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E-Newsletter

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Dear Neighbors,

Welcome to the April E-Newsletter. I have compiled a great deal of information about the district as well as what is going on at the State House so that you can stay informed.

The budget season is upon us and I am currently working hard to assure that the issues facing our community are addressed in the budget.

I am proud of our community's activism and have listed a number of notices for you. I hope that I will see you at some of these events. As always, I appreciate your support, and please do not hesitate to contact my office if I can be of assistance.

Regards,



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OFFICE HOURS

Brookline March 21, 7:30-9:30AM, Sealey's Lunch, 147 Cypress Street
Mission Hill March 27, 7:30-9:30AM, Mike's Donuts, 1524 Tremont Street
Jamaica Plain April 4, 7:30-9:30AM, El Oriental De Cuba, 416 Centre Street
Roslindale April 11, 7:30-9:30AM, Emack & Bolio's, 2 Belgrade Street

COMMUNITY UPDATE

EVENTS & HAPPENINGS:

- **World Asthma Day 2007**, Representative Jeffrey Sanchez has been appointed as the honorary chairperson. The event will take place on May 1st, please contact 617-636-2110 for more information.
- **Jamaica Plain Youth Week**, April 16th through April 20th. Please call 617-722-8635 for more information.
- **The Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Development Corporation** will be hosting a Community Partnership Career and Job Fair featuring more than 35 employers and training providers on April 10th from 5:30-8:30pm at English High School.
- **Free SAT Prep Classes** at the Hispanic Office of Planning and Evaluation are being held on Saturdays from 11am – 2pm at 165 Brookside Ave. For more info call 617-524-8888.
- **JFYNetWorks** is accepting applications for their free GED program. Information sessions are held on Mondays at 2pm at 125 Tremont St. For more info visit www.jfyboston.org or call 617-338-0815.
- **Sociedad Latina's State-of-the-Art Music Studio** : Saturdays 12-2pm. Free classes in music production open to the public! 617 442-4299 x 115
- **Girls Leap**: Self Defense Classes for girls at the Ohrenburger Community Center. Every Mon 6-8pm. 617-635-5183.

New Staff

Robert Brandt, Staff Director—Robert brings to the office three years of experience working in both state and municipal government.

New Staff

Noel Roycroft, Legislative Aide—Noel brings to the office experience working with nonprofits and youth-serving community organizations.

COMMUNITY UPDATE

SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS & PROGRAMS:

- **The Cloud Foundation** is seeking art work from teens responding to violence in their own lives and community. Submitted art work will be displayed in the State House from April 23rd through April 27th, 2007. The submission deadline is April 7th, 2007. Please contact the Cloud Foundation at 617-262-2949 or info@cloudfoundation.org for more information.
- **TEEP Summer Program:** The Trinity Education for Excellence Program is the fusion of a summer school and summer day camp for middle school students, as well as a year-round leadership program for high school students. Free program for students in the Boston Public Schools entering 7th grade. 617-536-0944, www.trinityinspires.org/teep.
- **Year Up**, a one-year, intensive training program that provides urban young adults 18-24, with a unique combination of technical and professional skills, college credits, an educational stipend and corporate apprenticeships, is currently accepting applications from students for its 2007 class. Year Up serves high school graduates and GED recipients ages 18 to 24 years old from the Greater Boston area including Dorchester, East Boston, Jamaica Plain, Roxbury, Cambridge, Revere, Chelsea, Everett, Quincy, and Brockton. For more information please visit www.yearup.org or contact Linda Swardlick Smith at admissions@yearup.org, 617-542-1533.
- **Small Changes Grant** is a four year beautification grant of up to \$30,000 offered by Mayor Menino and the Boston parks and Recreation Department to qualified nonprofits. All projects must be physically and visually accessible from a public way and have the appropriate City-issued permits and approvals. The application deadline is April 2nd, 2007 at 5pm. Applications are available at the Boston parks and Recreation Department, 1010 Massachusetts Ave., 3rd Floor, Boston, or can be downloaded at
- **The New England Baptist Hospital Community Scholarship** is provided to students from the Mission Hill, Jamaica Plain and Fenway neighborhoods. Up to three scholarships per year, each for \$5,000 will be provided. Applications are due April 27, 2007 and applicants will be asked to attend one interview. Awards will be granted by May 18, 2007. Please call New England Baptist Hospital Community Relations at 617-754-5401 for information.
- **City of Boston Scholarship:** Deadline: Apr 2, 5pm. For students planning to attend college in Massachusetts. Applications available now at www.cityofboston.gov/mayor/scholarship. Call the Mayor's Youthline, 617-635-2240.
- **Boston Scholarship Guide:** Information about hundreds of scholarships available to help you pay for college! www.BostonScholarshipGuide.com.
- **Boston Public Schools Career and College Guide:** If you are thinking about your college options and career choices, be sure to check out this helpful guide! www.bostonpublicschools.org/bps/collegeguide.pdf.
- **Mayor's Hip Hop Roundtable:** Now accepting applicants to infuse and support Hip Hop culture in meaningful and positive ways throughout the entire city. www.bostonhiphoproundtable.org.
- **Teen Voices:** Participate in a 12-week journalism program working as a Teen Editor for a nationally distributed magazine! Girls ages 13-18. Application forms 617-426-5505.
- **Teen Ink Environment Contest:** Submit an essay on an environmental problem and how you would solve it. www.teenink.com.

COMMUNITY UPDATE

SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS & PROGRAMS Cont...

- **Boston Centers for Youth & Families After School Programs:** Ages 5-12. 2-6pm. Provides meals & snacks, homework help & tutoring, recreational activities and field trips year-round. 617-635-4920x2315.
- **Boston Guide to Youth Services:** Check out this list of programs, activities, and events for youth and families in the city. www.cityofboston.gov/bcyf.
- **BAC Summer Academy Info Session:** Mar 3, 11am. Boston Architectural College. Information Session for a design exploration program for high school students entering grades 10 or higher. 617-585-0101, www.the-bac.edu/summer.
- **Teen Curatorial Program:** Mondays 3:30-6pm. Gives Bostonian youth the chance to share opinions on all forms of art and mastermind shows that express their vision and reshape the way that people experience art. 617-262-2949.
- **All-Expenses-Paid Summer Journalism Program:** Aug. Join other students at Princeton University where you'll work in the field of journalism for 10 days, all culminating with the 12-page edition of The Princeton Summer Journal. www.princeton.edu.
- **Education Station:** Free tutoring for eligible Boston Public School students. www.edstation.net.
- **Homework Assistance Program:** Students grades 3-8 can visit local libraries. Students in grades 4-12 can get homework help online. www.bpl.org.
- **The Massachusetts Long Term Care Foundation** will accept applications for 2007 scholarship awards until Friday, April 6th. Scholarships of up to \$2,000 are available for people currently working at a nursing home or assisted living residence. For more information please visit www.mecf.org.

CONGRATULATIONS:

- **Congratulations** to the Joseph P. Manning School and Principal Genteen Lacet Jean-Michel for being honored as a 2007 Commonwealth Compass School. The Compass School Program recognizes significant and continuous improvement in public schools in MA.
- **Congratulations** to Sociedad Latina, MissionSAFE, and all the young people involved in the successful kick-off of YouthNOISE.
- **Congratulations** to Sociedad Latina, Hyde Square Task Force, and Bottom Line for recently being awarded Wellington Management Charitable Fund grants.

EMPLOYMENT LISTINGS

The Boston Police Department

The BPD is seeking individuals to join their team and become part of Boston's future. The upcoming civil service exam is taking place on May 19, 2007. For more information visit www.jointhebpd.com or call 1-888-333-2353.

Department of Conservation and Recreation

Seasonal summer work. Applicants must be 16 years of age. For an application please contact our office or Dan Bertrand, the Governor's Office Summer Jobs Coordinator (617-725-4005). Applications due April 13, 2007.

Job Tips for Teens: If you are looking for a job, be sure to check out Job Tips for Teens. Get job ideas for all age groups! <http://www.bostonyouthzone.com/afterschool/employment/tips.pdf>.

Boston Youth Fund Summer Jobs

Applications available through March 20th. For requirements and additional info please visit <http://www.bostonyouthzone.com/teenzone/employment/byf/> or call 617-635-HOPE.

Hyde Square Task Force

Multiple positions available, including Manager of Grants Development and Communications, Individual Donor Development Specialist, and Community Organizer. For more information please visit www.hydesquare.org or call 617-524-8303.

Food Project Summer Youth Program: Now accepting applications for summer of 2007. Ages 14-17. Get involved in community service, team building and food production. Stipend provided. 781-259-8621x 23, www.thefoodproject.org.

Boston Private Industry Council (PIC): Visit your PIC Counselors at Boston Public High Schools to learn about jobs, internships, resume writing and much more. www.bostonpic.org

Learn a Trade and Earn Money While working towards your GED or Diploma: Artists for Humanity is hiring out of school youth to work morning through early afternoon as a member of their commercial screen-printing team. Interviews required. 617-268-7620, www.AFHBoston.com

Boston Harbor Islands Seasonal Employment Opportunities: There are a wide range of jobs available for Boston's youth at the National Park Service for the Boston Harbor Islands. Please visit www.thompsonisland.org for more information.

BUDGET UPDATE

My 2008 budget priorities include education, affordable housing, elder services, as well as continuing my work on work force development and environmental needs. My budget priorities are a result of numerous discussions with local residents, community groups and state organizations. As always, I am committed to working towards ensuring that the State supports the priorities important to my constituents and their communities.