



Dear Friend,

I hope everyone had a safe and wonderful holiday and a happy New Year. A lot has been happening in the State House and in the district as this new year begins. We began the 187<sup>th</sup> General Court on January 5th; this session will be challenging but I am confident it will yield new and better laws. Within the building, I have filed pieces of legislation that are close to my heart. The English Language Learner bill will give those students who speak English as a second language a better learning environment to master English. I have also filed legislation that will allow local housing authorities more flexibility in dealing with offline, blighted, or poorly maintained buildings. In addition to those bills I have filed a bill expanding the definition of a Personal Care Attendant (PCA), allowing those who are PCAs by definition to have collective bargaining rights. As Chairman of the Committee on Public Health, I have filed comprehensive legislation to ensure coordinated services for Massachusetts patients across the care spectrum. And to make improvements for patient safety, healthcare delivery, and healthcare cost.



I have had the opportunity to meet with several organizations in recent months in order to represent the varying needs of the district. In December, I had the opportunity to speak to the Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Development Corporation caregivers about my housing priorities in this session. I was also given the chance to address the Massachusetts Hospital Association in Burlington on public policy in December. I, along with the other Brookline delegates, were treated to a legislative breakfast by the Brookline School Committee in mid-January. And finally I would like to thank Fox 25 News for allowing me to come on their morning program to speak about Whole Foods and Hi-Lo and what this might mean for the diverse community that is Jamaica Plain. On February 10<sup>th</sup> at 4-6pm I will be holding an art show entitled "Under the Gold Dome" with works of art by Carla Osberg. Please look for the invitation via email that will be following, I sincerely hope you all can attend.

There have also been changes and improvements within the district of late. Within Jamaica Plain, the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) has begun a traffic study to measure the safest way for pedestrians to gain access to Jamaica Pond on Perkins Street. DCR has also partnered with Children's Hospital Boston to bring a new state of the art playground to the Jackson Square area. Additionally, the district has gained five new crosswalks on Hillcroft Road, Louders Lane, Rambler Road, Westchester Road, and Whitcomb Avenue.

I would like to congratulate the community in coming together after the shootings at Same Old Place in November, but I would also like to remind you that there is much more work to be done in relation to the violence. We need to stand strong as a community and show that violence has no place in our neighborhood.

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

As many of you know, the new legislative session is upon us. That means my staff and I have been diligently filing several pieces of legislation. I have re-filed my legislation expanding opportunities for English Language Learners within our public school systems. This bill will give limited English proficient

students more options to learn English and to excel academically. I have also filed a bill clarifying the definition of a Personal Care Attendant. This clarification will give Personal Care Attendants who are not given that title by their place of employment a chance to be part of the collective process dialogue. I have also filed legislation that will allow unused state property to be rented to municipalities.

The remainder of my legislation is about affordable housing, employment for teens, and public health initiatives for the chronically ill and vulnerable populations. I will continue fighting for these very important issues. I would also like to thank all of you who have reached out to my office via phone or email about different pieces of legislation. Please do not hesitate to contact my office in regards to legislation. Community involvement is what the democratic process is all about.

## PUBLIC HEALTH

It was a great pleasure to serve as the co-chair of the Joint Committee on Public Health during the 186<sup>th</sup> Session of the General Court. During this past session, 348 individual bills were referred to the Committee. These legislative matters addressed a broad range of subjects, including: health care quality, safety, and transparency; chronic disease management, patient education, and access to health care; health professional scope of practice, licensing, and accreditation; prescription drug monitoring and waste; nutrition and wellness; environmental and occupational hazards; health care technology, disease monitoring, and health registries; and state, regional, and municipal public health authority and coordination.

As a result of the hard work by the members of the Committee on Public Health, nine individual public health bills were signed into law which will: improve school nutrition, enhance the prescription monitoring program, create an organ donor registration fund, protect nursing home residents, facilitate dentists volunteering their time at free clinics, secure vital records, establish safety regulations for school athletic programs, let nurse anesthetists practice at the top of their licenses, and correct two technical errors in a 2008 law in order to preserve certain oral health services in underserved areas of the Commonwealth.

For the new 187<sup>th</sup> Session of the General Court, my agenda centers on ideas that are being discussed across the Commonwealth, and even the country, but that this committee has yet to see legislatively. I've filed legislation that develops broad but targeted strategies which will provide a better opportunity to debate and tackle how our system of health care payment and delivery reinforces the crippling rise in health care costs.

During the cost containment debate, it's my job as co-chair of the Joint Committee on Public Health to ensure that we're not just addressing costs for costs' sake. We need to continue our battle to reduce chronic diseases and their corresponding costs, expand access to care, increase healthcare quality and transparency, and improve prevention efforts so we can change our sick care system to a true health and wellness system that's affordable for all.

I hope that you've found the information in the public health updates to be helpful in understanding the Joint Committee on Public Health accomplishments during the past session, and also in comprehending the continued challenges we face as we start a new journey to strengthen and protect the health and wellbeing of the citizens of the Commonwealth during the 187<sup>th</sup> Session of the General Court.



## RESTAURANT OF THE MONTH

As many of you know my district is home to an assortment of different restaurants. I enjoy sampling them and then sharing with my readers my favorite one that month. This month I have chosen Bukhara Restaurant at 701 Centre Street in Jamaica Plain.

This traditional Indian food restaurant, a favorite of many within the community, offers a wide variety of regional Indian dishes. They

also have an American breakfast on the weekends and a wonderful lunch buffet. I

recommend the Tandoori Mixed Grill, a perfect meal for one or two!

For more information please visit:

<http://bukharabistro.com/> or call (617) 522-2195

## 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?:**

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#### **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, February 7**, 6:30–8:30pm, [Restoring Hawaii's Marvels of Evolution](#), Robert Robichaux, University of Arizona
- **Monday, February 28**, 6:30–8:30pm, [The Good, the Bad, and Occasionally the Dead: Humanity's Relationship with Earth's Nitrogen](#), Alan Townsend, University of Colorado, Boulder
- **Monday, March 28**, 6:30–8:30pm, [Our Constitution's Intelligent Design](#), U.S. District Judge John E. Jones III \*FOR MEMBERS ONLY\*

Offers classes. Info: 617-384-5209

#### **Franklin Park Snow Festival:**

**A day of winter fun for the entire family.** At the Franklin Park Golf Course, One Circuit Drive, Roxbury. Feb. 5, 1-4pm

#### **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](mailto:maaak@spontaneouscelebrations.org).

#### **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: [lcf.org/bgfe](http://lcf.org/bgfe) or 617-512-5554.

**Open Mic Mondays:**

At the Hallway Gallery 8pm, 66a South St. Info: [thehallwayjp.com](http://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](mailto:chair.jpnc@gmail.com) or [www.jpnc.org](http://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](mailto:dave_baron@mindspring.com) or [www.jpnc.org](http://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](mailto:jpmichael@rcn.com). (no Sept. meeting. Info: [ww.jpnc.org](http://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 Jamaicaway Tower Community Room, 111 Perkins Street. [www.jamaicapondassociation.org](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto:Jacksinnott@mckesson.com)

**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](http://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.

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](mailto:info@queertangoboston.org), or go to [www.queertangoboston.com](http://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](mailto:afrolatin@onebox.com).

**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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](http://barbrahydesquare.org).

**MISSION HILL**

**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.

**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.

**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.

**Karate Lessons:**

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

**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](http://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](http://www.gardnermuseum.org).

**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](http://www.sociedadlatina.org), or 617-522-5386.

#### **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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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 Kim Kates: 617-536-2460.

#### **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](http://www.missiongrammar.org) and click on "Winter Newsletter."

#### **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/>

### **ROSLINDALE**

#### **My Life, My Health:**

Chronic Disease self management program-four day group leadership training program. January 31<sup>st</sup>, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup>, 9am-5pm every day. Hebrew Senior Life, 1200 Centre St. Roslindale. No cost to attend, but registration is required. Contact Meelyn Wong 617-477-6699 or [mwong@ethocare.org](mailto:mwong@ethocare.org)

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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](mailto: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 30<sup>th</sup>. 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, [greeningroslindale@gmail.com](mailto:greeningroslindale@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.

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](http://www.ymcaboston.org/roslindale/programs/sports).

**Jazz in the Square Concerts:**

See upcoming concerts at the Roslindale Congregational Church by visiting [www.jazzinthesquare.net](http://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](http://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](http://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.

**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.

**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.rmv.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](mailto:Rep.JeffreySanchez@hou.state.ma.us)**

**JOB OPPORTUNITIES**

**Hopeline Online Job Registration:**

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**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](http://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.

**MassBike:**

Massachusetts Bicycle Coalition, is seeking a full-time Program Manager. This brand-new role has broad responsibility including managing our education program, coordinating outreach activities, and participating in advocacy projects. The Program Manager will report to the Executive Director, and will work closely with both the Executive Director and the Development Manager. This position is based in our office in Boston. To Apply: Please submit a resume and thoughtful cover letter explaining your interest in MassBike and why you are a great candidate for this position to [jobs@massbike.org](mailto:jobs@massbike.org).

**New England Baptist Hospital:**

1st Level IS System Support (req num: 5412) Hospital Information Systems (H.I.S.). Contact : Susan Motha, Email : [smotha@caregroup.harvard.edu](mailto:smotha@caregroup.harvard.edu) ,Tel : 754-5232

Administrative Assistant (req num: 5370) Laboratory Boston. Contact : Susan Motha, Email : [smotha@caregroup.harvard.edu](mailto:smotha@caregroup.harvard.edu) ,Tel : 754-5232

Central Processing Operator (req num: 5431) Laboratory Boston. Contact Susan Motha, Email : [smotha@caregroup.harvard.edu](mailto:smotha@caregroup.harvard.edu) ,Tel : 754-5232

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#### **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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:lpalais@vnab.org).

**Friends of Jamaica Pond:**

Seeking volunteers. For more information, please visit [www.friendsofjamaicapond.org/](http://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](http://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](http://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.

**SCHOLARSHIPS****Boston Scholarship Guide:**

Information about hundreds of scholarships available to help you pay for college!  
[www.bostonscholarshipguide.com](http://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](http://www.mcphs.edu/admission) to find out more.

**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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