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PHOTOS BY KAILEY DURAN  
People celebrated Spontaneous Celebrations' 32nd anniversary recently during the weekly potluck hosted by Spontaneous Celebrations



## Weekly community potluck dinner brings residents even closer

BY KAILEY DURAN

The space was filled with the aroma of aging wood. On any given day, there is something here for everyone — training for puppies, drumming for toddlers,

food for the soul.

Welcome to Spontaneous Celebrations, an oatmeal-colored cookie-cutter house that serves both as a community center and an oasis in Jamaica Plain.

As patrons feasted on chicken

curry, pepperoni pizza and vegetable soup recently, the main attraction for the night was a craft center. The evening's creative specialty: fish carved out

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## Civilian flaggers on the horizon?

BY MICHAEL COUGHLIN JR.

Louise Johnson and Paige Sparks from Jamaica Plain's Neighborhood and Public Service Committees joined the Jeffries Point Neighborhood Association's (JPNA) monthly meeting on Monday, Apr. 10, to gauge interest in the civilian flaggers ballot initiative.

This initiative aims to gather support to potentially allow

civilians to work detail on construction sites instead of having the police do it.

Johnson indicated that several years ago, state legislation was passed which could help make the civilian flaggers idea a reality. She also said that about 46 other states already have civilians working on construction details.

"As it stands now, Boston Police — on overtime — man the

construction details that go on around the city — they've done this for years," said Johnson.

Moreover, according to Johnson, the police union has the detail work in their contract. With the police in contract negotiations this year, she wants to show Mayor Michelle Wu there is support for turning this work over to civilians.

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## JPNC hears reports from its committees

BY GAZETTE STAFF

The Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council (JPNC) held its regular monthly meeting this past Tuesday evening via Zoom. The council members tackled a full agenda over the course of the 100-minute meeting.

Vice-chair Bernard Doherty helmed the session that was attended by fellow members Peg Preble, Renee Stacey Welch, Michael Reiskind, Paige Sparks, Sarah Freeman, Lorenzo Bartoloni, Peter DeCotis, David Baron, Trevor Wissink-Adams, Danielle Sommer-Kieta, and Ben Weber.

Doherty announced that there presently is an open seat on the council in Area C and asked if there were any potential candidates.

Jeff Paquette stepped up. Paquette said he has been a JP resident for 27 years and that he

and his wife Heidi have raised their two college-age children in Jamaica Plain.

"We're really indebted for all that JP has offered to us," said Paquette, who works in the non-profit sector in the Boston area.

The council members unanimously voted to elect Paquette to the council.

Resident Dana Gonsalves announced that the annual meeting of the Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Development Corp. will be held on Saturday, May 20, from 11-1 at the Merriam St. parking lot at the Samuel Adams Brewery at 284 Amory St. He said there will be raffles, food trucks, and a petting zoo for kids. "It will be a lot of fun and all are welcome," said Gonsalves.

The council then heard re-

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## Wake Up the Earth Festival set for May 6

Special to the Gazette

The 45th Annual Wake Up the Earth Festival is Saturday May 6 in Jamaica Plain at Stony Brook / Southwest corridor park.

There will be a new Bike Parade for Climate Resilience that is done with support from Bikes not Bombs - this will be gathering at 10 am at Jackson Square, Launching at 10:30 a.m. and

heading up Centre Street to the Monument at the corner of Elliot and Centre.

The Main Parade will be gathering at Curtis Hall at 10:30 am and Launching at 11:00 am

This parade has a NEW route this year!

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# JPNC

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ports from the chairs of its various committees.

Sparks, who is the chair of the Outreach Committee, spoke about the upcoming JPNC election on Saturday, June 24. Sparks walked her fellow council members through the wealth of information that is available for candidates on the JPNC's website.

Welch, the chair of the Housing and Development Committee, noted that three new members were approved by the committee. The trio are JPNC member Weber and two Community Members, Willie Mitchell and Esther Belliard, both of whom have been long-time, active members of the JP community.

Welch asked that the full JPNC ratify the committee's selections, which the council did by a unanimous vote.

Baron, the chair of the Zoning Committee, spoke of the three matters that came before the Zoning Committee this past month, all of which received the Zoning Committee's approval.

The first was the application at 87 and 91 Parkton Rd., two multi-family properties in com-

mon ownership that are being fully renovated by the owner, who came before the committee seeking to put in a shared driveway with parking in the rear.

He said one of the neighbors objected to cars being parked where she can see them from her rear porch. The owner agreed to install a buffer in the form of screening.

The second matter concerned 11 Plainfield St., where the owner is asking for a variance to construct a shed dormer to extend a bedroom. There was no opposition by neighbors.

The third application pertained to 272-276 Hyde Park Ave., at the corner of Eldridge Ave., which is the location of J&G's Market convenience store. The owner is seeking to expand the convenience store slightly (within the existing footprint) and to add three stories of residential apartments on top of the store to create six new residential units. The height of the building will line up with the four-story building next door.

"There was a shocking amount of support for this project from the community," noted Baron, who said the residents were happy to see that the market, which remained open to serve the community during the height of the pandemic, will re-

main in operation.

Baron said one neighbor raised a question about parking, but the owner said that the present five parking spaces in the rear of the building will be available for the new tenants, not for customers of the store.

Baron asked that all three of the Zoning Committee's affirmative votes be approved by the full JPNC, which the members did unanimously. The owners of those properties now must go before the Boston Zoning Board of Appeals in order to obtain their variances.

Baron said the Zoning Committee will be meeting three times in May, starting on May 3. Items on the agenda for the May 3 meeting include: 21 Louders Lane, for a second floor addition with solar panels; 31 Rodman St., which entails the renovation of a two-family home and the construction of a three-story addition in the rear to convert it into two condo units; 10 and 10A Walk Hil St., the location of Round Two Pizza, which is seeking permission for take-out service that formerly existed with the previous business; and the proposed project at 176 and 176R School St., in which the owner is seeking permission to construct a new, seven-unit, residential townhouse building with covered parking.

Reiskind, the chair of the Public Service Comm., discussed the presentation by the Mass. Water Resources Authority (MWRA) of its plans for a tunneling project, 400-500 feet under Jamaica Plain, in order to install a new water pipeline that will run alongside the current pipes that is 50-70 years old.

"These will be redundant tunnels and when the new system is installed, the MWRA will replace the aging valves on the old pipes," Reiskind told the council. He said there will be a vertical boring on South St. near the American Legion Post that will have an impact locally "for a good amount of time." The completion of the project is slated for 2034 with an anticipated start date in late-2025/early-2026.

Reiskind mentioned two items that will be coming before the committee at its next meeting on May 2. The first is an application for an alcohol license by Fritay, a new Haitian restaurant at 660A Centre St. The second is a request by Seed, a cannabis dispensary, for an amendment to its license to allow for a delivery permit.

Reiskind also added that the committee elected DeCotis as

a new member and asked the full JPNC to ratify his selection, which the council did by a unanimous vote.

Prior to the meeting's adjournment, Sparks noted that this Saturday, April 29, there will be the annual Love Your Block clean-up event starting at the Stony Brook T station at 9:00. Those who gather will make a loop in the area.

She also noted the annual Wake up the Earth event is slated for May 6 and will include activities for children.

DeCotis mentioned that there will be another neighborhood landscaping/clean-up event this Saturday, April 29, at 10:00 at Lawson Park, which is being organized by the Egleston Square Committee.

Freeman noted that the recent Muddy River Cleanup at Franklin Park was a great success that drew a large crowd, including a contingent from District 6 Councilor Kendra Lara's office.

Finally, William King, a candidate for District 6 City Councilor, addressed the council regarding his candidacy.

The next meeting of the JPNC is set for May 23 at 7:00.

## Flaggers

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"This is a problem because this is all done on overtime, and so it's incredibly expensive for the city. The construction companies or the private individuals who have to have a police detail – they're supposed to pay for this," said Johnson.

"But, by and large, the system is somewhat broken, and so a lot of times the money is not reimbursed, and the city just winds up fronting the money and not having it ever come back to them," she added.

While saving the city money could be a benefit from this initiative, there were also thoughts that it would free up police officers to do other work rather than monitor the safety around construction sites.

Earlier in the meeting, JPNA Treasurer Andrew Pike brought up people "blowing through" the intersection of Cottage and Marginal Street.

Sergeant Joe Cintolo indicated that the police would pay attention to this area in response to Pike's concern. However, Cin-

tolo mentioned that the police are currently short-handed and only have one traffic car out.

"We saw tonight the police can't even cover basic traffic problem areas," said Johnson, in a comment referencing Pike's concern and underscoring the idea that civilian flaggers could allow the police to focus on other issues.

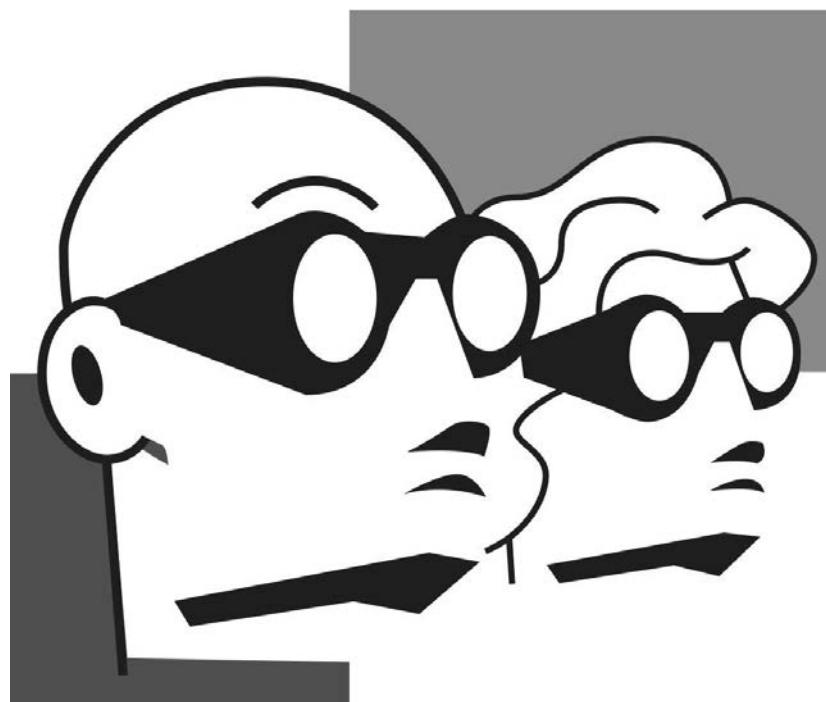
Along with gauging the JPNA's interest in the initiative, Johnson and Sparks are asking for neighborhood groups to vote and potentially send a letter to Mayor Wu regarding the issue.

Pike, who was taking questions and comments from the chat, identified that there was some support for the initiative from those in attendance at last Monday's meeting.

Although there was some support in the chat, Margaret Farmer, JPNA's Co-Chair, mentioned there would have to be a discussion amongst the board to determine the process for eventually writing a letter in support.

"This would be a wonderful thing for the city. It would provide jobs, it would help the budget – it would be a great thing," said Johnson.

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# Potluck Dinner

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of manila folders.

“It’s not just making this fish, it’s about being in a community of other people,” said Edward Pazzanese, a community organizer in Jamaica Plain.

“It makes the connection between the visual arts and telling our stories,” said Pazzanese, while rummaging through two extra-large aluminum pans with sheets of gold foil, floral cardstock and vermilion paper rolls one recent evening.

This is evident on the aging tables that held up the art supplies — the once white surface now replaced with green smudges and blue and purple paint blotches, representing the people that once occupied the space.

Femke Rosenbaum founded Spontaneous Celebrations’ current home in the 1990s. But

her involvement started over a decade earlier when she began planning a series of festivals at her Jamaica Plain kitchen table.

“My house wasn’t big enough,” said Rosenbaum.

She moved her activities to the basement of an old fire house and then, eventually, onto Danforth Street.

The Wake up the Earth festival, which became the hallmark of Spontaneous Celebrations, began in 1979 to honor people and land that were saved by stopping the development of the Southwest Expressway. This highway was meant to connect Interstate 95 with Route 128, but it would have displaced hundreds of families in Jamaica Plain, Roxbury and the South End.

The festival is memorialized on the center’s walls with the painting of an I-95 sign next to the campaign slogan: “People Before Highways.” There are banners decorated with butterflies and an official picture book

that documents everything that happened in the first festival.

“We just need places like this to exist,” said Bonnie Rovics, a doula and educator who has been frequenting the space since the mid-90s.

She was brought in by the potlucks that occurred then two to three times a week. Alongside her activist friends, she used the second floor of the building to put on theatrical plays about prison reform.

In what she describes as a commitment to the space, Rovics feeds the legacy of Spontaneous Celebrations by helping cook meals for the weekly potluck.

As soon as kids began filling the room, Rovics’ stories were drowned out by the tapping of footsteps, echoing of piano keys and the ripping of tape.

As first-timers at the potluck, Asher and Holden Robinson — 12-year-old twins who recently moved to Jamaica Plain — said they hoped to meet other children.

Asher’s fish, named Jeremy, was colored with the graphite of his No. 2 pencil. Holden’s fish, named Bob, was marked by its large eyes.

What crafts might next week hold?

“A car could work,” proposed Asher.

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PHOTOS BY KAILEY DURAN

A resident, wearing a butterfly wing, socialized with residents at the weekly potluck hosted by Spontaneous Celebrations



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# Festival

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taking a right at Green Street, following Green Street to Washington Street, Taking a Left on Washington through Egleston Square and A Left on Atherton Street to Lamartine Street and Left on Lamartine Street into

the Festival Grounds.

Sing Positive, JP Honk and Paige Academy will be leading the opening circle with our festival team.

There will be dozens of art and craft vendors, clothing, jewelry, facepainting, Egleston Farmers Market, Food trucks, Dancing, Music and more.. Zুমix is hosting our revived youth

stage this year and providing our main sound.

The focus of this year is on Climate Resilience and we are bringing in a project in collaboration with artist Jovielle Gers, Roxana Bentes and others focused on making a pledge to action for climate resilience.

There will also be a ceremony honoring of Mel King.

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Pre-bidder’s tour on 5/22/23 @ 2:00 P.M. at Italian Home for Children. A formal meeting won’t be conducted. Any questions regarding the RFP should be directed in writing to the above office.

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# Mayor Wu, Supt. Skipper celebrate the renaming of McKinley Schools to the Melvin H. King South End Academy

SPECIAL TO THE GAZETTE

Today, Mayor Michelle Wu, Boston Public Schools Superintendent Mary Skipper, School Leader Cindie Nelson, and Ms. Joyce King celebrated the renaming of the McKinley Schools to the Melvin H. King South End Academy in honor of the late Melvin H. King.

“Mel King’s visionary leadership transformed Boston’s communities and empowered our residents to reimagine what’s possible. His legacy will continue to shine as an inspiration for generations to come,” said Mayor Michelle Wu. “I’m thrilled to celebrate him with this renaming to honor his legacy and inspire future generations of BPS students and families to make an impact in their communities.”

King is a Boston Public Schools alum who spent his life representing and advocating for families in the City. He is a visionary leader who maintained a focus on equity to ensure all of Boston’s students have the opportunity to achieve their dreams. His work as a teacher, community activist, and local leader over the decades has inspired many residents to become

leaders in their communities and to continue to advocate to make Boston a city for everyone.

He passed on March 28, 2023 at the age of 94. The City of Boston honored him earlier this month with services including a wreath laying at Boston City Hall, a day of remembrance, and a funeral in the South End.

The school underwent an extensive naming process that engaged many stakeholders in the McKinley community. The process included surveys, various public meetings with different constituent groups, and using the Racial Equity Planning Tool (REPT) as a guide to uncover any weak points or gaps that may have impacted their work throughout the process. The BPS Racial Equity Planning Tool lays out a clear six-step process to operationalize our commitment to ensure each decision we make is aimed at closing opportunity gaps and advancing racial equity.

“Modeled by Mel King, the power of education is exemplified across our city,” said Boston Public Schools Superintendent Mary Skipper. “Learning begins in homes, classrooms, and schools, but it does not end there. Mel



MAYOR'S OFFICE PHOTO BY JEREMIAH ROBINSON

Mayor Michelle Wu joined the community of the William McKinley School in the South End for the official renaming ceremony of the school to the “Melvin H. King South End Academy.”

demonstrated how education can be used to mobilize and empower community members to bring about positive transformation in our village for a lifetime, directly impacting our young people. We see these efforts from our families, educators, school leaders, and district administrators.

Let us continue Mel’s legacy by recommitting ourselves to this work, and by working together, every single day for the benefit of our students.”

During the event, students and school staff unveiled a banner with the school’s new name. The design was developed and created by the school art teacher, Ari Hauben. He worked with the school’s students who helped to design the crown. The heart that is displayed represents hugs. The image of Mr. King mirrors the mural on the side of the building. One of the seniors, Jaylen Rodriguez, read the poem “Struggle” written by Mel King

during the ceremony to pay homage to his memory.

“It is an honor for this school to carry the name of Melvin H. King, a lifetime, the legendary leader of Boston,” said advocate and former Boston Public Schools teacher and administrator Edith Bazile. “Mel King’s leadership and service to generations of Bostonians have empowered them to advance educationally, socially, and economically through his mission of love and racial justice. I look forward to the ongoing transformative work occurring at Melvin

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# Mel King

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H. King South End Academy so educational outcomes exemplify his unwavering commitment to college and vocational pathways of success and leadership for our young people.”

Earlier this year, as part of the Green New Deal for Boston Public Schools, the Mel King Academy community and the City of Boston launched a visioning study to redesign and renovate the Mel King Academy facilities. With new investments proposed in the City of Boston Capital Plan, this visioning study – in collaboration with Saam Architecture – will set the foundation to build new facilities for the Mel King Academy that are safe, healthy, and inspiring, where every student can thrive and succeed.

“Mel King, one of Boston’s champions for equity, inclusion,

and progress, is a fitting example we’re striving to follow in this school community,” said Boston School Committee Chairperson Jeri Robinson. “We’re working hard, together, to imagine and produce a facility that will set a standard of excellence in the City for offering students of different abilities the support and setting they’ll need to thrive in their education.”

“We are honored to be able to have Melvin H. King represent the school and serve as a beacon that guides our work integrating high-quality instruction and specialized therapeutic supports,” said Melvin H. King South End Academy School Leader Cindie Neilson. “He did so much to advance education and opportunity in Boston, and future generations will continue to benefit from his life’s work.”

For more information about the Green New Deal for Boston Public Schools, please visit [boston.gov/GND-BPS](http://boston.gov/GND-BPS).

# Frank Endorses Segel for State Representative

STAFF REPORT

Celia Segel, candidate for State Representative in West Roxbury, Roslindale, Jamaica Plain and Brookline, has been endorsed by former Congressman Barney Frank. Congressman Frank represented Brookline as part of the 4th Congressional district for more than 30 years until his retirement in 2013, and served as Chairman of the House Financial Services Committee.

“Celia Segel has already demonstrated leadership in her advocacy to control the costs of health care and prescription drugs,” said Congressman Frank. “She brings incredibly valuable policy expertise and knows how to build coalitions to pass legislation that will serve the 10th Suffolk and all of Mas-



*Candidate for State Representative, Celia Segel.*

sachusetts. Celia has my enthusiastic support.”

“I am honored to be endorsed by such an effective legislator and dedicated public servant in Congressman Barney Frank,” said Segel. “Congressman Frank knows that I am someone who can bring our communities to-

gether and form the partnerships necessary to deliver for every neighborhood of this district on Beacon Hill.”

Congressman Frank is joined in his support for Segel by Reproductive Equity Now, EMILY’s List, the Massachusetts Teachers Association, the LGBTQ+ Victory Fund, Senate Majority Leader Cynthia Creem, and several other members of the Massachusetts Legislature.

Celia Segel is an experienced community leader and coalition builder who has worked to pass legislation at the State House and implement statewide policy. She has spent her career fighting for policies that improve access to affordable health care, housing and reproductive rights as an advocate, organizer, and policy expert. She lives in Jamaica Plain with her wife and three kids.




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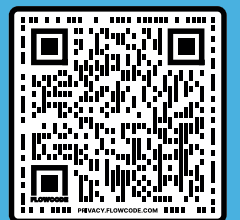


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# Students of color bear brunt of school discipline, identity bullying, Boston forum says

BY ANNIKA CHAVES

A black marker squeaks along the bottom of a whiteboard then stops. Eight words appeared at the bottom of the board.

"Give all students, especially Black, Indigenous, and People of Color, opportunities to succeed."

Eliza Davern capped the marker, and Mirian Albert began posing questions to people seated in chairs arranged in a circle. Both helped organize the community meeting to lead a catalytic conversation about dismantling inequities in education.

"Public education should be a space where children, no mat-

ter their racial or ethnic background, feel safe and can thrive," said Albert, a staff attorney at Lawyers for Civil Rights, which held the forum at the central branch of the Boston Public Library recently.

The forum, coming amid a national debate on school discipline and school policing, focused on disciplinary actions, identity based bullying and barriers for English learners, issues that largely affect students of color disproportionately, organizers said.

"We wanted to ...get a community pulse and see what issues people are seeing," said Davern, who works as an assistant at

Lawyers for Civil Rights.

The need for hosting the forum first came to the organization's attention when officials noticed an uptick in students of color experiencing identity based-bullying — being targeted because of their race.

Students of color were seven times more likely to be suspended than white students, according to Lawyers for Civil Rights, citing recent research.

"It's widely known that students of color are disciplined more harshly than their white counterparts," Davern said. "That means that these students are not receiving the same education that their peers are."

Albert said some of her clients who attend vocational high schools reported that they were being suspended for long periods of time over minor infractions — an "isolating" experience that makes it more difficult for them to catch up on work and maintain their grades.

"Sometimes it seems to students that there wasn't a clear system as to why they were being suspended or for why proper procedures weren't being followed,"

said Albert.

Repeatedly taking certain students out of the classroom not only limits accessibility to equal education, but also affects how they are perceived by others and even themselves, said Haluwa Doherty, a second year Boston College law student.

Doherty, who attended the event, said coming back from suspensions often leaves students of color feeling "anxious" and "embarrassed" when they realize they aren't able to keep up with their peers or have teachers "vouching" for them.

"You become 'other,' she said. "You become known as the problematic student."

Inequities in school discipline have long been an issue across the state, with some Boston officials arguing that more policing is needed in the school buildings, while others contend that an over-reliance on police only helps to criminalize students of color.

Lawyers for Civil Rights officials had sent a letter to Superintendent Mary Skipper arguing that the schools have gone "too far" with disciplining students of color.

They said school authorities should find other creative ways, including more mental health support, "trauma informed care," and teacher diversity to better connect with students.

"We are a society that loves to just put a Band-Aid on bullet wounds and we refuse to dig deeper into the causes," she said.

While the organization has yet to hear back from Skipper, the lawyers' group said they are continuing to partner with community allies such as Sociedad Latina and others to ensure that students have the support they need.

"There are a lot of ways that people could harness the power of the students in the community to work more in unison versus against each other," Davern said.

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## JPNC Housing Comm. holds regular meeting

BY GAZETTE STAFF

The Housing and Development Committee of the Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council held its regular monthly meeting last Tuesday, April 18.

Chairperson Renee Stacey Welch and fellow committee and community members, including Jaya Aiyer, John Harding, Paige Sparks, Peter DeCotis, Sarah Freeman, Pam Bender, Sara Horsley, Joanne Paul, Purple Reign, Danielle Sommer-Kieta, Aidan Foley, Ben Weber, Kathy Brown, and Bernie Doherty, were among those in attendance.

Sparks updated the committee about the upcoming council election set for Saturday, June 24, from 10-4 at three locations: JP Licks, the Forest Hills T station, and the Stop and Shop near Jackson Square. Voting will be only in-person and is open to all JP residents 16 years of age and older.

All 20 seats on the council are up for grabs. There are five at-large seats and five each in neighborhood areas A,B, and C. Sparks noted that candidates

will need to collect nominating signatures (50 for at-large seats, 25 for neighborhood seats) and noted that a packet for candidates is available at all of the local public library branches and Curtis Hall. The information packet also is available on-line on the JPNC's website.

The packets were made available as of April 24. The signatures must be submitted by May 24 at the JP Library on South St.

Sparks also noted that volunteers (who cannot be candidates) are needed to run the polls and count the ballots on Election Day.

Weber, a recently-elected member of the JPNC, was elected to the Housing and Development Committee by a vote of the committee members. (DeCotis also initially had indicated he would be a candidate, but withdrew in deference to Weber.) Weber has been a JP resident since 2009 and works as a labor attorney. "I love Jamaica Plain and wish to become more involved with the committee," said Weber.

The committee also voted to add two new community members, Willie Mitchell and Esther

Belliard.

Welch asked her colleagues to offer suggestions about their "best practices in order to ensure that everyone's voice is heard," including landlords, tenants, property managers, homeowners, and others.

Doherty drew the group's attention to the impending development at 1822 Arboretum Rd., a six-story structure that is adjacent to the Arboretum on the site of what presently is an abandoned industrial building. He noted that by converting this site and others like it to housing, it removes the possibility of creating jobs in the community, which was the basis for rezoning those areas for light-industrial use in the 1990s.

He also noted that the apartments that are designated as "affordable" are not truly affordable because the threshold of 70% of AMI (average median income) is out of reach for persons who work in jobs that pay in the range of minimum wage.

After some more discussion about the issue of affordable housing, the committee adjourned until its next meeting.

# Eleven graduates to join the ranks of City of Boston EMTs

SPECIAL TO THE GAZETTE

Boston Mayor Michelle Wu along with Boston Public Health Commission Executive Director Dr. Bisola Ojikutu and Boston Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Chief James Hooley on Friday celebrated the graduation of 11 Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Recruits and one promotion. Also included in the graduates is a resident of South End. The EMTs will be assigned to 911 ambulances and dispatch operations, strengthening the City of Boston's Emergency Medical Services.

In the keynote address during the ceremony, Mayor Michelle Wu recognized the newest EMTs and promotees, as well as the department as a whole, for their commitment to our communities. She spoke of their ability to act with compassion and precision, urgency and composure; to treat injury and illness, and provide comfort and reassurance.

"Our Emergency Medical Technicians provide lifesaving care and compassion to every patient they serve at a moment's notice, embodying the spirit of giving back to our community," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "The entire City of Boston is so grateful to our newest recruit graduates for joining the team and congratulations to our promoted member."

The 11 EMT-Recruit graduates started the Academy in November 2022 and throughout the last 6 months have spent time in the classroom enhancing their clinical expertise, honing practical skills, and training in ambulances responding to more

than 1,500 real medical emergencies, treating and transporting over 1,200 patients. Many of the graduates were drawn to Boston EMS through their desire to help people, give back to their community and because of the department's reputation as one of the best emergency medical services in the Country.

The Boston EMS Recruit Academy is a full-time paid training program for state certified EMTs, ensuring residents receive the highest quality pre-hospital care, before they are badged as department EMTs. Boston EMS recently started a subsequent Academy class in February, which is in training and expected to graduate in August. Those interested in a rewarding career at Boston EMS are encouraged to go to [www.boston.gov/ems](http://www.boston.gov/ems) to learn more and sign up for training and employment opportunities. Starting pay for newly hired EMTs is \$30 an hour.

During Friday's ceremony, Lieutenant Jonathan Welch was recognized for his promotion that took place in February 2020 during the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. Lieutenant Welch, a 14-year veteran of the department, promoted from the rank of EMT to Lieutenant, is dual trained to work in field and dispatch operations as a supervisor. As a Supervisor, Jonathan serves as a role model, mentor, and an advocate for both peers and patients.

Boston EMS has long seen a benefit in combining graduation and promotional ceremonies, allowing the newest members to stand beside those with 5, 10 and 20 plus years of experience,



The EMT recruits pictured during their graduation ceremony.

as equally vital members of the department.

"We have invested in preparing you for whatever may come next, but please, don't stop learning, don't stop challenging yourselves. We don't know what we will be faced with next," advised Chief Hooley. "We also know that meeting the needs of our community means adapting to those needs. We as a department have never feared change."

To better serve the evolving needs of residents, Boston EMS continues to expand services, including screening of 9-1-1 behavioral health emergencies for call transfer directly to a licensed mental health clinician. This service, referred to as "TeleBEST", has been offered since late October of 2022, with over 50 patients effectively transferred. As of April 11th, 2023, TeleBEST became available 24/7. In June,

Boston EMS anticipates activation of an Alternative Response Model, a unit jointly staffed with an EMT and behavioral health clinician, designed to provide on scene support at low acuity behavioral health incidents. Boston EMS is the first emergency medical service in the state to be approved for the Massachusetts Department of Public Health,

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semester grade-point average. Credits from pass/fail classes do not qualify toward meeting the minimum credit hour requirement.

Courses for full-time online undergraduate students are of-

fered over the course of seven weeks. This accelerated time-frame provides adult learners with an opportunity to balance existing personal and professional commitments as they complete their studies.

### EMTs

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Office of EMS, Mobile Integrated Healthcare (MIH) Emergency Department Avoidance program. "On behalf of the Boston Public Health Commission, I am pleased to welcome the class of

2022-2 to Boston EMS and look forward to working with them," said Dr. Bisola Ojikutu, Commissioner of Public Health and Executive Director of the Boston Public Health Commission. "Boston EMS' work is central to our health care and public health systems and advances health equity across our city."

Boston EMS is one of the bus-

iest municipal EMS providers in New England, responding to more than 134,000 emergency medical incidents per year. As a bureau of the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC), Boston EMS is committed to serving Boston's residents through clinical excellence, emergency planning and preparedness, and community outreach.

Boston EMS is the primary provider of emergency medical services for the City of Boston and is a nationally recognized leader in the field of pre-hospital emergency medicine. The department leverages the latest advances in both medicine and technology to bring high-quality, compassionate care to the people of Boston. Boston EMS also plays a key role in the City's emergency preparedness efforts and provides community programming designed to educate the public about important health and safety topics.

The Boston Public Health Commission, one of the country's oldest health departments, is an independent public agency providing a wide range of health services and programs. It is governed by a seven-member board of health appointed by the Mayor of Boston. Public service and access to quality health care are the cornerstones of our mission - to protect, preserve and promote the health and well-being of all Boston residents, particularly those who are most vulnerable. The Commission's more than 40 programs are grouped into six bureaus: Emergency Medical Services; Child Adolescent & Family Health; Community Health Initiatives; Homeless Services; Infectious Disease; and Recovery Services.

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#### INVITATION FOR BIDS

#### Transportation services for Camp Joy

**EV00012305**

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Camp Joy Transportation Service at the Ohrenberger Community Center, July 10, 2023 through August 04, 2023. Transport up to 70 campers to and from the program, with and without disabilities, between 3 years to 22 years of age.

The bid documents will be accessible on line from **Monday May 08, 2023** by visiting the City of Boston Public Procurement website and Supplier Portal at the following link (<http://boston.gov/procurement>) and accessing the event ID # **EV00012305**

All sealed bids shall be filed electronically no later than **4:00 pm on Tuesday May 23, 2023** by logging onto the City of Boston Procurement website as listed and accessing the above event number.

The attention of all bidders is directed to the provisions of the Invitation for Bids and contract documents, specifically to the requirements for bid deposits, insurance and performance bonds as may be applicable.

The contract awarded pursuant to this invitation to bid will commence on or about July 10, 2023 and will end on August 04, 2023.

Marta Rivera, Commissioner  
(May 08, May 15, 2023)

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# OPENING DAY PARADE FOR JP'S REAGAN YOUTH BASEBALL LEAGUE

COURTESY PHOTOS

On Saturday, April 22 players and League officials made their way across the City during the Opening Day Parade.

The walkers made their way down Centre Street to South Huntington, and then to Bynner heading towards Daisy Field. The players sang a rendition of "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" halfway through the Parade. Opening Day ceremonies followed the parade at Daisy Field.



The players gathered at Daisy Field.



Mt. Pleasant Home residents sit on the corner of Bynner and S. Huntington and watch the team that they sponsor go by.



Players make their way down Centre Street.

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by Sarah Carroll



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# OPENING DAY PARADE FOR JP'S REAGAN YOUTH BASEBALL LEAGUE



ERIC ESTEVES PHOTOS

Shown above and below, more scenes of the young players during the annual Opening Day Parade.



# Wenham St. Cinema ready for 2023 season; first show is Saturday

As the line goes in the movie *Poltergeist 2*, "They're baaack," and so the Wenham Street Cinema, located at 23 Wenham Street, is ready for the 2023 season.,

The 2023 schedule -- like all things under the sun -- will be subject to constant change. *Raya and the Last Dragon* will be shown this Saturday, April 29. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and the movie will start at 6 p.m. Please

bring food or drink to share (and your own chair) if you are able. Please note that District 6 City Councilor Kendra Lara will join this event.

**HATS** -- Remember a year ago when you ordered a Wenham Street Cinema hat? Well, supply chain issues (really) and other obstacles have delayed -- but NOT stopped -- the hats. The latest word from our supplier in Los Angeles is that the last

color (grey) is at the Long Beach Port and should be arriving next week. Once all colors are in, they will be embroidered and sent to Boston. Don't worry, you'll get an email when they arrive.

**TECH IMPROVEMENT** -- Short tech update: Internet will be better, lagging should be eliminated. Thank you to Eben and Chris for their huge help on this!

The other movies planned for the season are as follows:

Wenham Street Cinema 2023 Season Schedule				
	Event	Date & Time	Helpful Details	Speaker
2	<b>Kids' Screening: <i>Raya and the Last Dragon</i></b>	Early May Doors at 5:30, movie at 6:00	This event usually becomes a party for adults on the sidewalk as kids enjoy the movie. Last year lots of people brought pizza and it was a blast! <i>This event is in recognition of AAPI Heritage Month.</i>	Boston City Councilor <b>Kendra Lara</b>
3	Light of Day Records Presents... LIVE from WSC #1	Saturday, 5/20 3pm to 7pm	This is a live music concert with three performers, generally the biggest, most social, most fun event of the year! Performers will be Yoni Gordon, Christina Lacoste, and Cody Switch. Follow @LightofDayRecords on IG for more info.	
4	<b><i>Black Panther: Wakanda Forever</i></b>	Late May Doors at 6:30, movie at 7:00	Queen Ramonda, Shuri, M'Baku, Okoye and the Dora Milaje fight to protect their nation from intervening world powers in the wake of King T'Challa's death. As the Wakandans strive to embrace their next chapter, the heroes must band together with Nakia and Everett Ross to forge a new path for their beloved kingdom.	Boston City Councilor <b>Kendra Lara</b> and WSC Chief Film Scholar, Josh Ramos
5	<b><i>Banshees of Inisherin</i></b>	Early June Doors at 6:30, movie at 7:00	On a remote island off the coast of Ireland, Pádraic is devastated when his buddy Colm suddenly puts an end to their lifelong friendship. With help from his sister and a troubled young islander, Pádraic sets out to repair the damaged relationship by any means necessary. However, as Colm's resolve only strengthens, he soon delivers an ultimatum that leads to shocking consequences.	Thom Dunn, local musician, playwright, and writer
6	Counselor Mejia's movie	Saturday, 6/10 Doors at 6:00, movie at 7:00	Counselor Mejia and @wenhamstreetcinema will conduct a poll to select the movie. The options, selected by Counselor Mejia are: <i>Pretty Woman</i> , <i>Total Recall</i> , and <i>Catch Me If You Can</i> .	Boston City Councilor <b>Julia Mejia</b>
7	<b>Juneteenth Screening: <i>The Woman King</i></b>	Saturday, 6/17 Doors at 6:00, movie at 7:00	In the 1800s, a group of all-female warriors protects the African kingdom of Dahomey with skills and fierceness unlike anything the world has ever seen. Faced with a new threat, General Nanisca trains the next generation of recruits to fight against a foreign enemy that's determined to destroy their way of life.  <i>This event seeks to recognize and celebrate Juneteenth, and honor those that fought for the liberation of enslaved people.</i>	Boston City Councilor <b>Ruthzee Louijeune</b> and WSC Chief Film Scholar, Josh Ramos
8	Spike Lee's masterpiece, <b><i>Do the Right Thing</i></b>	Late July	A local Brooklyn resident, Buggin' Out, becomes upset when he sees that an Italian-owned pizzeria's Wall of Fame exhibits only Italian actors. The wall becomes a symbol of racism and hate to Buggin' Out and to other people in the neighborhood, and tensions rise.	Boston City Councilor <b>Kendra Lara</b> and WSC Chief Film Scholar, Josh Ramos
9	Light of Day Records Presents... LIVE from WSC #2	Saturday, 7/29 3pm to 7pm	This is a live music concert with three performers, generally the biggest, most social, most fun event of the year! Performers will be Gatch, Everfiner, and The Totals. Follow @LightofDayRecords on IG for more info.	
10	<b>Film Noir Screening: <i>Double Indemnity</i></b>	Late July	Insurance salesman Walter Neff gets roped into a murderous scheme when he falls for the sensual Phyllis Dietrichson, who is intent on killing her husband and living off the fraudulent accidental death claim. Prompted by the late Mr. Dietrichson's daughter, insurance investigator Barton Keyes looks into the case, and gradually begins to uncover the sinister truth.	WSC Chief Film Scholar, Josh Ramos
11	<b><i>The Room</i></b>	Early August	Johnny is a successful banker who lives happily in a San Francisco townhouse with his fiancée, Lisa. One day, inexplicably, she gets bored of him and decides to seduce Johnny's best friend, Mark. From there, nothing will be the same again.	We need one! Please reach out if you'd like to be our speaker.
12	JP Porchfest	Saturday, 8/19 Noon to 7pm	JP's preeminent free, public music event of the year! Other stages are nearby! Executive Popcorn Helper: Arlo; Chief Joy Sparker: Zozia.	
13	<b>Amy's Screening: <i>Drop Dead Gorgeous</i></b>	Late August Doors at 6:30, movie at 7:00	Every year Amy picks a movie from the 90s or early aughts that she loves. Previous picks include <i>The Parent Trap</i> and <i>Wet Hot American Summer</i> .	Executive Director of Needham Outreach, Amy Cantor

# Mayor Wu announces funding to support small businesses

STAFF REPORT

Mayor Michelle Wu and the Mayor's Office of Housing (MOH) last week announced that the City of Boston awarded the first grants from the previously announced Affordable Commercial Assistance Fund (ACAF) to make commercial rents more accessible to small businesses in Boston impacted by the pandemic. The first awards will subsidize rent for Jean Appolon Expressions, a Haitian dance company in Roxbury, and for Words as Worlds Bookstore in Dorchester.

In August 2022, the Mayor's Office of Housing announced a request for proposals (RFP) for the Affordable Commercial Assistance Fund. The ACAF made \$1 million available to help sustain local businesses and community-based nonprofits operating in affordable housing buildings. ACAF funding awards enable property developers to lower their commercial rents and support the growth

of businesses investing in local neighborhoods. The funding is available to owners of buildings with City-supported affordable housing, including rental and homeownership properties, that include commercial space. The City anticipates that this new fund will ensure the affordability of approximately 35,000 square feet of commercial space for local small businesses and nonprofits that would otherwise be unable to afford market rents.

"When Boston small businesses prosper, everyone benefits—anchoring our economy and community," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "We will continue to support these drivers of innovation and connection throughout our neighborhoods."

"Providing affordable commercial space in our neighborhoods strengthens our local business districts, supports entrepreneurship, and creates a pipeline to Boston's economic engine," said Councilor Brian Worrell, Chair of the Boston City Council's Committee on Small Business & Professional Licensure. "I am excited to see local small business owners utilize this program to enhance our communities and expand Boston's small business ecosystem."

"We are thrilled to see the Affordable Commercial Assistance Fund supporting small businesses and nonprofits, particularly those that are providing essential services and cultural assets

to our neighborhoods," said Sheila Dillon, Chief of Housing. "The Jean Appolon Expressions dance company and Words as Worlds Bookstore are great examples of how we can invest in the economic vitality and cultural richness of our communities through this new program. The ACAF is an important tool for creating economic opportunities and supporting our city's diversity and vibrancy."

The development team for 2147 Washington Street has been awarded a \$225,000 Affordable Commercial Assistance Fund grant for their 74-unit mixed-use development in Roxbury. The grant will support Jean Appolon Expressions, a dance company focused on contemporary Haitian-rooted dance, by subsidizing their rent for 2,846 square feet of first-floor retail space. With the assistance, their rent will be reduced to almost half the area's average market rate per square foot. The construction of 2147 Washington Street is expected to be completed in the spring of 2024.

"We are thrilled to be moving into the 2147 Washington Street building in Nubian Square and are excited to partner with other artists and area businesses to expand our impact in Boston's growing arts ecosystem," said Jean Appolon, Founder and Artistic Director of Jean Appolon Expressions (JAE). "This ACAF

award from the City of Boston is making it possible for JAE to partner with the New Atlantic Development team and enter our first dance studio home, at a lower rent level, allowing us to continue offering our arts programming at a very accessible level for our diverse community members."

"On behalf of the entire development team for the 2147 Washington project, we are extremely grateful to Mayor Wu and the Mayor's Office of Housing for providing this ACAF award. Without it, we would never have been able to bring Jean Appolon Expressions into our building," said Bill Madsen Hardy, Owner of New Atlantic Development. "As a nonprofit, community-oriented, and community-serving creative business with deep ties to Boston, they are an ideal tenant for this prominent commercial space. Most importantly, their long-term presence in Nubian Square will further the goals of the Roxbury Cultural District and the Roxbury Strategic Master Plan."

The development team for 1463 Dorchester Avenue, Tlee Development LLC, has been awarded a \$150,000 Affordable Commercial Assistance Grant to support their Dot Crossing Apartments project. This transit-oriented development features a five-story building with 29 mixed-income units, along

with a residential lobby and a retail space that will be occupied by the Words as Worlds Bookstore. The project includes rent restrictions for the next five years, reducing the rent by 40 percent and ensuring that the bookstore's rent does not increase by more than 2% annually. The anticipated completion date for the Dot Crossing Apartments is June 2023.

"We at Words as Worlds are incredibly grateful for this rent relief support through the Affordable Commercial Space Assistance funding, which makes our model for a community bookstore and gathering space so much more sustainable over the next ten years," said Bing Broderick, Community Organizer for Words as Worlds. "We appreciate this support and vote of confidence. We know that this will facilitate collaboration and partnership in the years ahead."

"We look forward to being a community staple in Boston," said Travis Lee, President of TLee Development LLC. "Words as Worlds will provide a curated and culturally relevant book selection to residents of the Dorchester neighborhood, as well as a small space for spoken word performances. The community has expressed overwhelming support for this new addition to the neighborhood, and we all look forward to its opening this fall."

"This investment in affordable commercial space for Jean Appolon Expressions and Words as Worlds is so important, because it allows for these organizations to provide programming that is accessible to community members in a way that is sustainable over the long-term," said Kara Elliott-Ortega, Chief of Arts and Culture. "Investing in cultural spaces and housing goes hand in hand with creating healthy communities, and we're so excited to see the opportunities these organizations will be able to provide for community gathering, cultural celebration, and creative expression in the Dorchester and Roxbury neighborhoods as a result of this funding."

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## Small Businesses

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Assistance Fund is an exciting

opportunity to support the local, small, diverse businesses that are so integral to Boston's economy," said Segun Idowu, Chief of Economic Opportunity and Inclusion. "This program is an

important step in supporting our small business community and addressing the need for affordable commercial spaces in the City."

The Mayor's Office of Hous-

ing (MOH) currently prioritizes applications for commercial spaces that are either on the first floor or contribute to an active street space and proposals that can demonstrate significant

community and neighborhood ties for the proposed tenants. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until June 30, 2023.

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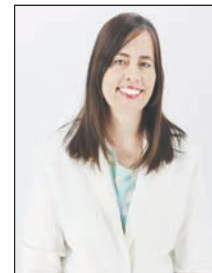
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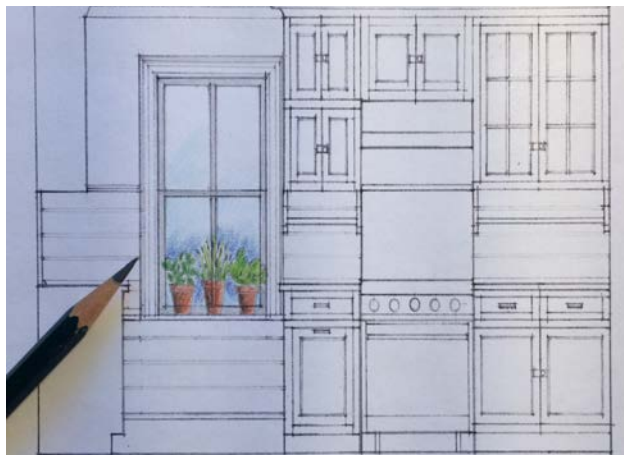
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Division 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF CONSERVATOR'S ACCOUNT Docket No. SU20P1625PM In the matter of: Andrea Moynihan Of: Jamaica Plain, MA To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, you are hereby notified pursuant to Rule 72 of the Supplemental Rules of the Probate & Family Court, that the First Annual account(s) of Public Guardian Services of Braintree, MA as Conservator of the property of said Respondent has or have been presented to the Court for allowance. You have the right to object to the account(s). If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 05/18/2023. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to object to the account(s). If you fail to file the written appearance and objection by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you, including the allowance of the account(s). Additionally, within thirty days after said return day (or within such other time as the Court upon motion may order), you must file a written affidavit of objections stating the specific facts and grounds upon which each objection is based and a copy shall be served upon the Conservator pursuant to Rule 3 of the Supplemental Rules of the Probate & Family Court. You have the right to send to the Conservator, by registered or certified mail, a written request to receive a copy of the Petition and account(s) at no cost to you.

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person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.  
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Andrea Moynihan  
A Petition for Order of Complete Settlement has been filed by Public Guardian Services of Braintree, MA requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account as Temporary Conservator and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.

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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J.

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A Petition for Order of Complete Settlement has been filed by Public Guardian Services of Braintree, MA requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.

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THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Division 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT Docket No. SU21P1813PM Estate of: James Brewer

A Petition for Order of Complete Settlement has been filed by Public Guardian Services, LLC of Braintree, MA requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.

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Dorothy A. Golbranson  
A Petition for Order of Complete Settlement has been filed by Public Guardian Services, LLC of Braintree, MA requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Division INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE Docket No. SU23P0730EA Estate of: Clinton Adrian Heitman

Also Known As: Clinton Adrian Heitman. Jr. And Clinton A. Heitman  
Date of Death: March 6, 2023  
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate by Petition of Petitioner John F. Murphy Jr. of Somerville, MA. A Will has been admitted to informal probate. John F. Murphy Jr. of Somerville, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to

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

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. C. 190B, §5-304 Docket No. SU23P0808GD Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300 In the matter of: Carlos Marrero Of: Jamaica Plain, MA RESPONDENT Alleged Incapacitated Person

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Lemuel Shattuck Hospital in the above captioned matter alleging that Carlos Marrero is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Stephanie Biggs of Boston, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve Without Surety on the bond. The petition asks the court to determine

that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority. You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 05/25/2023. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.  
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Probate And Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING DOCKET NUMBER: SU22D2090DR Rodolfo Canale Plaintiff

VS. Sookdei Canale Defendant  
To the Defendant: The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown. The Complaint is on file at the Court. As Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411. You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: Rodolfo Canale 330 Bowdoin St. Apt. 615 Boston, MA 02122, your answer, if any, on or before 05/23/2023. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court at 24 New Chardon St., Boston, MA 02114.

WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.  
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Probate And Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME Docket No. SU23C0196CA In the matter of: Robert Hale

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Nathan Robert Hale of Jamaica Plain, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: Athena Jeanne Zeiter  
**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Suffolk Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 05/18/2023. This is NOT a hearing date,

but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.  
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Division 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT Docket No. SU21P1572PM Estate of: Anne C. Burns Date of Death: 11/20/2013

A Petition for Order of Complete Settlement has been filed by Jonathan. M. Spirn of Waltham, MA requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.

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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.  
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# Funding slated for several Jamaica Plain youth programs

BY MICHAEL COUGHLIN JR.

Thanks to grants from Boston After School & Beyond, summer funding is potentially on the way to support programs serving kids in Jamaica Plain.

Some of the programs serving the youth in Jamaica Plain slated to receive funding this summer include ACEDONE, Bikes Not Bombs, the Bethel Institute for Community Development, and Sociedad Latina.

The aforementioned Boston After School & Beyond – an organization with a network of 475 after school and summer programs that focus on supporting children outside of school – is helping make this funding possible through a Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) program.

This DESE program was created to help youth in Massachusetts recover from the setbacks caused by COVID and is called After School and Out-of-School Time Rebound (ASOST-R).

As part of this program, the state selected non-profit organizations – like Boston After School & Beyond – in six different regions across Massachusetts to distribute grants to after school and summer programs in their regions.

As part of the selection from the state Boston After School & Beyond has been able to fund 68 programs throughout the City of Boston – including these Jamaica Plain programs.

In order to receive these grants, programs had to meet certain criteria, such as serving kids at least three days a week, committing to measuring program performance and focusing on improving students' skills.

Chris Smith, Boston After School & Beyond's Executive Director – described the importance of these grants, especially to the kids as we move out of the COVID pandemic.

"Our data shows, and of course, national data shows,

that kids are struggling coming out of the pandemic. Especially with mental health, and many of them have fallen behind academically," said Smith.

"After school programs are very well suited to help these kids recover," he added.

Although Smith praised the ASOST-R program, he indicated that this sort of funding is something that should continue for years to come. He also might get his wish as State Representative Adrian Madaro recently co-sponsored two amendments to increase funding for after school and summer programs.

"Its worked incredibly well – we want to keep it going. Every young person should have access to a high-quality after school and summer program – it shouldn't be based just on their income or their connections," said Smith.

With summer funding for these Jamaica Plain programs slated to be coming in, those affiliated with the programs spoke about what this funding will do for them and expressed how valuable Boston After School & Beyond funding has been in the past.

Maria Grande, the Director of Development at Sociedad Latina, expressed how valuable funding has been for her organization. She said, "This funding has been incredibly valuable in ensuring that our young people can continue to access programs that build community, foster positive mental health, are a safe, brave environment, and stems learning loss from COVID – especially for English learners."

Grande indicated that the slated funding would go towards Sociedad Latina's summer STEAM team and Academy for Latines Achieving Success and help its health and wellness initiative.

Kalya Hamlett Murray, Executive Director of the Bethel Institute for Community Development, echoed Grande's sentiment about the funding from

Boston After School & Beyond, calling it "invaluable."

Murray also explained that this summer's potential funding would go toward things like field trips, salaries, evaluation, curriculum, and supplies.

"We are looking forward to a fun summer that will include hydroponics, robotics and coding, the circulatory system and cardiology, environmental health, and justice, crime scene investigation and forensics, and more," said Murray.

Elijah Evans, the Executive Director of Bikes Not Bombs, explained that the potential funding coming in would be used to help support its youth pathways program, which this year will employ over 40 young people with paid jobs.

"They get a significant amount of training, professional development, and just more broadly in terms of our model

over three years, they develop a plan and some skills and confidence that will really propel them forward," said Evans – who graduated from the youth pathways program himself almost 20 years ago.

"Boston After School & Beyond – phenomenal organization. We got support from them years ago, and then with all the transitions, we lost touch and then reconnected with them the last couple of school years – they've been a phenomenal partner."

Abdulkadir Hussein, the CEO of ACEDONE, said, "Boston After School & Beyond has been very much a good partner with us. We have been working together for a number of years now."

Hussein also described how the potential funding from Boston After School & Beyond would enable ACEDONE to increase its enrollment so more kids can

join the programs they offer that focus on integrating education, culture, and enrichment to help kids build social skills and become leaders.

To learn more about some of the programs projected to get funding serving kids in Jamaica Plain, visit each website.

ACEDONE: <https://www.acedone.org/>

Bikes Not Bombs: <https://bikesnotbombs.org/>

Bethel Institute for Community Development: <https://www.bethel-institute.org/>

Sociedad Latina: <https://www.sociedadlatina.org/>

"We helped advocate for this grant at the state level, knowing that kids needed just what after school programs provide – which is a safe place, with caring adults, and an activity that they're interested in so they keep coming and stay connected," said Smith.

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# TWDC summer camps are coming soon

By MICHAEL COUGHLIN JR.

As summer creeps closer and you wonder what might be around the neighborhood to provide your children with some fun, look no further than the upcoming summer camps that the Tony Williams Dance Center (TWDC) will offer.

Since 2006 TWDC has been offering summer camps to kids in and around Jamaica Plain who may find themselves interested in doing some dancing, and this year is no exception.

For five weeks – two weeks in July and three in August – the camps will allow all kids, regard-

less of skill level, to get their feet moving and do some dancing.

“It’s for kids that have not danced and kids that have danced,” said Tony Williams, Founder & Artistic Director of TWDC. He added, “You could be a beginner and still get a lot out of the camp, or you could be someone that has experience.”

Each week of camp runs Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and offers various activities for children ages six through 14, and kids are usually broken up into groups by age – Williams mentioned a six to 11-year-old group and 12 to 14-year-old group.



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Kids enjoying past TWDC summer camps.

Each day – Monday through Thursday – the kids have blocks of time cut out for different dance lessons taught by professional staff ranging from tap, ballet, jazz, to even hip-hop. These lessons throughout most of the week will then be used to construct a performance for the participants’ families on Friday.

“Each group of kids will do three or four different dances that they will perform for their families and friends at the end of the week,” said Williams.

“It’s a nice bonding experience for the kids.”

Not only do the kids who participate in the camps get the opportunity to learn different dance styles and perform at the end of the week, but they also get to help make the costumes for the performance during arts and crafts time.

“It’s not anything fancy or expensive, but sometimes it’s just working with colored paper that you can cut out and make into, let’s say, a tiara or something like that,” said Williams.

Furthermore, Williams also indicated that each week of these camps is different in that depending on the instructors who are in, there could be even more dance styles to learn.

“We might have other dance styles like Mexican folk dance, traditional folk dance, or African



dance,” said Williams – so kids are welcome to sign up for more than one week.

The specific camp dates are from July 10-14, July 17-21, August 7-11, August 21-25, and August 28-September 1. One week of the camp costs \$450, and a discount of \$40 for each additional week is offered, as well as a \$40 discount for each sibling.

It should be noted that the TWDC website says, “No double discount combinations, i.e., a sibling for a second week may not get \$40 + \$40 off for each week.”

For Williams, who has been around dance since he was an adolescent, dancing for places like the Boston Ballet, the Norwegian National Ballet, and more, having these camps is something he seems to really enjoy.

“It’s just enriching for me to have these kids come in to meet other kids, and they become close friends, and they bond together,” said Williams.

“It’s sort of exciting not just for the kids themselves but even for me as the director or the owner of the school.”

Williams encourages those who are interested in the camps to come and sign up.

“It’s a good opportunity to see what dance is all about, and we find that most of the kids that come to the camp that are new to dance – they sign up in the fall to start to study more intensively and seriously,” said Williams.

To learn more about the TWDC summer camps, visit <http://tonywilliamsdancecenter.com/summer/>.

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# Mayor Wu announces registration for BCYF teen summer programming

STAFF REPORT

Mayor Michelle Wu and Boston Centers for Youth & Families (BCYF) announced that registration is open for a variety of summer teen programs. Building on Mayor Wu's commitment to make Boston the best city in the country to raise a family, these programs foster youth employment and life skills while providing youth with fun summer activities. Boston teens can register now for the BCYF Snap Shot photography program through the City of Boston's Summer Jobs Program, SuccessLink. Registration for the BCYF SuperTeens pre-employment program for young teens opens today. The BCYF Girls Leadership Corps is also now seeking participants for this year's programming.

"These summer opportunities enable teens to learn crucial life skills, while enjoying the company of their peers," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "Summer programming, especially opportunities like these that provide a paycheck, help prepare our teens for the future and I encourage any interested families to apply and take advantage of what BCYF has to offer."

"We have put together a diverse menu of options for young

people of all ages this summer across all our centers and we are looking forward to providing these enriching and engaging summer programs," said Marta Rivera, Commissioner of Boston Centers for Youth & Families. "We encourage interested families to sign up as soon as possible to guarantee a spot."

"Summer workshops, programs, and employment are fantastic opportunities for our young people to stay engaged, make new friends, and learn new skills," said Council President Ed Flynn. "I want to thank the BCYF team for putting together a variety of different programs for our young people. Summer programming brings tremendous benefits to our young people's physical and mental well-being, and I encourage our families and young people, especially young women, to join leadership programs to learn about community service, teamwork, accountability, and financial literacy."

BCYF's Snap Shot Teen Photography program is a unique summer job program for ages 16 to 18 that introduces participants to all aspects of photography. Teens receive a paycheck while participating in the program. Led by a professional photographer, the program includes opportunities to conduct

photo shoots, visit museums and art galleries, learn digital photo editing, engage in online personal development workshops, and serve as a staff photographer for BCYF. Interested youth should apply to Snap Shot through the SuccessLink Summer Jobs Program at [Boston.gov/Youth-Jobs](http://Boston.gov/Youth-Jobs). Select "BCYF Snap Shot" from the summer job spreadsheet on the website. The program will operate from Monday, June 26 to Friday, August 25, 2023.

BCYF SuperTeens program teaches teens ages 13 and 14 life readiness and resiliency to help prepare them for their upcoming academic year and future employment. The program focuses on opportunities to enhance communication, collaboration, teamwork, and problem solving. The SuperTeens are mentored by BCYF staff throughout the summer, and they participate in both online workshops and in-person job shadowing activities that highlight employment

skills. The SuperTeens also participate in weekly social and recreational activities, including a Learn to Row crew program on the Charles River, leadership workshops, job shadowing, community service projects as well as field trips to museums and institutions around the City of Boston. Participants earn a paycheck in the form of a stipend, and they will also be provided with opportunities that encourage civic engagement and physical health and wellness. Registration began today at [Boston.gov/BCYF-SuperTeens](http://Boston.gov/BCYF-SuperTeens). The program will operate for 6 weeks from Monday, July 10 to Friday, August 18, 2023.

BCYF Girls Leadership Corps (GLC) provides girls ages 11-14 with workshops and activities. Workshop topics will include self-defense with Girls LEAP, leadership skills, empowerment with the YW F.R.Y.E. Initiative, and more. The Girls Leadership Corps program participants will

plan activities that Boston girls will be invited to register for, including Summer Girls Nights and various workshops and special activities. Interested program participants should email [Erika.Butler@boston.gov](mailto:Erika.Butler@boston.gov). The program will operate from Tuesday, July 18 to Friday, August 18, 2023.

These teen programs are in addition to many activities offered at BCYF community centers across the city. Registration for center programs can be found at [Boston.gov/BCYF-Registration](http://Boston.gov/BCYF-Registration). In addition, BCYF is currently seeking full-time, part-time, and seasonal lifeguards for BCYF pools and swim lessons. Sign on and retention bonuses up to \$1,000 are available, depending on date of hire and remaining employed through September 4th. Training is available and equipment is provided. Visit [Boston.gov/BCYF-Aquatics](http://Boston.gov/BCYF-Aquatics) for more information or apply directly at [Boston.gov/Lifeguard-Jobs](http://Boston.gov/Lifeguard-Jobs).

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## EDITORIAL

# Antisemitism has no place in our society

As we were reading about the federal court trial that is getting underway this week of the 50 year-old Pennsylvania man charged with fatally shooting 11 people and wounding six at a Pittsburgh synagogue in 2018, which was the deadliest antisemitic attack in U.S. history, we at first felt a sense of irony -- which then turned to sadness -- and finally into anger.

Irony, because this miscreant's trial follows Holocaust Remembrance Week, which was observed last week (Holocaust Remembrance Day itself was last Tuesday) throughout the world.

Sadness, for the innocent victims of his rampage, most of whom were elderly worshippers, whose lives were taken at the Tree of Life synagogue on the morning of Oct. 27, 2018.

And anger, that antisemitism not only still exists, but is growing all across our country.

When we were young, the typical antisemitic act consisted of a rock thrown through the window of a temple or some ant-semitic graffiti. But those acts of vandalism typically were committed by teens who had been drinking, and who were as likely to throw rocks through a school window as a synagogue.

But in recent years, antisemitic violence has escalated exponentially, both in numbers and in severity, of which the Tree of Life mass shooting is the apotheosis.

The Anti Defamation League (ADL) found that the number of antisemitic incidents in the U.S. increased by more than 36 percent in the past year, from 2,721 in 2021 to 3,697 in 2022. Antisemitic and white supremacist propaganda in the U.S. also hit new levels. According to the ADL's web site, 2022 saw the highest number on record since the ADL began tracking antisemitic incidents in 1979, marking the third time in the past five years that the year-end total has been the highest number ever recorded.

The ADL also noted that incidents increased in each of the major audit categories: antisemitic harassment increased 29% to 2,298; antisemitic vandalism increased 51% to 1,288; and antisemitic assaults increased 26% to 111.

This trend is having a profound effect upon our fellow citizens of the Jewish faith.

A New Jersey rabbi wrote a column in the New York Times over the weekend in which he said::

"In the four years since the shooting at the Tree of Life Congregation in Pittsburgh, American Jewish institutions have developed rapid-response playbooks to address concrete terror threats and best practices have been shared around the country. We have invested in our security infrastructure and communicated those changes to our congregants. Over the past few years we've added cameras, panic buttons, shatterproof film to our windows, and boulders meant to keep cars from plowing into our buildings."

For those of us who were born shortly after the end of WWII, it is inconceivable that antisemitism can be on the rise. To be sure, antisemitism always has existed in our country, but when we were growing up in the '60s and '70s in the immediate aftermath of WWII and the Holocaust, it seemed that the lessons of the horrors of WWII had been learned and that the world was becoming a better place, not only for Jews, but for people of all races and creeds.

So it has been with a profound sense of sadness, dismay, and anger for us to witness the sharp increase in antisemitic acts across the United States today.

The theme of Holocaust Remembrance Week is that the world must never forget what can happen when hate and politics merge to create a force of evil. That is a message that is just as timely today as it ever has been.

## Healey-Driscoll Administration highlights 100 days of making Massachusetts more affordable, competitive and equitable

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

Governor Maura T. Healey and Lieutenant Governor Kimberley Driscoll's 100th day in office was on April 15, and they are highlighting their key accomplishments to make Massachusetts more affordable, competitive and equitable.

In addition to building out a strong team of cabinet members, the administration filed its first budget and tax package that propose historic investments in education, transportation and climate and deliver relief for seniors, renters and families. Governor Healey also swiftly followed through on key pledges, such as establishing a housing secretariat and proposing an expanded Child and Family Tax Credit, free community college for students over 25, full funding of the Student Opportunity Act, one percent of the budget for the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs and tripling the budget of the Clean Energy Center.

And when faced when a radical ruling from a federal court judge in Texas that threatened reproductive freedom in Massachusetts, Governor Healey took immediate action to protect access to medication abortion in the state.

"As we pass the 100-day mark of our administration, our entire team is just as energized and committed to delivering results as we were on Day One. I'm proud that we hit the ground running, building out a strong Cabinet of experienced, dedicated leaders who share our drive to meet this moment for Massachusetts," said Governor Healey. "We've made important progress on housing, food security, transportation, climate and education, and we've brought new voices to the table and gotten out into communities to meet people where they are. There's much more work to be done to make Massachusetts more affordable, competitive and equitable, but we've set a solid foundation in these first 100 days that we will continue to build on in the years to come."

"100 days goes by in the blink

of an eye when you're busy working for the people of Massachusetts all day every day. We knew when we took office that the challenges before us were daunting, but that there was enormous opportunity as well," said Lieutenant Governor Driscoll. "We're proud to have made important strides in making Massachusetts a better place to live, work, go to school, raise a family and build a future. In the days, months and years ahead, we're not going to let up steam. We're going to continue to hustle every day to deliver results for Massachusetts."

### Healey-Driscoll Administration 100 Days Highlights

The Healey-Driscoll administration filed a \$55.5 billion budget proposal and \$750 million tax relief package that builds a strong economy, livable communities, and a sustainable future by:

- Creating a Child and Family Tax Credit, increasing the rental deduction and senior circuit breaker, and reforming the estate and short-term capital gains tax to keep up with other states.
- Creating MassReconnect, which offers free community college to students over 25 years old and expanding Early College and Innovation Pathways programs.
- Dedicating 1% of the state's

overall budget to the Executive Office of Energy and Environment.

- Tripling investment in the Clean Energy Center, which is leading the way in clean energy entrepreneurship, job creation, and home electrification.

- Creating the Environmental Justice Office, led by the Undersecretary of Environmental Justice and Equity, and hiring 14 Environmental Justice Liaisons.

- Establishing a new Education and Transportation Fund to protect Fair Share revenue and maximize this new funding source.

- Fully funding the Student Opportunity Act for K-12 education, the largest dollar-amount increase in Massachusetts' K-12 schools in state history.

- Notifying municipalities of local aid funding levels early to give them a head start on planning to deploy these funds for residents.

- Freezing the tuition at the University of Massachusetts for four years and freezing fees at other state universities for four years.

- Fully supporting the Commonwealth Cares for Children (C3) to help child care providers keep the doors open and invest in programming and staff.

- Investing in transportation

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# Op-Ed

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across the state, including MBTA fares program, the Red-Blue connector, West-East Rail, and Regional Transit Authorities.

Governor Healey signed a \$389 supplemental budget for fiscal year 2023 that combines many of the priorities the administration outlined in three separate bills filed by the Governor, including:

- Investments in C3 grants, MassWorks, the Clean Water Trust, RAFT, broadband infrastructure, a reproductive health services awareness campaign, the NAACP Conference, and support for the public health workforce ahead of the end of the COVID-19 public health emergency.
- Matching grants to compete for federal dollars through the CHIPS and Science Act.
- Funding for the state's housing shelter system to support families and children.
- Universal school meals through the end of the 2023 school year to make sure kids can focus on learning in the classroom instead of worrying about hunger.
- A three month off ramp for the end of enhanced federal SNAP benefits, providing families with 40% of the previous federal benefit to help keep food on the table.

Governor Healey announced the appointment of a new, experienced transit leader as MBTA General Manager and took steps to improve transparency and ad-

dress staffing shortages at the MBTA, including:

- Launched an online safety dashboard to provide transparency around the status of FTA special directives, as well as an online speed restrictions dashboard.
- Implemented \$7,500 sign-on bonuses for all eligible positions across the MBTA (Bus Operators, Rail Repairers, Track Laborers, Streetcar Operators, Subway Train Operators, Service Technicians and Fuelers) and proposed \$20 million for recruitment and retention efforts in a supplemental budget.
- Established a technical working group to identify process improvements at CRRC to expedite car delivery and improve safety.

By Executive Order, Governor Healey:

- Appointed the nation's first cabinet-level Climate Chief to lead the new Office of Climate Innovation and Resilience and established a Climate Cabinet.
- Established a Housing Working Group to examine the structure of the administration's new Housing Secretariat.
- Established Governor's Councils on Black Empowerment and Latino Empowerment.
- Reconstituted a historically diverse and talented Judicial Nominating Commission.
- Led the Executive Branch to conduct equity assessments.

The Healey-Driscoll administration also:

- Joined the multistate Reproductive Freedom Alliance, stockpiled mifepristone and issued an Executive Order protect-

ing access to medication abortion and protection for patients and providers.

- Filed a supplemental budget for fiscal year 2024 that extends universal school meals through the end of 2024 school year and explores how to keep the program running long-term, invests in MBTA hiring, and makes preparations for the end of the COVID-19 health emergency.

- Launched a \$50 million grant program to fund decarbonization retrofits of existing low or moderate-income residential buildings.

- Created the Office of Federal and Regional Energy Affairs to promote regional cooperation and advocate for advancing the state's clean energy transition with federal, state, and other stakeholders.

- Created the position of Director of Federal Funds and Infrastructure to drive and support the state and municipalities' competition for federal funding and convened an Interagency Task Force.

- Filed and worked with the Legislature to establish the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities.

- Created the position of Director of Rural Affairs to serve as a dedicated advocate and ombudsman for rural communities, responsible for cultivating rural economic development to ensure that state government is attuned to the unique needs of rural communities.

- Appointed the state's first Secretary of the newly established Executive Office of Veterans' Services.

- Announced 9 new early college programs including the first partnership with UMass to expand access to high schools.

- Created the Office of Environmental Justice and Equity and the Office of Federal and Regional Energy Affairs.

- Announced a Director of Data Initiatives to strategize the state's economic growth and launched a Future Skills awareness campaign to connect talent with employers.

- Established the Municipal Cybersecurity Awareness program to fund 177 cities and towns with cybersecurity training.

The following Op-ed was written by the Healey Driscoll offices.

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