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September, 2009

Dear Friend,

As summer comes to a close, my office has been hard at work putting on several events throughout the district highlighting the **new school year and the importance of looking at one's own health**. In the past few weeks we have held three successful "Back To School Jams", at Bromley Heath Housing Development, High Street Veteran's Development and Mission Main Housing Development. Thanks to the support of local sponsors and universities we were able to keep in touch with the needs of our community.

As many of you know, Mission Hill was visited by Presidents Obama, Clinton, Bush and Carter and a number of other dignitaries to mourn the passing of Senator Edward Kennedy. It was an honor to have the funeral of Senator Kennedy held in Mission Church. He was a force in the Senate for nearly half a century as a champion for healthcare and justice for all Americans. Locally, Senator Kennedy was extremely influential in the community Health Center movement and was extremely influential in the development of the Mission main housing, my childhood home. He was a dedicated advocate for all people of Massachusetts. Senator Kennedy was invested in issues of both global and local significance. He will be dearly missed by our community.

The fall is a busy time of year with the House of Representatives back in session and the new school year underway. I am certain much will also be happening throughout the district with many community meetings back on their regular schedule after a summer hiatus, and I look forward to seeing many of you there. As always, please feel free to contact my office with any comments, questions or concerns.

Yours In Service,



Jeffrey Sánchez  
State Representative  
Chairman, Joint Committee on Public Health

**From the Joint Committee  
on Public Health:**



A local student receives a health screening at one of the many resource tables at the 2009 Mission Main Back to School Jam.

One of the hot topics in public health is the emergence of the H1N1 influenza virus, commonly referred to as the "swine flu". As Chairman of Public Health, I have been actively involved in the state's planning process to minimize the virus' impact on families and businesses. Much of our efforts have been focused on getting the word out that there are simple steps that people can take to protect themselves and others from both H1N1 and the seasonal flu. These steps include:

- Get vaccinated. We recommend getting both a vaccination for both the seasonal flu, and for H1N1.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water or use a hand sanitizer.
  - Cover your mouth when you cough or sneeze.
- If you do become ill, stay home from school and work and get healthy.

Remember, H1N1 flu symptoms are very similar to seasonal flu symptoms. Most common are fever, cough, and sore throat. They can also include body aches, headache, chills, runny nose and feeling very tired. Some

people also have diarrhea and vomiting. Symptoms last from a few days to up to a week or more. I am available to answer any questions on both our response plans for the flu season as well as more specific concerns related to both the seasonal flu and H1N1. Further information is also available on the Department of Public Health web page, [www.mass.gov/dph](http://www.mass.gov/dph).



Representative Sanchez watches as a local Brookline student gets her face painted by a volunteer.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS & HAPPENINGS\*

### Jamaica Plain:

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

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

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

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

**Sumner Hill Association:** First Monday of each month, 7 pm, various locations. Info: [secretary@summerhillassociation.org](mailto:secretary@summerhillassociation.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, 5-7pm, English High Community Center, 144 McBride St. Info: [JazzWise@excite.com](mailto:JazzWise@excite.com) or 635-5244.

**Spontaneous Celebrations:** Offers a number of arts, music and dance classes, as well as a youth karate class. Info: [www.spontaneouscelebrations.org](http://www.spontaneouscelebrations.org).

**Sunday Nights aLive:** Non-traditional, music-and-arts worship service, featuring live music, singing and community-building. Relaxed atmosphere. Dinner served, childcare provided. Last Sunday of every month, 6-8pm, first Church of JP, Unitarian Universalist, Centre and Eliot St. Info: [www.sundaynightalivelivejp.org](http://www.sundaynightalivelivejp.org).

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

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

**Family Pajama Storytime:** Come in your pajamas for stories, songs, & cookies. Bring a stuffed animal, too!

**Book Discussion for Adults:** Unaccustomed Earth by Jhumpa Lahiri, Monday September 28<sup>th</sup> 7:00PM

**Practice Speaking English:** Join this ESL Conversation group and improve your English Skills, Mondays, September 21 & 28, 6:30 PM

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

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

### Mission Hill:

#### **Mission Hill Road Race:**

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



Representative Sanchez's staff came out to serve the burgers and hot dogs.

**Domestic Violence Community Advocacy Program:** Renewal House is open for walk in appointments on Wednesdays from 10 AM to 2 PM, 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.

**Show off your art!** If you are interested in displaying your artwork in a Mission Hill establishment, please

contact Maegen at 617.427.7399. This service is available for several opportunities for local residents to display their artwork! You may also check [www.missionhillmainstreets.org/news](http://www.missionhillmainstreets.org/news) for more information.

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

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

**Gardner After Hours:** Cutting-edge art, music, performances, cocktails and more, third Thursdays, 5-9pm, Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, 280 The Fenway. Info: [www.gardnermuseum.org](http://www.gardnermuseum.org).

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

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

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



#### Roslindale:

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

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

Many thanks to all the volunteers who made our 2009 Back to School Jams possible!

#### Brookline:

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

**September Movie Series:** The theme this month is Weddings! Movies are every Tuesday afternoon at 1:30pm, Contact the Senior Cinema at the Coolidge Corner branch of the Brookline Public Library.

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

#### Greater Boston:

**United South End Settlements:** On August 8th United South End Settlements will be hosting a sample series of low-cost classes and an array of ice cream offerings from area creameries for no cost at all.

Examples of classes being offered are Zumba, Belly Dancing, Salsa for Singles, and Watercolors for Beginners. Class times will be 11:00 am to 11:30 am, 11:45 am to 12:15 pm, and 12:30 pm to 1:00 pm. For more information please contact 617-536-8610 or [ccantave@uses.org](mailto:ccantave@uses.org).

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

#### **Job Opportunities**

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

**Street Safe:** StreetSafe Boston is looking to hiring five additional Streetworkers and two additional Lead Streetworkers) for an October 19<sup>th</sup> 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 [mbresumes@umassmed.edu](mailto:mbresumes@umassmed.edu).

**Hyde Square Task Force:** The task force is seeking a Music Clubhouse Coordinator to create and lead lessons for youths aged 10-18. Please contact Brenda Rodriguez-Andujar at [brenda@hydesquare.org](mailto: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](mailto:enoes@hydesquare.org) or 617-524-8303.

#### **Government Grants:**

##### **The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD)**

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

#### **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 as soon as possible. The college is offering the Mayor's Scholarship Program for Boston Latin School and the James T. King Memorial Scholarship. Visit [www.mcphs.edu/admission](http://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.....	617-722-2370

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