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Dear Friend,
I hope that everyone had a fun and safe summer. The month of July was very busy in the State House as we worked to close out formal sessions for the summer. The Joint Committee on Public Health completed a number of hearings on important issues and reported a number of bills favorably for consideration by the membership. I have also been out and about in the district and was pleased to meet many of you who also enjoyed the summer weather and the opportunity to be outdoors. Please note that I have posted office/coffee hours in the district and hope that you will take advantage of the opportunities to meet with me informally to talk about any issues that you may have or to just stop by and say hello. Additionally, I have been posting regularly on the JP Patch Web site about legislation and initiatives in our community such as the recent installation of security cameras in the Jackson Square area.

In a new initiative, I partnered with Captain Russell and the officers of District E-13 to take neighborhood youth fishing at Jamaica Pond this month. Captain Russell is new to E-13 and he is very excited about creating this opportunity to do something fun with the kids in our community along with officers under his command at E-13. Additionally, I am proud to announce the schedule for my eighth annual Back to School Jam that I present every year at three locations in the district. The jams are always great events and an opportunity to help get our kids excited about the school year while bringing our community together for fun educational activities and of course food and fellowship.

This year my Back to School Jam Dates were on September 12th at Bromley Heath, September 14th at Brookline High Street Veterans Housing, and September 15th at Mission Main. All three events are from 2:30-4:30pm. Rain dates are 19th, 21st, and 22nd. Children, their parents, and their grandparents are especially welcome, though it is a time for the whole community to come together to share in a barbeque, enjoy the music of DJ Jose Masso, enter a raffle to win a bike, backpack or other great prize, and for everyone to learn about healthy alternatives. My partners this year are the kid's arts and cultural organization El Jolgorio, Northeastern University, Wentworth Institute of Technology, Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Science, Astra Zeneca, and the Harvard medical School Family Van.

Upon meeting with recently assigned District E-13 commander Captain Russell I learned of the captain's interest in getting together with neighborhood kids interested in fishing as a way to have fun and to reach out to our community. Captain Russell asked me if I would like to join him and we scheduled three dates in August to hang out with kids from our community and try and catch some fish from Jamaica Pond. This is a new fun summer activity for our youth and we had great times fishing, eating pizza and hanging out together.

Another fun summer activity for youth in our community was the Sanchez/Ross One Mission Softball League that Mike Ross has coordinated for us for the past five years. On Wednesdays we got together at the ball field adjacent to the Tobin School on Smith St. with youth from organizations such as Sociedad Latina, Mission Safe, Roxbury Tenants of Harvard, and the Tobin Community Center to play a weekly competitively friendly game of softball and share a barbeque. This year's sponsors of the Sanchez/Ross One Mission Softball League were Northeastern University, Massachusetts College of Art and Design, Wentworth Institute of Technology, Harvard School of Public Health, and the Mission Bar and Grill.

I have also been busy with important issues in our community relative to public health and safety. A recent public safety initiative that I championed along with the MBTA and Boston Police District E-13 is the installation of security cameras in Jackson Square. This summer, there have been an increasing number of assaults in the Southwest Corridor near the Jackson Square MBTA station stop. There have been at least 12 assaults in this particular area. Consequently, many of my constituents have called me to express that they feel that it is important to install security cameras near the Jackson Square MBTA station to document criminal activity and as a result hopefully deter crime. The cameras are installed and hope I am confident that they will both deter and help solve violent criminal activity in the Jackson square area.

More than ever, with the installation of these cameras, I believe that we all must continue to work together to reduce violent crime and I would like to continue to see the clear, passionate, hands-on commitment from all community members to deter all crime in our community.

A final piece of business is my district office/coffee hours. The monthly district office/coffee hours will be held on a rotating basis in the neighborhoods of Jamaica Plain, Mission Hill, Roslindale, and Brookline. On Monday, September 12 from 8-9 AM my Roslindale coffee hour will be held at Sugar which is located at 4174 Washington Street in Roslindale; on Monday October 17 from 8-9 AM my Brookline coffee hour will be held at Sealy's Lunch which is located at 147 Cypress Street in Brookline; on Monday November 11 from 8-9 AM my Jamaica Plain coffee hour will be held at Oriental which is located at 416 Centre Street in Jamaica Plain; and on Monday, December 12, from 8-9 AM I will be at Mike's Donuts, Donuts which is located at 1524-A Tremont Street in Mission Hill. Check the events calendar below and your local news outlets for updates and please come by, have some coffee, and check in with me relative to legislation or issues in the district.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact my office with any questions, comments, or concerns.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours in Service,



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The last two months of formal legislative sessions for the summer have been very fruitful for the legislature. Important pieces of legislation include passing a balanced budget, alimony reform, and the designation of a sales tax holiday.

Each year the legislature works through the process of crafting a balanced annual state budget that takes an enormous amount of time and effort. This year I and my colleagues in the legislature passed a \$30.6 billion budget agreement, Chapter 68, *An Act Making Appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2012*, which was approved by the Governor, July 11th. While the last several years have been challenging, the legislature has remained committed to maintaining and supporting vital initiatives while exercising fiscal responsibility.

Although our state continues to face a daunting fiscal crisis, public health programs ensure that the health and quality of life of our citizens are not sacrificed. As a long-standing supporter for the development, health, and safety of young people across the state, I included \$12.5 million for youth violence prevention programs to give our youth the tools they need to change the direction of their lives. Funding supports a range of programs that have successfully empowered communities to reach out to young people to turn away from crime and violence and to become thriving individuals. Initiatives funded vary from after school programs to job training to GED and high school classes and mentoring support for teenagers.

The goal of these multi-faceted programs is to give our youth the tools to change the direction of their lives. I also supported an additional \$10 million in funding for the remaining 2011 fiscal year for programs targeted at reducing youth violence among young individuals at highest risk of being perpetrators or victims of gun violence. Youth violence prevention grants are the economic drivers of our community and build future leaders. And it is our responsibility as elected officials to ensure that our communities are safe and that our youth have the opportunity to succeed.

Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program's Barbara McInnis House, the state's only medical respite program for the homeless, will no longer receive the anticipated 25% reimbursement rate cut to MassHealth, a rate cut would have led to a 25% reduction in the program's budget. I advocated for the successful inclusion of an amendment to ensure continuity of the McInnis House, which cares *for chronically homeless individuals who are among the MassHealth recipients with the highest utilization and costs. For years, this medical respite program has sought better ways to improve quality while reducing costs and excessive utilization of costly emergency department and hospital visits*

I also advocated for other important programs that will directly affect my district. These include housing reforms programs such as Emergency Assistance which will reduce the reliance on shelter and hotels/motels and to help families find permanent affordable housing. Another of these programs that I championed is the Massachusetts Rental Voucher Program, which received an increase in funding for Fiscal Year 2012 over 2011. This program provides a permanent improvement in the lives of low-income families and individuals by offering both tenant- and project-based rental subsidies.

Another important area of funding that will affect my district is education. The special education circuit breaker has been funded at \$213 million compared to \$80 million in Fiscal Year 2011. This increase in funding will allow for a significant improvement in the quality of special education.

JOINT COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE

July was a busy month for the Joint Committee on Public Health. The Committee held two Executive Sessions and 33 bills were reported favorably out of Committee.



"An act supporting the practice of primary care in the

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commonwealth,” which I filed, was reported unanimously. The bill maximizes the role of physician assistants and nurse practitioners in order to improve access to care for patients and free up physicians’ time for complicated cases requiring their expertise. As the Commonwealth moves forward in payment reform, it is crucial that we have a strong primary care workforce that can ensure all our residents are healthy and have access to quality care.

The Committee also reported “An act reducing medical errors and improving patient safety,” another bill I filed, which addresses systemic issues that affect patient safety by encouraging honest, open communication and evaluation of care among health care providers. As the dialogue about payment reform in Massachusetts moves toward basing payment on value and not volume, these issues of patient safety and quality become even more important. This bill will help to find the right balance so that the coordination, efficiency, and quality of health care can all be improved in this process.

Other bills reported favorably in July included “An Act to eliminate racial and ethnic health disparities in the Commonwealth,” “An Act to establish community based grant programs to eliminate racial and ethnic health disparities in the Commonwealth,” “An Act to increase routine screening for HIV,” “An Act to Promote Prevention and Wellness Through a Public Health Trust,” “An Act relative to a Transfusion Related Acute Lung registry,” “An Act relative to premature infant hospital discharge and quality improvement,” “An Act restricting the sale of tobacco products at locations where health professionals are employed,” “An Act establishing a voluntary rehabilitation program for pharmacists and pharmacy interns,” “An Act to provide survivorship plans and wellness resources for cancer patients,” “An Act relative to the modernization of optometric patient care,” “An Act adopting the Revised Uniform Anatomical Gift Act,” “An Act relative to the registration of podiatrists,” “An act relative to enhancing the practice of nurse midwives,” and “An Act establishing a board of registration in naturopathy.”

As always, we encourage your input as we hear bills this legislative session. We accept testimony both in written correspondence and in person during the hearings. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at my office.



**COMMUNITY EVENTS & HAPPENINGS
MISSION HILL**

**Adult Book Discussions
Friends of the Parker Hill Branch Library
Meeting:**

- **2nd Thursday of every month**, 6-7:30pm, Parker Hill Branch Library - Young Adult Room, 1497 Tremont St. For more information, call:617- 427-3820.

Mission Hill Neighborhood Housing Services Board of Directors:

- **First Monday of every month** 6-7:30 p.m., Mission Church Parish Center, 1545 Tremont St. For more information, call 617-566-6565.

Mission Hill Crime Committee:

- **Last Thursday of every month**, 7 p.m., Mission Church Music Room, 1545 Tremont St.

Mission Main Tenant Task Force:

- **Third Monday of each month**, 6-8 p.m., Mission Main Community Room, 43 Smith St. For more information, contact 617-708-8515.

Mission Hill Farmers Market:

- **Every Thursday**, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. there will be a farmers market in Hanlon Square (735 Huntington Ave). To learn more, stop by the market.

Parker Hill Branch Library:

- The library offers community programs for students and adults. Visit the library for one of its events (listed below) at 1497 Tremont St. Info: 617-427-3820.

Toddler Storytime:

- **Tuesdays**, 10:30 a.m. Stories for kids ages 2 – 3 years with an adult.

Creative Drama Class:

- **Mon-Thursday**, 3:30-5:30 p.m. Ann Adams of Library Creative Drama holds classes

Domestic Violence Community Advocacy Program:

- Renewal House is open for walk in appointments on **Wednesdays**, from 10-2 p.m., 10 Putnam Street in Roxbury (First Church in Roxbury—big white church on the hill near Roxbury Crossing T station or Dudley Station). If you would like to make an appointment, please contact Ada at 617-277-4194.

Tobin Community Center Memberships:

- 1481 Tremont Street, Info: 617-635-5216. Community Center membership: family & adults = \$20, teens = \$10, 12 and under = \$5

Free Parent-Child Playgroups:

- Offered by Boston Public Schools for toddlers at the Tobin Community Center. Registration is ongoing for 1- 3 year olds and their caregivers. Several dates and times are available. For more information, call 617-756-9492.

Full-Day Preschool Childcare:

- DEEC-licensed program for children ages 2.9-5 years. Private and subsidized slots are available, vouchers are accepted. For more information, contact 617-756-9492.

Teen Programming:

- Homework help, sports, chess club, computer lab and more all available for free with membership. Please contact 617-756-9492.

Zumba

- **Tuesdays**, 6:30 to 7:30pm. Get a good workout while moving to Latin-inspired dance routine., \$7.00 per class, non-members; \$5.00 per class with membership

Girl Scouts:

- **Wednesdays** from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. 2nd and 3rd grade girls can join a Brownie Troop at the Tobin on call for more information: 857-453-5346

Women's Workout

- **Mondays & Wednesdays** 6:15 to 7:00. Learn self-defense and get fit!. Call: 617-635-5216 to sign up

Karate Lessons:

- **Mondays and Wednesdays** for children ages 6-17 years for \$20 plus membership. Please contact 617-756-9492.

Adult Yoga:

- For anyone 18+, relax, stretch, and unwind on Mondays 6:15 to 7:00. Call 617-635-5216 to enroll

Computer Lab Access:

- **Monday-Friday**, 11-12 p.m. for adults and Friday 2-5pm for teens.

SAT/PSAT/ACT Prep 3-4

- Monday through Thursday. Please contact 617-756-9492.

Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, 280 The Fenway:

- Free admission offered to members of the military and their families through Labor Day, Sept. 6!

Gardner After Hours:

- **Third Thursdays**, 5-9p.m. Cutting edge art, music, performances, cocktails, and more! Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, 280 The Fenway. For more information, visit: www.gardnermuseum.org.

Gardner Sunday Concert Series:

- Young classical artists featured from around the world, \$23, general admission; \$18, seniors; \$15 members; \$10, college students; \$5, children 5-17. For more information, visit: www.gardnermuseum.org.

Sociedad Latina's Music Club House:

Recording Studio:

- **Fridays 1-5p.m.; Saturdays 11-3p.m.** Sociedad Latina's Music Club House has a high-quality recording studio available for the community, 153 Tremont St. For more information and scheduling, contact Hernando Buitrago at 617-442-4299/www.sociedadlatina.org, or 617-522-5386.

Performance groups:

- Students from Berklee College of Music organize youth into ensembles and give meaningful feedback for performances and recordings

Music Classes:

- Group classes taught by professionals can accommodate up to 6 students between ages 8-21 years. Classes are 1 hour a week and continue for 6 weeks. Drums are Mondays from 5-6 p.m.; voice lessons are Wednesdays from 5-6 p.m.; keyboard lessons are Thursdays from 5-6 p.m.; guitar lessons are Saturdays from 12-1 p.m.; and beat making is Saturdays at 12 p.m. For more information or to register, contact Hernando Buitrago at 617-442-4299. www.sociedadlatina.org or 617-522-5386.

Free Fitness Classes at RTH:

- Aerobics classes are held Saturdays, 9:00 a.m. and yoga classes are held 9:45 a.m., Parks Community Building, 2 New Whitney Street. For more information, contact Laura Adams 617-566-4025, ladams@roxburytenants.org.

Learn How to Quit Smoking for Good:

- Dana-Farber Cancer institute is offering weekly classes with flexible schedules at \$10 per session. Dana-Farber Cancer institute, 44 Binney St. For more info, contact 617-632-2099, www.dana-farber.org/quit-smoking-class.

Want to quit smoking?:

- Thomas M. Menino, Mayor of Boston and the Boston Public Health Commission, in collaboration with the Massachusetts Smokers' Helpline (operated by JSI Research and Training Institute, Inc). Call for a Quit Plan and free supply of nicotine patches. Call 1-800-QUIT-NOW or 1-800-784-8669.

Grief Support Services:

- **2nd and 4th Tuesdays**, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m., Samaritans provide services for community members who have lost loved ones to suicide, including the support group SafePlace, JCRT Radiology Conference Room, 5th Floor, Shapiro Building at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. For more information, contact Kim Kates: 617-536-2460.

Creating Futures Program at the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences:

- The purpose of the Creating Futures program is to introduce high school students to rewarding careers in pharmacy, nursing, physician assistant studies, dental hygiene, radiography, nuclear medicine technology, and other health professions. *Creating Futures* is designed to meet the unique needs of our Boston high school students. There is a \$500 scholarship available to one graduate of this program. Free program begins Saturday, March 12, 2011. The online application is available at: <https://sites.google.com/a/my.mcphs.edu/mcphs-creating-futures-program/>

ABCD-Computer Class

- **Every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday** from 9:30-12:30. Child Injury Prevention Workshop 9-11am in English register (617) 445-6000

Mission SAFE

- Art Show 6-8 @TBA

Community Alliance of Mission Hill

- Meetings held every third Wednesday of each month, which can be accessed on the CAMH website.

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Forest Hills Educational Trust:

- Has posted a survey online to find out people's opinions about arts and humanities programming at Forest Hills Cemetery for planning purposes. To fill out a survey, go to: www.surveymonkey.com/s/ForestHillsTrustPlanningSurvey

Franklin Park:

Bicycle Tours of Roxbury:

- Franklin Park Coalition provides monthly rides May-September. This is a great way to get out in the fresh air and see everything Roxbury has to offer! All tours start or end in Franklin Park. \$10.00/ride. Sign up at <http://www.discoverroxbury.org/>; helmets required!

Saturday, August 20th 10:00am - *Roxbury Endurance Ride*

Saturday, September 24th 10:00am - *Frederick Law Olmsted's Roxbury*

Jamaica Plain Historical Society Walking Tours Begin May 7

- Please join the Historical Society for one of their free walking tours on Saturday mornings at 11:00. The 2011 tour season begins on May 7. All tours last about an hour, are free, and open to the public. Check out the [complete tour schedule](#) for more time and dates of tours.

Boston Public Library:

150th Anniversary of the Civil War

A city-wide commemoration of History. Exhibitions, tours, and programs will run May through December 2011.

- **Civil War Film Series, Monday July 11 at 6:00 p.m.:** *The Red Badge of Courage*
Rabb Room

Teen Services:

- Get a free library card by presenting a school or photo ID and something that has your address to any Boston Public Library. Your card allows you to have daily computer usage, a chance to borrow video games, books, CDS and DVDS, free museum passes, and more.
- The BPL teen blogs lets you know what's new in books, program and anything related to teens: bplteenblog.wordpress.com
- The BPL calendar at www.bpl.org/calendar lists free events like video gaming, anime club, poetry and craft workshops, summer reading programs with terrific prizes, and more.

Connolly Branch Library:

- **Wednesdays, 10:30am:** Children's Films. 433 Centre St. Info: 522-1960.
- **Month-Long Exhibit:** "We Shall Not Be Moved"-about the grassroots struggle against
- **Reading Readiness Spring Storytime:** Tuesdays, 10:30 am. Stories, songs, and playtime for children ages 2-4.
- **Toddler Story-time:** Stories, songs and play for children ages 0-5. Tuesday starting July 5, 10:30 a.m. Groups please register.
- **"One World, Many Stories" Programs, Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m.:** Groups please register.
- **ReadBoston Storymobile, Thursdays, 11:15 a.m.:** Story Telling and Free Books for children.

JP Branch Library:

- **Thursdays, 6-8pm,** knitting group, all ages.
- **Fridays 3:45pm:** Creative Drama Class. Come have fun with improvisation, role-playing, and storytelling in this drop-in workshop for children ages 8-12. 12 Sedgwick St. Info: 524-2053.
- **The library offers community programs for students and adults. Visit the library for one of its events (listed below) at 433 Centre St. Info: 617-522-1960.**
- **Homework Assistance:**
- **Children's Films:Wednesdays,10:30 a.m.**Short, fun films for young children, groups welcome!
- **Reading Readiness Fall Story time:Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.**Stories & songs for kids ages 2 – 4 years with an adult. Please register beforehand!
- **Family to Family (F2F) in Spanish:** F2F 2010 Courses are offered by the affiliates throughout the state. Spanish program sponsored by the Veterans Administration. If interested please contact Valerie at ravnhammond@comcast.net.

Community for Arts and Sculptural Training

- **CASTBoston** facilitates arts education by providing programs and scholarships to teens and adults interested in exploring their artistic skills! **CASTBoston** offers afterschool programs and summer intensive workshops, along with sculptural training. Join now! Email info@stonybrookfinearts.com

Egleston Sq. Library:

- **Mondays, 11am:** preschool films. Call ahead to confirm.
- **Tuesdays, 10:30am:** Preschool Story time. Children must be accompanied by an adult.
- **Wednesdays, 5pm:** Game night.
- **Thursdays, noon:** Throw Back Thursdays, showing films from the 50s through the

early 80s.

Exhibits:

- **Boston Children's Museum**
- **Caterpillars of Eastern Mass. Now through September 10, 2011:** A photo exhibition by Sam Jaffe.

Dance Events:

- **Milky Way Lounge & Bella Luna**, Mango's Latin Dance Night, 9pm every Saturday. Ladies free before 10:30pm, \$5 after. Gents \$10. 21+. Game night with stump trivia on **Mondays at 8pm. First Thursdays of the month, at 9pm:** Rock Band Karaoke. Lesbian dance party **every Thursdays, at 9pm, cost \$8**, 21+. At the brewery complex, 284 Amory St. Contact information: milkywayjp.com.
- **Gender-Free/English Country Dance**, beginners welcome and encouraged. 2nd and 4th Tuesdays (5th Tuesdays: experienced) of the month, 7:30-11:30pm, First Church of JP, Unitarian Universalist, Centre and Eliot Streets. Info: lcfid.org/bgfe/512-5554.
- **Zumba classes** feature exotic rhythms set to high-energy Latin and international beats, such as salsa, merengue, reggaeton, cumbia, bachata, hip hop, West African and Arabian. Monday, 6pm to 7pm with Joya, Wednesdays, 6pm to 7pm with Nancy, \$10 per class or \$80 for 10 classes at Spontaneous Celebrations, 45 Danforth St. Info: 816-1369.
- **Shin Boep Class:** A combination of Martial Arts and meditation with roots in Zen Buddhism. Join the three-star black belt instructor Sebastian on Wednesday, 6pm to 7pm, and Sunday, 4pm-5 pm. \$25 registration, \$80 a month, or \$150 for two months at Spontaneous Celebrations, 45 Danforth St. Call Sebastian for more information: 617-429-8024

Youth/Families:

- **Swim League**, Boston Center For Youth & Families seeks youth participants ages 6-17 for a competitive swim league. Experience not necessary, but participants must be able to swim one length of the swimming pool, Hennigan Community Center, 200 Heath Street. For more information email: 635-5198/Bladimil.Pujols@cityofboston.gov.
- **Life Drawing**, drop in class, pay at the door, every Tuesdays, 7-9pm, The Eliot School of fine and Applied Arts, 24 Eliot St. info: eliotschool.org.
- **Art, Woodworking and Sewing, Bookbinding and more for Teens at the Eliot School**, classes start throughout the year. Days, evenings, weekends. The Eliot School of Fine and Applied Arts, 24 Eliot St. info/course listings: eliotschool.org.
- **Comics, Drawing and Paint, Sewing, and Tot Zone, art classes for children of all ages, Eliot School.** The Eliot School of Fine and Applied Arts, 24 Eliot St. info/course listings: eliotschool.org.
- **Learn to stilt walk** with Spontaneous Celebrations, 45 Danforth St. Sundays, 12-2pm, \$5. For more information call: 857-498-2438.
- **Hyde Square Task Force Programs**, Music Clubhouse Drop-In, ages 10-18, Mon.-Fri., 3-8pm; Open Dance Workshops, presented by the Hyde Square Task Force, Ages 10-13: Mondays, 5:30-6:30pm; 14-18: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:30-7:30pm. Info: Barbara, 524-8303. Cheverus Building, 365 Centre St. Call Aimee for more information at 524-8303 x312
- **Toddler Drum Circle**, Saturdays, 9:30am-10:30am. A weekly gathering of toddlers 1-5 and parents to play, dance and drum, coordinated by Cornell "Sugarfoot" Coley, Spontaneous Celebrations, 45 Danforth St., \$5 fee. Info: 617/298-1790/afrolatin@onebox.com.
- **After-School Teen Welding and Teen Jewelry Workshops** now available from 3-5pm on Mondays and Wednesdays at Stonybrook Fine Arts. Info: stonybrookfinearts.com.
- **New Moms Support Group.** This free, weekly support group, sponsored by the Center for Early Relationship Support of JF&CS, is open to new parents and babies (birth to one year old) of all faiths and races. Registration is NOT required. New parents benefit greatly from interacting and connecting with other parents in their community. Our groups, which are facilitated by trained and supervised leaders, provide an accessible and comfortable place for parents and their babies to come together St John's Episcopal Church, Revere St & Roanoke Ave, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130 Weekly on Thursdays at 10:30am-12:00pm
- **Homework Assistance Program.** Homework Assistance Program (HAP) is a no cost, peer-tutoring program available at all Boston Public Library locations every day that the Boston Public Schools are in full session. Help is available in all subject areas for children in kindergarten through the eighth grade. Cost: free. Jamaica Plain

Public Library, 12 Sedgwick St, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130, 3:30pm–5:30pm. For more information: http://bpl.org/branches/jp_calendar.htm or call 617-524-2053

Calls to Artists:

- **Artsake blog:** artsake.massculturalcouncil.org/blog/artsake/index.php/category/call-to-artists. There are opportunities for artists weekly. Rehearsal/performance space available in exchange for musical offerings. First Baptist Church. For more information: 524-3992/churchoffice@firstbaptistjp.org.

- **First Friday Festival Food Fundraiser:**

A food festival to benefit Spontaneous Celebrations! With live music and cash bar. First Fridays of the month, 9pm-midnight, \$10. 45 Danforth St. Info: maaak@spontaneouscelebrations.org.

- **Open Mic Mondays:**

At the Hallway Gallery 8pm, 66a South St. Info: thehallwayjp.com.

- **Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council:**

Fourth Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m. First Baptist Church, 633 Centre St. Info: Andrea, chair.jpnc@gmail.com or www.jpnc.org.

- **JPNC Zoning Committee Meeting:**

Normally first and third Thursday of the month, 7pm, Curtis Hall, 20 South St. Info: dave_baron@mindspring.com or www.jpnc.org.

- **JPNC Public Service Committee:**

Normally first Tuesday of the month, Cheverus Building, rear 365 Centre St. behind Blessed Sacrament Church. For more information, contact Michael Reiskind at jpmichael@rcn.com. (no Sept. meeting. Info: ww.jpnc.org)

JPNC Parks and Open Space Committee:

Third Tuesday of every month at JP Licks, 659 Centre Street at 6:30 p.m. Contact Jay for more information at 617-642-4633

- **JPNC Housing and Development Committee:**

Third Tuesday of every month at the Bowditch School, 80-82 Green St. at 7 p.m. Contact Steve for more information at 508-212-3976

- **Jamaica Pond Association Board:**

First Monday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Jamaica Way Tower Community Room, 111 Perkins Street. www.jamaicapondassociation.org

- **Jamaica Hills Association:**

Second Wednesday of every month, except July and August, 7:30 p.m., Springhouse, Allendale Rd. info: www.jamaicahills.org

- **District E-13 Monthly Meeting:**

First Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. Location E-13 Community Room. Please visit www.e13bpd.com or contact 617-343-5624.

- **Southwest Corridor Parkland Management Advisory Committee:**

First Wednesday of every month, rotates monthly between 3 locations. Contact Jack Sinnott for more information at Jacksinnott@mckesson.com

- **Donate to Tree Pruning Along the Parkway**

This is phase one of the Arborway Coalition and Jamaica Pond Project's "tree care and maintenance" programs to keep the parkways green and lined with healthy trees. No donation is too small—please contribute whatever you can to preserve these historic parkway oak trees. Donate online at <http://gatewaytothearborway.blogspot.com/>, or mail a check to Sarah Freeman, 22 Arborway, JP, MA 02130 made payable to "community service care" with "JPP Pruning" on the memo line. Donation deadline extended through April!

- **My Life My Health Workshop:**

For all 55+ people with an ongoing health condition: learn about new ways to get and stay healthy through the Ethos Healthy Aging Program! This workshop can help people with diabetes, high blood pressure, arthritis, chronic pain, or anxiety take charge of their life and lead more comfortable lives. This workshop gives you the support you need from trained volunteer leaders in a free 2 ½ workshop held each week for 6 weeks. To register or to get more information call: 617-477-6699

- **Spontaneous Celebrations:**

Offers a number of art, music and dance classes, as well as a youth karate class. For more information, visit: www.spontaneouscelebrations.org.

- **Spontaneous Salsa Sundays**

Beginners and intermediates welcome, no partners necessary, Sundays, 2pm, Spontaneous Celebrations, 45 Danforth St. Info: 617-816-1369.

- **Guitar Circle New England:**

A guitar circle that will be performing in the round, surrounding the audience.

Sundays, doors open 7:15, concert begins 7:30pm, performance time 40 minutes, Free to the public. Bring a friend. Spontaneous Celebrations. 45 Danforth St. Info: 617-816-1369.

- **Food Not Bombs:**

An energetic grassroots movement organizing for peace and justice while sharing free vegetarian food with hungry people around the world. Each group recovers food that would otherwise be thrown out and makes fresh hot vegetarian meals that are served outside in public spaces to anyone without restriction. Schedule: Fridays, Noon-1pm, Spontaneous Celebrations, 45 Danforth St. Info: 617- 816-1369

- **Queer Tango Boston:**

Argentine Tango with Gender Flexibility: Dance at the Democracy Center, 45 Mt. Auburn Street, Cambridge. All skill levels are welcome, from beginners on Monday and advanced dancers on Thursday evenings. For more call Spontaneous Celebrations at 617- 344-5550, email info@queertangoboston.org, or go to www.queertangoboston.com.

- **Toddler Drum Circle:**

Saturdays, 9am and 10:30 a.m., a weekly gathering of toddlers and parents to play, dance and drum with Cornell "Sugarfoot" Coley, Spontaneous Celebrations, 45 Dartmouth St., \$5 suggested. Info: 617-298-1790/afrolatin@onebox.com.

- **First Friday Festival Food Fundraiser**

First Fridays of the month, 9 pm-midnight. Come enjoy delicious food, live music, and a cash bar. \$10 per person. 45 Danforth St. For more information: maaak@spontaneouscelebrations.org

- **The True Hip Hop Culture Program:**

Come chill out with other teens in the community! Explore hip hop culture, the arts/entertainment industry, live performance, life and the world around us. Free with light

refreshments served. Every third Thursday of the month, 5-7 p.m., English High Community Center, 144 McBride St. For more info, contact Jazz Wise thepro-gram@excite.com, or 617-635-5244.

- **Sunday Nights aLive:**

Non-traditional, music-and-arts worship service, featuring live music, signing and community-building. Relaxed atmosphere. Dinner served and childcare provided. Last Sunday of every month, 6-8 p.m., First Church of JP, Unitarian Universalist, Centre and Eliot St. For more information, visit: www.sundaynightalivejp.org.

- **Hyde Square Task Force Programs:**

Music Clubhouse: At the Cheverus Building, ages 10-18 years Mon.-Fri. from 3-8 p.m. For more info, contact Aimee, 617-524-8303 x312.

- **Open Dance Workshops:**

For kids ages 10-13 years on Mondays, 5:30-6:30p.m.; for teens ages 14-18 years on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:30-7:30pm. 365 Centre St. Info: Barbara, 524-8303/barbrahydesquare.org.

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