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Dear Friend,
February was an eventful and interesting month here on Beacon Hill and out in the district. Within the House of Representatives, we have been working hard on the legislation I filed and the legislation that has come before the committee. My colleagues and I have passed the Unemployment Insurance Rate Freeze act .This act will help to improve the state's economic condition and provide for more job opportunities. Read more about this act in the Legislative Update section.



I also hosted a number of very successful briefings this past month including one on the Commonwealth Connector and the Act Fresh Campaign. My staff and I have also been diligently working on the budget. We are facing a \$1.5 billion deficit this year, a number that is going to prove challenging to overcome. If you have any particular budget items that you would like to see funded, please do not hesitate to contact my office with the line item.

We had one of our most successful art shows on February 10th for Carla Osberg; her art work will continue to be shown in my office through March. I would like to congratulate the Mission Hill Basketball and Tennis Courts projects, the Arborway Coalition and Partners, and the Emerald Necklace Conservancy for being awarded over \$104,000 in grant money from the Department of Conservation and Recreation. These groups provide wonderful and necessary work to help keep our community and parks beautiful. I would also like to thank all of the youth who came on February 24th to rally for youth jobs. Youth employment opportunities are something I care deeply about and I will do everything within my power to help make them a reality in the future. Finally, I would like to congratulate Massachusetts College of Art and Design President Kay Sloan on winning the Commonwealth Award in Leadership; it was an honor to be able to present the award to her.

Within Jamaica Plain, a very successful State of the Neighborhood Forum was held that touched on the future of Jamaica Plain as well as what is happening right now in the community. Urban Edge also held a meeting in regards to the new recreation area that will be built in Jackson Square; I look forward to having a new and fun place for all in the neighborhood to enjoy. There have also been two community meetings about Hi-Lo closing its doors. It has been an interesting experience watching Jamaica Plain express their opinions. I would like to thank the Mission Hill Youth Collaborative for hosting an informational breakfast in mid February; it was a pleasure to attend. Well done to the Goddard House in raising \$1,127 through their successful Fire Opal Night. Congratulations to the Jackson Square mixed-use development at 225 Centre Street. They have been awarded \$7.1million in state and federal funds to build 103 new green units, including 35 affordable housing units. When we embarked on this community project 15 years ago we knew it would take time and active advocacy to make this happen. I am proud and grateful to the Patrick administration for their commitments to this important project. Without their commitment this project never would have gotten off the ground.

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,



Jeffrey Sánchez
State Representative- 15th Suffolk District
Chairman, Joint Committee of Public Health



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Thus far in this legislative session, we have been very productive filing bills that will further protect and promote the interests of my constituents. This means targeting legislation that addresses issues such as affordable housing, employment, and public health initiatives. My colleagues and I have succeeded in passing the Unemployment Insurance Rate Freeze legislation that will protect employers by

halting the scheduled increase in unemployment insurance assessment that business owners have to pay to their employees. Without this freeze on insurance rates for employers, insurance contributions from business owners would continue to increase to up to 35%, or \$872 per employee, making it harder for employers to stay afloat in the current economic climate.

Passing this legislation has been a major feat in our effort to stimulate business and create jobs in Massachusetts I have been working hard to ensure job growth and creation of employee opportunities within our community. I am very proud of the progress that has been made on this important issue, and I will continue to pursue legislation that addresses the concerns of my constituents. Thank you to everyone who has participated in the legislation process; we need to continue to work together in the democratic process.

PUBLIC HEALTH

As legislative business proceeds, the Joint Committee on Public Health continues its work researching legislation for the 2011-2012 legislative session. Over the past few weeks, many diverse bills have been referred to the committee and we anticipate an equally varied and challenging hearing schedule.

The Committee is producing a tentative hearing schedule for all referred bills, and it will be provided to all stakeholders at the earliest possible date. As the committee begins to schedule public hearings, we encourage your input on the legislation on our docket. The Public Health Committee accepts oral and written testimony at any time prior to an executive session. Please do not hesitate to contact my office if you have any further questions.



RESTAURANT OF THE MONTH



I had the pleasure of sampling a wonderful new restaurant in Jamaica Plain this February. Tres Gatos, at 470 Centre Street in Jamaica Plain, was the bookstore Rhythm and Muse. It has transformed itself into both a restaurant and a bookstore. Tres Gatos serves up tapas, books, and music. It is the perfect place for a quiet night out with a significant other or a friend. Tres Gatos offers up traditional

Spanish tapas. I would recommend the Gambas All i Pebre or New Caledonia prawns with toasted garlic and pine nut picada.

For more information please visit:

<http://tresgatosjp.com/tapas-wine-menu/> or call 617-477-4851

COMMUNITY EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

JAMAICA PLAIN

Hopeline Online Job Registration:

If you or someone you know is interested in working for the Boston Youth Fund during the summer of 2011, mark your calendar so you don't forget to register with the Hopeline. Online registration starts February 1 at 10am and runs through March 4, 2011 at 11:59pm. Applicants can also register by calling 617-635-HOPE (4673) on February 22, 23, 24 & 25 from 10am-2pm. All applicants must be residents of Boston and between the ages of 15 and 17 years old. Applicants must turn 15 on or before July 4, 2011 and cannot turn 18 on or before August 12, 2011.

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.

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/>

Arnold Arboretum:

The Arnold Arboretum invites you to the Director's Lecture Series:

- **Monday, March 28**, 6:30–8:30pm, [Our Constitution's Intelligent Design](#), U.S. District Judge John E. Jones III *FOR MEMBERS ONLY*

The Arnold Arboretum invites you to Upcoming Art Shows in the Hunnewell Building Lecture Hall:

- **January 27-March 6th**, Trees of My City: Photography by Roberto Mighty.
- **March 12-April 24th**, Tree Pieces: Painted Fabric Collages by Merrill Comeau. Meet the artist March 12th, 1:00 pm.
- **April 30th-June 5th**, The New Botanicals–Lilacs: Images by Vinette Varvaro. Meet the artist May 4th 6:00 pm

Come to **Lilac Sunday** to celebrate our beautiful lilacs! Call 617.524.1718 for more information

First Friday Festival Fool 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 Jamaicaaway 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, Allandale 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

Emerald Necklace Conservancy:

Become an Emerald Necklace Docent and lead tours through the Back Bay parks! Tour guide training classes begin on April 5th-26th at the Emerald Necklace Visitor Center, Tuesdays 4-6 pm.

Open House weekend at Emerald Necklace Conservancy:

Don't miss the ribbon-cutting ceremony on April 30th at noon with Mayor Thomas Menino. Join in the festivities all weekend to celebrate the new and improved visitor's center!

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.

Zumba Class:

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

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.

Tropical Fiesta Annual Winter Fundraiser:

Come join a drum circle and performance by la Pinta on March 5th! Also, arts and craft activities, puppet show, and a mardi gras dance party with the Grass Gypsies. **Family Fiesta** 1-4pm, **Adult Fiesta** 7pm-midnight

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:

notloB Folk Concerts: March 19: John Roberts & Debra Cowan. **April 9:** Paul Geremia. **May 13:** Bread and Bones. Ticket prices and performance times vary. Info: notlobmusic.googlepages.com. Loring-Greenough House, 12 South Street

Lucien Aigner: Photo/Story:

Tuesday - Sunday, 10am-5 pm through April 24. This exhibit is curated by JP resident Jennifer Uhrhane, at the DeCordova Sculpture Park and Museum, 51 Sandy Pond Rd., Lincoln. Info: 781-259-8355.

Social Justice Book Discussion Group:

March 10: *Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide* by Nicholas Kristof. **April 14:** *You Can't Be Neutral on a Moving Train* by Howard Zinn. **May 12:** *Nomad* by Ayaan Hirsi Ali. Thursdays at 6:30 pm at the JP Library, 12 Sedgwick St. Info: 524-2053.

The Lyric Stage Company:

JP resident Nerys Powell is the stage manager for "My Name Is Asher Lev"—the poignant story of a young man's struggle between his passion for painting and his traditional faith. Wednesdays and Thursdays through March 12th. 7:30pm, Fridays at 8pm, Saturdays at 3pm & 8pm, Sundays at 3pm, 2pm matinee on March 9. The Lyric Stage, 140 Clarendon St., \$25 - \$52. Info: 585-5678.

Community Dialogue on Racial and Ethnic Diversity:

This 5-week series discusses issues surrounding race and ethnicity. On Saturdays through March 5th starting at 10 am. For more information call: 617-445-4340

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 the-pro-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.

Connolly Branch Library:

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:

Mondays, 4-6 p.m., Homework Assistance Program, with Boston Public School teacher; Mondays-Thursdays, 3:30-5:30 p.m., Saturdays, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Homework assistance with high school mentors for grades K-8.

Children's Films:

Short, fun films for young children, groups welcome! Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.

Reading Readiness Fall Story time:

Stories & songs for kids ages 2 – 4 years with an adult. Please register beforehand! Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.

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.

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.

MISSION HILL

"Mission Hill and the Miracle of Boston" Screening:

Please join Representative Sánchez, MassArt, Wentworth Institute of Technology, and the Parker Hill Library in a screening and panel discussion of this influential 1978 film. A panel discussion, moderated by the Representative, following the screening will explore how issues raised in the film continue to be relevant in our present day. Wednesday March 23, 6-8pm, Tower Auditorium, MassArt, 621 Huntington Ave.

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. Info: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.

Talk and Book Signing with Author:

Standing on His Promises: Finding Comfort, Hope and Purpose in the Midst of Your Storm by Joan M. Blake, Thurs., March 3, 6-7:30pm, info: 427-3820/ParkerHillLibrary@gmail.com.

Toddler Storytime:

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

Creative Drama Class:

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

Homework Assistance:

Mondays-Thursdays, 3:30-5:30 p.m., Saturdays, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Homework assistance with high school students for grades K-8. BPS Teacher help on Thursdays.

Spring Book Sale:

Saturday April 30 from 9am-1:30pm. info: ParkerHillLibrary@gmail.com.

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.

Afterschool Care:

Homework help, sports, art, computers all available for children ages 6-12 years for \$20 per month plus membership. Please 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.

School Break Activities

A program for youth while they are on school break April 20th-23rd 9am to 5pm. \$15.00 per child. Sports, crafts, and fun! Field trips may require additional fees. For more information call: 617-635-5216

Zumba

Get a good workout while moving to Latin-inspired dance routine. Tuesdays, 6:30 to 7:30, \$7.00 per

class, non-members; \$5.00 per class with membership

Girl Scouts:

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

Women's Workout

Learn self-defense and get fit! Mondays & Wednesdays 6:15 to 7:00. 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.

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:

Cutting edge art, music, performances, cocktails, and more! Third Thursdays, 5-9p.m., 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.

Joe Fig: Inside the Painter's Studio

Get a unique glimpse into the contemporary artistic practice. Fig beautifully renders artists' workspaces in miniature. Now through March 2 at the Stephen D. Paine Gallery at Massachusetts College of Art and Design South Hall, 621 Huntington Ave. Info: MassArt.edu/879-7333.

Sociedad Latina's Music Club House:

Recording Studio:

Sociedad Latina's Music Club House has a high-quality recording studio available for the community, Fridays 1-5p.m.; Saturdays 11-3p.m., 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.

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Grief Support Services:

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

Mission Hill Grammar School:

As the snow falls, Scholars at Mission Grammar School shine! Check out our new Winter Newsletter. Log onto www.missiongrammar.org and click on "Winter Newsletter."

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Longfellow Area Neighborhood Association:

Meets bi-monthly on the 2nd Monday of the month, from 7:30 - 9 p.m. 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.

Roslindale Farmers Market:

Sponsored by Roslindale Village Main Street, Adams Park will be hosting a farmers market from 9-1:30pm every Saturday through October 30th. Enjoy locally grown foods and art in the center of Roslindale Village at the intersection of Washington Street and Cummins Highway.

Greening Rozzie:

The mission of Greening Rozzie is to make the community a greener, cleaner and more cohesive community by working together to promote and implement grassroots projects and activities. Anyone interested should attend the monthly meetings held at various locations. For more information, contact

Ken Phillips,
greeningrosindale@gmail.com.

Roslindale Branch Library:

Homework Assistance Programs:

High school mentors are available to offer homework assistance Monday-Thursday, 3:30-5:30 p.m., on Saturdays, 11-1 p.m. No homework assistance is available during school vacation week.

Toddler Story Time and Films for Preschool Children:

Bring your toddler and friends for story time at 10:30 am on Thursdays, or for a fun film on Mondays at 10:30 am.

ESL Conversation Group:

Conversation Groups for new English speakers continues to take place Wednesdays at 6 p.m. Anyone learning English is encouraged to join any or all of the groups to practice English in an informal setting.

YMCA Sports, Aquatics and More:

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

2nd Annual Talent Contest:

Got a special talent? Come show it off to benefit the Roslindale Day Parade on Friday evening, May 6th, 2011. Talent Contest is free with purchase of \$20 admission ticket to parade. This price includes a catered dinner by Sophia's grotto, raffles, and music DJ Knightshift. For contest registration info and tickets, call: 617-327-4886, or email roslindaleparade@aol.com

Jazz in the Square Concerts:

See upcoming concerts at the Roslindale Congregational Church by visiting www.jazzinthesquare.net.

Parking Permit Applications Now Online:

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department has announced that Athletic, Special Event and Street Blocking permit applications are now available for the 2010 season online at City of Boston website, www.cityofboston.gov

Roslindale open Mic:

Roslindale Open Mic is an all-volunteer, free event held on the second and fourth Mondays of the month hosted by local singer/songwriters Mike Delaney and Neal Braverman. The series welcomes acoustic musicians and poets of all ages. For more information, visit www.roslindaleopenmic.org, or call 617-308-8489

West Roxbury Branch Library:**Drop-in Knitting Program:**

3:30-5:30 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of every month. Participants should bring their own needles, patterns, and yarn. There will be assistance available.

Preschool Storytime:

11:00-11:45 a.m. on Tuesdays, for Kids aged 3-5 years. To register, please call 617-325-3147 ext. 3156.

Homework Assistance Programs:

High school mentors are available to offer homework assistance Monday-Thursday, 3:30-5:30 p.m., on Saturdays, 11-1 p.m. No homework assistance is available during school vacation week

BROOKLINE**ESL Conversation Groups:**

Open at all three Brookline Public Library Branches for anyone looking to improve their English skills. The group meets on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. at the Main Library on Washington St. and on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. at both the Coolidge Corner and Putterham Branches.

GREATER BOSTON**The Boston Public Library:****Homework Assistance Programs:**

Mondays, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

High School Mentors:

For grades K-8, Monday-Thursdays, 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. and Saturdays 11- 1p.m.

Children's Films:

Short, fun films for preschool children. Groups welcome! Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.

Tax Strategies for the Self-Employed:

Tuesday, March 1st ay 6pm in the Oriental Room.

Family Movie Night:

Sunday, March 6th at 2pm in the Rabb Lecture Hall

Police Civil Service Exam:

Interested in joining the police force? Take the civil service exam on April 30th, 2011. Register by March 15th for the exam. \$100 exam fee. For more information go to mass.gov/civilservice.

The Registry of Motor Vehicles:

The RMV launched an electronic notification service for license renewals. It is a free service that will remind you to renew your Massachusetts driver's license or ID by email, phone, or text (SMS) message. For more information on how to subscribe for the notification service, visit

<https://secure.mv.state.ma.us/RMVReminder/intro.aspx>

**If you know of a future community event or meeting that you would like for us to include in the update, send an email to Rep.JeffreySanchez@hou.state.ma.us

JOB OPPORTUNITIES**Apply Now for ABCD Youth Summer Jobs:**

Teens and older youths ages 14-24 years are encouraged to apply for over 2,000 jobs available. Info: 348-6548/www.bostonabcd.org

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.

New England Baptist Hospital:

Employment opportunities in areas of nursing, patient care support, research, professional management, business office and clerical, and much more! Visit the website for a complete list of job openings.

<http://www.nebh.caregroup.org/professional-resources/working-at-nebh/employment-opportunities/default.aspx>

Employment Program:

Jobs for Jamaica Plain, a JPNDC program, may be able to assist you in finding a job if you live in JP. For more information, contact 617- 522-2424 x.240.

Volunteer for the American Cancer Society:

The ACS needs volunteer drivers to take cancer patients to and from treatment. For info call 800-227-2345 or visit www.cancer.org.

Volunteer to Visit the Elderly:

Call Rachel Burlingame at Ethos, a local non-profit. For more information call 617-522-6700, or email rburlingame@ethocare.org.

Horizons for Homeless Children:

Seeking volunteers for play-space programs at locations throughout the state, including Jamaica Plain. For more information, contact 617- 445-1480.

JP Regan Youth League:

Looking for volunteer baseball and softball coaches and assistant coaches for youth ages 5-15 years. No experience is necessary and training and support will be provided. For more information, contact 617-983-1563/mail@reganyouthleague.org.

Action for Boston Community Development Inc.:

Seeking volunteers for its JP neighborhood service center advisory board. Applicants must be 18 years of age, live within the neighborhood, and collect 10 signatures from community members. For more information and Application/Nomination forms, contact 617-348-6239, community@bostonabcd.org.

Boston Partners in Education:

Seeking volunteers to tutor and mentor BPS students. For more information, contact 617-451-6145, www.bostonpartners.org.

Bikes Not Bombs:

Seeking volunteers and interns to help with administrative work, events-planning and curriculum development. For more information, please visit www.bikesnotbombs.org.

Dare Family Services:

Parents and foster parents in Jamaica Plain are wanted to provide safe, loving homes for local foster teens that have been abused or neglected, especially between ages 10-18 years. For more information, contact 617-427-6500, www.darefamily.org.

Local Residents Needed:

The American Cancer Society is seeking individuals to drive cancer patients to and from treatment. For more information, contact the American Cancer Society, 800-227-2345, www.cancer.org.

Help Seniors Navigate the Complicated World of Healthcare:

A 12-day training course from the Action for Boston Community Development Program qualifies volunteers to staff a hotline for seniors with questions about Medicare. For more information, contact Emily Shea, 617-348-6380.

Beacon Hospice:

Seeking veterans to provide end-of-life companionship for other veterans in Roxbury. For more information, contact 800-467-7423, www.beaconhospice.com.

Match-Up Interfaith Volunteers:

Volunteers are matched with frail elders and adults with disabilities in Greater Boston Visit for coffee, for a walk, or to assist the individual as needed. For more info, contact 617-482-1510, lwaller@matchelder.org

VNA Hospice Care:

The Hospice center needs volunteers in Jamaica Plain and nearby communities. Trainings will be held this fall in Charlestown or Quincy. For more information, contact Lisa Palais, 617-569-2888, lpalais@vnab.org.

Friends of Jamaica Pond:

Seeking volunteers. For more information, please visit www.friendsofjamaicapond.org/

826 Boston Writing Program:

The Egleston-based program has volunteer opportunities to work with BPS students. For more information, please visit www.826boston.com

Jumpstart Community Corps:

Seeking volunteers (ages 55+) to work one-to-one with preschool children in Boston neighborhoods, including JP. Volunteers serve 6 hours a week during the school year. Comprehensive training and \$800 stipend provided. For more information, contact Lauren Angus, 617- 542-5867 x.548.

Looking for Volunteers?:

Non-profit organizations can post listings for volunteer positions at the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences website, www.mcphs.edu.

GOVERNMENT GRANTS**Grants.gov:**

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 currently available from the National Science Foundation, Department of Education, the Environmental Protection Agency, Center for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Fish and Wildlife Service. Visit Grants.gov for more information.

SCHOLARSHIPS**Boston Scholarship Fund:**

Each year a group of outstanding Boston students are given the opportunity to start their college careers through the Boston Scholarship Fund. Visit www.bostonscholarshipguide.com.

The Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences:

Encourages students to apply for their scholarship programs ASAP. 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.

UMass Boston Scholarship Office:

During the 2009-2010 academic year, the office oversaw the distribution of approximately \$2.3 million in scholarship funding.

Boston Scholars Program:

This program opens doors through educational opportunity for Boston-area youth from low-income families. Current 8th students who are applying to tuition-based high schools for the 2011-2012 school year are invited to apply! Deadline is April 1, 2011. Visit <http://www.bostonscholars.org/Home/2011-application/>.

Society of Women Engineers Boston Section:

Scholarships for women entering the fields of science, engineering, math, computer science, and architecture. Please visit <http://www.aiwa-net.org/> for more information on scholarship opportunities.

ACCESS Boston:

<http://www.accessboston.org/apply/applying-for-a-scholarship>

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
Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Hotline.....	877-785-2020
Loud Party Line.....	617-343-5500
Anti-Graffiti Line.....	617-343-5348
Rep. Sánchez's Office.....	617-722-2130

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