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Kaija Schilde (2nd from left) with Sylvie and Naomi Langhirt and their four-legged friend Lucy do some Summer reading at atThe Loring Greenough House. See Pages 13-16 for more photos.

Apartment-hunting platform SplitSpot makes finding an rental easier and cheaper

BY LAUREN BENNETT

With students returning to the neighborhood for the fall semester, many struggle with the rental process, which can be time-consuming and expensive. SplitSpot, a website aimed at streamlining the process of finding an apartment and roommates, allows you to find a new place right from the comfort of your couch.

The platform was founded in late 2018 by David Mazza and Ernesto Gaxha, with the first lease signed in early 2019. The Sun spoke with Gaxha to learn

more about the platform and what it offers.

Gaxha said the idea for SplitSpot came to him when he graduated from college and was looking for housing. After staying on friends' floors and subletting multiple times, as well as dealing with fighting brokers and paying enormous amounts of money at once, he realized there must be a better way to find an apartment in the city.

He said that there is "all this technology, all these innovations," but he was "still going through this 100 year old process for apartment hunting."

He and Mazza attended MIT together and were "both really inspired by this problem, and I wanted to start a community that tackles this problem," he said, so SplitSpot was born.

Gaxha explained how the platform works from both the renter's side and the landlord's side.

As a renter, a person can "find an ad in the wild or come directly to our website," where they can browse listings and find an apartment they're interested in. From there, video and 3D tours are available for every apartment,

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Boston's Municipal Primary set for Tuesday, Sept. 14

BY JOHN LYNDS

Next Tuesday on September 14 Jamaica Plain voters will head to the polls during the Boston Municipal Primary election and cast their ballots for Mayor and At-Large City Councilor.

Jamaica Plain voters will choose from a field of seven mayoral candidates and a large field of candidates running for City Councilor At-Large.

Who is on the Ballot next Tuesday

In the Boston Mayoral race four have emerged as favorites among voters ahead of the Pri-

mary and include Acting Mayor Kim Janey, Michelle Wu, Annissa Essaibi George and Andrea Campbell with John Barros, Robert Cappucci, and Richard Spagnuolo rounding out the field of mayoral candidates.

The top two vote getters will compete in the Boston Municipal General Election in November.

In the At-Large race Jamaica Plain voters can pick up to four candidates from the field of 17 At-Large candidates running in the Primary.

The candidates for At-Large

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Janey, city officials welcome college students back to Boston

BY LAUREN BENNETT

Acting Mayor Kim Janey and other city officials welcomed college students back to Boston last week with an event in Allston on September 1.

Inspectional Services Department (ISD) Deputy Commissioner Marc Joseph said that ISD had been ensuring that all codes were being followed, as well as inspecting both the interior and exterior of apartment buildings where students are residing for working smoke and carbon monoxide detectors as well as egresses and sanitation.

He added that fliers had also

been distributed with information for students to call if any if those things still need to be addressed.

"This is an exciting time for the kids to move in and probably an anxious time for the parents," Boston Fire Department Commissioner Jack Dempsey said. He advised all students to check their smoke detectors to ensure they are working properly, and warned them not to smoke inside.

"Kids aren't very good at cooking when they're new at it," he added, and "cooking fires increase dramatically in these

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Wards 11 and 19 hold candidate forum for District 6 City Council candidates

BY LAUREN BENNETT

The Ward 11 and Ward 19 Democratic Committees held a virtual forum for District 6 City Council Candidates on August 31. Incumbent District 6 councilor Matt O'Malley has said he will not seek re-election, so Winnie Eke, Kendra Hicks, and Mary Tamer are now vying for the seat.

During the forum, the three women tackled questions on a wide variety of topics ranging from housing to environmental justice to education. The format included some yes/no questions as well as open ended questions, for which the candidates had 90 seconds to answer.

All three said housing was one of the top issues facing residents in District 6, and all three said they support the state's plan to put behavioral and public health services on the Shattuck Hospital site once the hospital moves to the South End.

Candidates were asked what they would do to "protect low and moderate income residents from displacement and stabilize rents in District 6," as well as how they would tackle "the lack of affordable and appropriately sized housing for families" and how they would support small landlords owning between one and six units.

Hicks said that she believes half of new construction of units should be designated for renters and homeowners who are at or below 60 percent of the Area Median Income (AMI). She added that she would "direct at least half of the housing funds from linkage fees" for housing for people making below 30 percent AMI.

She also called for a transformation of the city's zoning code, as well as "more permanent supportive senior housing." In "high risk neighborhoods," Hicks said that there need to be "anti-displacement zones."

Tamer said that "we need to produce and protect affordable housing," and called on all elected officials to push for more at the state level. "We need help to address this from a regional perspective," she said.

Tamer also said that students should not be occupying "all of the three and four and five bedroom" units in the city, and that federal funds should be used to help with rent costs.

"One thing that I do not understand," Eke said, is that "there should never be a reason that in the City of Boston somebody should be evicted." She said residents should be properly "educated" about their rights as tenants, and landlords should be

given assistance to help pay for their mortgages so people can remain in their homes.

Candidates were also asked questions about community engagement, including what they would do to "engage the community of District 6 and the work of the City Council."

Eke suggested that the City Council hold some of its meetings in different districts so they are accessible to more residents and the Council can "listen to constituents."

Hicks said that she would hold "people's assemblies," as "I think we need to engage people in a more direct democracy." She called for better language access for the meetings as well as ensure all are accessible via video.

"As a community organizer for my entire life, I know the importance of including people in the decision-making process," she said.

"It's all about outreach," Tamer said, as well as "building community, accessibility, and taking in all of the voices and all of the perspectives. That comes from the grassroots; it comes from the ground up." Tamer also said that it's "about having really difficult conversations sometimes..." and as a city councilor, she would hold "very regular office hours" to discuss issues with constituents.

Candidates were asked how they would advocate for racial justice both in the district and citywide.

"This is work I've already done in the City of Boston," Hicks said, who added that she has "trained all 1100 employees at the Public Health Commission."

Hicks said that "as a Black woman...the work of racial justice is a part of my everyday life." She also said that "it's time that we have leadership in District 6 that is not running away from difficult conversations."

Tamer said that "I also embrace difficult conversations," adding that the district is 87 percent students of color" and full day programming is only accessible to "some students but not all, and that is not good enough." She called for full day programs for all three and four year olds in the city.

Eke said that she has trained pastors and other religious leaders on "what it means to have racial equity," as well as racial bias.

"Most people can say, and honestly do believe, that they are not racist," she said, adding that "implicit bias is what the main problem is." Eke said that "we want a councilor who can speak truth to power."

On education, candidates were asked how they would use the Council's budgetary power "to address inequalities" in the Boston Public Schools (BPS), many of which were made worse by the pandemic.

Tamer said she would use federal funds to increase mental health services in BPS, and to ensure that students have the resources they need after so much isolation and uncertainty. She said that the city "cannot expect children to learn if they are not being supported in every possible way."

Eke said that "psychotherapists" should be on hand as well as mental health councilors, and two or three mental health workers should be employed in

each BPS high school. She also suggested doctors and nurses be in school to ensure students' physical health is up to par along with their mental health.

Hicks said that she is the "only candidate who has had direct experience with trauma work in the city," and said she would "advocate for a baseline budget to ensure all schools have the resources necessary."

Addressing public safety in the district was another question.

Eke suggested that police "avoid any contact with people of color," and instead called for cameras in places like streets and traffic lights to catch any crime or wrongdoing, and "letters" will be sent to the offender. She said that this "could save the life of a black person."

Hicks said that "safe communities come from well-invested communities," and "we need to reconsider when and how we deploy police in the community." She said that increasing year round jobs for youth would contribute to a decrease in youth violence.

"Boston is struggling with substance use disorder," Tamer said. "I believe in harm reduction." She said she also "believes in police reform," and said that 911 should be used "as a triage" to decide whether police or mental health councilors should be dispatched in a particular situation.

Candidates were also asked about child care, the Boston Planning and Development Agency, and other challenges facing the district. The full video with all questions and answers can be found on the Boston Ward 19 Democratic Committee's Facebook page.

The preliminary municipal election will be held on September 14. There are also several early voting options throughout the city, and more information can be found at boston.gov/election.



Virtual Public Meeting

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Election

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are incumbents Michael Flaherty and Julia Mejia, Ruthzee Louijeune, Jonathan Spillane, David Halbert, Erin Murphy, Said Abdikarim, Kelly Bates, James Colimon, Domingos DaRosa, Althea Garrison, Alexander Gray, Carla Monteiro, Bridget Nee-Walsh, Roy Owens, Donnie Palmer, and Nick Vance.

Where to Vote in Jamaica Plain

The following are the polling locations broken down in order of Wards and Precincts. All polling locations will be open between 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 14, 2021. Ballots will be available in English, Spanish, Chinese and Vietnamese. Language assistance will be available on Election Day by translators at polling locations or by contacting the Election Department's translation phone bank. Those interested in volunteering can apply to be a poll worker here.

Ward 11

Precinct 4, Word of Life Tabernacle Church - 120 Amory St. Vote in Bishop Samuel A. Darden Hall. Voter entrance on the left side of the building from Bragdon Street.

Precinct 5, Walnut Park Apartments - 1990 Columbus Ave. Vote in the community room.

Precinct 6, Brookside Family Life Center - 3297 Washington Street. Vote in the community room.

Precinct 7 & 8, Boston English High School - 144 McBride St. Vote on the auditorium stage. Voter entrance on Williams Street side door.

Precinct 9 & 10 Margarita Muniz Academy (formerly Louis Agassiz Elementary School) - 20 Child St. Vote in the gymnasium. Voter entrance through gymnasium door to the right of main entrance.

Ward 19

Precinct 1 & 3, Curley k-8 (formerly known as Mary E. Curley school) - 493 Centre St. Vote in the cafeteria. Voter entrance through driveway on Pershing Road.

Precinct 2, Joseph P. Manning Elementary School - 130 Loudner's Ln. Vote in the cafeteria. HP entrance right side rear door.

Precinct 4, Nate Smith Elderly Housing - 155 Lamartine St. Vote in meeting room.

Precinct 5, Collins Apartments - 29 Pond St. Vote in the community room.

Precinct 6, Bowditch School Building - 82 Green Street. Vote in the community room.

Precinct 7 & 12, Woodbourne Apartments - 6 Southbourne Rd. Vote in the dining room.

Precinct 8 & 9 Margarita Muniz Academy (formerly Louis Agassiz Elementary School) - 20 Child St. Vote in the gymnasium. Voter entrance through gymnasium door to the right of main entrance.

Precinct 10 & 13, Washington Irving School - 105 Cummins Highway. Voter entrance to the rear of the school from Hawthorne Street. Vote in Room #102

Precinct 11, Joseph Calci Training Center - 25 Colgate Rd. Vote in the wallpaper room.

Vote by Mail Ballots

The City of Boston has also installed 20 ballot drop boxes across the city for voters to drop off completed vote by mail ballots.

The Ballot Drop Box location in Jamaica Plain is at the Jamaica Plain Branch Library, 30 South Street or on the first and third floor entrances of Boston City Hall.

All drop boxes are monitored under 24 hour video surveillance. Drop boxes will also be available at each early voting location during the scheduled voting hours.

Applications for vote by mail ballots have been mailed out to

every registered voter in Boston. Voters are asked to fill out the application, including their signature, as applications received without a signature will not be accepted. To be eligible to vote by mail in the Preliminary Municipal Election, applications must be returned to the Boston Election Department by Wednesday (today), September 8, by 5 p.m.

Vote by mail applications can be returned by U.S. mail with the prepaid postcard or in-person at the Boston Election Department, City Hall, Room 241.

If a registered Boston voter did not receive or lost their application, they can request a new ballot application by completing the form available on the City's vote-by-mail website. The form can be sent to the City of Boston's

Election Department, via mail, email, fax, or in-person. The Boston Election Department is located at Boston City Hall, City Hall Square, Room 241, Boston, MA 02201. Fax: 617-635-4483, Tel: 617-635-VOTE (8683). Email: absenteevoter@boston.gov

Vote By Mail

The Election Department will send out vote by mail ballots as soon as the application requests are processed. Once a voter receives their ballot package, they should follow the enclosed instructions. It is important to sign the yellow ballot affidavit envelope. Unsigned ballot affidavit envelopes will cause a ballot to be rejected. To return ballots by U.S. mail, make sure to apply sufficient postage. While ballot

package weight can vary, two First Class stamps is generally sufficient.

To be counted, ballots must be received by the Boston Election Department or in a ballot drop box by the close of polls on Election Day, Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at 8 p.m.

Tracking Your Ballot

Boston voters can track their ballot request through the state's website. The city will continue to mail ballots as applications arrive, until the application deadline of 5 p.m. Wednesday, September 8, 2021.

For more information on how to participate in this year's elections, please visit boston.gov/election.

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OPEN LETTER TO THE JAMAICA PLAIN COMMUNITY

We, the undersigned individuals and organizations, as stakeholders in the Jamaica Plain and broader Boston communities, hereby publicly denounce the lawsuits filed this past May by Turtle Swamp Brewing and Monty Gold against Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Development Corporation's (JPNDC) plans to build 38 affordable apartments for seniors at 3371 Washington Street. Suing to block affordable housing is out-of-step with Jamaica Plain and Boston values.

We call on Turtle Swamp Brewing's owners, John Lincecum and Nicholas Walther, and their landlord Monty Gold to drop the lawsuits and allow the already-per-

mitted JPND project to proceed. Each day that this project is delayed due to the plaintiffs' legal actions is another day that affordable housing waiting lists grow and that working class seniors, who are disproportionately people of color, are displaced from our neighborhood and city. This delay is unacceptable at any time, and is particularly egregious in the midst of a severe affordable housing crisis and the Covid-19 pandemic.

We understand that JPND has offered Turtle Swamp Brewing a detailed set of commitments to help mitigate the impacts of construction on their business. These commitments include

a construction mitigation plan and an offer to temporarily re-home Turtle Swamp Brewing at the JPND's Amory Street complex during construction, and providing shuttle service to the Washington Street site as needed.

We stand with the working class elders from Massachusetts Senior Action Council (MSAC) and affordable housing activists from City Life/Vida Urbana who have joined forces to support this project and are planning a rally to "Stand for Senior Housing" in support of this project on Saturday, September 18th at 11:00am in front of Turtle Swamp Brewing (3377 Washington Street).

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JP residents come out for Mayor's coffee hour at Mozart Park

BY LAUREN BENNETT

Jamaica Plain residents, business owners, and city officials braved the heat at Mozart Park for Acting Mayor Kim Janey's coffee hour on August 26. The Mayor's coffee hours are an annual tradition for all Boston neighborhoods, and offer a way for residents to connect with city departments and each other.

As a new offering this year, Dunkin' provided iced coffee, and fresh fruit was available courtesy of Star Market. Officials and representatives from various city departments, including Boston Centers for Youth and Families (BCYF), EMS, Arts

and Culture, Veterans Services, Public Works, and the Boston Transportation Department (BTD), were on hand to answer questions or address concerns from residents.

Additionally, Jamaica Plain's new mayor's liaison, Tiffani Caballero, was in attendance to chat with residents, as were folks from the city's housing department.

Acting Mayor Kim Janey spoke briefly, providing an update on vaccinations and COVID. She said that around 70 percent of Bostonians have received at least one shot, and talked about

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Many residents gathered at Mozart Park to hear from Acting Mayor Kim Janey and chat with representatives of city departments.

Hora de café con la alcaldesa en Mozart Park

LAUREN BENNETT

Residentes, empresarios y funcionarios de la ciudad soportaron el calor en Mozart Park para la hora de café con la alcaldesa interina Kim Janey el 26 de agosto.

Las horas de café son una tradición anual en los vecindarios de Boston y conectan a los residentes con los departamentos de la ciudad.

Representantes de Jóvenes y Familias, Servicios de Emergencia, Arte y Cultura, Servicios para Veteranos, Obras Públicas, y Transporte respondieron a preguntas y abordaron inquietudes.

Además, la nueva enlace de la alcaldesa de Jamaica Plain, Tiffani Caballero, conversó con los residentes.

La alcaldesa interina Kim Janey habló brevemente, proporcionando una actualización

sobre vacunas y COVID. Dijo que alrededor del 70 por ciento de los bostonianos han recibido al menos una inyección y habló sobre el nuevo mandato de máscaras, que entró en vigencia el 27 de agosto.

"Tenemos más trabajo por hacer para que todos los residentes se vacunen", dijo Janey.

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The projection show will run from December 3 to January 10, 2022.

Inquiries should be directed to Ginger Brown, Executive Director of JP Centre/South Main Streets at (617) 942-2439 or director@jpcentsouth.com.

For the detailed RFP and more information, go to
jpcentsouth.com/jp-light-show

Students

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areas where the kids move in.”

Acting Mayor Kim Janey said that “we certainly want to welcome students back to Boston,” especially since many had to leave last year when schools went virtual because of the pandemic.

“We need our students to be safe,” she said, and ensure that their housing is “up to standard.”

She continued, “where there are challenges, landlords will have to address those challenges. They deserve as they seek a great education in our city to love in housing that meets their needs.”

Janey said that 50,000 students are expected to arrive in Boston this fall, and are a big reason for the reinstated indoor mask mandate and a continued push for residents to get vaccinated. She said that 70 per-

cent of Boston residents have received at least one shot.

On student apartments, Janey said that “any conditions not up to code” are being brought to the attention of landlords who are taking care of it.

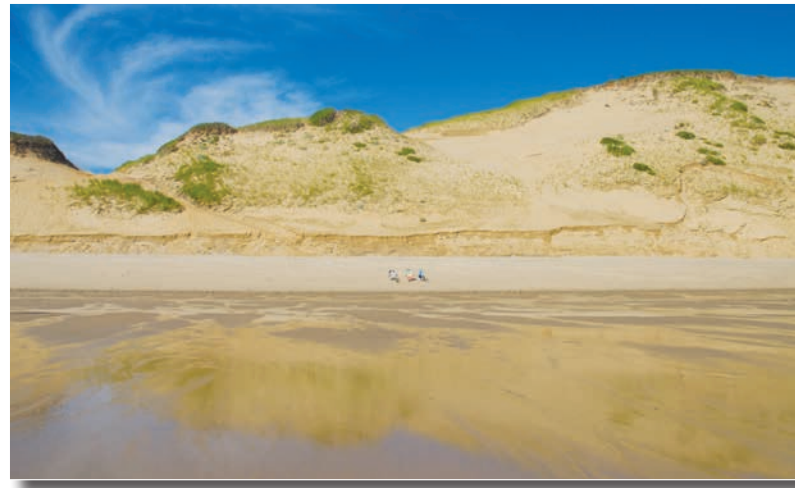
“Landlords are being called in to address these issues and are being held accountable,” Janey said.

Janey was also asked what her “message” is “for landlords who don’t hold previous tenants and themselves accountable.”

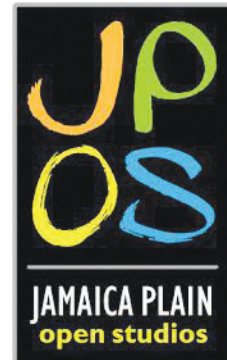
She said that “everyone in our city deserves to live in great housing. It has to be safe, and we’re not going to have deplorable conditions here; substandard conditions for anyone. No one deserves to live in squalor.”

Janey said that landlords are responsible for the proper upkeep of their units, and “previous tenants have to do their part as well. We don’t want to see fires; we don’t want to see rodents. All of those create issues for everyone.”

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Visit our website www.jpopenstudios.com to preview artist's work, download the map, and get the latest details.

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La comunidad de artistas de Jamaica Plain es diversa y abundante, representando una amplia variedad de medios y disciplinas.

Este evento es para los que tienen curiosidad acerca de los recursos creativos que existen en Jamaica Plain, para los que disfrutan ver arte en el espacio de su creación y para aquellos que gustan de la oportunidad de comprar obras de arte originales, directamente del artista que lo creó. ¡Tiene la oportunidad de visitar el ambiente creativo donde todo comienza!

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Brazen daylight murder investigation underway in Jamaica Plain

By JOHN LYNDIS

A man was killed in a brazen broad daylight shooting Wednesday afternoon just outside of busy Egleston Square in Jamaica Plain

and close to the District E-13 police station.

According to the Boston Police Department just before 2:30 p.m. Wednesday afternoon, officers responded to a call for a person shot at 3108 Washington Street

less than a half mile down the street from Jamaica Plain's police station.

Police located an adult male victim suffering from apparent gunshot wounds. The victim was transported to a local hospital

where he was later pronounced dead.

No other information was available at this time and the police have launched a death investigation into the fatal shooting.

The Boston Police Department is actively reviewing the facts and circumstances surrounding this incident and is asking anyone with information relative to this investigation to contact Boston Police Homicide Detectives at (617) 343-4470.

Community members wishing to assist this investigation anonymously can do so by calling

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

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with Meg Hogan, CEO of Boston Senior Home Care

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Janey

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the indoor mask mandate, which went into effect on August 27.

“We still have more work to do to make sure that we’re getting every resident the protection that they need in terms of vaccines,” Janey said.

Janey also talked about the importance of parks and open space, especially during the pandemic, as they provide a place for residents to get some fresh

air and meet up with others in a safer way.

“I’m really grateful to see such a great mix of residents and business owners as well as folks from city government doing everything possible to make sure that our city is stronger than ever, and that we put the darkest days of the pandemic behind us,” Janey said. “Even as we continue to live with COVID, we’ve got to do our part to make sure that we’re protecting ourselves and our families from this deadly virus.”

Café

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Janey también habló sobre la importancia de los parques y los espacios abiertos, especialmente durante la pandemia, ya que brindan un lugar para tomar

aire fresco y reunirse con otras personas.

“Estoy agradecida de que los residentes, empresarios y funcionarios hagan todo lo posible para asegurar de que nuestra ciudad es más fuerte que nunca”, se le dijo a la multitud. “Tenemos que protegernos de este virus mortal.”



JP residents Kevin Rainsford and Patrick Banfield.



JP resident Sarah Freeman with Andrea Patton, Chief of Staff for the Mayor’s Commission for Persons with Disabilities.



Tiffani Caballero of the Mayor’s Office of Neighborhood Services and Acting Mayor Kim Janey chat with JP residents at the coffee hour on August 26.



Giovanni Valencia of the JPNDC with Lindsey Santana, Community Outreach Manager for the city’s Environment Department.

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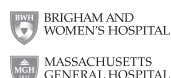
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Meeting ID: 161 712 3017

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Watermark Development, Inc.

Project Description:

The BPDA is hosting a Virtual Public Meeting for the proposed residential project located at 3474-3485 Washington Street in Jamaica Plain. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the Small Project Review Application (SPRA) recent filing. The meeting will include a presentation followed by Q&A and comments from the general public. The project consists of a full renovation of Doyle’s Café, including a new 4,178 SF urban grocery market and construction of new 4-story addition of residential condominiums located above the urban market. A proposed new 4-story residential building containing seven (7) new units including covered parking for restaurant goers and grocery market buyers located at grade. Updated Program will include Phase 2 a new residential structure located at 69 Williams Street consisting of 6 condominium units with off-street parking for 6 vehicles. The unit mix will include two (2) one-bedroom units and four (4) three-bedroom units.

La información de esta reunión es crucial para usted como residente y parte interesada de la ciudad de Boston. Se encuentra disponible el servicio gratuito de interpretación de la información brindada en estas reuniones. Si necesita servicios de traducción, contáctese con: (Lance.Campbell@Boston.gov) (617-697-6707) . La reunión está programada para el 09/23/2021. Por favor, solicite los servicios de interpretación a más tardar 5 días antes de la fecha de la reunión.

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NEWS BRIEFS

'Run For All' Community Gathering Returns to Jamaica Pond to Support Community Servings

Run For All, the popular free community celebration, will return to Jamaica Pond at 10:00am on Sunday, September 12. The spirit and generosity of Community Servings – with its mission to provide nourishment, connection and well being to chronically and clinically ill neighbors, will be highlighted through remarks by the organization's CEO, David B. Waters. The communal nature of the event will culminate in a unified and noncompetitive run/walk around Jamaica Pond. Organizers of the event encourage all paces – from the sprinters to the amblers, to enjoy the beauty

of the pond together.

As in all of the previous Run For All events, donations will be accepted to support the important work done by Community Servings – with 100% of all proceeds going directly to this critical organization. "Boston For All found its genesis in Run For All four years ago when we raised money for the ACLU following the 2016 election, and we are proud to continue this great event to help combat food insecurity in our own neighborhood," explained Boston For All founder Jeremy Fischer.

For those not as inclined toward running, the Run For All 4 festivities will also include some goodies to enjoy. New sponsor Del's Coffee Roasters will pro-

vide quality coffee and attendees should expect other goodies as well.

Information about Run For All 4, as well as the previous Run For All events, can be found at bostonforall.org/run.

Garden Concert with Kina Zoré

A Garden Concert with Kina Zoré will be on Saturday, September 25, from 4-6 p.m. at the Minton Stable Community Garden, JP.

Join The Trustees for a family-friendly Afropop concert at Jamaica Plain's beautiful Minton Stable Community Garden! Kina Zoré unites vibrant, danceable rhythms, rich instrumental

colors, and lyrics of social change, creating music that delights as much as it moves. Advance tickets are recommended: \$9 for Trustees and Minton Stable Community Garden members, \$15 for nonmembers, and FREE for kids. BYO chairs, blankets, and picnics. Drinks will be available for sale.

Led by Mozambican native Helder Tsinine and featuring members from across North America, Europe, and Africa, Kina Zoré has been internationally recognized by BBC Africa, the Christian Science Monitor, the John Lennon Songwriting Contest, the Peacedriven Award, and the Agência Angola Press. In the spirit of Fela Kuti, Bob Marley, and Thomas Mapfumo,

Kina Zoré seeks to illuminate social issues that impact communities near and abroad, featuring lyrics and rhythms of social change. Vital to the group's live performances are exhilarating drum breaks, lyrical solos, and undeniably danceable rhythms. Kina Zoré is a musical force not to be missed.

Minton Stable Community Garden is a much-loved community garden and park located at 110 Williams Street in JP. It is part of The Trustees' network of 56 community gardens in Boston. There's some free street parking in the neighborhood but biking, walking, Orange Line, and buses are other great ways to get to the garden.

SplitSpot

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and requests can be made to see the apartment in person. He said that most people, however, are satisfied with the virtual tour.

"After that, we have basically two more steps," he said, which include a required roommate introduction, and then sign the

lease. A SplitSpot renter is required to pay first month's rent and a \$400 security deposit that is for their room only. That way, a renter is only responsible for paying for their portion of the rent and of the utilities, and is not financially tied to roommates.

"All of it can be done from your computer," Gaxha said. He said there are plans for an app, but the website is easily acces-

sible via a computer or a mobile device.

Additionally, "you can move out of a SplitSpot whenever you want, as long as you have the right notice," which is typically four months, but could be sooner if a replacement can be found for the room before then.

SplitSpot also puts all utilities in its name, and they are split between roommates so a renter is only responsible for their portion of the utilities.

From the landlord or property management company side, landlords just have to provide SplitSpot with a link to their listing as well as access to the apartment. "We take care of everything else," Gaxha said, except for property management tasks like fixing something that's broken.

Landlords also benefit from the process because they get to

be fairly hands-off. Gaxha said it's a "set it and forget it kind of thing. We do so much work for them." Landlords "only have to deal with maintenance," and SplitSpot will even amp up marketing for apartments that are not doing very well.

Gaxha said that SplitSpot differs from Airbnb and similar platforms, even ones that offer longer term stays, in that "a lot of residents were very transient sort of people," and left once COVID hit Boston.

"We cater more to the everyday renter," he said, and "we don't furnish." He also said that the majority of SplitSpot residents stayed in their apartments during the pandemic.

SplitSpot was pretty "COVID-friendly" even before the pandemic, as video tours were always available and signing of any documents is done

online.

"We post everywhere you would find an apartment," Gaxha said, including Facebook Marketplace, Craigslist, and apartment listing sites.

"There's a lot of suspicion around the process," he said of the platform. "A lot of people thought it was a scam." But he said that SplitSpot prides itself on "this sense of consistency and this sense of trust with our brand."

He said that everyone in the apartment is required to undergo a credit and background check before moving in. "You know what you're getting with SplitSpot," he said.

SplitSpot has apartment listings all over Boston, as well as Washington, D.C. and New York, and several other cities coming soon.

"This problem exists in more than just Boston," Gaxha said, and while SplitSpot is "not the complete solution for everyone, I feel like we are part of the solution for a lot of people. We want it to be a win-win."

He also said that "we are the biggest flex room platform in Boston now, which is exciting. For people looking for this kind of thing in Boston, SplitSpot has been the go-to place...we're really excited about our growth."

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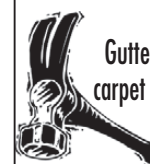
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Sen. Ed Markey talks the realities of Climate Change at NE Aquarium

By JOHN LYNDS

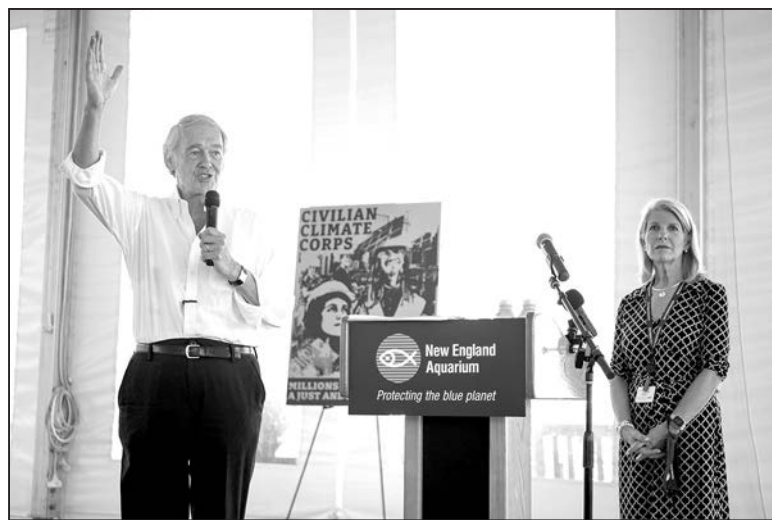
At a Climate Action Conversation at the New England Aquarium recently U.S. Sen. Ed Markey called the global warming crisis a 'Code Red' and outlined steps needed to be taken now to ensure a sustainable future for the planet.

Markey was at the Aquarium to call for the passing of the \$3.5 trillion budget reconciliation package in congress.

"We join together at the New England Aquarium to talk about the severe reality of climate change and the urgency of this moment," said Markey. "The budget resolution represents our best opportunity to confront the climate crisis with jobs and justice. Let's get it done."

Markey, co-author of the Green New Deal resolution and Chair of the Subcommittee on Clean Air, Climate and Nuclear Safety, said all the signs of a warming planet are evident, the science is pretty conclusive and the need to act is now.

"This is a code red," said Markey last week. "We are also seeing the real impacts of the climate crisis in our country. With the wildfires in the West, where people have lost homes and families have been broken apart, these extreme weather



U.S. Sen. Ed Markey hosted a Climate Action Conversation at the New England Aquarium.

events are causing crises like the Dixie Fire in California. This is real, whether it was in 2020 or today the United States is experiencing extreme weather events regularly."

Most recently Hurricane Henri, said Markey, could have been a catastrophe for Boston and its coastal neighborhoods.

"If the tide was just five feet higher the day Henri hit we would have had a storm surge that would have put downtown and other Boston neighborhoods under water," said Markey.

Of the budget resolution Markey said, "This (budget resolution) will be a generation-

al investment in the future of our people and our planet. It confronts our climate crisis and gives working people a fair shake, all while making corporations and the ultra-wealthy finally pay their fair share. For too long, the playing field has been tilted towards the rich and powerful and against working Americans who bear the brunt of climate change, economic inequality, racial injustice, and the COVID-19 pandemic. This budget resolution puts us on a path to address these interlocking crises, including taking meaningful and powerful action on the climate crisis. We can create

millions of good, union jobs and unleash clean energy technologies that are made in America. I look forward to working with my Democratic colleagues to pass this budget for the American people."

Markey said recently the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) issued its Sixth Assessment Report, which details how human activity is unequivocally driving global temperature rise and changes in weather at unprecedented rates. The IPCC report finds that global temperatures will continue to increase until at least mid-century, exceeding 1.5 and 2 degrees Celsius unless we take the steps to ensure deep reductions in carbon emissions and other greenhouse gases this decade and next.

"This IPCC report reaffirms what we are seeing and suffering right now across our country: climate change will continue to cost us lives and livelihoods if we don't respond with the scope and scale this moment demands," said Markey. "From increasing intensity and frequency of extreme heat, to catastrophic precipitation and devastating droughts, no person or community will be able to hide from the serious and most dire impacts of our human-driven climate crisis.

Previous IPCC reports should have been roadmaps for action -- the scientists have spoken clearly for more than a generation about the damage humans are doing to our planet. This report must be the final warning to the world that time has run out to save the planet from dangerous and irreversible climate change."

Markey said the government and people, "can't agonize' but 'must organize' to save the planet.

"Just like the young people across the country and world who are demanding action from their leaders, an intergenerational movement of climate leaders are calling on Congress to include major climate action in the budget reconciliation package — which is our best opportunity to respond with solutions to the impacts outlined by the IPCC," he said. "With policies to drive deep cuts in emissions, protect communities from climate impacts, and provide equity and justice to overburdened communities, we can respond to overwhelming evidence and take the necessary action to save our people and our planet. If Senators truly followed the science in this report, we'd have 100 votes for climate action to match the 100 percent certainty that human-caused climate change is destroying our planet."

CITY PAWS

Separation anxiety

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

Separation anxiety has always been an issue for some young pups, rescue dogs, and dogs with special needs. After spending so much time together during the last year or so, we have had a minor epidemic of this problem.

Both the MSPCA and the Animal Rescue League of Boston (ARL) have resources in place to guide and assist people to train or retrain their canines to accept time spent without their favorite human by their side. They offer tips on their websites, classes, and the ARL even has a behavior hotline. Just search for "separation anxiety" on their websites.

What Is Separation Anxiety?

Terri Bright, Ph.D., BCBA-D, CAAB from the MSPCA-Angell

Behavior Department describes the symptoms to observe. She writes, "... it is like a panic attack the dog has when left alone and it can manifest as excessive barking, attempts to escape, destructive behavior, urination and/or defecation. You might also see spots of drool near the door and scratch marks at doors and windows after your dog has been home alone for more than 30 minutes."

Tips from the Pros

You should begin this training long before it becomes a necessity. If you're unable to leave without causing extreme distress for your dog, consider a dog sitter, day-care, or extra dog walks. Then get on with desensitizing your dog to being alone long enough to reduce that support system.

Begin by accustoming your

dog to very short absences. Try a step outside the door for a minute or two. Then extend the time away from the dog a little more each day. We have always recommended crate training. If you are not using a crate, we recommend training your dog to stay in a room away from the door. A bedroom or bathroom can work well. This lets you do some training without leaving home. Once that works, you can begin going out of your home for a short time.

We've used a Kong filled with a favorite treat to distract our Poppy when we leave. We also have relaxing music playing from speakers around our home. Music soothes her. It also helps block sounds coming from the hallway that might cause her to bark and become agitated.

The Human Side of the Equation

We often forget that separation anxiety can be a two-way problem when both the person and the dog in a relationship are nervous and insecure about not being together. Dogs are intuitive creatures and can pick up on your tense vibes and the routine when you are about to leave.

That means you have to recognize and deal with your own fears, guilt, and distress when you leave home without your pal. We suggest a "fake-it-'til-you-make-it" approach. Put a happy smile on your face. Direct some light-hearted banter at your pup as you prepare to leave.

When All Else Fails

In severe cases, you should work with a veterinarian or certified animal behaviorist. A vet can

help rule out medical problems that might cause the same symptoms.

Sometimes only anti-anxiety medications can solve the problem. The ASPCA has a great resource page on this topic on their website. They say, "The use of medications can be very helpful, especially for severe cases of separation anxiety. Some dogs are so distraught by any separation from their pet parents that treatment can't be implemented without the help of medication. Anti-anxiety medication can help a dog tolerate some level of isolation without experiencing anxiety. It can also make treatment progress more quickly."

Do you have a question or topic for City Paws? Send an email to Penny@BostonZest.com with your request.

LABOR DAY AROUND JP

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Arnold Arboretum scene.



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Two friends enjoy Willow Pond Meadow.

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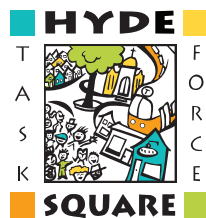
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by Sarah Carroll



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JPNC Public Service Committee discusses several licensing requests

BY LAUREN BENNETT

The Public Service Committee of the Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council met virtually on September 7 to discuss four licensing matters. The first two had to do with the existing BMS Paper restaurant supply store at 3380 Washington St. and its planned expansion, one was a wine and beer license request by Mike & Patty's for 338 Centre St., and the last one was a request for an all-alcohol beverages license with take out for Ethiopian Cafe at 377A Centre St.

3380 BAR & GRILLE REQUEST

As part of a planned expansion currently in the midst of the Boston Planning and Development Agency's (BPDA) Article 80 process, BMS Paper owner Bob Harrington has proposed a two floor restaurant with function rooms and a roof deck at 3380 Washington St.. The licensing request before the committee was for the transfer of a common victualler 7 day all-alcohol beverages license from Great Scott in Allston to the proposed new restaurant, which is doing business as 3380 Bar & Grille.

Though the restaurant is not yet nearing construction, attorney Carolyn Conway said that the team is seeking approval for this license now because Great Scott has closed and the license needs to be removed from the location so a new business can move into that space. She said that the proposed design for the restaurant is one the team is willing to be stuck with, and therefore are looking to obtain the license now.

Attorney Carolyn Conway explained that the entrance to the restaurant would be on the first floor, but no seating or bar service would be offered there. There would be 210 seats on the second floor, and the third floor, which includes the roof deck, would offer 116 seats total, including 46 outdoor seats. The third floor will also be home to three function rooms that can be combined if need be with moveable walls.

"This is in the heart of the [PLAN:] JP/Rox area," said Christopher Tracy of O'Neill and Associates. "There is a public need for this. Bob has always envisioned this as a place where the community can gather" for things like baby and bridal showers, as well as graduation parties.

Architect David O'Sullivan explained that the restaurant use will be separated from the proposed residential development behind the existing BMS paper location, which will remain on the first floor.

Conway said that the team hopes that most people patronizing the restaurant will be residents of the neighborhood, and does not anticipate a large number of drivers coming to the area. The team is still discussing parking with the city as part of the Article 80 process.

Committee member Gert Thorn said he would like to see a traffic study before any approval by the committee or Council as a whole is made.

Conway said that the restaurant, at maximum capacity, can hold 484 people with the roof deck.

The proposed closing hour is

2:00 am, but Conway said it will likely be earlier than that and will be determined by demand. The roof deck would close at midnight no matter what, and she said it is anticipated that the restaurant would close between 11:00 pm and midnight Monday through Thursday, and they will "see what the weekend would bear."

The team showed a proposed menu, which includes some higher end pub food like sandwiches and burgers, and said that they are looking into adding some more vegan and vegetarian options.

Harrington said his goal is to have a "moderately priced restaurant" so the average resident would be able to patronize.

There was a good deal of concern about the large size and capacity of the restaurant, and the project team compared it to Russell House Tavern, Capo, and Lincoln Tavern so people can look into how restaurants with similar capacities have operated.

JP resident Paige Sparks asked about designated pickup and dropoff locations for ride-share services, and Tracy said that they have talked with the city and are open to an option for that.

There were also several concerns raised about parking as well as general traffic and congestion, especially with several other projects slated to happen in the immediate area on Washington St.

After further discussion, the committee voted to "table the discussion" so they can find out more about how this space would fit into the neighborhood before taking a vote.

DELI COUNTER AT BMS PAPER

BMS Paper is also looking to install a deli counter at the existing store location at 3380 Washington St., and are seeking a common victualler 7 day license with take out so it can sell pre-made sandwiches, and Bob Harrington is the manager.

Conway said the proposed deli counter would be located on the lefthand side of the store, and would not offer seating. This license has yet to be applied for with the city's Licensing Board, so there was not a time restraint on a vote from the committee.

The committee felt it was also best to defer a vote on this application as well, and voted to do so.

MIKE & PATTY'S

Robert Powers, Director of Operations for MA Brands, which currently operates two other Mike & Patty's locations and one other concept, said that they are looking to open a Mike & Patty's location in the former Sorella's location at 388 Centre St.

The team is seeking a 7 day wines and malt beverages with liqueurs license and take out with a closing hour of 11pm..Robert Powers would be the manager of record. This would be the first Mike & Patty's location to offer alcohol, but the eatery is known for its variety of breakfast sand-

wiches and other sandwiches.

Powers said that there have been "no complaints of smell" at the Bay Village location, which is located within a "tightly packed community," and he does not anticipate any problems at this location either.

He said that there will be "three large garbage cans on the side of the building," which will be picked up seven days a week.

He also said that most patrons walk or bike to existing locations, as no parking is available at the Bay Village location.

Michael Gurevich, owner of Mike & Patty's, said that they are a "food-forward group" and are not making it a goal to focus on the alcohol sales.

The team also said that branding is on existing cups and bags, and will be the same in this location, as that is a typical ask of the committee.

The committee voted to approve this application.

ETHIOPIAN CAFE

Chucks Okoli asked for a common victualler 7 day all-alcohol beverages license with takeout and a closing hour of 11pm for Ethiopian Cafe at 377A Centre St, Firehiwot Bekele Zeleke is the manager. There was not much discussion on this matter, and the committee voted to approve the request.



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Two Jamaica Plain students receive Boston University scholarships

By JOHN LYNDS

At a ceremony last Tuesday evening at the Boston University Questrom School of Business Auditorium and Atrium two Jamaica Plain students were announced as recipients of Boston University Scholarships.

Jamaica Plain's Sophia Thomas was the recipient of BU's Thomas M. Menino Scholar scholarship while Alena Ragbir was the recipient of BU's Community Service Award.

The two Jamaica Plain students were part of the 85 Boston Public Schools graduates who received BU scholarships and were honored at the ceremony last week.

The Thomas M. Menino Scholarship is a prestigious four-year, full-tuition scholarship awarded to high school seniors graduating from Boston Public Schools. Menino Scholars recipients will receive four-year, full-tuition scholarships, a commitment from BU totaling more than \$6.4 million over the next four years. Students are nominated by their schools for the merit-based award and selected for their ability to face the intellec-

tual challenges at BU and for their potential to contribute to the University community and society.

The BU Community Service Award was created in 2009 and fully funds financial need without loans for any admitted Boston Public Schools graduate and transfer student. Phung and Zhao will receive a mentor to assist them in a successful transition to BU and to connect them to important campus resources including community service opportunities. This award was a commitment of more than \$12.2 million from BU over the next four years.

"I know this generation of students will lead us through this immediate crisis and show us a better way forward to tomorrow," said Boston Public School Superintendent Dr. Brenda Cassellius at last week's ceremony at BU. "I'm so proud of all of you and I cannot wait to watch to see what you do to net change, to be good citizens, to know your place in the world and to move us forward as a society. You are the future and our future looks very bright because of you."



A group shot of the Boston University scholarship winners. In Jamaica Plain, Sophia Thomas was the recipient of BU's Thomas M. Menino Scholar scholarship while Alena Ragbir was the recipient of BU's Community Service Award.

Jamaica Plain COVID infections increase

By JOHN LYNDS

The City's new mask mandate policy for indoor venues that went into effect two weeks ago is having some impact on stopping the spread of the Delta variant of the COVID-19 virus in Boston as some neighborhoods see a decline in cases.

However, the weekly COVID positive test rate in Jamaica Plain increased between August 30 and September 6.

According to the weekly report released last Friday released by the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC), 1,895 Jamaica Plain residents were tested last week and 2.5 percent were found

to be positive. This was a 19 percent decrease from the 2.1 percent that tested positive between August 16 and August 23.

Citywide, the weekly positive test rate remained the same. According to the BPHC 23,346 residents were tested and 3.6 percent were COVID positive--this was the same percentage reported by the BPHC on August 30.

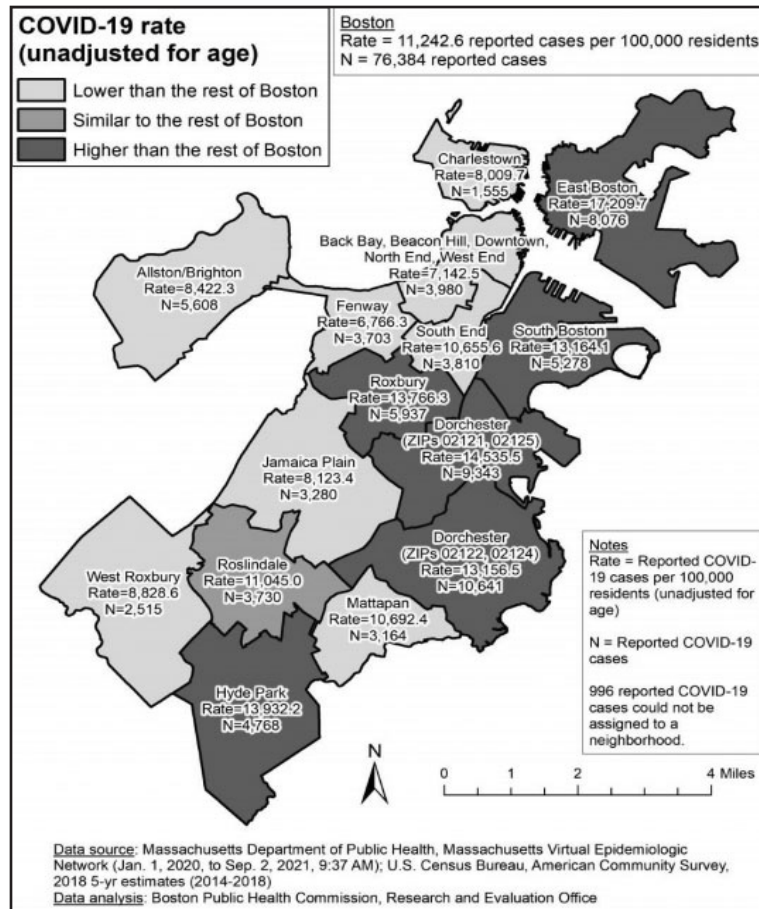
According to the BPHC data, Jamaica Plain's infection rate increased 2.7 percent since August 23 and went from 791.2 cases per 10,000 residents to 812.3 cases per 10,000 residents.

Eighty-five additional Jamaica Plain residents became infected with COVID-19 since August

23 and the number of total cases here went from 3,195 cases to 3,280 cases in the neighborhood.

The statistics released by the BPHC as part of its weekly COVID19 report breaks down the number of cases and infection rates in each neighborhood. It also breaks down the number of cases by age, gender and race.

Citywide positive cases of coronavirus increased 1.5 percent since August 30 and went from 75,888 cases to 77,015 confirmed cases in a week. There were five additional deaths in Boston from the virus in the past week and the total COVID deaths since the start of the pandemic is at 1,411.



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On Friday the BPHC released its weekly COVID-19 stats by neighborhood that tracks infection rates and COVID testing results in Boston neighborhoods.

Jamaica Plain Arts Council will project artists' images bigger than life Sept. 12

On the evening of Sunday, September 12, from 7 - 9 p.m., the Jamaica Plain Arts Council will project artists' images bigger than life in front of JP's First Unitarian Universalist Church at 6 Eliot Street! You will be able to view art in a relaxed, exciting atmosphere.

After a year of an abundance of caution and staying home, imagine a coming together to celebrate art, to share live music and dancing on the lawn. We have all been eager to be together, to share what we love and enjoy our urban village, Pro-

jections does that. Join us to celebrate Jamaica Plain's vibrant art scene.**

Rain Date: Saturday, September 18.

While being optimistically hopeful to come together, we are simultaneously cautious and planning a virtual option should public health and safety measures not permit being together in person.

Jurors chose works to receive and be indicated as Juror's Choice and Best in Show Awards. Works were reviewed for quality, originality, and innovation.

Artists were notified of jurors' choices before the event.

Brian Bishop is an artist and educator based in Boston, MA who teaches painting and drawing at Framingham State University. He attended The School of Visual Arts in New York, NY; Memphis College of Art in Memphis, TN (BFA 1993); and Cranbrook Academy of Art in Bloomfield Hills, MI (MFA 1995).

L'Merchie Frazier is a Boston based visual and performance artist and an established community activist. Her work includes fiber and metal scul-

tures, mixed media installations and performances, poetry, jewelry, and history presentations.

Her quilt series are part of "Racism: In The Face of Hate We Resist" and a solo show, "Freedom Rising: I Am the Story/Quilts" now on view at the Minneapolis Institute of Art.

L'Merchie's work is in the permanent collections of The Museum of Art and Design, New York, The Renwick Gallery of the Smithsonian Institute, Washington, D.C., Museu Laser Segall, Brazil, The White House, Washington, D.C. and the Minneapo-

lis Institute of Art, Minneapolis, MN.

Special Thank you to High Output for their on-going support of this event and supplying the equipment!

The Jamaica Plain Arts Council is a non-profit organization supporting artists in the Jamaica Plain community, through its annual Open Studios, periodic exhibitions, professional development offerings, and a commitment to cultivating local audiences for the visual arts.

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Representative Aaron Michlewitz endorses Michelle Wu for Mayor

Representative Aaron Michlewitz (3rd Suffolk District), House Ways and Means Chair, endorsed City Councilor At-Large Michelle Wu for Mayor on September 8, calling her a leader with the experience and vision to get things done in City Hall.

He announced the endorsement at an event at the Prado in the North End, joined by Councilor Lydia Edwards, Suffolk County Sheriff Steve Tompkins, and Representatives Maria Robinson and Tommy Vitolo, as well as community members and supporters.

Representative Michlewitz and Councilor Wu have both worked on efforts to regulate short-term rentals and keep rental housing stock available to Boston residents, among other important issues facing communities.

“I’m pleased to endorse Michelle Wu to become the next Mayor of Boston. Michelle deeply understands the issues facing

our downtown neighborhoods, especially the need for affordable housing, livable communities and high quality city services for every Bostonian. It’s been a pleasure to partner with her on so many key issues, including to keep rental housing stock available in our neighborhoods. I know that with her experience and vision, she will make an strong partner in City Hall to get things done for the people of Boston,” said House Ways & Means Chair Representative Aaron Michlewitz, 3rd Suffolk District (the North End, Waterfront, Chinatown, South End, Financial District, Bay Village, Leather District, and parts of Beacon Hill, and Back Bay neighborhoods).

“I’m grateful to have the support of Representative Michlewitz, a longtime friend and partner in the fight for more affordable housing and on key issues that affect our neighborhoods and communities across the city.

I look forward to continuing to partner with him to ensure that city and state government are aligned on a vision for more affordable, livable communities,” said Michelle Wu.

Representative Michlewitz’s endorsement adds to the Michelle for Mayor campaign’s enthusiastic coalition of multigenerational, multicultural grassroots supporters including leaders Senator Elizabeth Warren, Sheriff Steve Tompkins, Boston City Councilor Lydia Edwards, Boston City Councilor Liz Breadon, State Senator and Assistant Majority Leader Sal DiDomenico, State Representative and Assistant Majority Leader Mike Moran, State Senator Julian Cyr, Representatives Tram Nguyen, Tommy Vitolo, Natalie Higgins, Vanna Howard, Maria Robinson, Andy Vargas, and Sean Garballey; former State Representative and Assistant Majority Leader Byron Rushing; labor unions Teamsters Local



Representative Aaron Michlewitz (center right) stands next to City Councilor At-Large Michelle Wu (center left) as he announces his endorsement of Wu for Mayor.

25, New England Joint Board of UNITE HERE!, UAW Region 9A, Alliance of Unions at the MBTA, MBTA Inspectors Union Local 600, OPEIU Local 453; climate organizations Sunrise Boston, Sierra Club, the Environmental League of Massachusetts, 350 Mass Action; Progressive West

Roxbury/Roslindale; Boston’s Ward 4 and Ward 5 Democratic Committees; and fellow municipal elected officials from across Greater Boston and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. For all of Michelle for Boston’s endorsements, visit michelleforboston.com/endorsements.

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LEGAL NOTICE
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Division INFORMAL PROBATE NOTICE Docket No. SU2002281EA 9/10/21 JP

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CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, Section 5-304 Docket No. SU21P1729GD Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114 In the matter of: Althea Smith Of: Jamaica Plain, MA RESPONDENT Alleged Incapacitated Person To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by DMH Boston of Westborough, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Althea Smith is in need of a Guardian and requesting that DMH Boston of Westborough, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as

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Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: August 27, 2021 Felix D. Arroyo Register of Probate 9/10/21 JP

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What Makes JP Unique

JP boasts a diverse population of about 40,000. JP has a large gay and lesbian population and is home to several prominent LGBT rights activists.

Once called “The Eden of America” by a visitor, according to an 1800s chronicle, Jamaica Plain is nearly surrounded on the west, south and east sides by green space: Arnold Arboretum, Forest Hills Cemetery, Franklin Park, Jamaica Pond Park and Olmsted Park.

While boasting a wide array of businesses, JP is especially known across the city for its variety of prominent restaurants. Bella Luna on Amory Street, El Oriental de Cuba in Hyde Square, Star Fish Market in Eg-

leston Square and Ten Tables in central JP are just a few of the longtime landmark dining spots.

JP has a rich arts and cultural scene that includes such major annual festivals as Wake Up the Earth, the Jamaica Plain Music Festival and the Jamaica Pond Lantern Parade.

JP has housing stock as diverse as the population, with three-deckers, ranch houses, Victorians, colonials, Capes, condos and more.

JP has a rich history and several historic landmarks, with many from Colonial times clustered around the Civil War Soldier’s Monument where South and Centre streets intersect.

JP is home to Boston’s Latin

Quarter, centered in Hyde/Jackson Squares.

JP is the base for a phenomenal number of nonprofit organizations—more than 250.

JP has been the subject of several books, including: “A Home in the Heart of a City” by JP resident Kathleen Hirsch; “Local Attachments” by Alexander von Hoffman; and “Images of America: Jamaica Plain” and “Jamaica Plain: Then & Now” by Anthony Mitchell Sammarco. It also recently served as the setting for the hard-boiled crime novel “Jamaica Plain” by Colin Campbell.

The phone numbers of many longtime JP businesses and residents—including the Gazette—begin with “522” or “524.” The

“52” comes from the letters “JA” on the telephone dial, which is short for “Jamaica.” In the early days of telephones, cities and neighborhoods had phone numbers that began with an

abbreviation of the place name. Decades ago, people calling here would tell an operator, for example: “Jamaica 4-2626.”

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A brief history of JP

Once referred to as “the Eden of America,” Jamaica Plain is a unique section of the City of Boston. It was part of the Town of Roxbury until 1848. It was then part of West Roxbury, until it finally became Jamaica Plain.

Legend has it that the name Jamaica Plain came from the fondness of the residents for Jamaica rum and that they preferred it “plain.” More likely, the neighborhood got its name from Kutchamaiken, chief of an Indian tribe at Jamaica Pond more than two centuries ago.

Jamaica Pond, the only extensive natural body of fresh water in Boston, covers an area of nearly 70 acres and is as deep as 70 feet. Until the introduction of Cochituate reservoir water

into Boston in 1848, the pond supplied the city with water by an underground aqueduct.

During the 19th century, the population increased rapidly. As breweries and factories located here, the fine estates, lush gardens and farms of the original well-to-do residents gave way to more modest and affordable houses. The growth and crowding of the city led to the expansion of the livable Boston neighborhood of Jamaica Plain.

For more information and publications about Jamaica Plain history, as well as membership information, see the Jamaica Plain Historical Society website at jphs.org.

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Mural winners chosen for Jamaica Plain building

STAFF REPORT

After years of planning by the Stonybrook Neighborhood Association (SNA) and SSG Development and Construction, the exterior walls of an Extra Space Storage facility at 141 McBride Street in Jamaica Plain will be transformed into works of public art that celebrate the surrounding community. Two areas of the building totaling 2,500 sq. ft. will display new murals by Boston-based artists.

Julia Csekö and Sharif Muhammad created the winning proposals, selected out of a group of eight semifinalists (four for each area), including: Kit Collins, Alexander Cook, Rixy Fernandez, Felipe Ortiz, Chanel Thervil, and Sophy Tuttle. Based on previous artwork submitted by the original pool of over 30 highly-qualified applicants, the

semifinalists were each awarded \$500 to submit site-specific designs. Csekö's design will be located on the east side of the building while Muhammad's will be on the northwest corner. The competition entailed a 5-month process, utilizing a jury of seven art professionals and JP community representatives to choose the final artwork. Submissions were evaluated using criteria including relevance of the theme to Jamaica Plain and uniqueness of artistic vision. The winners will each receive a cash prize of \$5,000.

Winning Artist Info:

Julia Csekö: artist, independent curator, educator at Montserrat College of Art, 2021 Somerville Arts Council Fellow, 2021 Somerville Museum Community Curator Grantee.

Csekö grew up in Rio de Janeiro, and immigrated to Boston

after receiving her MFA in 2013 from the School of the Museum of Fine Arts at Tufts University. In Summer 2020 Csekö was a Visiting Artist at Emerson College. In 2019 the Downtown Boston Business Improvement District commissioned her to create a mural at Winter Place in partnership with the Boston Literary District. In 2018 Csekö was invited to the Assets for Artists MassMoCA residency program where she further investigated her multi-disciplinary practice as a sculptor, painter, and performer. Csekö brings to her art practice many years as a community organizer while living in Brazil. Her work is built around conversations focused on paradigm shifts from a competitive to a collaborative mindset.

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Sharif Muhammad: family

man, educator, and visual artist, Jamaica Plain resident.

Sharif Muhammad holds a BA in Graphic Design from UMass Amherst and a M.Ed. in Instructional Technology from Bridgewater State University. He has taught at Boston Day & Evening Academy for 19 years. With a primary focus on digital art, Muhammad's artistic purpose is to represent, empower, uplift, glorify, and to give voice to black and brown people. He uses his art to unpack the spectrum of complex feelings derived from the history and experiences of people of color. 2021 has been a breakout year for Muhammad. In addition to juried shows and exhibits around Boston, he was featured in the Boston Globe, Christian Science Monitor, and on the cover of Art New En-

gland magazine. He also received the Boston Celtics' 2021 Heroes Among Us Award.

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MFA curator Karen Haas described her juror experience: "As a long-time resident of Jamaica Plain, I was honored to be invited to collaborate with such an impressive group of jurors to choose designs for the Stonybrook Neighborhood Association mural project. It was exciting to see the wide range of submissions and to ultimately hone in on the work of these two artists, one who honors the voices of local leaders and the other who represents the diversity of our community."

Juror Sabrina Dorsainvil, art-

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JP is Green

Though Jamaica Plain is part of the city of Boston, the parks, urban wilds, playgrounds and community gardens, many supported by the city and state, allow an escape from an overdose of urban life. JP is bordered on three sides by green space, including several jewels of the Emerald Necklace, designed by Frederick Law Olmsted. With hundreds of acres of parks, squares and gardens, JP has plenty of places to spend the day. Here are some favorites:

Arnold Arboretum at 225 Arborway: This beautifully landscaped, 265-acre botanical garden contains over 14,000 woody plants, flowers and trees. The Arboretum is now a national historic land-

mark administered by Harvard University and the Boston Parks Department. It is free and open to the public. The Arboretum offers classes, exhibits, walks and other activities. Info: 617-524-1718 or arboretum.harvard.edu.

Boston Nature Center, owned and managed by the Massachusetts Audubon Society, is at 500 Walk Hill St., on the JP/Mattapan/Roslindale border. The 67 acres of the former Boston State Hospital Property have been converted into a wildlife sanctuary and outdoor classroom. The site features 30 acres of freshwater wetlands, the largest community gardens in Boston, and such wildlife as red-tailed hawks, deer,

pheasants and wild turkeys. Low-cost environmental and science programs are offered year-round for adults, children and families. More than two miles of trails and boardwalks. Info: 617-983-8500 or massaudubon.org.

Jamaica Pond Park lies between Perkins Street, Park Drive and Prince Street along the Jamaicaaway. This natural "kettle hole" pond once hosted a reservoir and commercial ice-cutting, and its banks held the country estates of prominent Bostonians. Today this is one of Boston's most popular parks for strolling, running, biking and to see and be seen. Rowboats and sailboats are available to rent at the boathouse in season.

Forest Hills Cemetery at 95

Forest Hills Ave. is considered to be one of the most beautiful spots in Boston, with sculpture by famous artists. It was designed after a European burial park, with an artificial lake. Interesting and famous people laid to rest there include Boston Celtics star Reggie Lewis, poet E.E. Cummings, abolitionists and some Massachusetts governors. Tours are sponsored by the Forest Hills Educational Trust. Info: 617-524-0128 or foresthillscemetery.com.

Franklin Park and Zoo. The park extends south from Seaver and Walnut Streets to Forest Hills and is the largest gem in the Emerald Necklace. The 527-acre park offers hiking, picnicking and an 18-hole public golf course. Info: Franklin Park Zoo, 617-541-5466

or zoonewengland.org; Franklin Park Coalition, 617-442-4141 or franklinparkcoalition.org.

Olmsted Park extends along the Jamaicaaway between Huntington Avenue and Perkins Street. It includes Leverett Pond and Daisy Field. It is also a part of the Emerald Necklace.

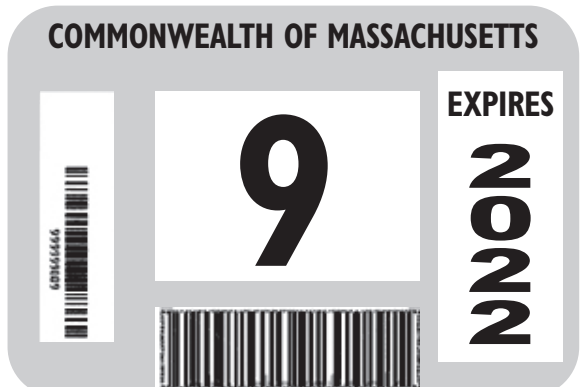
Southwest Corridor Park is a linear park from downtown Boston to Forest Hills running alongside the MBTA's Orange Line. Twenty-seven out of the 52 acres that make up this park are found in Jamaica Plain. There are basketball courts, bike paths, tennis courts and tot lots. The temporary home of Kelly ice skating rink is near Stony Brook T Station.

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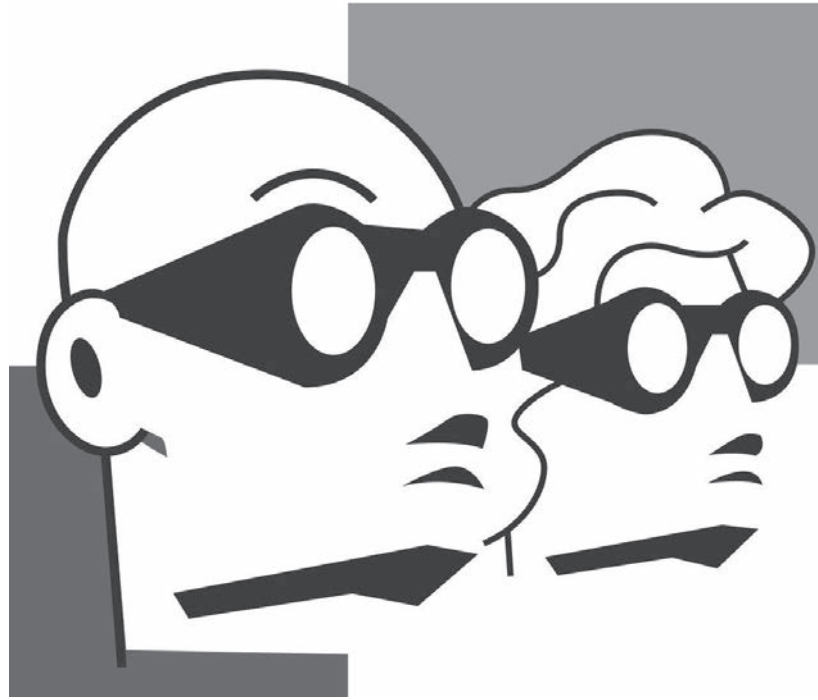
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Stony Brook

Explore a fascinating industrial area at the geographic heart of Boston that includes 19th-century tannery and brewery buildings, the homes of early German settlers, and today's Boston Beer Company, the brewers of Samuel Adams. In the 1970s, a coalition of community groups joined together to block construction of the Southwest Expressway through Jamaica Plain and other Boston neighborhoods. Today, the Southwest Corridor Park that runs through the Stony Brook neighborhood stands as a testament to the power of community activism.

Leaves from Stony Brook Orange Line T station.

Green Street

Laid out in 1836, the street played a key role in Jamaica Plain's development, functioning as a residential, commercial, and transportation conduit in the lives of the district's residents. Although Green Street was subdivided as early as 1851 for stores, factories and houses, it was not extensively developed until the late 1870s with

construction continuing until the early 1900s. The Bowditch School was completed in 1892, and early in the 20th century the United States Post Office moved from its location on Call Street at Woolsey Square to its new location at the corner of Green and Cheshire Streets.

Leaves from Southern Jamaica Plain Health Center, 640 Centre St.

Hyde Square

Learn about 1840s Hyde Square when German and Irish immigrants transformed the neighborhood with their businesses, schools, and institutions. See how in the early 1960s, Hyde Square changed again when Cuban, Puerto Rican, and Dominican immigrants transformed it into Boston's first predominantly Hispanic neighborhood. This tour also takes us to the home of Maud Cuney Hare, a prominent music historian and one of only two black women students at the New England Conservatory of Music in 1890. You will also learn about the property currently housing the MSPCA's Angell Animal Medical Center which was once a site of the Perkins School for the Blind. The tour will also walk through the Sunnyside neighborhood, the site of homes built by philanthropist Robert Treat Paine from 1889 to 1899 as a "worker's utopia" for

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Leaves from Brendan Behan Pub, 378 Centre St.

Note: this tour will also be given in Spanish on September 18th.

Woodbourne

This neighborhood developed from 19th-century summer estates into a model suburban enclave. It contains examples representative of New England architecture with designs by local architects and builders. It also contains an unusual garden city model housing development by the Boston Dwelling House Company which was founded in 1912.

Leaves from Bethel AME church steps, corner of Walk Hill and Wachusett Sts.

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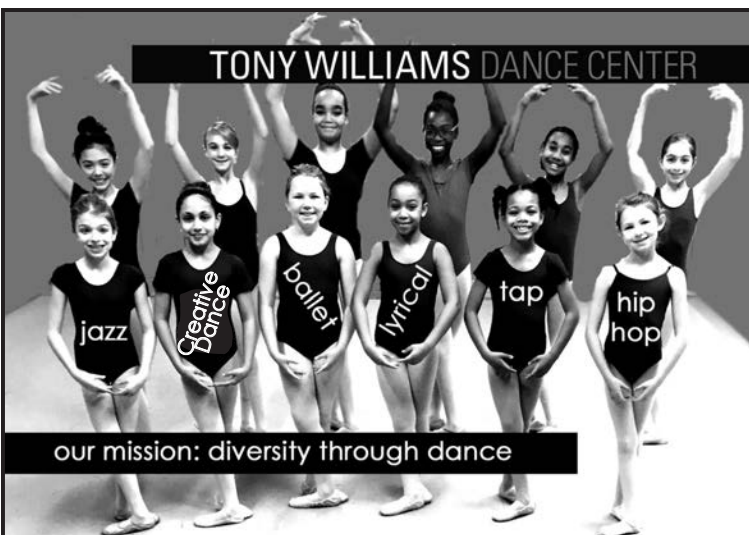
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Mural

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ist and Director of Civic Design in the Mayor's Office of New Urban Mechanics commented: "I want to thank all the talented and thoughtful artists for sharing their work with us. This decision was far from easy but our two finalists have brought forward very important messages. I hope they spark conversations and reminders to connect to each other and remember who we are and can be."

Once they are painted, the

murals' unveiling will be scheduled for the fall; details on sponsors and event programming will be forthcoming.

The murals are a result of ten years of SNA advocacy for a community benefit package associated with the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA)-approved project at 3521-9 Washington Street, which transformed this once contaminated property into a large mixed-use development. Other benefits include the Burnett Street Community Garden and Park, a community meeting room in the Extra Space building, and

an expansion of the abutting Southwest Corridor Park.

The SNA's Jennifer Uhrhane, who led the mural organizing committee, described the culmination of this long term effort, "I am thrilled we were able to achieve this amazing opportunity for artists on such a large scale in JP. It will be part of the landscape for a long time, and hopefully will inspire more collaborative cultural efforts between neighbors and developers at this time of very active development. I'm also very grateful for the thoughtfulness of the jurors' deliberations."

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The following are the “Best of JP 2021” as chosen by Gazette readers. In the annual Best of JP survey, hundreds of ballots were submitted containing thousands of votes.

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Arnold Arboretum

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Enjoy Live Entertainment
Midway Cafe

See Art
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Real Estate Service
Focus Real Estate

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Eastern Bank

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Home Service
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Auto Shop
West Cork Auto

BEST AREA BUSINESSES

South Street
**TIE - Happy Market,
Focus Real Estate**

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EDITORIAL

Get out to vote on Primary Day this Tuesday

The highly-anticipated primary election for the City of Boston is set for this Tuesday, September 14.

For the first time in the city's history, the two successful candidates in the primary who will vie to succeed Marty Walsh (who took the post of Secretary of Labor in the Cabinet of President Joe Biden) in November will NOT be a white male.

The five candidates who will appear on the ballot in the primary are (in alphabetical order): John F. Barros, Andrea Joy Campbell, Annissa Essaibi George, Kim M. Janey, and Michelle Wu.

Although there are relatively few points of disagreement among the candidates on the major issues facing our city, there are discernible differences in their leadership style and backgrounds.

We urge all of our readers to read up on the candidates and to examine their various approaches to the problems facing our city in order to make an informed decision.

We also would note that in addition to the mayor's race, there will be primary contests for City Council-at-Large and in Districts 4, 6, 7, and 9.

We urge all of our readers to participate in this historic occasion and get out to vote in the primary election this coming Tuesday, September 14.

Restore happy hours? Are they crazy?

There seems to be a move afoot to place a ballot question for the November, 2022, state election that would allow for the return of so-called Happy Hours (a/k/a, drink as much as you can, as fast as you can) to Massachusetts.

Happy Hours have been illegal in this state since 1984, after a young woman was killed in a Happy Hour-related drunk-driving accident. George R. McCarthy, the former mayor of Everett who back then was the chairman of the Massachusetts Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission, which sponsored the ban, said, "I've heard all the horror stories I'm going to listen to," referring to the many fatal accidents at the time in which drivers and pedestrians tragically were killed as a result of excessive drinking at Happy Hours.

Those in support of restoring Happy Hours make two arguments. First, they say it will increase business for bars and restaurants, which need all the support they can get amidst a pandemic, and second, they point to the use of Uber and Lyft that will reduce drunk-driving incidents.

Neither argument is backed-up by any data and both lack common-sense.

We would like to make a number of points in response:

1) The majority of bar owners/restaurateurs reportedly are not in favor of restoring Happy Hours, which probably is why the Mass. Restaurant Assoc. has yet to take a position on the matter. Sales of alcoholic beverages are the main source of profit for most establishments -- so why would they want to discount them? Admittedly, there probably would be a few bars that would do so in an effort to increase business, but that only would create a race to the bottom, so to speak -- all establishments would feel the need to compete with the place down the street that is offering "all-you-can-drink for \$5.00" or \$1.00 pitchers of beer (which were typical of Happy Hours back in the 1980s). We are not aware of any study that shows how much, if at all, Happy Hours might add to an establishment's bottom line.

Moreover, we can't imagine that for any reputable establishment, the increase in business would outweigh the headaches of having to deal with the increase of inebriates on their premises, with the need to greatly-enhance their self-policing, and with absorbing higher insurance liability premiums.

But even if there might be some small financial benefit for some establishments, is it worth the cost to society for the inevitable increase in drunk driving, assaults, and other accidents that unquestionably will flow from a policy that encourages patrons to drink heavily and irresponsibly?

2) While it may be true that many people plan ahead to use Uber and Lyft -- typically for special occasions -- that does not mean that folks who decide to hit the Happy Hour at a nearby bar after work will do so on a regular basis.

The use of Uber and Lyft has not led to a decrease in drunk-driving deaths. In 1984, there were 411 drunk-driving fatalities in Mass., constituting about 62% of the total of all fatal auto crashes.

But by 2009 -- before Uber and Lyft were around -- drunk-driving fatalities in Mass. had plummeted precipitously to 130 and accounted for just 39% of all traffic-related deaths. The numbers have remained about the same both in Mass. (and nationally) for the past 12 years -- even with Uber and Lyft available. Our strict drunk-driving laws, including the ban on Happy Hours -- not the ride-sharing services -- are responsible for the sharp decline in drunk-driving deaths in Mass. over the past 37 years.

3) Proponents of lifting the ban point out that other states -- primarily in the South and West -- allow for Happy Hours. But what they don't say is that the states with the 10 highest-rates of drunk driving fatalities per capita are -- take a wild guess! -- Montana, Wyoming, So. Carolina, Mississippi, New Mexico, South Dakota, Alabama, Texas, Louisiana, and Arkansas.

Massachusetts ranks 4th LEAST in drunk-driving deaths per capita and by a wide margin. So why would we want to emulate those states -- don't we want to continue to be safer (and smarter)?

4) Finally, beyond the issue of drunk-driving, we know so much more about the damage that alcohol wreaks both individually (to every organ in our bodies) and collectively (to our families and society), than we did in 1984. Alcohol has been labeled a Class 1 carcinogen and plays a huge role in domestic abuse, non-auto accidents, date rape, and other assaults (i.e., the proverbial bar-room brawls). Happy Hours encourage binge-drinking, which will exacerbate every one of these issues. Human nature and the devastating effects of alcohol abuse are the same today as they were in 1984.

To those young people for whom reinstating Happy Hours is a driving (no pun intended) force in their lives, we simply would say this: Please wait until you grow up. You'll realize there is a lot more to life than getting hammered at a Happy Hour every week and endangering the safety of yourself and others.



OP-ED

What life seems to be

DR. GLENN MOLLETTE

Life is short. The best we can do, is the best we can do. If we are doing our best, then what more can we expect from ourselves and others? Most people are doing the best they can with the information and abilities they have.

There are some things we can change and some things we can't. Learning to adjust or adapt with what we have and who we are often takes some time and effort. We are all born some place to someone. Some of us are raised with less than others and some of us are raised with more than others. Many have a lot to overcome to merely survive in life while others seem to have it easy.

Academics appear to come easier for some people while others have to study diligently just to make a passing grade. Some are lucky in life while others don't seem so lucky.

One of my dear friends is a multi-millionaire. He has a great house, wife and business galore. Over the last few years a young son was killed in a car wreck. A daughter was killed in a wreck and another died from natural causes. Many who don't know the tragedies and heartache that he has experienced assume that his life is great and free from pain. I know he would trade everything he has to have his children back with him. He continues to get up in the morning. He is still involved in his business, cares for his wife and cherishes his one remaining daughter. However, life is not as it may seem to some.

Another dear friend has prospered with a large family and a successful business. His life

looks good until you get to know him better. One of his sons committed suicide in front of him a couple of years ago. Another son recently died in an accident. Within weeks of his son's accident, a grandson was killed in a car wreck. His pain is great. He goes through the motions day by day trusting God with his life and remaining children. It is difficult to understand why his family has suffered so much in recent days. Tears flow when he begins to talk about what his family has suffered.

Life is not so easy to figure out. We think we have the answers and then later in life realize we don't know much at all. We thought we had life all figured out when we were very young but throughout the years life throws things at us that we can't possibly see coming.

Today, let's all consider others. Be kind to our neighbors, acquaintances and people we meet along the way. A lot of people are hurting from disease, death, unemployment, life's tragedies and more. Don't judge people by their appearances or their mistakes. Life is not only filled with good, but often pain that most never see.

What life seems to be and what life actually is are rarely the same.

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

“Voice of the Celtics” Eddie Palladino lends voice to new NBA video game

By JOHN LYND

Diehard Boston Celtics fans are sure to recognize the new voice that will serve as the announcer for Visual Concepts upcoming NBA 2K22 video game that will be released around Christmas.

The “Voice of the Celtics” Eddie Palladino, who has served as TD Garden’s public address announcer since the early 2000s, has lent his voice to the upcoming video game.

Instead of hearing a generic PA announcer, players of NBA 2K22 that chose to play as the Celtics at the Garden will hear Palladino’s voice and give the basketball simulation game the real feel of a home game in Boston. Developers of the game decided to tap each NBA team’s actual PA announcer to make the in-game audio experience more realistic.

That means when Jayson Tatum hits a 3-pointer in the game, you’ll hear Palladino announce, “Jaaaaayson Taaatum, for threeeeeee!!!”

In the game, Palladino’s voice will also announce the Celtics starting lineup as he’s done at the Garden for two decades.

Palladino said he spent time out on the West Coast recently laying down his voice for the video game but couldn’t tell friends and family of his work until the new game was announced.

“It was a pretty great experience. I really had to bite my tongue every time I wanted to tell somebody, but then I thought about my contract that I signed and the confidentiality agreement so I did not want to blow the check that I already spent,” joked Palladino.

Palladino said when he got out to the West Coast and started working on the voiceovers the response was great from the video game developers.

“They loved it,” he said. “I may have to go out there two more times over the next two years if players change and update some of the roster.”

Palladino said he had to record over 3,760 voice segments to cover all aspects of what might happen during game play.

“I had to do the monotone voice, the announcements, the excited voice when a player scored,” said Palladino. “It was a very interesting and painstaking



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ing process and I was out there recording for four days from nine o’clock in the morning to four o’clock every day with an hour lunch break. The graphics in the game are unbelievable and it’s almost like you’re watching a live video of a Celtics game.”

The Celtics tweeted the release of the new video game that highlighted Palladino’s work for the Garden and his involvement in NBA 2K22.

“To be in that (PA) chair, and as everyone calls it the best seat in the house, no one gets to know how much pressure there is being that close,” said Palladino. “I’ve got to be constantly alert for any call or any play on the court that happens because it’s my responsibility to keep the game moving and make sure that the crowd is informed as it goes along.”

When Palladino became the

PA for the Celtics he said it was a dream come true for a kid from Eastie that was a lifelong Celtics fan.

“This was always the dream as a kid going back to when I used to be sort of sequestered up in my bedroom,” said Palladino. Palladino said he used to watch the Celtics’s games on TV in his room with the volume off and and make his own calls as if he was the PA.

“This was a legacy of responsibility that I was going to be a part of and I felt responsible to give back not only to the team,

but to the fanbase,” said Palladino. “Everywhere I go, I’m the Voice of the Celtics, but I’m not really seen and I love it that way. I always consider myself the man behind the curtain because I’m really not on any of the jumbotron at all and it’s just my voice that you hear.”

For over two decades as the Garden’s PA Palladino has had a front row seat to the local passion for the Celtics from fans.

“Celtics fans are the most dedicated fans in sports,” he said. “They eat, sleep, and drink Celtics basketball.”

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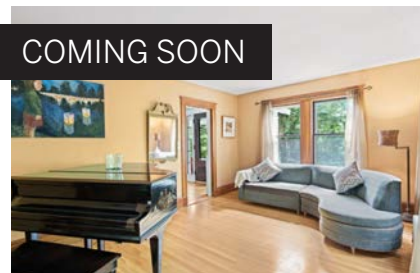
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