, along with two of my House colleagues Representatives Keefe and Vega, filed the Education Promise Act to update the Chapter 70 Formula to reflect FBRC recommendations for funding special needs, health care, English language learning, and teaching students experiencing poverty.

The components of the Promise Act, and a couple of other bills which also aim to address FBRC recommendations, are currently being crafted into a final bill by the Education Committee. Rumor has it there is broad agreement on the updated formula

as it pertains to special needs, health care, and ELL. There may be differences in opinion, however, on what fully-funding low-income districts looks like, particularly in places where poverty is structural and pervasive.

Growing up, living with poverty and its impacts was the norm for me and almost everyone I knew. Nevertheless, I went on to go to MIT, Harvard, and BU Law School, and to travel the world doing exhilarating work in the pursuit of justice. I've been mentored in community and economic development by incredible leaders in Boston and beyond. I've enjoyed a fulfilling career over the last 25 years and am honored to continue that career, serving as a State Rep in one of the most exciting and promising institutions of democracy in the world. This was all made possible because my community fully invested in my education.

Not so for many of my peers, who to this day struggle with the same poverty their parents inherited from the generations before them. We have the power to break this cycle of poverty for the next generation.

The Massachusetts Legislature has the opportunity to fully fund public K-12 education. According to Mass Budget Policy Center, a significant proportion of the \$1 billion per year funding shortfall results from underfunding in low-income districts. To right this wrong, the research tank estimated that we need to double the rate of per-student funding in the 30 or so districts where the proportion of students experiencing poverty is highest. This estimate is in line with school finance research stretching back several decades.

My childhood background is not typical of a State Rep in Massachusetts, but it should be.

Thousands of students across every region of the Commonwealth endure and overcome the same kinds of challenges I did. Not only do they deserve the chance to represent their communities in every sector of society, but we also need their leadership and perspective to solve the intractable challenges we face in this generation. We need today's students struggling with poverty to lead the helm at the highest levels of tomorrow's state government, businesses, and academic institutions. Fully funded education bridges the gap from poverty to success to make this possible. The Education Promise Act is the thoughtful and rigorous evaluation-based policy we need to build that bridge.

Nika Elugardo is the state representative for the 15th Suffolk/Norfolk District of Massachusetts

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That's why poverty rates for tipped workers, two-thirds of whom are women, are more than twice as high as rates for workers

overall, according to the National Women's Law Center.

It's also why the restaurant industry is the single largest source of sexual harassment claims in the United States. "Women forced to live on tips are compelled to tolerate inappropriate and degrading behavior

from customers, coworkers, and managers in order to make a living," Saru Jayaram of Restaurant Opportunities Centers United explained in a 2015 New York Times op-ed.

Under the wage hike bill, the subminimum wage for tipped workers would be gradually in-

creased until it's the same as the full minimum wage. Eight states have already eliminated the two-tier wage structure. Women in these One Fair Wage states are less likely to live in poverty than in other states.

All women — whether they are sports champions in the lime-

light or the caregivers, servers, and others at the low end of the income ladder — deserve fair pay. Today, we hope our colleagues in Congress will help give them that opportunity.



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Mayor Walsh testifies on two bills aimed at protecting renters in Boston

BY JOHN LYNDS

Last Tuesday afternoon Mayor Martin Walsh was up at the State House to offer testimony in support of two bills that aim to protect senior renters and ensure the right to counsel in eviction cases.

The first bill, House Bill H. 3373 will ensure protections for older adults in just-cause evictions.

The bill was part of Mayor Walsh's legislative package, which focuses on expanding the work that Boston has done to address the region's housing crisis by proposing new and existing tools to help existing tenants remain in their homes and create additional funding for affordable housing.

The bill, An Act Relative to the Just Cause Eviction of Elderly Lessees, was sponsored by Rep. Adrian Madaro (D-East Boston) and would prohibit no-fault eviction of people over 75 years of age, limiting rent increases to five percent per year to prevent landlords from using large rent increases to get around just cause protections.

Eviction would only be permitted for good cause such as, for example, failure to pay rent, damage to the property, use of the premises for illegal activities. Over the last six months, the housing team at the City's Age Strong Commission has advocated for residents in 10 active court cases involving older Boston residents.

"H. 3373 would allow municipalities to protect our most vulnerable elderly residents from unfair evictions. Boston's Age Strong Commission answers several calls each week from distraught seniors facing eviction-with an increasing number from seniors over the age of 75," said Walsh. "These seniors call us because they have nowhere else to turn, and nowhere else to live. In one case, a 77-year-old man has lived in his home in the Fenway for over 40 years, but this summer received notice to quit, with no cause given. In another, an 88-year-old lives in a building that was sold, and the new landlord wants a big rent increase that he can't possibly afford. This treatment is not acceptable for seniors who spent their lives here and helped build our communities."

Our legislation would provide tenants over the age of 75 with "just cause" protection. This term simply means that landlords must provide a legitimate reason for eviction, such as failure to pay rent, damage to the property, or illegal activity. Landlords could still raise rents each year by as much as five percent. And the bill exempts properties with five or fewer units-because we know that some small property owners are renting at below-market rents to long-term elderly tenants. We want to protect those arrangements and we want to protect our most vulnerable se-

niors.

"These bills rank among the highest priorities for the City of Boston this legislative session. They advance our commitment to being a city where everyone has access to a stable and secure home-regardless of income, age, or family situation," said Mayor Walsh in his testimony. "They reflect our belief that a successful city must be a caring community, where nobody is left behind or forced to leave."

Rep. Madaro said he was, "Was proud to testify alongside Mayor Marty Walsh Tuesday in support of H. 3373, a bill I filed to require just cause eviction for seniors living in multi-unit buildings. Elderly tenants are some of the most vulnerable members of our communities when it comes to displacement and eviction. We should be caring for our seniors, not putting them out on the streets. I'm proud to partner with Mayor Walsh to offer this bill and spark the discussion about keeping our longtime residents in their homes."

The Mayor also offered testimony on another bill that would ensure the right to counsel in eviction proceedings.

That bill, S. 913 and H. 3456, An Act to Ensure Right to Counsel in Eviction Proceedings, was sponsored by Sen. Sal DiDomenico (D-Everett) and Rep. Chynah Tyler (D-Roxbury).

"For the wider population of tenants who face eviction, right-



Mayor Martin Walsh offer testimony in support of a House bill that aims to protect senior renters as the bill's sponsor Rep. Adrian Madaro (D-East Boston) looks on.

to-counsel legislation would provide much-needed access to justice," said Walsh at the hearing. "It would make legal representation in eviction proceedings a right, just like it is for defendants in criminal cases. If a tenant could not afford their own attorney, one would be appointed for them by the Massachusetts Committee for Public Counsel Services. This is not about stacking the deck in favor of a tenant-it's about ensuring equal justice under the law. Currently, there is a large imbalance in access to counsel between landlords and tenants. In the most recent data, landlords were represented by counsel in over 58 percent of cases, while tenants were represented in just eight percent of cases."

Walsh added that means over 9 out of 10 tenants facing eviction do not have a lawyer present for one of the most life-altering and potentially damaging legal situations they will ever face.

"Evidence from other cities, including New York, shows that

right-to-counsel reduces evictions and has a positive impact on court efficiency," he said. "Counsel can help negotiate mutually beneficial outcomes, such as a payment agreement or an extension of time to find alternative housing. Right to counsel is a significant step, and this legislation would not take it lightly. It calls for a public task force, reporting back to the Legislature on an implementation plan that takes into account recruitment, standards, data sharing, and cost. The right to counsel would not go into effect until two years after the task force's report."

Rep. Tyler said, "We have a big displacement crisis in the City of Boston and evictions are a large part of that. My district has been hit the hardest by this problem and it will continue to get worse without some type of intervention. Expanding access to legal services in eviction proceedings is a necessary tool we need in order to prevent the negative effects of this crisis including homelessness."

LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

FUENTES GRADUATES FROM LEHIGH UNIVERSITY

Erwin Fuentes of Jamaica Plain graduated with a Master of Science degree with a major in Mechanical Engineering from Lehigh University in Spring 2019.

During Commencement ceremonies on May 20, 2019, Lehigh University conferred 1,058 Bachelor's degrees, 339 Master's degrees, and 47 Doctoral degrees. Of the nearly 1,500 graduates, degree recipients came from 44 states and 61 countries and majored in 99 different disciplines. Congratulations, graduates!

HAYES NAMED TO HAMILTON COLLEGE DEAN'S LIST

Declan Hayes, of Jamaica

Plain has been named to the Dean's List at Hamilton College for the 2019 spring semester.

To be named to the Dean's List, a student must have carried throughout the semester a course load of four or more graded credits with an average of 3.5 or above.

Hayes, a rising junior, is a graduate of Boston College High School.

FREUNDLICH OF JAMAICA PLAIN NAMED TO LASELL COLLEGE DEAN'S LIST

Graham Freundlich, a Sport Management major at Lasell College, was named to the spring 2019 Dean's List.

Freundlich (Boston 02130) achieved a semester GPA of 3.5

or higher with at least 12 completed credits to merit this accomplishment.

ALICIA ZOUOF RECOGNIZED FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AT TUFTS UNIVERSITY

Alicia Zouof Jamaica Plain was named to the dean's list at Tufts University for the Spring 2019 semester. Dean's list honors at Tufts University require a semester grade point average of 3.4 or greater.

TUFTS UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES 2019 GRADUATES

Nearly 1,500 undergraduate students were awarded degrees

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Evan Cook of Jamaica Plain with a degree in International Relations (BA), Summa Cum Laude

NAMED TO THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE'S DEAN'S LIST

Caila Kilson-Kuchtic of Jamai-

ca Plain has been named to the Dean's List at the University of New Hampshire for earning Highest Honors for the spring 2019 semester. Kilson-Kuchtic is majoring in Communication.

Students named to the Dean's List at the University of New Hampshire are students who have earned recognition through their superior scholastic performance during a semester enrolled in a full-time course load (12 or more graded credits). Highest honors are awarded to students who earn a semester grade point average of 3.85 or better out of a possible 4.0. Students with a 3.65 to 3.84 average are awarded high honors and students whose grade point average is 3.5 through 3.64 are awarded honors.

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