

State Representative Jeffrey Sánchez

COMMUNITY UPDATE

Dear friend,

Happy Thanksgiving! For the past seven years, it has been an honor to serve you in the Massachusetts State House. I want to thank you for giving me the opportunity to do so once again. I look forward to continue working with residents, community groups, and organizations throughout the district. For your efforts, dedication, hard work and support, you have my sincerest thanks.



It has been a very eventful past couple of weeks. On Veterans Day, I joined the Goddard House at a special brunch to honor and commemorate veterans at the skilled nursing and rehabilitation center in Jamaica Plain. It was a truly humbling experience listening to the veterans share their stories about their service careers. I had a great time hosting an art reception for Luanne E. Witkowski, a Mission Hill resident and friend. Luanne is a studio & installation artist and consultant with works in collections throughout the United States and abroad. Process-driven, using non-traditional materials, Luanne works intuitively to create contemplative abstract paintings that are rooted in and extracted from landscape and experience. The exhibit is currently on display in my office.

I also want to thank the COPD Foundation for hosting me as their keynote speaker at their Inaugural COPD Summit in Massachusetts. The COPD Foundation is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization whose mission is to develop and support programs which improve the quality of life through research, education, early diagnosis, and enhanced therapy for persons whose lives are impacted by Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease. The summit helped set the stage for the important work of drafting a COPD Plan of Action for Massachusetts and establishing a Massachusetts COPD Coalition. I look forward to working with the Foundation and the Coalition in the future.

Congratulations to the Hyde Square Task Force! It was recognized as one of Greater Boston's top providers of college preparation and success programs by Social Impact Research (SIR) in the newly released social issue report. Hyde Square Task Force is a remarkable program that through their youth leadership and education services have helped countless local youths over the years. Their annual report can be accessed at: <http://www.hydesquare.org/documents/HSTF%20Annual%20Report%202009.pdf> Keep up the great work!

I encourage you to visit my new website www.JeffreySanchez.org for breaking news, information on community resources and more. Also, since there are many great restaurants in the district, in an effort to publicize new ones and encourage you to come back to old ones, I started highlighting one under the *Restaurant of the Month*.

These months prior to the beginning of the new 2011-2012 legislative session are a very exciting time in the State House as we welcome new legislators and new ideas. As your State Representative, I would like to invite the community to share any thoughts or feedback you may have in regards to specific legislation. Please do not hesitate to contact my office at 617-722-2130 or Jeffrey.sanchez@mahouse.gov to share your ideas. I look forward to working with you.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact my office with any questions, comments, or concerns.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours in Service,



Jeffrey Sánchez
State Representative
Chairman, Joint Committee on Public Health

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The Legislative session concluded in the end of July. We are currently preparing for the upcoming legislative session by having conversations with constituents, community groups, and by filing bills. I am looking forward to the new session beginning in January, one that will prove challenging but rewarding to the Commonwealth.



PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE

The Committee on Public Health continues to monitor bills reported favorably from the committee as the legislation continues their journey through the legislative process. While the nature of each bill varies widely, the committee focused on legislation that would improve health outcomes and protect a patient's ability to receive care.

One such bill that recently made it to the Governor's desk and was signed into law modernizes the Massachusetts vital records system. Vital records include birth certificates, marriage licenses, and death certificates. This new law brings the Commonwealth into compliance with federal regulations concerning security, as well as the Center for Disease Control's requirements for uniform data sets. Uniform forms with security features will be provided to all individuals involved in the preparation and registration of vital records, a measure that will deter counterfeiting and identity fraud and improve the security of our vital records system. All cities and towns in the Commonwealth that supply vital records will be required to utilize a secure, centralized and automated database for vital records including birth, death, and marriage certificates, making records more accessible to cities and town clerks. Electronic signatures will certify the records and is a key component of this system. Existing original paper records will continue to be maintained and preserved by town clerks, as required by law, until the information is updated in the database; original records will then be transferred to the State Archivist.

Another bill I secured passage of allows dentists to qualify for a volunteer dental license, providing the opportunity for dentists to volunteer their time and professional expertise at free care clinics. The new law directs the commissioner of the Department of Public Health to study the impact of the Free Clinics Federal Tort Claims Act (FTCA) Medical Malpractice Program in order to address concerns about expensive liability insurance. The FTCA sets requirements to determine what constitutes a "free clinic" and a "free clinic health professional," and may be able to extend malpractice coverage to volunteer health care professionals who meet the criteria.

In order to more carefully monitor the distribution of prescription drugs, I led the passage of a new law that establishes a more stringent and transparent prescription monitoring program. This new law requires that Schedule III-IV prescription drugs like Vicodin, Valium, and codeine be included in our monitoring program and shortens the reporting deadline for pharmacies to no longer than 7 days. The new law requires a discharge plan is in place for clients of substance abuse service programs when they leave treatment. This provision ensures that patients in recovery programs will continue to receive the follow-up support that could be the difference between recovery and a relapse. Other provisions within the new law include: requiring pharmacists to make prescription lock boxes available for sale to prevent theft or misuse, a new commission to study the feasibility and benefits of a jail diversion program for veterans that are convicted of non-violent substance abuse charges, a study on the cost of implementing an education program for all middle school and high school children on substance abuse and addiction awareness, and a special commission to investigate the creation of an official Massachusetts tamper proof prescription form.

Finally, I want to extend my heartfelt congratulations to my fellow friend, colleague, and constituent, Commissioner John Auerbach of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. John was recently elected as President of the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO), a non-profit organization that represents public health agencies throughout the nation. John has been a beacon for the state of Massachusetts in his dedication and leadership in efforts to protect public health and is a model for the nation. I know that he will lead ASTHO with the same devotion as he does in the Commonwealth. Congratulations John!

RESTAURANT OF THE MONTH

My district features a wide range of diverse restaurants and I enjoy sampling them all. I recently dined at *Canary Square* in Jamaica Plain where I joined them in celebrating the grand opening.

Canary Square is a rustic yet refined neighborhood spot for residents of Jamaica Plain and beyond. The menu, which will be available at both the bar and main dining area, will feature seasonal ingredients from local purveyors and farms. Located



at 435 South Huntington Ave. in Jamaica Plain, Canary Square strives to be eco-conscious while still being approachable to neighborhood patrons. Congratulations and Good Luck!

For more information please visit: www.canarysquare.com

COMMUNITY EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

JAMAICA PLAIN

The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) will be holding a public meeting to discuss the Jackson Square Playground. Southwest Corridor Park headquarters, 38 New Heath Street, Jamaica Plain December 6th, 6pm-730pm

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.

POW! Play on Words- Join the Hyde Square Task Force's Youth Literacy Tutors for stories and fun activities. Wednesday December 1, 4:30-5:30pm For ages 5-12

Inspiring us on our way: art exhibit and reception- A retrospective of 15 years of calendar art by local artist Irma Wager. Exhibit: Month of December. Reception: Monday, December 13, 6:30pm

Tropical Rhythms Holiday Party!- Come hear Cornell Coley's Sugarfoot Band, special holiday treats and surprises. Feel free to bring a dessert to share! For all ages. Monday, December 20, 6:30pm

Winter Family Craft Night- Make your own snowflake mobile with art teacher Michele Brooks. Monday, December 27, 630pm For ages 4-12. Please Register

Spanish-English Language Exchange / Intercambio de idiomas en inglés y español
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.

Practice speaking english- Mondays December 6, 13 and 20, 630pm.

Playing with Paper: An art workshop for kids to learn different ways of making collages with artist Anita Barnes. Please register.

Jamaica Plain Holiday Trolley Tour, Holiday Stroll & Tree Lighting with Mayor Menino December 4th, 1pm-3pm at the Jamaica Plain Monument, 2:30pm at Hyde Square

Hyde Square Task Force informational open house: Please join HSTF on December 7 at 6:15 pm for Changing Together: Stories and Conversations on Youth and Transformation. Changing Together is a series of informal gatherings to learn more about Hyde Square Task Force, scheduled for the first Tuesday of each month. For more information or to RSVP, call 617-524-8303.

Lantern Making Workshops: Fridays 4-7pm, \$5, 45 Danforth St. Volunteers needed: Info: maaak@spontaneouscelebrations.org.

Loring-Greenough House Tours
Learn about the 250-year-old mansion at 12 South St., Sundays, April-December, noon-2pm, suggested donations, Adults, \$5; children, \$2. Info: 524-5827.

Spontaneous Salsa Sundays
Beginners and intermediates welcome, no partners necessary, Sundays, 2pm, Spontaneous Celebrations, 45 Danforth St. Info: 816-1369.

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: lcfid.org/bgfe or 512-5554.

Open Mic Mondays
At the Hallway Gallery 8pm, 66a South St. Info: thehallwayjp.com.

Black People for Better Public Schools
An affinity group for people of African descent, discuss "Brainwashed: Challenging the Myth of Black Inferiority" by Tom Burrell, Thursdays through December 8th, 6-8pm, UMN office, 891 Centre St. Info: 522-3349

The Life and Adventures of Nicholas Nickleby Parts I&II
Olivier and Tony Award-winning Dickensian two-part play, featuring JP resident Will Lyman. Oct. 21-Dec.19, Lyric Stage, 140 Clarendon St. Info: lyricstage.com

Urban Nutcracker
A retelling of the classic ballet fusing ballet, hip hop, urban tap with a score of Tchaikovsky and Duke Ellington. Dec. 3-19, Wheelock Family Theater, 180 The Riverway, \$20-\$50. Info: 879-2300/wheelockfamilytheater.org.

Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council: Fourth Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m. First Baptist Church, 633 Centre St. Info: Andrea, chair.jpnc@gmail.com or www.jpnc.org.

JPNC Zoning Committee Meeting normally first and third Thursday of the month, 7pm, Curtis Hall, 20 South St. Info: dave_baron@mindspring.com or www.jpnc.org.

JPNC Public Service Committee: normally first Tuesday of the month, Cheverus Building, rear 365 Centre St. behind Blessed Sacrament Church. For more information, contact Michael Reiskind at jpmichael@rcn.com. (no Sept. meeting. Info: ww.jpnc.org)

JPNC Parks and Open Space Committee: Third Tuesday of every month at JP Licks, 659 Centre Street at 6:30 p.m. Contact Jay for more information at 617-642-4633

JPNC Housing and Development Committee: Third Tuesday of every month at the Bowditch School, 80-82 Green St. at 7 p.m. Contact Steve for more information at 508-212-3976

Jamaica Pond Association Board: First Monday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Jamaicaway Tower Community Room, 111 Perkins Street. www.jamaicapondassociation.org

Jamaica Hills Association: Second Wednesday of every month, except July and August, 7:30 p.m., Springhouse, Allandale Rd. info: www.jamaicahills.org

District E-13 Monthly Meeting: First Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. Location rotates between Curtis Hall and the E-13 Community Room. Please visit www.e13bpd.com or contact 617-343-5624.

Southwest Corridor Parkland Management Advisory Committee: First Wednesday of every month, rotates monthly between 3 locations. Contact Jack Sinnott for more information at Jacksinnott@mckesson.com

Jamaica Plain Community Centers: Regular meetings 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.

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.

Queer Tango Boston: Argentine Tango with Gender Flexibility: Dance at the Democracy Center, 45 Mt. Auburn Street, Cambridge. All skill levels are welcome, from beginners on Monday and advanced dancers on Thursday evenings. For more call Spontaneous Celebrations at 617- 344-5550, email info@queertangoboston.org, or go to www.queertangoboston.com.

Toddler Drum Circle: Saturdays, 9am and 10:30 a.m., a weekly gathering of toddlers and parents to play, dance and drum with Cornell "Sugarfoot" Coley, Spontaneous Celebrations, 45 Dartmouth St., \$5 suggested. Info: 298-1790/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, 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.

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

Family to Family (F2F) in Spanish: F2F 2010Courses are offered by the affiliates throughout the state. Spanish program sponsored by the Veterans Administration. If interested please contact Valerie at ravnhammond@comcast.net.

Hyde Square Task Force Programs: Music Clubhouse: At the Cheverus Building, ages 10-18 years Mon.-Fri. from 3-8 p.m. For more info, contact Aimee, 617-524-8303 x312. Open Dance Workshops for kids ages 10-13 years on Mondays, 5:30-6:30p.m.; for teens ages 14-18 years on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:30-7:30pm. 365 Centre St. Info: Barbara, 524-8303/barbrahydesquare.org.

MISSION HILL

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: 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-Thursday, 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.

Jazz at the Gardner: June 17th: Folk Arts Quartet. \$23 for general admission; \$18, seniors; \$15 members; \$10, college students; \$5, children ages 5-17 years. For more information, visit: www.gardnermuseum.org.

Gardner Sunday Concert Series: Young classical artists featured from around the world, \$23, general admission; \$18, seniors; \$15 members; \$10, college students; \$5, children 5-17. For more information, visit: www.gardnermuseum.org.

Sociedad Latina's Music Club House

Recording Studio: Sociedad Latina's Music Club House has a high-quality recording studio available for the community, Fridays 1-5p.m.; Saturdays 11-3p.m., 153 Tremont St. For more information and scheduling, contact Hernando Buitrago at 617-442-4299/www.sociedadlatina.org, or 617-522-5386.

Music Classes: Group classes taught by professionals can accommodate up to 6 students between ages 8-21 years. Classes are 1 hour a week and continue for 6 weeks. Drums are Mondays from 5-6 p.m.; voice lessons are Wednesdays from 5-6 p.m.; keyboard lessons are Thursdays from 5-6 p.m.; guitar lessons are Saturdays from 12-1 p.m.; and beat making is Saturdays at 12 p.m. For more information or to register, contact Hernando Buitrago at 617-442-4299 www.sociedadlatina.org, or 617-522-5386.

Free Fitness Classes at RTH: Aerobics classes are held Saturdays, 9:00 a.m. and yoga classes are held 9:45 a.m., Parks Community Building, 2 New Whitney Street. For more information, contact Laura Adams 617-566-4025, ladams@roxburytenants.org.

Learn How to Quit Smoking for Good: Dana-Farber Cancer institute is offering weekly classes with flexible schedules at \$10 per session. Dana-Farber Cancer institute, 44 Binney St. For more info, contact 617-632-2099, www.dana-farber.org/quit-smoking-class.

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.

ROSLINDALE

Longfellow Area Neighborhood Association: Meets bi-monthly on the 2nd Monday of the month, from 7:30 - 9 p.m. in the community room of the Longfellow House, 885 South Street at Walter Street. Contact Tim Skaar at tim.skaar@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Greening Roslindale: The mission of Greening Roslindale 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.

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/rosindale/programs/sports.

Jazz in the Square Concerts: See upcoming concerts at the Roslindale Congregational Church by visiting www.jazzinthesquare.net.

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

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

West Roxbury Branch Library:

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

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

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 jeffrey.sanchez@mahouse.gov**

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Senior Program Officer – Arts and Culture at the Boston Foundation. The selected individual will drive the implementation of the Foundation's strategy to dramatically increase diverse participation of Greater Boston residents in arts and cultural productions and education. Contact Glen Davis, Human Resources Manager for more information 617-338-2669 (phone) www.tbf.org

Liberty Belle Chorus Singers Wanted: participants wanted for singing, dancing, and performing Broadway show tunes and songs of yesterday and today in the Liberty Belle Chorus. Learn vocal production techniques and presentation skills. Come to rehearsals any Monday at 7pm, St. Camillus Church Hall. 1175 Concord Turnpike (directly off Rt. 2 exit 57). For more information, contact: 617-735-9254/www.libertybellechorus.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.

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 mblresumes@umassmed.edu.

Employment Program: Jobs for Jamaica Plain, a JPND 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.

Hyde Square Task Force, Part-Time Bookkeeper: 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.

Volunteer for the American Cancer Society: The ACS needs volunteer drivers to take cancer patients to and from treatment. For info call 800-227-2345 or visit www.cancer.org.

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

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

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

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

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

Bikes Not Bombs: Seeking volunteers and interns to help with administrative work, events-planning and curriculum development. For more information, please visit www.bikesnotbombs.org.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Friends of Jamaica Pond: Seeking volunteers. For more information, please visit www.friendsofjamaicapond.org/

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

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

Looking for Volunteers? Non-profit organizations can post listings for volunteer positions at the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences website, www.mcphs.edu. There are a few job openings at the New England Baptist Hospital. Please check website (jobs change daily) www.caregroup.harvard.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

Jordan Fundamentals: The 2010 Grant Cycle is now open! This is a Grant Program for schools. An eligibility quiz and grants guidelines are available by visiting www.jordanfundamentals.com.

Boston Scholarship Guide: Information about hundreds of scholarships available to help you pay for college! www.bostonscholarshipguide.com.

The Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences: Encourages students to apply for their scholarship

programs ASAP. The college is offering the Mayor's Scholarship Program for Boston Latin School and the James T. King Memorial Scholarship. Visit www.mcphs.edu/admission to find out more.

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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