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**WELCOME**

Dear Friend,

As summer weather arrives it is a good time to report to you about the plethora of activities in the district and at the State House. On Beacon Hill we have a packed calendar of upcoming events and legislative priorities as we approach the conclusion of formal sessions for the summer on July 31st. As usual May and early June are the busiest time of the year for me in the district with the onset of favorable weather that draws us all outdoors for various events and celebrations. Additionally,

there are many activities celebrating the end of the school year where we have an opportunity to congratulate all those who have worked hard in their academic pursuits and thank all who contributed to each and every student's success. There have been many success stories that I have been fortunate to take part in, both in the district and at the State House that I am honored to share with you this month. Last month The Emerald Necklace Conservancy sponsored a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Emerald Necklace Visitor and Volunteer Center at the H.H. Richardson-designed Stony Brook Gatehouse at 125 the Fenway in the Back Bay Fens. Now considered the gateway to the Emerald Necklace, the Conservancy will offer walking and biking tours, maps, exhibits and information on activities throughout the parks. For volunteers it will be a gathering place before they begin their project work maintaining the parks of the Emerald Necklace. A frequent partner with my office, the conservancy has raised over 1.2 million dollars to preserve and adapt this beautiful and historic structure.



As many of you know, Sandee Storey has been owner, publisher, and editor of the Jamaica Plain and Mission Hill Gazette since 1991, this spring she decided to close this chapter and open a new one in her life. It has been a pleasure for me to know and work with Sandee since being elected in 2003 and I will miss her presence at the Gazette greatly. She has been accessible, knowledgeable, and fair in her reporting and commentary regarding the many difficult issues that we have faced as a community over the past 20 years. To honor Sandee and her work, on May 2, 2011 I filed a resolution on the floor of the house honoring Sandee and her many accomplishments as founder and editor of the Jamaica Plain and Mission Hill Gazette which I will present to her at the State House.

I would like to congratulate and thank members of the Jamaica Plain Artists Association for working to bring their work, "From Our House to Your House," to exhibit in my office in the State House. The exhibit is one of an ongoing series of artists' exhibits and events that I have hosted in my office featuring artists throughout the district who work in every form imaginable. On May 18 I hosted a reception in honor of the 26 accomplished association artists and was thrilled to see so many people from my district in attendance. I would like to extend a special thank you to Ted Cormier for being the curator of "From Our House to Your House." Keep an eye out for our next exhibit in July.

Finally, congratulations are in order for all of our youth who have graduated from school this spring. I am very involved in supporting youth leadership in the district and am proud to support organizations such as the Hyde Square Task Force, ABCD Parker Hill/Fenway, Tobin Community Center, Mission Hill Grammar School, Sociedad Latina, Roxbury Tenants of Harvard, Phillip Brooks House, Mission SAFE, and the Mission Hill Youth Collaborative who work so hard to provide services and support to our youth in our community. I am proud of all of these kids and grateful to all their parents, mentors, and supporters for all their hard work helping our youth to establish and reach their academic goals while learning how to live responsibly and fruitfully in our community and beyond.

Please have a safe and fun summer.

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 month of May proved to be a successful time in terms of my legislative agenda. I also worked diligently and swiftly along with my colleagues in the House on important legislation relative to probation reform and human trafficking.

One of my legislative priorities this session is H 375, *The Housing Innovation Bill*, which was heard by the Joint Committee on Housing on May 5<sup>th</sup> and reported favorably by the Committee on May 31<sup>st</sup>. This legislation seeks to create a pilot program for 10 housing authorities across the state to implement innovative management and rehabilitation programs in state public housing.

The legislation would allow the selected housing authorities to use innovative approaches in development and repair in areas such as energy contract procurement, use of surplus housing authority real estate, administrative reporting, public/private partnerships, and rent calculation. Such innovation will overcome some currently built-in administrative hurdles and allow authorities to create programs that fit their specific needs rather than trying to fit projects into strict program requirements. This bill is important because it improves our ability to create and preserve housing in our current difficult financial times. Another of my important legislative priorities this session is H368; *A Bill Relative to Community Housing and Services*, it was heard by the Joint Committee on Housing on May 10<sup>th</sup>, was reported favorably and referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. By creating a coordinated process to build supportive housing by establishing formal relationships and shared principles among the relevant state agencies, the legislative intent is to remove many of the current programmatic hurdles involved in the process. It also creates a goal of producing at least 1,000 units of supportive housing within three years. This bill allows us to expand opportunities in housing for people with disabilities, elders, or households at-risk of homelessness in a more efficient and cost effective manner.

On May 11<sup>th</sup>, my colleagues and I in the House passed H3395, *A Bill Relative to the Reorganization of the Judicial System*. This is a significant piece of legislation that we as a body have prioritized this year. The Senate, however, does not agree on the scope and solutions that were included in the House bill. Thus, a conference committee of representatives and senators has been convened to negotiate a final version of the proposal.

Another priority of the House that passed on June 6<sup>th</sup> is H3483; *An Act Relative to the Commercial Exploitation of People*. This bill establishes human trafficking for sexual servitude or labor as a crime in Massachusetts. The crime of human trafficking is a fundamental issue of public safety and human rights. The bill does three main things: creates two new crimes; creates an inter-agency task force; and amends penalties regarding existing statutes to address the demand side of human trafficking.

Specifically, it creates trafficking of persons for sexual servitude a crime, which has a penalty of no more than 20 years in state prison; Creates the crime of trafficking of persons for forced labor, which has a penalty of no more than 15 years in state prison; Imposes higher penalties for those who exploit child victims under 18 years of age versus adult victims for both crimes (life or any term of years) Imposes a minimum mandatory sentence of 10 years in prison for any second or subsequent offense of either crime; Allows forfeiture of funds and enables funds to be paid to victims in any restitution order from the court; Creates an inter-agency task force to study human trafficking that is led by the Attorney General; and increases penalties for current "John" crimes to address the demand side of human trafficking.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding any legislative issues or priorities, please contact me at my office at 617-722-2130.

## COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE

As the House budget was engrossed and the Senate wrapped up its budget debate, the Committee on Public Health had a busy month holding hearings and hosting briefings. The Committee held two hearings, including one on access and disparities in health and another on tobacco, tanning, and wellness promotion. The hearing included testimony on the importance of breastfeeding newborn infants and on the health hazards of ultraviolet radiation in tanning facilities.

The Committee hosted two briefings at the State House relative to chronic disease management and the work of the Department of Public Health. Dr. Bob Master of the Cambridge Health Alliance along with Dennis Heaphy and Bill Allen of the Disability Policy Consortium spoke about the challenges of treating patients with multiple chronic conditions and disabilities in our current health care system. Dr. Master discussed the Alliance's innovative work on cost containment and disease management for high-cost beneficiaries enrolled as dual-eligibles in Medicare and Medicaid plans. The second briefing co-hosted with the Department of Public Health educated attendees on the important role of the Bureau of Health Care Safety and Quality, housed with the Department, on quality care, patient safety, health facility licensure, and the State's Prescription Monitoring Program.

The Committee will continue to be busy as we head into the summer months with hearings on patient safety and liability, consumer protection and medical debt, and prescription drugs, dispensing, and control. 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.





As many of you know my district is home to an assortment of different resaurants. I enjoy sampling them and sharing with my readers my favorite one that month. This month I have chosen The Missison Bar and grill. This bar and grill restaurant is place to go and relax and have fun. They have many great dishes from the mussels with grilled chorizo to the BBQ pork plate it a taste from the south right here in Jamaica Plain.

Check out the Mission Bar and Grill's new menu.

For more information please visit/ call

<http://www.themissionbar.com/>

1(167)556-1244

Address

The Mission Bar

724 Huntington Ave

Brigham Circle Boston MA 02115

### COMMUNITY EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

#### JAMAICA PLAIN

##### 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](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ForestHillsTrustPlanningSurvey)

##### Arnold Arboretum:

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

- **June 11–July 23**, A Walk in the Arboretum with Painters for a Purpose. Walk along the paths of the Arboretum through the eyes of "Painters for a Purpose," a group of South Shore pastel artists. Reception with the artists: Saturday, June 11, 1:00–3:00pm Artists talk: Wednesday, June 29 6:30–8:00

##### Franklin Park:

- **Franklin Park History Tours**

Bring the family for a day of fun and learning, Saturday mornings this spring, 10 am to noon.

- **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 a 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!

**Wednesday, July 13th** 6:00pm - *Roxbury's Main Streets*

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

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

##### Nira Rock:

The friends of Nira Rock have a bunch of ways to warm up for Spring! Visit [nirarock.org](http://nirarock.org) for more events, but check out these main attractions:

- **Sunday, June 26th**, 7-8pm: Sunset Yoga in the Meadow
- **Tuesday, June 28th** (or thereabouts): Warm cherry compote, fresh from the tree
- **Saturday, July 23rd**, 8pm: Our SHREKFEST continues with Shrek 3 and 4

##### Jamaica Plain Historical Society Walking Tours Began May 7

Please join the Historical Society for one of their free walking tours on Saturday mornings at 11:00. The 2011 tour season began 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:

- **150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Civil War**

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

**Connolly Branch Library:**

- **Mondays, 4-6pm**, homework assistance program with a BPS teacher.
- **Mondays-Thursdays, 3:30-5:30pm**, high school mentors for grades K-8. Tuesdays
- **Wednesdays, 10:30am**: Children's Films. 433 Centre St. Info: 522-1960.
- **Movie Night: Bananas With Jacobo Morales and Woody Allen: Come see Puerto Rican actor Jacobo Morales in this family-fun comedy. Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm.**
- **Month-Long Exhibit**: "We Shall Not Be Moved"-about the grassroots struggle against foreclosure and eviction
- **Reading Readiness Spring Storytime**: Tuesdays, 10:30 am. Stories, songs, and playtime for children ages 2-4.

**JP Branch Library:**

- **Mondays-Thursdays, 3:30pm**, Homework assistance program.
- **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:**

**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:**

**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](mailto: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](mailto:info@stonybrookfinearts.com)

**Egleston Sq. Library:**

- **Mondays-Thursdays, 3:30-5:30pm**: homework assistance program with a BPS teacher.
- **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.
- **Fridays, 3pm**: Pierce House After School Craft Club. 2044 Columbus Ave. Info: 445-4340

**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](http://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: [lafd.org/bgfe/512-5554](http://lafd.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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](http://eliotschool.org).
- **Learn to stilt walk** with Spontaneous Celebrations, 45 Danforth St. Sundays, 12-2pm, \$5. For more information call: 857-498-2438.
- **Full-day Vacation Weeks Camp and Summer Camp**: Multicultural After School Program in JP is now enrolling for grades K2-5. For more information call or visit the website: 524-0818/[www.jpkidsarts.org](http://www.jpkidsarts.org).
- **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](mailto: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](http://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](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](http://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](mailto:524-3992/churchoffice@firstbaptistjp.org).

## Boston Symphony Orchestra Ensemble

- **June 26**, Boston Symphony Orchestra Ensemble - Summer Sundays in the Park at Pinebank Promontory, Jamaica Pond: 6:00pm
- **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](mailto:maaak@spontaneouscelebrations.org).

- **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: [www.jpnc.org](http://www.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](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)

- **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://gatewaytotheharborway.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](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

- **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](tel:6172981790)/[afrolatin@onebox.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](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).

- **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).

- **Student-Faculty Show The Eliot School:**

Music by: Peter Reinhart and Dan Janis, for all ages June 5, 3-6pm. 24 Eliot Street, Jamaica Plain For all ages, free and open to the public. Info: [www.eliotsschool.org](http://www.eliotsschool.org)

- **Score4More save R Streets Basketball Tournament:**

Adult team entry 350.00 and under 19 entry is 150.00; men prize 1<sup>st</sup> place is 3000.00 and 19 under prize is trophies. Deposit due June 17, 2011. The tournament will be at the Jeep Jones Park, next to the Timilty Middle School. For more info contact Roger at 617-407-5189

## MISSION HILL

**Adult Book Discussions**, at the Parker Hill Branch Library. Second Thursdays, 1:30-2:30pm. April 14, "The Given Day" by Dennis Lehane; May 12, "Moloka'I" by Alan Brennert; June 9, "Cutting for Stone" by Abraham Verghese Books available for checkout at the circulation desk. Parker Hill Branch Library, 1497

Tremont St. Info: 427-3820/ParkerHillLibrary@gmail.com.

**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:**

- **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

**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**

**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.

### **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
- Friday Night Movie - May 20<sup>th</sup>
- 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](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:**

- **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](http://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](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).

## 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

**SL-** Youth Community Organizers host film showing for Culture for Change & Press Pass- evening

## Community Alliance of Mission Hill

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

## ROSLINDALE

### Plans for the Roslindale Farmers Markets

GreeningRozzie will be present at 12 Farmers markets this summer. Information and demonstrations on our green topics will inform and motivate residents. Volunteers are needed to lead and support efforts in green spaces, local food, energy efficiency, waste reduction, water conservation, efficient transportation, healthy homes and gardens, and information and advocacy. Write [Ken@GreeningRozzie.org](mailto:Ken@GreeningRozzie.org) to sign up.

**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, [greeningrosindale@gmail.com](mailto: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/rosindale/programs/sports](http://www.ymcaboston.org/rosindale/programs/sports).

**Jazz in the Square Concerts:**

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

**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.

- **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**

- **Pre-Ballet**

An introduction to the fundamental concepts of ballet for ages 4-6 years at Brookline Music School. Session I: July 11-July 21 (Mon-Thurs, two-weeks)

- **The Studio: Dance Center for Adults**

Join in a wide array of dance classes from ballet to belly-dancing at [studiodcfa.com](http://studiodcfa.com)

- **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.

**Grants, Scholarships, and Awards:**

**Realizing Every Action Creates Hope (REACH) Boston:**

Participate in FREE life skills workshops such as nutrition, time management, financial budgeting, and relationship building. For high school students in the foster care system. All students who successfully complete the REACH program are qualified to receive FREE money for college and beyond! To volunteer or enroll a student today: 617-249-4310, [info@reachforyou.org](mailto:info@reachforyou.org), [www.reachforyou.org](http://www.reachforyou.org)



**YOUTH Travel Scholarships:** Calling all youth-serving organizations! Here is a chance to take your youth, ages 11-18, on an experience of their lives outside the city. Apply for a scholarship to get awards like free kayak trips, over-sand vehicle tours, reduced price ferry tickets and more! Application process is simple... just work with your students to design a trip with a basic budget and explain why your teens will benefit from this experience.. [www.hinewengland.org/program.php?id=3](http://www.hinewengland.org/program.php?id=3)

**BAC Summer Academy:** Boston Architectural College's Summer Academy is a 4 week design exploration program that includes hands-on experience working in the BAC design studios exploring the processes of architecture and design. Scholarships are available based on financial need. Jul 5-29. Must be a high school student entering grade 10 or above. [www.the-bac.edu/summer](http://www.the-bac.edu/summer)

**City of Boston Scholarship:** If you are a resident of the City of Boston, have a High School Diploma or GED, and plan to pursue higher education at a post-secondary institution in Massachusetts, apply to receive the City of Boston Scholarship [www.cityofboston.gov/mayor/scholarship](http://www.cityofboston.gov/mayor/scholarship)

**Boston Scholarship Guide:** Find the perfect college scholarship for you! Get college planning tips and a full listing of scholarships available to Boston residents. [www.BostonScholarshipGuide.com](http://www.BostonScholarshipGuide.com)

**ACCESS Center for College Affordability:** Since 1985, ACCESS has provided free financial aid advising to nearly 40,000 Boston students. From advice on filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to tips on applying for scholarships, you can get answers to all your college affordability questions. Advisors are located at BPS High Schools and at their St. James St offices. 617-778-7195, [www.accessboston.org](http://www.accessboston.org)

**BPS College and Career Guide:** The Boston Public Schools are committed to making sure that every high school graduate has the resources they need to meet success. Get tips on financial aid, college planning, cool events and much more. [www.bostonpublicschools.org/college](http://www.bostonpublicschools.org/college)

**CITE-New England 2010 Scholarship:** Deserving African-American high school seniors and college students can apply for this \$1,000 award. Deadline: May [www.cite-newengland.org](http://www.cite-newengland.org). Stephen, 508-580-9565

**Financial Aid Help from the Boston Public Schools:** The Boston Public Schools offers many tips for how you can ease the stress of paying for college. [www.boston.k12.ma.us/finaid](http://www.boston.k12.ma.us/finaid)

**Boston Public Schools:** Join BPS in conversation about the Registration Process. Conversations will focus on registration issues including outreach, document requirements, use of technology, and logistics. Conversations are happening in, Brighton, Chinatown, Dorchester, Downtown, East Boston, Roslindale, Roxbury, South Boston, West Roxbury. <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BPRegistrationprocess>

**Summer Job Opportunities**

Two summer Internships are available at the Federation for Children with Special Needs for 7 weeks in July and August 2011. The Federation is proud to be a part of the *Martin Luther King Summer Scholars* initiative (formerly known as Boston Summer Scholars), sponsored by John Hancock Financial in response to Mayor Menino's call to action in support of Boston teens. Employment for this opportunity will be at The Federation for Children with Special Needs, which is a parent advocacy organization that serves parents of children at risk and those with special health and education needs through the provision of information, resources, presentations and phone calls from those seeking support. The Federation is conveniently located at Renaissance Park, immediately adjacent to the Ruggles "T" Stop. students will attend a series of life skills workshops, focused on building their own legacies, each Friday morning at Boston University's Agganis Arena, 925 Commonwealth Ave. Boston, MA.

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