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August, 2009

Dear Friend,

July has been a busy month here at the Massachusetts State House and out in the district. To date, Committee on Public Health has heard over one hundred and sixty bills, during ten hearings, and will continue with the remaining bills, which have yet to be heard, in the fall. Please read the Committee Update below to learn about the bills heard during the month of July. Late in July, the legislature reached the end of the 2010 Fiscal year budget session with the passage of a supplemental budget restoring the funding for several programs and services, which many of you advocated for. I urge you to continue to contact my office with any questions or concerns, as it enables me to lend my support to the issues which are most important to my constituents.

Out in the district, I have been involved in the effort to enhance pedestrian access to Jamaica Pond along with the Arborway Advisory Group, Department of Conservation and Recreation, and Emerald Necklace Conservatory. We saw a large number of people come out to share their opinions at a public forum held the beginning of last month at the Arboretum.

On the horizon are our annual Back to School Jams. We are holding 3 events at the end of August and beginning of September winding down the end of summer and gearing up for the start of the upcoming school year. Our Back to School Jams are a chance to see friends in the community and opportunity to encourage children in the district.

We will be holding the first Back to School Jam at the Bromley Heath Housing Development on August 24th, the second at High Street Veterans Housing in Brookline on August 31st and the third at Mission Main Housing Development on September 2nd. These events are made possible by the sponsorship of Northeastern University, Wentworth Institute of Technology, Mass College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences and AstraZenica. I look forward to seeing many of you there this year. Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Yours In Service,



Jeffrey Sánchez
State Representative
Chairman, Joint Committee on Public Health

Legislative Update:

Recently, a bill which I sponsored to create a Massachusetts Water Infrastructure Finance Commission was enacted into law. This legislation will develop a comprehensive, long-range water infrastructure finance plan for the commonwealth and its municipalities. There is a significant amount of money needed over the next two decades to repair antiquated infrastructure to prevent crises, maintain existing services, and allow for growth within the Commonwealth. These necessary investments create jobs, and if our water systems deteriorate, public health, fire protection, economic development, and quality of life will be affected.

This month the legislature also passed a supplemental budget for the 2010 fiscal year that seeks to restore funding that was vetoed by the Governor. Among those receiving funding are the Franklin Park Zoo, mentoring programs, Massachusetts emergency food assistance program, health promotion and disease prevention programs, and home care services for our seniors. With the passage of the supplemental budget on the Governor's desk, the House hopefully brings to close a historic and challenging budget season where members faced the worst economic crisis of the post-war era.

From the Joint Committee on Public Health:

The Joint Committee on Public Health continued to work at a fast pace in my first year as Chairman. During the month of July the Committee held four public hearings on legislation concerning licensing of health professionals and facilities as well as scope of practice issues. Many of these bills seek to expand

the role of health professionals such as nurse practitioners, optometrists, and midwives. Other proposals seek to establish professional standards for the licensing and certification of occupations related to health care, such as personal trainers, medication technicians, and naturopaths. The Committee received a great deal of testimony on these matters, and as House Chairman I am reviewing each bill to determine if the matter can improve access to high quality and affordable professional health care without compromising patient safety.



2009 Back to School Jam at Bromley Heath: Our annual Back to School Jam is back for 2009. The event will take place on August 24th from 2:30 to 4:30. A rain date of August 27th is scheduled for the same hours in case of inclement weather on the planned date. This event will take place at the Bromley Heath Housing Development.

The True Hip Hop Culture Program: Come chill out with other teens in the community, exploring hip hop culture, the arts/entertainment industry, live performance, life and the world around us. Free, with light refreshments served. Every 3rd Thursday of the month, 5-7pm, English High Community Center, 144 McBride St. Info: Jazz Wise theprogram@excite.com or 635-5244.

Spontaneous Celebrations: Offers a number of arts, music and dance classes, as well as a youth karate class. Info: www.spontaneouscelebrations.org.

Sunday Nights aLive: Non-traditional, music-and-arts worship service, featuring live music, signing and community-building. Relaxed atmosphere. Dinner served, childcare provided. Last Sunday of every month, 6-8pm, first Church of JP, Unitarian Universalist, Centre ad Eliot St. Info: www.sundaynightalivejp.org.

Connolly Branch Library: Mondays, 4-6pm, Homework Assistance Program, with Boston Public School teacher; Mondays-Thursdays, 3:30-5:30pm, Saturdays, 11am-1pm, homework assistance with high school mentors for grades K-8. Connolly Branch Library, 433 Centre St. Info: 522-1960.

Summer at the Eliot School: There are still openings for summer weeks for kids ages 8-14. August 24-28: Real & Imaginary Worlds and Observation and Imagination. For more information call 617.524.3313.

Connolly Branch Library: Short, fun films for young children. Groups Welcome! Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. located in the Connolly Branch Library.

Art at the Heart of JP: On August 6th come by Centre and South Streets for Live Music, Performance, and Poetry. A host of local bands will perform, and local art will be on display among other activities.

Mission Hill:

Lyme Disease Seminar and Film Screening

On August 9th Bostonlyme.org is sponsoring a screening of the award-winning documentary on Lyme Disease, "Under Our Skin", at the Museum of Fine Arts. The screening will include a 20 minute discussion with a Lyme disease patient, a Lyme-literate doctor, and a Lyme-literate clinical psychologist. Following the screening there will be a Q&A session and free reception at the Curry Student Center with a panel of experts on the subject. Legislators will be on hand for this event.

Mission Hill Road Race:

This fun event will take place on September 19th. The race begins at 8:30 am but we'd suggest arriving at least an hour earlier in order to get prepared. The race will take place at the Kevin W. Fitzgerald Park at One Brigham Circle at the St. Alphonsus Street entrance. Please bring your family and friends as their will be an award ceremony and picnic following the race. For more information please contact the MHNHS at 617-566-6565.

Softball League

The Sanchez/Ross Softball League will run every Wednesday night from 5:00-6:30 during the month of August. It should be great fun and all are welcome to participate. The games will take place at the Mission Hill Baseball Diamond (behind the Church on Smith St). Please bring your family, friends, and a light picnic to enjoy after the game.

Summer Concert Series: Mission Hill Neighborhood Housing Services presents a concert series with several great artists, including First Class

COMMUNITY EVENTS & HAPPENINGS*

Jamaica Plain:

Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council: Fourth Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., Curtis Hall, 20 South Street. For more information, please call 617-522-1150.

Historic Walking Tours: Historic walking tours of seven Jamaica Plain neighborhoods are being held and will continue through October 24. A new Jamaica Pond tour has been added this year. All tours start at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday mornings and are free and open to the public. For a complete tour schedule and additional information, see: <http://www.jpns.org/2009-historic-walking-tours>

Jamaica Plain Community Centers: Regular meeting are on the fourth Thursday of the month at 7 pm rotating among 4 sites. More information can be obtained by calling the Regional Office at Curtis Hall at 635.5195.

Jamaica Hills Association: Second Wednesday of every month, except July and August, 7:30 p.m., Rogerson House, 434 Jamaicaaway.

Summer Hill Association: First Monday of each month, 7 pm, various locations. Info: secretary@summerhillassociation.org.



2009 Back to School Jam at Mission Main:

This popular event will take place on September 2nd at the Mission Main Housing Development. A rain date of

presents a concert series with several great artists, including: First Class Band, Ruby Band, Ashanti Munir Band, and the Groove Alliance. The concerts will be held on four nights this summer from 6:30 to 8:30 at One Brigham Circle Plaza at 1620 Tremont Street. For more information visit: <http://www.missionhillnhs.org/index.htm>

Show off your art! If you are interested in displaying your artwork in a Mission Hill establishment, please contact Maegen at 617.427.7399. This summer there are several opportunities for local residents to display their artwork! You may also check www.missionhillmainstreets.org/news for more information.

Parker Hill Library: Homework Help and Creative Drama: Homework Help Monday-Thursday 3:00-5:00 Saturday 12:00-2:00 Thursday-BPS Teacher 4:00-6:00.

Community Alliance of Mission Hill: Usually third Wednesday of every month, 7pm, Kresge Hall, Harvard School of Public Health. For more info call, 617-733-8321 or email rjohnson@camhonline.org.

Gardner After Hours: Cutting-edge art, music, performances, cocktails and more, third Thursdays, 5-9pm, Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, 280 The Fenway. Info: www.gardnerymuseum.org.

Mission Hill Crime Committee: Last Thursday of every month at 7pm, Mission Church music room.

Free Parent-Child Playgroups: Offered by Boston Public Schools for toddlers at Tobin Community Center. Registration is ongoing for 1, 2, and 3 year olds and their caregivers. Several dates and times are available. Info: 756-9492.

Mission Hill Farmers Market: Every Thursday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. there will be a farmers market in Hunton Square (735 Huntington Ave). To learn more stop by the market.



Roslindale:

YMCA sports, aquatics and more: The Roslindale YMCA offers a variety of Sports classes for preschoolers school age, teens and adults, including tee ball, soccer, karate, and the new Junior Celtics basketball. For a complete listing, visit the branch www.ymcaboston.org/roslindale/programs/sports.

Longfellow Area Neighborhood Association annual

meeting: The association meets bi-monthly on the 2nd Monday of the month from 7:30 - 9 pm in the community room of the Longfellow House, 885 South Street at Walter Street. Contact Tim Skaar at tim.skaar@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Brookline:

At the Gallery: See the Botanical Portraits by Elaine Wong. The exhibit goes through Monday August 31st. The exhibit opens at 8:30 a.m. and closes at 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. These intricate botanical drawing are as practical as they are beautiful.

Brookline Farmer's Market: Get some great locally grown fruits and vegetables every Thursday through October 29th. The market runs from 1:30 pm until dark. Seniors interested in getting a discount coupon can go to the Senior Center on Monday, August 10th at 9:30 am. These will be limited, so try to arrive early.

Modern Dance and Movement: For only \$2.00 come get dance lessons from Lynn Modell. This popular instructor will be

teaching the classes at the Senior Center on Tuesdays, August 18th and 25th, and also on Fridays, August 21st and 28th.

Belly Dancing: Brookline author Susan Senator will be teaching this unique form of dancing at the Senior Center on Thursday, August 6th from 10:00 to 11:30 am. Call 617-730-2770. This is a free workshop.

Free Blood Pressure Screenings: The Brookline Health Care Center will provide free blood pressure screenings at the Senior Center on Monday, August 10th from 1:00 to 2:00 pm; on Thursday August 20th from 9:00 to 10:30 am; and on Wednesday August 12th from 1:00 to 2:00 pm.

Holiday Fair Planning: On August 31st come join in planning the Senior Center's 25th annual Holiday Fair. This will be the first of three meetings to discuss planning for the event. Call Julie Washburn at 617-730-2760 for times and information.

Summer Movie Series: Come enjoy four popular new releases over the month of August at the Senior Center. Every Tuesday at 1:30 pm a different film will be shown. They promise to entertain so everyone should come if they have a chance.

Greater Boston:

Daytrip to Georges or Spectacle Island:All Access Boston Harbor is a fun free daytrip to Georges or Spectacle Island that introduces kids of all ages to the ecological and cultural history of Boston Harbor and the Boston Harbor Islands National Park. The Georges Island trips are on August 12-14. The Spectacle Island trips are on August 5-7 and August 19-21. For more information contact Janet Stalker at (617) 451-2860 or at youth@savetheharbor.org.

National Night Out: Taking place at the Franklin Park Zoo on August 4th, this event will allow free admission to the zoo along with free entertainment for the night. The event will take place from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Please bring a non-perishable food item such as a canned good for the Greater Boston Food Bank.

United South End Settlements: On August 8th United South End Settlements will be hosting a sample series of low-cost classes and an array of ice cream offerings from area creameries for no cost at all. Examples of classes being offered are Zumba, Belly Dancing, Salsa for Singles, and Watercolors for Beginners. Class times will be 11:00 am to 11:30 am, 11:45 am to 12:15 pm, and 12:30 pm to 1:00 pm. For more information please contact 617-536-8610 or ccantave@uses.org.

Summer Cultural Festivals: There will be a variety of cultural festivals around the city during the month of August. On Sunday, August 16th the Dominican Festival will be held at Playstead. On Sunday August 23rd the Kiddies Caribbean Carnival will be held at White Stadium. On Saturday, August 29th the Caribbean Carnival will be held on Blue Hill Ave near the front of the zoo. Please feel free to attend any of these festivals.

If you know of a future Community Event or Meeting that you would like us to include in the Update send us

September 3rd is scheduled in case the weather is poor on the original date. The event will take place from 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm regardless.

an email at Rep.JeffreySanchez@hou.state.ma.us

Job Opportunities

JumpStart: This program allows seniors aged 50+ to volunteer with children in Jamaica Plain preschools. The goal of the program is to ensure a successful transition to Kindergarten. Training and stipend are provided. The program runs from October to May. Inquiries should be made to Liana at 857-413-4631.

Massachusetts Biologic Laboratories: The laboratories are seeking college science majors for internship positions. Some applications will be reviewed for full-time positions. Please reply to mbiresumes@umassmed.edu.

Hyde Square Task Force: The task force is seeking a Music Clubhouse Coordinator to create and lead lessons for youths aged 10-18. Please contact Brenda Rodriguez-Andujar at brenda@hydesquare.org or 617-524-8303. Another open position is Systems Administrator. This position requires knowledge of computer networking and 2-3 years VPN experience. This is a part-time position. Please contact Enoes Andujar at enoes@hydesquare.org or 617-524-8303.

Government Grants:

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD)

Grants.gov is your source to FIND and APPLY for federal government grants. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is proud to be the managing partner for Grants.gov, an initiative that is having an unparalleled impact on the grant community. Learn more about Grants.gov and determine if you are eligible for grant opportunities offered on this site. Grants.gov

Scholarships:

Boston Scholarship Guide: Information about hundreds of scholarships available to help you pay for college! www.bostonscholarshipguide.com.

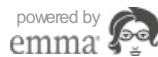
The Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences encourages students to apply for their scholarship programs as soon as possible. The college is offering the Mayor's Scholarship Program for Boston Latin School and the James T. King Memorial Scholarship. Visit www.mcphs.edu/admission to find out more.

Helpful Telephone Numbers:

Our friends at the Mayor's Office and BPD have provided these helpful telephone numbers:

BPD Main Line.....	617-343-5630
Community Service.....	617-343-5624
Auto Investigations.....	617-343-5634
Detectives Bureau.....	617-343-5628
Drug Control Unit.....	617-343-4958
Crime Watch Unit.....	617-343-4345
Crime Stoppers.....	800-494-8477
Mayor's Office.....	617-343-4500
Anti-Gang Unit.....	617-343-4444
Loud Party Line.....	617-343-5500
Anti-Graffiti Line.....	617-343-5348
Rep. Sanchez's Office.....	617-722-2370

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