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Affordable housing Home Rule Petition signed by Walsh

By JOHN LYNDS

It was a huge win for District 1 City Councilor Lydia Edwards, her colleague Councilor Kim Janey and affordable housing advocates across the city.

On Monday, Mayor Martin Walsh signed Edwards and Janey's Home Rule Petition to impose a real estate transfer fee of two percent on the purchase price of any private real estate sale over \$2 million and dedicate all revenues to affordable housing. The two percent fee will be used to generate additional funding to create and preserve affordable housing in Boston. The City Council approved the measure by a vote of 10-3.

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ENCHANTED TROLLEY STOP



PHOTO BY MIKE MEJIA

Sudhan, Sarah, and Suren Gurung of Jamaica Plain take a photo with Mr. and Mrs. Santa Clause during the Enchanted Trolley stop in Hyde Square on Saturday, Dec. 7. The annual tour hit several locations across the city, including two in JP. See Pages 12 and 13 for more photos.

JP crime stats for November issued

By LAURA PLUMMER

On Thursday, December 5, 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 and to answer questions from community members. Also invited to these meetings are officials from MBTA's Transit Police and Massachusetts State Police.

Officer Jones provided copies of a chart comparing the year-to-date Part One crime statistics from 2019 with those from 2018.

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Going Out with Style

Fresh Hair Salon to close Dec. 21 after 37 years

By SETH DANIEL

Few, if any, local business owners in Jamaica Plan can boast that they grew up in the neighborhood, forged a career for decades in the neighborhood, and will retire in the neighborhood.

One such person is Joy Silverstein – the founder and owner of Fresh Hair on South Street near the Monument. Silverstein is a rare example of a native Bostonian who stuck out the hard times, and has enjoyed the good times and is now looking to draw

a close to her 37-year-old anchor business on the corner of South and Carolina.

In that time, more than 280 people have worked for her (and her original business partner Marie Doucette) and thousands upon thousands have had services done at the salon. Too many, in fact, to accurately count.

Believe it or not, Silverstein told the Gazette she's not tired of doing hair.

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After 37 years, Fresh Hair Salon owner Joy Silverstein will close up the South Street shop on Saturday, Dec. 21. She will host two open houses to say good-bye on Dec. 23 and 24. The old Fresh Hair sign (in back) – with the so-familiar logo – will find a new, permanent home at the Galway House.

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BLACK LIVES MATTER VIGIL



PHOTO BY MIKE MEJIA

Seven Klein holds a flag bearing the names of victims of racist violence during the 4th anniversary of the monthly Black Lives Matter vigil at the First Baptist Church in JP on Centre Street Dec. 5. There have been 48 consecutive vigils on the first Thursday of the month the last four years. See Page 18 for more photos

HAPPY HOLIDAYS! & a Happy New year

JP OBSERVER

JP people can work for candidates and voting rights across the country

BY SANDRA STOREY / SPECIAL TO THE GAZETTE

Democrats who live in Jamaica Plain can feel comfortable knowing that they are surrounded by lots of other people who think and vote liberal Democrat as well. Most of our residents and local, state and federal elected officials are registered Democrats with the exception of Gov. Charlie Baker. They vote and govern much the way we like—certainly compared to how a conservative Republican might behave.

We not only have liberal Democratic Ward Committees in JP, but we also have JP Progressives—which marked its 10th anniversary earlier this month—supporting candidates and taking stands on issues here.

An odd frustration can also come from living in this East Coast urban neighborhood “Blue Bubble,” as some call it. Supporting Democratic candidates and progressive causes in legislatures locally is relatively easy. Local liberals work for suitable officials, and thank them when they behave the way they want.

But when it comes to electing and trying to change minds on the national political stage, until recently, it has been hard for people here to know where to go and what to do. For example, the party in the majority in the US House and the US Senate says a lot about what happens to us in Democratic voting Jamaica Plain. Our Massachusetts Democratic delegation can get squashed by conservatives in Washington, D.C. when they control one or more houses or branches of government.

To get what Democrats here think is right for the country of

ten requires influencing elections hundreds or thousands of miles away from here. How to choose the contests and districts? What to do once we have?

Thanks to some broad-minded local organizations there is now hope for ordinary people in JP who want to influence national politics to be more Democratic. 2020 will be a big year in more than just the presidential race, if these groups and volunteers have anything to do with it. Jamaica Plain residents are involved now, but more need to be. And in most cases, people don’t need to travel elsewhere to have an impact.

One Metro Boston organization, Force Multiplier (FM), managed to see 13 of 15 Democrats they supported, most who never held political office before, elected to the U.S. House of Representatives from around the country in 2018. FM is working now to keep those Reps in “purple” or “swing” districts and will for other candidates in swing districts.

Force Multiplier emphasizes personal networking among its local participants to join together to hold events to fundraise for visiting Democratic candidates from swing districts around the country. Swing districts are those where the outcome will probably be close—Dems are “neither longshots nor sure-bets” in the final elections there, according to the website.

“We look for races where the modest amount of money that we raise can have an impact on the campaign,” according to the FM website.

Democrat Rep. Abigail Spanberger of Virginia was recently

hosted at three Force Multiplier events in the area. The former CIA officer was elected to the House in 2018 with the help of Force Multiplier. She is being targeted for defeat by the Republicans in 2020, according to the November 2019 FM newsletter.

FM also supports a Movement Voter Project to support voter registration and mobilization around the country. Stacey Abrams and her voter rights organization Fair Fight were hosted by FM at a fundraiser in Wellesley on Dec. 4.

FM never takes in money donated to candidates and doesn’t share email addresses of participants with others.

Long-time JP resident Beverly Cooper-Wiele said in a recent interview she loves being involved with FM mostly because it is “pragmatic.” The focus is on seats that can be flipped to Democrats, not on specific issues. She said the group’s “low pressure” approach and “the nice people involved” appeal to her.

Cooper-Wiele, who volunteers her efforts on community outreach and communications for FM, praised the group’s “nerds” who crunch numbers to select elections to get involved in and the house party approach to recruiting support for out-of-state candidates and voting rights efforts. She also likes having get-togethers for people interested in becoming “multipliers” themselves.

She said she was “stunned” by the presidential election results in 2016, and that inspired her to work for change. As an African American, she said, she is “determined to get more people of color involved in politics.”

“Voting is the last move,” she added. “People have to get involved at the beginning.”

For more information about

getting involved in Force Multiplier, see www.ForceMultiplier.org or contact Cooper-Wiele at bcwee@peoplepc.com.

Cooper-Wiele’s neighbor and friend, Esther Kaplan, a member of the Ward 19 Democratic Committee, is involved with FM and Trip to Flip, a group that sends people to other states to work on voter empowerment and/or elections.

Kaplan said in an interview this week she is “impressed” by FM’s efficiency and “inspired” by how FM gets candidates to come here for fundraisers.

She said Trip to Flip made her aware of how Massachusetts has “clean elections” while in other parts of the country, “Voter suppression is quite real.” She cited several examples of helping people in other states and 2018, and said how important a ride to the polls is in places without public transportation. She talked about polling places moved without notice and people hiding their preferences from family members.

“It’s important for those in the Blue Bubble to get to know people in different parts of the country,” she said.

Trip to Flip (T2F) (trip2flipma@gmail.com) facilitates residents of the Blue Bubble to go volunteer for 3+ days on House and Senate campaigns in winnable swing districts/states nationwide.

Some other local resources for getting involved in swing district campaigns

Swing Left (swingleft.org) is a national grassroots network supporting Democratic candidates in swing districts with the goal of flipping the House in 2018. Boston Swing to Blue Alliance (Swing2BlueAlliance@gmail.com, bit.ly/swing2blue), the Greater Boston chapter of Swing Left, supports Red to Blue

initiatives by informing, connecting, and celebrating local grassroots groups as they participate in out-of-state campaigns (and the few in MA) to oust incumbent Republicans and protect vulnerable Democrats in 2018.

JP Progressives Swing District work stream (moreinfo@jpprogressives.com, facebook.com/JPProgressives). Jamaica Plain Progressives’ Swing District work stream is affiliated with Sister District and Swing Left and focuses on out-of-state campaigns in flippable districts as well as organizing around issues such as defending the ACA.

Only If You Run (onlyifyou.run, stacey@onlyifyou.run) raises and gives money to Democrats challenging Republican-held state-level seats in the seven states that have the worst gerrymanders: Virginia, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, Florida, and Georgia since the 2020 census will result in new Congressional districts being drawn by state legislatures.

EveryDistrict (everydistrict.us, pjdrolet@comcast.net, EveryDistrict J.P. representative) gives financial and messaging support to Democratic candidates in state assembly and senate races in key states—Arizona, Florida, Michigan, Minnesota, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Ohio—focusing on 120-130 difficult districts where Republicans usually win by up to 5 percent but which Dems are thought to be able to win this year.

Grandmothers for a Brighter Future (grandmothersforabrighterfuture.com). Groups of grandmothers and those working individually use postcard template to send timely messages to lists of targeted voters, many of them older women, and focused on flipping the Senate this year.

Boston Ward 19 Democratic Committee (bostonward19dems.org, info@bostonward19dems.org) is the local grassroots arm of the Massachusetts Democratic Party serving 13 precincts in Jamaica Plain and Roslindale.

National resources: Emily’s List emilyslist.org; Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee: dcc.org; Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee: dsc.org.

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Estadísticas de delincuencia de noviembre

BY LAURA PLUMMER

El jueves 5 de diciembre, 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).

El Oficial William Jones proporcionó copias de una tabla que compara las estadísticas de delincuencia de 2019 con las de 2018. El Distrito E-13 vio una disminución general del 10% en los delitos de la Parte Uno en 2019 en comparación con 2018. El Oficial Jones dijo que 2019

será el “mejor año” del distrito en la última década.

Según el cuadro, en 2019 hubo 846 delitos denunciados. Los delitos que experimentaron un aumento incluyeron la violación, el asalto agravado no doméstico y el robo de residencias. Los delitos que experimentaron una reducción incluyeron el homicidio, el asalto agravado doméstico, el atraco, el robo comercial, el robo de vehículos y el hurto.

Un incidente notable en noviembre fue un tiroteo el miércoles 27 de noviembre en South Street, cerca de McBride

Street. La ventana de Happy’s Market y una furgoneta blanca sufrieron daños y se recuperaron los casquillos gastados. El BPD está buscando a dos varones que fueron observados huyendo de la escena.

Los residentes expresaron su preocupación por la presencia de camiones de gran tamaño en las calles que prohíben dichos vehículos. El Oficial Jones informó que el equipo E-13 estaba al tanto de la situación. Dijo que la mayoría de los casos que habían encontrado hasta el momento involucraba conducto-

res con razones legítimas para acceder a esas calles, como el mantenimiento de una residencia o negocio.

Otra preocupación era el robo de paquetes. Debido a los feriados, cada vez más personas reciben artículos en sus hogares, incluidos artículos electrónicos de alto precio y juguetes valiosos. Desafortunadamente, dejar las parcelas desatendidas en un porche delantero o detrás de una contrapuerta puede crear la oportunidad perfecta para que un ladrón se lleve su iPhone o su Baby Yoda. Se advierte a los

residentes que solo reciban cajas en lugares seguros. Deje instrucciones para que su cartero entregue todos los paquetes a una puerta lateral, porche trasero u otra ubicación que no sea visible desde la calle. El BPD también insta a los residentes a que no dejen las parcelas desatendidas en vehículos.

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

Crime Stats

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District E-13 saw an overall 10% decrease in Part One crimes in 2019 compared to 2018. Officer Jones said that 2019 was on track to be the district’s “best year” in the past decade.

According to the chart, in 2019 there were 846 reported Part One crimes in Jamaica Plain, down from 936 this year. Crimes that saw an uptick in 2019 included rape and attempted, non-domestic aggravated assault and residential burglary. Crimes that saw a decrease in 2019 include homicide; robbery and attempted; domestic aggravated assault; commercial and other burglary; larceny; and auto theft.

Residents in attendance expressed concern over the presence of oversized trucks and other large rigs on streets that prohibit such vehicles. Officer Jones reported that the E-13 team was aware of the situation and was on the lookout for violations. He said that the majority of the cases they had come across so far involved drivers with legitimate reasons to access those roadways, such as servicing a residence or business.

Another concern was package theft. During the holiday season, more people have items

delivered to their homes, including high-priced electronics and valuable toys. Unfortunately, leaving parcels unattended on a front stoop or inside a storm door can create the perfect opportunity for a thief to make off with your iPhone or your Baby Yoda. Residents are cautioned to only receive boxes in secure locations. Leave instructions for your mail carrier to deliver all packages to a side door, back porch or other location not visible from the street. The BPD also urges residents not to leave parcels unattended in motor vehicles.

Officer Jones also provided an update on a November 27 shooting on South Street near McBride Street where the window of Happy’s Market and a white pickup truck sustained damage. The BPD recovered spent shell casings and is now searching for two males who were observed fleeing the scene.

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, January 2. 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.

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Hair

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She's tired of running a business.

"I do still like doing hair, but I'm tired of running a business," she said. "When you own a business, the buck stops here. We run out of toilet paper, it's my problem. If someone doesn't show up to work the front door, it means I have to do double duty. I have to greet people. I have to mop the floor. That part has all taken its toll and it's been that way for a long time..."

Silverstein said when she was in her 30th year of business, she began to look around for a successor. There were hopes that one or more of her stylists

would purchase the business, but that never came to be. This past July, with 37 years at the helm, she simply announced to the staff that it was over.

"I said, 'Ok, that's it,'" she said. "I had to put a date down and go. I put down the winter solstice, which is perfect."

And there are no regrets, she said.

"I just want to sit still," she said. "I'm going to sit in front of my fireplace and read a book. That's my first goal. Eventually I'll do more of what I normally do, like going to Yoga. I'll probably get politically involved in the 2020 election. I might someday do hair for a few people, I don't know. I just don't want to be responsible anymore."

She will close the business for good on Saturday, Dec. 21, but

will have a reunion-type open house on Dec. 23 from 2-8 p.m. and on Dec. 24, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the shop. It will be a time to reconnect, say good-bye and enjoy old memories.

Silverstein didn't come to JP during college, nor did she settle here after college.

She didn't seek out an inviting refuge for the young and hip in JP.

In fact, she grew up here, settling with her family in 1956 at the age of 5. She attended the Manning School and then Girls Latin School – which at the time was in Dorchester's Codman Square.

She recalls the days growing up in Jamaica Plain when things weren't as lively, or as safe, as they are now. Growing up on Moss Hill, she said they would walk down the stairs and cross over the circle to Centre Street.

They were never allowed to go beyond Curtis Hall to South Street (ironically, where her business has been for decades), and they were never allowed to go past the Post Office on Centre Street.

She recalls taking the grates off of her business, and the advent of Whole Foods into Hyde Square where the old Hi-Lo Supermarket used to be.

"Things have definitely changed," she said. "JP used to be thoroughly working-class and a lot of elderly and families – working-class families. People here worked in the trades or in public service. Then we got all the lesbians and then the hipsters came. Then it became the hipsters and now it's the Millennials and GenXers, like my niece, who come in and create stroller traffic."

From her thoroughly JP background, Silverstein opened Fresh Hair in 1982 on South Street

with Doucette. Silverstein had gone to college and hoped to be a social worker, getting a job in Roslindale for a few years working with teens. However, getting the advanced degree for social work was going to be time consuming and expensive, and Silverstein said she had always been the one to cut and style hair in college. Before that, she did the hair of family members. It had always been a "thing" for her, something she enjoyed. So she pulled that skill out of her back pocket and went to cosmetology school.

Soon after graduating, she was working on Newbury Street in a salon and met Doucette, who also lived in JP. It wasn't long before they agreed that they should open their own salon in their own neighborhood. That happened in 1982, and the two started very humbly and continued to expand their client base – which in the end was about one-third men.

A major change in the business came in 1998 when the Doucette moved to Florida, and the Rusk family – who owned her building at the time – hit a speedbump. Apparently, one of them had gotten into some hot water with the feds selling tainted meat out of a South Boston cold storage facility and the rest of the family didn't want to deal with the real estate.

"One of the sons walked across the street to my salon in 1998 and wanted to sell the building," she said. "I called my mom and she said there was an inheritance from a family member they had been holding for me, and so I used that for a down payment on the building. That's how I got the building in 1998. There I was, I had a building and I was suddenly alone in the business."

However, she thrived in running Fresh Hair, and expanded it greatly and kept the salon well-appointed in all seasons –

even starting the Fresh Copy Business Center aside the business.

A hallmark of the business has been the environmental consciousness and the sustainable concepts that Silverstein has incorporated into the business. They were the first Green Salon, and they always strived to use natural products as much as possible.

"Both Marie and I were vegetarians and I'm still a vegetarian," she said. "I've tried to always use natural things. When we first started it was hard to find that kind of stuff, but now it's a lot easier. Now you can even find organic hair coloring. You didn't have that when we first opened."

In 2001, they were the first to put solar panels on their roof to augment the heating of water. They led the charge on it, with Fenway Park becoming the second commercial entity to try it. So many years later, she said it has helped the environment and has translated to a lot of savings on her utility bills since they use a lot of hot water.

"Over the years, it's paid itself back," she said.

Now, in the last days of the long-time business, Silverstein said she is looking forward to connecting with everyone at the two open houses on Dec. 23 and 24. However, she said it will be a solid ending to a solid career in her hometown.

"It's just time," she said. "I'll miss talking with people. My job is to chat. I spent a half hour to 45 minutes with a lot of people every six weeks. I know their stories. I've never gossiped. I've always tried to be a good boss, to pay well and to be generous."

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JPNC hears committee updates at monthly meeting

BY LAUREN BENNETT

The Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council (JPNC) held its monthly meeting on December 17, where the agenda consisted mainly of committee updates.

Education Committee

Education Committee chair Trevor Wissink-Adams said that the Education Committee met to discuss and debrief last month's Boston Public Schools forum with Superintendent Brenda Cassellius, as well as examined what more can be done in terms of outreach. They also discussed funding that BPS will see in the near future and the newly passed Student Opportunity Act, a revamp of the funding plan for education in the state.

Zoning

JPNC member Max Glikman discussed the issues that went before the Zoning Committee this past month. One of the projects includes an Urban Edge project at 1595-1599 Columbus Ave. to construct a new residential building with around 65 residential units and 4000 square feet of retail ground-floor space. There will be 18 parking spaces for the building. Glikman said that the project requires "tons of variances but does meet the scale of the street." The JPNC voted to approve this project.

At 12 Rock Hill Rd., the proposal was to combine three existing lots into one 10,138 square foot

lot and build a new four-story building with 14 residential units at 26 off-street parking spaces. Glikman said that this project, too, requires significant variances, and "after maybe about a year of process, the developer has reached an agreement with the community, specifically around parking," he said.

JPNC member Kevin Rainsford said that the developers only went to the direct abutters and not back to the full community with changes. "It is an elevator building," he said, "wonderfully designed potentially for people seeking retirement," which he said is a population that there is not a lot of housing for in this neighborhood. The JPNC voted to approve this proposal with the proviso that a Memorandum of Agreement is included to identify that the rents will be below market rate (15-20 percent, as the developer said to the community).

At 62-64 Boynton St., the proposal was to raze the existing garage and build a new three-story building with two residential units and four off-street parking spaces.

"We are asking the developer to look at more of the architectural details in the neighborhood to change how the door and windows look," Glikman said. This project is also subject to BPDA design review. The JPNC also agreed to approve this project as recom-

mended by the Zoning Committee.

Public Service Committee

JPNC member Michael Reiskind presented to the Council a proposal from City Feed and Supply to transfer its Beer & Wine Package Store License to Equal Exchange, Inc., who are the new owners of City Feed and Supply. Reiskind said that City Feed is looking to sell both of their locations to Equal Exchange, Inc., who has promised to re-hire all current employees and keep the same hours, mix of groceries, sandwiches, and beer and wine that is currently offered. He said that nothing will appear differently to the public. The JPNC voted to approve this transfer.

Housing & Development Committee

JPNC member Carolyn Royce presented a comment letter to the BPDA for 3326 Washington St., where there is a proposal to construct a five story, 40,450 gross square foot, green, transit-oriented, mixed-use, mixed-income building. Royce said there will be 11 affordable units as well as some compact living units. She said the committee supports the change of use for this parcel from a commercial site to a residential site. The building is 23 percent affordable, but the committee did ask if one more affordable unit could be added. The developer will be providing tenants with a one-year subsidized T-pass, and

there will be no car parking for the building.

Royce said that an issue that came up was the fact that the existing building is a historical Turnpike school from the mid-1800s, so a group of people said they wanted it to be preserved. The project went before the Boston Landmarks Commission for a demolition delay hearing and was granted the delay, but Royce said there was not enough evidence to completely forbid the demolition of the building and the developer did not want to work on preserving it.

The group who wanted it preserved requested that the demolition be held off until all permits are secured and construction is ready to begin.

Michael Reiskind said that he felt the developer was not fully prepared at public meetings to

address questions from the public, and wondered if the project was ready for a support letter.

The JPNC ultimately decided that they would like the letter to be tweaked before sending, and voted to approve a motion that the letter will be sent with approval by the Executive Committee that reflects the Council's reservations about the project in its current state. The comment period ends next week for this project, so the JPNC wanted to make sure they got something in before the deadline.

Lastly, Kevin Rainsford reported that the state is still in the process of tweaking the Vision Plan for the Shattuck Campus, and a Request for Proposal is expected to go out some time next spring for the entire 13 acres of the campus.

Three JP artists receive Mayor's Artist Fellowship Award

BY LAURA PLUMMER

Three residents of Jamaica Plain were among five artists selected as recipients for the City's second round of Artist Fellowship Awards.

Shubha Sunder, Billy Dean Thomas, and Paloma Valenzuela each received a \$10,000 unrestricted grant from the Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture to advance their careers. They will also have their work showcased at a public event. The City received 192 applications from Boston-based artists of all disciplines. The selection committee included a panel of highly qualified artists.

Thomas, also known as The Queer B.I.G., is a Harlem-raised hip-hop artist whose provocative rhymes tackle issues like feminism, social justice and urban struggles. Thomas was featured

on *The View* and is currently releasing an EP. They have performed at diverse venues and have been nominated for prestigious music awards.

Thomas said they chose to move to JP because of its ethnic food options and its thriving art community.

"Living in JP as an artist has been great for me because I have been able to find a music house that has been a home for bands for over a decade," Thomas said. "It has also been a neighborhood where I have been able to meet other queer artists of color who have become some of my main collaborators."

Sunder is a writing instructor whose prose has appeared in *The Bare Life Review*, *Crazyhorse* and *Lenny Letter*. She was named a Mass Cultural Council Fellow in 2016, and has been the recipient

of numerous fiction prizes.

Valenzuela is a Dominican-American writer, director and actress. Featured in *Boston Magazine*, she is the creator of "The Pineapple Diaries", a comedy web series in its third season. She is also the creative director of *La Gringa Loca Productions*.

The Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture aims to increase access to the arts for all residents while also supporting individual artists.

Mayor Walsh said that those chosen in the last round were a strong representation of Boston's diversity in the arts.

"Boston is home to so many talented individuals," he said. "We're excited to recognize their contributions to our city."

Learn more about the Artist Fellowship Award at the City of Boston website.



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The signing by the Mayor now moves Edwards and Jayne's Home Rule Petition to the Massachusetts Legislature for approval. If approved by the state, the City would have the ability to determine the final rate for the fee, collection method and any exemptions that would exist.

"Housing is the biggest economic challenge facing the residents of Boston and people across our region," said Mayor Walsh. "That's why it's critically important that we do everything we can to support the creation of homes that are affordable, while also preserving our existing housing stock. I am proud to sign this home rule petition that is a significant step forward in our work, by giving Boston the ability to impose a modest fee on the sale of private property, which will collectively do a world of good towards our efforts to make Boston a more affordable place to live."

According to the Home Rule Petition would authorize the City of Boston to impose a fee of up to two percent of the purchase price upon the transfer of property valued at over \$2 million, with one percent paid by the seller and one percent paid by the purchaser.

The funding generated would

be dedicated to the Neighborhood Housing Trust (NHT) or appropriated through the annual budget process to support the creation and preservation of affordable housing in the City. Since it was created by statute in 1987, the NHT has expended approximately \$197 million to finance housing and supported approximately 12,887 units. The real estate transfer fee would, within a matter of two or three years, enable the NHT to dedicate more resources to housing than it has done since its creation.

Councilor Edwards, who chairs the Council's Committee on Housing and Community Development, said those who generate wealth in our communities must be part of ensuring residents can remain in the neighborhoods they love.

"Today, Boston joins a growing coalition of municipalities asking the state for the power to ensure that the housing we build truly meets our residents' needs," she said.

This fall, the Walsh administration commissioned a study on the potential impact of transfer fees in the City of Boston and examine transfer fees across the country. The study found that "market actors do not appear to be fully incorporating the transaction costs.... Transfer taxes may have only muted impacts on real estate markets." It also noted that a separate study of

real estate commissions, another "point of sale" fee, had minimal impacts on residential housing in the Boston or on the days a property was listed on the market.

Municipalities such as Somerville, Concord and Nantucket have advanced home rule petitions to authorize a real estate transfer fee.

"It is absolutely imperative that we enact policies that will ensure our residents will have a safe and affordable home to live in for many generations," said Councilor Janey, Vice-Chair of the Committee on Housing and Community Development. "When passed by the state legislature, this home rule petition will help curb speculative real estate practices and stands to bring as much as \$169 million in revenue annually that can be invested in affordable housing."

According to an analysis conducted by PFM Group Consulting, real estate sales in Suffolk County have ranged from approximately \$3 billion to over \$12 billion in the last decade. The City of Boston accounts for 86 percent of the county's population and real estate activity. From 2009 through year-to-date, total private real estate sales have averaged \$8.4 billion. Based on average sales in Suffolk County, estimates show that a 1 percent fee on all private-market sales would have raised \$84 million per year over the last decade,



Mayor Martin Walsh signs Councilor Lydia Edwards and Councilor Kim Janey's Home Rule Petition to impose a real estate transfer fee of two percent on the purchase price of any private real estate sale over \$2 million and dedicate all revenues to affordable housing.

and a two percent fee would have generated over \$168 million, a significant increase on the City's existing affordable housing investments.

"There is no question that in Boston we need to do everything we can to support the creation of homes that are affordable, while also preserving our existing housing stock," said Walsh before signing the Home Rule Petition Monday.

Affordable Housing advocates, like JPND (Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Development Corp.) Executive Director Richard Thal, are elated by what they are calling a 'monumental' step in ensuring more affordable housing is built and preserved in

neighborhoods like JP.

"This initiative could be tremendously helpful in addressing the city's affordable housing crisis. Just a few months ago, more than 2,500 households applied for 47 affordable apartments JPND is building on Heath Street," said Thal. "Although we're fortunate to live in a city that dedicates a lot of resources to affordable housing—in comparison to many other places—the funding simply isn't enough. This new revenue could substantially reduce the amount of time between identifying a potential project and actually building it, which would be a great benefit to folks who desperately need an affordable place to live."

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Historical preservation advocates continue to push for restoration of 701 Centre St.

STAFF REPORT

On December 13, 2019, after a directive from the Mayor, the BPDA organized a meeting between representatives of Chase Bank, the BPDA, ISD and members of the Jamaica Plain Community (Edward Forte, Gert Thorn, Michael Epp and Kevin Moloney) to discuss restoration plans for the new Chase Bank at 701 Centre St., which several members of the community do not believe have been handled with the proper community process.

At this meeting, the members of the Community presented a detailed proposal for a solution for reconstruction of the storefront(s) consistent with the overwhelming community consensus for a full and accurate restoration of the historic storefront (the 'Community Proposal').

Subsequent to the meeting, the bank communicated its willingness to substantially comply with the Community Proposal in detail and intent.

ISD agreed to not issue a permanent Certificate of Occupancy to the bank until the bank's re-design has been approved to the satisfaction of the BPDA and the Community.

The parties agreed to have a follow up meeting within one week (on 12/20) to review the



A protester stands with her sign next to Mr. Monopoly.

bank's revised progress drawings and illustrations conforming to the Community Proposal.

It was further agreed that the parties will proceed promptly so that reconstruction of the storefront can be completed in the most expeditious timeframe.

On December 14, a demonstration was held in front of the Chase Bank telling the company to make the historical changes with signs saying things like "Do the Right Thing: Do it Over" and a cardboard cutout of Mr. Monopoly. Despite the rain, people brought their umbrellas and



Protesters gathered outside the new Chase Bank at 701 Centre St. on December 14 to express their dissatisfaction with the way the building was renovated, as they say it was not done historically.

their signs and stood in front of the bank.

At the Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council (JPNC) meeting on December 17, Gert Thorn, who is a member of the Council, expressed his appreciation for those who were behind the effort

to make the changes. "It's been a wonderful community effort," he said. "I thank all of you for your support."

He also said that he would like to start a design committee for the neighborhood overlay district, as there are an increasing

number of projects that could benefit from this sort of review. JPNC member Kevin Rainsford agreed, as he said that currently, "there is no consistent vision" for buildings within the district.

Gazette reporter Lauren Bennett contributed to this article.

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Sights & Sounds

The deadline for listings is noon, January 7 for the January 10 issue. Send listings to reporter@jamaicaplaingazette.com. Note: 617 should be dialed before numbers below, unless another area code is given.

Special events

The January Vigil in Support of Black Lives Matter will be held Thursday, January 2, from 5:30-6:30 pm on the lawn of the First Baptist Church of Jamaica Plain, 633 Centre Street. Everyone is invited to attend and participate in this monthly event. For further information, contact Bonnie McBride at 617-331-0020 or Penny Wells at 617-640-3557.

Community Bible Study, 11 am to noon, First Saturday of each month. Discussion, Lending Library of Bible Study Materials. Christian Science Reading Room, 351 Centre Street. 857 719-3432
JP Toastmasters meets the second and fourth Monday of each month 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 pub-

lic speaking and leadership skills

Arts, music, and culture

A BSO Community Chamber Concert will be held on Sunday, January 12 at 3 p.m. at the Curtis Hall Community Center, 20 South St. in Jamaica Plain. The program is as follows: BEETHOVEN String Quintet in C, Op. 29 (35') COLGRASS Variations for Four Drums and Viola (22')

Alexander Velinzon & Julianne Lee, violin; Cathy Basrak & Steven Laraia, viola; Adam Esbensen, cello; Timothy Genis, percussion

The Community Chamber concerts are always free and last approximately one hour. There are light refreshments served at the end of each concert, where audience members are encouraged to mingle with musicians.

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night of every month. Good times in Jamaica Plain."

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

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Friday 12/20 (after Hippy Hour) 8:30pm (\$8.00): All of the Animals, Tom Appleman Band, Brian O'Connell Fellowship

Saturday 12/21 (Night Show) \$7.00: A Rum Bar Holiday Spectacular with Jay Allen & The Archcriminals, A Bunch of Jerks, Hambone Skinny, The Black Souls
 Saturday 12/21 (Day Show) 3pm (\$7.00): The Montgomerys, The Shirty Pirates, The Thigh Scrapers, M.O.T.O.

Sunday 12/22 (Day Show) 3pm: TBA

Monday 12/23 (\$7.00): Sloppy Joes Drag Night! A drag night hosted by Kirbie Fullyloaded and Plane Jane!
 Tuesday 12/24 - Wednesday 12/25: The Midway will be closed for the holiday

Thursday 12/26 (before Queeraoke) \$5.00: Elle Brigida

Friday 12/27 (after Hippy Hour) 8:30pm (\$TBA): The New American Good Time Boys and special guests

Saturday 12/28 (Night Show) \$TBA: Purple Moon (A tribute to Pink Floyd)

Saturday 12/28 (Day Show) 3pm (\$8.00): Atomic Bastards, Silence The Voices, Machine Gun Mayhem, A King's Descendant

Sunday 12/29 (Day Show) 3pm (\$7.00): Cook Bag, Louzy, Down-Boy!, Circus Battalion

Monday 12/30 (\$7.00): Nyalas,

Celebrant

Tuesday 12/31: TBA

January 2020:

Wednesday 1/1: Happy New Year! The Midway is closed.

Thursday 1/2 (before Queeraoke): Richie Parsons

Friday 1/3 (after Hippy Hour) 8:30pm (\$8.00): WorldWise, Keith Curbow Studio Band

Saturday 1/4 (Night Show) \$8.00: The Shoats, Amy Mantis & the Space Between, The Stupid Robots, Threat Level Burgundy

Saturday 1/4 (Day Show) 3pm (\$5.00): The McGunks, Hamhocker, We Own Land, COB

Sunday 1/5 (Day Show) 3pm (\$5.00): Big Giant, The Wrong Shapes, Boom Vang, Chris Wagner of Modern Day Idols

Monday 1/6: TBA

Tuesday 1/7 (\$5.00): morgan miller, Celseigh, Jake Perrone, Elsie Eastman

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Friday 1/10 (after Hippy Hour) \$7.00: Sunshine Riot, Tsunami-bots, If We Go At All, The Only Things

Saturday 1/11 (Night Show) \$7.00: Nick Barbarian, Loser's Circle, The Runouts, CE Skidmore

Saturday 1/11 (Day Show) 3pm (\$6.00): Crow Follow, The Scintillators, The First Supper, ydavewhy

Sunday 1/12 (Day Show) 3pm (\$7.00): Martin / Morrel / Fredette, Lower Falls, Twice- A-Day Ray, Members Lonely

Monday 1/13 (\$10.00): Punk Rock-in' And Pastie Poppin'

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

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.

Dance and comedy

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

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

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

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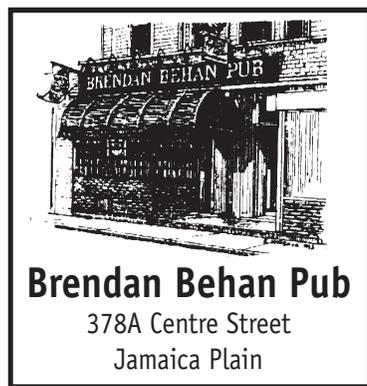
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HOLIDAY PROJECTION REVEAL PARTY

PHOTOS BY MIKE MEJIA

JP Centre/South Main Streets held a holiday party at Unlimited Sotheby on Friday, December 6, to reveal the dynamic light show on display at 670 Centre St. The fun party offered pizza, empanadas, refreshments, and

delicious baked goods from the Jamaica Plain, and shows festive holiday images, will run from 5 p.m.-9 p.m. until New Year's Day.



Sarah Freeman and Diane Spears.



Chuck Collins and Mary Wallace-Collins.



Erica Kyzmir-McKeon and Lois McKeon.



Quintin White, left, and Ray Banzaert, right, point at the light show across the street at 670 Centre St.



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BPDA approves two JP projects that will add 75 units of affordable housing

BY JOHN LYND

Mayor Martin Walsh recently signed a Home Rule Petition to impose a real estate transfer fee of two percent on the purchase price of any private real estate sale over \$2 million and dedicate all revenues to affordable housing. Since being elected to office Walsh has sought creative ways to add more much-needed affordable housing units to the city.

At last week's Boston Planning & Development Agency (BPDA) Board of Directors meeting the board approved two Jamaica

Plain projects that will add 75 income-restricted units to the neighborhood. These residential projects moving forward make progress towards Walsh's goal of increasing affordable housing to support a strong middle-class.

The first project at 10 Stoney Rd., will formerly known as 35 Brookley Road, will re-purpose a current industrial site to construct an energy-efficient four-story building. The building will contain a total of 45 rental units, including 10 income-restricted units, five of which are

artist live/work spaces. Once complete, the project will have 19 parking spaces and 38 bicycle spaces.

"The project creates an unprecedented amount of privately financed income-restricted housing with over 22 percent of the units offered to lower income residents at a range of income levels," wrote the BPDA board in its ruling. "In collaboration with the Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture, the project will also create a new public mural on the project site."

The second Jamaica Plain project by the BPDA is the project 1595-1599 Columbus Ave. that will bring 65 rental units, all of which are income-restricted.

According to the BPDA the developer will construct a six-story building containing approximately 65 income-restricted rental units, including four Community Based Housing units with enhanced accessibility and universal design features. There will also be 4,000 square feet of non-residential space on the

ground-floor which is envisioned as a workspace for artists, office space or other activated uses.

Both projects are consistent with the community goals outlined in PLAN: JP/Rox, approved by the BPDA board in 2017. PLAN: JP/Rox aims to enhance livability, honor the existing diversity of the neighborhood, use creative design that celebrates the character of the district, and facilitate the creation of more income-restricted housing.



The project at 1595-1599 Columbus Ave. that will bring 65 rental units, all of which are income-restricted, was approved by the BPDA last week.



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Sullivan of Jamaica Plain presents at Lasell University Connected Learning Symposium

Patrick Sullivan, a Jamaica Plain resident, presented "Social Media and Fan Engagement in College Football Audience."

Under the guidance of Professor Janice Savitz, Sullivan (a Criminal Justice major) shared

a half hour presentation with faculty and peers.

The biannual Symposium offers Lasell University students of all majors and class years to showcase work directly reflective of the institution's curricular

foundation, Connected Learning. Students share presentations, exhibits, visual art, performances and more that demonstrate industry applications of their work.

"This semester's presenta-

tions were extraordinary, with a wonderful and positive buzz throughout the campus," said Lasell Provost Jim Ostrow. "All students and faculty should once again take great pride in the results of our Connected Learning

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For more information contact: Samantha Mocle, assistant director of communications at smocle@lasell.edu or at 617-243-2386.

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ENCHANTED TROLLEY TOUR HYDE SQUARE

Mayor Martin Walsh made a stop at Hyde Square on Saturday, December 7, as part of his Enchanted Trolley Tour, a tra-

dition of lighting holiday trees now in its 24th year. Despite the chilly weather, friends and families came out to celebrate the

holiday spirit with Mayor Walsh and Santa Clause.

PHOTOS BY MIKE MEJIA



Mayor Martin Walsh counts down the lighting and the confetti.



Daniela, Arlene, and Daniela, with Rudolph and Frosty.



BPS Supt. Brenda Cassellius, Councilor Annissa Essabi-George, and Freddy Murphy from Mix 104.1 in Boston.

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Community Servings completes \$25 million expansion

BY LAUREN BENNETT

Community Servings, which provides nutritious, medically-tailored meals to people with critical and chronic illnesses, celebrated the completion of its \$25 million renovation with a ribbon cutting on December 17. Governor Charlie Baker attended the event, along with Mayor Walsh and Marylou Sudders, Secretary of Health and Human Services for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Thirty years ago, Community Servings was feeding 30 people, said David Waters, CEO of Community Servings. Today, the organization feeds over 1000 clients and their families suffering from 35 illnesses.

"This is a classic example of 'a lot of cooks in the kitchen,'" Governor Baker said. "All of it is about supporting an organization that in many cases provides significant nutrition" to people who need it most.

Baker said the meals at Community Servings are put together using 15 different criteria, which leads to about 98 different meals that are tailored to meet the



Governor Baker and Mayor Walsh joined Community Servings to cut the ribbon for its \$25 million expansion.

needs of each client. Receiving these meals "improves the quality of life for a person under those circumstances," Baker said. "I look forward to seeing this program continue to expand. This is clearly a very special kitchen."

The recently completed expansion will triple food production at Community Servings, according to Marylou Sudders. "Food needs to be nutritious and inviting, appetizing, appealing," she said. "We all understand the physical

connection of food to our body," she continued, but there is also a "psychic connection" to food. Judders said that Massachusetts is one of the few states that was able to negotiate Medicaid to include food and housing insecurity in a pilot program.

"All of us are excited about this expansion," Mayor Walsh said. "Community Servings does incredible work. When people need help, they're there."

Walsh said that a healthy

person is "not just about the medicine and not just about the doctor's appointments," but it's also "the importance of eating healthy and the importance of eating right."

Community Servings volunteers give 50,000 hours of their time per year helping out with these meals, and the organization also has a job training program and a teaching kitchen, where people can learn culinary and life skills, Walsh said. "It gives people second chances," he said. "This truly is amazing."

Ellen Zane, Community Servings Campaign Co-Chair, said that medically tailored meals can reduce healthcare costs. "It is being noticed across the Commonwealth and beyond—many of the healthcare plans have begun working with Community Servings to provide these shrives to their members and patients," Zane said.

Bouba Dieme, a Community Servings client, expressed his gratitude for the organization. Dieme said that when he was living in South Africa, he found out he had congenital heart disease that was spreading quickly. He needed a heart transplant, and when he moved to Boston, he got a heart pump that allowed him to slowly recover. At the end of 2018, he found out his wife was pregnant with twins, and neither he nor his wife had time to cook every day. Community Servings provided Dieme with food that adapted to his health and helped him become more

active. The meals also allowed him to go back to work full time in energy conservation.

"I've not only been allowed to have a family time, it gives me hope for tomorrow and also make me believe in my own dreams that I hope to fulfill," he said.

"This is a major milestone for Community Servings and our mission," said David Waters. "Here at Community Servings, we believe in the astonishing power of food."

Waters said that the new building and new kitchens "will allow us to meet an unmet need—tripling the number of meals we prepare and deliver each year." The program will expand to all 300 communities across the Commonwealth as of January 1, he added. The number of volunteers and the number of job trainers in the food service training program will be doubled as well.

Additionally, Community Servings will be launching a policy and research center "to further prove the impact of our meals on health outcomes," Waters said.

"We are proud to be at the forefront of this new field," he said. "With your generous investment, we have raised over \$11 million toward our ambitious capital gain." The organization is just \$250,000 short of the goal, and "every dollar counts," he said.

"Few things in life compare to breaking bread with family and friends," Waters said. "Food is medicine; food is an agent of change."

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tailed information on the process is available at metcoinc.org or by calling 617-427-1545.

Also new this year is a lottery that replaces the waiting list. All eligible applicants who have submitted a complete application with all requirements by the deadline of January 3 will receive a lottery number and have an equal opportunity to be referred to suburban schools connected with METCO. Parents can track the progress of their

application throughout the application process.

During this transition year, certain groups of applicants from previous years will retain priority status; see metcoinc.org/ status for details. However, all students need to complete a new online application to be considered.

The application upgrade is the first significant change since METCO was founded in 1966 and takes place after a year-long

study with extensive and intensive community feedback and input from educational officials.

"METCO can be a life-changing opportunity. This process makes it easier and fairer for families to make METCO one of their school options," said METCO CEO Milly Arbaje-Thomas. "We will work with you every step of the way. Don't miss the deadline of January 3.

Hyde Square Task Force's Celina Miranda honored as one of Massachusetts' top Latino leaders

Milton resident and non-profit leader Celina Miranda was recently recognized by the Massachusetts House of Representatives as one of the state's most accomplished Latino leaders for her work developing leadership and advocacy skills in youths in Boston's Jamaica Plain neighborhood.

Miranda, the executive director of the Hyde Square Task force, was honored in the State House at the 2019 Latinx Excellence on the Hill ceremony, hosted by the Massachusetts Black and Latino Legislative Caucus.

"Miranda has spent her career engaged in work that enables un-



Celina Miranda.

derserved communities to access the resources and opportunities they need for a better future," the Caucus noted. "With more than

a decade of experience in philanthropy, she has helped numerous Boston nonprofits secure funding in the service of their mission."

The event marked a celebration of National Hispanic Heritage Month and community leaders making a difference across the Commonwealth.

Senate President Karen Spilka and House Speaker Robert DeLeo attended the Oct. 3 event, where they recognized Latino community leaders for their contributions to the Commonwealth.

Miranda was presented with a House of Representatives' citation, signed by DeLeo, that

recognized Miranda's "mastery in developing culturally relevant and powerful leaders, especially among our youth, even in the midst of adversity, in good times and in bad."

Since 2016, Miranda has led the Hyde Square Task Force, a non-profit organization based in the Latin Quarter of Boston, which engages over 800 youth through its various cultural, educational and community action programs. She manages a budget of \$1.8 million and 19 full- and part-time staff members. Prior to that, she was a senior program officer with the Richard and Susan Smith Family Foundation.

Miranda received her bachelor's degree from Smith College and holds a PhD in sociology and social work from Boston University.

Miranda's was nominated by State Representative Nika Eluardo, who represents parts of Boston and Brookline.

The annual award ceremony is hosted by the Black and Latino Legislative Caucus. The group of legislators on the caucus work throughout the session to help people of color living in Massachusetts succeed, whether it's in business, education, or politics.

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The church is located in the middle of the Green Line E (Brigham Circle) and Orange Line (Roxbury Crossing). The 66 bus route has stops on Tremont street near the Basilica.

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JP Agenda

The deadline for listings is noon, Tues. January 7 for the January 10 issue. Send listings to reporter@jamaicaplain-gazette.com. Note: 617 should be dialed before numbers below, unless another area code is given.

Meetings

Stonybrook Neighborhood Association. Next meeting Monday, January 13, 7-9pm, English High School Library, 144 McBride St. More/latest info: www.sna-jp.org

The Jamaica Pond Association will meet from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. on Monday, January 6, in the community room at the Jamaicaway Tower, 111 Perkins Street, Jamaica Plain. This is an open public meeting; Pondsiders who would like to take an active role in this neighborhood organization are encouraged to attend and consider joining the association. There is limited guest parking to the right of the main entrance; the site is a five-minute walk from the #39 bus stop at South Huntington Ave. and Perkins Street.

Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council. Police Community Relations Meeting will take place on Thursday, January 2 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 Public Service Committee of the Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 7 at 7:00pm at Curtis Hall, 20 South Street. On the agenda will be a request of Jamaica Mi Hungry LLC, doing business as "Jamaica Mi Hungry" at 225 Centre Street for a 7-Day Common Victualler (Restaurant) Beer & Wine License with Ernie Campbell as manager. All interested residents are invited to attend.

Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council Zoning Committee: The Committee's next regularly-scheduled meeting will be January 8 at Farnsworth House. The agenda for that

meeting will include 98 Forbes Street (confirm occupancy as a single-family residence and add a two-story (approximately 150 square foot) addition); 91 Green Street (construct an addition on the rear of the existing house to create an additional dwelling unit and a garage); and 11 Halifax Street #2 (interior and exterior renovation of attic with installation of dormers and new exterior windows). After January 8th, the Committee's next upcoming meetings will be January 22 and February 5. Additional materials on the above matters, including plans and photographs, may be accessed here. If you have any trouble accessing or viewing items on the JP Zoning Google Drive, please reach out to Kyle Smith with questions - kyle.david.smith@me.com.

The Public Service Committee of the Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 7 at 7:00pm at Curtis Hall, 20 South Street. On the agenda will be a request of City Feed and Supply, Inc., doing business as "City Feed and Supply" at 672 Centre Street in Jamaica Plain for a transfer of their Beer & Wine Package Store License to Equal Exchange, Inc., doing business as "Equal Exchange" at the same location.

All interested residents are invited to attend.

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Vacancy 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, November 26 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/>. Please visit our website JPNC.org for updates **The Egleston Square Neighborhood Association** will meet on Monday, January 6 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 Thursday of the month, 10:30am, Egleston Library, 2044 Columbus Ave. Info: Office of Rep. Malia, 617-722-2380

Youth/Families

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, 10-11 a.m., 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 December 1 for holidays). Email Caitlin Fisher to register: JPDanceCoop@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

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The Roberto Clemente 21 Sports program is now accepting applications (boys and girls ages 6-16). Location: The Hennigan Community Center, 200 Heath St., Jamaica Plain. Info: 617-828-9524 or alliriano@yahoo.com.

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

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

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

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

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

Health/Fitness

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

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

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

Sherrill House hires two nursing leaders

Sherrill House, a not-for-profit skilled nursing and rehabilitation center today announced the hiring of two nursing leaders:

Dawn Collins, RN, Assistant Director of Nursing

Eileen Carr, RN, MDS Nurse for Clinical Reimbursement

"The two new additions to our organization have deep experience in nursing and long-term care, and they share a passion for providing quality care for older adults," said Patrick J. Stapleton, Chief Executive Officer of Sherrill House. "We are thrilled to welcome Dawn Collins and Eileen Carr as important parts of our committed team who focus on upholding an exceptional

standard of care and services to those we serve."

Dawn Collins brings 22 years of experience as a nurse leader in long-term care centers in Massachusetts and Florida. Prior to her position at Sherrill House, Collins held various nursing leadership roles, including director of nursing, in skilled nursing facilities and rehabilitation centers in the Boston region. She received an associate degree in nursing from Quincy College, a bachelor's degree in nursing from University of Phoenix, and a Master of Education degree in health and wellness from American College of Education. She resides in Dorchester with her

family.

Prior to her role at Sherrill House, Eileen Carr served as MDS coordinator for an established senior care organization in the MetroWest area for 32 years and previously served as a staff nurse at Waltham and Norwood Hospitals. As the MDS Nurse for Clinical Reimbursement, Carr is responsible for all aspects of Medicare reimbursement. She received her nursing degree from Burbank Hospital School of Nursing in Fitchburg, now a part of Fitchburg State University. Carr resides in Waltham with her family.

BLACK LIVES MATTER VIGIL

The fourth anniversary vigil in support for Black Lives Matter was held on Thursday, December 5, at the First Baptist Church. Members of the community gathered for the 48th consecutive vigil in support of the Black Lives Matter movement. The monthly vigils, which take place on the first Thursday of every month, first began four years ago when a group of engaged residents gathered at the First Baptist Church to show their support for the movement.

PHOTOS BY MIKE MEJIA



Emily Savard and Bonnie McBride stand in silence during the vigil.



Betsaida Gutierrez and Mary Lenihan.



Helen Horigan, right, stands with Suzette Abbott, left, as she reads off names of victims of racist violence.



Jana Dye, pastor at the First Baptist Church, stands in silence to remember the names of victims.



Fran Smith, Community Organizer at Community Change, speaks to the attendees of the vigil.

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JP resident photo chosen for Dana-Farber holiday card

BY LAURA PLUMMER

A festive snapshot by local photographer Carl Tremblay was selected to be featured in the Holiday Cards & Gifts collection of the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

Local artists are able to submit their designs for consideration and all proceeds from the holiday collection go toward patient care and cancer research.

Tremblay's card, entitled Nautical Holiday Door, features a seaside cottage front door decorated for the holidays with a pine wreath, antique lantern and just the right amount of snow.

Tremblay has lived in JP for three decades and has worked as a freelance photographer for nearly as long. He lives with his wife and three children. He said the photo was taken while on assignment on Nantucket.

Tremblay was inspired to submit his work to Dana-Farber after his wife Elaine was successfully treated there for Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.

"We are fortunate to have Dana-Farber!" he said, calling it an "incredible team of passionate and caring providers."

Dana-Farber is a world renowned cancer research and treatment center, topping the charts in both adult and child cancer care. Its mission is to eradicate cancer through a multifaceted approach, bridging the gap between research and treatment options.

To view the Dana-Farber holiday card collection, go to dana-farberholiday.org/shop.



Tremblay's card, Nautical Holiday Door, courtesy of Dana-Farber

TRULY AFFORDABLE HOUSING



PHOTO BY RONALD DELORME - GRAFI MEDIA

Roxbury residents and Jamaica Plain residents were among the group who delivered more than 1000 postcards calling for truly affordable housing. Most households in Roxbury make less than \$25,000 a year, and most households near the BPDA's Plan JP/Rox area make less than about \$40,000 a year. Residents have organized locally to win affordable housing that matches neighborhood incomes and are now joining together citywide to ensure that new affordable housing is affordable to Boston residents.



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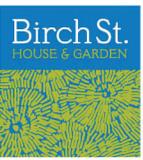
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Reuniones

Comité de casas abandonadas en JP, primer jueves del mes, 10.30, Egleston Library, 2044 Columbus Ave. 722-2060.

JP Problem Properties Committee, primer jueves del mes, 10.30am, comisaría E-13, 3347 Washington St. 722-2060.

Asociación de Vecinos Stonybrook, 13 enero, 7-9 English High School

ESNA, lunes, 6 enero, 6.30-8.30pm. YMCA, 3134 Washington Street.

Asociación de Jamaica Pond, lunes, 6 enero, 7-9pm, 111 Perkins Street.

JPNC, Comité de servicio público, martes, 7 enero, 7pm, Curtis Hall; Comité de urbanización, 8 enero. jpng.org.

Reunión de la policía con la comunidad, 2 enero, 6.30pm, Curtis Hall.

Noticias publicas

Programa de comida comunitaria, comidas gratuitas, con opciones veganas. Comida casera sana. Cena cada miércoles, 6.30pm. Almuerzo, Crossroads Café cada sábado, 12pm. 524-3992, Churchoffice@firstbaptistjp.org

Just Cookin' Kitchen es una colaboración entre servicios de catering que necesitan acceso a una cocina. Ofrecemos una cocina económica, para pequeñas empresas de catering, preparación de comida para camiones de comida, y experiencias culinarias educativas. Kennia: 524-3992, Churchoffice@firstbaptistjp.org.

Buscamos a pequeños empresarios para nuevo programa de tutoría, para ofrecer una red de interconexión para pequeños empresarios. Con oportunidades de hacer conexiones con asociaciones de negocios. Con Renee Wong, una consultante económica de JP. Renee Wong: w.renee@gmail.com. Ginger Brown: directojpcsms@gmail.com.

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

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

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

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

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

Niños/familias

Servicio de adoración, día de acción, 10am, 351 Centre Street. 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: jpdance-coop@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.

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

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

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@jfcbsoston.org.

Intercambio de idiomas inglés-español, los sábados, 12-

1.45pm. Connolly Branch Library. **Egleston Square Library**, ayuda con la tarea gratuita, los lunes, martes, miércoles y jueves, durante el año escolar, 3.30-5.30pm, 2044 Columbus Ave, Roxbury. 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

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

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

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

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

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

Adultos Mayores

Medicare, ¿cómo funciona?, miércoles, 8 enero, 10.15-11.15am. 522-9270. Jamaica Plain Branch Library, 30 South Street. Café mensual de la memoria, 27 ene, 24 feb. 10.30am-12pm. Jamaica Plain Branch Library, 30 South Street.

Café mensual de la memoria, para la gente que sufre de la pérdida de la memoria y los que les cuiden, Amory Street Housing Development, 125 Amory St., El último jueves de cada mes de 1.30 - 3pm. Gratuito para todos. 440-1615 / bmclaren@uphams.org.

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

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

Talleres de Ethos para el 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.

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OBITUARIES

Josephine Cravotta

Worked for City of Everett and Everett Public Schools

Frederick R Carter, 69, of Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts entered into eternity May 8, 2019.

Born in Plainfield, NJ June 26, 1949, he grew up in North Plainfield, NJ. Fred graduated from Fairfield University, Fairfield, Connecticut and received his M.B.S. From Boston College, Boston Massachusetts. He was an adventurous person who tried a variety of pursuits and activities. He began a journey for spiritual awakening that began in the 1980's and continued until the end of his life. He transliterated a book on the Shree Guru Gita under the name Agastya Dhanesh.

Fred is predeceased by his mother Edna S Smego and survived by 2 brothers, Leonard



Smego/wife Laurie, Andrew Smego/wife Michele, a nephew, Michael Smego and a niece, Jenna Smego.

He is buried in Fairview Cemetery, Hyde Park, Massachusetts.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH 'LET IN THE LIGHT' CONCERT

PHOTO BY RICHARD HEATH

On Saturday, December 14, 2019 at St. John's Church, Jamaica Plain, the 100 member JP Jubilee, An Elders Chorus delighted the standing room only audience with their "Let in the Light" Concert. The Chorus, under the direction of Elizabeth Anker - conductor, sang a wide range of music including songs in German, Italian and Spanish. All the music was accompanied by Meredith West, pianist with members of the Chorus playing on many different percussion instruments. The song "Harriet Tubman" was a crowd pleaser.



LEGAL NOTICES

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
NOTICE OF
PETITION FOR
CHANGE OF NAME
Docket No.
SU19C0549CA
In the matter of:
Farah Etienne
A Petition to Change
Name of Adult has been
filed by Farah Etienne
of Jamaica Plain, MA
requesting that the court
enter a Decree changing
their name to:
Farah Huggins
Any person may appear
for purposes of objecting
to the petition by filing
an appearance at: Suffolk
Probate and Family
Court before 10:00 a.m.
on the return day of
12/26/2019. This is
NOT a hearing date,
but a deadline by which
you must file a written
appearance if you object
to this proceeding.
WITNESS, Hon. Brian J.
Dunn, First Justice of this
Court.
Date: December 06,
2019
Felix D. Arroyo,
Register of Probate
12/20/19
JP

LEGAL NOTICE HARRASSMENT PREVENTION ORDER

(G.L. c. 258E)
TRIAL COURT
OF MASSACHUSETTS
Boston Municipal
Court
West Roxbury
Division
445 Arborway
Jamaica Plain, MA
02130
Docket No.
1906R00653
Plaintiff's Name:
Gloria Manforte
Defendant's Name:
17 Court St. #2601
Boston, MA 02108
Date of Birth:
11-23-63
Sex: Male
VIOLATION OF THIS
ORDER IS A
CRIMINAL OFFENSE pun-
ishable 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
harrasment.
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 835 Hunting-
ton Ave. #1502, Boston,
MA and wherever else
you have reason to know
the Plaintiff may reside.
You are also ORDERED
to remain away from the
entire apartment build-
ing or other multiple
family dwelling in which
the Plaintiff's residence
is located.
B. NOTICE OF LAW
ENFORCEMENT
1. An appropriate law
enforcement officer
shall serve upon the De-
fendant 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 Informa-
tion Form accompanies
this Order.
DATE OR ORDER -
11/22/19
TIME OF ORDER - 10:35
a.m.
Expiration date of order
- 12/6/19 at 4 p.m.
Next Hearing Date -
12/6/19 at 9:00 a.m.
WITNESS - FIRST OR
CHIEF JUSTICE
Hon. Kathleen Coffey
12/20/19
JP

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

TO G.L. c. 190B,
s 5-304
Docket No.
SU19P2530GD
In the matter of:
Helen Sullivan
RESPONDENT
Alleged Incapacitated
Person
Of: Roslindale, MA
To the named Respon-
dent and all other inter-
ested persons, a petition
has been filed by Central
Boston Elder Services,
Inc. of Boston, MA in the
above captioned matter
alleging that Helen
Sullivan is in need of a
Guardian and requesting
that Michael Tobin of
Roslindale, MA (or some
other suitable person) be
appointed as Guardian to
serve on the bond.
The petition asks the
court to determine
that the Respondent
is incapacitated, that
the appointment of a
Guardian is necessary,
and that the proposed
Guardian is appropriate.
The petition is on file
with this court and may
contain a request for
certain specific authority.
You have the right to
object to this proceeding.
If you wish to do so, you
or your attorney must

file a written appearance
at this court on or before
10:00 A.M. on the return
date of 01/03/2020.
This day is NOT a hearing
date, but a deadline date
by which you have to file
the written appearance
if you object to the
petition. If you fail to file
the written appearance
by the return date,
action may be taken
in this matter without
further notice to you.
In addition to filing the
written appearance, you
or your attorney must
file a written affidavit
stating the specific facts
and grounds of your
objection within 30 days
after the return date.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
The outcome of this
proceeding may limit or
completely take away
the above-named
person's right to make
decisions about personal
affairs or financial af-
fairs or both. The above-
named person has the
right to ask for a lawyer.
Anyone may make this
request on behalf of the
above-named person. If
the above-named person
cannot afford a lawyer,
one may be appointed at
State expense.
WITNESS, Hon. Brian J.
Dunn, First Justice of this
Court.
Date: December 02,
2019
Felix D. Arroyo,
Register of Probate
12/20/19
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
CITATION GIVING
NOTICE OF PETITION
FOR APPOINTMENT
OF CONSERVATOR OR
OTHER PROTECTIVE
ORDER PURSUANT
TO G.L. c. 190B,
§5-304 & §5-405
Docket No.
SU19P2531PM
In the matter of:
Helen Sullivan
Of: Roslindale, MA
To the named
Respondent and all other
interested persons, a
petition has been filed
by Central Boston Elder
Services of Boston, MA
in the above captioned
matter alleging that
Helen Sullivan is in need
of a Conservator or other
protective order and
requesting that Michael
Tobin of Roslindale, MA
(or some other suitable
person) be appointed
as Conservator to serve
Without Surety on the
bond.
The petition asks the
court to determine that
the Respondent is dis-
abled, that a protective
order or appointment
of a Conservator is
necessary, and that the
proposed conservator is
appropriate. The petition
is on file with this court.
You have the right to
object to this proceeding.
If you wish to do so, you
or your attorney must
file a written appearance
at this court on or before
10:00 A.M. on the return

date of 01/03/2020.
This day is NOT a hearing
date, but a deadline date
by which you have to file
the written appearance
if you object to the
petition. If you fail to file
the written appearance
by the return date,
action may be taken
in this matter without
further notice to you.
In addition to filing the
written appearance, you
or your attorney must
file a written affidavit
stating the specific facts
and grounds of your
objection within 30 days
after the return date.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
The outcome of this
proceeding may limit or
completely take away
the above-named
person's right to make
decisions about personal
affairs or financial af-
fairs or both. The above-
named person has the
right to ask for a lawyer.
Anyone may make this
request on behalf of the
above-named person. If
the above-named person
cannot afford a lawyer,
one may be appointed at
State expense.
WITNESS, Hon. Brian J.
Dunn, First Justice of this
Court.
Date: December 02,
2019
Felix D. Arroyo,
Register of Probate
12/20/19
JP

LEGAL NOTICE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Suffolk Division
24 New Chardon St.
Boston, MA 02114
617-788-8300
ORDER FOR SERVICE
BY PUBLICATION
AND MAILING
Docket No.
SU19D2422DR
Ana Maria Santos
De Kery Kelly
vs.
Gabriel Kery
Kelly
Upon motion of
plaintiff(s) for an order
directing the defen-
dant(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 an action
for Divorce 1B.
Pursuant to Supple-
mental 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 is
therefore not practicable,
and defendant has not
voluntarily appeared in
this action.
It is Ordered that
defendant is directed to
appear, plead, answer,
or otherwise move with
respect to the complaint
herein on or before
January 16, 2020.
If you fail to do so this
Court will proceed to a
hearing and adjudication
of this matter.
Date: December 02,
2019
Hon. Brian J. Dunn
Justice of Probate and

Family Court
12/20/19
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
NOTICE OF
PETITION FOR
CHANGE OF NAME
Docket No.
SU190452CA
In the matter of:
Joseph Henry Dow
A Petition to Change
Name of Adult has been
filed by Joseph Henry
Dow of Jamaica Plain,
MA requesting that the
court enter a Decree
changing their name to:
Michele Joseph Henry
Pierce Dow
Any person may appear
for purposes of objecting
to the petition by filing
an appearance at: Suffolk
Probate and Family
Court before 10:00 a.m.
on the return day of
01/02/2020. This is
NOT a hearing date,
but a deadline by which
you must file a written
appearance if you object
to this proceeding.
WITNESS, Hon. Brian J.
Dunn, First Justice of this
Court.
Date: December 09,
2019
Felix D. Arroyo,
Register of Probate
12/20/19
JP

OP-ED

Where the locals go: '20 Districts in 20 Days'

BY MAYOR MARTIN WALSH

The holiday season is in full swing, and many of us are searching for gifts to give friends and family to show them how much they mean to us. It's a great time to try and shop local to support the small businesses in our neighborhoods. Lucky for us in Boston, it's easy to find wonderful small and locally-owned places to shop!

There are 20 official Main Streets districts in Boston, each

reflecting the unique history, culture, and traditions of the surrounding neighborhood. We recently celebrated Small Business Saturday and kicked off our '20 Districts in 20 Days' campaign in Four Corners. Through December 19, each day is dedicated to a different neighborhood to highlight their Main Street businesses. I'm inviting all Boston residents to get involved and see what their local Main Street Districts have to offer—or to explore a part of the city they've never visited before!

Small businesses are the lifeblood of our local economy and the backbone of our communities. They represent goods and services close to home, first jobs for our young people, and opportunities for our residents. They hire locally, they reflect our rich diversity of cultures and languages, and they care deeply about being good neighbors.

Boston is home to more than 40,000 small businesses, which account for about 170,000 jobs. That's nearly half of all private-sector employment! All to-

gether, they create vital commercial districts that strengthen our local economy. When our small businesses thrive, our entire city thrives. Supporting small businesses is very important to my administration, and it's a key strategy in some of our most important efforts—from creating jobs, to beautifying our neighborhoods, to improving equity and making sure that opportunities reach everyone.

Throughout the holiday season, and throughout the year, I hope you'll join me in shopping

local. You'll be supporting your community and learning more about our historic and vibrant neighborhoods. After all, they're where the locals go.

You can find out more about the Boston Main Streets program and the 20 Districts in 20 Days campaign at Boston.gov/SmallBusiness. And share your support by using the hashtag "#WhereTheLocalsGo"!

Martin Walsh is the Mayor of Boston.

OP-ED

Christmas is still special

BY DR. GLENN MOLLETTE

Make a mental decision that Christmas is going to be great. Our world exists in the space between our ears known as our brains. We can dread or hate something or just decide it's going to be wonderful.

Faking it is not always easy. We can fool people some of the time, but we can't fool everyone all the time. The hardest person you actually have to fool is yourself. Sometimes we can fool ourselves for awhile, and it's

never fun fooling ourselves for a long period of time. Sometimes it's necessary to fool ourselves briefly if we need to convince ourselves of something in order to survive.

For example, if you are going to be in a big gathering for Christmas there is probably going to be one or two obnoxious or ridiculous people in the crowd. You may already dread seeing them. Just convince yourself it is okay and that people are different and no one is perfect. Just decide to let ungratefulness,

weird or negative comments roll off your back. You can override stupidity with Christmas cheer for a day. Just remember this is only for a day or two.

Also, this Christmas will not bring back any past Christmases. There will be an empty chair or maybe several empty chairs. It may be tough and depressing when we think about how Christmas was a few years back. Christmas will never be the same for those of us missing loved ones and tears often come. Go ahead and cry but determine

you won't spend all Christmas day crying. As you remember the past remember what it is about that person or Christmas you miss and hold tight to that joyful remembrance.

Keep in mind that this Christmas is still special because you are here in the world to celebrate the occasion. Whoever the people are in your life today hold them close and be merry together.

From the Old Testament the people of God were instructed by Joshua to "Hold tight to God, your God, just as you've done up

to now." (Joshua 23:8) For all of us holding tight to our faith, our family, our friends and our life's values.

Glenn Mollette is the publisher of Newburgh Press, Liberty Torch and various other publishing imprints; a national columnist – American Issues and Common Sense opinions, analysis, stories and features appear each week In over 500 newspapers, websites and blogs across the United States.

OP-ED

Nation-leading education equity law won by decades of courageous organizing

BY SENATOR SONIA CHANG-DÍAZ

Last month, I stood in a packed gymnasium at English High School right here in Boston, and watched Governor Baker as he signed a nation-leading education funding equity bill into law.

The bill corrects our Commonwealth's 26-year-old K-12 funding formula, delivering \$1.5 billion in state aid primarily to low-income students who have faced drastic underfunding for decades. These are the exact fixes that families, educators, and organizers across the Commonwealth have been fighting for.

Seismic progress like this doesn't happen by itself and it doesn't happen overnight. It re-

quires resilient advocacy and courageous commitment from people all across the state. This fight was no different, and it started long before this legislative term began.

Forty-one years ago, in 1978 (the year I was born!), 8-year-old Roburn Webby from Brockton was one of the first to call for reforming our state's education funding system. She saw that she and her classmates did not have the same opportunities as their peers in other communities. Roburn and her parents joined together with 15 other families and stakeholder groups from across the state to sue for every child's right to a quality education.

The case took 15 years to wend

its way through the system -- so long that Roburn aged out of the Brockton school system and was succeeded by 13-year-old Jami McDuffy as the lead plaintiff. But at the end of the day, their work led to one of the most important changes to K-12 education in Massachusetts history. In 1993, the Massachusetts Supreme Court decided that every child had a constitutional right to quality education. The Legislature's subsequent Education Reform Act that year set a national standard for K-12 funding.

Yet, even as the Massachusetts education system climbed the national rankings, achievement and opportunity gaps persisted -- and in some cases grew. So these same communities con-

tinued to champion educational justice, calling for increased investment to make good on our constitutional responsibility. In 2010, these communities were joined by others across the state who were facing growing year over year budget cuts.

They got down to work, making their voices heard in calls, meetings, and long trips back and forth to the State House. Their grit and persistence achieved the rebirth of the Foundation Budget Review Commission, which I co-chaired in 2015--whose mandate was to recommend updates to the state's decades' old formula for K-12 education aid, also known as the "Foundation Budget."

Still, parents, students, and advocates knew the work was

far from over. For the next year, as we on the Commission held hearings across the state, communities turned out -- sharing stories of damaging budget cuts year after year, and the double bind faced by low-income kids who endure a more difficult road to start with and who receive even less support along the way.

The next year, in October 2015, the Commission issued our report -- with five clear recommendations to update the formula and provide necessary support to close the achievement gap.

Still, we all knew the work was far from over. The recommendations had no force of law, they would make no true impact

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LETTER

Thank The Muncey group

Dear Editor

I want to thank The Muncy group for giving out canvas tote bags at the Thursdays on the lawn event this summer. We have two of these reusable bags in our home and I have personally used them almost everyday

since July this year, sometimes two to three times each day. I feel happy to have avoided buying/receiving so many plastic and paper bags. These tote bags are a good size, light weight, washable and the best part- I love JP printed on the side. They are a

great marketing giveaway and truly shows the company's love and commitment to JP.

P.s. I am not paid by Muncy group/ don't work for them.

SHIVIKA NAYYAR

Schools need a fully functioning library

Dear Editor,

It was with great interest that I read the article "Local real estate company comes to the rescue of school library" by Laura Plummer in the November 8th edition of the Jamaica Plain Gazette. I was the Mission Hill Library Coordinator from 2005-2009, and during my time at the school, I cataloged the Library on The Libraryworld Platform. In the years since, I have gone on to run two other Boston Public School Libraries, now in my eighth school year at The Mather Elementary in Dorchester. I also now work one day a week supporting Deborah Froggatt, Director of Library Services at Boston Public Schools. I work helping BPS library paraprofessionals and parent volunteers get school libraries functioning after years of them sitting unused.

Kudos to parent Anita Cooper for recognizing that schools need libraries. Cooper should also be lauded in working to find a local business like McCormack and Scanlan to support the cost of running the online catalog system. These systems help keep an inventory of what the library has, and can be used to analyze

the collection. There is a lot of research out there that shows the correlation between schools having staffed libraries, and student achievement. But therein lies the rub, it is a *staffed* school library that creates the school library programming that helps narrow the achievement gaps. We would never agree to staffing a classroom, a gym, an art class nor the cafeteria with parent volunteers, and neither should we do it with a school library.

I started out as a parent library volunteer at Mission Hill, and I was hired on, and then grew my career from that vantage. I know the hard work and dedication that parents give to school libraries. I also have seen school libraries go from being fully supported by volunteers, and then the library shuttered as parents move on. The Curley School, when they set out to reopen their library did so

with full buy in from the schools principal that if the money was raised, a library paraprofessional would be included in the school's budget. This should be the model that Mission Hill parents advocate for- especially at a school whose curriculum centers around project based learning and student driven learning. A fully staffed library would benefit not only students and their families, but the teaching staff as well. I know that Boston Public School budgets make it so funding a school library position is difficult, and this is why we all need to reach out to Mayor Walsh, Superintendent Cassellius, The School Committee, and The Boston City Council and ask that school library staff become a centrally funded position so that all schools can have a fully functioning library.

SINCERELY,

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by themselves. So these stakeholders and advocates redoubled their efforts again -- crafting legislation, organizing demonstrations, attending hearings, calling the State House, meeting with offices again and again. And, more than 40 years after Roburn Webby and her parents first led the charge for equity -- these stakeholders filed another lawsuit.

On a cold morning this past January, 13-year-old Chelsea middle schooler José Cruz Jr. came to the State House and echoed these calls for an equal chance in life. He told us about how he and his peers deal with poverty, violence, homelessness, and few employment opportunities -- and that he had no one at school to talk with about it.

"So I ask you," he said to us. "Do you sincerely expect us to succeed under these circumstances? Are you aware of these issues? Can you do something to help us? Will you help us?"

The law we won this year will finally answer these calls. It includes all five of the Foundation Budget Review Commission's recommendations, with the full investment prescribed to close opportunity and achievement gaps at scale.

These provisions weren't politically easy, and getting here was never certain. But we always knew this was the right goal -- and a diverse coalition of Democrats, Republicans, teachers unions, charter school advocates, parent groups, student organizers, civil rights advocates, business leaders, and local officials all agreed.

Generations of Bay Staters tirelessly and passionately kept this cause alive -- never giving up, even political insiders believed the issue was dead. And now, future generations of Bay Staters will taste the fruit of their efforts: a public education to create the society we want to live in and support every child as they reach for their dreams.

We failed Roburn Webby 40 years ago, and we missed the mark on doing right by Jami McDuffy 26 years ago. But today, finally, this law is getting it right for José Cruz and the decades of Bay Staters who will come after him.

This is what generational progress for educational equity and economic justice looks like. This is what refusing to give up looks like.

I'm profoundly grateful to have had the chance to stand alongside so many of you in this fight. Never doubt that when we organize, we win.

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