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## E-13 police present crime stats for the month of September

BY LAURA PLUMMER

On Thursday, October 3, Curtis Hall in Jamaica Plain hosted the monthly police and community relations meeting organized by District E-13 of the Boston Police Department (BPD).

Every month, Officer William Jones from the Community Service Office and Captain John Greland update the community about local crime statistics from the previous month. They also take the opportunity to provide common sense advice for how to prevent crime in Jamaica Plain and to answer questions from community members. Also invited to these meetings are officials

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## Estadísticas de delincuencia de septiembre

BY LAURA PLUMMER

El jueves 3 de octubre, Curtis Hall fue el sitio de la reunión mensual de policía y relaciones comunitarias organizada por el Distrito E-13 del Departamento de Policía de Boston (BPD).

Cada mes, representantes del Distrito E-13 informan a la comunidad sobre las estadísticas de la delincuencia del mes anterior.

El Oficial William Jones proporcionó copias de una tabla que compara las estadísticas de delin-

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## JP OPEN STUDIOS



JP Artists Nancy Marks and Silvina Mizrahi stand in front of some of their artwork during the Sept. 28 and 29 JP Open Studios, sponsored by the Jamaica Plain Arts Council. Hundreds came out to see the work in numerous places around the neighborhood. Photo by Mike Mejia. See Page 6 for more photos.

## JPA talks holiday lighting proposal, Soofa signs

BY LAUREN BENNETT

The Jamaica Pond Association (JPA) met for its monthly meeting on October 7, where they discussed updates to previously discussed topics, as well as bring up some new ones.

JPA member Franklyn Salimbene, who is also a member of the Arborway Committee for Public Transit, told the JPA that the organization spoke at a recent MBTA meeting regarding the Green Line Transformation Proj-

ect. The Arborway Committee for Public Transit has proposed a Green Line Extension to the Hyde Square area, which the JPA has expressed support for.

Salimbene said that the organization is meeting with City Councilors Matt O'Malley and Michelle Wu on the matter. At the recent MBTA meeting on Tremont St., he said that the MBTA talked about the New Type 9 cars, of which 24 were purchased

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## Investigation underway for fatal shooting incident

BY LAUREN BENNETT

A man is dead after an incident at the bed and breakfast on Wyman St. On September 28, officers responded to a report of a domestic incident at 21 Wyman St. at around 10:00pm. It was reported that more than 20 people were inside the building at the time of the incident. The bed and breakfast is unpopular with many residents of the neighborhood who are concerned about the uncertainty of who will be coming to their neighborhood each day. This is a common concern among neighbors abutting bed and breakfasts and other short term rentals in neighbor-

hoods across the city.

BPD officer William Jones said at the Jamaica Pond Association (JPA) meeting on October 8 that a man "may have had a bad reaction to marijuana bought legally," and "the individual was able to slip away from us." He shot at officers after entering the property. Police called in a SWAT team and a hostage negotiation team for reinforcement. Then a little later, the man broke a window and shot at an officer again. An officer eventually fired in the man's direction. The man was found dead from a gunshot

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## WALK & ROLL



Mayor Marty Walsh and State Rep. Nika Elugardo walk through the Arnold Arboretum during the first annual Walk & Roll event through JP on Saturday, Sept. 28. The event highlighted many of the amenities in the Arboretum and along the district. Photo by Mike Mejia. See Page 11 for more photos.



# ZBA approves 40-foot building on Lochdale Rd.

BY LAUREN BENNETT

The Zoning Board of Appeal (ZBA) on Tuesday approved a proposal at 43 Lochdale Road to erect a four story, 40 foot building with 38 residential units. Though this property is technically in Roslindale, it falls under Jamaica Plain zoning laws. It is within Article 55, “somewhat of an anomaly within the code,” said attorney George Morancy.

Morancy said that this project was originally submitted in September 2016 as a 42 unit building, but as a result of Article 80 meetings with the Boston Planning and Development Agency and community feedback, the project was adjusted to have more affordable units and less off-street parking spaces in exchange. He said the property is within a ten minute walk of Forest Hills station.

The current proposal has the following zoning violations: multi-family dwelling is a forbidden use, the Floor Area Ratio is excessive, the building height is excessive, the rear yard setback is insufficient, and the off-street parking and off-street loading are insufficient. The project was approved by the BPDA board in August, he added.

Morancy said that the rent-

al units consist of three “two plus” bedroom units, which are two bedrooms with a study, 24 two bedroom units, six “one plus” bedroom units, three one bedroom units, and two studio units that will be located at the ground floor level. The proposal includes six units of Inclusionary Development Policy affordable housing that will be two bedroom units at 70 percent Area Median Income (AMI). The units will be scattered throughout the building.

Morancy said that there is a 35 foot height limit in the district, but this building is proposed to be 40 feet, and the rear yard setback required is 20 feet. This project has a 10.5 foot setback due to the setback of the abutting street that is a private way. The buildings immediately in front of the project site are primarily three story buildings on Washington St., he added.

Morancy said the site is located in a Local Industrial sub-district that immediately abuts a residential district. As site improvements, the project proponent will reconstruct Kitson Road, providing a connection to Arboretum Road, construct new sidewalks along Kitson and Lochdale that are Complete Streets compliant and provide a con-

nection to Washington St., and provide new street trees and pits as well as construct five new pedestrian ramps and a curb cut extension at Lochdale Rd., Washington St., and Claxton St.

Joe Carpenter from the Mayor’s Office of Neighborhood Services said that the office was in favor of the proposal, as this project went through “an extensive community process dating back to 2017. Thought this process they’ve made adjustments to their proposal after requests from the neighborhood.”

A representative from Councilor Matt O’Malley’s office said the councilor would like to request a deferral until he sees “a more robust community process.”

The representative said there are “still many outstanding questions” from the community.

Carpenter told the ZBA that this project is in District 5, not District 6, so the notification was prioritized for Councilor Tim McCarthy’s office.

However, McCarthy also requested a deferral for the same reasons—he wanted to see more community process.

Morancy said the community process was “extensive,” and took place over the course of two years. Additionally, he said that a representative from Councilor McCarthy’s office was at abutters meetings and the Article 80 meetings.

An abutter on Washington St.

who owns a three family building said he was against the project. “As abutters, we never got any notice,” he said. “I found out about this on the internet that they were going to build this building.” He said that there is “nothing in the immediate area” that compares with the height of this building, which will block views of the Arboretum from his building. He also said he believes this project will impact the marketability of the units he owns.

After further discussion regarding the community process, the ZBA voted to approve this project with continued BPDA design review.

## JPA

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by the agency. “They look a little different than the current streetcars but I don’t know that they’re significantly different,” Salimbene said.

“People from Mission Hill were forceful in getting the T to assure that the line (E line) will not be terminated at Brigham Circle,” which he said that the MBTA has attempted to do before, but is not currently their stated plan. He said that the Arborway Committee for Public Transit advocated for solutions to safety issues with boarding the E line beyond Brigham Circle, as well as having an inspector at heath Street.

### 61 ARBORWAY

JPA Chair Rosemary Jones said that there still needs to be an abutters meeting for the proposed project at 61 Arborway, which includes subdividing the property, erecting a new two family home on the lot and keep the existing single family. It has been announced that neighborhood liaison Enrique Pepen has left the position to work as Rep. Joe Kennedy’s special assistant for his senatorial campaign.

Jones said that the owners of the property are not ready for an abutters’ meeting “any time soon,” but she believes this

meeting needs to happen sooner rather than later as there are a lot of neighbors with questions and concerns about the project.

### HOLIDAY LIGHTING PROPOSAL FOR CENTRE ST.

JPA member Michael Reiskind, also a member of the Jamaica Plain Business and Professional Association (BAPA), said that there are new plans for holiday decorations in the business district this year. The plan is proposed in conjunction with BAPA and JP Centre/South Main Streets.

“We have a big push that’s ending this week to do an exciting light show at one location in the business district,” he said. “It will be moving and dynamic—similar to the ones done in Central Square.

The proposal is to purchase a projector and design an animated show that will be projected onto the building at 670 Centre St., which is the City Feed and Supply building. Reiskind said that the show would not have sound, but it would be a holiday-themed projection with lights. The color of the building was important in order for the show to be visible, he said, so that’s why the City Feed building was chosen.

There is a fundraising campaign to fund the projector going on until the end of this week on the JP Centre/South Main Streets website. Reiskind said

that in addition to this fundraiser, there were several grants that the organization was able to obtain to help cover the total cost of \$35,000 for the project.

Additionally, Reiskind said there will be another storefront holiday decorating contest this year, in which businesses will be challenged to decorate their storefronts for the holidays with displays that are visible during both the daytime and the nighttime.

The JPA voted to donate \$250 to the project fund.

### SOOFA SIGNS

A few months ago, the JPA heard a proposal from a representative of Soofa, a company that makes e-ink screens that can display community events and happenings. The signs are supported by local advertising. The signs were proposed for Centre St. and would be placed on the sidewalk. JPA member Kevin Moloney in particular was extremely against the proposal, saying he is concerned about the clutter that already exists on Centre St. and does not feel that it needs to be added to.

“I don’t think we need any more advertising on the sidewalks,” he said. The JPA voted to send a letter to the city saying they oppose the signs; six members out of the approximately 16 in attendance abstained from the vote.



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## Shooting

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wound, and the situation is being investigated by Suffolk County District Attorney Rachael Rollins. The man has been identified as 37-year-old Isaac Rasheed Smith.

"My office is in the initial stages of investigating a complicated sequence of events that began with a domestic disturbance call at 10 p.m. last night at 21 Wyman Street in Jamaica Plain, evolved into a standoff situation in the building which is used as a bed and breakfast, and ended with the death of an individual who lived at the dwelling and assisted with the day to day operations of the property," DA Rollins said in a statement on September 29.

"I want to commend the Boston Police Department and their coordinated multi-unit and jurisdictional response during this

dangerous and tense incident and for successfully evacuating the more than 20 guests who were staying at the establishment. As I have too frequently said, any loss of life is a tragedy and this too is the case here. As the process to notify family members continues, we offer our condolences to his loved ones. I am grateful for the witnesses who have provided statements to this office. The District Attorney is responsible for every death investigation in Suffolk County and I pledge transparency in these investigations. More information will be made public when it is appropriate to do so."

"We dealt with a lot of unknowns," Officer Jones said. "It's just a tragedy all the way around"—for those in the building, for residents on the street, and for officers, he continued. He said the incident is "isolated" and "one of those unfortunate moments in time that could happen anywhere."

"Something like this impacts a lot of different parts of the community," said JPA Chair Rosemary Jones.

Jones said for the officers, they risk being exposed to PTSD, and the Boston Police Department's job is to make sure officers involved in situations like this are given proper medical attention. "First and foremost, we're concerned with our officers' safety and well-being," he said.

As for the community, there are organizations such as Tree of Life/Arbol de Vida that care for families and support their health and well-being after involvement in incidents like these, Jones said.

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Crime

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from MBTA's Transit Police and Massachusetts State Police.

As usual, Officer Jones provided copies of a chart comparing the year-to-date Part One crime statistics from 2019 with those from 2018. Part One crimes are those that are more serious in nature, and 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, shoplifting or pick-pocketing.

According to Officer Jones's chart, so far in 2019 there were 709 reported Part One crimes in Jamaica Plain, down from 757 this time last year, a 6% decrease. Crimes that have seen an uptick in 2019 include rape and attempted, non-domestic aggravated assault and residential burglary. Crimes that have seen a decrease so far in 2019 compared to the same time period in 2018 include robbery and attempted, domestic aggravated assault, commercial and other burglary, all larceny and auto theft. The homicide rate is the same.

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 lo-

cation of each incident.

According to this list, the month of September saw 11 burglaries (up from 9 in August), eight robberies (up from one in August), 18 aggravated assaults (up from 12 in August), six motor vehicle theft (down from seven in August), 41 larcenies (up from 38 in August). There were no reported incidents of rape, murder, kidnapping or arson in September.

On his handouts, Officer Jones writes notes next to the major incidents, adding more context and detail than is available online. For example, we know that a minor child was assaulted at 1:30pm on September 17 at 20 Child Street.

The victim, a student at Mission Hill School in JP, was intentionally exposed to tree nuts by a fellow student. This constituted an assault because the victim is allergic to tree nuts. The school was notified of the incident.

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, November 7. A Spanish language version of this meeting is also

held on the second Thursday of every month at 6:30pm at 155 Lamartine Street. These meetings are open to the public and all interested residents are encouraged to attend.

Estadísticas

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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 septiembre de 2019 hubo 709 delitos, una reducción del 6% de 2018. Los delitos que experimentaron un

aumento incluyeron el asalto no doméstico, la violación y el robo de residencias. Los delitos que han experimentado una reducción incluyeron el asalto agravado doméstico, el atraco, el robo comercial, el robo de vehículos y el hurto. La tasa de homicidios era la misma.

El Oficial Jones también distribuyó una lista de los delitos individuales. Según la lista, en el mes de septiembre se denunciaron 41 hurtos (38 en agosto), 11 robos (nueve en agosto), 18 asaltos agravados (12 en agosto), ocho atracos (uno en agosto) y seis robos de vehículos (siete en agosto). No se denunciaron incidentes de homicidio, secuestro, violación o incendio en septiembre.

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# From rags to riches to prison: JP resident tells tale of greed and redemption

BY LAUREN BENNETT

Born and raised in public housing in East Boston, Richard Mangone never imagined himself driving expensive cars or raking in millions upon millions of dollars, nor did he imagine himself running from the government and serving prison time. But he has done both, and he sat down with the Gazette to share his story, which is also told in his new book *Busted: A Banker's Run to Prison*.

Growing up, Mangone was one of eight children, and his mother worked at the Necco candy factory to support her children. Growing up, Mangone said he never realized he was poor—it wasn't until he was a teenager that he came to terms with the fact that his family was not well-off. "It was an awakening, I hadn't realized," he said. "It wasn't something I thought of. Nobody recognized the difference."

Mangone joined the Air Force



Richard Mangone in front of a display created for his book at the Boston Public Library

for four years, and served in Vietnam. He then decided he wanted to go to college for accounting. He said his interest in money and numbers didn't really stem from his upbringing. "I always liked numbers, I always seemed to excel in it," he said. He said that being a Vietnam veteran "really

gave me direction and things I wanted to enjoy."

He ended up settling into credit union management, and became the General Manager at Polaroid Employees' Credit Union. He then started a credit union for the employees of The Digital Equipment Corporation,

which ended up being one of the fastest growing credit unions in the country. He also began working with businessmen on the cape, founding the Barnstable Credit Union. He said it all started to become too mundane for him. "There really wasn't much else to do; the day-to-day management gets to be very routine," he said.

That's when the greed factor started to come into play. With Mangone as the ring leader, the businessmen began using the Barnstable Credit Union and the Digital Employee's Federal Credit Union for their own personal gains, causing large unpaid loans to trigger an investigation by the National Credit Union. Mangone was found guilty of conspiracy, money-laundering, and fraud.

Instead of facing his jail sentence head-on, he decided to run. He even made it onto the FBI's most wanted list.

"When you do things in darkness, it's always going to come to the light," Mangone said. "I

didn't think prison time was going to come to light. We never

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# JAMAICA PLAIN ARTS COUNCIL HOLDS ANNUAL JP OPEN STUDIOS

The Jamaica Plain Arts Council held the 26th annual JP Open Studios on September 28 and 29. The Open Studios celebrates the creative work of artists, and gives the public an opportunity to meet and purchase art directly from the artists.



*Rick Stein and Rebekah Schlesinger viewing Eric Rosenthal's paintings.*



*Jenny and Britt Dahlstein viewing fine art paintings by Ginny Zanger at the Eliot School.*



*Bryan O'Donnell and Helen Sherrah-Davies pose in front of works by Silvina Mizrahi.*



*Rebecca Park (right) speaks with artists Paula Lazar (left).*



*Ivo (left) and Charliebird (right) coloring at the Eliot School during the Open Studios.*




*Kai Long, Kathryn Hall, and Valerie Stone stand in front of works by Barney Levitt.*

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# Mangone

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realized there was so much evil to it."

Mangone said he should have known better, but "I couldn't see myself spending the rest of my life in prison," and cited his decisions as "immature" and "selfish."

While on the run, he had a goal of making it to Birmingham, Alabama, as the city had rail and bus lines, as well as airplanes should he choose to flee the area. "It was a good central point," he said. "I played it day-to-day, you can't plan ahead."

After about 18 months on the run, he started running out of money. He said it was at that point he knew he was in trouble. He said a televangelist helped him out of committing suicide, and then with the help of a priest in Tennessee, he turned himself in. Mangone was sentenced to 24 years without parole, and he entered Federal Correctional Institution Ray Brook in North Elba, New York in 1995, where he served 18 years.

Prison was "quite an eye opener," he said. He added, "the federal system is a lot better than the county jail." He said that people in the federal system generally have a lot more freedom than those at other levels. Mangone was allowed to spend time at the library, but he said he never thought about escaping. However, his mother and previous wife died while he was in prison, and he wasn't allowed to attend their funerals. "It was hard," he said, but "the staff were fantastic; gave me a lot of support."

After serving 18 of his 24 years, he lived for a year at a halfway house in Boston, and then lived and worked out of Canton.

After being released from prison, Mangone really focused on his faith, as he said the incident with the televangelist really changed his life for the better. "My mother was raised a Catholic, but I never really paid much attention to religion," he said. "My religion was money and

the love of it." But that changed after serving time and he began focusing on Christianity instead.

Now, he thinks of money for what it is: a medium of exchange. He lives on his Social Security money, and shares a car with his wife Rosana, who he married in 2015 after meeting on dating website Christian Mingle. He goes to church often, and holds bible studies at his home on Tuesday nights. "We pray and read the word," he said. "We're very devout Christians."

"Once you realize what it causes you, you realize it's not important," he said of money and the situation. "I don't need the fancy clothes and all that stuff."

He said the credit unions are "pretty upset with me still," as he let thousands of people down. He did, however, hear from a credit union manager in Mississippi who thanked him for sharing his story.

Now, he lives in Jamaica Plain with Rosana, and he volunteers for the US Probation Department talking to inmates about what to expect when they are released. He also talks at churches and recently got approval to talk to people at Altona Correctional Facilities. "It's really a blessing to be able to go back in and share [my story]," he said.

His story can be found in more detail in his new book, which he describes as a "redemption story." He also goes around giving talks at local libraries to help spread the word. "I wanted to tell my story of life after prison," he said of the book. "No matter how bad we are, we have a chance to turn our lives around."

The book was written three years ago but he was unable to find a publisher, so he ended up self-publishing two months ago, and he said sales are doing well so far. He said the story really resonates with people in upstate New York, where he served his time. "We want to get the message out, there are a lot of people who go to prison," he said, and a lot of them cannot find jobs when they get out. "We're trying to give these folks some help and opportunities."

On October 17 at 6pm, Mangone will be speaking at the JP Library about his life and book.

## JP Artists Association member exhibition going on

The Jamaica Plain Artists Association, a group of artists who make and promote art in the Jamaica Plain community, is presenting its 2019 Member Exhibition at JP Licks, 659 Centre Street, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130. The exhibition will run through Nov. 20, during the store's normal business hours.

Subject matter and artistic disciplines presented vary in accordance with the interests of each artist. JPAA members who are exhibiting their work are:

Barney Levitt, Karen O'Brien, Lisa Goren, Carol Johnson, Francis Alix, Sharon Berke, Gail Bos, Francesca D'Elia, Suzanne Hoffman, Joanna Kao, Jamie Ken-

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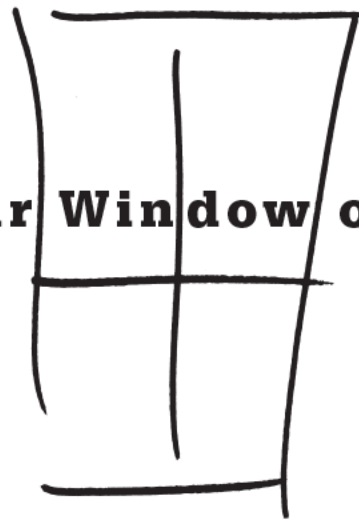
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# SEDGWICK SLOG

The residents of Sedgwick Street celebrated a Decade of SLOGS on Saturday, September 14. The SLOG is an annual running relay race, which sends adult runners on a 3 mile loop down Centre Street and around Jamaica Pond, and kids up and down Sedgwick Street. The race kicked off with a police escort with officers from the E-13 precinct, and ended with a block party and cookout with beer donated by Vee Vee and a pristine porta-potty paid for by Focus Real Estate. 32 adult runners and 30 kid runners, of all ages, participated this year, soaking up the positive energy from 40 spectators. The winning team - Peder Hals, Eric Gordon, Carson Biederman and Tom Edwards - all from Jamaica Plain, completed the relay course in 1 hour, 24 minutes and 5 seconds. As always, all are welcome at the SLOG! For information about next year's race, send a note to dan@danjanis.com.



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by Sarah Carroll



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# Bye, Bye BRA? Councilor Wu presents plan to abolish BPDA

BY SETH DANIEL

In a meeting that packed the South End's Union United Church on Monday with residents from all over the city, Councilor Michelle Wu presented a bold, 75-page plan to abolish the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) – formerly the Boston Redevelopment Agency (BRA).

The meeting came together quickly, within about three days, and the report was released earlier on Monday. However, the movement she is tapping into goes back decades and generations as Bostonians old and new have expressed frustrations with the agency – particularly in the last few years as the Urban Renewal process is supposedly winding down. For Wu, the plan came out of that Urban Renewal process whereby the Council granted the six additional years, and she has been chairing meetings with the BPDA on how that extension process is winding down – or not.

A recent report by the BPDA

and submitted to the state, followed up by a meeting with Wu and the Council, seemed to suggest that many Urban Renewal Areas would not conclude by end of the six-year extension.

It seemed to be the last straw for Wu.

"Those extraordinary powers granted to them came with an expiration date of 40 years," she told the crowd. "They expected 40 years would be a significant amount of time to exercise their program...What happened is when an entity is created, it's hard to make it go away. We got to 2015 and they wanted another 10-year extension...In their most recent report, they've indicated the largest areas will not expire. The largest ones will likely seek an extension. The South End is the largest and Charlestown is the second largest."

The meeting was met with applause at many steps for Wu's presentation, which was done outside of her official City Council platform and paid for with campaign funds. Those in the audience came from Charles-

town, the South End, South Boston, Dorchester, Hyde Park, Downtown and East Boston. Some Councilors, like Michael Flaherty, were there in support – with him being a long-time advocate of abolishing the BPDA in favor of a stand-alone public planning department.

The meeting was, Wu said, the beginning of a dialog to abolish the BPDA and have the public begin to talk about what should replace it.

"This is nowhere near the stage of having a piece of legislation or a document to put up for a vote or approval or even a hearing," she said. "This is about reporting back what I've learned in an attempt to start a process that will hopefully model what should replace the BPDA. It would be an iterative, inclusive, community-driven process. It really is left up to you all to shape what that is and what the processes would be to make sure everyone has a say in building this new organization."

But not everyone – particularly the mayor and the BPDA –



Councilor Michelle Wu shocked the local political arena by calling for the abolition of the BPDA Monday night in a meeting in the South End that drew residents from all over the City – including Charlestown. The reactions go from very much against, to very much in favor.

prefer her idea.

The BPDA and Mayor Walsh responded to the meeting by touting the changes and accomplishments at the Agency since they took over.

Director Brian Golden said since 2014, the BPDA has creat-

ed more than 100,000 jobs and more than 6,000 income-restricted units. They also created the 2017 Imagine Boston plan, which engaged 15,000 people.

"While there is still more work

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# Sights & Sounds

The deadline for listings is noon, October 22 for the October 25 issue. Send listings to reporter@jamaicaplaingazette.com. Note: 617 should be dialed before numbers below, unless another area code is given.

## Special events

**Third Annual Growler Gala and Auction** will be a STRANGER BREW - inspired by the popular Netflix show set in the 80s! Join JP Centre/South Main Streets for music, food, beer, and cocktails while attending our silent and live auctions. As a tribute to the history of breweries in Jamaica Plain, JP Centre/South Main Streets will be auctioning off 12 growler works of art, decorated by local artists and celebrities. There will also be a silent auction, with a dessert class by a local chef, vintage photographs of Jamaica Plain, and much more. Thursday, October 17 at 6:30pm at the Loring Greenough House, 12 South Street.

**Book Talk:** "The Arts & Crafts Houses of Massachusetts" Author Heli Mettsner will talk about her new book, the only work focusing on the state's Arts and Crafts domestic architecture. Several of the houses featured are in Jamaica Plain. Saturday, October

26, 2019 at 11:00am at the Connelly Branch Library, 433 Centre Street. Free. Sponsored by the Jamaica Plain Historical Society.

**The 24th Annual Taste of Jamaica Plain** will be held on Thursday, November 14 from 6 to 9 p.m. at Our Lady of the Annunciation Church, 7 VFW Parkway, W. Roxbury, MA. There will be delicious food and drink from over 20 vendors. There will be Kids Activities, Silent Auction, Live Music and Circus Fun for the Whole Family! Tickets available at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/taste-of-jp-2019-24th-taste-of-jamaica-plain-benefit-for-esac-boston-tickets-70058086623?aff=ebdssbdest-search>

Silent Auction bidding is NOW OPEN at [www.biddingforgood.com](http://www.biddingforgood.com). Search for "Taste of JP".

Proceeds support the many programs at ESAC, a 501(c)3 non-profit community organization. ESAC's programs provide support for at-risk youth and low-income seniors. Each year, ESAC helps hundreds of low-income senior homeowners age in place with home repairs, falls prevention devices, mortgage assistance and benefits enrollment.

**JP Toastmasters** will be holding an Open House event on October 14 at 7:00 p.m. at The

Footlight Club in Jamaica Plain. The meeting will feature free food and drinks, introductions, and opportunities to practice speaking. As always, meetings are free for guests. JP Toastmasters is known for providing a warm, welcoming environment where members help each other improve their public speaking and leadership skills. The club meets the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at The Footlight Club in Jamaica Plain.

## ELLIOT SCHOOL will have the following events:

L'Merchie Frazier: New Urban Monuments, Eliot School Artist in Residence exhibition through October 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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**The Haven, HOOTENANNY** - JP's OPEN MIC EVERY WEDNESDAY, hosted by Tom Dowd. Sign up is 9:30pm and we have prizes every Wednesday for the most interesting acts.

**Midway Café**, All shows 21+ - Doors at 8:00 PM unless otherwise noted

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Thursday 10/17 (before Queer-aoke): Sarah Nwafor / Julissa Emilee

Sunday 10/20 (Day Show): Settlements, Harry and the Hot Flashes, The Instamatics, Thee Fightin' Fish

Wednesday 10/23: Ben Shaw, Alexandra Lillian, Will DePiano, The Suppressor

Thursday 10/24 (before Queer-aoke): Wake Island

Friday 10/25 (after Hippie Hour): Road Soldier, The Manglers, New American Good Time Boys

Thursday 10/31 (before Queer-aoke): Alex Schuman

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

## Bella Luna & The Milky Way Weekly events include:

Radio Mamba's Family Rumba, every Sunday 5pm-8pm, live Latin music. Every Monday Stump Trivia from 8 - 10 p.m., Teacher Tuesdays and Dirty Water Saloon line dancing for queer folks and allies at 7PM. Every Wednesday live music from 6:30 - 9:30 PM. Throwback Thursday from 6-8pm with rotating DJ's barside. Visit [www.milkywayjp.com](http://www.milkywayjp.com) for more late night events Thu-Sun.

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

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

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

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**Jamaica Plain Branch Library** Jamaica Plain Branch Library, 30 South Street, Jamaica Plain (617) 524-2053 will be hosting the following events:

STEM Workshops for Kids in 4th-8th grade. Every Saturday, 10-11:30 a.m.

Busted - A Banker's Run to Prison. Thursday, October 17, at 6:00 p.m.

JP Social Gaming. Saturday, October 19, noon to 4:30.

Intersexion: a documentary by Grant Lahood. Thursday, October 24, 6 p.m.

MOSAIC family concert (Musical Opportunities Supporting Arts in Communities).

Saturday, October 26, at 12 p.m.

On Softer Ground: Patchwork Landscapes by Annie Cardinaux Presented by the Friends of the JP Branch Library, Uforge and the JP Branch, viewable during library hours through October 31st.

Poetry Writing Workshop Saturdays, through October 12, 2-3:30. Join the class soon, no experience needed.



## MAYOR WALSH AND REP. ELUGARDO'S FIRST ANNUAL WALK & ROLL

Mayor Marty Walsh joined State Representative Nika Elugardo in kicking off the first Walk & Roll on Saturday, September 28. Participants walked, biked, or skated from Jamaica Plain to Roslindale on a beautiful, warm fall morning. The group kicked off the 1st annual Walk & Roll at the Forest Hills station, made their way through the Arnold Arboretum, stopped briefly for ice cream at Fallon Field and ended at Adams Park in Roslindale Village. Nika Elugardo represents the 15th Suffolk/Norfolk District, which includes the neighborhoods of Brookline, Jamaica Plain, Mission Hill, and Roslindale.



State Rep Nika Elugardo speaking at the 1st annual Walk & Roll.



Marcos Elugardo and David Wean listen attentively as Mayor Martin Walsh addresses attendees of the Walk & Roll.



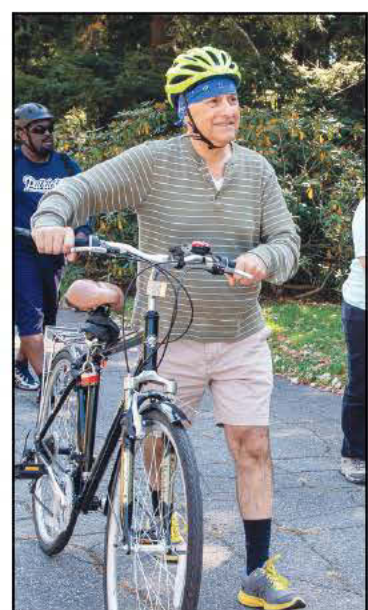
Peter Cheung, right, JP resident and board member of the Boston Cyclist Union, leads the biking group through the Arnold Arboretum. Photos by Mike Mejia.



Participants take a group photo with Mayor Martin Walsh and State Rep. Nika Elugardo before kicking off the event.



Sarah Freeman and David Wean take a selfie during the ice cream break at Fallon Field.



Franklyn Salimbene walking through the Arnold Arboretum.

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Special Section

# BPS Superintendent Dr. Brenda Cassellius tours JP schools

By JOHN LYND

Both the Curley Elementary School and English High School in Jamaica Plain received a special visit from new Boston Public School Superintendent Dr. Brenda Cassellius Tuesday.

Since being confirmed as the new BPS Superintendent last May, Dr. Cassellius has been visiting all BPS schools in her first few months as superintendent.

At the Curley Dr. Cassellius toured the school and took an interest in the school's coffee

and tea shop. Dr. Cassellius was impressed by the cafe that is fully operated by students in the Cutley's special education programs at the school.

Dr. Cassellius also met with faculty, visited classrooms, was shown the school's enrichment programs and chatted with students.

Over at English High, Dr. Cassellius did much of the same during her tour Thursday. A hockey player and self-proclaimed sports fan, Dr. Cassellius got a first hand look at

the school's cheerleading squad as they performed for the superintendent.

Dr. Cassellius also got a sneak peak of some of the songs English High's school band are rehearsing during her school tour Tuesday.

The visit to the Jamaica Plain schools is part of Dr. Cassellius's Community Engagement Tour. Dr. Cassellius said she will spend the next few months meeting with students, families, staff, district partners and community members to gather input to help develop a strategic plan that will guide the work of the district over the next three school years.

The community tour will be guided by a focus on obtaining feedback from the many diverse communities BPS serves, particularly historically marginalized populations. Through the tours Dr. Cassellius and BPS will collect information and feedback to develop shared values, goals and priorities. Dr. Cassellius said



Boston Public School Superintendent Dr. Brenda Cassellius with English High School Headmaster Caitlin Murphy (on Dr. Cassellius's immediate left), Secondary Schools Superintendent Elia Bruggeman (to her right), and English students and staff in front of the school's mural painted by students.

after the tour BPS will affirm and reflect community voices in the district's strategic plan and

FY21 budget process.

Over the course of the community engagement tour, Dr. Cassellius and her executive team will visit all BPS schools, host 32 community meetings, and connect with community members at numerous events.

"The community will play a critical role in the development of the district's values, goals and strategy that will ensure a high-quality educational experience for every student that walks through the doors of BPS schools," said Dr. Cassellius.

Dr. Cassellius is also encouraging all parents to become voices within their school community and reminding parents and guardians that all BPS parents are members of their school parent councils. Regardless of where your student attends school, all parents and families are welcome to join Dr. Cassellius for a School Parent Council.

Dr. Cassellius is inviting parents, community members, teachers, staff and students to join her for upcoming neighborhood specific town hall-style

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## OrigiNation Cultural Arts Center celebrates 25 years

Jamaica Plain based OrigiNation turns 25 years old this year and is celebrating with a special performance at the Calderwood Theater in the South End on Friday October 18 from 8:00-10 pm.

Founded in 1994 by Artistic Director Shaumba-Yandje Dibia, OrigiNation is a non-profit organization that produces innovative and dynamic performing

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## SOUTH STREET YOUTH CENTER FAMILY FUN RUN

The South Street Youth Center hosted their 2nd annual 5K Family Fun Run in the Arnold Arboretum on Saturday, October 5. Founded in 1996, the South Street Youth Center provides a safe, educational, and engaging space for young members of the community.



Nathaniel Sazama plays a game with balloons after running in the 5K.



Norah Panzer, 6, dressed in a Spider Man costume, runs across the grass at the Arnold Arboretum.



Jamaica Plain resident Jessie Deelo and Esme Martinez, 3, wearing a colorful butterfly custom, make their way across the finish line.



Christina Brown, of Jamaica Plain, holds Soren Sazama, 2, in her arms.



Avian and Janet Dillon.



Doris Burford, volunteer fundraiser and friend of the Youth Center, State Rep. Liz Malia, Tricia Brennan, friend of the Youth Center, Corey Stallings, program director at the Youth Center, Ken Sazama, lead sponsor of the Fun Run, holding Soren Sazama in his arms, and Police Officer William Jones.



Kiana Woodson, Renee Blake, Jomary Feliciano, Luly Zepeda, and Helen Grey volunteered as marshals during the 5K race.



Police Officer William Jones, of District E-13, makes his way to the finish line.

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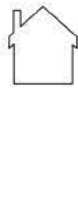
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# JP Agenda

The deadline for listings is noon, Tues. October 22 for the October 25 issue. Send listings to [reporter@jamaica-plaingazette.com](mailto:reporter@jamaica-plaingazette.com). Note: 617 should be dialed before numbers below, unless another area code is given.

## Meetings

**Stonybrook Neighborhood Association.** next meeting is Monday, October 21, from 7-9 p.m., back room of Doyle's, 3484 Washington St. More/ latest info: [www.sna-jp.org](http://www.sna-jp.org)

**The Jamaica Pond Association** will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, November 4t, in the Jamaicaway Tower Community Room, 111 Perkins Street, Jamaica Plain, Mass. There is limited guest parking to the right of the main entrance. All are welcome at this open public meeting.

**Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council** The Housing and Development Committee of the Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council (JPNC) will meet Tuesday, October 15 at 6:30 pm in the Community Room at the Brookside Community Health Center, 3297 Washington St. \*\*\*\*\*Please note change of location and meeting time\*\*\*\*\*

- Agenda
- Announcements
  - Affordable Housing - Discussion of JPNC Policy and Citywide IDP Campaign
  - Sustainable housing - proposal for subcommittee

**The Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council (JPNC)** will hold its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 22 at 7:00pm at Farnsworth House, 90 South Street. On the agenda will be reports from the Working Committees. All interested residents are invited to attend.

Vacancy on the Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council People who are interested in an available seat on the Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council can contact Kevin Rainsford, chair of the Council at (617) 866-7672 or [kprainsford@gmail.com](mailto:kprainsford@gmail.com) or come to the monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 22 at 7:00pm at Farnsworth House, 90 South Street. There is one vacancy at-large. The area map is available

at <http://www.jpnc.org/jpnc-map/>.

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

**The Egleston Square Neighborhood Association** will meet on Monday, November 4 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. The meeting is in the YMCA Building at 3134 Washington St. Agenda to be determined.

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

**Three Squares Main Street's Annual Meeting** (formerly Hyde Jackson Square Main Street). Thursday, October 17 at 6pm. Meet volunteers and learn about how you can get involved. Free. At Jamaica Mi Hungry, 225 Centre Street across from Jackson Square T Station. 617-522-3694.

**Arborway Committee for Public Transit, Inc.** Annual Meeting, Loring-Greenough House, 12 South Street, Thursday, October 24, 7:00-8:30 p.m. New members welcome.

## Youth/Families

**Fall Mulchcapade & Centre Street Beautification.** Meet at Mozart Playground, 10 Mozart Street, Saturday, October 26, 9:00 am - 12:30 pm. Mulch street trees, plant hundreds of daffodils bulbs and shrubs. Community lunch to follow. Contact Three Squares Main Street to RSVP and for more information: 617-522-3694.

**Arts & Crafts Houses** of MA Author Heli Metlsner will talk about her new book The Arts & Crafts Houses of Massachusetts: A Style Rediscovered. At the opening of the 20th century, Massachusetts architects struggled to create an authentic new look that would reflect their clients' increasingly informal way of life. Inspired by the Arts and Crafts Movement in England, the re-

sult was a charming style that proved especially appropriate for the rapidly expanding suburbs and vacation houses in the state—charming but overlooked, principally because the style is somewhat difficult to describe. Several of the houses featured in the book are in the Woodbourne section of Jamaica Plain!

**Heli Meltsner** is a long-time historic preservation consultant, author and editor. She is curator of the Cambridge Historical Society and serves on Cambridge's Avon Hill neighborhood conservation district commission.

Saturday, October 26 at 11:00 a.m., Connolly Branch Library, 433 Centre Street. This event is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.

**Children Dance Classes:** JP Dance Co-op is hosting two new classes this Fall: Parent & Child: Intro to Movement for ages ~3-4 on Sundays, 10-11am, Oct. 6 to Dec. 8 (Full course: \$100 / Drop in: \$15); and Pre-Ballet & Modern: Dance Basics for ages ~5-6 on Sundays, 11am-12pm, 10/6-12/8 (Full course: \$100). Classes held at Spontaneous Celebrations (FYI: no classes 10/13 & 12/1 for holidays). Email Caitlin Fisher to register: [JP-DanceCoop@gmail.com](mailto:JP-DanceCoop@gmail.com).

**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 and 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.

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.

**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@jfcsc-boston.org](mailto:info@jfcsc-boston.org).

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

## Health/Fitness

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

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

**Fitness Walk**, Saturdays, 8-9 a.m., Franklin Park Golf Club-house 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).

**Forest Hills Runners**, several weekly group runs, info/schedule: [foresthillsrunners.org](http://foresthillsrunners.org).

## Seniors

**Jamaica Plain Branch Library**, 30 South Street, Jamaica Plain (617) 524-2053

Monthly Memory Cafe. October 28. 10:30-noon. Please join us for conversations that allow time to share memories, laughter and concerns. Participants experiencing memory lapses are welcome to attend –and anyone requiring special assistance should be accompanied by a caretaker. Refreshments will be provided by the Laurel Ridge Rehabilitation & Nursing Center. A music program will be provided by the Rogerson House.

**MEDICARE:** How does it work? Wednesday, November 6, 10:15-11:15am. If you are approaching Medicare and have questions, please RSVP to 617-522-9270 and mention this event, along with your name and phone number. Get your questions answered at this Ethos SHINE (Serving the Health Insurance Needs of Everyone) program. Program will be repeated on December 4th.

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

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



## Tours

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community meetings. Community meetings will include refreshments, childcare and translation services as needed.

Dr. Cassellius is also hosting community conversation meetings in partnership with grassroots organizations and committees that serve specific populations within BPS to discuss their community's unique needs and expand collaboration as part of the tour.



A photo from Boston Public School Superintendent Dr. Brenda Cassellius's visit to the Curley Elementary School shows the school's coffee and tea shop, operated by students in special education programs at the school.



Boston Public School Superintendent Dr. Brenda Cassellius watches a routine by English High School's cheerleading squad.



Boston Public School Superintendent Dr. Brenda Cassellius listens to English High School's school band during a tour of the school Tuesday.

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to do, I am proud of the progress that has been made to not only improve the development and planning process within the agency, but modernize outdated operational functions internally and externally,” he said. “Proposing to abolish the BPDA ignores the reality of the present day community-based planning agency, and discredits the hard working staff who are in our neighborhoods every single day engaging residents on how we prepare for Boston’s future.”

Mayor Walsh said he had serious concerns about the BPDA when becoming mayor, but believes that a community-driven process has been instituted.

“When I first ran for Mayor, I had serious concerns about how decisions were made at the then-Boston Redevelopment Authority,” he said. “I immediately ordered an outside review of the BRA and put in place significant reforms to bring transparency, integrity and accountability to our development and planning processes across the city...Today, we have an agency that, for the first time, uses community engagement to guide growth that is inclusive and respects the history of each of our unique neighborhoods.”

But people at the meeting, and many in the public square, seem to be fed up with the Agency.

“I’ve lived in the South End for 54 years,” said Herb Hershfang. “I’ve seen firsthand what the BRA has done and none of it deserves commendation. They need to be abolished.”

Said Councilor Flaherty, “People are meeting-ed out. You could be out two or three nights a week on development. They take the bait that their input will shape a project and then they find out they just aren’t heard. They have given up. People have given up on this.”

Ellen Kitzis from the Charlestown Preservation Society said the recent Master Plan process with the BPDA has been frustrating, and another reason some other sort of planning agency should be considered.

“We’re in the early process of it, but the BPDA says they have no inkling of how to do a Master Plan,” she said. “They’ve said they don’t do Master Plans. They do strategic plans. It has been a frustrating situation. The process didn’t start well, and we’re in it now.”

That frustration wasn’t lost on Wu.

“It has so long been identified as something that is not serving Boston to the best that residents can be served,” she said. “In 1970, in 1983 and in 2013, the mayoral campaigns really included and

focused on this as a point to want to change the structure, but what I hope my report highlights is explaining why it hasn’t happened.”

Wu said the first reason she found was because the City is so dependent on property tax – particularly commercial taxes. With 71 percent of last year’s revenues coming from the property tax, she said there is pressure to keep feeding the development pipeline for new revenues as the demand for City services increases.

Another key step, she said, is to begin to unwind the Agency by transferring its assets – the property it owns and the leases it holds – back to the City. That income stream could fund a group of planners who could then go out and really create Master Plans for the city.

“The BPDA holds assets and property, whether buildings with leases or garages or the Marine Industrial Park, the BPDA holds property in the city and off the City books,” she said. “It’s what funds their operations. Step one would be to transfer that property back to the City books and with Council oversight on the budget side. That would also create the revenues that would grow and transfer the planning staff to build out an infrastructure that leads to a Master Plan of all these issues.”

Finally, a key step for Wu, is to end Urban Renewal – the one

thing that likely triggered her desire to present the report so publicly and with such a splash.

“If you look at a map, most of these URAs don’t line up with the places we are finding difficulty in jump-starting development or seeing revitalization,” she said. “And, many of the places where there is a lot of development ar-

en’t covered by these areas. So, it’s really a mismatch of Boston’s needs today and the conditions that were put in place when this agency was created decades ago.”

Wu indicated there would be follow ups to the report, and on Wednesday she officially filed it with the City Council for review



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## Reuniones

**JPNC, reunión mensual martes,** 22 oct, 7pm, Farnsworth House; Vacantes en Area A y Area C: 866-7672, [kprainsford@gmail.com](mailto:kprainsford@gmail.com); Comité de desarrollo y vivienda, 15 octubre, 6.30pm, Brookside Community Center.

**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, 4 nov, Jamaica Way Tower, 111 Perkins Street, 7pm.

**ESNA,** lunes, 4 nov, 6.30-8.30pm, YMCA.

**Policía y Comunidad,** miércoles, 6 nov, 6.30pm, Curtis Hall, 20 South Street.

**Asociación de Vecinos Stonybrook,** lunes, 21 oct, 7-9pm, Doyle's, 3484 Washington Street. [Sna-jp.org](mailto:Sna-jp.org).

**Reunión anual de Three Squares Main Street,** antiguamente Hyde Jackson Square Main Street. Jueves, 17 octubre, 6pm. En el restaurante Jamaica Mi Hungry, 225 Centre Street. 522-3694.

**Comité de tránsito público,** reunión anual, Loring-Greenough House, 12 South Street, jueves, 24 oct, 7-8.30pm.

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

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

## Niños/familias

**Limpieza de Centre Street,** Mozart Street Playground, sábado, 26 octubre, 9am-12.30pm. 522-3694. Autora Heli Meltsner, hablando de su nuevo libro sobre la arquitectura de nueva inglaterra. 26 octubre, 11am, Connolly Branch Library.

**Clases de baile para niños,** introducción al movimiento para niños y padres, los domingos 10-11am; básicos de baile, los domingos 11a.m.-12pm. Spontaneous Celebrations. Registración: [jpdancecoop@gmail.com](mailto:jpdancecoop@gmail.com).

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

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

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

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

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## EDITORIAL

## Take a hike this holiday weekend

With all of the turmoil that is occurring both in our country and across the world today, it is no wonder that Americans are feeling more stressed out than at any time in our recent history.

Although the economy has been operating at full employment for quite a while, polls reveal that more Americans than ever are feeling financially insecure.

Psychologists tell us that we are living in an Age of Anxiety, attributable in large part to the way in which modern life is not good either for our mental or physical health. Life expectancy for white males in America actually has decreased in this decade for the first time since such records have been kept.

And more of our fellow Americans than ever are on some kind of medication, whether antidepressants (for mental health issues) or other drugs (for physical conditions) that have depression as a side effect.

A recent article in the New York Times suggested that attaining happiness in life under our present circumstances is an elusive goal. However, the writer suggested that instead of focusing on trying to figure out how to be happy, we should strive to attain moments of joy in our daily lives.

It struck us that this prescription is a version of the phrase *carpe diem* -- seize the day -- used by the Roman poet Horace to express the idea that one should enjoy life while one can.

So with the weatherman forecasting nice weather for most of the long, Columbus Day weekend, here's our Rx for de-stressing: Take a long walk, preferably a hike, whether along the shore, or in the mountains, or even as nearby as the Blue Hills.

We promise that just being outside and taking in the natural world in the crisp air, away from the noise of our daily lives, will do wonders for our emotional and physical well-being.

We wish all of our readers a joyful -- and stress-free -- Columbus Day weekend.

## OP-ED

## In Boston, we defy stereotypes and we age strong

MAYOR MARTIN J. WALSH

Boston has always been known as a strong city. A lot of our strength comes from our older residents, who represent a broad diversity of cultures and backgrounds, and who helped to make our city what it is today. That's why we recently changed the name of the Elderly Commission to the Age Strong Commission. It better reflects the work we do, and the strong Bostonians we serve. We also launched the City's first-ever Age Strong public awareness campaign. It's an effort to combat negative stereotypes about aging, and highlight some of the incredible older adults showing what it means to age strong in our neighborhoods.

Older adults are one of our fastest-growing populations. In 2010, there were more than 88,000 residents over the age

of 60 living in Boston. By 2030, this number is expected to exceed 130,000. As our population changes, the way we think and talk about aging should, too.

We have all heard negative and inaccurate messaging about aging. In Boston, we are confronting harmful labels like senile, inactive, helpless, and frail. These words don't accurately describe Boston's older adults, so we decided to combat these stereotypes by highlighting the positive, empowering side of aging through a bold public awareness campaign.

This fall, you will see the faces and stories of older Bostonians displayed on bus shelters, at City Hall, in our libraries, and on social media. This campaign features older adults from throughout Boston's neighborhoods, including Sandra Harris, 68; Irene Morey, 103; Harry Pierre, 67; Vinny Marino, 83; Leo Romero,

84; Judy Yee, 70; Smiler Haynes, 86; and Rob Quinn, 59. These Bostonians have great stories to tell and important messages to share.

This is what I know about older Bostonians: they are leaders, changemakers, and problem solvers. They start trends and fight for causes they care about. Older residents contribute a lot to their communities, their families, and our city as a whole, and we are grateful for their energy and experience.

We invite everyone, of all ages, to join this conversation. Visit [www.boston.gov/age-strong](http://www.boston.gov/age-strong) to learn more, and share how you age strong. Together we can make Boston the most age-friendly city in America, where all generations are included, valued, and empowered.

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

## OP-ED

## I'm enthusiastically endorsing Joe Kennedy III

BY MATT O'MALLEY

As a proud Massachusetts progressive and a passionate environmentalist, I'm enthusiastically endorsing Joe Kennedy III in the 2020 Senate primary—he shares the values, urgency, and commitment to social and economic justice that define my generation. Joe is the progressive leader we need because he will fight for the systemic changes necessary to save our planet and achieve our values.

I chair the Boston City Council's Environment, Sustainability, and Parks Committee, and see combating climate change as not only a legislative priority, but also an urgent moral obligation we all share. Here in Boston, we are increasing the municipal renewable portfolio standard (RPS) and advocating to incentivize the construction of net zero carbon buildings for a healthier and cleaner environment. Joe has always supported our efforts in Boston, statewide environmental policy in Massachusetts, and the most impactful legislation in Congress.

Joe is an original co-sponsor of both the Green New Deal and the 100% Clean Economy Act, which set aggressive agendas to reach net-zero emissions. He supports the recent House Resolution to declare a climate emergency. On both the House Science and House Energy & Commerce Committees, Joe has a consistent record of fighting for climate action and holding fossil fuel companies accountable, working to keep the Clean Power Plan intact, prohibit oil and gas drilling off of New England's coast, maintain strong fuel efficiency standards, and eliminate exemptions from the Clean Air Act.

In the Commonwealth, Joe has championed offshore wind, not only to reach our renewable energy goals, but also to mobilize our local and regional economies to deliver good jobs to Massachusetts. He has spearheaded efforts to create a 'Blue Economy' hub in his district, which would allow Massachusetts to lead in renewable energy while protecting vulnerable coastal

communities, preserving ocean ecosystems, and tackling marine pollution.

Don't just take it from me. Joe has a 95 percent lifetime score from the League of Conservation Voters, a 100 percent voting record with Clean Water Action, and has been endorsed by the Sierra Club in all of his past elections. His progressivism is intersectional and its merits extend beyond environmental groups: he has a 100 percent record with both Planned Parenthood and NARAL Pro-Choice, and 89 percent with the ACLU.

I'm lucky to be part of a legislative body in Boston that understands the urgency of the climate crisis and has voted unanimously for environmental initiatives like my plastic bag reduction ordinance. In contrast, we all know the GOP-controlled US Senate is where climate legislation goes to die. Republican senators representing a minority of Americans have held up climate and oth-

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LETTERS

Why I'm in Favor of the Proposed Development of Shattuck Campus

Dear Editor,

I am writing in support of the development of the Shattuck campus as supportive housing and services. I am a twelve year resident of Forest Hills and well remember the number of un-housed people camped under the Casey overpass.

Three years ago I lost my oldest son to an overdose. For many years he received treatment at the Shattuck Hospital and attended support groups there. With the current epidemic of heroin addiction and the large number of people with dual diagnoses I am strongly in favor of continuing to provide these desperately needed services in my neighborhood. Lemuel Shattuck, who established the hospital, was instrumental in creating the first Public Board of Health in the U.S.; the Shattuck Hospital has a history dating back to the Civil War of providing multi-disciplinary treatment and services for our most vulnerable citizens.

My relationship with the Shattuck goes beyond my son. For the past two decades a small group of people from my church

would sing Christmas carols for the many very ill patients as they lay in their beds. This has been a favorite holiday tradition.

Additionally, I spent two years as a preschool teacher at the Shattuck Child Care Center when it was located in the personnel building.

I understand and empathize with the desire of many people to return the campus to the park. The Emerald Necklace is truly a jewel and those of us in Jamaica Plain are fortunate to have so much green space to enjoy.

However, we are in a crisis and the mental health system is sorely lacking. For these reasons I believe the need for housing and services for our most vulnerable and needy citizens is greater than the need for additional green space. Well thought-out construction could integrate the buildings into the park. My hope is that all construction will be green and sustainable, with little to no reliance on fossil fuels once completed.

HEATHER MICK-CARITO  
FOREST HILLS

Green Line clarification

Dear Editor,

In reading your coverage of my presentation to the Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council ("JPNC hears, Green Line, development, and zoning issues"-Sept. 27), on the proposal by the Arborway Committee for Public Transit (ACPT) to extend the Green Line along South Huntington Avenue from Heath Street to the Hyde Square area, I noted that the article did not mention that the proposal is a

"complete streets" proposal that includes grade-separated bicycle lanes. I write only because this is a feature important to all of us who cycle in Jamaica Plain.

FRANKLYN P. SALIMBENE,  
CHAIR

Doyle's, we will never forget you!

Dear Editor,

We are the co-founders of JP Movie Night, a new organization we started last year with a mission to build community through movie-watching, and to showcase local film-making talent. Like many other community members, we just felt it was time, in fact it was overdue, for JP to have its own version of a movie house! We present movies on the first Saturday of every month, and proudly feature very diverse movies across a wide range of styles and genres, targeting a diverse audience. We are a big tent, and bring lots of different folks together for great conversations about the movies and their wide-ranging themes. We often have the film's director with us to talk about the movie, an added plus.

We write to add our voices to the lament over the loss of Doyle's Cafe, which has been our home, and more importantly to honor the generosity and spirit of Gerry Burke, Jr. and his team. Last year, we approached Doyle's to see if we could show movies there on a regular basis. Without hesitation, they agreed. Gerry welcomed us into that famed back room at Doyle's, where he has welcomed and supported so many other organizations and community members over the years, for countless meetings, events, and celebrations.

We have loved showing movies at Doyle's, amidst all that amazing Boston and Massachusetts political memorabilia and JP historical materials. We are very proud that in our short history,

we got to be part of the Doyle's scene. What a gathering spot it has been! What great community spirit Gerry Burke, Jr. has shown!

JP Movie Night must move on, and so we are also very fortunate to announce that we have formed a partnership with the First Baptist Church in JP, which will be our new home starting in November. See more details at our website, <https://jpmovienight.godaddysites.com/>. We have a great line-up of movies planned, and welcome everyone.

But Doyle's, we will never forget you! Thank you for everything!

JASON GREGORICUS  
& SHAILAH STEWART,  
CO-FOUNDERS,  
JP MOVIE NIGHT

In favor of housing

Dear Editor,

I write to correct a misstatement in the article 'JPNC Hears Green Line, development, and zoning updates' in the 9/27 issue of the Gazette.

The Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council is in favor of supportive housing on the Shattuck Campus. The JPNC does not support affordable housing on the Shattuck Campus, as reported in the article. There is a distinct difference between supportive housing and affordable housing.

Affordable housing has to do with income, not illness. Affordable housing is housing that has

its cost reduced by subsidy or other mechanisms so that residents' housing costs are not more than 30% of their gross income. There are no social or health services required with affordable housing.

Supportive housing is based upon need resulting from a chronic illness. Supportive housing is a combination of housing and on-site, full-time services for people with chronic illnesses, including mental health and substance use disorders. The State has proposed that the Shattuck Campus provide a continuum of services for individuals dealing with

behavioral health and substance use disorders, and supportive housing is one step on this continuum. By providing housing that includes full-time supportive services and is within close proximity to a range of collateral services, individuals with chronic illnesses can get the help that they need, which is the original intention of the Shattuck campus as a public health facility.

Sincerely,

CAROLYN ROYCE  
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# Op-Ed

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er progressive legislation that America and the world needs.

Joe's commitment to overcoming that systemic barrier is the reason he will be the best fighter for our values. Joe understands that big, progressive reform can only be achieved if we tackle the

old systems that have stunted change for generations. He has called for eliminating the filibuster, ending the electoral college, and instituting term limits for the Supreme Court. He has taken the lead in ensuring that corporate influence stays out of this race, calling for a People's Pledge and rejecting corporate PAC donations. For our rising generation, these systemic reforms are not just a good idea

in a laundry list of progressive ideas—they are the change that makes all other change possible.

Lastly, and perhaps most importantly, Joe shows up. That's why I will show up for him every day of this campaign. His vociferous critique of the GOP's attempt to strip health care away from millions roused the entire nation. When news broke about child separation, he was there at the border reminding us that

"humanity does not require a green card." He stood on the frontlines here in Massachusetts with transgender kids and their families to fight against discrimination. He urges this country to confront its legacy of economic injustice and build a system measured "not just by how much it produces but how widely it shares." At home in his district, he is known for being everywhere. He calls. He emails.

He checks in. He responds. Progressive change is about people who are willing to get in the trenches, wrestle with the tough stuff, and fight even when national attention is elsewhere. That's the kind of U.S. senator Massachusetts deserves – and the kind of U.S. senator I know Joe Kennedy will be.

*Matt O'Malley is City Councilor or representing Jamaica Plain.*

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You are required to serve upon:  
Rocco Reyes Di Sabatino 331  
Huntington Ave., Hyde Park, MA  
02136 your answer, if any on or  
before 11/21/2019. If you fail  
to do so, the court will proceed  
to the hearing and adjudication  
of his action. You are also  
required to file a copy of your  
answer, if any, in the office of  
the Register of this Court.  
Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn,  
First Justice of this Court.  
Date: September 25, 2019  
Felix D. Arroyo,  
Register of Probate

10/11/19  
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### LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH  
OF MASSACHUSETTS  
THE TRIAL COURT  
PROBATE AND  
FAMILY COURT

Suffolk Division  
24 New Chardon St.  
Boston, MA 02114  
(617) 788-8300  
CITATION ON  
PETITION FOR  
FORMAL  
ADJUDICATION  
Docket No.  
SU19P1879EA  
Estate of:  
John Martin Matthews, Sr.

Date of Death:  
08/23/2017

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for Formal Probate of  
Will with Appointment of Personal  
Representative has been filed  
by Susan Matthews of Jamaica  
Plain, 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:  
Susan Matthews of Jamaica  
Plain, MA be appointed as  
Personal Representative of said  
estate to serve Without Surety  
on the bond in an unsupervised  
administration.  
**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
You have the right to obtain a  
copy of the Petition from the  
Petitioner or at the Court. You  
have a right to object to this  
proceeding. To do so, you or  
your attorney must file a written  
appearance and objection at this  
Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the  
return day of 11/07/2019.  
This is NOT a hearing date, but  
a deadline by which you must  
file a written appearance and  
objection if you object to this  
proceeding. If you fail to file  
a timely written appearance  
and objection followed by an  
affidavit of objections within  
thirty days (30) days of the  
return day, action may be taken  
without further notice to you.  
**UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)**  
A Personal Representative  
appointed under the MUPC in an  
unsupervised administration is  
not required to file an inventory  
or annual accounts with the  
Court. Persons interested in  
the estate are entitled to notice  
regarding the administration  
directly from the Personal  
Representative and may petition  
the Court in any matter relating  
to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.  
WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn,  
First Justice of this Court.  
Date: October 9, 2019  
Felix D. Arroyo,  
Register of Probate

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### LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH  
OF MASSACHUSETTS  
THE TRIAL COURT  
PROBATE AND  
FAMILY COURT

Suffolk Probate  
And Family Court  
24 New Chardon St.  
Boston, MA 02114  
(617) 788-8300  
ORDER FOR SERVICE  
BY PUBLICATION  
AND MAILING  
Docket No.  
SU19D1328DR  
Wedeline Innocent  
vs.  
Joel Estime  
Upon motion of plaintiff(s)  
for an order directing the  
defendant(s), to appear, plead,  
or answer, in accordance with  
Mass.R.Civ.P./Mass.R.Dom.  
Rel.P. Rule 4, it appearing to the  
court that this is an action for  
Divorce 1B.  
Pursuant to Supplemental  
Probate Court Rule 411, an  
Automatic Restraining Order  
has been entered against the  
above named parties. Defendant  
cannot be found within the Commonwealth and his/her present whereabouts are unknown. Personal service on defendant  
it therefore not practicable and  
defendant has not voluntarily  
appeared in this action.  
It is Ordered that defendant(s)/  
respondent(s) are directed to  
appear, plead, answer, or otherwise move with respect to the  
complaint herein on or before  
the return day of November  
09, 2019.  
If you fail to do so this Court  
will proceed to a hearing and  
adjudication of this matter.  
Date: September 09, 2019  
Hon. Joan P. Armstrong  
Justice of Probate and  
Family Court

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### LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH  
OF MASSACHUSETTS  
THE TRIAL COURT  
PROBATE AND  
FAMILY COURT

Suffolk Division  
INFORMAL PROBATE  
PUBLICATION

NOTICE

Docket No.  
SU19P2148EA

Estate of:  
Jerome Gross  
Date of Death:  
June 18, 2019

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate by Petition of Petitioner Judith Gross Siegel of Natick, MA A Will has been admitted to informal probate. Judith Gross Siegel has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond. The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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### LEGAL NOTICE

ABUSE PREVENTION  
ORDER  
(G.L. c. 209A)  
TRIAL COURT  
OF MASSACHUSETTS

Boston Municipal  
Court  
West Roxbury  
Division  
445 Arborway  
Jamaica Plain, MA  
02130  
Docket No.  
1906R00527  
HARRASMENT  
PREVENTION ORDER  
G.L. C.258E  
Plaintiff's Name: Marlene Barnes  
Defendant's Name: Zharia Sims

150 Quarry Street  
Quincy, MA 02169  
Date of Birth: 04-01-99 or 2000  
Sex: Female  
VIOLATION OF THIS ORDER IS A  
CRIMINAL OFFENSE punishable  
by imprisonment or fine or both.  
THE COURT HAS ISSUED THE  
FOLLOWING ORDERS TO THE  
DEFENDANT:  
This Order was issued without  
advance notice because the  
Court determined that there  
is substantial likelihood of  
immediate danger of abuse.  
1. YOU ARE ORDERED NOT TO  
ABUSE THE PLAINTIFF by harming, threatening or attempting  
to harm the Plaintiff physically  
or by placing the Plaintiff in fear  
of imminent serious physical  
harm, or by using force, threat  
or duress to make the Plaintiff  
engage in sexual relations.  
2. YOU ARE ORDERED NOT TO  
CONTACT THE PLAINTIFF, in  
person, by telephone, in writing,  
electronically or otherwise, either  
directly or through someone  
else, and to stay at least 100  
yards even if the Plaintiff seems  
to allow or request contact. The  
only exception to this Order  
is that you may send to the  
Plaintiff by mail or by sheriff or  
other authorized officer copies  
of papers filed with the court  
when that is required by statute  
or court rule.  
3. YOU ARE ORDERED TO  
REMAIN AWAY FROM THE PLAINTIFF'S RESIDENCE located at 129  
Cummins Hwy., Roslindale, MA  
and wherever else you have  
reason to know the Plaintiff  
may reside.  
You are also ORDERED to remain  
away from the entire apartment  
building or other multiple family  
dwelling in which the Plaintiff's  
residence is located.  
4. YOU ARE ORDERED TO  
REMAIN AWAY FROM THE PLAINTIFF'S WORKPLACE located at  
Boston Police Department - B-2,  
2300 Washington St., Roxbury,  
MA and wherever else you have  
reason to know the Plaintiff  
may work.  
6. You are also ordered to stay  
away from Plaintiff's minor  
daughter, Ariel Barnes and  
Cathedral High School.  
B. NOTICE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT  
1. An appropriate law  
enforcement officer shall serve

upon the Defendant in hand  
a copy of the Complaint and a  
certified copy of this Order (and  
Summons) and make return of  
service to this court.  
2. Defendant Information Form  
accompanies this Order.  
3. Police reports are on file at  
the Boston E-5 P.D.  
DATE OR ORDER - 9/19/19  
TIME OF ORDER - 3:55 p.m.  
Expiration date of order -  
10/3/19 at 4 p.m.  
Next Hearing Date - 10/3/19  
at 9:00 a.m.  
WITNESS - FIRST OR CHIEF  
JUSTICE  
Hon. Kathleen Coffey  
10/11/19  
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### LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH  
OF MASSACHUSETTS  
THE TRIAL COURT  
PROBATE AND FAMILY  
COURT DEPARTMENT

SUFFOLK Division  
DIVORCE SUMMONS  
BY PUBLICATION  
AND MAILING  
Suffolk Probate  
And Family Court  
24 New Chardon St.  
Boston, MA 02114  
Docket No.  
SU18D2460DR  
Sopheavatey Sin  
vs.  
Vatana Phly  
To the Defendant:  
The Plaintiff has filed a  
Complaint for Divorce requesting  
that the Court grant a divorce  
for Irretrievable Breakdown  
The Complaint is on file at the  
Court.  
An Automatic Restraining  
Order has been entered in this  
matter preventing you from  
taking any action which would  
negatively impact the current  
financial status of either party.  
SEE Supplemental Probate Court  
Rule 411.  
You are required to serve upon:  
Francisco J Rosa, Esq. Rosa &  
Taing Law, LLC, 1550 Middlesex  
St., Lowell, MA 01851 your  
answer, if any on or before  
11/29/2019. If you fail to do  
so, the court will proceed to the  
hearing and adjudication of his  
action. You are also required to  
file a copy of your answer, if  
any, in the office of the Register

of this Court.  
Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn,  
First Justice of this Court.  
Date: October 3, 2019  
Felix D. Arroyo,  
Register of Probate

10/11/19  
JP

### LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH  
OF MASSACHUSETTS  
THE TRIAL COURT  
PROBATE AND  
FAMILY COURT

Suffolk Probate  
And Family Court  
24 New Chardon St.  
Boston, MA 02114  
(617) 788-8300  
ORDER FOR SERVICE  
BY PUBLICATION  
AND MAILING  
Docket No.  
SU19D1954DR  
Starlin Volquez  
vs.  
Fabiane P.  
Assuncao  
Upon motion of plaintiff(s)  
for an order directing the  
defendant(s), to appear, plead,  
or answer, in accordance with  
Mass.R.Civ.P./Mass.R.Dom.  
Rel.P. Rule 4, it appearing to the  
court that this is an action for  
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Pursuant to Supplemental  
Probate Court Rule 411, an  
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has been entered against the  
above named parties. Defendant  
cannot be found within the Commonwealth and his/her present whereabouts are unknown. Personal service on defendant  
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defendant has not voluntarily  
appeared in this action.  
It is Ordered that defendant(s)/  
respondent(s) are directed to  
appear, plead, answer, or otherwise move with respect to the  
complaint herein on or before  
the return day of November  
14, 2019.  
If you fail to do so this Court  
will proceed to a hearing and  
adjudication of this matter.  
Date: September 25, 2019  
Hon. Brian J. Dunn  
Justice of Probate and  
Family Court  
By: John Joe M. Hallissey  
10/11/19  
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## PLEASE WRITE...

The Gazette welcomes letters to the editor. Word limit: 500. Deadline: Friday at 5 p.m. one week before publication. Letters may be emailed to letters@JamaicaPlainGazette.com. Please include address and telephone number for verification purposes. Anonymous letters will not be published. More information: 617-524-2626



# GASKIN RECEIVES THE FAMILY RECOGNITION AWARD

Longtime JP resident and business owner Kathleen Gaskin receives the Family Recognition Award at the Vinfen12th Annual Celebration of Family Partnerships, flanked by Serena Dee, Chairperson, Vinfen Family Advisory Council, and Susan Wornick, former WCVB-TV Channel 5 anchor.



Kathleen's son DJ has been supported by Vinfen for many years, and throughout that time Kathleen has been a dedicated advocate for her son, working hard to make sure that DJ, his friends at Vinfen, and all involved in his care receive the support and encouragement they need. Kathleen is the owner of Decorator's Workroom on Lamartine Street where she provides cutting-edge, creative upholstery services. Her beautiful upholstered pieces are applauded far and wide. She teaches upholstery at the Eliot School in Jamaica Plain and serves on the board of JP-based Families Creating Together, which is celebrating its 10th anniversary of providing free expressive arts opportunities for children of all abilities and their families. Vinfen is a nonprofit health & human services organization and a leading provider of community-based services to individuals with disabilities.



Members of the District E-13, Community Service Office and Tree of Life/Arbol de Vida, thank all the donors for their generous donations of their summer program. More than 30 families in need with their children were assisted. Participants were provided breakfast, lunch, and were introduced to many places in the Boston area and most importantly foster a positive relationship. Some of the participants are shown above outside of City Hall.

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