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NINTH ANNUAL 'NIGHT AT THE SYMPHONY'



PHOTO BY DEREK KOUYOUJIAN

Molly Dunne, Julie Gordon, Lisa Perroncello and Michael Ferrante enjoyed the evening at the Emerald Necklace Conservancy's 9th annual 'Night at the Symphony' event on Feb. 25 in the new Four Season's Hotel at One Dalton. The event kicked off the 'Party in the Park' season.

E-13 police share February crime stats

BY LAURA PLUMMER

On Thursday, March 5, Curtis Hall in Jamaica Plain hosted the monthly police and community relations meeting organized by District E-13 of the Boston Police Department (BPD).

Every month, Officer William Jones from the Community Service Office and Captain John Greland update the community

about local crime statistics from the previous month. They also take the opportunity to provide common sense advice for how to prevent crime and to answer questions from community members. Also invited to these meetings are officials from MBTA's Transit Police and Massachusetts State Police.

Officer Jones provided copies of a chart comparing the year-

to-date Part One crime statistics from the first three two months of 2019 with the first two months of 2020. Part One crimes are those that are more serious in nature, and don't include lesser crimes such as vandalism, drug dealing or possession of firearms.

In order to interpret the Part One crime statistics, it's im-

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La policía E-13 comparte las estadísticas de la delincuencia de febrero

BY LAURA PLUMMER

El jueves 5 de marzo, 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 2020 con las de 2019. Para interpretar las estadísticas de la delincuencia, es importante saber la diferencia entre las palabras "robo", "hurto"

y "atracó" como están usados en este artículo. "Atraco" significa tomar con fuerza la propiedad de alguien directamente de esa persona. "Robo" significa el ingreso ilegal a un edificio privado para

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Trending in Boston: 'Cancelled'

Major hospitals preparing for potential surge of patients

BY SETH DANIEL

Numerous public gatherings, meetings and conferences were abruptly cancelled on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, and major hospitals in the area are preparing for a potential

surge of Coronavirus (COVID-19) cases – all this while financial markets in the United States and abroad show uncertainty and new travel restrictions were implemented by the federal gov-

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Major hospitals near JP, like Boston Medical Center (BMC), are preparing this week for a potential surge in patients with Coronavirus. Here, outside the emergency room, they have set up a triage and testing tent to aid in any potential surge. Right now, it is being used for drills, but is being prepared for real use.

JP community excited about local butcher coming to JP Gas site

BY LAUREN BENNETT

Fresh meat, sandwiches, produce, and prepared foods are coming soon to an old gas station near you.

Max Gitlen of Meadowlark Butcher and Grocer has proposed to open a butcher shop at 561-569 Centre St., the site of the old JP Gas station. He presented his plan to the community at the Jamaica Pond Association (JPA)

meeting on March 2, and it was generally very well-received by the community.

"My big thing that I wanted to do is open a local and sustainably sourced butcher shop here in JP," Gitlen, also a JP resident, said. "I know how much this community cares about sustainable food and locally sourced food."

What he and his team are

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Event cancelled for Mary Mulvey Jacobson's Families In Need

It is with an abundance of caution and safety due to the Coronavirus that we are going to postpone our event on March 21. We will let you know the new date as soon as we can. We all appreciate your continued support and hope you understand our concerns. Your ticket will be valid for the new date.



The soon to be home of JP's newest butchershop, Meadowlark Butcher and Grocer, at 561-569 Centre St.

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Butcher

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proposing to do is to give the site a "significant face lift," he said. He said that the landlord of the property has already completed environmental remediation on the site. Gitlen wants to keep the existing building to house the butchery program, takeaway prepared foods, and grocery program. The proposed operating hours for the shop are Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-10 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m.-8 p.m., and Sunday 11 a.m.-8 p.m.

Gitlen also proposed to have a package store license for malt/wine beverages for off-premise consumption.

"All of the meat byproduct and waste would be kept in an exterior walk-in cooler to be picked up during operating hours," he said, adding that there would also be monitoring of the site by staff for trash and refuse pickup. Cleanliness of the site is a "huge concern for me," he said.

Under the canopy, Gitlen proposed to have three picnic tables where people can enjoy a cup of soup or a freshly made sandwich from the shop. The rest of the site will be for parking, with seven parking spots along the back fence. The lot will have a security camera, and car idling in the lot will be prohibited.

There will also be a planted border along the sidewalk, which could also be a fence if that's what the community prefers, Gitlen said.

Gitlen said he has spoken with several of the immediate abutters, and brought with him a stack of letters of support for the shop.

JPA member Franklyn Salimbene said that while he agrees that this is a good use of the

site, he is concerned about litter and asked Gitlen what types of containers he was considering for food to be consumed on-site.

Gitlen said that he only intends for people to consume sandwiches and possibly cups of soup on the premises, and he plans on using brown paper to wrap sandwiches and wax paper cups for the soup. He also said that "anything that can be compostable will be," including spoons and compostable plastic would be used for the takeaway prepared foods.

While he said there will be no table service, there are outdoor trash bins in the proposal, and the shop cashier will have a straight view out of the glass door so they can keep an eye on the inside of the store as well as the outdoor eating area.

There was also concern about making sure beer and wine are consumed off-premises, and Gitlen said there will be signage saying that it is for off-premises consumption only, and he reiterated that staff will be working with a clear line of sight to make sure no one is consuming the alcohol on site.

Rebecca Robertson, a nearby neighbor, said that she is "very much in favor" of the shop, adding that she has "been hoping that something wonderful like this would go in there." She said she looks forward to walking there and buying fresh local food.

Another neighbor also said she was looking forward to the proposed green space and likes the job opportunities that the shop will offer the community. Someone else mentioned that he was pleased with Max's attention to concern from neighbors and his transparency and willingness to work with them as a neighbor and business owner.

There were a few issues sur-

rounding the existing curb cut that neighbors were concerned about, but Gitlen said that a row of planters or a fence will help with that.

"This is good, really very good and welcome," said Gert Thorn, a member of the Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council. He suggested that Gitlen look into adding larger plantings to bring in even more green space.

Gitlen said that he wants the green space to be as open and lush as possible, and the renderings presented at the meeting were only initial representations of the landscape plan, which has yet to be fully developed.

After hearing feedback from the neighbors, the JPA voted not to oppose the project along with several provisos, many of which were outlined in a letter from the direct abutters that was presented at the meeting. Such provisos include use of a parking lot security camera, a site-wide tobacco ban, snow removal, ADA accessibility, installation of bike racks, and a litter control plan, among other things. The JPA also said they would like to see Gitlen have a chain that would block off the entrance and exit to the driveway after the shop is closed down for the night. Gitlen said he anticipates opening this shop late this year.

"As a longtime neighborhood resident with 15 years working in local food systems, I'm excited to bring this new source for sustainability and locally produced meats, groceries, and more to JP," Gitlen told the Gazette. "I am delighted to have found the community and neighbors to be just as receptive to the project as I'd imagined. We have a truly special neighborhood, and I can't wait to open this vibrant and green new business on Centre St."

Coronavirus

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ernment Wednesday. At Boston Medical Center (BMC), numerous precautions were implemented in the past few days to prepare for a surge of patients from Boston neighborhoods and elsewhere – it being one of the few Trauma 1 medical facilities in New England.

Outside the emergency room at BMC on Albany Street, a temporary medical tent has been set up in preparation for triage – if need be.

“BMC is planning for a surge in patients, as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to evolve rapidly,” said David Kibbe, a spokesman for BMC. “BMC has set up a tent outside the hospital to prepare for potential scenarios related to COVID-19. While the tent is currently only being used for drills, it could be used as a testing location or additional Emergency Department space should we get a large number of patients requiring screening and testing for COVID-19.”

While those preparations are playing out, there is also concern in the medical community for adequate supplies at hospitals like BMC.

“We have adequate personal protective equipment supplies on hand for our staff,” said Kibbe. “Given the worldwide impact of this outbreak, we share the concern across health care about potential shortages of medical

supplies, including N95 respirators. To ensure that we are able to protect our staff and provide safe care for patients, BMC has taken steps to conserve personal protective equipment, including N95 respirators, surgical masks and precaution gowns.”

Already, the hospital has restricted employee travel.

Patients at BMC or its health centers, under federal guidelines, are being asked if they have had a fever or cough or having traveled in the last 30 days. They are also asked if they have had any close contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case. These questions are asked during a phone call or during an appointment.

“For any patient considered at risk for COVID-19, clinicians will undertake actions to protect the patient, hospital staff, and other hospital patients,” read their website. “This includes putting the patient in a private room and providing masks for both the patient and care team. Staff has undergone training for possible cases of COVID-19, and BMC regularly conducts staff drills and training for infectious diseases.”

State Rep. (and doctor) Jon Santiago works in the BMC emergency room (ER) and also serves in the legislature representing the South End and Lower Roxbury – just up the street from JP. He said will be working in the ER this weekend, and every weekend in March. Uniquely, he will be treating patients on the front lines in the ER, and also thinking

about legislation to address the emerging, multiple challenges associated with what is now a medical pandemic.

“As an ER doctor and an elected official, my oaths to protect the public is no more important than now,” he said.

“I do know it’s going to get significantly worse before it gets better,” he said. “We’ve had a sluggish federal response. Medically, right now we really have to summon out the best in each of us and empower our neighbors and communities and let them know there are things you can do to protect yourself. It can be things like washing your hands. If you’re sick, please stay home. If you’re an older person with chronic diseases like diabetes

or lung problems, you should be particularly cautious. Likewise, if you are a young, healthy person and have especially mild symptoms or no symptoms, it would behoove you to take precautions also because it will be those folks who will be transmitting the disease, maybe in a careless fashion.”

From a public policy perspective, Santiago said he and others are working on several measures. One is how to legislate in a safe fashion so that the virus isn’t transmitted during lawmaking sessions.

“I am sitting on an internal working group right now,” he said. “We are looking at our approach to legislating in these trying times.” He said the State Legislature

will be voting on a special \$15 million bill to provide more emergency funding for Coronavirus responses statewide.

The federal government announced a second round of emergency funding by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) on March 11. While Massachusetts already received \$500,000 in federal funding, the state will also receive an additional \$11.46 million in federal funds from the CDC. The CDC has instructed state health officers to move forward with distributing that money immediately to those on the front lines.

“Our state, local, tribal and territorial public health partners

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Vulnerable populations need to be considered as outbreak spreads

While many are thinking about schools, public gatherings and civic meetings when it comes to the spread of the Coronavirus, some medical professionals are beginning to be concerned about precautions in the homeless community, the jails and homeless shelters.

Emergency Room doctor and State Rep. Jon Santiago said he is concerned about how hospitals like Boston Medical Center (BMC) might be able to help those populations if there is an outbreak.

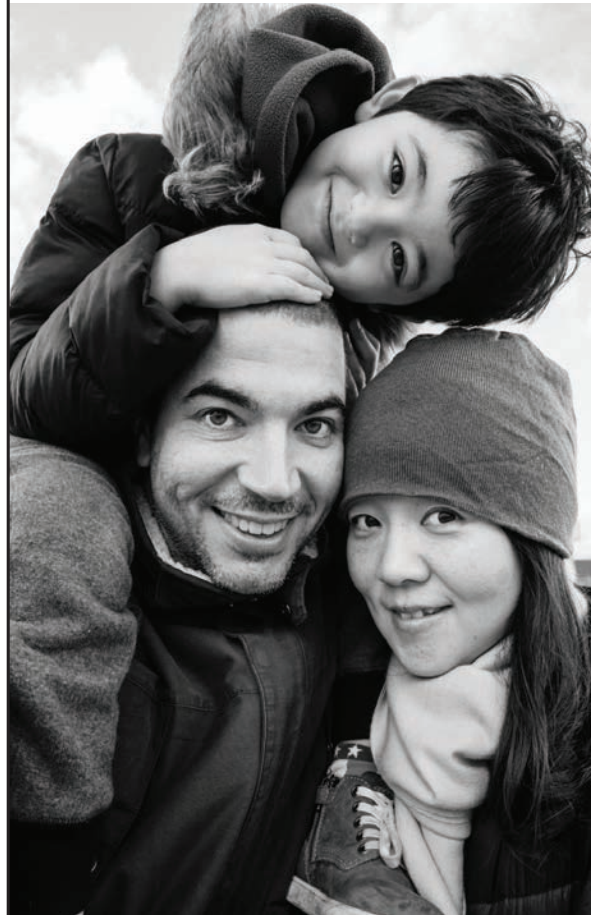
“BMC Emergency Room is the largest ER in town,” he said. “We see a number of disproportionately impacted communities and homeless folks. As a physician, we need to be extremely cognizant of how

we educate these patients and making sure they have safe places to go. I would like to know what our homeless shelters are doing. What about the jails? I wonder if undocumented immigrants feel safe enough to seek care, or if they might be scared ICE will pick them up.”

Right now, the response is very new, and what is happening with vulnerable populations is not necessarily being discussed yet.

“These are people that live in close quarters,” said Santiago. “They are also people who are already suffering from a whole host of diseases. It’s going to be challenging for sure. I do have faith in our doctors and nurses and public health officials.”

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Crime Stats

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portant to know the difference between robbery, burglary and larceny. Robbery is the taking of someone's property directly from that person using intimidation or force. Burglary, also known as breaking and entering is unlawfully accessing a building with the intent to commit theft. Larceny deprives someone of their property but it doesn't include force (like robbery) or breaking and entering (like burglary.) An example of larceny would be bike theft or shoplifting.

According to the chart, in the first two months of 2020 there were 156 reported Part One crimes in Jamaica Plain,

down from 123 this time last year, a reduction of almost 13 percent. Crimes that have seen a decrease in 2020 include homicide, non-domestic aggravated assault, residential burglaries, other burglary and other larceny. Crimes that have seen an uptick in 2020 include rape and attempted, robbery and attempted, commercial burglary, larceny from motor vehicle, and auto theft. Domestic aggravated assault saw no change from this time last year.

Part One crime is on a downward trend in JP. There have only been five residential break-ins so far in 2020, compared to 33 by this time last year. Jamaica Plain has seen a slight uptick in robberies due to a spike in juvenile offenders. To help redirect negative behavior by teens, District E-13 has been working closely

with social service agencies, the court system and elected officials.

"We are cautiously optimistic that we have identified those involved and are working towards minimizing the likelihood of further incidents," Officer Jones told

the Gazette.

The police and community relations meeting is on the first Thursday of every month at 6:30pm at Curtis Hall at 20 South Street. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 2. A Spanish language version

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

LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR RESIGNATION OF A GUARDIAN OF AN INCAPACITATED PERSON

Docket No. SU19P11206D
In the matter of: Jesse Hall
RESPONDENT Alleged Incapacitated Person
Of: Jamaica Plain, MA
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by DMH c/o Office of General Counsel of Westborough, MA in the above captioned matter requesting that the court: Accept the Resignation of the Guardian.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority. You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 03/19/2020. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.
WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: February 21, 2020
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

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LEGAL NOTICE

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

TO G.L. c. 190B, s 5-304
Docket No. SU20P0352GD
In the matter of: Jesse Hall
RESPONDENT Alleged Incapacitated Person
Of: Randolph, MA

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by DMH c/o Office of General Counsel of Westborough, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Jesse Hall is in need of a Guardian and requesting that (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve on the bond. The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 03/19/2020. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: February 21, 2020
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate
3/13/20 JP

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT

TO G.L. c. 190B, s 5-304
Docket No. SU20P0415GD
Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
PO Box 9667
Boston, MA 02114
(617) 788-8300
In the matter of: Kokeisha Wilson
Of: Jamaica Plain, MA

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by DMH c/o Office of General Counsel of Westborough, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve Without Surety on the bond. The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 03/26/2020. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
The outcome of this proceed-

ing may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.
WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: March 02, 2020
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

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LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Suffolk Probate And Family Court
24 New Chardon St.
Boston, MA 02114
(617)788-8300
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Docket No. SU20P0316EA
Estate of: Mary F. Norton
Date of Death: 11/25/2019

To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Probate of Will has been filed by John J. Norton of Dorchester, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: John J. Norton of Dorchester, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 04/02/2020. 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.

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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: February 20, 2020
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

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LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT SUFFOLK DIVISION DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING

Suffolk Probate And Family Court
24 New Chardon St.
Boston, MA 02114
Docket No. SU19D2383DR
Sandra Santiago
Plaintiff vs. Samuel A. Gonzalez
Defendant

To the Defendant: The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable breakdown. The Complaint is on file at the Court. An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon Sandra Santiago 161 S Huntington Ave. 142, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130, your answer, if any on or before 03/26/2020. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of his action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court. Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: February 13, 2020
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

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**Includes one unit built out for persons who are deaf/hard of hearing

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Equal Housing Opportunity



O'Malley talks recycling, Jamaica Pond celebration

BY LAUREN BENNETT

The Jamaica Pond Association (JPA) met for their monthly meeting on March 2, where City Councilor Matt O'Malley provided an update on what he's been working on.

As he enters his 10th year as District 6 City Councilor, O'Malley said that Boston has made "a positive impact on climate change," and it is up to cities and towns to lead on this front.

One sustainability issue O'Malley has been tackling recently is how Boston will deal with trash and recycling moving forward, as the city has stopped making a profit on recycling.

"As a result of rising costs for recycling, many cities and towns are getting rid of it," O'Malley said—though he promised it would not happen in Boston. However, he said that the City should move away from single-stream recycling and look towards curbside composting and textile recycling as alternatives.

O'Malley said that after pushing this issue with Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley and City Councilor Michelle Wu, Boston will have a subscription service starting this year for curbside compost—possibly this summer or fall. While it will save taxpayers money, there will still be a cost associated with the service, but it will "allow us to be smarter and more effective in our climate strategy," O'Malley said.

Transportation also came up during O'Malley's update. He said he supports extending the E line past Heath St. to Canary Square. "I fully support it," he said. "I think there's momentum for it."

Franklyn Salimbene, a JPA member and activist for the extension of the E line, said that Rep. Nika Elugardo has called

for about \$400,000 for a feasibility study for the extension, but it has yet to be voted on. He said he has been meeting with O'Malley and Wu's offices as well, and believes the city should allocate money towards this as well.

He said the idea would be to create a complete street, where pedestrians, cyclists, and public transit take up more of the road than cars do.

The topic of the building boom in the City also came up, and one neighbor asked a question about all the additional tax money coming in from the condominiums and other housing being built. O'Malley said that the tax money has allowed City property taxes to be kept "relatively low residentially," and has provided for more city services.

He said that the city is paying down its pensions and liabilities, but enrollment in Boston Public Schools (BPS) has begun to dip as more young professionals move into the city and are having kids later, as well as the wider availability of other options for kids like charter schools. He said he would like to see more money be focused on BPS.

"We're being good," he said, but the City wants to make sure to spend money in a smart way.

Lastly, O'Malley announced that he would like to hold a celebration at Jamaica Pond this summer to celebrate the Jamaica Plain neighborhood. Though he just started initial planning, he hopes to have the party possibly some time in August, and feature a food truck and other activities for neighbors. He wants to "make sure everyone in JP and beyond comes and takes advantage of our backyard," he said, and is looking for feedback from residents about what they might like to see in such a gathering.

Support work with Teens at the Mildred Hailey Youth

Center

JPA member Micah Sachs gave an update regarding the extra support requested by Rep. Nika Elugardo at a previous JPA meeting for the support work going on at the Mildred Hailey Youth Center. Some local teens have recently been involved in crimes around the Jackson Square area, and Elugardo and others have been working with the teens and asked the JPA if they could help in any way.

The JPA decided that they could allocate no more than \$500 to support the Mildred Hailey Youth Center, and Sachs reported on March 2 that he connected with the head of the Teen Task Force at Mildred Hailey, and they decided to purchase 20 \$10 Stop and Shop gift cards for the kids to buy food, as many of them often do not have money to buy food.

"If there are additional needs, we are happy to keep supporting," Sachs said, adding that the Tenant Task Force was appreciative of the gift card donation.

JPA member Ed Burley added, "It seems like an important way to balance out the giving we do in Jamaica Plain."

Coronavirus

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are on the front lines of the COVID-19 response. The action we are taking today will continue to support their efforts to increase public health capacity where it's needed most," said CDC Director Robert R. Redfield, M.D. "These funds will allow public health leaders to implement critical steps necessary to contain and mitigate spread of the virus in communities across the country."

In the neighborhoods, civic meetings, conferences and social events were cancelled one after another this week, though some organizations weathered despite the warnings. The JP PorchFest event on March 21 was canceled out of caution for the virus, and the Eliot School of Fine and Applied Arts in JP issued a letter of reference for those in the community who attend their classes.

Seemingly, everything else was on hold or in a holding pattern. Many higher-education schools pulled the plug, with Northeastern, Boston University and Harvard all moving to online courses for the time being – emptying out nearby classrooms and campuses.

For those looking to stay healthy,

BMC indicated a few things to do:

- Cover your sneezes and coughs with your sleeve, not your hand.
- Wash your hands frequently to reduce the spread of germs. Wash with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, you can use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
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- Avoid close contact with people with flu-like symptoms whenever possible.

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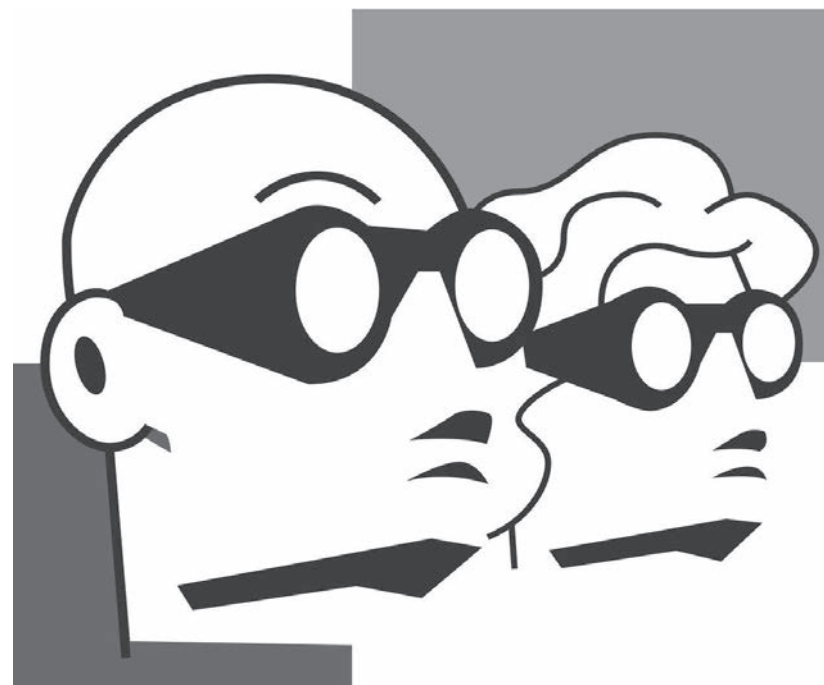
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Local organizations help seniors make the most out of their golden years

Nearly one in five Americans will be listed as senior citizens in the next few years. These Americans are living longer and in many cases have more active lifestyles than their parents. One study shows that more than 77 million baby boomers are turning 65 at a rate of 10,000 per day.

In Jamaica Plain there are many facilities and organizations to help local seniors achieve the most out of their longer golden years.

Mount Pleasant Home

Mount Pleasant Home that was recently voted as the top business to work at in Jamaica Plain, offers a caring and compassionate home for seniors aged 62 and older.

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The history of Mount Pleasant Home goes back to 1901, and today more than 100 years later, the commitment to compassion and care for elders still continues.

“We are proud to be able to serve residents of Jamaica

Plain and vicinity and be able to keep them in the community they know and love,” said Kathy Seaman, Executive Director at Mount Pleasant Home.

Mount Pleasant Home is located at 301 South Huntington Ave.

Rogerson House

Graciously situated across from Jamaica Pond on three acres of lawn, trees, and gardens and just minutes from Boston’s world-class hospitals, Rogerson House offers an assisted-living residence, a day program, and respite care in a warm, home environment.

Rogerson House sets the standard in dementia care with a special building design incorporating lighting, color-coding, and environmental cues that help

people with memory loss thrive in a secure setting. A diverse array of programming, including expressive therapies and fitness programs, ensures a stimulating and caring environment for residents.

“Rogerson House is a welcoming community that promotes an inclusive culture celebrating the individuality of our residents, team members, family, friends, neighbors, and partners,” said Michele Stephenson, Director of Outreach and Resident Services at Rogerson House.

Rogerson House is located at 434 Jamaicaaway.

Ethos

Ethos is the largest private, not-for-profit organization in Boston, with a staff of 150 full-time workers and 30 part-time

through the coordination and delivery of high-quality, affordable home and community-based care. In all aspects of its work, Ethos supports family caregiving, fosters social interaction, and respects cultural diversity.

As a state-authorized Aging Services Access Point (ASAP), Ethos administers the Elder Protective Services, Money Management, and Surveying the Health Insurance Needs of Everyone (SHINE) programs for the entire city of Boston. Ethos also coordinates all of the non-institutional home and community-based services for elderly and disabled residents of the southwest Boston neighborhoods of West Roxbury, Hyde Park, Roslindale, Jamaica Plain, and Mattapan.

Ethos staff provides their clients, both elderly and disabled, with meals and services that are made available through the city, state and federal programs.

Raymond Santos, the Chief Development and Community Relations Officer at Ethos, said, “More than 2.1 million meals are served each year at community settings or being delivered to homes.”

Ethos staff also offers SHINE Medicare counseling that explores the different options that are available for clients to accept or change their plans as they approach 64 or 65 years old.

The biggest challenge presently facing seniors is the threat from COVID-19, the corona virus, and many seniors are opting not to go out for fear of catching the virus.

Ethos is developing a program to make sure that seniors’ basic needs are still met during the crisis. One program being worked on is delivering groceries from stores to seniors. Another service is not only having meals delivered to homes, but also having meals put in grab n’ go containers, so that seniors can still get their meals at various centers, but eat them in private, rather than in communal, settings.

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Tips to help family caregivers avoid burnout

(StatePoint) Family caregivers lead busy and at times, stressful lives, often balancing work, their own kids and spouses, hobbies and more, all while ensuring their loved ones are happy and healthy.

In celebration of family caregivers and all that they do, Interim HealthCare Inc. shares tips to help them avoid burnout and provide better care:

- **Know you're not alone:** As of 2015, an estimated 43.5 million adults in the U.S. have provided unpaid care to an adult age 50 or older, according to AARP. Of these individuals, around 28 percent have a child or grandchild under the age of 18 living in their household, and six in 10 caregivers report being employed at some point in the past year while caregiving. Online and in-person support groups can be a great way to connect with others who may be in similar situations. These groups can be found through hospitals, Facebook, Meetup.com or organizations like the Alzheimer's Association or the American Heart Association.

- **Make life easier:** You can simplify daily tasks for your senior with a few considerations. For example, if utensils are difficult to use, look for opportunities to provide healthy finger foods that help your senior feel more independent. Think sliced frittata, which can be eaten like pizza, versus scrambled eggs. When it comes to getting dressed, opt for Velcro if zippers and buttons have become difficult. Another good trick? Tie loops of string around the ends of zippers so



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they're easier to grab.

- **Don't be surprised by negative feelings:** Caring for someone can be an emotional rollercoaster. Even the calmest person can experience a range of negative emotions. The best way to handle them is to acknowledge that they are a natural reaction to stress. If these feelings persist, reach out to local caregiving support groups, a family physician or therapist for help.

- **Consider home care as a partner:** Professional home care services can complement the care you provide, helping ease its emotional and physical toll while offering you peace of mind.

While selecting senior home care services is something to be proud of, family members often feel guilt over the decision. Conflicted emotions are normal. However, knowing that the decision will make you better equipped to care for everyone can help you move past feelings of guilt.

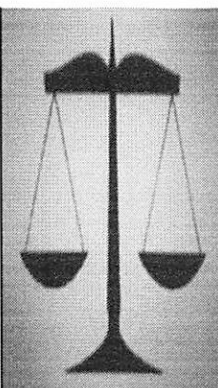
Home healthcare has emerged as a powerful option for families seeking a better way to care for their senior loved ones. Not only does it provide medical and personal care for seniors, it can nurture their independence by allowing them to remain at home, all while providing respite care for family members from the daily routine of caregiving.

Be sure to look for care that offers a whole-person approach, such as Interim HealthCare's HomeLife Enrichment standard of care, where caregivers look beyond a diagnosis so that every patient is treated as an individual with unique needs and desires. To learn more, visit interimhealthcare.com.

More caregiving tips can be found at interimhealthcare.com/blog.

Serving as a family caregiver is challenging. But there are ways to make life easier and more fulfilling for both you and your loved one.

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Tips to weather seasonal joint pain

(StatePoint) Do April showers bring May flowers or just a lot of aches and pains? While research on how weather affects a person's pain levels is inconclusive, many people swear that the pain in their joints or ache "in their bones" can predict rainy or chilly weather ahead. The general theory is that this is caused by changes in temperature and barometric pressure.

"Sometimes joint pain can occur in flares that your body can predict: a change of weather in a usually dry climate, a change of temperature or staying in contact with water for too long," says Dr. Ken Redcross, author of "Bond: The 4 Cornerstones of a Lasting and Caring Relationship with Your Doctor" and founder of Redcross Concierge. "Particularly as we age, pain tends to sneak in, so managing it is a useful skill to acquire. However, it's not just about taking a pill to numb the pain and hoping for as few side effects as possible."

If a chill in the air or damp, humid temps bring you discomfort, Dr. Redcross recommends the following simple measures, which may help you find relief:

- **Keep Moving:** Inclement weather can keep us sedentary. When you reduce your movement or don't get out as much, pain can increase. Don't let potential aches and pains stop you from regular activity. The sooner you start moving, the better you will feel.

- **Know Your Limits:** Don't

increase the intensity of physical activity too quickly, especially if you have existing cardiovascular, joint or muscle problems that could be aggravated as a result. Work with a licensed trainer at first, who can assess your strength, flexibility, balance and endurance, and create a custom workout program accordingly.

- **Relieve Pain Naturally:** The next time you experience pain, avoid popping a conventional pain reliever. Arnica montana, a type of mountain daisy, has been used for centuries for natural pain relief and is one of the most popular homeopathic medicines worldwide. As a first-line therapy, consider using an unscented, non-greasy topical treatment like Boiron Arnicare Gel for muscle pain, stiffness and swelling from injuries and bruises. More information can be found at Arnicare.com. Claims for Arnicare are based on traditional homeopathic practice, not accepted medical evidence. They are not FDA evaluated.

- **Spice it Up:** Turmeric, ginger and cayenne pepper all have anti-inflammatory properties, as well as many other health benefits. Stick to an energy-boosting diet by giving your foods a low-calorie kick with spices, roots and herbs.

Don't let the weather get the best of you this spring. With a few key strategies, you can better manage weather-related joint pain, rain or shine.

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Sights & Sounds

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Special events

Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council neighborhood election will be conducted on Saturday, April 25 from 10:00am to 5:00pm. All JP residents (16 years and older) are encouraged to run for a seat on the JP Neighborhood Council. Nomination packets are available at the three Jamaica Plain Branch Libraries and Curtis Hall. More information at www.jpnc.org/jpnc-election-2020

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, & culture

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

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

EVERY THURSDAY 9:30 PM - 2:00 AM: QUEERAOKE (Drink - Sing - Dance - Repeat!)

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

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

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 mu-

sic from around the world! All ages. Wheelchair accessible. Nov. 16, 7:30-9:30pm, First Baptist Church JP, 633 Centre St. \$5-\$15 (No one turned away for lack of funds). More info: <https://tinyurl.com/DanceJPRevival>, DanceJP-Dance@gmail.com

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

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

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.

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

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433 Centre St., 522-1960, www.bpl.org.

Just a reminder that we are very happy to receive book donations. The sale of books is the main source of income for the Friends. As you may know, we fund many needs at the library, including books for reading groups and children's programs.

The date for the 2020 book sale has been set for Saturday September 26.

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.

Woodworking, sewing, art classes, fiber arts, photography, book arts. Children, teens, adults, year round. Eliot School of Fine & Applied Arts, 24 Eliot St. Info: eliotschool.org or 524-3313.

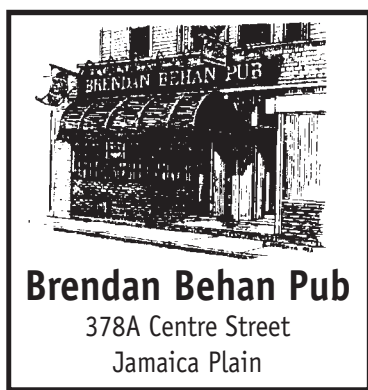
Shim Gum Do (Mind Sword Path), zen sword, karate and meditation classes, scholarships available, Spontaneous Celebrations, 45 Danforth St. Info: 429-8024/mushimgum@gmail.com.

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: narratives-boston@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.

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




Request for Proposals (RFP)

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Massachusetts-based 501(c)3 community organizations, patient advocacy and support groups, Patient-Powered Research Network (PPRN) groups, Patient and Family Advisory Councils (PFACs), researchers working with community partners are encouraged to apply. Individuals and for-profit business are not eligible.

A total award of \$25,000 is available for 5 selected applicants. Each awardee will receive up to \$5,000 of funding that can be used for building relationships, developing research plans, or collecting preliminary data.

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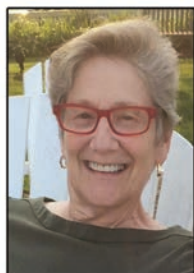
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Reuniones

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

ESNA, lunes, 2 marzo, 6.30-8.30pm. YMCA, 3134 Washington Street.

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

JPNC, reunión mensual, 24 marzo, 7pm, Farnsworth House; Comité de desarrollo, 17 marzo, 7pm, Bowditch School; Comité de urbanización, 18 marzo, Farnsworth House;

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

Asociación de vecinos Stonybrook, 6 abril, 7-9pm, biblioteca de English High School. Sna-jp.org.

ESNA, reunión 6 abril, 6.30-8.30pm. YMCA.

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jas 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 11am-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@jfcscboston.org.

Intercambio de idiomas inglés-español, los sábados, 12-1.45pm. Connolly Branch Library.

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

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

Carolina.

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

Salud/Bienestar físico

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

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

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

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

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

Adultos Mayores

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

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

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

Talleres de Ethos para el envejecimiento sano, el mantenimiento de las enfermedades crónicas los martes, 10am, SJPHC, 640 Centre St., herramientas poderosas los miércoles, 4.30pm, 555 Amory St. ethoscare.org.

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

Crossroads Café, almuerzo gratis y evento social para ancianos y sus invitados, con música en vivo y presentaciones educativas. Comida de ingredientes locales.

Pan, vegetales, leche y comida para llevar disponibles. Los sábados, 633 Centre St., 12.00-2pm. 524-3992, firstbaptistjp.org.

Trabajo Voluntario

Programa de aprendizaje para adultos, se busca voluntarios para enseñar inglés a adultos, orientación gratuita. jpcctutor@gmail.com o 635-5201.

The Boston Teachers Union School busca voluntarios para tutelar a alumnos de la secundaria, los martes y/o miércoles, 3-4.30pm. David Weinstein, maestro de matemáticas: dweinstein@bostonpublicschools.org, 857-334-9855.

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

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

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

Ethos busca compañeros para visitar ancianos en casa. Se requieren una orientación y un compromiso de una hora por semana. JP, Hyde Park, West Roxbury, Roslindale y Mattapan. ethoscare.org/volunteer/application, 522-6700.

Cuidado hospicio de VNA, una organización sin fines de lucro, busca voluntarios para proveer amistad a los pacientes. Ninguna experiencia requerida, ofrecemos entrenamiento continuo y apoyo para todos los voluntarios. vna-hospicecare.org, 781-569-2811.

Inglés para nuevos bostonianos, se buscan voluntarios para servir como tutores de inglés. 982-6864, fmartinez@englishfornewbostonians.org.

Brigham and Women's Faulkner Hospital en 1153 Centre St. se buscan voluntarios para la tienda de regalos, la mesa de información, radiología, centro ortopédico y más. 983-7424, brighamandwomensfaulkner.org.

Programa de música Friendship-Works, ¿Le gusta la música? Se buscan voluntarios para compartir la música y la amistad con los ancianos en JP. 277-5248.

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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 los primeros dos meses hubo 156 delitos denunciados en Jamaica Plain (123 en 2019), una reducción del 13 por ciento. Los delitos que han bajado en 2020 incluyen el homicidio, el asalto agravado no doméstico, el robo residencial, otro robo y otro hurto. Los delitos que han aumentado en 2020 incluyen la violación, el atraco, el robo comercial, el hurto de vehículos, y el robo de vehículos. El asalto agravado doméstico no cambió de un año al otro.

La delincuencia sigue una tendencia a la baja en Jamaica

Plain. Sólo ha habido cinco robos residenciales en 2020, comparado con 33 el año pasado. Jamaica Plain ha experimentado un incremento de los atracos debido a un aumento de delincuentes juveniles. Para redirigir el comportamiento negativo de los adolescentes, el Distrito E-13 trabaja estrechamente con las agencias de servicios sociales, el sistema judicial y los funcionarios electos.

"Estamos cautelosamente optimistas que hemos identificado a los sospechosos y estamos trabajando para minimizar la posibilidad de más incidentes", dijo.

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

LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

ON HONOR ROLL AT BOSTON COLLEGE HIGH

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

High Honors

- Patrick Bole
- Frederick Littell
- Aidan Carroll

Below is the criteria for High Honors and Honors.

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.

Boston College High School is a Jesuit, Catholic, college-preparatory school for young men in grades 7 to 12. Founded in 1863, the school enrolls approximately 1,500 students from more than 140 communities in eastern Massachusetts. For more information please visit bchigh.edu.

LOCAL STUDENT RECOGNIZED FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Alicia Zou of Jamaica Plain was named to the dean’s list at Tufts University for the Fall 2019 semester.

Dean’s list honors at Tufts University require a semester grade point average of 3.4 or greater. Tufts University, located on campuses in Boston, Medford/Somerville and Grafton, Massachusetts, and in Talloires, France, is recognized among the premier research universities in the United States. Tufts enjoys a global reputation for academic excellence and for the preparation of students as leaders in a wide range of professions. A growing number of innovative teaching and research initiatives span all Tufts campuses, and collaboration among the faculty and students in the undergraduate, graduate and professional programs across the university’s schools is widely encouraged.

ON BU DEAN’S LIST

Nine Jamaica Plain residents

have recently been named to the Dean’s List at Boston University for the Fall semester.

Students recognized for this honor include: Lenora M. Davis, Francesca G. Davy-Falconi, Helen M. Hawkins, Max Y. Huang-Debow, Kylie A. Nelson, Sulaiman M. Sajed, Virginia R.

Sedgwick, Nina N. Taylor-Dunn, Mia J. Touma.

Each school and college at Boston University has their own criterion for the Dean’s List, but students generally must attain a 3.5 grade point average (on a 4.0 scale), or be in the top 30 percent of their class, as well as a full

course load as a full time student.

Founded in 1839, Boston University is an internationally recognized institution of higher education and research. Consisting of 16 schools and colleges, BU offers students more than 250 programs of study in science and engineering, social science

and humanities, health science, the arts, and other professional disciplines, along with a number of multi-disciplinary centers and institutes integral to the University’s research and teaching mission.

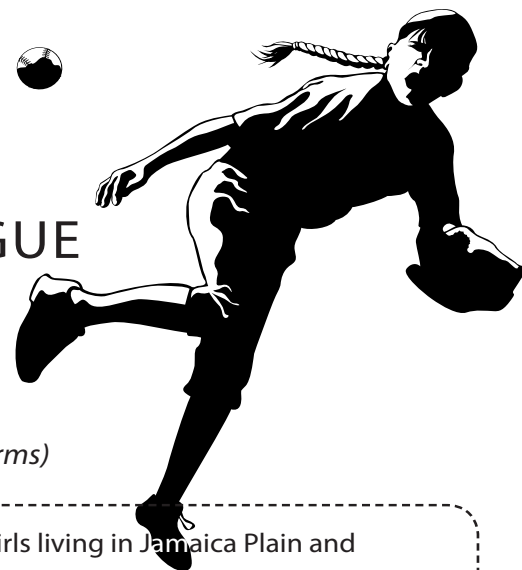
PLAY BALL!!

JAMAICA PLAIN REGAN YOUTH LEAGUE SPRING REGISTRATION

Baseball and Softball for boys and girls ages 5-17.

Saturday, March 28 and Saturday, April 4

(Visit www.reganyouthleague.org for details and to print out registration forms)



The JP Regan Youth League offers baseball to boys and girls and softball to girls living in Jamaica Plain and surrounding neighborhoods in the following divisions and age groups:

PLEASE NOTE: AGES REFER TO CHILD’S AGE AS OF AUGUST 31, 2020.

Teeball: (5-6 yr. old)	Senior: (11-12 yr. old)
Farm: (7-8 yr. old)	Pony: (13-14 yr. old and 15-17 yr. old)
Junior: (9-10 yr. old)	Softball: (AA: 9-11 yr. old, AAA: 12-15 yr. old)

BRING A GLOVE TO REGISTRATION

All players (except Teeball and Softball AA) will participate in a brief series of drills to evaluate their skills in order to ensure balanced teams. Everyone who registers will be placed on a team.

PARENTS/GUARDIANS PLEASE BRING THE FOLLOWING ITEMS TO REGISTRATION:

- Child’s birth certificate
- Check or money order payable to “JP Regan Youth League” for \$50 per child (\$60 for Pony League)

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE REGISTRATION SITES FOR EACH DIVISION:

(Note: You only need to come to **one** of the two dates.)



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Daisy Field (on Jamaicaaway at Bynner Street)
Senior: Sat. 3/28 and 4/4, 10:00 am – 12:00 noon
Junior: Sat. 3/28 and 4/4 10:00 am – 12 noon
Farm: Sat. 3/28 and 4/4, 1:00 – 3:00 pm
Teeball: Sat. 3/28 and 4/64 10:00 am – 12 noon

Parkman Field (Wachusett Street off Walk Hill behind church)
Softball (AA and AAA): Sat. 3/28 and 4/4, 10:00 am –12:30 pm

Murphy Field (on Child Street behind the Margarita Muñiz High School)
Pony: Sat. 3/28 and 4/4 10:00 am – 12:00 noon

Note: Registration is rain (snow) or shine!

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Call 617-983-1563 mail@reganyouthleague.org www.reganyouthleague.org

THE SEASON WILL BEGIN ON SATURDAY, APRIL 25TH WITH OUR ANNUAL OPENING DAY PARADE AND END ON JUNE 20TH.

JP Regan Youth League offers financial aid to families who need it. Please contact us for more details.

EMERALD NECKLACE CONSERVANCY HOSTS 'NIGHT AT THE SYMPHONY'

PHOTOS BY DEREK KOUYOUMJIAN

Emerald Necklace Conservancy celebrated its 9th "Night At The Symphony" Event with a reception at the new Four Seasons on Dalton Street before the concert at Symphony Hall. The Feb. 25 event officially began the Party In The Park season. All proceeds from the silent fundraising of these events go to revitalizing Charlesgate Park, architectural plans of which were on display.



CEO of the BSO Mark Volpe shares a few anecdotes about the symphony and spoke of the value of the Emerald Necklace in Boston.



Adam Sletsky and Drew Webb.



Sara Campbell and Debbie Hoffman.



South Boston State Sen. Nick Collins, Emerald Necklace Conservancy President Karen Mauney-Brodek, Ursula Liff (daughter of Justine Mee Liff, a dedicated advocate for the Emerald Necklace), and state Environmental Under-Secretary Sean Pierce.



Caroline Balz, Joan Jolley, and Ellie Chu



Liff Spirit Award recipient and environmental advocate Cathy Abbott, Karen Mauney-Brodek, and Dan Adams, founding principal at The Design Studio architecture firm who was tasked with designing the Charlesgate revamp.



Camilla Henriksen and Bryce Stirton.



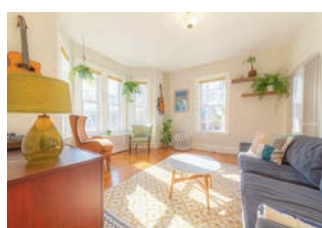
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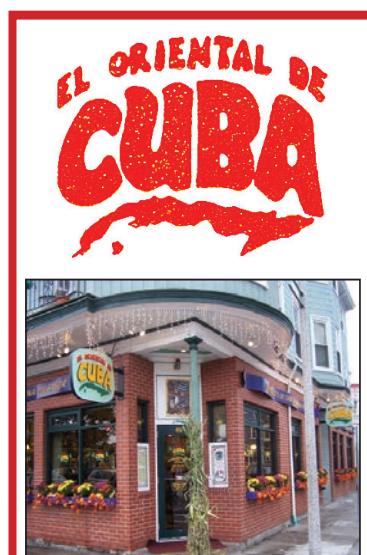
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Katie Mitchell, Rakhee Rai, Samantha Gilford, and Darby Bukowski.



Shown above: Maggie (2nd from left) and Lawrence (2nd from right) Lawler with Mairi Bell and Paola Tavella.



Shown right: Jodi Wolin and Veronika Trufanova.

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ZBA approves Pine Street Inn supportive housing proposal

BY LAUREN BENNETT

The Zoning Board of Appeal (ZBA) on Tuesday approved a proposal to create a 4-story, mixed-use building at 3305-3307 Washington St., as well as the Pine Street Inn/The Community Builders proposal for supportive housing units at 3368 Washington St.

At 3305-3307 Washington St., architect Tim Johnson presented a proposal to combine existing lots into one 9,378 square foot lot and construct a four-story, mixed use building with commercial space, fifteen residential units,

and a garage with 12 parking spaces. Three of the units would be affordable.

The required height is three stories and 35 feet, but he proposed four stories at 45 feet tall. There will also be four roof decks dedicated to the top units. The Floor Area Ratio is also excessive, as .7 is required, but the proposal is for 1.9.

The 1100 square foot commercial space could be used for something like an attorney's office or a small grocery store, he added. The basement below the commercial space would be accessible via an elevator.

The project has received non-opposition or support from the Brookside Neighborhood Association and the Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council.

ZBA Chair Christine Araujo said she was concerned about the density of the proposal for the area, and suggested that the applicants defer and come back with something "less dense" and "more respectful of the neighborhood."

The ZBA voted to defer this project, and the applicants are set to come back on May 19 at 11:30 with a different proposal.

3368 Washington St.

In a joint venture between The Community Builders (TCB) and Pine Street Inn, attorney Joseph Lieber proposed a mixed-use development that includes 202 housing units on the site of a one-story warehouse currently used by Pine Street Inn for "mostly back office functions."

Of the 202 proposed units, 140 of them would be used for supportive housing units for

formerly homeless individuals who have an income of below 30 percent of the Area Median Income. The 140 units would all be studios with an average square footage of 320 square feet. Johnson said that the supportive housing units come with additional services and community space for the residents, who will be encouraged to come out of their rooms and into the common spaces to socialize and interact with other residents.

Additionally, he said that Pine Street Inn will have case management staff on duty 24 hours a day to provide support.

There will be a total of 38 below-grade parking spaces, mainly for the Pine Street Inn employees that will work at the offices in the 15,000 square feet of commercial space that is proposed for the ground floor of the building. The space will also be used for resident and community-wide spaces like meeting rooms. There are other public amenities proposed as well, such as green spaces, a second floor courtyard, and roof decks.

ZBA member Mark Erlich said he was concerned about the smaller units, but the project proponents assured him that community space requirements are being met so people won't feel trapped in their rooms.

Lindsey Santana from the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood

Services said the Mayor's Office was in support of the project, and that the proponents have gone through a "robust community process." The Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council also voted to approve the project, and City Councilors Matt O'Malley Annissa Essaibi-George, and Michael Flaherty were also in support.

JP resident Samantha Montano, who is also a member of the Impact Advisory Group for the project, said that she supports the project, as "income diversity and racial diversity is essential to the JP neighborhood."

Chris Tracy, a representative of BMS Paper, an abutter to the project, said that BMS Paper owner Bob Harrington is in support of the project, as he is "cognizant of the need for this housing."

Cynthia Snow, who represented 3377 Washington, LLC (doing business as Turtle Swamp Brewing) an abutter under the Boston Zoning Code, said that her client was opposed to the project due to the "severe adverse effects" it will have on the brewery. She said that there will be many visitors and employees of the project at 3368 Washington St. who will be utilizing street parking. Snow said that 3377 Washington, LLC currently has 21 employees who use that street parking.

The ZBA voted to approve this project with continued BPDA design review.



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CHILDREN'S SOCCER

For kids 3.5 to 6.5. Online registration now available at www.jpchildrenssoccer.org REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS APRIL 14TH

The Spring season begins Wednesday, April 29th and ends Saturday, June 27th at Jamaica Pond/Pinebanks Field.

Teams do fill up. Please register online by April 14th!

Registration Fee: \$25 (\$20 for additional siblings also in JPCS)

The season is 8 weeks, with a one hour "practice" for all the teams, held on Wednesday at 4 PM or Saturday at 9, 10 and 11 AM. One key for us every season is volunteers to be coaches and team parents. We are always in need of coaches, particularly for our Wednesday teams.

Please consider taking on one of these roles.

La Liga de futbol para niño(a)s de Jamaica Plain Para niño(a)s de 3,5 a 6,5 Usted puede registrarse en línea en su ordenador/computador: www.jpchildrenssoccer.org

Fecha límite para la inscripción es ABRIL 14

La temporada de fútbol de esta primavera comienza el Miercoles 29 de Abril y termina el Sabado 27 de Junio en la cancha de Pinebanks cerca de Jamaica Pond.

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

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

Offering youth umpire training program

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department invites teens ages 15 to 18 to take part in its Umpire Training Program beginning May 5. Participants learn to umpire in a hands-on, classroom environment and on the field throughout the spring with instructor Bill McCallum of the New England Baseball Umpire Club (NEBUC).

The Umpire Training Program provides a fun way for young adults to learn leadership, responsibility and accountability. Whether a high school athlete or not, becoming a junior umpire in a local Little League program offers teens a way to grow their self-esteem and gain experience in a fun, educational setting.

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JP Agenda

The deadline for listings is noon, Tues. March 24 for the March 27 issue. Send listings to reporter@jamaicaplaingazette.com. Note: 617 should be dialed before numbers below, unless another area code is given.

Meetings

Stonybrook Neighborhood Association. Next meeting Monday, April 6, 7-9 pm, English High School Library, 144 McBride St. More/latest info: www.sna-jp.org

The Jamaica Pond Association monthly business meeting of the Jamaica Pond Association Board of Directors has been relocated to The First Baptist Church of Jamaica Plain at 633 Centre Street, Jamaica Plain. The meeting will be from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Monday, April 6, 2020. All Jamaica Pond Association business meetings are open to the public.

In April, the board will resume meeting at the Jamaica Way Tower at 111 Perkins Street from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

The Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council (JPNC) will hold its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 24 at 7:00pm at Farnsworth House, 90 South Street.

On the agenda will be a presentation by Boston Mayor Marty Walsh. Also on the agenda will be reports from the Working Committees.

The JPNC Housing and Development Committee of the Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council (JPNC) will meet Tuesday, March 17 at 7 pm at the Bowditch School, 82 Green Street

Agenda
- Updates
- Open discussion of issues related to housing and economic development

The JPNC Zoning Committee's next regularly-scheduled meeting will be March 18 at Farnsworth House. The agenda for that meeting will include 135 Carolina Avenue (erect rear addition to existing 2-family house); 561-579 Centre Street (renovate former gas station for use as retail/wholesale butcher, grocer, café with off- and on-premises

consumption, malt/wine beverages for off-premises consumption; resurface pavement (seven off-street parking spaces) and landscape); 49 Robinwood Street (Arbour Hospital – increase capacity from 118 to 122 beds within existing space); and 6-8 Wise Street (combine two lots and construct new building with six (6) residential dwelling units). After March 18, the Committee's next upcoming meetings will be April 1st and April 15th.

All meetings are open to the public.

All interested residents are invited to attend.

Police Community Relations Meeting will take place on Thursday, April 2 at 6:30pm at Curtis Hall, 20 South Street. Commanders from Boston Police Area E, MBTA Police and State Police will deal with all issues of public safety raised by the community. All interested residents are invited to attend.

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

JP Problem Properties Committee, first Thursday of the month, 10:30am, Egleston Library, 2044 Columbus Ave. Info: Office of Rep. Malia, 617-722-2380

Youth/Families

The Teen Librarian Is In! Boston Public Library Youth Services is working to build out teen library services in Jamaica Plain. The effort kicks off with a free Open House at the Jamaica Plain Branch Library, 30 South Street on Friday, March 27, from 2:00-4:45PM. Stop by for refreshments, meet the library staff, and hear about plans for teen programs, library outreach, and other activities. More at <https://tinyurl.com/wz7b6qq> or call 617-859-2334.

Family Fun Fair, Saturday, March 21st, 10 am - 2 pm, Corner Co-op Nursery School, 1773 Beacon St., Brookline. Enjoy kids' games/art activities, face painting, silent auc-

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

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

Support Group for Young Parents, a program of Jewish Family and Children's Services, open to all faiths, for parents with children from birth to one-year, registration not required. Thursdays, 10:30am-noon.

Info: 781-647- 5327/info@jfc-boston.org.

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

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

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

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

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Community Arts Music Program for Seniors, Curtis Hall, 20 South St., Fridays 10:30-noon. Info: 983-3638.

Ethos workshops for healthy aging, Chronic disease management Tuesdays, 10 a.m., SJPHC, 640 Centre St., powerful tools, Wednesdays, 4:30pm Ethos, 555 Amory St. Info: ethoscare.org.

Diabetes Self-Management Program, Hyde Park Community Center, 1179 River St., Wednesdays 9:30am-noon. Info: Ann Gora at 477-6616.

Crossroads Café, free lunch and social event for seniors and their guests, often featuring live music and educational presentations. Food made with local produce and other healthy ingredients. Bread, produce, milk, and leftovers to take home as available. Saturdays, First Baptist Church, 633 Centre St., 12:00-2pm. Info: 524-3992/www.firstbaptistjp.org.

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Residents dissatisfied with current ZBA; City Council working on home rule petition

BY LAUREN BENNETT

Following Mayor Walsh's Executive Order calling for more transparency and ethical standards for the Zoning Board of Appeal (ZBA), the City Council Committee on Government Operations held a hearing on January 25 to discuss a home rule petition regarding the ZBA.

City Councilor Lydia Edwards spearheaded the hearing as well as the proposed home rule petition, which she said would change the structure of the ZBA. The home rule petition would need to pass both the City Council and at the State House in order to take effect.

The petition as proposed now requires that ZBA members have expertise in areas of affordable housing, civil rights, environmental protection and climate change, urban planning, and design of neighborhoods. Additionally, it would require that both homeowners and renters be on the board and have expertise in zoning and general laws.

"The proposal also includes a provision that prevents members of the ZBA from engaging in the business of real estate construction, development, or purchase or sale within the city while they are members of the Zoning Board, Edwards said. "The proposal also includes a provision that gives the City of Boston discretionary authority to acquire as a condition of appointment that ZBA members will not be engaged in the business of real estate construction, development, pur-

chase or sale within the City for up to five years after their term of service concludes or set restrictions on activities following a member's term of service."

Additionally, the proposal requires that the ZBA public rules that would discourage "real or apparent" conflicts of interest during or after a ZBA member's term of service, and also requires that the ZBA's standards of review be put into the Boston Zoning Code. Additionally, the proposal requires that more information be available and easily accessible to the public, including contact information for the board members, a subscription list for notice and advertisement of board hearings, and a record of board proceedings, as well as establishes an Office of Community Council "to assure that people are fully informed and know their rights on the day of the hearings," Edwards said.

Lastly, the proposal establishes term limits board members and requires quarterly reports of variances. Edwards said that the City Council has received support from community organizations across the city, as well as letters of concern from architects who would like to see the requirement of an architect on the board remain.

Public testimony ranged from wanting to make sure technical expertise positions remained on the board to fully supporting the home rule petition and recognizing the need for an overhaul of the ZBA.

Brian Blaesser, a partner at

Dinsmore & Shohl, said that in order to have findings of fact, which is a large part of what the ZBA is based on, technical expertise is necessary. He said that the home rule petition seems to replace "those technical expertise positions with positions of policy," and if the board loses the technical expertise and switches to a focus on policy, it will be unable to apply those technical standards.

Fatima Ali-Salaam of the Greater Mattapan Neighborhood Council said she supports the petition offered by the City Council, but agrees that it "should not exclude those with technical expertise," she said. "We agree with Councilor Edwards; it's a good start."

Elliott Laffer of the Neighborhood Association of the Back Bay (NABB) said that he has spent a number of hours before the ZBA, and agrees that there should be no conflicts of interest within the board.

However, "the most fundamental problem with the ZBA is not with the board, but how many cases are in front of the board," he said. "We are zoning by exception. If the zoning code was properly written, we wouldn't spend as much time smoothing things out."

He said that most cases that come before the ZBA are ones asking for variances, and "maybe only two get turned down" out of 40 or 50 cases. "We're doing something wrong in the way we act," he said, adding that he feels the ZBA has a "strong bias" toward approval from the board—

many people go in expecting an approval right off the bat.

Raymond Hurteau, a smaller independent developer in the Boston area, said that he does not agree with the zoning code as it is today, and would like to see some of the restrictions lifted.

"We do live in the City of Boston, and it's a city and whether we like it or not, if we aren't thinking towards the future in terms of density and not thinking of the impacts of the added density, we're going to continue to have a supply shortage," he said. He said that if some supply constraints were removed, more units could be developed and prices would fall.

Thomas Schiavoni, a North End resident, expressed frustrations with the ZBA process and hearings themselves. He said that people have taken time off of work, canceled medical appointments, and scrambled to find babysitters so they can come to a ZBA hearing for a project they're concerned about, only to find out at the hearing that the project is deferred. Developers are "more than likely" to be granted requested deferrals, he said, which leads to frustration in the public.

Additionally, he said that people out in the hallway outside the hearing room can often be loud and disruptive during hearings, making it difficult to hear the current case. "When we don't understand the process, it ends as disrespect for the process," he said, adding that people lose faith in the ZBA system when the

process is confusing or misleading.

Luanne O'Connor, a resident from South Boston, said that the City Point Neighborhood Association is also frustrated and upset with the zoning process. "I do think that we need transparency, accountability," she said. "We don't really have a lot of information insofar as statistics." She said that residents are being displaced and the city needs to look into more responsible development.

"If we're going to trust the ZBA, we need to have a process that we can trust," O'Connor said. She also said that she believes the ZBA is currently "disregarding" elected officials, neighborhood associations, and abutters when some projects still get approved despite the fact that large numbers of people are opposed to them.

"I'm very excited for your home rule petition," she told the City Council.

The City Council then spoke with members of the Walsh Administration to ask questions about the current ZBA process and make suggestions to how things might be able to be adjusted moving forward.

"This is the beginning," Councilor Edwards said. She added that the Council will have working sessions moving forward to finalize the language for the home rule petition, and then it can go before the Council for a vote. If passed, it will then move on to the State House for a vote.



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Mayor starts overhaul of Zoning Board

BY JOHN LYNDIS

In the wake of the scandal that rocked the Boston Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) last year, District 1 City Councilor Lydia Edwards called for an overhaul of the city's zoning board.

The John Lynch bribing scandal trickled down to the ZBA and led Mayor Martin Walsh to call for an investigation into the board.

Lynch, the city's Director of Real Estate, pleaded guilty in federal court to accepting \$50,000 from a developer to sway members of the ZBA on a vote.

Since his plea, ZBA Board Member Craig Galvin has resigned and former ISD Commissioner Buddy Christopher, who has been serving as an advisor to Mayor Martin Walsh, also jumped ship from City Hall. Reports then surfaced that Galvin's real estate company may have benefited from votes he took approving projects that he and his wife later sold.

As the scandal unfolded Edwards filed legislation to modernize and reform ZBA.

On Monday, Walsh signed an Executive Order to establish new, rigorous ethical standards for the ZBA and institute strong policies and procedures that will bring a significantly increased level of transparency, accountability and integrity to the board of appeals.

These important changes are informed, in part, by the findings of the Sullivan & Worcester report and initiate both immediate and long-term changes needed to ensure that best practices, strong internal protocols and policies are in place at the ZBA.

"The ZBA plays a critical role for our city, but to be effective in this role and maintain public confidence, the board must operate at the highest standards of professionalism, ethics, and accessibility," said Walsh. "The changes we are making today will go further than state ethics laws that currently govern the board and its members, modernize the function of the board to make it more accessible and transparent to the public, and I will file legislation to change the membership of the board to ensure that it is reflective of our neighborhoods and their

concerns. I want to assure the residents of Boston that they can have confidence in the ZBA and that we will continue to protect what we love about our neighborhoods as we grow and evolve as a city."

Through these reforms, Walsh is spearheading the changes necessary to strengthen public confidence in the board, improve their functions and efficiencies, and create a more understandable and transparent process. The changes will include strict standards around conflict of interest, financial and ethical disclosures for both board members and certain applicants seeking project approvals, rules governing business dealings before, during and after projects are considered and approved, enhanced ethical training for board members, as well as technological improvements to bring greater access to the board and its process for the public.

According to the Mayor's Office the Executive Order bolsters the ethics and transparency expectations of its board members by implementing new disclosure requirements, prohibiting members from participating in any project in which they have an interest and prohibiting members from having any subsequent business dealings with any project on which they voted. In addition, the order establishes new standards for board members, requiring each member to submit annual statements of financial interest and undergo comprehensive ethics training.

Because changes to the ZBA require state approval, Walsh said he will continue to work with Edwards to craft a home rule petition to the Massachusetts state legislature to change the composition of the board to bring added perspective and expertise.

"It is critical that residents trust and have full and indiscriminate access to 21st century government. Today's executive order takes critical steps by modernizing the Zoning Board of Appeal, promoting transparency and strengthening ethical standards," said Edwards. "As the council moves forward with legislation regarding the Board of Appeal, I look forward to continued partnership with Mayor

Walsh."

The Executive Order by Walsh includes many of the overhauls Edwards called for last year.

According to the order, records would be available electronically and in person at City Hall and 1010 Mass Ave no later than seven days following a hearing. Notices of hearings would be posted and delivered electronically twenty days in advance. Contact information for the board would be posted electronically.

Appeals could be filed electronically, in person at city hall or at 1010 Mass Ave.

As part of the Mayor's commitment to making the ZBA more accessible to residents, the Executive Order calls for the designation of an ombudsperson to notify the public of their rights during and outside of ZBA meetings and guide residents or appellants through basic procedural steps of appeal. In addition, the Board will be required to work with the Mayor's Office of Language and Communications



Mayor Martin Walsh signs an Executive Order to begin overhauling the ZBA as City Councilor Lydia Edwards looks on.

Access to ensure the provision of translation services is available to residents.

The reforms announced today build on steps that Mayor Walsh took immediately after learning about the allegations of bribery that are currently under inves-

tigation, which include ordering a comprehensive, independent review of the practices and procedures of the Zoning Board of Appeal, and a separate review conducted by Attorney Brian Kelly to focus on allegations regarding a specific project.



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Resident takes part in annual Harpoon Shamrock Splash for beaches

On Sunday, March 8, Save the Harbor/Save the Bay's 10th annual Harpoon Shamrock Splash to benefit Save the Harbor and DCR's Better Beaches Program partnership brought nearly 300 beach-lovers together to raise funds to support free beach events and programs from Nahant to Nantasket in 2020.

This year, the "pledge and plunge" cold water fundraiser raised more than \$50,000 to provide grants to community organizations to support free concerts, beach festivals, and youth programs on public beaches in Lynn, Nahant, Revere, Winthrop, East Boston, South Boston, Dorchester, Quincy and Hull.

Participants could direct their fundraising to their favorite local beach. South Boston led with \$6,921 followed by Dorchester with \$4,298 and Lynn & Nahant with \$3,820. Participants raised \$3,155 for Winthrop, \$2,949 for Wollaston Beach, \$2,365 for Nantasket, \$1,875 for Revere Beach and \$1,595 for Constitution Beach in East Boston.

"Thirty years ago nobody wanted to go swimming on the region's public beaches. Today we are proud to say they are some of the cleanest urban beaches in the country," said Save the Harbor President Chris Mancini. "It's amazing to see the community



Hundreds of beach lovers braved the cold water of Boston Harbor on Sunday at Save the Harbor's 10th annual Harpoon Shamrock Splash and raised more than \$50,000 to support free beach events and programs on the region's public beaches in 2020.

that supports this event and supports our beaches from Nahant to Nantasket."

Before the sprint to the sea, Kennedy Elsey of Mix 104.1 pumped everyone up for the run into the Atlantic, but participants didn't need much encouragement this year. With only a few clouds in the sky, as Boston 25 meteorologist Vicki Graf reported that the air temperature was a delightful 54 degrees, and the water was a balmy 41!

"All of us at Harpoon look forward to taking a quick dip into the cold water after our

Harpoon St. Patrick's festival to support a great cause and warm up with a refreshing Harpoon beer, a burger, and clam chowder on the beach with our friends from Save the Harbor/Save the Bay," said Harpoon Brewery President Charlie Storey, who splashes each year. "Sure it was cold in the water, but the warm feeling you get from giving back to your community stays with you for a long time."

Participants won JetBlue flights and great Harpoon swag for reaching fundraising goals. Trevor Etheridge from Jamaica



Fundraising and costume contest winners pose with the judges. From left: Ethan George of Brookline, who won for most individual donations; Donnie Todd, JetBlue's Corporate Social Responsibility Liaison; MC Kennedy Elsey of Mix 104.1; Trevor Etheridge of Jamaica Plain, who won for highest fundraiser; Jane Kepros of East Boston and Chris Graefe of Jamaica Plain who won the costume contest; Harpoon Brewery President Charlie Storey; Boston 25 meteorologist Vicki Graf; and Metropolitan Beaches Commissioner Rep. David Biele.

Plain was the highest fundraiser, raising \$2,550, and Ethan George from Brookline raised \$2,050 and had the most individual donations. They each won round-trip JetBlue flights for their efforts.

The two costume contest winners, Jane Kepros from East Boston in a handmade frog costume, and Chris Graefe from Jamaica Plain in a speedo cowboy look,

won JetBlue flights as well for their creativity and enthusiasm. Special thanks to Elsey, Storey, JetBlue's Donnie Todd, and Boston 25 Meteorologist Vicki Graf for serving as contest judges! Every splasher and contributor also had the opportunity to win prizes in two post-Splash JetBlue flight raffles.

"At JetBlue, we are committed to our community and fun is one of our core values," said Donnie Todd, Corporate Responsibility Liaison for JetBlue, who led a team of splashers again this year. "More than 3,500 JetBlue crewmembers call Boston home, we cherish our harbor and proudly support Save the Harbor/Save the Bay and the work they do on the region's public beaches."

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Metropolitan Beaches Commissioner Rep. David Biele of South Boston took the plunge as well. "I was happy to join friends, residents and neighbors at this year's Save the Harbor/Save the Bay Harpoon Shamrock Splash.

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by Sarah Carroll

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BLC votes not to impose demo delay on building at 197 Green St.

BY LAUREN BENNETT

A demolition delay hearing was held for the building at 197 Green St. on March 10. A demolition delay is conducted in three parts: the review of the community meeting process, a determination of significant and potential imposition of demo delay, and only if the Boston Landmarks Commission (BLC) chooses to impose the delay, the applicant will then present a proposal for a new structure in the place of the demolished building. In this case, the BLC voted not to impose the demolition delay after hearing more about it.

The building at 197 Green

St. is now most known for its colorful paintings on the facade, and has come to be known as the “graffiti house.”

BLC staff determined the community meeting process to be adequate, so they moved onto the next step of determining the significance of the building.

BLC Preservation Assistant Gabriela Amore said that BLC staff has determined the building to be significant and one whose loss would have an impact on the history of the neighborhood. She said that BLC staff found the house to be a “preferably preserved building” due to its contribution to the history of Jamaica Plain.

Amore said the building is

the oldest remaining building on the street, and is a remnant of the Green Street transition and widespread suburbanization of the era, as it was likely constructed between 1854 and 1858.

Matt Eckel of zoning law firm Drago + Toscano said that the building has had a number of owners throughout the years, and has gone through several alterations to the original historic facade, including the replacement of the shingles and windows and the addition of a rear porch. He added that the building is currently vacant, and has been since 2013. There was no structural integrity report submitted to the BLC, though the applicants said that it is

“quite beaten up,” though that was not being used as an argument for demolition.

Eckel said that if the structure is demolished, the project team is “looking at ways to keep the character alive” through retaining some of the moldings, bricks, banisters, and window surrounds to use in a new structure.

The BLC received several letters in support of invoking the demolition delay and some not in favor of invoking it.

BLC Chair Lynn Smiledge agreed with staff that the demolition of the building would be a “loss,” but “90 days is 90 days,” she said.

The BLC voted to not im-

pose the demolition delay, which means the applicants can demolish the building without a waiting period. The BLC did recommend to the applicants that they allow the JP Historical Society to enter the building and document it, and to also consider performing an archaeological investigation, as the lot is still intact.

BLC member Kirsten Hoffman, who has a background in archaeology, said that it could just be one foot by one foot holes in the ground, but doing so may help the owners and historians learn even more about the history of the house.

Splash

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Funds raised will support a wide range of programs that increase access and enjoyment of local beaches through a partnership with the Department of Conservation and Recreation. Thanks to this year’s swimmers, volunteers and sponsors for supporting and investing in our local beaches.”

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Stonybrook Neighborhood Association hears new Keegan's proposal

BY LAUREN BENNETT

Developers for a project at 3458 Washington St./7 Kenton Road, currently the site of Keegan's Service Station, came before the Stonybrook Neighborhood Association on March 9 to present a proposal for a four story, nine unit residential building on the site.

This is not the first proposal for this site; a previous one was for a 37 unit building, but after community feedback, the project proponents decided to lower the number of units.

Developer Brad Cangiamila said that the current lot is a little over 10,000 square feet, and the proposed building will have 12,000 square feet of livable space split up into a combination of two and three bedroom condominiums for sale, with the four 3rd floor units being bilevel.

The building will be three sto-

ries with the fourth story set back, and the top floor will feature four roof decks. The developers were unable to answer a question of where the mechanical equipment and utilities will go, but they suggested they could go in the roof or in the garage.

City Councilor At-Large Julia Mejia attended the meeting and said she is interested in the community side of development, and would be happy to provide support in the community process.

SNA member Jennifer Uhrhane was concerned that the developers stopped at nine units to avoid including any affordable units, which would be required at ten units.

Cangiamila said they wouldn't have a problem working out some sort of financial contribution to an affordable housing fund.

Another comment was made that Washington St. should be

activated with some sort of commercial space on the ground floor instead of housing units. "We will see closed blinds all day," a neighbor said, adding that the current design "would call for really robust landscaping along the front" to give people something to look at along the street level.

Several comments were also made about the current design of the building, which appears to be a plain gray building. "I urge you to do something else color-wise," Uhrhane said. "Everything being built here [in JP] looks exactly the same." She also suggested that the developers make the neighbors aware of the list of variances they would require both from the city zoning code and PLAN: JP/Rox.

Cangiamila said that the architect can add more details, but didn't want to do too much for an initial meeting as they anticipated changes to the design of the

building.

This project is in a commercial zoning area, so it would be a change of use triggering a lot of different variances.

After the developers left, the SNA and community discussed the project and comments were made that the developers seemed unprepared for the presentation. Someone said that the developers want to see if they are on the right track with the community or not before having plans that are really set in stone.

Mejia said she would like to see home ownership opportunities for people to live in a more mixed-income situation, and offered her office to help support the SNA in their process. "I'm new and I want to be useful," she said.

This proposal was very preliminary, and the developers expect more meetings with the community to come up with a proposal that works for the community.

na, the developers deferred. SNA member Jennifer Uhrhane said that the "main sticking point" that remains with this project is that the volume and number of units is too large, in the opinion of many members of the community.

Despite many efforts to work with the developers to lessen the number of units, Uhrhane said that the developers didn't want to make any changes. However, she said that there might be a new affordability calculation that might be able to work and a compromise can be made. "I'm feeling a little relieved," she said, after learning of the deferral.

3502 Washington St. (Doyle's overflow parking lot) update

SNA Steering Committee member Jonathan McCurdy said that the developers who proposed an eight unit residential building with one commercial space has withdrawn their proposal. The subcommittee members had not heard anything from the developers in a while, and the proposal was originally proposed in October of last year.

35 Brookley/10 Stonley Update

The 45 unit proposal for 10 Stonley Road was set to go before the Zoning Board of Appeal on March 10, but at the request of Mayor's Liaison Lindsey Santa-

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EDITORIAL

MARCH IS WEATHER PURGATORY

With the promise of winter coming to an end and spring just around the corner, we have high hopes for March.

The crocuses start to pop through the ground and the sun is noticeably stronger and warmer. There also is a greater amount of daylight. The first day of spring, the vernal equinox (which will occur this year on March 19), brings us 12 hours each of day and night.

But only hope springs eternal, as the saying goes, because March always is a disappointment, especially for those of us who live along the Massachusetts coastline.

The average high temperature on March 1 in our area is 42, with an average low of 28 for that date. Though the average high temperature increases to 51 (and the low to 37) by the end of the month, even on the warmest of March days, our proximity to the cold ocean -- which still has temperatures in the low 40s throughout March -- cools us by 10 degrees, which can feel even chillier if there is an onshore breeze.

In addition, with the arrival of daylight savings time (which this year is this Sunday, March 8), we may think that the additional hour of sunlight in the evening will bring milder temperatures. But daylight savings time is a trap that tricks our minds into thinking that warmer weather has arrived.

March also has the capacity for big storms. We all recall the high-tide event two years ago in the first week of March, 2018, that flooded the Boston area with the third-highest tide ever recorded in our area.

It is common in March for powerful nor'easters to pound our sea-shore, bringing heavy winds, high seas, and a wintry mix, including the occasional blizzard, that belie what the calendar says.

St. Patrick's Day falls on March 17, always a special day here in the Boston area. But who can recall a really warm one? Watching a St. Pat's Day parade or engaging in any outdoor activity on that day or evening requires full winter gear of a hat, gloves, and coat.

So yes, while the calendar may say that winter officially is over in March, we also know that March is not really the beginning of spring. It's somewhere in between, a version of weather purgatory -- the month that we must endure before we fully are released from the trials of winter so that we can move on to the heaven of spring and summer.



HAPPY SAINT PATRICK'S DAY... MARCH 17

LETTERS

Canceling Ward 11 Caucus

Dear Editor,

"In light of guidance provided by state officials at this Tuesday's press conference, the Massachusetts Democratic Party is temporarily suspending all caucuses including Ward 11 Caucus in Jamaica Plain scheduled to take place. In the event that this temporary suspension must continue for an extended period of time, the Party will

develop a replacement to the caucus process. We will continue to follow the guidance of state and local health officials and will make a decision to end the temporary suspension based on that guidance. The Party has informed Senator Markey and Congressman Kennedy of this decision, and each supported the necessary decision by the state party to postpone the caucuses."

Beginning with tonight's caucuses, we are temporarily suspending scheduled caucuses. This is an evolving situation, and we'll be monitoring the recommendations of state officials. I will provide more information in Thursday's email.

Democratically yours,

GUS BICKFORD
CHAIR, MASSACHUSETTS
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OP-ED

Have a hippity hoppity holiday

BY MELISSA MARTIN, PH.D.

This year, Easter falls on Sunday, April 12. So, make your menu, sew your outfit, and decorate your dwelling while there's still time.

Easter has become a commercial event catered toward children with baskets full of chocolate rabbits, dyed eggs, jelly beans, and other sweet treats. Easter is the second best-selling candy holiday in America after Halloween. Keep that a secret from your kid's dentist.

How interesting that a dog is in the running to be the next Cadbury bunny—that will be one funny bunny. And I voted for the two-legged dog from New Richmond, Ohio, to be the 2020 candy canine. Bark for the bunny! Lt. Dan is named after the "Forrest Gump" character who lost his legs overseas in combat. What animal lover can resist a disabled dog wearing long ears and a fluffy tail. Cadbury issued a casting call for all pets to enter the contest to become the

next Cadbury Bunny. Lt. Dan the dog is competing against a mini-horse, llama, pig, hamster, duck and two cats. The winner of the contest will star in Cadbury's new TV commercial and receive \$5,000. The Cadbury Bunny Try-outs Contest is sponsored by The Hershey Company in Hershey, Pa. Vote at www.bunnytryouts.cadburyusa.com.

How interesting that a giant bunny carries a huge basket and hops down the bunny trail to deliver colored eggs to children. Aren't the hens steamed? It's hard work laying eggs, only to give the credit to a happy hare. Plastic lookalike eggs have replaced boiled eggs in the annual Easter egg hunts. The chickens don't have to work as long during the season, but please give the poor cluckers a raise and retirement benefits. But no billionaire bunnies allowed according to Bernie.

The White House Easter Egg Roll is an annual tradition. Since 1878, when Rutherford B. Hayes was in office, American presidents have hosted the party on

the lawn according to the White House Historical Association website. The liberals probably want to roll Trump down Capitol Hill—then he will have a bad 'hare' day. Sorry, I couldn't resist a hair joke. Womp womp.

The following corny jokes were found at www.southernliving.com. Q: Therapist: What's been up lately? A: Chocolate bunny: I don't know, I just feel so hollow inside. Q: How can you tell which rabbits are oldest in a group? A: Just look for the gray hares. Q: Where does the Easter Bunny go when he needs a new tail? A: To a re-tail store.

What's for Easter Dinner?

"In early Jewish history, lambs were sacrificed as offerings to God and served regularly as part of the Passover feast. Then, when Jesus died during Passover, he represented the ultimate sacrifice for sin, the "lamb of God," and the animal evolved into a potent symbol for Christians, especially at Easter. Many Orthodox

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JPNC talks zoning, Elugardo update

BY LAUREN BENNETT

The Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council (JPNC) held their monthly meeting on February 25, where State Rep. Nika Elugardo and JPNC Committee Chairs provided updates.

As previously reported by the Gazette, Elugardo said that public safety in the neighborhood has improved over the past year, and she will be switching over one of her district priorities from public safety to small and mid-sized businesses and entrepreneurs.

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“I believe in progressive taxation,” Elugardo said, adding that she believes that taxation should be a “shared sacrifice” for businesses as well.

“In September of this year, provided I get elected, I want to begin drafting legislation in response to what I’ve heard from small business owners and allies,” she said. She said she has already begin to walk around with business owners in Mission Hill, and will be giving reports as she learns more.

Elugardo has also been working on public housing legislation, as well as jobs for youth and elders. She also discussed rent control, which she said she prefers to call “rent stabilization.” She said that a lot of lower income homeowners own buildings with three or less units, and rent stabilization could end up doing more harm than good for these people. She said she is working on “trying to find creative ways to protect everyone who needs support from the public good and the public common,” as she doesn’t want to “create something that’s

too onerous for lower income housing owners.

By allowing municipalities to decide how something like rent stabilization should be implemented, Elugardo believes a more fair system could be set up.

Zoning Committee

JPNC Zoning Committee Chair David Baron reported on three projects that were heard at the February 25 meeting of the committee.

At 91 Green St., he reported that the applicant proposed the construction of an addition on the rear of the existing house to create an additional dwelling unit and a garage. He said that many neighbors came out to the meeting in support of the project, but there was a letter of opposition from the Sumner Hill Neighborhood Association. He said the Association was critical of the screening and buffering related to the proposal, and also thought the property was too close to others, they wanted permeable pavers, and a narrower driveway. The JPNC approved this project with the provisos that the applicant will work with the abutters on screening/buffering, permeable pavers must be used, and to narrow the driveway if possible to match the curb cut.

At 84 Southbourne Rad, the proposal was to add a one story addition to the rear of the existing single-family house. Baron said that the house is already very small, and the proposed addition is also small.

“These little houses are architecturally significant,” Baron said, so there was some opposi-

tion at the committee meeting, including from a neighbor who was concerned about seeing the addition from the rear of their house. The JPNC voted to approve the application with the proviso that that the applicant have an arborist consult on the evacuation of the basement, as well as the proviso that the applicant seek design review through the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA).

At 493 Walnut Ave., the proposal was to construct a new garage addition to an existing single-family home. Baron said that the proposed garage is a “very modest-sized garage,” and nobody at the meeting was in opposition, so the JPNC voted to approve the project.

Public Service Committee

JPNC Public Service Committee Chair Michael Reiskind reported that at the February Public Service Committee meeting, the 225 Centre St. location of Jamaica Mi Hungry proposed a 7-Day Common Viciously All Alcohol License with a closing hour of 1:00am (three or four times a year only), a seasonal outdoor 15-seat patio, and an entertainment license for three TVs.

“Everybody thought this was a great use for the site,” Reiskind said. “everybody was strongly in favor.” He said that the patio is to close by 10:00pm, and the requested 1:00am closing hour will only be about three times a year for special events.

The JPNC voted to approve this application with the proviso that alcohol be served with food only.

Another Side of Jamaica Plain exhibition on display

BY DAVID FRIEDMAN

The Parks of Jamaica Plain and Roxbury are the subject of an exhibition of photographs on view until April 8 at the Fort Port Arts Community Gallery at 300 Summer St. Titled “Parks and the City: Conflict and Change”, the images in the show present an interpretation of the parks very different from the familiar one of Olmstead’s great design. The park presented here can be threatening; many of the photographs were made at night, some emphasize the instability of the park environment, others document activities that park planners never imagined and others they explicitly attempted to exclude. The exhibition presents photographs of mental spaces and natural forces and celebrates behaviors impossible elsewhere in the city.

Jen Mawson photographs the parks at night, often around White Stadium. The threat of the dark is not absent from the photos but more powerfully they reveal the freedom that nighttime grants the imagination. Strange



Bike Course near Jamaica Pond.

colors, a limited field of vision, and obscured forms leave plenty of room for the mind to fill.

Jakob Geiger photographs in the untended areas of the parks focusing on the brambles and vines that have colonized these spaces. He sees the impact of this vegetation as a microcosm of the ongoing transformations that occur everywhere over the surface of the earth.

Navid Haghghi Mood compares the parks in Boston with those of his native Iran. The park idea belongs to both countries but different cultures and different forms of recreation have produced very different ideas of

how nature can serve the city. At the same time, Navid finds similarly improbable situations in both park systems. His photographs capture the uncanny, the unlikely, the unbelievable, as part of the truth of human behavior.

David Friedman’s photographs document hidden places carved out of the marginal spaces of the parks for private use. They reveal unauthorized structures and the traces of transgressive behaviors. Though the freedom these artifacts imply may be unintended, it adds another audience to the population accommodated by the parks.

Op-Ed

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Christians still follow the Jewish Orthodox customs of not eating any pork, so lamb takes center stage at their Easter meal. Others, however, wouldn’t imagine Easter without ham. Symbolizing “good luck” for many cultures around the world, it made a fitting meal at all sorts of feasts and celebrations, according to the Encyclopedia of Religion. Some historians

believe Easter’s spring timing also factored into the choice: Farmers typically slaughtered pigs in the fall and then took several months to smoke the pork, making a ham ready just in time for Easter dinner.” www.goodhousekeeping.com.

The Real Deal of Easter

“The Bible makes no mention of a long-eared, short-tailed creature who delivers decorated eggs to well-behaved children on Easter Sunday; nevertheless, the Easter bunny has become a prominent symbol of Christian-

ity’s most important holiday,” according to an article at www.history.com.

Easter is a deeply religious holiday for many, packed with significance in the resurrection story of Christ. Good Friday marks Jesus’s crucifixion and Easter Sunday celebrates his resurrection. The crucifixion of Jesus is recorded in the New Testament books, known as the Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

Blessings to all my peeps at Easter!

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Local composers and BSO celebrate JP

Three Berklee College of Music professors, all Jamaica Plain residents, have been commissioned to write new music for the Boston Symphony Orchestra in Residence Composer Project. The works by Andrew List, Julius P. Williams, and Elena Roussanova will be the culmination of the BSO's three-year residency in Jamaica Plain. The compositions focus on subjects and narratives that highlight Jamaica Plain's history and culture. Forthcoming events in the project will include an educational component with visits to JP schools for composer talks, multimedia presentations, and performances by musicians from the BSO.

Andrew List served as a liaison between neighborhood associations and the BSO and proposed the idea of creating music portraying historical aspects of JP and prominent persons who have lived in the area. Each composition is a multi movement work approximately 15 minutes

in duration, scored for a 12-piece chamber orchestra.

For his part, List wrote *The Emerald Necklace*, a chamber symphony that takes its name from the famous local park and waterway system designed by Frederick Law Olmstead. The fanfare of the first movement depicts the creation of the Jamaicaaway, a major road on the Emerald Necklace. The second movement is an impression of an evening at the Jamaica Pond. The closing movement was inspired by ancient artifacts found at Spring Brook Village (now the Arnold Arboretum). Archaeologists claim the tools and arrowheads were made by native people who dwelt there as early as 8000 B.C.

Julius Williams, an accomplished African-American composer and conductor, titled his work *Songs for My Culture*. It pays tribute to Maude Cuney-Hare, a Jamaica Plain resident and descendant of former

slaves. Cuney-Hare is acclaimed for researching and collecting folksongs from West Africa and the African-American Diaspora. Williams incorporated "Igama Lotando" ("Song of Love"), the spiritual "My Lord, What a Morning," and "Bai Fini," a Creole dance song in his work. One movement makes musical allusions to the Underground Railroad that ran through the Boston area.

Russian-born Elena Roussanova titled her symphonic poem *A Journey to a New Land*, as a reflection on immigration. The piece honors legendary BSO conductor Serge Koussevitzky, who emigrated from Tsarist Russia and settled first in Jamaica Plain. Roussanova quotes a theme from Koussevitzky's *Double Bass Concerto* as well as a song from the Russian Civil War period and other folk-like themes.

The three composers will give a presentation about their



The composers pictured left-to-right: Elena Roussanova, Andrew List, and Julius Williams.

music and play excerpts at the Hunnewell Building at the Arnold Arboretum on April 20 at 6:30 P.M. A full concert at St. John's Episcopal Church in JP and a concert-lecture for Boston school children at the Berklee Performance Center are planned for early May. (Specific dates and times to be announced.) On Sunday May 31, portions from each of the commissioned works will be performed at a gala held in Boston's Symphony Hall.

"This project is about connect-

edness on many levels, bringing the Boston Symphony to Jamaica Plain for performances of music inspired by and performed in our community," says List.

It's also a significant milestone for Berklee. This is the first time faculty Berklee members have been commissioned by the Boston Symphony Orchestra. I've never heard of three composers from one community or colleagues from a single college or university being commissioned by such a major orchestra. This is probably a first."



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