

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 ONeil, will be honored at the State House for their artwork. 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
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Chairman, Joint Committee on Public Health