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Dear Friend,

Fall has begun and we are addressing a number of issues within the Massachusetts State House and the district. As this session picks up, the Committee on Public Health will be working on a variety of bills, some of which will be heard in the upcoming weeks. Please read the "Joint Committee Update" below to learn more about public health legislation in the Commonwealth.

In the district, I am working with the Arborway Advisory Group, the Department of Conservation and Recreation, and the Emerald Necklace Conservatory in improving pedestrian safety and access to Jamaica Pond. Thank you to everyone who contacted my office with opinions regarding safety adjustments and refined access to the pond. We are working hard to ameliorate both of these issues and appreciate your concerns.

Recently, the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) has been working to better accommodate the increasing number of MBTA riders that cycle to and from T stations. Modeled after Cambridge's Alewife Station, the MBTA unveiled Boston's first secured bike cage at Forest Hills, which holds up to 100 bikes and is accessible with a Bike CharlieCard.

Thanks to all of you who supported this year's annual Mission Hill 5K Road Race for the benefit of the Kevin W. Fitzgerald Park. The race was a great success—we had 237 registered runners/walkers!

During this busy season, much will be happening at the State House and throughout the district. On October 22nd from 5-7 p.m., local Jamaica Plain artists, Tom Menihan and Ginny O'Neil, will be honored at the State House. Please join me, Tom, and Ginny in room 130 for wine, hors d'oeuvres, and conversation. A collection of their work, as well as paintings from Tom's late father, John C. Menihan, are on display in my office until November 30th. Please take a look at "Community Events and Happenings" for more of what is going on in the neighborhood. I encourage you to attend and look forward to seeing you there! As always, please do not hesitate to contact my office with any comments, questions, or concerns.

Yours In Service,

Jeffrey Sánchez
State Representative
Chairman, Joint Committee on Public Health

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

It has been a very busy month at the State House. Please read below for current updates on important legislation, including greyhound racing and Paul G. Kirk Jr.'s temporary Senate appointment. Recently, a bill which I supported for the temporary filling of late Senator Edward M. Kennedy's Senate seat, House Bill 4246, "An Act relative to filling a temporary vacancy in the United States Senate," was enacted into law. The enactment of this bill allowed Governor Deval Patrick to appoint former attorney and Democrat, Paul G. Kirk Jr., to fill the vacancy until the special election is held on January 19, 2010. Paul G. Kirk Jr. took the oath of office on September 25, 2009 and serves as interim U.S. Senator from Massachusetts.

On November 4, 2008, Massachusetts voters overwhelmingly voted in favor of ballot Question 3 to abolish commercial dog racing in the Commonwealth by 2010. Senate Bill 2041, "An Act Relative to Greyhound Racing," however, would delay the ban for two years. Supporters of the delay argue that dog racing creates jobs and that animal cruelty does not exist at commercial dog tracks. These supporters endorse enforced regulations to ensure humane care of racing dogs. In contrast, non-supporters assert that dog racing is a dying industry and that greyhounds are subject to inhumane confinement and cruel treatment. I do not support this bill.

FROM THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH

As legislative business proceeds, the Joint Committee on Public Health continues its hard work. Over these past few months, we have heard many diverse bills and we foresee an equally varied and challenging fall schedule. September saw three public hearings concerning emergency medical equipment, health facilities licensing, and infectious disease monitoring. The vast amounts of testimony that we've received reflect the importance of public health to the citizens of the Commonwealth. That is why, as Committee House Chairman, I actively review all bills that strive to improve access to high quality and affordable care. We are working hard to address community health care needs without compromising patient safety.



Festival go-ers enjoy the colorful display of lanterns at last year's JP Lantern Festival.

Garfield, Steve. Jamaica Pond Lantern Parade. 10/26/2008.
www.flickr.com/photos/stevegarfield/2976642714/

October 9th-November 30th. More of their work can be seen at www.twoboatsgallery.com

COMMUNITY EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

Jamaica Plain:

Jamaica Plain Artists Exhibit in the State House: You are invited to view a beautiful, vibrant collection of watercolor paintings and fine art reproductions created by local Jamaica Plain artists, husband and wife, Tom Menihan and Ginny O'Neil. Please join Rep. Sánchez, Tom, and Ginny for wine, hors d'oeuvres, and conversation in room 130 at the State House, from 5-7 p.m. Please RSVP if you plan to attend, 617-722-2130, or email Samantha.roy@state.ma.us. Their work will be exhibited from

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

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

Jamaica Plain Community Centers: Regular meeting are on the fourth Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. rotating among 4 sites. More information can be obtained by calling the Regional Office at Curtis Hall at 617-635-5195.

4th Big Boogie Down Reunion Break Out: Sunday, October 11th, Bromley-Heath/JP Reunion at William E. Reed Auditorium in Prince Hall, 24 Washington Street, Boston MA. 8-10 p.m. is Cabaret (bring your own food) and part until 2 a.m.! DJ "Lady K" will be present along with a cash bar. Please come in proper dress attire. Raffle tickets are available for \$50, \$200, and \$500! Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$30 at the door. For tickets, please call Richard 508-586-7764, Lucky 617-708-0655, or Joanne 617-957-3540.

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

Sumner Hill Association: First Monday of each month, 7 p.m., various locations. Info: secretary@sumnerhillassociation.org.

The True Hip Hop Culture Program: Come chill out with other teens in the community, exploring hip hop culture, the arts/entertainment industry, live performance, life and the world around us. Free, with light refreshments served. Every 3rd Thursday of the month, 5-7 p.m., English High Community Center, 144 McBride St. Info: Jazz Wise theprogram@excite.com, or 617-635-5244.

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

Lantern Festival: Join in the traditional community lantern walk around Jamaica Pond on Saturday, October 24th, weather permitting; Rain date Sunday, October 25th. Either night will begin at 6:00 p.m.

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

Book Discussion for Adults: Housekeeping by Marilynne Robinson, Monday, October 26th, 7:00 p.m.

Club de Lectura (en Español) : De Amor y de Sombra de Isabel Allende. Sábado 24 de octubre, 12 :30 a.m.

Practice Speaking English: Join this ESL Conversation group and improve your English skills, Mondays, October 5th, 19th, & 26th, 6:30 p.m.

Hispanic Heritage Celebration! 6:00 p.m. Stories in Spanish and English; 6:30 p.m. Latin Music by

Happy Halloween Party & Parade: 3:30 p.m. Activities & treats for kids. Wear your costumes!
4:00 p.m. Parade around Hyde Square to local businesses. Friday, October 30th.

Reading Readiness Fall Storytime: Stories & Songs for kids ages 2 – 4 with an adult. Please register beforehand! Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.

The Very Hungry Caterpillar Storytime: Come enjoy Eric Carle's story and other well-loved stories and songs. Please register beforehand! Thursday, October 8th, 10:30 a.m.

Fall Lantern Workshop: Make a colorful lantern with Spontaneous Celebrations. Ages 3 & up. Please register beforehand! Saturday, October 17th, 11:00 a.m.

Social Justice Book Discussions: Nickel and Dimed by Barbara Ehrenreich. Thursday, October 8th, 6:30 p.m. at the JP Branch Library, 12 Sedgwick St. For more info call: 522-2018.

Where the Wild Things Are: Sneak peak at the AMC Boston Common, 175 Tremont St. \$30 - \$100 to benefit 826 Boston. Please see www.826boston.org for more details. Monday, October 5th, 7:00 p.m.

Trouble the Water: A moving documentary about one family's experience during and after Hurricane Katrina. Presented by Mass Alliance of HUD Tenants, 42 Seaverns Ave. Monday, October 5th, 6:00 p.m. Info/RSVP to: 617-267-2949.

Sunday Afternoons at the Greenough House: Dance, Love, Sleep: a program of music with Aaron Larget-Caplan on solo guitar. 12 South St., \$17 (\$12 for Seniors, Members, & Students). Sunday, October 4th. Call 617-524-3158, or email lghouseconcerts@aim.com for more information.

JP Unplugged: Bethelle Steele and Chris Wilhelm. 12 South St, \$10. Saturday, October 10th, 8:00 p.m. More info at: 617-833-0361 or www.jpunplugged.org.

Live Salsa Music with Ten Tubao: Come celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month. JP Branch Library, 12 Sedgwick St. October 15th, 6:30 p.m. Info: 617-533-2018.

Music at the Goddard House: Tim Whelan Jazz Trio. Goddard House Skilled Nursing & Rehabilitation Center 201 S. Huntington Ave. Monday, October 26th. Info/RSVP: 617-676-6404.

E.E. Cummings Celebration: Poetry readings, viola performance by Julia Wertz, and a walk to Cummings' grave. Forsyth Chapel, 95 Forest Hills St. \$9 (\$5 members). Sunday, October 4th, 2 p.m. Info: www.foresthillstrust.org.

Curtis Hall Halloween Party! A Halloween Party, free for all ages. Games, arts & crafts, Halloween stories, costume contest, prizes, treats, and much more. At the Curtis Hall Community Center, 20 South Street. October 30th, 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. Info: Natasha Adams, 617-635-5193.

Forest Hills Educational Trust: Weekend events at 2:00 p.m. at 95 Forest Hills Ave.

Contemporary Art Walking Tour: Of the Contemporary Sculpture Path with Trust Director Cecily Miller. Saturday October 17th, \$9.

Finding Voices in the Silence: Concert, talk, and short walk to celebrate African American heritage. With Jazz music, historical discoveries and a walk of honor. Sunday October 18th, \$15.

The Struggle for Liberty and Justice: Tour focused on the African American struggle for freedom and equal rights, pre-Civil War. Sunday, October 25th, \$15.

Franklin Park in History: Come learn the fascinating history of Franklin Park, as presented by Julie Arrinson. Thursday, October 8th, 7:00 p.m. at the First Church in Jamaica Plain, 6 Eliot Street.

Jamaicaway Books: Visit the local bookstore for one of their upcoming events at 676 Centre Street, or call them for more info at 617-983-3204. You can also visit their website: www.jamaicawaybooks.com.

Vincent McCaffrey Book Reading and Signing: Avenue Victor Hugo Bookshop owner presents his new mystery, Hound at 7:00 p.m. on October 9th.

Gwendolyn, the Graceful Pig: Book reading and signing by author David Ira Rottenberg and BalletRox founder Tony Williams. 12:00 p.m. Saturday, October 10th.

Jazz Brunch with the Bill Banfield Trio: Come enjoy brunch at the J'Way Café while listening to insightful music by the Bill Banfield Trio, led by guitarist and Berklee Professor Bill Banfield. Sunday, October 11th, 2:00 p.m.

Mission Hill:

Domestic Violence Community Advocacy

Program: Renewal House is open for walk in appointments on Wednesdays, from 10 a.m to 2 p.m., 10 Putnam Street in Roxbury (First Church in Roxbury – UU Urban Ministry...The big white church on the hill near Roxbury Crossing T station or Dudley Station) If you wish to make an appointment, please contact Ada at 617-277-4194.



A view of Mission Church, atop of Mission Hill.

Parker Hill Library: Homework Help and Creative Drama: Homework Help Monday-Thursday, 3:00-5:00

p.m. Saturday, 12:00-2:00 p.m. Thursday-BPS Teacher, 4:00-6:00 p.m.

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

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

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

Free Parent-Child Playgroups: Offered by Boston Public Schools for toddlers at Tobin Community Center. Registration is ongoing for 1, 2, and 3 year olds and their caregivers. Several dates and times are available. Info: 617-756-9492.

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.

Ward 10 Democratic Committee Candidates' Forum: Thursday, October 8th, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m., Parks Building, Mission Park.

Mission Grammar 120th Anniversary Celebration: Saturday, October 17th, 4:00 p.m. Mass at Mission Church, followed by a party/fund-raiser at Our Lady of the Cedars of Lebanon Hall in Jamaica Plain. For info, call: 617-442-2660 or 617-445-2600.

Mission Hill Main Street Annual Meeting: Architect Carol McLaughlin, speaker. Board elections to be held. Tuesday, October 20th, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Ledger Conference Room, 4th Floor, One Brigham Circle. Info: 617-427-7399 or www.missionhillmainstreets.org.

Su Mei Tse: Floating Memories: Exhibit open until October 16th. Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum: 820, The Fenway. Info: www.thegardnermuseum.org.

SMFA Faculty Show: Open until October 18th. SMFA 230, The Fenway.

Dog Days Bogotá: Photos by Alec Soth, through November 28th. Lecture, Monday, October 26th, 6:00 p.m. Stephen D. Paine Gallery, Mass College of Art and Design, 621 Huntington Ave. Info: 879-7333.

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: 427-3820.

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

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. Info: Kim Kates: 617-536-2460.



Customers shop for locally grown goods at Brookline's Farmer's Market.

Brookline Farmer's Market.
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Roslindale:

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 www.ymcaboston.org/roslindale/programs/sports

Longfellow Area Neighborhood Association: The 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 Day Parade: Going from Washington St. to Fallon Field, the parade is "Honoring Boston's Main Streets" on October 4th at 1:00 p.m. See www.roslindaleparade.com for details.

Art Exhibits: Cheryl Murphy's work will be displayed through October at the Bangkok Café, 25 Poplar Street. Her work includes watercolor, pastel, oil, and sculpture. Becky Fullerton's work will be displayed through October at the Boschetto Bakery, 1472 Washington Street. A Reception with Becky Fullerton will be held at the bakery on October 8th from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Her work explores imaginary hallucination.

Brookline:

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

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.

Free Book Club Meetings at the Libraries: October 19th at 2:00 p.m. "Unaccustomed Earth," by Jhumpa Lahiri at Temple Emeth until the Putterham Library renovations are complete. October 19th, at 7 p.m.

"Playing the Enemy: Nelson Mandela and the game that made a nation," by John Carlin at the Main Library.
October 20th at 12:00 p.m. "Friends in High Places," by Donna Leon at the Main Library.

Running against Traffic: A 5K Road Race held by the Boston Initiative to Advance Human Rights will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 10th at Larz Anderson Park, 140 Goddard Ave. To register for \$35 per person, go to www.coolrunning.com. For more info, see www.bitahr.org/events/rat.

Greater Boston: ☐

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

Job Opportunities

Job Search Workshops Presented by the Brookline Public Libraries: The workshop, "Resumes that Work," with George Zeller, will be held at the Coolidge Corner Library, on October 6th, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

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.

Street Safe: StreetSafe Boston is looking to hiring five additional Streetworkers and two additional Lead Streetworkers) for an October 19th start. Contact Jennifer Winn Aronson, Director of Operations and Strategy, StreetSafe Boston, The Boston Foundation at 617-338-4267 for more information.

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

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

Hyde Square Task Force: Seeking part-time Bookkeeper to assist Finance Manager in financial preparations. Candidates should be familiar with financial language, have good computer skills, and be efficient and reliable. To apply, please email (preferred method) your resume and cover letter to enoes@hydesquare.org, or mail to Enoes Andujar, Manager of Finance and Human Resources, Hyde Square Task Force, 375 Centre St. Jamaica Plain, MA 02130.

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.

☐ **URBANO Project:** Boston-area teens! Space is still available in the URBANO Project's free Artists' Workshops and Teen Curatorial Program! Applications are due October 9th, download an application for at <http://www.urbanoproject.org/programs.html>. Submit completed forms to info@urbanoproject.org or mail to URBANO Project, 29 Germanie Street Jamaica Plain, MA 02130.

Alray Taylor Second Chance Scholarship: Application deadline October 15. For Boston high school graduates who did not complete, but would like to return to college and have used their time since productively. Fill out and submit application online at www.alray.org, or contact: 617-395-6862 or info@alray.org for more information.

☐ **MassArt Saturday Studios:** Offers elementary through high school students an affordable opportunity to engage in the arts from October 17th through December 12th. Scholarships are available and no prior art experience is required. An application may be found online at <http://www.massart.edu/x1805ml>, or contact 617-879-7170, or email k12@MassArt.edu for more information.

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.

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. Sanchez's Office..... 617-722-2130

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