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## O'Malley heads into tenth year as City Councilor, ready to tackle issues

BY LAUREN BENNETT

City Councilor Matt O'Malley was sworn in on Monday, heading into his tenth year as the District 6 Councilor—he's

now the longest serving member of the Boston City Council. Throughout his time on the City Council, O'Malley has worked

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## JP drone pilot says the 'possibilities are endless' for unmanned aircraft

BY SETH DANIEL

JP resident Julio Aguilar had always been drawn to flight – and as a kid in his native Florida, that took the form of air shows

and airplane mechanics.

He said he grew up with his father frequently working on an

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## NEW COUNCILORS SWORN IN



PHOTO BY SETH DANIEL

Councilor at-large Julia Mejia – amidst tremendous applause – has a very emotional moment on stage after being sworn in as the first Latina ever on the Boston City Council during Monday's Inauguration Exercises. Mejia's journey to the Council included a narrow one-vote win over candidate Alejandra St. Guillen. Her many supporters in Faneuil Hall wore buttons that read, 'One Vote Counts,' and she received numerous applause throughout the ceremony. Mejia and 10 other councilors – including JP Councilor Matt O'Malley – took the Oath of Office on Monday, Jan. 6, at Faneuil Hall. Read all about it on Page 2.

## CELEBRATING 'THREE KINGS DAY' / 'EPIPHANY'



PHOTOS BY DEREK KOUYOUJIAN

Camila Garcia (right) gives herself a coronation during Three Kings Day – or Epiphany - on Saturday, Jan. 4, at the Connolly Branch Library on Centre Street. Members of the Hyde Square Task Force once again sponsored the dynamite event that drew numerous residents to celebrate and to hear the story of the Three Wise Men read in English and Spanish. See more photos on Page 10 and 11.



## Crime is down 9 percent in Jamaica Plain for 2019

BY JOHN LYNDS

Last week Jamaica Plain rang in the New Year and the Boston Police had some exciting news to share about crime in the community.

Jamaica Plain saw a 9 percent decrease in Part One Crime according to statistics released by the Boston Police Department last week.

According to the final report on Part One Crime (the most serious crimes recorded by BPD) that compares Jan. 1, 2018 through

Dec. 31, 2018 with the same time period for 2019 crime dipped 9 percent here.

There were 89 less Part One Crimes reported when comparing the same period in 2018 with

2019. In total there were 906 Part One Crimes compared to the 995 incidents that occurred in 2018.

In 2018 there were 392 large-

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## Estadísticas de delincuencia de 2019

BY LAURA PLUMMER

El jueves 2 de enero, Curtis Hall en Jamaica Plain organizó 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. Para interpretar las estadísticas

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# Taking the Oath

Councilors welcome four new members; elects Kim Janey as council president

BY LAUREN BENNETT

Four new members of the Boston City Council were sworn in at Faneuil Hall on Monday, joining their nine returning colleagues to create a historic council that is majority female and majority people of color. District Councilors Kenzie Bok, Ricardo Arroyo, Liz Breadon, and At-Large Councilor Julia Mejia—the first-ever Latina on the council—all took the oath of office for the first time. At the first Council meeting shortly after, District 7 Councilor Kim Janey, whose district covers about half of the South End, was



District 7 Councilor Kim Janey was elected as the new Council President on Monday. She received 10 votes from her colleagues, with Councilor Frank Baker voting 'present.'

elected council president. Janey succeeds Andrea Campbell, who was the first black woman to hold the title.

Mayor Marty Walsh walked the councilors through the oath at the ceremony, and then delivered a speech. "This has certainly been a momentous election in the City of Boston," Walsh said. "This will be the most diverse council in history." He expressed his faith in the councilors and praised their past successes.

"I'm excited to have you and have new voices as a part of the conversation as we move Boston forward," Wash said. "I want to make sure that Boston is the best city for everyone who wants to live here and be here." He said that right now, there is "zero partnership" in Washington, D.C., and that he believes "Boston can and must show a way forward." Walsh added that Boston will continue to lead with its values, and he is "honored to do this work alongside you," he told the councilors.

District 8 Councilor Kenzie Bok won every precinct in the district and garnered 70 percent of the vote in last November's election. On her inauguration day, she confirmed her excitement and readiness to take on the role of serving her constituents. At the top of Kenzie's list is working on affordable housing, as she has most recently served as Senior Advisor for Policy and Planning at the Boston Housing

Authority.

Bok said she's "just ready to get to work. You knock on all these doors and people have so many ideas and things to work on and so I'm ready to get to it."

She joked that her first steps are to get her email up and running and her office in order, but she also has plans for what other issues she wants to tackle first.

The proposed sale of the Hynes Convention Center is a big issue in the Back Bay that will have an effect on the entire city, and Bok said that is high on her list of issues to work on right away.

The feeling of excitement and pride was palpable on Monday morning, especially for the newly elected councilors. "It's such an exciting and historic council to be part of," Bok said. "I think that what's nice; we're going to be collaborating as a whole body on some of the biggest issues that face the city."

After the inauguration ceremony, the councilors headed across the street to City Hall for their first meeting together, where Janey was elected as the first order of business. In her speech, Janey thanked her fellow council members, especially Andrea Campbell for her leadership on racial equity, as well as Mayor Walsh and her family. She also outlined work the council has done this past year, and what she believes needs to be focused on in the coming term.

"I am so proud of the work that we have accomplished together," she told her colleagues. "There is no better way to begin this term than by working with you to create a more inclusive and equitable Boston for all." Janey promised to continue to prioritize racial equity and inclusion as a City Council.

"Representation matters," Janey continued. This council is



The full City Council takes the Oath of Office from Mayor Martin Walsh in Faneuil Hall on Monday, Jan. 6. It is the most diverse Council in the history of the City, and is the first time that it has been a majority female Council.

made up of the first openly gay woman, the first Latina woman, and is more representative of the City of Boston as a whole, she said. "My district has rich history and amazing cultural assets," she said, but it is also "ground zero for many of the inequalities in our city." There is an "enormous wealth gap" despite economic prosperity in the city, and the housing affordability crisis continues, she added.

She also talked about other issues plaguing the city, such as the climate change crisis which she said "needs urgent action," as well as car congestion that brings the "flow of traffic to a grinding halt." "Gun violence is also still too prevalent in many of the city's neighborhoods, she said.

"Working together, we passed the short-term rental ordinance, millions of dollars in affordable housing, the wet-lands protection ordinance, and a new strengthened Trust Act to protect our immigrant brothers and sisters," Janey said of the council's work this past year.

"We must work collaboratively in our efforts to create a bright future for all of Boston," she said. She also announced the creation of a City Council Committee on Payment in Lieu of Taxes, as this has been a focus of the Council especially this past year. She also



Jamaica Plain Councilor Matt O'Malley greets other members of the Council at City Hall after being sworn in at Faneuil Hall Monday morning.

proposed free MBTA buses to help with the economic disparities still felt strongly throughout the city. "This is a climate justice and economic justice issue," she said of transportation. "The dangerous decisions coming out of the White House are putting us all at risk and jeopardize our ability to live out the American Dream. Who is at the table matters," as it "determines not only what is served, but who gets to eat."

Despite the many issues the city faces, Janey appears ready to take on her new role.

"We must be intentional in creating economic opportunities for local residents, women, and people of color," she said "As the new council president leading the most diverse City Council in history into the new decade, I know the challenges before us require bold action, creative solutions, and strong leadership."

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# JP's Marge Dunn to star in production of Hair at New Rep Theatre

BY LAURA PLUMMER

A Jamaica Plain resident will be starring in the upcoming performance of the celebrated musical "Hair: The American Tribal Love-Rock Musical" at the New Repertory Theatre in Watertown. "Hair" first exploded onto the theater scene in 1968 as Broadway's first rock musical. Taking place at the height of American involvement in the Vietnam war, Hair tells the story of a group of hippies who attempt to make sense of their realities through free love and psychedelics. The musical, which features hit songs like "Aquarius" and "Let

the Sunshine In", was turned into a successful feature film in 1979, starring John Savage and Treat Williams.

Marge Dunn of Jamaica Plain will be taking on the lead female role of Sheila, played in the film by Beverly D'Angelo. This is not her first performance with New Rep, having recently tackled the role of Chris in its production of Cardboard Piano. Her other credits include roles with Lyric Stage, Nora Theatre, Greater Boston Stage Co, Plays in Place, Brown Box and Theatre on Fire. Her roles have earned her three nominations for the Independent Reviewers of New England.

Dunn received her bachelor's

in English and theatre studies from Wellesley College. She currently works as a Tech Director at the Roxbury Latin School and is a theatre production and movement teacher with Watertown Children's Theatre.

Dunn, who is originally from Winchester, moved to Jamaica Plain five years ago and says she can't imagine living anywhere else in Boston.

"I knew the area beforehand and truly fell in love with the community here," she said. "Feeling connected to my living space as well as my whole neighborhood is such a gift to a creative person."

Dunn also said that as an artist and performer, she takes

inspiration from Jamaica Pond and the Arnold Arboretum.

"I am one who needs some green space and clear air," she said. "It does wonders for my being."

"Hair" will be Dunn's first musical production in three years. While she auditioned specifically for the role of Sheila, she said she would have accepted any role, such as her love of the musical.

"The show itself really changed the game in the musical theatre world when it was written," she said. "It's so representative of its time in history, and I think the spirit of the show is relevant to a lot of young people today."

"Hair" also stars Alex



Marge Dunn.

Hanscom and is directed by Rachel Bertone. The production will run January 26 through February 23 and tickets can be purchased at newrep.org or at 923-8487.

## Crime Stats

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nies reported but that number has dropped to 359 in 2019.

There was also a decrease in robbery and attempted robberies. In 2018 there were 59 reports of robbery and attempted robberies. That number has dropped to just 51 this year.

Larceny from a motor vehicle dipped with 183 reported in 2018 and 149 reported in 2019 while auto theft dropped from 64 to 46.

Commercial burglaries dropped from 18 in 2018 to 14 in 2019.

However, residential burglaries increased slightly with 108 occurring in 2018 and 114 occurring in 2019.

Other burglaries dropped from 13 in 2018 to 6 in 2019.

Rape or attempted rape increased by two when compared to 2018 with 7 incidents reported last year compared to the 9 reported this year.

Homicides decreased by one

with five murders in 2018 and four occurring in 2019 in Jamaica Plain.

Non-domestic aggravated assault increased from 103 to 114 while domestic aggravated assault dropped by three from 42 reported in 2018 and 45 reported in 2019.

Overall Jamaica Plain saw the fourth largest decrease in crime behind Roxbury that saw a 16 percent reduction in crime, South Boston that saw a 14 percent reduction in crime and East Boston that saw a 12 percent decrease.

Citywide Boston experienced a five percent decrease in crime overall.

Anyone look to assist police in any investigation anonymously can do so by calling the CrimeStoppers Tip Line at 1 (800) 494-TIPS or by texting the word 'TIP' to CRIME (27463). The Boston Police Department will stringently guard and protect the identities of all those who wish to help this investigation in an anonymous manner.

## Estadísticas

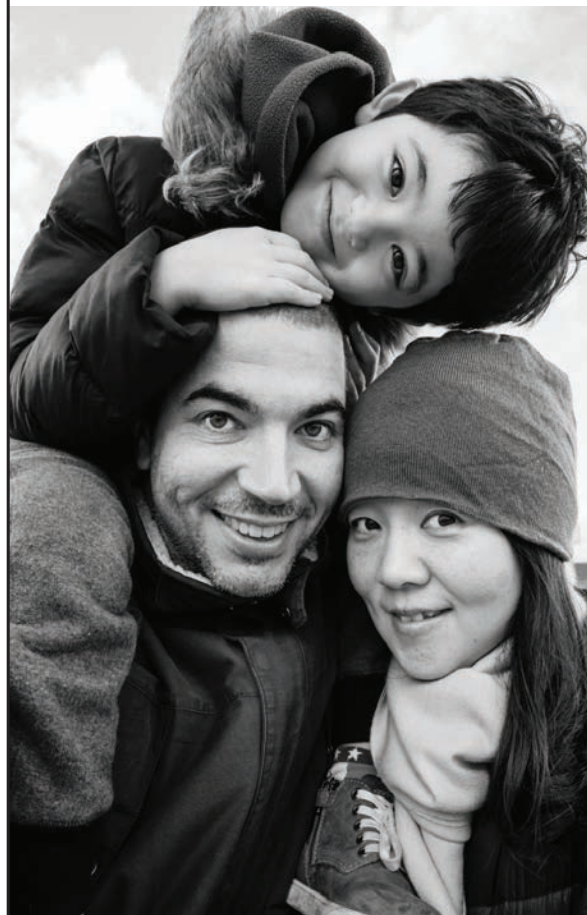
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de la delincuencia, es importante saber la diferencia entre las palabras "robo", "hurto" y "atracó" como están usados en este artículo. "Atraco" significa tomar con fuerza la propiedad de alguien directamente de esa persona. "Robo" significa el ingreso ilegal a un edificio privado para llevarse algo. "Hurto" significa tomar la propiedad de alguien pero no incluye la fuerza o el ingreso ilegal. Un ejemplo del hurto sería robar una bicicleta. Según el cuadro, en 2019 hubo 909 delitos denunciados

en el distrito, una reducción del nueve por ciento de 2018. Los delitos que experimentaron un aumento en 2019 incluyeron la violación, el asalto agravado no doméstico y el robo de residencias. Los delitos que experimentaron una disminución en 2019 incluyeron el homicidio, el atraco, el asalto agravado doméstico, el robo comercial, el hurto y el robo de autos. Hubo 30 por ciento menos arrestos en 2019.

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# JP native becomes the state's youngest varsity boys basketball coach

BY LAURA PLUMMER

In 2019, Timmance McKinney was named the Head Varsity Basketball Coach at City on a Hill Charter School in Dudley Square in Roxbury, making him the youngest varsity coach in the state of Massachusetts at just 25 years old.

McKinney started his journey as a young person growing up in Jamaica Plain. His whirlwind career would take him to high schools and junior colleges in Connecticut, Texas, North Dakota and Colorado before he ended up back in Boston, where he was able to fully realize his love of coaching. But McKinney's journey hasn't always been easy, and he now hopes that his life can be an example to other young people.

As a youth in Jamaica Plain, McKinney had only two goals: go to a Division 1 school and play for the NBA.

"I didn't want anything else," he said. "I spent hours on the courts, in the gym, and watching basketball videos on YouTube."

A student at the Hennigan School, McKinney passed his afternoons on the Hennigan Community Center basketball courts.

During his middle school years at Orchard Gardens K-8 Pilot School in Roxbury, he was in the gym seven days a week and would take the bus to Curtis Hall with his friends to practice. His hard work on the courts began to pay off as coaches began to recruit him for their travel teams.

But McKinney soon learned that hard work on the courts had to be balanced with hard work in the classroom. He started off his high school years at Charlestown High School before transferring to Milton High School and eventually to Avon Old Farms School, an all-boys boarding school in Connecticut. As a high school student, McKinney was recruited by a handful of Division I schools, but he was ineligible to attend because his grades failed to meet the requirements of the NCAA.

Frustrated, McKinney started applying to Division I junior colleges. He ended up at Howard College in Texas before an injury caused him to transfer to Lake Region State College in North Dakota. Following a coaching change, he left to attend Colorado Northwestern Community College.

"My rollercoaster ride from three different high schools to



Timmance McKinney (center) with some of the boys he mentors

three different junior colleges helped me realize that I wanted to be a basketball coach and mentor and to help kids from my city," he said.

McKinney returned to Boston after graduation and quickly started a mentoring program for young men in his hometown. He speaks to groups of student athletes where he emphasizes

the importance of prioritizing academics and education over athletics.

"I believe my story will benefit these kids because at their age, they are putting sports before school," he said. "I want them to see that taking that path at a young age really hurt my future."

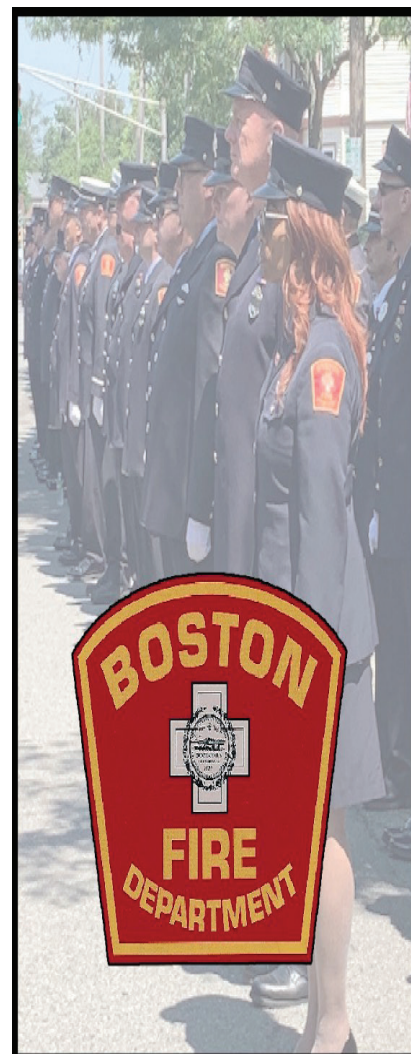
McKinney got his first high school coaching opportunity at St. Joseph's Preparatory High School in Brighton where he was the junior varsity head coach and

varsity assistant coach. He went on to coach at the Park School in Brookline, where he led his team to a 14-1 winning season and a Hoopfest Championship, the largest outdoor basketball tournament in the world.

Despite a career that has taken him all over the country, McKinney is proud of his roots and is eager to give back to the city that raised him.

"Growing up in Jamaica Plain made me the man I am today," he said. "My main goal is to use my story to help the next generation of young men in Boston."

Learn more about McKinney on his website at [timmancemckinney.com](http://timmancemckinney.com).



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# Jamaica Plain nonprofit gets census grant from Mass. Census Equity Fund

By JOHN LYNDIS

This year the United States will conduct its decennial census. In Boston there's been a huge push to ensure a fair and complete count in the 2020 U.S. Census because it determines everything from representation in Congress, to federal funds for schools, affordable housing, infrastructure and health care programs.

In Jamaica Plain and across Boston nonprofits have been making an extra push to get marginalized groups to fill out the census and be counted.

Those efforts in the neighborhood got a boost this week the Massachusetts Census Equity Fund (MCEF). The MCEF announced its second round of targeted grants, totaling \$350,000.00, to 34 grassroots nonprofit organizations to support efforts across Massachusetts to reach hard-to-count communities in the 2020 Census.

## O'Malley

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on several issues, many of them environmental. He served as Chair of the Environment and Parks Committee, worked to reduce litter in the city, passed an ordinance for the elimination of single-use plastic bags in Boston.

Now, reelected for another term, O'Malley told the Gazette that he's ready to tackle issues within the district and beyond. He said he's also proud to be part of such a historic council.

"I'm excited particularly with this year's Council," O'Malley said. "It is the most diverse council we've ever had. I think it better represents the vibrancy and diversity of our district and our city better than probably any legislative body across the country."

O'Malley said he is eager to continue working on environmental issues as "we've really helped push Boston as a national leader as it relates to resiliency," O'Malley said. "Another huge focus for me this term is going to be on traffic congestion, working with our state partners to increase funding for the MBTA so we can not only provide better service and more reliable ser-

In Jamaica Plain the North American Indian Center of Boston (NAICOB) was one of the 34 grant recipients. Based on Huntington Avenue in Jamaica Plain, the NAICOB has provided cultural, social, educational, and professional related services to the New England Native American community for over 45 years. As the oldest urban Indian center in Massachusetts, its mission has been to empower the Native American community with the goal of improving the quality of life of Indigenous peoples.

NAICOB is governed by a seven-member, all Indian, Board of Directors who are elected by the membership and membership is free to all American Indians, Alaska Natives, First Nations (Indigenous People of Canada), and Native Hawaiians living in and around the greater Boston area. "Over 70% of the American Indian and Alaska Native population in the United States live in urban areas," said Jean-Luc Pierite, Tunica Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana and President, NAI-

COB Board of Directors. "Educational programming towards an accurate count of our community members in the 2020 Census is a priority for the North American Indian Center of Boston. At stake is our community's political representation, as well as resources through federal funding which are vital to the self-determination of our peoples."

Alexie Torres, Chair of the Massachusetts Census Equity Fund and Executive Director of Access Strategies said, "2020 is upon us and the time is now for philanthropy, grassroots organizations, state and civic leaders to join together to ensure the most accurate count of Massachusetts residents in the 2020 Census. The Massachusetts Census Equity Fund is proud to be supporting such an amazing group of groups across the state."

Torres added that the impact of the results from the upcoming decennial census will be immense, bringing into focus the importance of collecting accurate data from historically undercounted communities.

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vice, but expanded service as well."

Constituent services is also high on O'Malley's list of priorities. He said that last year alone, there were close to 3,000 unique constituent service cases. "So it's being effective, it's being available and accessible to people. That's why we do office hours on the T and in coffee shops."

Additionally, O'Malley said he's excited for the Jamaica Pond Pathway project and the re-sources that will be allotted for the Centre St. redesign.

As for the Shattuck Campus, which has been a debate amongst the JP community with some agreeing the addition of housing for formerly homeless people, and others wanting the land to be returned to Franklin Park.

"The Shattuck debate, it's been somewhat of a sort of conservationist versus affordable housing sort of lens that folks have looked at this and I reject the notion that it's one or the other," O'Malley said. "I think it can really be both; we can provide for housing while at the same time really unifying the Emerald Necklace and having sort of a new way that we look at Franklin Park as a preeminent gem in the city."

O'Malley said that this is "going to be a great state and city joint project but I'm excited for the opportunity to provide housing, particularly for former

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# Walsh delivers State of the City address

Promises investment in education, transportation, housing

BY LAUREN BENNETT

Mayor Marty Walsh gave his annual State of the City address at Symphony Hall on Jan. 7, where he made many promises in terms of affordable housing, education, and transportation. He also looked back at what the City has accomplished over the past year, and how it can continue moving forward.

For the first time, Mayor Walsh highlighted resident success stories ahead of his speech. Four individuals were invited to the stage to share their stories and how Mayor Walsh's programs have helped their dreams come true.

Yohan Almonte from Mattapan was formerly homeless and ended up in jail, but he said that Mayor Walsh's Operation Exit program "changed my life." The Operation Exit program allows Boston's population most vulnerable to gun violence and returning incarcerated people a chance to give back to their communities.

"Now I'm a member of the Laborers Union, earning good pay and the respect of my community," Almonte said. "Mayor Walsh believed in me and I believe in Boston."

Lamarana Bah immigrated to Boston from Sierra Leone 15 years ago, and never thought

that he and his wife would be able to own a home to raise their three boys in. Bah said that Mayor Walsh's Neighborhood Homes Initiative, which uses City-owned land for affordable homeownership, helped him with a down payment and a mortgage on a home. He and his wife now own their home in Dorchester.

"Our dream came true and that's why we believe in Boston," Bah said.

Smiler Haynes is 86 years old, and spoke highly of Mayor Walsh's newly rebranded Age Strong Commission. She said she enjoys the senior programs at Grove Hall Community Center, and "I tell all my friends that the Mayor's Age Strong office is a great resource for all kinds of things: free shuttle rides, home repairs, volunteer opportunities, fitness classes—my favorite is tai chi! The City believes in our seniors, and we believe in Boston."

Angel Castillo Pineda immigrated to Boston from Guatemala four years ago. After attending East Boston High School, Pineda said he wants to go to college and joined Mayor Walsh's High School to teacher program. He



PHOTO BY SETH DANIEL

With Gov. Charlie Baker giving a standing ovation, Mayor Martin Walsh exits the stage at Symphony Hall in the Back Bay on Tuesday night, Jan. 7, after his annual State of the City Address. Mayor Walsh delivered a 20-minute oration that touched on new initiatives in housing, education and transportation.

hopes to return to Boston Public Schools and teach ESL to students like him.

Walsh started his speech by talking about the city's accomplishments. He said in the past six years, over 120,000 new jobs were added to Boston's economy. The crime rate has been cut by nearly 30 percent, arrests are down 33 percent, and almost 5,000 guns have been taken off the streets. "Boston is one of

America's safest cities," Walsh said.

Despite the successes, "there's a lot of work still to be done," Walsh said, particularly in the categories of education, transportation, and housing.

On the education front, Walsh talked about investing in "universal pre-kindergarten, longer school days, English lan-

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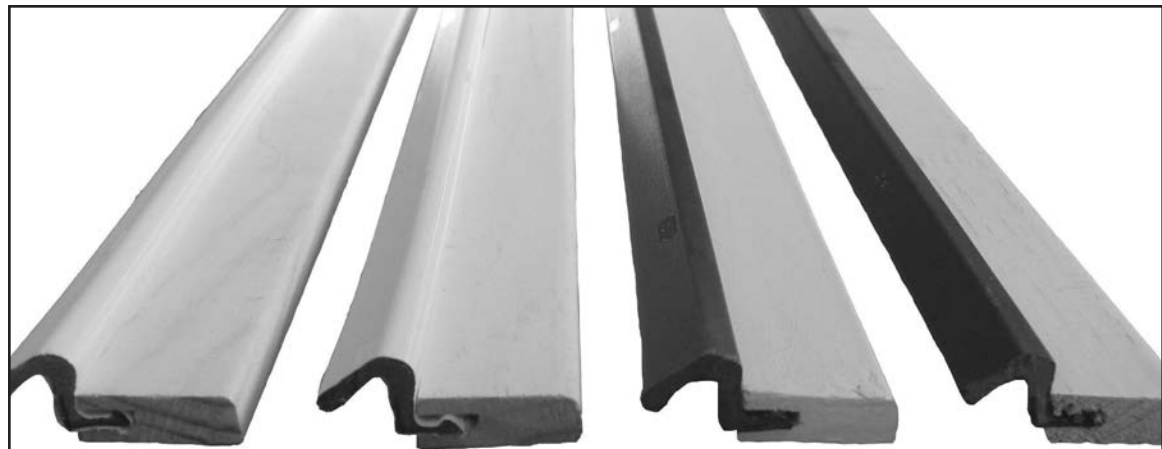


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## LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

### LOCAL STUDENTS NAMED TO HONOR ROLL AT BC HIGH

The following students have been named to the First Quarter Honor Roll at Boston College High School:

- Quarter 1 High Honors
- Patrick Bole 2020
- Aidan Carroll 2021
- Frederick Littell 2020
- Quarter 1 Honors
- Orlando Emiliano-Santos 2022

For High Honors a Sophomore, Junior, and Senior must have at least a 3.80 quality point average and all grades “C+” or

higher. Freshmen need a 3.6 quality point average and all grades “C+” or higher.

For Honors a Sophomore, Junior, and Senior must have at least a 3.20 quality point average and all grades “C-” or higher. Freshmen need a 3.165 quality point average and all grades “C-” or higher.

### JP STUDENT MAKES HONOR ROLL AT CHAPEL HILL-CHAUNCY HALL SCHOOL

Jake McConathy of Jamaica Plain, from the Class of 2021 at Chapel Hill-Chauncy Hall

School, has been named to the honor roll for the 2019 fall trimester. Jake received honors, which requires a grade point average of 3.0 or above for the marking period.

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

### MAZIARZ EARNS FALL 2019 DEAN’S LIST HONORS

Nazareth College is proud to announce that Haley Maziarz of

Jamaica Plain has been named to the dean’s list for the fall 2019 semester.

A student’s grade point average must be at least 3.5 or above, and they must complete 12 credit hours of graded work that semester in order to be included on the dean’s list at Nazareth.

### WEIL RECEIVES HONORS FROM AP SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Sophia Weil of Boston, MA, was one of fifty-seven current and graduated students of Commonwealth School to receive honors from the College Board’s 2019 Advanced Placement Scholars program.

Weil, class of 2019, was named

a Scholar with Honor for succeeding in four AP exams to date. Congratulations Sophia!

Commonwealth School is a private co-ed high school for grades 9-12 in Boston’s Back Bay. It is dedicated to adventurous intellectual and artistic exploration-where creativity and individuality flourish. Commonwealth students take full advantage of Boston’s resources to pursue scholarly research, annual independent projects, and community service. Its alumni include actor Hamish Linklater, diplomat and author Peter Galbraith, musician Evan Dando, actress and filmmaker Kasi Lemmons, and geneticist David Altshuler.

## State of the City

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guage-learning, Special Education, free community college, nurses in every school, mental health counselors, and housing supports,” Walsh said. “We’re taking down barriers to learning and closing achievement gaps wherever we find them.

Walsh announced a plan that will provide \$100 million in new revenue for direct classroom funding. He said that this level of investment is unprecedented and he will start with “intense support for underperforming schools.”

Transportation is a top issue in the City, as the Mayor said he hears complaints daily about traffic congestion and unreliable public transportation.

Last year, more than 30 miles of roads were resurfaced, 1,000 crosswalks were repainted, sidewalks rebuilt, and safety signage was installed across the city. Bike connections are being improved throughout the city as well.

“Since launching our safety plan, we’ve cut fatalities on our roads by half,” Walsh said. “But one death or injury is too many.”

Walsh said that what he hears often from every neighborhood is the need for more enforcement. “This year, I am directing the Boston Police and Transportation Departments to work together and implement a plan to strengthen traffic enforcement in our city. We’re going to make our streets work better for everyone.”

Additionally, Walsh said that seniors are being protected from MBTA fare increases, late-night bus service for third-shift work-

ers will be provided, and the City is paying for the MBTA to be free for all students in Grades 7-12.

“I’m going to keep advocating and I am calling, once again, for the City of Boston to have a seat on the MBTA board,” Walsh said. “It’s time to give people a voice. For our economy, our environment, and our quality of life, it’s time for 21st-century transportation.”

Mayor Walsh also promised unprecedented investment in housing, as it is “the biggest economic challenge our residents face.” Walsh said that since he took office, the city has built two thirds of all new homes in the Greater Boston area, and a quarter of the new homes were subsidized last year.

“The data shows our strategy is working,” Walsh said. “Rents and home price are stabilizing. But they’re still too high for many people.”

Walsh announced that \$500 million over five years will be invested to create thousands of homes across the city, “affordable to a range of incomes, from the most vulnerable to the middle class.”

Starting with \$100 million of city resources will double the city’s current investment, Walsh said, and additional revenue will be generated by working with the City Council to sell the Lafayette garage. Additionally, the City will work with the State Legislature to approve the transfer tax that will charge a 2-percent fee on sales above \$2 million in Boston.

“These investments are transformative,” Walsh said. “I invite housing advocates and residents to help us bring them to life.”

Affordable homes for seniors

will also be built and renovated, and public housing across the city will be preserved, he added.

“And, for the first time in Boston’s history, we will issue city-funded rental vouchers, so more low-income families can be stable and secure,” Walsh said.

“Altogether, this is one of the most progressive housing policies in America, because we believe in a Boston where housing is more than a commodity, it’s our community.”

Walsh also praised the city’s work on inclusivity and diversity, but pushed for even more diverse Boston.

“Over the past six years, our new hires have been 55 percent women and 51 percent people of color,” he said. The Police Department has two Latino officers on the Command Staff for the first time, the new recruits in the Police Academy are 30 percent women and speak 12 different languages, the Fire Department has its first female district chief, first African-American chief of operations, and first Asian-American woman firefighter.

Mayor Walsh said that Boston is a city that fights for equality on all fronts, including social, economic, and environmental justice, supports immigrants, and fights for gender equality, LGBTQ equality, disability rights, veterans’ right, and a strong middle class.

Walsh finished his speech with an empowering, hopeful message for the city’s future.

“We believe in our young people,” Walsh said. We believe in working people. We believe in our elders. We believe in our veterans and first-responders. We believe in immigrants. We believe in second chances. We believe in each other. We believe in Boston.”

### BPDA Income Restricted Housing Lottery

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2	Studio	\$1,635	100%
4	1BR	\$922	50%
22**	1BR	\$1,318	70%
1	1BR	\$1,913	100%
1	2BR	\$1,039	50%
6	2BR	\$1,492	70%
1**	2BR	\$2,172	100%
2**	3BR	\$1,162	50%
2	3BR	\$1,672	70%
1	3BR	\$2,437	100%

\*\*1 Studio 50% AMI unit, 3 1BR 70% units, 1 2BR 100% unit, and 1 3BR 50% unit are built out for persons with mobility impairments and 1 1BR 70% AMI unit is built with features for deaf/hard of hearing

\*Rent does NOT include utilities. Tenant will be responsible for paying gas (heat and hot water are gas), electricity (cooking is electric), cable, telephone and water and sewer. Parking is NOT included and will be approximately \$200/month.

### Maximum Income per Household Size (2019 limits, provided by BPDA)

HH size	50% AMI	70% AMI	100% AMI
1	\$39,700	\$55,550	\$79,350
2	\$45,350	\$63,450	\$90,650
3	\$51,000	\$71,400	\$102,000
4	\$56,650	\$79,300	\$113,300
5	\$61,200	\$85,650	\$122,400
6	\$65,750	\$92,000	\$131,450

### Income Minimums

# of bedrooms	50% AMI	70% AMI	100% AMI
Studio	\$28,260	\$40,500	\$58,860
1	\$33,192	\$47,448	\$68,868
2	\$37,404	\$53,712	\$78,192
3	\$41,832	\$60,192	\$87,732

Income Minimums Apply unless household has housing assistance like a mobile Section 8, VASH, etc.

Applications are available from **January 16<sup>th</sup> to January 27<sup>th</sup>**. Applications can be requested by phone **617.782.6900** by clicking <http://bit.ly/VeloWashington>

Applications may also be picked up at the Jamaica Plain Branch of the Boston Public Library (30 South St, Jamaica Plain) on the following days/times: Thurs Jan 16<sup>th</sup> (4 pm to 8 pm), Saturday Jan 18<sup>th</sup> (10 am to 2 pm), Tuesday Jan 21<sup>st</sup> (1 pm to 5 pm), and Wed Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> (1 pm to 5 pm) and Thurs Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> (1 pm to 5 pm)

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# Sights & Sounds

The deadline for listings is noon, January 21 for the January 24 issue. Send listings to reporter@jamaicaplainingazette.com. Note: 617 should be dialed before numbers below, unless another area code is given.

## Special events

**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 public 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.

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

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

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

wise noted

EVERY THURSDAY 9:30 PM - 2:00 AM: QUEERAOKE (Drink - Sing - Dance - Repeat!) Boston's very best lesbian night (but everyone is welcome and all are invited!)

EVERY FRIDAY 6:00 - 8:30 PM (FREE!): HIPPIE HOUR with Mystical Misfits and Uncle Johnny's Band (alternating weeks) and their friends playing the music of The Grateful Dead, Bob Dylan and more! EVERY SUNDAY NIGHT 8:00 PM - 2:00 AM (FREE!): OPEN MIC AT THE MIDWAY Hosted by Angela Sawyer and Gabe Stoddard. Come one, come all! More info: <http://midwayorthehighway.com/> Friday 1/10 (after Hippie Hour) \$7.00: Sunshine Riot, Tsunamibots, 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, so + so 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 Rockin' And Pastie Poppin'

Tuesday 1/14 (\$5.00): Moni Grace, The Crucial Detail, The Kapps Wednesday 1/15 (\$5.00): TinyOak Booking Presents: The End is Queer featuring sister, The Skirts, Only Child, and more TBA

Thursday 1/16 (before Queeraoke) \$5.00: Jamie Cain Friday 1/17 (after Hippie Hour) \$7.00: Killian Whall

Saturday 1/18 (Night Show) 7pm (\$7.00): M.O.T.O., A Bunch of Jerks, CRUNCHTIME, 1.4.5, Butterscott

Saturday 1/18 (Day Show): Closed for a private event

Sunday 1/19 (Day Show) 3pm (\$8.00): Feed the Beast, Devils Nite Out, Reaver, DV8

Monday 1/20 (\$7.00): Sloppy Joes Drag Night! A monthly drag night like no other hosted by Kirbie Fullyloaded and Plane Jane!

Tuesday 1/21 (\$5.00): Minx, TBA, Gasoline Virgins

Wednesday 1/22 (\$5.00): Sonic Osmosis #6: Fable Grazer, Hard Rugs, Birdorgan, West Street Trio, Erotic Convulsion of the Lung, William Middlemiss, Jr. Thursday 1/23 (before Queeraoke) \$5.00: Travels With Brindle Friday

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

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

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

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

## 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](mailto:DanceJP-Dance@gmail.com)

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

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

**Egleston Square Branch Library**, 2044 Columbus Ave.

Free Drop-In Homework Help Mondays-Thursdays, 3:30-5:30pm The library provides free, drop-in afterschool homework help for students in grades K-8 throughout the school year. Spanish assistance is available Mondays and Thursdays. Help is provided by trained, high-achieving high school students. This program is available at locations across Boston on days that Boston Public Schools are in session. The full list of locations is online at [www.bpl.org/homework](http://www.bpl.org/homework).

**Jamaica Plain Branch Library** Jamaica Plain Branch Library, 30 South Street, Jamaica Plain (617) 524-2053 will be hosting the following events: ESL Conversation Group. Every Tuesday, 2-3:30 p.m. Spanish Conversation Group. Ev-

ery Saturday, 11:30-12:30. Sponsored by Roslindale Branch.

Community Gaming. Saturday 12/21, at 12 noon

**Connolly Branch Library** 433 Centre St., 522-1960, [www.bpl.org](http://www.bpl.org).

If you have not yet participated, please join us to buy something from the Connolly Library Children's Room wish list of items for toddlers and young children. Each item been hand-picked by Children's Librarian Sujei Lugo to meet the needs of the hundreds of kids who use Connolly Library resources through the year. Buy one or more wish list items in celebration of Sujei's work through the year to create a warm and welcoming environment, provide awesome events, and present beautifully-curated displays of featured books. Wish List items are priced between \$7-61, with most costing \$15-20. Buy one, buy two, buy three—and thank you for being a part of the Connolly Library community!

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

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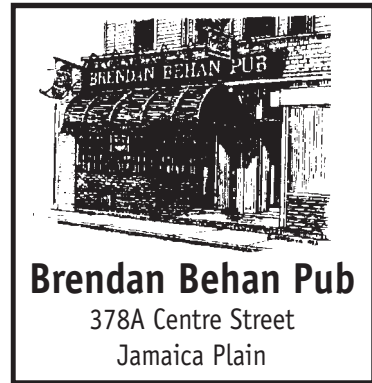
**Shim Gum Do** (Mind Sword Path), zen sword, karate and meditation classes, scholarships available, Spontaneous Celebrations, 45 Danforth St. Info: 429-8024/[mushingum@gmail.com](mailto:mushingum@gmail.com).

## Meet-Ups

**Narratives Boston, queer activist-writers group** open to LGBTQ-identified adults interested in creative expression and social justice, first and third Wednesday evenings of the month, 7-9pm, Haymarket People's Fund, 42 Seaverns Ave. Info: [narrativesboston@gmail.com](mailto:narrativesboston@gmail.com).

**Party for the Helping Hand Fund**, hosted by Haymarket People's Fund, every 3rd Friday of the month, 5:30-8pm, 42 Seaverns Ave. Info: 522-3349/[umunity@gmail.com](mailto:umunity@gmail.com).

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





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# CELEBRATING THE THREE KINGS AT HYDE SQUARE TASK FORCE

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The Epiphany, a popular Holiday in the Afro-Latino Community, is the story of the Three Kings, or Wise Men, who brought gifts of frankincense, myrrh, and gold to the Baby Jesus. The Hyde Square Task Force offered a celebration of this day with music, food, arts and crafts, a reading of the story of the Three Kings, and an opportunity for the community of Hyde Square to celebrate and be closer to each other.

Shown to the right, Ariella Gurnu works on a masterpiece at the arts and crafts table while her mom, Alana, looks on.



Karen Roos attempts to provide her daughter, Louise, some uplifting inspiration at the arts and crafts table.



Alejandro and Corbin Vermulen are excited about the fun.



Ari and Ily (kids) and Stephanie Centeio (far right). Centeio was with her twins Ari and Ily, and friends Vanessa Pereira and Ale DeLaCruz, who played one of the kings.

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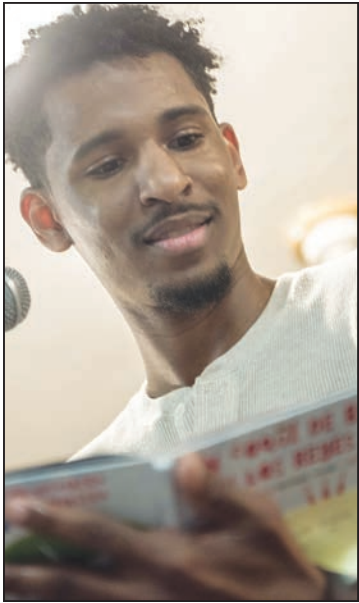
Finn and Paige Mckissock.



Hyde Square Youth Dance Program members Shanté Nazaire and Jakayla Furr perform an Afro-Latinx dance.



Roberto Rivera performs with his daughter Paloma (right), Wilson Vera, and Jose Salgado.



Luidgi Lalanne reads *Un Coquí De Boriquén Con Los Reyes A Belén*, a story of the Three Wise Men.



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# Officials kick off free, four-month winter fitness series

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department and the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) have announced the Boston Parks Winter Fitness Series sponsored by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts through May 1. The four-month-long series will offer free classes at 11 locations across the city.

Winter offerings include walking group/snowshoeing at

Franklin Park, yoga at BCYF Paris Street Community Center in East Boston and Veronica B. Smith Senior Center in Brighton, strength training at BCYF Gallivan Community Center in Mattapan, Zumba Gold at BCYF Golden Age Senior Center in Charlestown, bootcamp in the ADSL Building at Town Field in Dorchester, barre at BCYF Vine

Street Community Center in Roxbury, POUND at Anna Mae Cole Center in Jamaica Plain, chair yoga at Morville House in the Fenway, Zumba at BCYF Curtis Hall in Jamaica Plain, and cardio fitness at the Bubble at Carter Field in Roxbury/South End.

The program is tailored to the interests of residents and par-

ticipants, including age-friendly classes for kids and older adults as well as those new to fitness classes. By engaging in a citywide effort to increase opportunities for physical activity, BPHC and the Parks Department aim to further reduce barriers to active living and achieve the goal of ensuring that Bostonians have ample oppor-

tunities to be active year-round thanks to the expansion of this program. Outdoor activities are weather permitting.

For more information including dates and times, please visit [Boston.gov/winter-fitness](http://Boston.gov/winter-fitness). For information on cancellations, check Twitter at @healthyboston and @bostonparksdept or call (617) 534-2355.

## LEGAL NOTICES

### LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Suffolk Division  
24 New Chardon St.  
Boston, MA 02114  
NOTICE AND ORDER:  
Petition for Resignation or Petition for Removal of Guardianship of A Minor  
Docket No. SU19P1991GD  
In the interests Of: Rubeiny A. Feliciano  
Of: Jamaica Plain, MA  
Minor  
NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES  
Hearing Date/Time: A hearing on a Petition to Resign as Guardian of a Minor or Petition for Removal of Guardianship of a Minor filed by Mirguya M. Guerrero Andujar on August 23, 2019 will be held 01/27/2020 at 9:00 AM Guardianship of Minor Hearing Located at Suffolk Probate and Family Court - Courtroom A  
Response to Petition: You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by

appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to: File the original with the Court; and Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing. Counsel for the Minor: The minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor. Presence of the Minor at Hearing: A minor over age 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not in the minor's best interests. THIS IS A LEGAL NOTICE: An important court proceeding that may affect your rights has been scheduled. If you do not understand this notice or other court papers, please contact an attorney for legal advice.  
Date: December 11, 2019  
1/10/20 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  
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU19P2782EA  
Estate of: Ursula Weber Date of Death 08/28/2017  
To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Brian A. Raphan of New York, NY and Marcus Weber of Munich, GE requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Brian A. Raphan of New York, NY and Marcus Weber of Munich, GE be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve on the bond in an unsupervised administration. IMPORTANT NOTICE You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and

objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 01/23/2020. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you. UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC) A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: December 12, 2019  
Felix D. Arroyo Register of Probate  
1/10/20 JP

### LEGAL NOTICE

TRIAL COURT OF MASSACHUSETTS

Boston Municipal Court West Roxbury Division  
445 Arborway, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130  
Docket No. 1906R00686  
ABUSE PREVENTION ORDER (G.L. c. 209A)  
VIOLATION OF THIS ORDER IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE punishable by imprisonment or fine or both.  
Plaintiff's Name: Inibelle Montalvo  
Defendant's Name: Daniel Cartagena  
THIS COURT HAS ISSUED THE FOLLOWING ORDERS TO THE DEFENDANT  
This order was issued without advance notice because the Court determines that there is a substantial likelihood of immediate danger of abuse.  
1. YOU ARE ORDERED NOT TO ABUSE THE PLAINTIFF by harming, threatening or attempting to harm the Plaintiff physically or by placing the Plaintiff in

fear of imminent serious 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 from the Plaintiff even if the Plaintiff seems to allow or request contact. The only exceptions to this order are: 1) contact is permitted in Sections 8, 9, 10 and 11 below; or b) by sending the Plaintiff, by mail, by sheriff or by other authorized office, copies of papers filed with the court that is required by statute or court rule.  
3. YOU ARE ORDERED TO IMMEDIATELY LEAVE AND STAY AWAY FROM THE PLAINTIFF'S RESIDENCE, except by permitted in Sections 8 and 10 below, located at 138 Fawndale Rd. #2, Roslindale, MA or wherever else you may have reason to know the Plaintiff may reside. The Court also ORDERS you (a) to surrender any keys to that residence to the Police; (b) not to damage any belongings of the Plaintiff or any other occupant; (c) not to shut off or cause to be shut off any utilities or mail delivery to the Plaintiff; and (d) not to interfere in

any way with the Plaintiff's right to possess that residence, except by appropriate legal proceedings. The Court also ORDERS you to immediately leave and remain away from the entire apartment building or other multiple family dwelling in which the Plaintiff's residence is located.  
12. THERE IS A SUBSTANTIAL LIKELIHOOD OF IMMEDIATE DANGER OF ABUSE, YOU ARE ORDERED TO IMMEDIATELY SURRENDER to the Local Police or to the police officer serving this order all guns, ammunition, gun license and FID cards. Your license to carry a gun, if any, and your FID card, if any, are suspended immediately.  
B. NOTICE TO LAW ENFORCEMENT  
1. An appropriate law enforcement officer shall serve upon the Defendant in hand and a copy of the Complaint and a certified copy of this Order (and Summons), and make return of service to this Court. If this box is checked, the following alternative service may instead be made, but only if the officer is unable to deliver such copies in hand to the Defendant:  
2. Defendant Information Form accompanies this Order.  
DATE OF ORDER - 12/16/19  
TIME OF ORDER: 12:10 p.m.

EXPIRATION DATE OF ORDER: 12/30/19 at 4 p.m.  
NEXT HEARING DATE: 12/30/19 - 9:00 a.m. - Courtroom 1  
C. MODIFICATION/EXTENSION This order was issued after a hearing at which the Plaintiff appeared and the Defendant did not appear. The Court has ORDERED that the prior order issued 12/30/19 be MODIFIED as follows:  
The expiration date of this order has been EXTENDED (see below)  
Firearm surrender order continued. The items surrendered under paragraph 12 will NOT be returned since doing so would present a likelihood of abuse to the Plaintiff.  
DATE OF MODIFICATION EXT.: 12/30/19  
EXPIRATION DATE OF ORDER: 1/12/20  
TIME OF MODIFICATION: 10:07 A.M.  
NEXT HEARING DATE: 1/13/20 at 9:00 a.m. - Courtroom 1  
WITNESS, FIRST OR CHIEF JUSTICE  
Hon. Kathleen Coffey  
1/10/20 JP

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# JP Agenda

The deadline for listings is noon, Tues. January 21 for the January 24 issue. Send listings to [reporter@jamaicaplainingazette.com](mailto:reporter@jamaicaplainingazette.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](http://www.sna-jp.org)

**The Jamaica Pond Association** will meet from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. on Monday, February 3, in the community room at the

Jamaicaway Tower, 111 Perkins Street, Jamaica Plain. This is an open public meeting; Pond-side residents 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, February 6 at 6:30pm at Curtis Hall, 20 South Street. Commanders

from Boston Police Area E, MBTA Police and State Police will deal with all issues of public safety raised by the community. All interested residents are invited to attend.

The Public Service Committee of the Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 4 at 7:00pm at Curtis Hall, 20 South Street.

All interested residents are invited to attend.

**Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council Zoning Committee:**

The Committee's next upcoming meetings will be January 22 and February 5. The agenda for that meeting will

include 35 Brookley Road/10 Stonley Road (demolish existing structure to erect a new 46 unit residential development); and 91 Green Street (construct an addition on the rear of the existing house to create an additional dwelling unit and a garage). The Committee's next upcoming meetings will be February 5th and February 19th. 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](mailto:kyle.david.smith@me.com).

The Housing & Development Committee of the Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 21 at 7:00 pm at the Bowditch School, 82 Green St. (entrance on sidewalk level, left side of front stairs). On the agenda will be discussion of how we review Article 80 development projects.

All meetings are open to the public.

**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](mailto: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, February 3 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 Move-

ment 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](mailto: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 lots of fun at the South Street Mall and tennis courts! Free helmet adjustments and free bike adjustments available. Heavy rain cancels. At the tennis courts at South Street and Carolina Avenue. 617-524-2453.

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

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

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

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13	1 bedroom	\$1,334	MRVP	50% AMI
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20	1 bedroom	\$1,201	LIHTC	60% AMI
4	2 bedroom	\$1,441	LIHTC	60% AMI
6	1 bedroom	\$2,100	AHTF/HIF/Brookline Trust	110% AMI
2	2 bedroom	\$2,500	AHTF/HIF/Brookline Trust	110% AMI
1	1 bedroom	\$2,300	Unrestricted	No limit
2	2 bedroom	\$3,100 - \$3,400	Unrestricted	No limit

Applications are available during the open application period from February 14, 2020 through May 1, 2020.

- To request an application be sent by mail or e-mail, please call 617-912-8491 (free interpretation service available), or e-mail your name and complete mailing address to [Leasing@2lifecommunities.org](mailto:Leasing@2lifecommunities.org); or go to: <https://www.2lifecommunities.org/Brown-Family-House>
- Applications may also be picked up in person at 2Life, 40 Wallingford Road, Brighton, during this open application period.
- For information of reasonable accommodations, please contact Sarah Green-Vaswani at 617-912-8412; or email [sgreenvaswani@2lifecommunities.org](mailto:sgreenvaswani@2lifecommunities.org)

Age, Use and Occupancy Restrictions Apply. Income and Asset Limits Apply. Selection by Lottery.  
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#### Area Median Income Limits (2019)

Income Category	1 Person Household	2 Person Household	3 Person Household
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60% AMI	\$49,800	\$56,880	\$64,020
110% AMI	\$91,300	\$104,280	\$117,370



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# INVITACIÓN

Plazo para la sección de eventos: martes, 21 enero para la edición 24 enero. Mande eventos a reporter@jamaicaplaingazette.com. Los números telefónicos que siguen empiezan con 617.

## Reuniones

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

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

**ESNA**, lunes, 3 febrero, 6.30-8.30pm. YMCA, 3134 Washington Street.

**Asociación de Jamaica Pond**, lunes, 3 febrero, 7-9pm, 111 Perkins Street.

**JPNC, Comité de servicio público**, martes, 4 febrero, 7pm, Curtis Hall; Comité de urbanización, 22 enero y 5 febrero. Comité de vivienda y desarrollo, 21 enero, 7pm, Bowditch School. jpnc.org.

**Reunión de la policía con la comunidad**, 6 febrero, 6.30pm, Curtis Hall.

## Noticias publicas

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**Línea de quejas sobre el ruido del aeropuerto**, línea de quejas de Massport sobre el ruido, abierta 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: jpdancecoop@gmail.com.

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

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

**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.

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**glés-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.

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**Paseo para el bienestar**, los sábados, 8-9am, Lote de esta-

ciónamiento 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, mgriff-fiths@springhouseboston.org.

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

## Adultos Mayores

**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 / bmcclaren@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.

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13	1 dormitorio	\$1334	MRVP	50 % AMI
2	2 dormitorios	\$1601	MRVP	50 % AMI
20	1 dormitorio	\$1201	LIHTC	60 % AMI
4	2 dormitorios	\$1441	LIHTC	60 % AMI
6	1 dormitorio	\$2100	AHTF/HIF/Brookline Trust	110 % AMI
2	2 dormitorios	\$2500	AHTF/HIF/Brookline Trust	110 % AMI
1	1 dormitorio	\$2300	Sin restricciones	Sin límites
2	2 dormitorios	\$3100 a \$3400	Sin restricciones	Sin límites

MRVP: Programa de cupones de alquiler de Massachusetts; LIHTC: Créditos tributarios de vivienda para personas de bajos ingresos; AHTF: Affordable Housing Trust Fund; HIF: Housing Innovations Fund; AMI: Ingresos promedio del área

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- Las solicitudes también se pueden retirar en persona en 2Life, 40 Wallingford Road, Brighton, durante este período de solicitud abierta.
- Para información sobre adaptaciones razonables, comuníquese con Sarah Green-Vaswani al 617-912-8412; o por correo electrónico [sgreenvaswani@2lifecommunities.org](mailto:sgreenvaswani@2lifecommunities.org)

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**No hay estacionamiento para residentes disponible en el predio.**

Límites de ingresos promedio del área (2019)

Categoría de ingreso	1 persona por grupo familiar	2 personas por grupo familiar	3 personas por grupo familiar
30 % AMI	\$24,900	\$28,450	\$32,000
50 % AMI	\$41,500	\$47,400	\$53,350
60 % AMI	\$49,800	\$56,880	\$64,020
110 % AMI	\$91,300	\$104,280	\$117,370



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# Drone

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airplane fuselage in his garage.

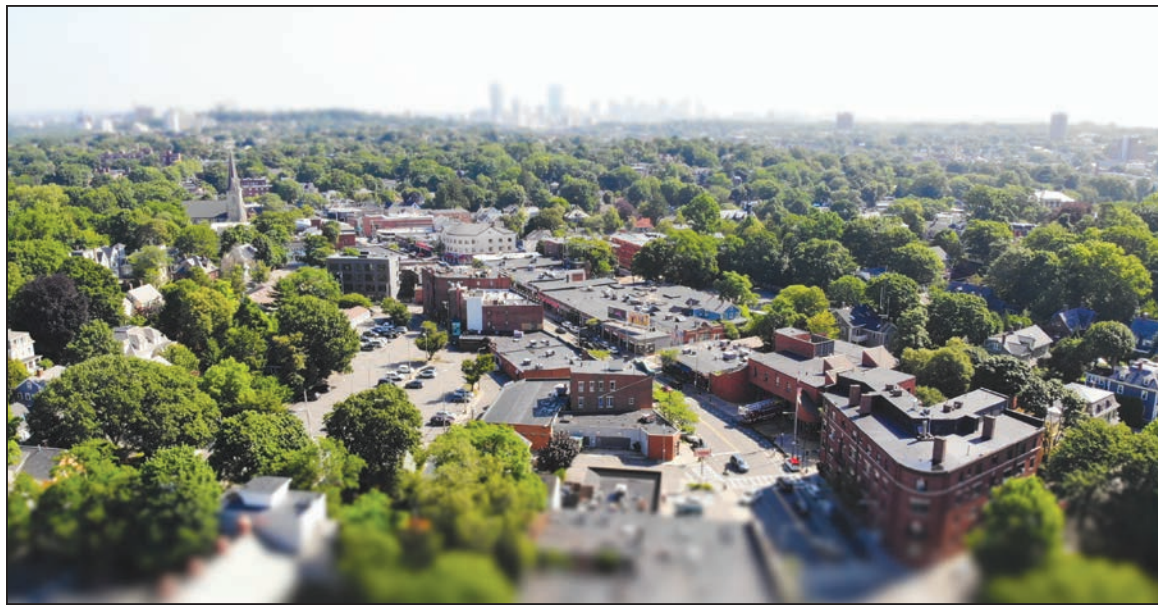
He dreamed of one day being in the cockpit of some sort of flying machine, but as it turns out, though he is full-on into the world of flying, he has yet to leave the ground.

Aguilar is one of the few licensed drone pilots in the area, amongst a sea of drone pilots operating illegally or without the knowledge that one needs to be licensed. Instead of sitting in a cockpit, he stands comfortably on the ground with the flight controls in his hands.

Drones, known as unmanned aircraft vehicles (UAV) or un-

manned aircraft systems (UAS), have really taken flight in the last few years due to lower pricing and more availability of quality machines, and for those that know what they're doing – Aguilar said the possibilities are endless.

"It is a growing industry," he said. "A lot of companies are turning to UAVs or UASs. United Parcel Service (UPS) is doing a lot with that. They have begun shipping medical supplies across hospital campuses in North Carolina. Even in Boston, MassDOT (Department of Transportation) is utilizing them for bridge maintenance inspections. Buildings are also older here, and it's a lot easier and safer to send a drone up to look at potential repairs than it is to set up a scaffold and have someone go up to look.



JP resident Julio Aguilar is a licensed drone pilot and uses his drone all over the city with his company J's Aerials. He said responsible pilots are at the ground floor of an industry he believes will change people's lives in so many ways. Shown here is a picture of Centre Street he took at the end of the summer.

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"The time will come when more and more of these are used," he added, noting that in China they have experimented with using drones to fight fires on high-rise buildings. "It's not so much for surveillance, but for search and rescue. These things can be applied in so many ways, and we've only scratched the surface. For a small piece of machinery like this, it can really make people's lives so much easier."

All that said, drones have a bad rap in the general public.

So many people associate them with 'Big Brother,' spying or creepy surveillance. They also get a bad reputation with flying professionals due to the number of people who fly them without a license and in restricted air space – with many near misses on commercial airliners reported.

"There is a bad stigma with these things right now," he said. "By and large, people think we're using them to spy on them. The funny thing is, most drones cannot really zoom in on the ground. From 100 yards, you can't see much of anything – no facial expressions or anything. There are a lot of people who don't get licensed, and they should. It's the right thing to do, and they end up doing dangerous things without knowing any better. It only takes a few bad actors to mess this up for all the rest of the pilots. If you want to use these, you need to make sure you're legal."

He said drones are capable of taking down a 737 jet if someone doesn't know what they're doing – a fact proven recently by collision testing done at Ohio State University involving drones hitting airliners.

"It can be disastrous if you don't know what you're doing," he said. "Some consider it a toy.

I consider it a serious tool."

The sudden popularity of drones over the last few years has a lot to do with accessibility and price. About 10 years ago, serious drones were only available at specialty stores and cost about \$40,000. That kept the hobbyists and thrill-seekers away from the industry. Now, the market is flooded with cheap toy drones that have very weak signals at places like Wal-Mart, but also very serious drones that can be purchased at places like Best Buy for only a few thousand dollars. That has lent itself to drones getting into far more hands, and many of those getting drones don't understand what they're getting into. That's where the licensing portion comes in and helps to educate users about just what it is they are flying.

To be legal, one has to take an exam from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and get what is known as a 14-CFR-107 – or a drone pilot license, which costs about \$105 in fees. Aguilar said he studied for about three months, and the test is difficult. One has to be able to read maps and charts, understand aircraft flight paths and operations, and know how to understand where restricted airspaces are located. That is a key to the industry, and Aguilar uses an app provided by the FAA to map out restricted airspace and flight restrictions in real time for most any location in Greater Boston. That's something that changes by the minute, and it's important for a pilot to understand the charts while they are flying.

He relayed a story from last fall when Mayor Martin Walsh was in the Jamaica Pond area, and a sudden flight restriction was implemented in the area. At

the time, he was flying his drone nearby, and it automatically shut down and land-ed.

"I had no control over it," he said. "It just broke away from me and landed suddenly. I checked the app and there was a temporary flight restriction in my general location. Later I found out that Mayor Walsh was at Jamaica Pond and that is what caused it."

Other places with serious restrictions are around Logan Airport, and there are 'no fly' zones at the US Capitol and in Disney World – among other places.

Aguilar, 38, has been in JP for a little while, but has already lent his services to the Loring Greenough House, and other local organizations – not to mention STEM programs at his kids' school in Brighton.

The endless applications, however, came into view for Aguilar when he was out-side flying in Florida a few years ago. That's when he realized that his drone was more than just a fun flying machine, but actually the wave of the future in just about every area of life.

"It clinched it for me when one of my neighbors in Florida put solar panels on his house," said Aguilar. "He didn't want to climb up on the roof and asked me if I could use the drone to check out the work that was done on the installation. A bell went 'ding' for me. That's when I realized I should probably go outside the box of just photo and video. As I began to think about it, I realized that these could be used to help people and to save lives...This is a tool that can help. They can and do save lives."



# JP resident, Schuch, honored for his outstanding efforts to protect adolescents

Thomas J. Schuch, MD MPH, a pediatrician with South Boston Community Health Center and a resident of Jamaica Plain has been named HPV Vaccine Is Cancer Prevention Champion Award for outstanding efforts to protect adolescents from cancers caused by HPV in Massachusetts. Schuch is recognized for his efforts in helping to achieve an impressive 70 percent HPV vaccination completion rate at South Boston Community Health Center.



Thomas J. Schuch, MD MPH

Led in partnership by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Association of American Cancer Institutes, and the American Cancer Society, the HPV Vaccine Is Cancer Prevention Champion Award Program recognizes clinicians, clinics, practices, groups, and health systems that are going above and beyond to foster HPV

vaccination in their community. This year, the award program is honoring champions from 25 states.

As SBCHC's chief information officer, Dr. Schuch has programmed customizations to the

electronic health records (EHR) at his clinic to study trends in vaccine uptake, as well as create and refine clinical decision support tools to help providers improve childhood and adolescent vaccine completion rates. Specific to improving HPV vaccination rates, Dr. Schuch built an automated advisory program embedded in the EHR that flags boys and girls at age 9, to encourage providers to initiate HPV vaccination early. This prompt gives providers greater opportunity to complete the two-dose HPV vaccine series on time.

These tools are available to other FQHCs across Massachusetts and the United States through the OCHIN collaborative (which consists of 500+ safety net clinics and 10,000 providers in 47 states), as well as through research partnerships in HPV immunization uptake with

the Boston University School of Medicine and the American Cancer Society. Dr. Schuch currently partners with an FQHC in Houston, Texas, to help them replicate the clinical decision support systems he designed and implemented to improve HPV immunization completion rates. Data collected from his work feeds into HPV immunization research conducted at Boston University School of Medicine.

HPV vaccine is important because it protects against cancers caused by human papillomavirus (HPV) infection. HPV is a very common virus; nearly 79 million people are currently infected in the United States. Every year in the United States, nearly 35,000 women and men are estimated to be diagnosed with a cancer caused by HPV infection. HPV vaccination could prevent more than 90% of these cancers—more

than 32,000 cases every year—from ever developing. Both boys and girls should get two doses of the HPV vaccine series when they are 11 or 12 years old. The HPV vaccine series can be started as early as age 9.

Every year, the award honors up to one champion from all 50 U.S. states, eight U.S. Territories and Freely Associated States, and the District of Columbia. Immunization programs submit nominations for the HPV Vaccine is Cancer Prevention Champion in their state or territory. Nominees must be a clinician, clinic, practice, group, or health system that treats adolescents as part of their overall patient population and must have an HPV vaccine series completion rate at 60% or higher for their adolescent patient population.

## JP RESIDENTS WIN ATHLETIC AWARDS

The following Jamaica Plain residents and Brimmer and May students received awards at the School's Fall Varsity Sports Awards Ceremony:

Breanna Durand '20 was named the Most Valuable Player for the Varsity Girls Soccer team. Durand served as team captain this season, leading the team to an 8-4-1 record in the Independent Girls Conference (IGC). Durand also received All-NEPSAC (New England Preparatory School Athletic Conference) and IGC All-League recognition, along with an IGC Most Valuable Player Honorable Mention.

Edan Zinn '23 won the Coach's Award for the Varsity Boys Cross Country team. Brimmer's Varsity Boys Cross Country team won the Massachusetts Bay Independent League (MBIL) Championship this season. Zinn also received MBIL All-League recognition.

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## EDITORIAL

### The earth is on fire

As this is being written, reports indicate that the worst is yet to come for the people of Australia, whose land literally is burning up all around them.

The apocalyptic images of families being driven from their homes, wearing face masks and eye goggles because of the acrid smoke that is darkening the daytime sky, and then being evacuated by boat from the beaches, are something out of a science fiction film.

But now, in 2020, reality has caught up with science fiction.

The Australian bush fires are the apex of what has been a sad, sad year for our planet. The Australian fires already have destroyed about 15 million acres — an area almost as large as West Virginia, more than triple the area destroyed by the 2018 fires in California, and six times the size of the fires last summer in the Amazon.

The fires not only have rendered large areas of the continent uninhabitable for humans, but they also have killed incredible numbers of wildlife -- some reports estimate half a billion creatures have perished -- threatening some species with extinction.

The bush fires have killed 24 persons and are causing health issues for every person in their path, especially those with existing lung diseases. The air quality in Canberra, the capital city, on New Year's Day was the worst in the world thanks to the smoke cloud that is as wide as Europe and now envelops much of the Australian continent.

The problems attendant to the bush fires are not confined to Australia. New Zealand, which is more than 1200 miles across the ocean, is enduring toxic air pollution levels. In addition, the carbon that is being released by the burning of the bushland will increase even further the carbon dioxide levels in the atmosphere that are the principal cause of global warming and climate change.

The influence of a changing climate is now evident in each day's global weather pattern, according to a study published last week in Nature Climate Change.

The study employed a new technique to analyze daily patterns of temperature and moisture across the globe. It found that the locations of above and below average temperature and moisture have been distinct from natural variations on every single day for almost a decade.

The bottom line is simply this: The world is getting hotter day-by-day and therefore bringing a dramatic change to our climate and environment. Some things, such as the massive fires in Australia, are dramatic and noticeable. Others, such as the gradual melting of the glaciers, are subtle, but their effects on the degradation of the planet are just as devastating.

It should be apparent to every thinking person that we are getting very close to a point of no return in terms of climate change. However, with governments across the globe in the hip pockets of the special interests who are opposed to the drastic measures that are needed to prevent further degradation of the environment, it is difficult to be optimistic about the future of our planet.



## LETTER

### Thank someone who has quit

DEAR EDITOR,

I'd like to remind readers to thank a co-worker, friend or family member who has quit vaping, smoking, or using other tobacco products. Many users say quitting is the hardest thing they have ever done and any amount of recognition can help someone stay quit.

Nicotine is the very addictive substance in tobacco and many vape products. As a result, repeated tobacco and nicotine use is not a habit, it's an addiction that should be treated as a chronic relapsing condition. It takes most people with a nicotine addiction several tries to quit for good. So reach out to those who have conquered this addiction. Let them know you are proud of how hard they're working to better their wellbeing. Thank them for improving their health and the health of the people around them.

Even though the holidays can be a tough time to quit, they are a great time to support your friends and loved ones who are trying to quit vaping, smoking or other tobacco products. Even if they have tried quitting in the past, encourage them to keep trying — they learn something new every time they try to quit. And share with them the many resources available in MA to help them reach their goal.

The most effective way to quit is to use FDA-approved medicines and coaching sup-

port together. Nicotine users of all kinds can call 1-800-QUT NOW (1-800-784-8669) for free coaching from the Massachusetts Smokers' Helpline through phone, web, and text 24 hours each day, seven days a week (except Thanksgiving and Christmas) or enroll online through KeepTryingMA.org. Adults who work with a coach can now receive up to eight weeks of free nicotine patches, gum or lozenges (with medical eligibility) through the Smokers' Helpline.

Smokers and vapers who get support and use medicines to quit are nearly three times as likely to quit for good as those who try to quit on their own. Quitting is hard—give thanks to someone in your life for quitting or for trying to quit. Every email, text message, phone call, or encouraging word makes a difference.

Sincerely,

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# JPA talks community safety, zoning proposal, and 701 Centre St.

BY LAUREN BENNETT

The Jamaica Pond Association (JPA) met for its first meeting of the new decade on January 6, where they heard a crime year in review from Officer William Jones, heard a zoning presentation from a neighbor, and discussed ongoing issues.

Officer Jones offered the year in review from a crime standpoint. Citywide, he said there was a three percent reduction in part one crimes, and the lowest number of homicides in 10 years. There were also the least amount of robberies in ten years, Jones said. He said the city is doing well overall, though some categories saw increases.

"This is all about how we do our community policing," he said. "It really does have a positive impact."

When asked about the newly passed hands-free law, Williams said that right now, warnings are being issued for infractions for a set period of time, but after that, the first offense is a \$100 fine.

New JP Liaison Lindsey Santana also introduced herself at the meeting, and told the group that she is working on issues with traffic, speeding, and crosswalks with the Boston Transportation Department and will report back when she has specific updates to share.

At 561-579 Centre Street, residents have complained that they have been exposed to contaminated soil, as JP Gas had a pie of soil left uncovered after digging. Santana said she had done a walkthrough, and shared that the city has been issuing orders for them to clean it or take it away, but the owners have been unresponsive. She said they have taken the issues and orders down and throwing them on the ground.

She said that the Public Health commissioner has gone out and inspected the area and has determined that the pile is contaminated. "I assume it's just standard petroleum waste," said JPA member Michael Reiskind. "It's not heavy metals or radio-

active waste."

More information is expected to come on this matter.

## 11 Halifax Street

Ashley Rao, owner and occupant of 11 Halifax St. Unit 2 presented a proposal to increase the attic space from 1558 to 2715 square feet, which would result in excessive Floor Area Ratio for the building and the addition of dormer windows adds a half story, which also triggers an excessive height violation.

Rao, who lives in the unit with her husband and two school-age daughters, said they would like to expand the attic space to add bedrooms and another bathroom, as they need more space for their family as their daughters get older. They have lived in the unit for eight years, she said.

"The continuity of the overall streetscape is important," Rao, who is also an architect and designed the proposal, said.

"We are not increasing the size of the building on the plot at all," she said. She said the proposed dormers would change the character of the building as little as possible.

She said she appreciates the public process and values the opinion of her neighbors.

JPA member Kevin Moloney said he appreciates the way Rao views the history of the street and the fact that she needs space for a growing family, but he believes the proposal changes the building into looking like a three story building.

"My goal is to minimize the change as much as possible, but there is not denying that there is a change," Rao responded. She said four neighbors attended the abutters meeting for the project, and all comments were favorable, including from the neighbor who lives in Unit 1.

Michael Reiskind suggested that the appearance of the addition might be minimized by using a different type of siding so it appears receded from the main portion of the building. Rao agreed with this, and said it was something she would explore fur-

ther.

Rob Barker and his wife live next door to 11 Halifax, and said they are "fully supportive" of the project. "I think it'll add to the neighborhood and keep a valuable neighbor in the neighborhood," Barker said. "I don't think it's going to change the character of the street or the character of any of the buildings on the street."

His wife said she "doesn't see it adding anything huge to our line of view," and wants to keep neighbors who want to stay in the neighborhood and raise their kids in the Boston Public Schools. "That's what the spirit and magic of Halifax St. is," she said.

Despite some disagreements among JPA members about the design, the JPA voted not to oppose this project.

## 701 Centre Update

Architects Gert Thorn and Ed Forte gave an update on the situation at the Chase Bank at 701 Centre St., after meeting with the city several times to express their dissatisfaction with non-historic renovations made to the building without community input.

Thorn reported that they have sat down with the Boston Planning and Development Agency and Chase and "Chase was very helpful," he said. "They've agreed to changing the facade construction which is a major milestone for all of us."

Forte said that the owner of the building who leases it to Chase said she was surprised when she learned the changes were made, as she was not told about it beforehand.

Forte, Thorn, and other supporters plan on holding a community meeting sometime at the end of the month to give the community an overview of what has happened so far, and for Chase to explain what they will do moving forward, Thorn said.

The JPA voted to sponsor or co-sponsor a community meeting regarding this issue.

## OBITUARIES

### Frederick R. Carter

June 26, 1949 - May 8, 2019

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



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# Campbell blasts Walsh on education initiatives in State of the City Address

BY SETH DANIEL

One of the cornerstones of Mayor Martin Walsh's State of the City speech on Tuesday night was his new, historic commitment to public education in the city, but former Council President Andrea Campbell isn't buying the pitch.

The mayor announced a \$100 million investment in new direct funding to support students at the Boston Public Schools Tuesday night. He said the funding will be phased in over the next three years to reach an annual investment of \$100 million for direct classroom funding – monies that will be over and above the typical cost increases in the budget. The mayor said this level of planned new investment has never been seen before in Boston's history, and will reach every

public school in Boston.

"We believe in a Boston where every single student has access to high quality schools to reach their full potential, and this \$100 million investment will make that vision a reality," said Mayor Walsh in his Address. "This new investment will be carefully targeted to evidence-based strategies so that every dollar makes a difference. We'll begin with intense support for underperforming schools because kids who start with less need more and deserve more. By lifting up our schools, we'll become one strong district and one stronger city."

However, about one hour after the speech, Councilor Campbell – who represents Dorchester and Mattapan and was the only councilor not to attend the State of the City – issued a statement outlining her opposition to his

new policy.

"The Mayor's announcement falls into a disturbing pattern of flashy announcements that feature big dollar figures, but never change the dynamic for children and families," she wrote. "The reality for children and families attending BPS is that roughly 80 percent of students in downtown Boston attend high-quality schools, compared with only 5 percent of students in Mattapan. Nearly four out of 10 non-exam school students will not graduate from high school, and of those who do graduate, two out of three will not finish college within six years. Even if we can agree that not every child should go to college, Madison Park, BPS's only vocational technical high school has been the lowest performing high school in Massachusetts for six years."

Walsh's plan would invest

the money over three years in student wellness and mental health supports, curriculum enrichment, and programming and activities. He said in his speech that 100 percent of that money would go directly to students or services provided by schools.

It was supported by Supt. Brenda Cassellius, the School Committee, and Boston Teacher's Union President Jessica Tang.

However, it collides with a policy submitted by Campbell last June when she was still Council President, a policy called 'Action for Boston Children.' Campbell's statement Tuesday night said it was a plan that looked to fix the inequity of the schools throughout Boston.

"I would not be skeptical if the Administration acted on these recommendations," she wrote.

Campbell criticized Walsh for

having big announcements about education that don't produce results.

She said Universal Pre-K, which was announced last year at a cost of \$15 million, has only created 29 new BPS Pre-K seats since 2016. She also cited BuildBPS, which was a \$1 billion announcement three years ago. She said half of that money has been spent, and not a single shovel is in the ground for a new building.

"Beyond these flashy announcements, there is a real problem: a lack of vision and plan," she wrote.

Walsh's announcement is in support of the strategic vision plan that Supt. Brenda Cassellius has filed in draft form with the School Committee. The final draft will be presented on Jan. 15.

## Easing the Nightmare: Online resource helps parents navigate the schools

BY SETH DANIEL

It's tough to get parents to think about September in January, but when it comes to enrolling in the school system, January is like the first day of school.

This week opens up the school enrollment priority round, and many parents are trying to figure out the ins and outs of how to

enroll, where to enroll, and what schools are available.

That process has never been harder to navigate, and a good many parents find themselves nursing migraine headaches when trying to figure out the process and system of getting their children into the best Boston Public School, charter school or private school.

That process has gotten much easier now courtesy of the Boston School Finder non-profit organization, which curates a one-source website for parents to see all their options for schooling in Boston – whether it's public school, private school or charter schools.

And the time, said Executive Director Latoya Gayle, is now.

"A lot of families don't realize they have to be thinking of September in January, but the best time to enroll is now," she said, speaking of the Boston Public Schools (BPS) Priority Registration. "That time is important because of the way the lottery system works for BPS. Everyone who gets in during the first round will get a lottery number and then choices will be made for the first round. In the second round (after Jan. 31), the only choices are what's left over after the first round. The charter lottery is also coming up in February, and it's very easy and can be done online. The private schools have rolling deadlines, but now is the time for them as well. It's important to remember you can always refuse a seat, but you can't refuse a seat that isn't there when you apply."

The Priority Registration for BPS started this week and runs through Jan 31. It is particularly critical for parents looking to enroll kids who are going into grades KO (Age 3), K1 (Age 4), 6th grade, 7th grade and 9th grade.

In January, BPS holds open houses at many of its schools, as

do charter schools and private schools. Every school is a community unto itself, and when parents are put in the position of trying to find the best fit, it can be daunting just to know what is available.

That's where Boston School Finder can help, said Gayle.

Gayle learned the system through raw experience, and it wasn't always a good experience. She has a junior in high school, and a 4-year-old headed into kindergarten. She said her experiences drove her to begin looking to create a non-profit to help parents like her find information on all of their options.

"I have a junior in high school and my youngest just started kindergarten," she said. "I remember obsessing for hours trying to figure out a school for my oldest child. I'm not originally from here so it seemed so outrageous because it's something that should be simple. When I started the process again with my 4-year-old, I quickly saw nothing had changed. It was crazy. Boston School Finder is a response to that experience, which so many other parents have also experienced."

This is the second year for the non-profit, and the third school choice round that they've been up and running for. The goal, Gayle said, is not to rate schools or tell parents where their kids should go. Rather, it's to let them know all of the options that are available, the processes they need to

follow, and the resources that are available.

"School Finder is a website with a comprehensive database of all the schools in Boston across all sections," she said. "We have BPS schools, charters and private and religious schools accessible to most people. Parents can really look at the plethora of choices they have in the City, all located in one place on our site. It's a lot easier than trying to skim around everywhere to find the information."

"We do not rank schools because what I think is a great school for my kid, that same school may not be the best school for some other family," she continued. "Families do need information and knowledge of the process and we try to give them all the information and options – and what people say about how certain schools are doing in certain areas. With that information, they can make the decisions."

The website is translated into eight languages, and it is free to the public. Boston School Finder also has developed a network of parents, and has – and is looking for – Parent Ambassadors to help spread the word and ease the stress of finding a good school in the city. The site is very mobile-friendly and can be easily accessed via computer, phone or tablet.

The web address is [www.bostonschoolfinder.org](http://www.bostonschoolfinder.org).

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