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## PICKLEBALL ON SOUTH STREET



Photos by Mike Mejia

USAPA Ambassadors Peter Sullivan (left) and Craig Corcoran (right) present Karen McCormack (center) with the Boston Pickleball Pickler of Distinction Award on Saturday, July 27, on the South Street tennis courts. In Pickleball action, Wendy Pilson (right) returns the ball during a game with her teammate Caitlin Haapaoja (left).

## E-13 reports crime stats for month of July

BY LAURA PLUMMER

On Thursday, August 1, 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

### Estadísticas de la delincuencia de julio

BY LAURA PLUMMER

El jueves 1 de agosto, 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).

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from MBTA's Transit Police and Massachusetts State Police.

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## Mixed feelings from JPA about proposed e-ink signs

BY LAUREN BENNETT

The Jamaica Pond Association (JPA) met for their monthly meeting on August 5, where there was a light agenda but a semi-contentious proposal from a company called Soofa, who specializes in making e-ink community sign boards. The signs currently exist in neighborhoods

like Fenway and Chinatown in Boston, as well as Atlanta and Miami. Dan Schwartz of Soofa said that they have explored doing a "potential pilot" in Jamaica Plain, possibly on Centre St with 3-5 signs in the business district. He said they have met with the JP Business and Professional As-

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## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT



Photo by Mike Mejia

Fraily Heredeia (left) and Jason Daniel (right) playing a friendly game of basketball during the National Night Out celebration on Monday, Aug. 5 at the South Street Apartments. Scores of neighbors came out to celebrate safe streets, and to award certificates to those making a difference in JP.

# Bikes Not Bombs ships 615 bikes to El Salvador

BY LAUREN BENNETT

JP-based Bikes Not Bombs (BNB) rallied over 40 volunteers, youth apprentices, and staff to load 615 recycled bicycles into a 40 foot shipping container in Dorchester on July 27 and 28 to be shipped to El Salvador. According to a press release from BNB, the bikes were sent to the Salvadoran Center for Appropriate Technology (CESTA), an “environmental organization leading the struggle for environmental conservation, sustainable transportation and community-led resource management in El Salvador.”

BNB, “whose mission is to use the bicycle as a vehicle for social change,” is in its 35th year, and has sent more than 77,000 bicycles to Africa, Central America and the Caribbean since 1984, according to the release.

Carl Kurz, Director of international Partnerships for BNB, told the Gazette that at around 1:30pm on July 28, volunteers stopped loading bikes to hear from two immigration lawyers from Greater Boston Legal Services speak about immigration issues. “We thought this was especially pertinent,” Kurz said, as there are “many issues around Central American refugees being



On Sunday, July 28th at the Bikes Not Bombs (BNB) warehouse, during the heat-wave, over 45 BNB volunteers and staff, including youth apprentices, take a break from loading 615 recycled bicycles and parts into a shipping container destined for El Salvadoran environmental organization CESTA to listen to a Live Press Conference to Call for an End to Detention Camps given by BNB Co-Founder and Director of International Partnerships Carl Kurz (standing), immigration attorneys John Willshire Carrera and Nancy Kelly (both seated on the container) who direct the Harvard Immigration and Refugee Clinic at the Greater Boston Legal Services (GBLS), and CESTA Founder Dr. Ricardo Navarro and President of Friends of the Earth in El Salvador (via live Skype)

mistreated and held in cages. We wanted to raise the issue and call for the stoppage of these detention camps and let them apply as their legal rights are given

to them to apply for asylum in a timely manner.” He said that people were told what they could do as individuals to help out with this situation.

Volunteers also heard from Dr. Ricardo Navarro of CESTA via Skype, who spoke about the environmental movement and what can be done to help stabilize the country. “He really had an effect on us,” Kurz said of Navarro, and “helped us understand better and develop a strategy for moving ahead.”

Kurz said that Navarro explained how the bikes are going to rural schools in El Salvador, which will help kids be able to get

to school in a more efficient manner. CESTA also trains youth in assembling and repairing bikes, as well as assists people with setting up small bike repair shops to provide jobs. There were 15 such shops created last year, Kurz said.

“Dr. Navarro described the conditions leading to the increase in immigration as one of extreme poverty, poor planning and lack of foresight to enact environmental policies that could create jobs in the green economy,” the release states. “Calling for mutual aid destined for El Salvador-an civic organizations and especially sending bicycles could lead the way to an alternative to the current Trump policies that try to vilify the victims without owning responsibility for the climate crisis that the current US carbon footprint has had the largest hand in creating.”

Kurz said he believes foreign policy needs to be approached in a different manner, and “trying to move towards a green economy would help us all,” he said.

“We must embrace mutual aid, reforestation, technology sharing, micro-financing, and incentivize the development of renewable energy systems, along with a peace dividend dedicated to these ends - working together in solidarity is the only way we can solve the global climate crisis and reduce poverty,” Kurz said in his speech at the event. “By providing bicycles, we can promote affordable mobility without negatively impacting the environment.”

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## Holzer Park Project on Amory Street moves forward

Mayor Martin J. Walsh and the Department of Neighborhood Development today announced that a housing project that will add 62 new affordable rental units in Jamaica Plain is moving forward after receiving a funding commitment from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The Holzer Park Project (125 Amory Street, Building C) had previously received funding commitments from the City of Boston.

“I am excited that this project, along with several others, received the final amount of fund-

ing needed to begin the work to build more homes in our neighborhoods,” said Mayor Martin J. Walsh. “This project adds 62 subsidized housing units that will offer more opportunities for low and middle income families to live and work in Boston and further contributes to the goals laid out in our Housing Boston 2030 plan.”

Holzer Park is part of the Boston Housing Authority’s 125 Amory Street redevelopment, a joint venture between The Com-

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# Crime Stats

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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 don't 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 515 reported Part One crimes in Jamaica Plain, down from 593 this time last year, a 13% decrease. Crimes that saw an uptick in 2019 included homi-

cide, rape and attempted, and domestic and non-domestic aggravated assaults. Crimes that have seen a decrease so far in 2019 compared to the same time period in 2018 included robbery and attempted, all burglary, all 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 July saw 16 burglaries (up from six in June), four robberies (up from two in June), 19 aggravated assaults (up from 16 in June), eight motor vehicle theft (up from six in June), and 54 larcenies (up from 44 in June). There were no reported incidents of rape, murder, arson or kidnapping in July.

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 in six of the aggravated assaults, the suspect was either known to the victim or an arrest had already been made.

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, September. 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, September 12. These

meetings are open to the public and all interested residents are encouraged to attend.

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cuencia 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 515 delitos, una reducción del 13% de 2018. Los delitos que experimentaron un aumento incluyeron el homicidio, la violación, y los asaltos domésticos y no domésticos. Los delitos que han experimentado una reducción incluyeron el atraco, el robo, el hurto y el robo de autos.

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

Según la lista, en el mes de julio se denunciaron 54 hurtos (44 en junio), 16 robos (seis en junio), 19 asaltos agravados (16

en junio), cuatro atracos (dos en junio), y ocho robos de vehículos (seis en junio). No se denunciaron incidentes de secuestro, violación, incendio o homicidio en julio.

El Oficial Jones siempre escribe apuntes en los márgenes de sus gráficos, dando más contexto a los delitos. Por ejemplo, sabemos que en seis de los asaltos agravados, el sospechoso fue conocido por el víctima o fue arrestado.

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

# Holzer Park

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munity Builders (TCB), Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Development Corporation (JPND), and Urban Edge to renovate and preserve 199 public housing units and repurpose BHA administrative offices into 12 new affordable units. An additional 134 units of affordable housing and 215 market rate apartments in three new buildings are being constructed adjacent to this BHA property. The 199 existing units and 12 new units at 125 Amory Street will be preserved as deeply affordable through Section 8 project-based vouchers (PBV) which will be provided by the Boston Housing Authority.

Three new adjacent buildings will include 21 deeply affordable project-based voucher units provided through Urban Edge, 41 additional affordable units supported with Low Income Housing Tax Credits, and 72 affordable units funded through inclusionary housing programs. There will

also be 215 market-rate apartments.

Holzer Park, which is being developed by Urban Edge, will receive federal and state Low Income Housing Tax Credits and subsidy funds. When completed, Holzer Park will have 62 new rental units, 41 of which will be reserved for households earning less than 60% of Area Median Income (AMI) or less than \$57,000 for two people. Another fourteen units will be reserved for Bostonians earning less than 30% AMI (or less than \$28,450 for two people).

These awards were announced as part of the larger commitment from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and include \$80 million in funding and \$40 million in tax credits. In Boston, these awards will support eight affordable housing projects, including Boston Housing Authority developments. These awards will help create 420 units of housing, including 400 affordable units in five neighborhoods: Dorchester, Mattapan, Mission Hill, North End, and Roxbury.



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# JP Music Festival returns September 7

The free, ninth annual JP Music Festival (<http://jpmusicfestival.com>) will be held at Pinebank Field at Jamaica Pond (<http://goo.gl/maps/BAjLE>) on Saturday, September 7 from 12–7 p.m.

The JP Music Festival features musicians, bands, group, or ensemble members who either live or work in Boston's Jamaica Plain neighborhood. The festival will have two stages, rotating between them with continuous music for seven hours.

A Soundcloud playlist featuring this year's performers can be heard at <https://soundcloud.com/jpmusicfestival>.

The festival lineup is: Chandler Travis's Philharmonic: <http://www.chandlertravis.com>

The Deplorables: winner of John Casey's JP Bar Wars, from Doyle's Cafe

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Savannah Sly & The Session Players: <http://www.savannahsly.com>

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Trusty Sidekick: <https://trustysidekick.bandcamp.com>

Walter Sickert & The Army of Broken Toys: <https://www.armyoftoys.com>

Wildcat Slim: <http://wildcat-slim.com>

Event on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/events/681622342281773/>

A printed schedule will be included in all issues of the August 23 issue of the Jamaica Plain Gazette.

Three area recording studios have generously donated one day of recording time to JP Music Festival performers who will be chosen at random, including Machine Gun Studios (<http://machinegunstudios.com>), Zippah Recording (<http://zippah.com>), and B. Kitty Studios (<https://www.facebook.com/Bitch-Kitty-Studios-230215393746390>).

The festival will again offer music activities for kids with

Jaymz Purtle.

In the coming weeks Stage Sponsor J.P. Licks will again be selling the Official Ice Cream Flavor of the JP Music Festival at all locations called, "Squirrel Nut Zipple."

This year's top funders of the JP Music Festival are:

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The Midway Café (<http://midwaycafe.com>)

Boston City Councilor Matt O'Malley (<https://www.boston.gov/departments/city-council/matt-omalley>)

For up-to-the-minute details, follow the festival on: Twitter: <http://twitter.com/JPMusicFestival> or Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/jpmusicfest>

About the JP Music Festival The JP Music Festival is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation that holds music events throughout the year. The festival began in 2011 and is organized by the acclaimed songwriter and musician Rick Berlin ([http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rick\\_Berlin](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rick_Berlin)) and Shamus Moynihan. For more information, visit <http://jpmusicfestival.com>.



Start with herbs you like. This parsley took a leading role in a quinoa salad flavored with an Asian inspired dressing we spiked with ginger and sesame oil.

## FRESH AND LOCAL

# Bunches of Herbs

BY PENNY & ED CHERUBINO

Lately we're seeing lots of agreement with our philosophy that you should grow, buy, and use herbs as part of the meal. Why not make herbs one of your daily vegetable servings, rather than a garnish that you may not even eat.

Perhaps the current support for this idea comes from the Book and Netflix series Salt, Fat, Acid, Heat. Author Samin Nosrat has championed buying and using herbs on a much larger scale. In an appearance on the podcast The Splendid Table she explained how she grew up enjoying herbs.

According to Nosrat, "There are two main ways that herbs are used in Persian cooking. One is that when we sit down to a meal, no matter what meal it is, there's always a big platter or basket of fresh herbs at the table, it's called sabzi khordan. Sabzi is the word for

herbs, and sabz is the word for green. So, it's just like, green things. (laughs) It's a big pile of green stuff!"

Her recipe for a Persian Herb and Greens Frittata calls for eight eggs that are mixed with two bunches of Swiss chard, a leek, and six cups of finely chopped herbs. That's what we call herb forward!

### How to Increase Your Herb Consumption

This time of year, herb gardens are overflowing with leafy goodness that needs to be harvested and used. Farmers markets bring the freshest herbs our way in bunches and in plant form. That makes this the perfect time to begin testing your own appetite for herbs by the bunch rather than the sprig. Just add a bit more of these flavorful greens

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# Musician Profile: Wonmi Jung

BY LAURA PLUMMER

Wonmi Jung, 30, is a South Korean singer and songwriter currently calling Jamaica Plain home. She has an eclectic repertoire encompassing jazz, pop, Korean folk and Brazilian music. A graduate of the New England Conservatory of Music (NEC), Jung has worked alongside musicians like Ran Blake, Dominique Eade, Sunny Kim, Jason Moran and Joe Morris. She was a member of the Jayu Quartet and NEC's Wildcard Honors Ensemble and has performed at fine arts venues across the U.S. and South Korea.

Gazette was delighted to interview Jung about what it's like to be a musician living in JP.

Music has always played a big role in Jung's life. She studied classical and pop singing, sight-reading and music theory as a child in South Korea. After she graduated high school, she reached out to vocalist and composer Sunny Kim to study jazz.

It was her first time studying this kind of music and it blew her away. Kim helped Jung build on her vocal techniques with ear-training, arranging, theory, composition and improvisation.

"Without her, I would not be where I am now," said Jung. "She was the one who introduced me to New England Conservatory of Music, where I shaped a significant part of my musical identity."

Jung's parents weren't always supportive of her decision to pursue music professionally, but after some convincing they eventually came around. Jung first came to the states in 2009 to attend the Musicians Institute in L.A. She came back in 2012 to study jazz at NEC and graduated with a master's in music in 2018.

Since graduating, Jung has worked as an independent musician while also teaching music to children at KidsArts in JP. She has also been performing concerts in Boston New York and South Korea. Jung has also been focusing on producing her first album, *Unspoken Words*, which

she plans to release by the end of the year.

Influenced not only by music, but by art, poetry and theater, Jung refers to herself as an improviser, building elaborate performance "rituals" with an audience participation element. In 2017, she developed a unique style of performance that involves creating spontaneous songs with words given by audience members. She calls the experience PO-ONG ("embrace" in Korean.)

Most recently, Jung was a featured musician in the Make Music Boston on June 21 in which she engaged listeners at Jamaica Pond in an interactive musical piece called "Stones/Water/Breath/Time". The environmental and experimental piece by Dean Rosenthal involved participants throwing stones into the water to create layers of sound.

Jung takes her inspiration from nature, and especially trees. Two of her tree-inspired songs "Rooted Feet" and "From Us to Somewhere Else", composed with fellow JP musician Chase Morris,



Wonmi Jung

were performed at Tedx San Diego last year.

Jung enjoys JP for its diverse people and its natural beauty. She can often be found people-watching at Jamaica Pond, especially in the warmer months. She has found a strong community of fellow musicians here. Some of her favorite local musicians include Priya Carlberg, Matt Deligatti, Erez Dessel, Jolee Gorden and Jon Starks.

"JP is a town of musicians and has a lot of musical events," said Jung. "Naturally, there are house concerts and jam sessions regularly."

As far as her advice to young musicians out there, Jung said, "Try to focus on your musical hunger. Always question who you are and if you are showing that in your music."

When she's not making music, Jung also enjoys painting to music and cooking Korean food for her three housemates.

Jung hopes to return to Korea one day to be around her aging relatives, but she's in no hurry.

"I enjoy making music here," she said.

Read more about Wonmi Jung and listen to samples of her music on her website [wonmijung.com](http://wonmijung.com).

## JPA

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sociation and other stakeholders in the community to begin the discussion.

Schwartz explained that the company is a spinout of the MIT Media Lab, and first created the Soofa Bench, which is located in over 100 cities around the world.

"The bench was really successful but we heard from cities and community groups that they wanted to communicate with their residents," he said. So the Soofa sign was born—the sign consists of a digital e-ink board that is solar powered. The screen's appearance is identical to a Kindle; it is not backlit.

Installation involves screwing four bolts into the ground, and since it is powered by the sun, there is no wiring needed, Schwartz said. He also said that the screen itself will have two portions: the upper 75 percent and the bottom 25 percent. He said the upper portion of the screen changes every two minutes, and consists of content uploaded by the community on an app called SoofaTalk. Anyone can use the app to upload content that would be pertinent

to the community, as the board would be used like an electronic community bulletin board. The boards are financed by sponsored content from local businesses.

"We monitor the content," Schwartz replied to a concern about inappropriate or hateful content being posted. "We look at every single piece of content that goes up." He said that during normal business hours, a piece of content that is uploaded through the app can be put on the board within 15 minutes. There are guidelines for content put forth by Soofa, but communities can also create their own guidelines for content as well, he said. "In two years, not one piece of offensive content has been posted," Schwartz added.

On the bottom 25 percent of the screen, content is populated by an applet that is typically chosen by the community. "People have gravitated towards the community calendar," Schwartz said, which will post events within a ten minute walk of the sign. The lower portion could also be used as a real-time transit display app and provide an up-to-date bus schedule, which seemed to be a popular feature among some JPA members who frequently use public transportation. "We have

been experimenting with different orientations for the screens," Schwartz said.

There was a question about vandalism, to which Schwartz said that a maintenance team goes out once a week to all the signs looking for graffiti, as well as making sure the sign is functioning properly. He also said that Soofa has "strong relationships" with local businesses and people in the community, so if any issues arise, they will be addressed promptly.

If the signs were to come to Jamaica Plain, Schwartz said they would be located in the right of way on the sidewalk, in similar locations on the sidewalk as Big Belly trash receptacles. He said they usually work with the community to determine the precise locations for the signs.

Ed Burley of the JPA told Schwartz that coming back with specific spots in mind for the signs would be helpful in determining "the viability of Centre Street," he said.

Schwartz said that this process is typically very community-driven, but he would be happy to send over tentative locations.

While some people appreciated the community features of these signs, the positivity was

not unanimous. JPA member Kevin Moloney said he was very opposed to these signs being put on Centre Street. He said that the narrow size and scope of the sidewalks, especially with the city's street redesign plan, will not allow for these signs to fit. Centre Street is set to undergo a redesign plan with improved street furniture, addressing tree pits, and redoing street lighting. Moloney said that as the sidewalks currently are, it's difficult for wheelchairs and people with strollers to get by each other, and he would like to see the sidewalks expanded.

"My opinion is that this is something that would be inappropriate for existing Centre Street and a new and improved Centre Street," Moloney said, adding that he wants to encourage people in the JPA to oppose this proposal.

"There are always a lot of concerns about cluttering the streetscape," Schwartz said. "We typically stay in line with other street furniture that exists."

JPA member Franklyn Salimbene said he agrees that the bus schedule feature of the signs would be "great," however, he also thinks the sidewalks on Centre Street are too narrow for the

signs. "With the addition of advertising, it becomes even more of a problem because it isn't just a community board," he said, adding that he also thinks the 92 inch height is a problem.

Schwartz also mentioned the possibility of putting some signs near Jamaica Pond, but Salimbene said that "anything that takes away from the beauty of nature is a problem. I think the Pond is problematic and the current sidewalks on Centre Street are problematic," he said.

Community member Sarah Freeman agreed that the size was a negative, but she said a positive of the signs would be that there would be a lot less clutter from paper flyers flying around the streets. She said if people learn that there is a new way to advertise events and the like, "it could be not a horrible thing," but it has to fit within its surroundings. "We have no intention of moving forward if we don't have a broad coalition of support in the community," Schwartz said.

This meeting was just an informal proposal to present the idea to the community. No vote was taken by the JPA, and Soofa will continue its discussions with different community organizations about its proposal.

## MAYOR ON MAIN TOUR

Mayor Martin Walsh made a stop at Pikalox in Egleston Square during his Mayor on Main tour Tuesday, July 30. The Mayor and his office spoke with community members and business owners in Egleston Square. Pikalox, located at 3160 Washington St., provided bottled water and items from their menu for everyone to enjoy.



Officer Bryan Augustine, Boston Police Commissioner William Gross, and Officer Laura Bullis.



Mayor Marty Walsh presenting Pikalox with the 2019 Business of the Year Award. Left to right: Program Director of the Mayor's Office Stephen Gilman, City Councilor Matt O'Malley, Director of Small Business Natalia Urtubey, Pikalox owner Victor Fernandez, Mayor Martin Walsh, and Pikalox owners Jose Pimentel and Yancarlo Fernandez. Photos by Mike Mejia



Tania Diaz, Miriam Rojas, and Olga Gordero inside the Pikalox restaurant.



Maria, 8, Samuel, 5, and Maria Herrera inside the Pikalox restaurant.



Jamaica Plain liaison Enrique Pepen and Egleston Square Main Street Executive Director Denise Delgado.



Jamaica Plain business owner Brad Brown and his wife, JP Center/South Main Streets executive director, Ginger Brown.

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## MAYOR ON MAIN TOUR



Shown above, Eugenia Arroyo of the East Coast School of Combined Martial Arts receiving the 2019 Volunteer of the Year Award. Left to right: Program Director of Mayor's Office Stephen Gilman, Diego Rosel of the Martial Arts school, City Councilor Matt O'Malley, Director of Small Business Natalia Urtubey, Eugenia Arroyo, Mayor Marty Walsh, and Egleston Square Main Street executive director Denise Delgado. Above and to the right: Vinny Fieg being presented with the 2019 Volunteer of the Year Award.

### Fresh & Local

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to your meals and see what level makes you happy.

While talking with a friend from Southeast Asia about the lovely herbs, pickled vegetables, chilies and dipping sauces that are served with meals in many cultures, she explained that you are able to personalize your meal or even personalize each bite. She noted that the only thing she noticed Americans personalizing were hamburgers. So let's start there.

The next time you're hosting or contributing to a good old American cookout, consider alternative herbal fixings alongside the usual condiments of lettuce, tomato, onion, cat-soup, mustard, relish, mayo, and pickles.

For example, put together the Asian inspired toppings our friend loves. Fill a platter with bunches of herbs: cilantro, mint, parsley, watercress, garlic chives, Thai basil, and perilla. (We buy some of these in Chinatown.)

Add some lettuce leaves large enough to serve as a wrap for the burger or sausage. Lettuce wraps are a gluten-free and low-carb option to bread buns. Add some sliced cucumber, grated daikon, grated carrot, sliced chilies, lime wedges, sliced scallions, nuoc cham, peanut sauce, and bean sprouts.

#### Add a Handful!

In your day-to-day cooking, you can often increase the amount of herbs in a dish. (Obviously, do this very cautiously with strong herbs like rosemary.) Start with a bit, add more, and taste to find a happy level. Forget chopping and add whole leaves to salads. Then, when you serve the meal, put a bunch of the main herbs alongside the food. That way diners can try adding a bit more if they find they like the flavor.

Vietnamese restaurants are a good place to try playing with the herbs they provide for dishes like Pho, Vietnamese crêpes, and rice paper or lettuce wraps. We knew we had joined the herb-loving culture when we began to ask for extra herbs and lettuce leaves when ordering these dishes.

*Do you have a question or topic for Fresh and Local? Send an email to Penny@BostonZest.com with your suggestion.*

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## - Game with a Funny Name -

# McCormack honored for starting exciting JP Pickleball league

BY MICHAEL HUPPE

Ever heard of pickleball?

Well, anyone that's been near the South Street mall and courts on a Saturday morning, between 9 a.m. and noon, has felt the excitement in the air of a game that has taken the neighborhood by storm.

For more than two years, local pickleball players have gathered to play one of the fastest growing sports in the nation – as well as in JP. Pickleball is a paddle sport created for all ages and skill levels. The rules are simple and the game is easy for beginners to learn, but it can develop into a quick, fast-paced, competitive game for experienced players.

A few years ago, Karen McCormack, with her business partner Colleen Scanlan (co-owners

of McCormack & Scanlan Real Estate), wanted to learn more about the game with the funny name.

McCormack reached out to Peter Sullivan, a local pickleball ambassador, and for the following three Saturdays, the two chalked pickleball courts on the South Street tennis courts, and Peter taught McCormack and friends the game. From there, McCormack took her game and the sport's local profile to another level by providing nets and paddles for use by all who wish to try the sport, offering not only weekly play and beginner instruction but, more importantly, community fun for all.

These days, 50 or more picklers show up on Saturdays between May and September to the South Street courts to learn and

play.

"It's amazing what Karen has developed here in Jamaica Plain," said one resident. "JP Pickleball is the highlight of my weekend and I never heard of the game a year ago."

Pickleball in Jamaica Plain has grown exponentially in the past year.

"We came over to JP a year ago," said another local resident, "and because of Karen and this incredibly welcoming community, we've almost become addicted to the game. We are now watching instructional pickleball videos on YouTube, bought our own paddles and net, and have even played in a couple of local tournaments. But the highlight of our week is when we play in JP. It's the people. It's Karen's leadership and generosity. Win or lose,

all we do is laugh and have fun. It's amazing the number of great people in our lives we wouldn't have met if it weren't for Karen McCormack and JP Pickleball."

On Saturday, July 27, USAPA Ambassadors Peter Sullivan and Craig Corcoran presented Karen McCormack with the Boston Pickleball 'Pickler of Distinction Award' at the South Street courts in recognition of her generosity in establishing playing opportunities and creating a welcoming environment, as well as for promoting the game of Pickleball in the Boston community.

In addition to promoting the game in JP, with Saturdays being one of - if not the best - attended gathering in the greater Boston area, McCormack has lent her knowledge and experience to help other nearby communities

establish games, including teaching a nearby clinic for beginners this winter. McCormack has also elevated her own game from a beginner less than three years ago to a formidable tournament player, having won medals in tournaments in Massachusetts and Connecticut.

"What Karen has created for the community in JP is just phenomenal," said one die-hard regular pickler. "I just jogged by one Saturday two years ago to see what the game looked like, and within five minutes Karen saw me watching and met me outside the fence, demanding I give it a try, with all the warmth and encouragement that I now know is just who she is, and what she gives weekly to all who show up

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## JP Mothers Out Front gather to protest National Grid gas leaks

BY LAUREN BENNETT

Members of Mothers Out Front, a nonprofit working towards a livable climate for children, along with volunteers from environmental activist group Youth on Board, gathered on the steps of Curtis Hall on July 25 as part of a larger movement against National Grid, which has "delayed...fixing dangerous gas leaks throughout the Commonwealth," according to a press release.

The release states that National Grid made a commitment to join a Shared Action plan with Co-lumbia Gas, Eversource, Home Energy Efficiency Team, and other utility companies, but has not completed the repairs to the leaks.

Claire Humphrey, a volunteer with Mothers Out Front, said that between 16 and 18 volunteers stood on the steps of Curtis Hall, as it is near the site of a reported leak at the corner of Caro-lina

Ave. and South St. that has not been fixed. Humphrey said that of the 130 reported leaks in Jamaica Plain as of 2018, this site was chosen as a representative spot in a public area, and it is also across the street from Pine Village Preschool where many young children gather frequently. She said that there are also a handful of reported leaks right across from the Curley School as well.

The volunteers stood with orange vests and tape measures in hand, as tape measures are used to measure a gas leak and determine its volume, Humphrey said. She also said that other companies like Eversource and Columbia are complying with the plan to fix leaks, but National Grid has not held up its end of the bargain.

"These things leak 24 hours a day, all the time," Humphrey said. "We're not happy." She said that cities are emitting more methane than previously thought, and



*Mothers Out Front volunteers and volunteers from Youth on Board gathered on the steps of Curtis Hall on July 25 to protest gas leaks that they say National Grid has not fixed.*

methane is a huge source of heat entrapment. She said there are also health risks involved with gas and indoor air quality.

In 2014, a law was passed saying that the reporting on gas leaks had to be made public, including the locations and a grading system for the severity of the leaks. Humphrey said that Mothers Out Front has been using that data since then to raise awareness, and since then even

more legislation has passed, she said. "We continued to raise awareness," she said of the most recent gathering. "A lot more people in the state know about gas leaks and a lot more legislators."

Overall, Humphrey said she was pleased with the turnout at the event. "We didn't have big ambitions," she said, but she was hoping that some smaller local action could contribute to the

larger demonstration against National Grid. She said lots of photos were taken and used in a social media storm, and hashtags used, such as #ngridmeasureup, were trending.

"We're in it for our kids," Humphrey said. "None of us are putting in this kind of time and energy and love for them to risk their future and not have a safe and healthy place to live."

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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, September 9, in the community room at Jamaicaaway Tower, 111 Perkins Street, Jamaica Plain, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

### Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council:

Education Committee: Tuesday, Aug. 20 at 7:00 pm at Curtis Hall, 20 South Street. The agenda will be: TBA

### Housing & Development Committee:

Tuesday, Aug. 20 at 7:00 pm at Bowditch School building, 82 Green Street (enter at sidewalk level to left of Main stairs). On the agenda will be 2 Article 80 projects: 1). Pine Street Inn and The Community Builders, Inc., are proposing a six-story, new construction, mixed-use building at 3368 Washington Street and with an estimated 225 affordable residential units, with 140 units designated for supportive housing for formerly homeless individuals and 85 units for families from a range of incomes. 2). Urban Edge is proposing the construction of a new six-story, approximately 75,000 square foot mixed-use building at 1595 - 1599 Columbus Avenue that will include approximately 65 units of affordable rental apartments and 4,000 square feet of non-res-

idential space on the ground floor

**Parks + Committee:** TBA at 6:00 pm at JP Licks. The agenda will be: TBA

### Zoning Committee:

Wednesday, Aug. 21 at 7:00 pm at Farnsworth House, 90 South Street. The agenda for that meeting will include an informational presentation by the Brigham & Women's Faulkner Hospital regarding the proposed campus expansion at 1153 Centre Street. After August 21st, the Committee's next upcoming meetings will be September 4 and September 18.

**Executive Committee:** Thursday, Aug. 22 at 7:00 pm at JP Licks.

### Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council:

Tuesday, Aug. 27 at 7:00 pm, at Farnsworth House, 90 South Street. On the agenda will be updates and recommendations of committees. 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 Egleston Square Neighborhood Association** will meet on Monday, September 9 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. The meeting is in the YMCA Building at 3134 Washington St. Agenda to be determined.

**JP Problem Properties Committee,** first Wednesday of the month, 10:30 a.m., E-13 Po-

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

## Youth/Families

**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.

**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](mailto:jamaicaplainsoftball@gmail.com) for more information or to inquire about sign-

ing 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 [alliria-no@yahoo.com](mailto:alliria-no@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, Eggleston YMCA, 3134 Washington St. Info: [htsinine@gmail.com](mailto:htsinine@gmail.com).

**Family art class,** wheelchair accessible, Tuesdays 10:30am-11:30am, ages 3-5. Tuesdays, 3:30-4:30 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.

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

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

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

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## Special events

**Free Guided Walking Tour of Jamaica Pond** will take place on Saturday, August 10 starting at 11:00am in front of the Bandstand, Pond Street and Jamaicaway. Conducted by the Jamaica Plain Historical Society.

**Free Guided Walking Tour of Monument Square** neighborhood will take place on Saturday, August 17 starting at 11:00am from in front of Loring Greenough House, 12 South Street. Conducted by the Jamaica Plain Historical Society.

**Remarkable Women of JP Walking Tour** Join Boston By Foot (in conjunction with the Boston Women's Heritage Trail) to travel through Jamaica Plain and discover some truly remarkable women who changed the course of the history of our nation. This tour will feature a Nobel Peace Prize winner, who lost her job at Wellesley because of her socialist leanings. We will discover a slew of reformers; women who worked for the abolition of slavery, free education for everyone and later, on civil rights causes in the 20th century. The tour ends at the Loring-Greenough House, a lovely Georgian mansion that was saved from the wrecking ball thanks to a local women's club and its formidable members (pictured). Sunday, August 25 at 2:00 p.m. The tour costs \$15 and tickets can be purchased online before the tour (or with cash on the day). Meet your guides outside the Green Street T stop.

**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 and 29, 12-5pm, Eliot School Annex, 253 Amory St.

**Eliot School Faculty Show-**

**case 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.

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

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TUESDAY 8/20 (\$6.00): jeannie, White Veins, In Ivy WEDNESDAY 8/21 (\$5.00): Pitstain, Charmed & Strange, TIFFY, sister THURSDAY 8/22 (before Queeraoke) \$5.00: Richard Mirksy FRIDAY 8/23 (after Hippie Hour): TBA Saturday 8/24 (Night Show): The Humanoids, Bossnova, Oxblood Forge, Renegade Cartel Saturday 8/24 (Day Show) 3pm: Waiver Wire, Bernie's Garage, Happy Just To See You, Extract Sunday 8/25 (Day Show) 3pm (\$7.00): Exhale, Young Other, Victim of Circumstance, Glymps

**Jeanie Johnston Pub,** 144 South St. Open Mic hosted by Tony Bluze, Sundays at 8pm. More events at [jeaniejohnstonpub.com](http://jeaniejohnstonpub.com). **Bella Luna & The Milky Way Weekly events** include; NOLA Sundays every Sunday at 5pm with a live brass band. Stump Trivia every Monday 7pm-9pm, 50% of wings. Taco Tues-

day, Teacher Tuesdays plus Dirty Water Saloon Line Dancing for queer folks and allies at 7PM. Live music every Wednesday from 6:30 - 8:30 pm. Throwback Thursday with DJ J-Wall 6- 8 p.m. Visit [www.milkywayjp.com](http://www.milkywayjp.com) for more late night events every Thu-Sat.

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

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](http://www.lcfd.org/bgfe/512-5554).

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## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT WITH E-13

Mayor Marty Walsh and Boston Police Commissioner William Gross made a stop in Jamaica Plain to celebrate the 36th year of National Night Out on Monday, August 5. With the help of Boston Police District E-13, residents celebrated America's Night Out Against Crime with food, beverages, ice cream, dance, musical performances, and a myriad of

fun activities for kids. The celebration honored the determination and hard work of our local law enforcement personnel in making Boston's neighborhoods safe. The night was particularly special for Commissioner Gross, who celebrated his first-year anniversary as the commissioner for the Boston Police.



Isaiah, 3, Arielle Freeman, Kevin McCaffrey, and Ronan, 6.



K-9 Officer Cornell Paterson shows the obedience and intelligence of his K-9 partner, Loki, to attendees of National Night Out.



Yarinel Peña, Mayor Martin Walsh, and Juliana Liriano.



Rhema Renee, 13, performing her original song, 'Luv.'

### Gazette Pet of the Week

by Sarah Carroll



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Francisco Fernandez Jr. receives the Community Service Award.

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## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT WITH E-13



Michael Polanco, Sgt. John Dougherty, Maria Polanco, and Wendy Polanco. Mayor Walsh stated there is "no stronger candidate than JP's own, Wendy Polanco," when he awarded her the 2019 Crime Fighter of the Year Award. The award celebrates Wendy Polanco's efforts to ensure public safety and improve the quality of life for all.



District E-13 officers Christina Milton and Cristian De Silva.



Shown to the right, Aubrey Costello, 7, looks into a mirror to see the smiley face painted on her cheek. Shown left, Luzmari Soto (left) receives cotton candy prepared by Chelsea Mota (right).



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# Local kids join Save the Harbor/Save the Bay for free cruises to the Boston Harbor Islands

This July, young people from the BCYF Curtis Hall Community Center in Jamaica Plain set sail to the Boston Harbor Islands on Bay State Cruise Company's flagship Provincetown II on a free All Access Boston Harbor cruise hosted by Save the Harbor/Save the Bay.

The youth and teens enjoyed a day filled with fun, fishing, environmental exploration and songs and stories of the sea.

Save the Harbor/Save the Bay's free All Access Boston Harbor program is a series of free day trips that bring local youth organizations out to Spectacle and Georges Island where they have an opportunity to learn the history of Boston Harbor and the harbor cleanup, explore everything the island has to offer, and enjoy Boston's spectacular urban

natural resources.

"What a great way to spend a summer day," said Tani Marinovich, President of Save the Harbor/Save the Bay. "The Harbor Islands are truly Boston's treasure, and we're certain that the 230,000 kids and families that have attended these free trips since we began them in 2002 would agree."

Over the summer Save the Harbor/Save the Bay's free All Access Boston Harbor program will connect more than 10,000 youth and teens from more than 120 youth development and community organizations to the Boston Harbor Island National and State Park.

The day starts with an interactive history of the harbor, complete with storytelling, art and a touch-tank at the Rockland Trust



More than 4,000 youth and teens joined Save the Harbor this July for free day trips to Spectacle Island or Georges Island as part of its All Access Boston Harbor program for local youth groups.



A Group from the BCYF Curtis Hall Community Center in Jamaica Plain spend the day on Save the Harbor's/Save the Bay's All Access boat cruise.

Pavilion. From there, the groups make their way to the dock at the World Trade Center to board the boat and take a short ferry ride out to the islands, where they have the chance to try fishing, hiking, sports and beach exploration with Save the Harbor/Save the Bay's Youth Environmental Education staff. The groups enjoy lunch on the island and return to the docks by early afternoon.

In 2019, Save the Harbor will host 26 free All Access Boston Harbor cruises that will connecting young people from all Boston neighborhoods and 43 cities and

towns across the region, to the Boston Harbor Islands State and National Park. For many, these trips are their first opportunity to connect to the harbor islands and experience the marine environment first hand.

Save the Harbor's free All Access Boston Harbor cruises are made possible with Leadership Grants from the Cronin Development, the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, and Bay State Cruise Company.

Save the Harbor is also grateful for Leadership Grants from

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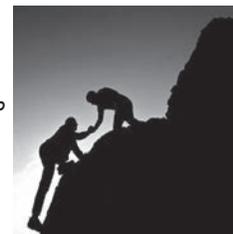
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# Juval Racelis dedicates time to teaching poor and homeless women

BY LAUREN BENNETT

Former JP resident Juval Racelis has only lived in Boston for three years, but he's made a big difference in the lives of many women at Rosie's Place in the South End, a nonprofit that provides meals and other services to poor and homeless women.

When he moved to Boston in the fall of 2016 for his teaching job at Wentworth Institute of Technology, Racelis said he knew he wanted a volunteer opportunity where he could serve

underprivileged communities, as he already had a history of working with those populations. Originally from Houston, Racelis worked in a literacy center there where he realized that there are a "lot of missed opportunities for populations that had different educational backgrounds," he said, and many of those folks face a barrier when trying to enter literacy programs due to economic status or different literacy rates.

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# Cruises

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Special thanks as well to everyone who joined on the cruise, and the hundreds of individual donors for their generosity and to our partners at the Department of Conservation and Recreation, the Metropolitan Beaches Commission, the Boston Centers for Youth and Families and the YMCA of Greater Boston for their support.

Save the Harbor/Save the Bay is a non-profit public-interest environmental advocacy organization for Boston Harbor, whose mission is to restore and protect Boston Harbor, the Boston Harbor Islands, our region's beaches and the marine environment and share them with the public for everyone to enjoy.

For more information about Save the Harbor/Save the Bay, visit their website at [www.savetheharbor.org](http://www.savetheharbor.org), their blog Sea, Sand & Sky at [www.blog.savetheharbor.org](http://www.blog.savetheharbor.org) or follow their social @savetheharbor.

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1. Mail: Best of JP, Jamaica Plain Gazette, 7 Harris Ave., Jamaica Plain, MA 02130
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- 1) Enjoy the outdoors \_\_\_\_\_
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#### CONSUMER FAVORITIES

- 5) Friendliest Business \_\_\_\_\_
- 6) Breakfast \_\_\_\_\_
- 7) Lunch \_\_\_\_\_
- 8) Dinner \_\_\_\_\_
- 9) Latin American Food \_\_\_\_\_
- 10) Asian Food \_\_\_\_\_
- 11) Bakery \_\_\_\_\_
- 12) Pub/Bar \_\_\_\_\_
- 13) Pizza \_\_\_\_\_
- 14) Cup of coffee \_\_\_\_\_
- 15) Retail store (not convenience) \_\_\_\_\_
- 16) Convenience store \_\_\_\_\_
- 17) Personal service (hair, dry cleaning, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_
- 18) Real estate service \_\_\_\_\_
- 19) Bank or financial service \_\_\_\_\_
- 20) Professional service (lawyer, doctor, insurer, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_
- 21) Home service (plumber, electrician, carpenter, cleaner, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_
- 22) Auto shop \_\_\_\_\_

#### BEST BUSINESS IN AN AREA (ANY TYPE)

- 23) South Street \_\_\_\_\_
- 24) Egleston Square \_\_\_\_\_
- 25) Hyde/Jackson Square \_\_\_\_\_
- 26) Centre Street (Monument to Canary Square) \_\_\_\_\_
- 27) Forest Hills \_\_\_\_\_
- 28) Washington Street (between Egleston and Forest Hills) \_\_\_\_\_

#### THE REST OF THE BEST

- 29) Community event \_\_\_\_\_
- 30) Playground/tot lot \_\_\_\_\_
- 31) Mural \_\_\_\_\_
- 32) Children's service or activity \_\_\_\_\_
- 33) Health service \_\_\_\_\_
- 34) Local school \_\_\_\_\_
- 35) Neighborhood association or group (no office) \_\_\_\_\_
- 36) Nonprofit service agency (office) \_\_\_\_\_
- 37) Gay/lesbian hang-out/meeting place \_\_\_\_\_
- 38) Storefront \_\_\_\_\_
- 39) Government service \_\_\_\_\_
- 40) JP environmental group or effort \_\_\_\_\_

## NEWS BRIEFS

### FREE SUMMER FUN AS BOSTON CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL RETURNS AUGUST 20

Mayor Martin J. Walsh and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department invite city youngsters to come celebrate the season at the 2019 ParkARTS Boston Children's Summer Festival on Tuesday, August 20, at Franklin Park from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. ParkARTS is made possible in part through the generosity of Holly Bruce.

Children and families from throughout Boston have the opportunity to participate in a variety of free activities from various exhibitors including "Bubble Guy" Jim Dichter, ParkARTS arts and crafts, New England Aquarium, Outdoor Rx, Mass Hort, face painting, interactive building blocks with LEGOLAND, and more.

The August 20 event will also include exploring a Boston Fire

Department fire truck, a family Zumba class, Rosalita's Puppets, the City of Boston's Archaeology Department, the Boston Water and Sewer Commission water truck to stay hydrated, and free treats and giveaways from HP Hood LLC, KIND Snacks, Polar Beverages, the Cascadian Farm Truck Tour, L.L.Bean, Ameriprise, KinderCare Learning Centers, Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts, Capital One, and Magic 106.7.

### BRIGHAM HEALTH OFFERS COMMUNITY 'STOP THE BLEED' AND FIRST AID TRAININGS

Brigham Health is hosting two training sessions to educate community members on how to "Stop the Bleed." Participants will learn how to recognize life-threatening hemorrhage situations and how to control bleeding either by direct pressure, packing a wound

or applying a tourniquet.

Classes will be held on:

- Thursday July 25, 4-5 p.m., Carrie Hall, Brigham and Women's Hospital, 15 Francis Street, Boston;

- Monday, July 29, 4-5 p.m., Mary Ann Tynan 1 Conference Room, Brigham and Women's Faulkner Hospital, 1153 Centre Street, Jamaica Plain.

The Brigham is the first hospital in the country to deploy Stop the Bleed Public Access Kits with the Mobilize Rescue Stop the Bleed Application. There are 25 kits deployed throughout both hospitals and at ambulatory/off sites, designed to provide direction to untrained bystanders on hemorrhage control and other general first aid. The goal of the training is to empower the layperson to use these kits to stop blood loss, before emergency responders arrive, whether on campus or possibly in the community.

For questions or to register,

email [stopthebleed@bwh.harvard.edu](mailto:stopthebleed@bwh.harvard.edu).

### RED SOX INVITE ENGLISH HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TO SPEND THEIR SUMMER AT FENWAY PARK

For less than the cost of a movie ticket, English High School students can enjoy the magic of Boston Red Sox baseball at Fenway Park this summer. The Red Sox are offering young fans affordable tickets to games through the team's Student 9's program, which provides high school and college students the opportunity to purchase \$9 tickets with a valid student ID at every home game.

"We continuously look to provide greater access to Fenway Park for young fans, and our Student 9's program offers both native and visiting students from around the New England the opportunity to share in the exhilaration of attending a Red Sox game within a student's budget," said Red Sox President and CEO Sam Kennedy. "Students can come to a game at Fenway Park for less than the price of a movie ticket with minimal advance planning. By offering the student community the lowest priced tickets at the ballpark, we hope to instill our love for the sport and memorable experiences for this next generation of Red Sox fans."

Student 9's are the lowest priced tickets at Fenway Park and provide access with guaranteed standing room tickets and the potential for an upgrade pending availability. As a member of the program, students can also enjoy invitations to exclusive student events including a post-game "Deck Party" atop the Sam Deck, complete with music, re-opened concessions and more.

High school and collegiate fans can register to receive student offers by visiting [redsox.com/student](http://redsox.com/student) or text 'students' to the Red Sox at 23215 to sign up for alerts at any time.

Student tickets will be delivered to mobile devices or available through the MLB Ballpark App. Students can scan their ticket directly from their phone when they arrive at the ballpark gates and are asked to bring their student ID for verification to gain entry.

The Student 9's program is a

part of the Red Sox Fan & Youth initiative which aims to provide greater access to Red Sox games, enhance kids experiences at Fenway Park, and celebrate and strengthen the game of baseball in the community. For the full details on the Student 9's program, please visit [redsox.com/student](http://redsox.com/student).

The location of the festival is at 25 Pierpont Road in Roxbury near the rear entrance of the Franklin Park Zoo. By MBTA, take the Orange Line to Forest Hills and the #16 bus to the Zoo. By car, the park can be reached from Blue Hill Avenue, Seaver Street, or Circuit Drive.

There is ample free parking and the park is ADA compliant. For further information, call (617) 635-4505 or visit [www.boston.gov/parks](http://www.boston.gov/parks) or [www.facebook.com/bostonparksdepartment](http://www.facebook.com/bostonparksdepartment).

### NAVY BAND TO PLAY ON COMMON. AUG. 20

America's Navy is coming to Boston, one of nine cities in four states to host a performance by the United States Navy Band during its 2019 tour -- one of the signature outreach programs of the U.S. Navy.

The United States Navy Band Country Current performance is scheduled for Tuesday, August 20, at 7 p.m. at the Boston Commons Park Bandstand in Boston, Massachusetts.

The Navy's premiere country-bluegrass ensemble Country Current is renowned for its versatility and phenomenal musicianship, performing a blend of modern country music and cutting-edge bluegrass. Reaching out to communities both locally and nationally, they regularly perform for veterans, elementary schools, and in support of our active-duty Sailors.

One of the U.S. Navy Band's primary responsibilities involves touring the country. All of the band's primary performing units embark each year on concert tours throughout specified regions of the country, allowing the band to reach out to audiences in areas of the country that do not have opportunities to see the Navy's premier musical ensembles on a regular basis. The concerts are family-friendly events, meant to be entertaining to veterans, families, individuals and those interested in joining the Navy.

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## Reuniones

**Asociación de Vecinos Stonybrook**, lunes, 12 ago, 7-9pm, Doyle's. [sna-jp.org](mailto:sna-jp.org).

**JPNC**, martes, 27 agosto, 7pm, Farnsworth House. Vacantes en Area A y Area C: 866-7672, [kprainsford@gmail.com](mailto:kprainsford@gmail.com); Comité de educación, martes, 20 ago, 7pm, Curtis Hall; Comité de vivienda y desarrollo, 20 ago, 7pm, Bowditch School; Comité de zonificación, 21 ago, 7pm, Farnsworth House; Comité ejecutivo, 22 ago, 7pm, JP Licks.

**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.

**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.

**Asociación de Jamaica Pond**, lunes, 9 sept, Jamaica Way Tower, 111 Perkins Street, 7pm.

**ESNA**, lunes, 9 sept, 6.30-8.30pm, YMCA.

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

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

## Jóvenes/familias

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

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

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Se buscan patrocinadores. Adam: [amarks555@yahoo.com](mailto:amarks555@yahoo.com) / 610-999-5937.

**Intercambio de idioma inglés-español, sábados**, 12-1:45pm, Connolly Branch Library. Grupo de apoyo para padres/madres jóvenes, un programa de Jewish Family and Children's Services, para gente de todas religiones, para padres/madres de niños con menos de un año, no se requiere inscribirse. Los jueves, 10.30am-noon. 781-647-5327, [info@jfcsboston.org](mailto:info@jfcsboston.org).

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

**Niños en ruedas**, cada domingo, seguridad de bicicleta 3-5pm, en las canchas de tenis en South y Carolina.

**Paseos en bici**, martes y jueves, 7am, Ferris Wheels, 66 South Street.

## 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. Hasta 4 sept. 477-6616.

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

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

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

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

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

## Adultos Mayores

**Prevención de caídas**, los jueves, 10-12pm, hasta 5 sept, Woodbourne Apartments, 6 Southbourne Road. 477-6616.

**Café mensual de la memoria**, para la gente que sufre de la pérdida de la memoria y los que les cuiden, Amory Street Housing

Development, 125 Amory St., El último jueves de cada mes de 1.30 - 3pm. Gratuito para todos. 440-1615 / [bmclaren@uphams.org](mailto:bmclaren@uphams.org).

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

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

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

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

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

## Trabajo Voluntario

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**para adultos**, se busca voluntarios para enseñar inglés a adultos, orientación gratuita. [jpcctutor@gmail.com](mailto:jpcctutor@gmail.com) o 635-5201.

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

**David Weinstein**, maestro de matemáticas: [dweinstein@bostonpublicschools.org](mailto:dweinstein@bostonpublicschools.org), 857-334-9855.

**Mentor o tutor**, matemáticas, ciencia, historia, inglés, idiomas extranjeros, SAT, y más. Los martes, miércoles, jueves, 3-8pm, sábado 10am-2.30pm. [hydesquare.org/get-involved/join-our-programs](http://hydesquare.org/get-involved/join-our-programs).

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

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

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



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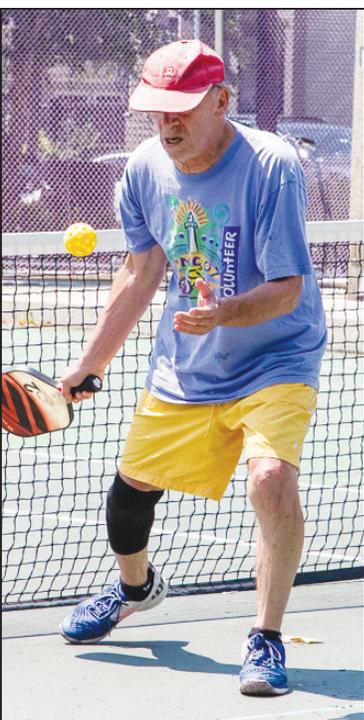
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## PICKLEBALL AT THE SOUTH STREET MALL

Karen McCormack was presented with the Boston Pickleball Pickler of Distinction Award on Saturday, July 28. USAPA Ambassadors Peter Sullivan and Craig Corcoran recognized Karen for promoting the game of pickleball in the Boston community. Karen, Peter, and Craig encourage all those 18-plus who are interested in playing pickleball to join them on the South Street Mall tennis courts on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon through September.



Serge Blinder serving the ball during a game of pickleball



Naomi Rivera (right) reaches for the ball during a game with her teammate Julie Schaeffer (left).



Mike Schreck returns the ball with a backhand swing.



Mike Huppe (right) returns a ball during a game of pickleball.



Craig Corcoran with Karen McCormack, recipient of the Boston Pickleball Pickler of Distinction Award.

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### Pickleball

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to play.”  
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## PICKLEBALL AT THE SOUTH STREET MALL



Members of the JP Pickleball community take a break from playing to pose in a group photo.

Karen McCormack returning a ball during a game of pickleball.



Susan Klein and Peggy Keegan sitting in the shade in between matches.

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## EDITORIAL

# What is happening to our country?

"I say violence is necessary. Violence is a part of America's culture. It is as American as cherry pie." -- Jamil Abdullah Al-Amin, also known as H. Rap Brown.

America has been rooted in violence since our founding. We broke free from England violently and used violent means to expand our nation both geographically (the Mexican War, the Indian Wars, and the Spanish-American War) and economically (slavery).

The Louisiana Purchase and the purchase of Alaska from Russia uniquely expanded our borders through peaceful means.

We also have engaged in countless, unprovoked uses of force, military and otherwise, to preserve our way of life from enemies both real and perceived, intervening in their internal affairs, both in this hemisphere and far away (Vietnam and Iraq).

It was violence that tore us apart and nearly destroyed our country in the 1860s, and it was through violent means -- lynchings and segregation -- that the South enforced Jim Crow laws after the Civil War.

For those of us who grew up in the 1960s and '70s, Martin Luther King and the Civil Rights movement stood out because they sought to achieve change through peaceful means at a time when self-described revolutionary groups brought domestic violence to our TV screens with bombings and other acts of violence.

But throughout our history and despite our legacy of violence, we had leaders who understood that violence -- military and otherwise -- could sow the seeds of our own destruction.

From George Washington, who in his farewell address stated, "Observe good faith and justice towards all nations; cultivate peace and harmony with all," to Abraham Lincoln, "We are not enemies, but friends. We must not be enemies. Though passion may have strained, it must not break our bonds of affection. The mystic chords of memory will swell when again touched, as surely they will be, by the better angels of our nature," to Dwight Eisenhower, "In the councils of government, we must guard against the acquisition of unwarranted influence, whether sought or unsought, by the military-industrial complex," our wisest and greatest leaders have warned us of the perils of disunity at home and military ventures abroad.

The White Nationalist movement plaguing our nation today actively preaches violence as a means of overthrowing our government and ending our way of life as we know it.

They are not Americans, for they do not accept Jefferson's ideal that, "All men are created equal."

The massacre in El Paso this weekend was the latest example of what happens when our leaders fail to stand up for our founding principles and fail to enact common-sense laws that would limit the damage they can inflict.

The America as we have known it for the past 231 years is falling apart, little by little. The only question now is whether we have reached the breaking point or whether we still have the time -- and the will -- to repair the damage and save us from ourselves.

## PLEASE WRITE...

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500. Deadline: Friday at 5 p.m. one week before publication. Letters may be emailed to [letters@Jamaica-PlainGazette.com](mailto:letters@Jamaica-PlainGazette.com). Please include address and telephone number for verification purposes. Anonymous letters will not be published. More information: 617-524-2626



## LETTERS

### You are spot on

#### Dear Editor:

Your editorial of July 26 pointed out the threat posed by bacteria that have become resistant to all antibiotics. As infectious disease specialists for children, my colleagues and I face this threat every day. Your points are spot on.

I take issue with your conclusion though. You write, "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." Yes, we will be powerless to stop super-bugs resistant to all antibiotics. But we are not powerless to stop our Congress from doing the bidding of the drug and agriculture mega-corporations.

In 2005, the European Commission issued a press release stating, "An EU-wide ban on the use of antibiotics as growth promoters in animal feed enters into effect on January 1, 2006. The last 4 antibiotics which have been permitted as feed additives to help fatten livestock will no longer be allowed to be marketed or used from this date. The ban is the final step in the phasing out of antibiotics used for non-medical purposes. It is part of the Commission's overall strategy to

tackle the emergence of bacteria and other microbes resistant to antibiotics, due to their overexploitation or misuse." ([https://europa.eu/rapid/press-release\\_IP-05-1687\\_en.htm](https://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-05-1687_en.htm))

How did Europe manage to achieve this ban 13 years ago? The same mega-corporations hold sway there. But citizens organized and publicized the harm of antibiotics fed to farm animals. Voters demanded a stop to farming practices in which chickens, pigs and cattle are squeezed together at such close quarters that the only way they don't die from mass infections is by feeding them all antibiotics. In addition to breeding "super-bugs." Cramming animals together by the tens of thousands spreads bacteria like Salmonella, Shigella, Campylobacter and E coli 0157 that kill hundreds of Americans each year.

In my country of origin in Europe, a major party -- the Green party -- stated in 2016 that animal farming with mass industrial practices should be phased out within 20 years (<https://www.sueddeutsche.de/politik/aussage-von-anton-hofreiter-gruene-wollen-massentierhaltung-komplett-verbieten-1.3040601>). It ended up as the strongest party among voters under 60 in recent European elections ([\[nalyse-zur-eu-wahl-gruene-bei-waehlern-unter-60-staerkste-partei/24384310.html\]\(https://www.tagesspiegel.de/politik/wahla-nalyse-zur-eu-wahl-gruene-bei-waehlern-unter-60-staerkste-partei/24384310.html\)\). Citizens are demanding change and making it happen.](https://www.tagesspiegel.de/politik/wahla-</a></p>
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What can we do? Organizing and voting are obvious steps we can take. (Primaries around the country and right here in Boston recently ejected politicians who prioritize their big-donor lobbyists over the values of their constituents.) Avoiding soaps and household products labeled "antibacterial" lessens our risk from antibiotic-resistant bacteria because their ingredients like triclosan contribute to antibiotic resistance -- plus they may be harmful (<http://sitn.hms.harvard.edu/flash/2017/say-goodbye-antibacterial-soaps-fda-banning-household-item/>); <https://www.fda.gov/consumers/consumer-updates/antibacterial-soap-you-can-skip-it-use-plain-soap-and-water>). Eating less meat, while choosing meat that comes from animals treated less brutally and not fed antibiotics, is a powerful vote with our wallets -- and lowers our risk of heart disease and cancer (<https://www.who.int/features/qa/cancer-red-meat/en/>).

Bottom line: whether we, our children or our loved ones will fall victims to super-bugs is very much up to us.

JULIA KOEHLER

## LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

### MALVEZZI EARNS BACHELOR'S OF SCIENCE FROM SPRINGFIELD COLLEGE

Lauren Malvezzi of Jamaica Plain, has earned a bachelor's of science degree in Human Services from Springfield College for studies completed in 2019.

At the undergraduate commencement on May 19, 695 bachelor's degrees were awarded. Including the degrees awarded at the graduate ceremony on May 18, a total of 1,265 degrees were awarded over the two days. At the graduate commencement, 522 master's degrees, one certificate of advanced graduate study, five Doctor of Philosophy degrees, 36 Doctor of Physical Therapy degrees, and six Doctor of Psychology degrees were awarded.

Springfield College is an independent, nonprofit, coeducational institution founded in 1885. Nearly 5,000 students, including 2,500 full-time undergraduate students, study at its main campus in Springfield, Mass., and at its regional campuses across the country. Springfield College inspires students through the guiding principles of its Humanics philosophy - educating in spirit, mind, and body for leadership in service to others.

### JAMAICA PLAIN STUDENT GRADUATES FROM SAINT JOSEPH PREP

Saint Joseph Preparatory High School held its seventh Commencement Exercises at the Robsham Theater at Boston College on June 6. Diplomas were conferred to 99 members of this graduating class, the Class of 2019, by Head of School, Thomas E. Nunan, Jr. The graduates and their families were treated to exemplary speeches from the Salutatorian, Sarah Gyurme (UMASS, Amherst), and from the Valedictorian, Daniel Lotti (UMASS, Lowell, Honors Program). Lee Hogan, CSJ, President of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston, offered the Invocation and Board Chair Dr. Carole Hughes, Senior Associate Dean/Director for the Office of Graduate Student Life at Boston College, extended congratulations to the graduates. Mr. Kevin G. Honan, Massachusetts State Representative for the 17th District, was the Commencement Speaker. Rep. Honan, in sharing his

appreciation for and dedication to service, encouraged the graduates to continue to honor and prioritize compassionate service and generosity of spirit in all that they do. In the attached picture is graduate Kate Nee (Penn State University) of Jamaica Plain.

### UNIVERSITY OF MAINE ANNOUNCES DEAN'S LIST

Matthew Flaherty of Jamaica Plain was among the 2,330 students at the University of Maine recognized for achieving Dean's List honors in the spring 2019 semester. Of the students who made the Dean's List, 1,649 are from Maine, 623 are from 35 other states and 58 are from 30 countries other than the U.S.

The student who received Dean's List honors for spring 2019, completing 12 or more credit hours in the semester and earning a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

### UNION COLLEGE ANNOUNCES 2019 DEAN'S LIST HONOREES

The following area students were named to the 2019 Dean's List at Union College. Comprised annually, the Union College Dean's List honors students who have a grade point average of 3.5 for the entire academic year and meet certain other requirements.

Carlos Piedad, of Jamaica Plain; Piedad is a member of the Class of 2020, majoring in Environmental Policy.

Elena Ruiz, of Jamaica Plain; Ruiz is a member of the Class of 2020, majoring in Anthropology.

Union College, founded in 1795 as the first college chartered by the New York State Board of Regents, offers programs in the liberal arts and engineering to 2,100 undergraduates of high academic promise and strong personal motivation. Union, with its long history of blending disciplines, is a leader in educating students to be engaged, innovative and ethical contributors to an increasingly diverse, global and technologically complex society.

### CONKLIN NAMED TO UNION COLLEGE DEAN'S LIST

Bernadine Conklin of Jamaica Plain was named to the 2019 Dean's List at Union College.

Conklin is a member of the Class of 2020, majoring in Rus-

sian and Eastern European Studies.

Comprised annually, the Union College Dean's List honors students who have a grade point average of 3.5 for the entire academic year and meet certain other requirements.

### NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST AT UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT

The following local students were Named to the University of Vermont Dean's List.

To be named to the dean's list, students must have a grade-point average of 3.0 or better and rank in the top 20 percent of their class in their respective college or school.

Erin Gallagher  
Nina Scheele  
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### FORTIN RECEIVES GRADUATE DEGREE AT 151ST WPI COMMENCEMENT

Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) President Laurie Leshin and Board of Trustees Chairman Jack Mollen presided over the university's 151st Commencement celebrations, awarding over 850 master's and doctoral degrees at the Graduate Ceremony, held on the campus Quadrangle. Daniel Fortin of Jamaica Plain., was awarded a master of engineering degree in power systems engineering.

This year's graduate address was given by Freeman A. Hrabowski III, president of the University of Maryland, Baltimore County.

In his remarks, Hrabowski expressed his excitement at being asked by his longtime friend,

Laurie Leshin, to speak at WPI's graduate commencement. "I've been watching the progress of WPI for a long time," he said. "You're a national leader in project-based learning, and you're the alma mater of Robert Goddard. In my area, that's a big deal."

WPI awarded honorary degrees to Hrabowski and to Kevin O'Sullivan, who recently retired as president and CEO of Massachusetts Biomedical Initiatives.

President Leshin congratulated the Class of 2019 for "enduring stress, overcoming setbacks, and pushing boundaries." As students leave campus with a degree, Leshin said she anticipates they will continue to "break barriers and open new doors."

Graduate student speaker Doreen Manning then gave her remarks. Manning, who received her master's of business administration, told her fellow graduates that she took an indirect route since "earning a master's degree had simply not been on my career radar."

Manning said her worldview is different now.

"So as I leave the podium today, I will do so not only with a diploma, but with new insights into myself and my role within the world," Manning said. "Yet

even more important, when I meet with alumni in my position as editor of the WPI Journal, I get to tell them, with pride, 'I'm an alum, too!'"

WPI, a global leader in project-based learning, is a distinctive, top-tier technological university founded in 1865 on the principle that students learn most effectively by applying the theory learned in the classroom to the practice of solving real-world problems. Recognized by the National Academy of Engineering with the 2016 Bernard M. Gordon Prize for Innovation in Engineering and Technology Education, WPI's pioneering project-based curriculum engages undergraduates in solving important scientific, technological, and societal problems throughout their education and at more than 50 project centers around the world. WPI offers more than 50 bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degree programs across 14 academic departments in science, engineering, technology, business, the social sciences, and the humanities and arts. Its faculty and students pursue groundbreaking research to meet ongoing challenges in health and biotechnology; robotics and the

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### LEGAL NOTICE

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

TO G.L. c. 190B, § 5-304

Docket No. SU19P1541GD

In the matter of:

Daniel Connolly RESPONDENT

Alleged Incapacitated Person

Of: Jamaica Plain, MA

To the named Respondent and

all other interested persons,

a petition has been filed by

DMH c/o Office of General

Counsel of Westborough, MA

in the above captioned matter

alleging that Daniel Connolly

is in need of a Guardian and

requesting that DMH c/o

Office of General Counsel of

Westborough, MA (or some

other suitable person) be

appointed as Guardian to serve

on the bond.

The petition asks the court

to determine that the

Respondent is incapacitated,

that the appointment of a

Guardian is necessary, and

that the proposed Guardian is

appropriate. The petition is on

file with this court and may

contain a request for certain

specific authority.

You have the right to object

to this proceeding. If you

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or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 08/08/2019. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: July 10, 2019  
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

8/09/19  
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Suffolk Division  
24 New Chardon St.  
Boston, MA 02114  
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CITATION ON  
PETITION FOR

### FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Docket No.

SU19P1611EA

Estate of:

Francine M.

McGettrick

Date of Death:

06/06/2019

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Kathleen Hickey of West Roxbury, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: Kathleen Hickey of West Roxbury, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve on the bond in an unsupervised administration.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 08/26/2019.

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appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: July 15, 2019  
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Suffolk Probate and Family Court  
24 New Chardon St.  
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CITATION ON

PETITION FOR

FORMAL

ADJUDICATION

Docket No.

SU19P1700EA

Estate of:

Ronald Morgan

Date of Death:

04/02/2015

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Late and

Limited Formal Testacy and/or

Appointment has been filed by

Barbara M. Perry of Newton,

MA requesting that the Court

enter a formal Decree and

Order and for such other relief

as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that:

8/09/19  
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## Rosie's Place

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Racelis found Rosie's Place online and also heard about it through a colleague, and in January 2017, he and the college went to the nonprofit for orientation. After volunteering in their kitchen and pantry, Racelis learned about the Women's Education Center (WEC) at Rosie's Place, where volunteer instructors teach literacy and writing to international and multilingual speakers.

"I thought that would be a great opportunity to do something in my wheelhouse," Racelis said. As a college professor of writing, he said that teaching college students is different from teaching women and underprivileged minorities. "It's a good opportunity to stretch my English teaching skills," he said. He also felt that his work at the literacy center in Houston gave him a basis for teaching underserved

populations.

Racelis said that one of the things he values about Rosie's Place is that women are not questioned why they are there; they are welcomed in with open arms and given food and resources to make their lives easier.

"I've been teaching ESL and international students for over a decade," Racelis said. He said that working at Rosie's Place has helped him "become better aware of the different backgrounds that students come from and be more sensitive to the privilege I have coming from education," he said. "I can do many things I realize I'm taking for granted. I was reading on the train—not an activity that many of my students at Rosie's Place often do."

The WEC has six levels: pre-literacy, literacy, and up to level four. Racelis said he has taught all but two levels and has "learned a better understanding of what the students' needs are and other ways I can possibly contribute to the community."

He said that since volunteering at Rosie's Place, he's tried to find ways to donate or volunteer in the places where these women live, as he acknowledges that their communities are important. It's made him a "more purposeful consumer," he said, and tries to frequent businesses that contribute to Rosie's Place.

He said that his volunteer work has also helped him with work with college students at Wentworth. Through getting a better understanding of what privileged means, he can talk about it with his college students, as a lot of them came from working class backgrounds. "Privilege comes in different ways," he said.

Racelis said he's "been happy to grow into" contributing to the curriculum development at Rosie's Place, as that is also something he's had prior experience with. Figuring out what the goals of the students are and what their needs are in the community is a top priority for curriculum development.

For example, Racelis does an exercise with his pre-literacy students that involves weekly flyers from Tropical Foods supermarket on Melnea Cass Blvd. "We do these mockup shopping conversations," he said, where lists are created based off of

foods listed in the flyer. In addition to English, these exercises also teach women math skills that they can apply to their everyday lives. Pre-literacy students are also taught how to read a map, which Racelis said "strengthens their confidence in going to other places" that they may not be familiar with.

Higher level students have a much heavier focus on writing fluency and vocabulary building, Racelis said. They do exercises like looking at a picture, talking about it first, and then writing about it.

Racelis will be relocating to Brighton shortly, but he had no shortage of dedication to Jamaica Plain during his time as a JP resident. He was a member of the board of the Friends of the JP Library. He stepped down in July, but he helped coordinate the maker space and did a lot of fundraising for the library. Additionally, Racelis was on the board for the Community for Arts Commission, which coordinates with the Boston Arts Commission.

"Community engagement is important," Racelis said. "JP's community is really active; there's somebody always doing something for the community. It made me want to participate and made me want to contribute and find ways to offer what I can do. It seemed that there was a lot of that going on and I really value that."

Racelis will continue to volunteer at Rosie's Place in the same capacity. He will teach in the winter, spring and fall, and is looking forward to the writing cafe in the winter, where a book is published of the women's writing.

He said he may also volunteer for a few shifts in the kitchen again, as he admires the Rosie's Place model for serving guests. Rather than the traditional "lunch line" to get food, women are seated at tables and served. "That level of respect is really something that's quite valuable," Racelis said. "Even the most basic needs like food" can be challenging for women who may be down on their luck, he said, adding that this level of attention was part of founder Kip Tiernan's ethos. "You can still feel that at Rosie's Place," he said.

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## WILDERNESS HEALS PLEDGE HIKE



Caitlin Thornbrugh of Jamaica Plain joined 50 other women to hike the White Mountains of New Hampshire as part of the 19th annual Wilderness Heals pledge hike to help increase awareness and raise funds for the Elizabeth Stone House and the important work the organization does every day. The Elizabeth Stone House in Roxbury provides residential and community-based services to help homeless and at-risk survivors of domestic violence and related trauma to achieve greater safety and stability. Donations are being accepted through September 20th at <http://www.elizabethstone.org/donate-now>. Pictured (l-r): Kerri Hudzi, Thornbrugh, Holly Olp, Jessica Albrecht, Danielle Bushrow, and Kate Hammond-Smyth.

## Students

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Camille Nichols

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