

## Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council is now over 30



Council chair Kevin Rainsford flanked by new member Omar Hecht (L) and original council member Michael Reiskind, secretary.

PHOTO BY RICHARD HEATH

**Richard Heath**  
Staff Reporter

Middle age approaches the Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council (JPNC); it enters its fourth decade with new members, a new chair and a life of its own.

Kevin Rainsford, a JP resident since 2005, was elected chair in May 2018; he joined the council in 2016.

The JPNC is one of six neighborhood councils created and appointed in 1985 by Mayor Ray Flynn; the others are Chinatown-South Cove, Charlestown, Codman Square, North End-Waterfront and West

Roxbury.

At the time, neighborhood councils were criticized by many as a Flynn attempt to circumvent established neighborhood associations with hand-picked councils staffed by his new neighborhood services liaisons, a remodeled version of Mayor Kevin White's Little City Halls.

Not every neighborhood chose to have a neighborhood council, including Mattapan, most of Dorchester, Hyde Park, East Boston and South Boston. Roxbury was then decompressing after a failed secession

**JPNC Meeting**

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## Council mulls elected School Committee

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

The Boston City Council met last week to discuss the possibility of returning the Boston School Committee to an election-based board.

Currently, the Boston School Committee is an appointed board that the mayor chooses to oversee the operations of the Boston Public Schools District (BPS), but that was not always the case.

As with many school committees, the board in the past held public elections, but after a 1989 citywide referendum, the board was selected by the Mayor. Back in 1989, the 13-member elected board

was lambasted by the public during the committee's efforts to consolidate schools and to determine the city's first efforts at school choice. Some say the move to an appointment board is in part due to the aftermath of desegregation in the 1970s.

Now, the council is looking at what it could mean to return the committee to an election-based process to increase accountability in the BPS. This came after several attempts by the BPS to increase transportation efficiency which, if not shot down by hundreds of upset parents, would have resulted

**School Committee**

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## Annual Toy Drive brings neighborhoods together



Hundreds came out on Sunday to share the holiday spirit and maybe ask the big man himself for something special. Here, volunteers from the neighborhood sit with St. Nick.

PHOTO BY JEFF SULLIVAN

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

Hundreds of residents gathered for The annual Allston Brighton Toy Drive on Sunday, Dec. 16 at the Corrib Pub in Brighton to bring cheer to those in need.

Mounds of toys were stacked, organized and put in a UHaul truck to be delivered

on Monday, Dec. 17. The drive and holiday party was the brainchild of now State Rep. Michael Moran back when he was working in a local restaurant, and he said it's just great to see it grow over the decades.

"I mean go outside and see the UHaul truck we've filled with toys," he said. "It's just amazing, this community gives back like no other neighbor-

hood I've ever seen, and the kids these toys are going to are all from our community. I think that's the part that people most like about this, because everything they give here stays in the community and if there's extra, we certainly give it out, but this community really takes care

**Toy Drive**

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## Marijuana applicant meets with Hyde Park Residents

### Small crowd skeptical about recreational sales

**Matt MacDonald**  
Staff Reporter

On Wednesday, Dec. 12, a mandatory community outreach meeting was held regarding the application for a recreational and medical marijuana retailer and product manufacturer. The business is proposed for the building located at 931 Hyde Park Ave.

The applicant for the recreational and medical licenses is Suns Mass, Inc. (SMI), an affiliate of Harvest, Inc. The Arizona company has been in business since 2011, employs approximately 450 people, and has 16 dispensaries located across 10 states.

The now vacant building is formerly the site of Serino's Italian Foods, and takes up approximately 22,000 square feet of floor space, with a 29 car



(Left to Right) Michael Ross, Daniel Linskey, and Philip Silverman answer questions at last Wednesday's community meeting

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parking lot located in back. The meeting – arranged by the Civic Engagement section of the Mayor's Office – was broken down into an applica-

tion overview presentation that ran nearly an hour, and was followed by a question and an-

**Community Meeting**

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# Fairmount Grill reaches out helping friend in need

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

The Fairmount Grill hosted a fundraiser on Saturday, Dec. 15 for its General Manager Jillian Stairs, who has just completed several rounds of chemotherapy.

Stairs first started working at the Fairmount Grille when it opened in 2013. She has been diagnosed with Myelodysplastic Syndrome, a rare form of cancer. Since her initial diagnosis last year, she has put her life on hold to take care of herself, and Fairmount Grille owner Chris Rassias said he's happy to try and help get her back on her feet.

"I've known her for a very long time and she's been my right hand every step of the way," he said. "We worked for the Glynn Group for a long time in Downtown Boston, they own like nine bars around the area and were at the Brownstone, Cleary's, the Purple Shamrock and all these places, and so we worked together at all these places and she came here and helped me open this place."

Rassias said currently, Stairs is doing very well after the treatment.

"Last year she was diag-

nosed with MDS," he said. "She had to go through a long process of chemotherapy, which included two doses of extremely high-dose chemo, and then she had a bone marrow transplant and now she's getting better and she's doing really well."

Rassias added, however, that her medical bills are not yet paid, and he knows that Stairs and her two children are in a great time of need.

"She's a single mom with two kids and she was in the hospital for about two months straight, and she had to go back in for another three weeks," he said. "That whole time, her kids had to stay with her mother... it's just a really tough situation with her kids having to start school without their mother being there; and things like school clothes, you know, we all know how much those can cost, they are big expenses. The other thing is she had to give up her apartment and so when she gets out she doesn't have a place to go with her kids. She hasn't been able to work or get money and her medical bills are going to be astronomical. I can't even imagine."

Childhood friend of Stairs Kerry-Anne Benjamin said it

was amazing to see so many come together to rally around her friend.

"It's amazing, but I'm not surprised because Hyde Park is great, not to mention Hyde Park was just voted the friendliest neighborhood in the city," she said. "Just seeing the outpouring of love and donations, it's just like a close-knit family."

DJ Al Watkins said he's known Stairs as he is a patron of the establishment, and now he's spinning to help her recover.

"She always kept us laughing," he said. "She's been so great to everybody, so when we heard what was going on with her, we knew we had to help because she's been there for all of us."

Residents and coworkers Joshua Lopez and Danyel Cousins said they were so happy to see people come out and support their friend in her time of need.

"It's great that people care enough to actually put the effort in to do this fundraiser," said Lopez. "So many of the customers are coming in to support Jill."

Cousins said the fundraiser is just an example of the feeling of love and community



Jillian Stairs

that makes Hyde Park the neighborhood it is.

"There's such a close community in Hyde Park, everyone wants to take care of each other and make sure we're all doing well," she said. "Jill wasn't raised in Hyde Park, she's not from Hyde Park or anything like that, but she works here and everyone who supports the Fairmount Grille has come in to support Jill, which is great."

Lopez said Stairs is an amazing person to work with and never shirks her duties. He said he's looking forward to seeing her back at the

Fairmount.

"She is a ball of energy, she's very very determined, and so sometimes you may see her and think she's angry, but it's just once she's just in focused mode," she said. "She definitely loves to laugh and have a good time and has a few stories to tell when she's able to tell them."

Bartender Russ Dial said though he started after Jill took time off, because of those who know her and because of Rassias' regard for her, he dedicated the 22nd annual

**Jillian Stairs**

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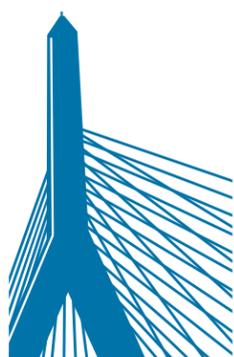
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# Editorial

## GOOD CHEER

There is one thing about living in New England that we will never tire of: Christmas celebrations.

Other parts of the country (and world) celebrate the holiday, of course. Some of those celebrations are more elaborate, regal, and religious. One would be hard-pressed to compare Boston's festivities to those in Vatican City or Bethlehem.

What makes this time of year so much fun, however, is that these celebrations, from the simple to elaborate, effectively become an integral part of everyday life.

These weeks and months can be a drab and gloomy time of year. It seems to get dark right after lunch. The temperature outside is not nearly as cold as it will get in February, but the chill in the air is a painful reminder that the worst is yet to come. With the end of the year come added deadlines and work-related responsibilities. Bills pile up as accountants look to close out their books for another calendar year. Shopping drains our wallets and it feels like swimming against the tide as the days fly by.

Feeling down and depressed, in a funk, or out of sorts? Here is one remedy: go take a look at the gorgeous lights strung along neighborhood streets.

In Downtown Boston, Newbury Street is a thousand times more beautiful with the simple, dignified addition of bright white lights. Boston Common transforms into a gumdrop-like spectacle of trees draped in a kaleidoscope of primary colors.

Then there are the Christmas trees. We have a wide selection of trees to gawk at, from the stately to the high-tech. Take your pick among the displays raised in Copley Square, inside the State House, the Prudential Center, and Faneuil Hall Marketplace (home to the interactive "Blink" show).

For an eye-pleasing stroll, nearly every step in the city crosses paths with carefully-arranged lighting displays from Frog Pond to the Public gardens, from the Seaport to (our personal favorite) the Columbus Park trellis.

There may be grinchers out there who question the use of city funds for such ostentatious uses, especially given the religious overtones that may be attached to the displays. Humbug to that! Civic pride is a valuable mission for officials and a worthwhile bill to pay once a year. This is hardly a wasteful exercise.

Speaking of these municipal efforts, we'd like to offer a hat tip and expression of gratitude for the folks who make it all happen, notably the city workers who spend weeks each year stringing the decorative lights that add so much cheer to the local scene.

Their efforts and hard work may not be fully recognized by residents, but they certainly deserve praise. As anyone who has ever decorated their own home can attest, Christmas displays are hard work that requires precision, creativity and, oftentimes, the patience of a saint. Scale your own efforts to a city-wide campaign and you start to get an idea of the size and scope of this seasonal project.

And so, we thank those folks and wish them the joy of the season. It is a message of peace and prosperity we likewise share with our readers and advertisers. Merry Christmas to all, and a Happy New Year.

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# Francis "Mickey" Roache Boston is a better place because of you

As we approach Christmas week and we look forward to spending time with our families, please keep the family of Francis "Mickey" Roache in your prayers.

"Mickey", as he is known to Bostonians, passed away on Monday. He was a son of South Boston who had a profound impact on the City of Boston.

Roache graduated South Boston High School in 1954 and served in the Marines.

He joined the Boston Police Department in 1968

In 1978, he was served as the head of the newly formed Community Disorders Unit. He was named an acting lieutenant in 1983, and appointed Boston Police Commissioner by Mayor Raymond L. Flynn in 1985.

Roache served in the role until 1993 when he made an unsuccessful run for Mayor.

The people of Boston showed their appreciation for Roache's service by electing him to the Boston City Council two years later, as he garnered more votes than all others seeking the council. He repeated that feat several times before being elected as the Suffolk County Registrar of Deeds, where he served until 2015.

I had the honor of working with Mickey. First, at the Boston Police Department serving as the Deputy Director of Administrative Services, and later serving as his Chief of Staff at the Boston City Council.

Mickey and I were close for a few years. He once told me he considered himself "a late

bloomer." I will always appreciate his work ethic and his smile.

Mickey was not someone who wanted the spotlight, attention or even the credit. He just wanted to serve. As Police Commissioner, he served our city during some difficult years. He told me, "I never imagined being Police Commissioner or running for office, but I was honored to have done both."

Being the Police Commissioner is a difficult job. Only those who have actually sat in their chair and been in that position can truly understand the toll it takes on them and their families. Running for citywide public office is grueling in its own right, but Mickey did it with ease because he knew the city and its people so well.

I admired Roache as he was a visible and approachable public figure. He had a great heart and was a good listener.

When tragedy struck and news had to be delivered to someone that their child would not be coming home, he was a compassionate messenger who seemed to have lost a piece of himself as well - due to the death of a young one happening on his watch.

As time moves on, we sometimes overlook our true history. The 1970's were a tough period for the City of Boston, and the images that portrayed us around the world created scars for Boston that still exist today.

Mickey Roache and Mayor Ray Flynn dedicated themselves to help heal those wounds throughout the 1980's.



Francis "Mickey" Roache

They were approachable and extended helping hands to all who needed it. They changed the direction of the City of Boston by bringing government to the people through the inception of community policing.

While the 1980's were not all that long ago, the work of devoted public servants like Commissioner Roache, Mayor Flynn and so many others is often unknown or forgotten by many Bostonians. They played a significant role in improving race relations in the City of Boston and we still feel the impacts of their work today.

When Roache sought elected office on the Boston City Council, his theme song was from the TV show Friends, "I'll be there for you."

Well, Mickey, you were there for us. A leader, a listener and a friend. You made Boston a better place and we thank you.

Charles P. Burke is the former Deputy Director of Administrative Services for the Boston Police Department and the Chief of Staff for Mickey Roache when a City Councilor.

## What about Mary?

*For it is Mary, Mary*

*Plain as any name can be*

*But with propriety, society will say Marie*

*But it was Mary, Mary*

*Long before the fashions came*

*And there is something there that sounds so square*

*It's a grand old name*

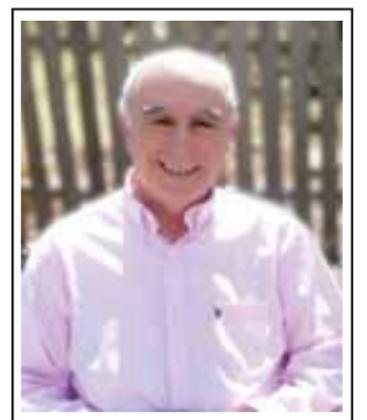
In 1906 songwriter George M. Cohan so elevated the name "Mary" because that word designated the loves of his life—both his mother and his wife. But in the last several decades Mary has fallen into disfavor.

There are wonderful variations of Mary: MaryLou, Maryanne/Marianne, Marie, Maria, Mary Kay, and MaryJo with various popular songs and singers paying homage to at least four of them—Ricky Nelson, Harry Belafonte, Dean Martin

(among others), and West Side Story/The Sound of Music, respectively.

In 2017, according to one current website, the name ranked 126 in the United States, with 2,281 occurrences, while 1921 saw 73,982 occurrences, although it was not top ranked that year. In 1880 and 1961 it was ranked #1. Will it ever make any sort of a comeback such as Emma and Jane have done?

List how many "young" people you know blessed with this name. Don't say



My Kind  
of Town/  
Joe Galeota

Mary Pickford, who was born before the turn of the century or Mary Martin, born 1913. Mary Travers of the legendary Peter, Paul, and Mary folk trio and Mary Tyler

Galeota

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### BUILD BRIDGES NOT WALLS

To the Editor:

I recently participated in the School of the Americas Watch Border Encounter in Nogales, Arizona, USA and Nogales, Sonora, Mexico. I did this because I'm very concerned about the struggle and safety of many people who have suffered greatly from violence and poverty in Mexico and Central America. The large exodus from Honduras and El Salvador has made it clear that living there has become deadly and dangerous because of political repression, corruption, disappearances, murders, gangs, and severe poverty.

During the Encounter I learned how US foreign policy, which has long been based on racism, greed, and exploitation, has caused the massive migration north of many people. Legal and illegal sales of arms from the US to Mexico provide plenty of guns and assault weapons. The continuing education of military from Latin America at the School of the Americas at Fort Benning, Georgia and other US military bases in techniques of assassination, counter-insurgency, and torture has led to a long history of violence by its graduates who enjoy great impunity. Closing the School of the Americas would greatly help stop the violence.

I attended a rally at the Milkor Manufacturing plant in Tucson, which sells weapons to Mexico, a vigil at the Eloy for-profit detention center housing thousands of migrants, a concert, and a funeral procession with large puppets. I went to workshops, which included research on stopping the gun trade, legislative advocacy for a just foreign policy, and conversations with the families of the disappeared and murdered.

I saw how the US border is becoming more militarized as the US army installed barbed wire and a second fence along the border to create a restricted space. I learned how the US Border Control has been responsible for many deaths in the Sonoran Desert. Their "chase and scatter" techniques, often using helicopters, have

caused migrants to get lost and die. The Border Patrol has also destroyed water and food left for the migrants by humanitarian aid workers. Human remains found in the desert often showed lack of water as a cause of death. I also heard the cries of women who had lost loved ones. My ears still ring from a litany sung to remember over a hundred people found dead in the border area last year.

My time at the border was one of many emotions. I was angered at the policies of my own government. I felt deep sorrow for those who have suffered and been killed. However I also experienced much hope in solidarity with the many other activists, young and old, working to speak truth to power. Many shelters have been set up on both sides of the border to help refugees. I was moved by the way residents of the border area help with food, water, and medical attention. Educating ourselves about what is happening is critical. I cannot claim to be ignorant of the many human rights violations in Latin America and on the border and I feel compelled to work to stop the violence. I would like to see our border as a bridge that connects people, rather than a wall that excludes them. I believe that together we can do this.

Maria Termini  
Roslindale

### PEOPLE NEED TO CHOOSE SCHOOL LEADERS

To the Editor:

As I read of the move by some in Boston to directly elect members of the Boston School Committee I, like many critics of the current appointed board, believe it is time for an elected school committee again and replace the current mayoral-appointed board because the members of this board too often only amplify the mayor's wishes.

The original idea of an elected Boston School Committee often frustrated folks due to the political nature of our city. In 1983, Boston voters switched from 5 citywide members to a hybrid system, three citywide members and nine district members,

all still elected.

In 1992 during the Flynn Administration, the elected school board was abolished and replaced with mayoral-appointed members. This was apparently done to eliminate politics from the running of the school system and, what most of us discovered, was that whether the board is elected or appointed, politics still remains strong in all decision making.

I thank City Council's Education Committee chair Annissa Essaibi-George for pushing a discussion on this issue of real voter accountability. Like City Councilor Matt O'Malley, I too question why Boston voters are the only voters statewide who do not elect their school committee members. Like John Drew, ABCD president, I too question why Bostonians are not worthy of electing their school committee members.

As someone who ran unsuccessfully twice for a seat on the Boston School Committee (1977 and 1983), I believe Boston voters in general, and school-age parents in particular, are more than capable of electing good voices to represent their many needs for their children in the system. Either you believe in people making wise choices or you don't believe in our democratic republic where the people are the government.

Just because something has been around 26 years doesn't mean we can't make improvements by allowing 'We the People' to elect our voices in government, even in the Boston School Department.

Sal Giarratani  
East Boston

### MR. SHURTLEFF'S LETTER ON THE MARK

To the Editor:

Thank you for printing Mr. Shurtleff's thoughtful letter. I traveled to China in the year following the Tiananmen Square massacre of June 4, 1989. At that time they were confiscating bibles of any Christians entering the country. I was privileged to talk to many young Christians who had protested against the communist government, the same government which is still persecuting Christians today. So I hope that Boston City Hall will allow for the great displays and information that Mr. Shurtleff described in his letter to the editor.

"Tricorn" Tom Moor  
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## School Committee *continued from page 1*

in routes that would require some students to wake up at 5 a.m. to catch their buses, consolidate and close down several schools.

It should be pointed out that according to a 1989 New York Times article detailing the original move from an elected board to appointed that accountability was one of the sticking points many residents felt was not in the then elected board as well. In the same article, entitled Boston Weighs Drastic Changes In School Board, State Rep. Byron Rushing said that the vote would have been along racial lines. Indeed, later in 1990, the City Council voted to abolish the school committee because of racial undertones and the bickering between members during the school superintendent search process.

President of ABCD John Drew said he supported a move back to the elected board.

"There are 450 cities and towns at last count in Massachusetts and they all have elected school committees," he said. "And now I have to wonder quite frankly why folks believe that people in Boston are not worthy of having their own elected school committee."

Former City Councilor Lawrence DiCara said that the School Committee has had many different structures over the years.

"The 70s were not a good decade for the Boston School Committee," he said. "I served on the council for most of that decade. Two School Committee members went to jail, others were indicted but not convicted, the School committee positioned themselves to bring about a court order to desegregate our schools."

DiCara said he felt that the school committee at the time, which included seven at-large members, was not representative of the neighborhoods in the city, which later led to the school committee becoming like the city council, changing from five at-large members to nine district members and four at-large members in 1984.

"It has done quite well here at the city council but was an abysmal disaster when applied to the school committee," he said. "Deep in my heart I believed that a school committee system where a majority of the members we elected by districts would encourage parents and others who were legitimately concerned about education

rather than obsessed about politics to run for those seats."

DiCara said that was not the case, which led to serious problems in the committee and its eventual dissolution.

Boston Municipal Research Bureau President Sam Tyler said he has been writing about the committee since 1974.

"From these years of experience, I can unequivocally state that the seven-member appointed school committee board affords Boston the best chance of school performance in all areas," he said. "I think we all agree that no board structure by itself is going to be a solution in and of itself to the challenges facing the BPS, but structure can facilitate the support for effective implementation to improve teaching, student achievement and operations."

Tyler said the elected committee was more concerned with day to day issues than broad educational policy and added that their issues seemed to be more about constituent issues not related to educational policy.

"And the constituents were not the students but the adults," he said.

Resident Jen Hurleyhy said she is a parent and she

goes to many school committee meetings. She said she is concerned that the committee serves at the behest of the mayor.

"They're appointed and that's their job and are somehow related to the mayor," she said. "I think that the ability to advocate as a school committee member might be compromised because they know that they are appointed by the mayor, and if residents, parents, taxpayers feel more money should be going to certain projects or schools, perhaps they feel that if the mayor's agenda is different, that perhaps they will not be heard by this school committee."

West Roxbury Educational Complex parent Mike Kincaid said times are different now than they were back in the days when major blocks of residents didn't show up to vote, and he felt an elected board would be feasible.

"The school committee back in the day basically catered to those people who showed up to vote, period," he said. "If you lived in Roxbury where I lived and grew up, you got what you got. I'm not blaming my parents and neighbors for not showing up and voting, but we just didn't back in the day, and that's kind of why we got what we got. But those days

are gone.... We deserve to have an opportunity to have our votes counted. We deserve the opportunity that if we're not happy with a particular employee, we can fire him/her, that's what elections are about."

Executive Director for Educators for Excellence Brandy Fluker Oakley said the teachers in her organization feel that the issue is less about the actual structure of the committee and more about having actual accountability from the committee, both for teachers and parents.

"Since August, we have surveyed more than 500 educators on the topics of current policy in BPS and in the past two months alone, more than 200 educators weighed in on the issue of school governance," she said.

Oakley said teachers feel the real issue is whether or not the school committee is accountable to residents, educators and officials. She added only 3 percent of those teachers surveyed said they were in favor of an appointed board, with the remaining 97 percent preferring an elected option or a hybrid of elected and appointed.

The council voted during its regular meeting last week to keep the issue in committee for further discussion.

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# Around the Neighborhood

## CITY

### A COMMUNITY CONVERSATION: THE POWER OF PUBLIC MONUMENTS & WHY THEY MATTER

Wednesday, January 9th @ 6:30pm, Tremont Temple, Boston the National Parks Service, Friends of the Public Garden, City of Boston, and Museum of African American History will host A Community Conversation: The Power of Public Monuments & Why They Matter with an introduction by Karen Holmes Ward and featuring moderator Beverly Morgan-Welch (National Museum of African American History and Culture) and panelists DeRay McKessen (Black Lives Matter activist and author), Renee Ater (American Public Art historian), and F. Sheffield Hale (President and CEO, Atlanta History Center).

The Shaw 54th Memorial on the Boston Common has been called "one of the monuments that changed America." More than 120 years old, the Memorial is positioned strategically on Boston Common opposite the Massachusetts State House. This conversation will deepen the community's dialogue about race, freedom, and justice and raise awareness of the significance of the memorial and the story it tells.

[www.eventbrite.com/e/a-community-conversation-the-power-of-public-monuments-why-they-matter-registration-53353384409](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-community-conversation-the-power-of-public-monuments-why-they-matter-registration-53353384409)

### FRANKLIN PARK ZOO

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**WHAT:** Looking for a great way to end the year? During your winter school vacation week, connect with incredible wildlife

and spend a memorable day with family and friends exploring Franklin Park Zoo.

Be sure to visit the education station inside the Tropical Forest, where you'll learn about the amazing adaptations of animals during the cold winter months. There will also be fun winter-themed activities, crafts, zookeeper encounters and much more to explore!

**WHEN:** December 26 - 29, 2018 from 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

**TICKETS:** For ticket information, visit [www.franklinparkzoo.org](http://www.franklinparkzoo.org).

### FREE ADMISSION

In honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, admission to Franklin Park Zoo is free

**WHAT:** In honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Franklin Park Zoo will offer free admission on Monday, Jan. 14, 2019. At Franklin Park Zoo, guests are invited to write messages of hope and peace on the mural that will be located within the Tropical Forest Pavilion. This is a wonderful opportunity to spend a memorable day with family and friends while learning about fascinating wildlife from all over the world.

**WHEN:** January 14, 2019 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Please note: Last admission will be at 3:30 p.m.

**TICKETS:** In honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, admission to Franklin Park Zoo will be FREE on Monday, Jan. 14, 2019.

### ALLSTON / BRIGHTON

### CHARITY CHRISTMAS TREE

The Fishing Academy Charity is doing Christmas tree home delivery once again this year.

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### BRIGHTON ALLSTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S 2019 HISTORICAL CALENDAR

The Brighton Allston Historical Calendar is for sale. These calendars can be purchased in Brighton at the following locations: The Winship Spa= 290 Washington St. Brighton Locksmith & Hardware Shop =383 Washington St Brighton Allston Heritage Museum = 20 Chestnut Hill Avenue St. Columbkille Rectory= 321 Market St. In addition, in front of the Brighton Post Office, Members of the Board will sell the calendars every Saturday morning between 11:15 AM and 12:15 PM

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### HOLIDAY MEAL

Charlesview, Family Nurturing Center, EmPath, and Bridge Over Troubled Waters are working together to host another Holiday Meal event for families living in shelters in Allston and Brighton this holiday season. Thursday, December 13, at 6:30 pm at the Charlesview Fiorentino Community Center, 123 Antwerp St Extension, Brighton,

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How you can help: Contact Amelia at [amelia.youngstrom@bostonabcd.org](mailto:amelia.youngstrom@bostonabcd.org) to bring a dish, donate a raffle prize, or volunteer during the meal! Or forward this information along to someone you think might like to participate. Please note: We are hoping to limit the amount of leftovers we have at the end of the night this year. For this reason, please try to sign up for a unique item. Be aware that I may contact you after signing up to assign a different item or suggest donating a raffle prize instead of a food item.

### PROGRAMS AT THE BRIGHTON LIBRARY

#### GRINCH INTERACTIVE READING

Thursday, December 20, 2018 @ 3:00 pm BCYF is proud to be a host for a series of interactive Grinch readings.

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#### TWO DAY BOOK SALE

Friends of the Brighton Branch Library, Friday, January 11, 2019, Saturday, January 12, 2019 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Brighton Branch Library 40 Academy Hill Rd, Brighton

#### RIDING THROUGH WINTER FORUM (BRIGHTON)

Thursday, January 24, 2019, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Join the Boston Transportation Department to share tips for bicycling through the winter season. Our Riding Through Winter Forums include a short presentation and interactive discussion among attendees. If you've wanted to ride your bike (or Bluebikes!) through a Boston winter, but weren't sure where to start, these forums are for you! And if you have been riding through winter, consider joining us to share your tips.

Brighton Branch Library 40 Academy Hill Rd, Brighton Email [Contact: Samuel.Beeker@Boston.Gov](mailto:Samuel.Beeker@Boston.Gov)

#### FRIENDS OF THE BRIGHTON BRANCH LIBRARY

Thursday, January 31, 2019 @ 6:30 pm Latest book written by Anthony Sammarco, the president of the friends of the Brighton Branch Library. The contemporary photos in the book are done by Peter Kingman. Anthony will talk about his book.

Brighton Branch Library 40 Academy Hill Rd, Brighton

### BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

A book discussion group meets at the Brighton Library/40 Academy Hill Road (617) 782-6032 on the last Wednesday of each month at 11:15 am. The featured selection for December 26th will be Charming Billy by Alice McDermott. Copies of the book are available at the branch. Everyone is invited and new members are welcome.

### BEGINNING INTERNET CLASS

Mystified by the net? Don't know how to surf? Help is available on a one on one basis to get you started. Call for an appointment and ask for Alan. Brighton Branch Library/40 Academy Hill Road/ (617) 782-6032

### ESL CONVERSATION GROUPS

Two ESL conversation groups meet at the Brighton Library: One on Monday evening at 6:15 pm; The other on Tuesday afternoon at 1 pm. Come and practice your language skills in an informal and friendly setting with other new English speakers. Brighton Branch Library/40 Academy Hill Road/(617) 782-6032.

### HYDE PARK

#### ETHOS EVENTS

##### Falls Prevention Classes for Seniors

Many older adults experience a fear of falling. People who develop this fear often limit their activities, which can result in physical weakness, making the risk of falling even greater.

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Managing Concerns About Falls is a program designed to reduce the fear of falling and increase activity levels among older adults.

Classes run for 8 weeks and include fun videos, group discussion, a safe surroundings survey, and mild exercise to increase strength and flexibility. It is offered at no charge. Those using a cane or walker will also benefit from this program - it is a great class to help improve your balance and self-confidence.

Location: Blake Estates (Community Room), 1344 Hyde Park Ave. in Hyde Park Day and Time: Wednesdays from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Class Dates: January 9th thru Feb. 27th 2019

##### TAI CHI CLUB FOR SENIORS

Calling all former and current Tai Chi participants! New Tai Chi Clubs are about to begin. Tai

##### Calendar

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## Ask The Doctor

Junior Damato began servicing vehicles in 1969. He owns a 10-bay auto repair service center in Hyde Park and an 8-bay center in Middleboro. Junior is an ASE-certified Master Technician, ASE-certified L-1 and ASE-certified Natural Gas.

### What went wrong?

The old Big Three need to win back the U.S. buyer or they will become the Very Small Three. Let's go back to the 1960s when the Big Three sold big vehicles. The small imports were then knocking on our doorstep. Move into the 1970s and pollution controls and lower compression engines were a part of the vehicles. In 1975, the catalytic converter started showing up, as did fuel injection. This was when problems started growing for the Big Three. I started seeing both mechanical and body faults. The American car buyer would switch from Ford, GM or Chrysler when they were not happy with the brand they were driving. What happens when they were not satisfied with all three? There were oil leaks, both engine and transmission failures, and paint that peeled off, just to mention a few. It seemed that the car owner was always at fault, the manufacturers never admitted that it was a poor-quality car.

The imports started to gain popularity among unsatisfied car owners. After a few years of import ownership, the vehicle was handed down to a family member and a new car from the same manufacturer was purchased. The Big Three did not seem to care or even think about the invasion of the imports.

Here we are at the end of 2018 and GM just announced closings and layoffs. They say people are not buying their cars. Can you blame them? Why buy a car that does not fit or feel like the car you want? Why buy a car from a manufacturer that did not want to help you when there was a problem?

My question is: Why did the top white-collar executives not listen to the workers? Why didn't they listen to the buyers? Why did they not listen to auto writers like myself and organizations like NEPMA?

GM says they want to be a smaller, more profitable company. How about GM caring about the customer and building cars that are good quality and have a 10 year/100,000 mile warranty? How about a financial incentive for trading in an import?

Look at what KIA and Hyundai have done. Companies that had inferior cars years ago now produce some of the finest vehicles today. It would be great if GM could come back and build great vehicles that buyers want. To do this they need to look to everyday people, not the highly paid white-collar big shots that do not have a worry in the world.

Boston's own Junior Damato, "The Auto Doctor" has agreed to field auto repair questions from *Bulletin* and *Record* readers. Please forward your questions to [news@bulletinnewspapers.com](mailto:news@bulletinnewspapers.com) and we will do our best to get your questions answered.

# Porsha Olayiwola named City poet laureate

Mayor Martin J. Walsh recently announced Porsha Olayiwola has been appointed as the City of Boston's new Poet Laureate, a role she will formally begin on January 1, 2019.

"Porsha's eagerness to enhance the City of Boston through poetry, along with her commitment to increasing access to the arts in every neighborhood, make her an incredible asset," said Mayor Walsh. "I'm excited to see her vision of how we can use arts to facilitate inclusive and welcoming conversations across the City come to life over the next four years."

A Jamaica Plain resident, Olayiwola is the Artistic Director at MassLEAP, a literary non-profit organization in Massachusetts serving youth artists. She also co-founded The House Slam, a poetry slam venue at the Haley House Bakery Café in Roxbury that offers a free poetry slam and open mic events twice a month.

"I am eager and humbled to serve as Boston's Poet Laureate," said Olayiwola. "I am excited to work directly with writers across the City's poetry spectrum to provide resources and build bridges between creative communities. With the City, I am looking to establish

a youth Poet Laureate program, develop residential and workspace for writers and weave poetry into the everyday lives of Bostonians. Please look out for me in a library, classroom, lecture hall, City Hall, living room or street corner in the years to come!"

The Poet Laureate program, established in 2008, is a way to highlight literary arts and promote a citywide appreciation for poetry. The Poet Laureate's challenge is to inspire deeper engagement in the written and spoken word, while acting as an advocate for poetry, language and the arts. The Poet Laureate is charged with raising the status of poetry in the everyday consciousness of Bostonians, which she does by attending public readings, civic functions, and poetry events. The Poet Laureate serves a four-year term.

"What a pleasure to know that the Boston Poet Laureate Program will be in good hands with the deeply thoughtful and splendidly dynamic Porsha Olayiwola," said current Poet Laureate Danielle Legros Georges. "Her willingness to take on challenging subject matter and to carve out new spaces of discourse for poetry—along with her rootedness in spoken-word literary traditions—



Porsha Olayiwola

make her an especially exciting and necessary new Laureate for Boston."

Olayiwola has received numerous recognitions and awards, including being named the 2014 Individual World Poetry Slam Champion and 2015 National Poetry Slam Champion. In 2018, she was named by GK100 as one of Boston's Most Influential People of Color.

Originally from Chicago, Olayiwola moved to Boston in 2010 following the completion of her bachelor's degree in African American Studies from the University of Illinois. She is currently an MFA Candidate at Emerson College, and has a full-length collection of poetry forthcoming in 2019 with But-ton Poetry.

## Walsh, Salvation Army lend helping hand



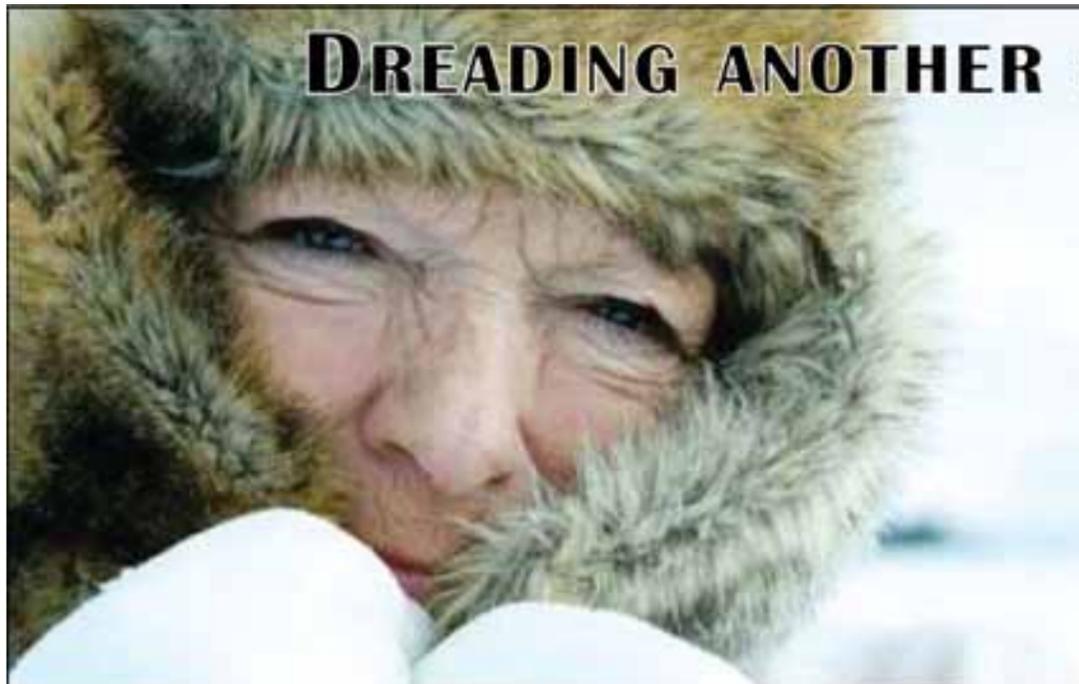
Boston Mayor Marty Walsh and dozens of officials joined hundreds of other volunteers last week to chip in and raise awareness for those ringing the bell for the Salvation Army.

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**Toy Drive** *continued from page 1*

of its own.”  
Moran said he still enjoys the party, but it has grown beyond him now, which is great to see.

“Over the years a committee was formed made up of neighborhood residents who care about the community and wanted to give back,” Moran said. “I’m not a part of the committee, so a lot of the stuff I’m seeing today is for the first time. Credit should go out to the people on that committee, people like Annabelle Gomes, Craig Cashman and Bernette Lally. They’re all volunteers and they’ve done an unbelievable job. All the credit goes to them.”

Brighton Allston Improvement Association Treasurer Annabelle Gomes was found on hand during the party and was organizing several aspects of it, like drop off and raffle sign ups.

“This is such a great cause and it really helps the children,” she said. “We deliver the toys tomorrow and we know exactly where they’re going. We itemize them by age and try to make

sure everybody gets something.”

Gomes added they had to do extra for the Faneuil Gardens building, as they were unable to secure Toys for Tots this year.

“So we want to help them out a little bit more” she said, adding that every year the residents put together a Christmas scene for the kids. “It really looks like Santa’s workshop up there; it’s a winter wonderland and they do such an awesome job for the kids.”

Residents Siobhan McHugh and Ellen McCrave said they’ve been coming to the party for years.

“We come every year, and it’s a good community event and the toys are going to the kids in the community,” said McHugh. “Mike is a friend of ours, and we’ve been coming since it started. He used to do it over at 25 Nichols before he was a state rep. Now the first thing you see here is the UHaul parked on the side street, and you know it’s happening.”

Resident Carolyn Mueller said she heard about the event from Gomes.

“It’s a great fundraiser and a lot of people came out, and it’s an amazing cause,” she said.

Resident Bob Biaka said he’s been helping out since Moran started his political career and he always gets a warm feeling whenever he helps the state rep bring a little joy to others.

“We’ve been doing it for at least 20 years when I first helped Mike on his second race,” he said. “I’m an oldtimer, longtimer, whatever you want to call it. This is always very well attended and it’s very helpful to the kids from around here and elsewhere. It covers virtually everyone who is needy, and it feels like you’re contributing and doing something for someone else. It’s a good feeling.”

Resident Lauren Mattison said she came out because it’s important to make the holidays great for others.

“It’s a place to meet people from the community and donate toys. What else could you want?” she asked.

**10th annual Shop with Cop huge success for those in need**



Members of the Boston Police Department enjoyed participating in the 10th Annual “Shop with a Cop: Heroes & Helpers Holiday Celebration” held at the South Bay Target Store in Dorchester. Officers from districts across the city along with volunteers from several outside police and first-responder agencies paired up with over three hundred deserving children from every neighborhood in Boston to pick out a special holiday gift. The event was hosted by Mayor Walsh and Commissioner Gross and generously funded by the Boston Police Activities/Athletics League (PAL), Target and several other charitable organizations. Our officers enjoyed sharing their time while bringing a little holiday magic to these grateful children and their families during this season of giving.

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**Jillian Stairs** *continued from page 2*

Ronnie Dial Golf Tournament, held for his brother, to Stairs over the summer.

“I do a fundraiser every year at the Brendan Behan Pub in Hyde Square Jamaica Plain, and so my brother Ronnie passed away 22 years ago and we do a fundraiser

every year,” he said. “We choose a charity that is localized, and this year Jill was the only recipient of the funds, around \$11,000. I didn’t really know her, but I hit it off with Chris right away and I knew how dear she was to his heart, so me and the three

other people who put together the tournament, well we didn’t have a cause yet and so I said why don’t we give it to her and they were all for it.”

To support Stairs, you can go to her GoFundMe page at [gofundme.com/ps7nq-just4jill](http://gofundme.com/ps7nq-just4jill).

# Reducing disposable bags in Boston

The City of Boston's new plastic bag ordinance is a big step forward in our work to cut carbon emissions, reduce pollution, and create a cleaner, greener city. When the new ordinance goes into effect on December 14, 2018, stores in Boston will no longer provide plastic checkout bags to customers. Ahead of the change, we're making sure everyone has the information they need. We are answering questions and distributing reusable bags and signage throughout neighborhoods and main streets. And we're asking you to help by reminding neighbors and friends to bring a reusable bag when shopping in the city.



Martin J. Walsh

Here's why we're encouraging everyone to switch to reusable bags: It's an opportunity to be good environmental stewards and responsible neighbors. Single-use plastic bags have a big impact on the environment. Plastic bags often end up in our streets and gutters, vacant lots, and trees. They're harmful to our marine life and pollute our waterways. You can use reusable bags time and time again without tossing them in the trash, which helps to reduce waste and carbon pollution. As a city committed to being carbon free and moving toward zero waste, this is a big step in the right direction.

So, how will you carry your groceries home? Moving forward, stores will provide recyclable paper, compostable, or reusable bags to customers, starting at 5 cents per bag. This charge goes back to the businesses to help them cover the cost of new sustainable checkout bags. As a customer, you can avoid the charge by remembering to bring a reusable bag whenever you shop. Businesses will be able to use their existing inventory of plastic bags by applying for an exemption to the City's Inspectional Services Department.

Switching to reusable bags is an important milestone, but it's

just one of the ways that you can help reduce waste. You can also use the City's trash app. It allows you to check which materials are recyclable, and reminds you of your collection schedule, which means you may never miss your recycling or yard waste pick up day again. You can learn more about upcoming hazardous waste drop-off days and composting in the city at [boston.gov/trash-and-recycling-guide](http://boston.gov/trash-and-recycling-guide).

As a sustainable city, we're committed to reducing our waste and the carbon pollution that causes climate change. We're exploring ways to support waste reduction as well as increase opportunities for repair, reuse, recycling, composting and remanufacturing. Switching to reusable bags gets us closer to that goal. I'm proud of our progress and I know there's much more work to be done — but first, let's all remember to bring our reusable bags this holiday season and remind our neighbors to do the same.

Our Office of Neighborhood Services will be distributing reusable bags to residents, and bags will also be available for pick up at Boston Centers for Youth & Families (BCYF) locations. Businesses and residents can learn more about the City's plastic bag ordinance at [boston.gov/plastic-bags](http://boston.gov/plastic-bags) or by calling 311, our constituent hotline. For more information on our Climate Action Plan, please visit [boston.gov/environment](http://boston.gov/environment).

Chi Club will run through the winter months. This is not Tai Chi instruction. It is a program for those who have taken the Tai Chi for Seniors workshop and would like to practice weekly with an instructor.

Location: BCYF Hyde Park Community Center, 1179 River St. in Hyde Park Day and Time: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. Start Date: January 8, 2019 For more information or to register for this workshop contact Ann Glora at 617-477-6616 or [aglor@ethocare.org](mailto:aglor@ethocare.org)

## JAMAICA PLAIN

### ETHOS EVENTS

#### Café Connections

NEW from Ethos! Combine a nutritious lunch with an informative and interactive workshop that also includes a simple exercise routine to stretch and strengthen. Learn how to eat well, control pain, begin an exercise program, handle stress and relax, and increase your energy level. Lunch and Workshop are offered at no charge. Anyone from any neighborhood may join in.

Location: Woodbourne Apartments, 6 Southbourne Road in Jamaica Plain Day and Time: Thursdays, beginning at 11:00 a.m. Class dates: January 31st thru March 7th, 2019 For more information or to register for this workshop contact Ann Glora at 617-477-6616 or [aglor@ethocare.org](mailto:aglor@ethocare.org)

## WEST ROXBURY / ROSLINDALE

### BCYF OHRENBERGER COMMUNITY CENTER PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

The Ohrenberger Community Center Preschool is a child-oriented program in which a variety of learning centers encourage exploration, experimentation and discovery. Classroom centers include block building, games, art, science, literature, and music.

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The program is offered from September through June, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm for 3 & 4 year olds (child must be 3 years old by September 1st). Five, three and two day programs are available.

Children must bring their own brown bagged lunch. For more general program information, call Grace at 617-635-5183. If interested in registering for the program, please email [emai1occpreschool175@gmail.com](mailto:emai1occpreschool175@gmail.com) by January 12th.

### ETHOS EVENTS

#### My Life, My Health

My Life, My Health: Chronic Disease Self-Management Program (CDSMP) is an informative, interactive workshop, designed for adults who live with the daily challenges of one or more ongoing health conditions. It will give people with chronic conditions (such as high blood pressure, arthritis, heart disease, cancer, asthma, etc.) and/or their caregivers the knowledge and skills needed to take a more active role in their health care.

The workshop is offered at no charge and the book, Living a Healthy Life with Chronic Disease is provided for each participant. Workshop meets 1 day per week for 6 weeks.

Location: BCYF Ohrenberger Community Center, W. 175 Boundary Road in West Roxbury Day and Time: Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Class dates: January 9th thru Feb. 13th, 2019

### TECHNOLOGY TUTORING PROGRAM FOR SENIORS

Student volunteers from The Roxbury Latin School give seniors an introduction to computers or smart phones in their state-of-the-art computer lab. This program allows the senior to work one-on-one with a student to learn basic technology skills. If you are working on a laptop or tablet at home, you may bring that with you. If you would like to learn more about your smart phone, bring that too! Seniors with all levels of experience are welcome to participate in this program, from beginners on up! Technology Tutoring meets for one hour, once a week for 6 weeks and is offered at no charge.

Location: Roxbury Latin School, 101 St. Teresa Ave. in West Roxbury Day and Time: Tuesdays from 3:15 to 4:15 p.m. Start Date: mid-January 2019.

### TAI CHI CLUB FOR SENIORS

Calling all former and current Tai Chi participants! New Tai Chi Clubs are about to begin. Tai Chi Club will run through the winter months. This is not Tai Chi instruction. It is a program for those who have taken the Tai Chi for Seniors workshop and would like to practice weekly with an instructor.

Location: BCYF Roche Family Community Center Day and Time: Mondays, from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Start Date: January 7, 2019

For more information or to register for this workshop contact Ann Glora at 617-477-6616 or [aglor@ethocare.org](mailto:aglor@ethocare.org)

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## JPNC *continued from page 1*

movement and was declared a planning district. It has struggled with on-again-off-again councils since.

The JPNC is today a political fact of life in Jamaica Plain. Henry Allen was one of the first chairs.

“The neighborhood services liaison did staff the Council, but in a very limited way,” he said. The first liaison was Joe Delgado followed by Don Gillis who soon went on to head neighborhood services. Alex Valdez, formerly a staff person for Councilor O’Malley, is the latest liaison and frequently attends the monthly meetings.

“The Council was determined to be independent of City Hall and Flynn even though we were appointed by him,” Allen went on. “We were the first neighborhood council to organize to become an elected council. Flynn and his operatives discouraged us from becoming an elected council.”

Candidates in Jamaica Plain are taken from districts drawn up by the JPNC. District A runs from Lawn Street at the foot of Parker Hill to the edge of Franklin Park; the District B line is Franklin Park to the Centre Street business district and District C is a jigsaw piece that twists its way from Neponset Avenue over to Pond Street.

The JPNC has three standing committees: Public Service, Housing and Zoning.

Members come from the council and outside the council; council officers are ex-officio members. In the past ten years, the Housing and Zoning committees have taken on more responsibility as housing development has roiled JP from South Huntington Ave. to Amory Street.

The April elections saw six new and younger members join the council. Rainsford replaced Kevin Moloney, a life-long Jamaica Plain resident, an original member and past chair of the council.

Carmen Levy became vice chair replacing Bernie Doherty, another lifelong JP resident and former chair of the zoning committee. Levy moved to JP in 2014 and was elected to the council in Jan 2017.

Rainsford wants to resurrect an idea from Henry Allen’s time.

“We wanted to bring the neighborhood councils together, a collective voice to influence city policies such as zoning and housing, but Flynn worked against that development.”

Rainsford thinks it’s time to try again.

“I’d like to collaborate more with other councils,” he said. “And share concerns. I visited with the Charlestown council. There might be a connection

with West Roxbury.”

Over the past decade a process has evolved as housing development preoccupied the JPNC more than at any time in its history. In addition to the usual local neighborhood association review of a housing issue, the JP Housing Committee, now chaired by Carolyn Royce of Egleston Square, will take it up and give it a wider neighborhood hearing. It will submit a comment letter and seek council support to send it the BPDA or zoning board.

Dave Baron has chaired the zoning committee for nine years. It meets twice monthly, vets and votes on proposals presented by proponents, and takes that vote to the full council for ratification. Thorough communication with the affected neighborhood is a strict requirement by the zoning committee.

The council has an ideology of maximum affordability of new housing at 25 percent and maximum consideration of abutters and community associations on all issues.

Sometimes the two clash. In 2002 the council argued against Egleston Crossing, a fully-affordable, 66-unit, two-building rental housing development in the heart of Egleston Square proposed by Urban Edge. The council sided with the Egleston Square Neighborhood Association and City Life which opposed the development.

Despite a very lengthy community review process, the council voted to deny zoning variances for 3200 Washington St. because there was “inadequate engagement with the community” according to its zoning board of appeal letter.

Bernie Doherty spoke in favor of the council vote against 50 Stedman St. at its Nov. 27 meeting.

“We’re a neighborhood council,” he said. “This is a neighborhood issue and we’re going to back the community group.”

Ben Day was elected chair of the council on Oct. 25, 2011 replacing Andrea Howley, who now serves on the zoning committee. Day was one of the protesters when Whole Foods opened on Oct. 31, 2011. Day was acting as a private citizen, but the Whole Foods crisis did disrupt the council. It voted against the grocer in March 2011.

The council gained increased notoriety after the Home for Little Wanderers announced in August 2011 that it was moving to Walpole and putting its property at 161 South Huntington Ave. up for sale.

In March 2012, Boston Residential Group filed a plan that would replace the Home with a

row of five and six story, 196-unit luxury apartment buildings.

Strongly opposed by the JPNC but approved by the BPDA and the Zoning Board of Appeal, the JPNC sued the ZBA in Dec 2012. Day and council member attorney Jeffrey Wiesner (who lived on South Huntington Ave) with the full council support, argued that the council was a municipal body and its opposing vote against BRG was binding.

Former Mayor Ray Flynn stepped in tell the court that the neighborhood councils were just advisory.

The judge dismissed the suit in May 2013. 161 South Huntington was completed in 2015.

At its May 26, 2015 meeting the JPNC voted to accept a \$150,000 community benefit from BRG and was authorized to distribute it. The JPNC voted \$145,000 to City Life and \$5000 to the Fund for Parks.

In the wake of the imminent demolition of the Casey Overpass, a Forest Hills Advisory Committee was approved by the council on June 24, 2014. Chaired by Forest Hills resident Gerry O’Connor, it was charged with monitoring all development in Forest Hills. It met five times but faded away as the 2015 demolition of the bridge preoccupied the members.

The council acted in a more advisory role when two large housing developments were planned that are now Metro Mark and The Vita. On May 25, 2013 the council voted to support a request by the Stonybrook Neighborhood Association for a Washington Street corridor planning study from Egleston Square to Forest Hills.

It was proposed by Red Burrows of Forest Hills.

“This could be done by a local college with student urban planners,” he said. This proposal took on a wild life of its own on July 28, 2015 when Plan JP/Rox was launched by the BPDA at Brookside Health Center.

The council took a back seat in this 18-month debate deferring to Egleston Square, Stonybrook, Green Street and City Life to voice concerns and objections.

One annual event of the council is a year-end report by Jamaica Plain’s elected officials: City Councilor Matt O’Malley, Rep. Liz Malia, Rep. Jeff Sanchez and Senator Sonia Chang Diaz.

Sanchez was defeated in November by Nika Elugardo from Hyde Square. She will give her maiden address to the council in March 2019. The Rep-elect was 12 years old when the Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council began.

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swer segment that ran just over 40 minutes.

It drew about 20 members of the public – and 10 members of the applicant’s team – to the main hall of the Blue Hills Collaborative located at 20 Como Rd. in Readville.

In his remarks, Paul Nowak – co-founder of Harvest, Inc. and its chief operating officer and director of cultivation – said that just over 3,000 square feet of the building would be used as retail space shared by both the recreational and medical parts of the business.

The balance of the building’s floor space – approximately 18,000 square feet – is slated for production. As described by legal counsel – and former Dist. 8 City Councilor – Michael Ross, this would entail the processing of raw marijuana, or the oils extracted from it, into finished retail items such as oils, salves, lozenges, cookies, and candies.

The marijuana itself is scheduled to be cultivated in Deerfield, Massachusetts, per SMI’s agreement with that town’s Board of Selectmen, and not at the proposed Hyde Park site.

According to Ross, there will also be no on-site marijuana consumption allowed, with a proviso stipulating this as part of its zoning application. This would eliminate the possibility – while the proviso is in effect – of SMI opening a cannabis café at the address.

An estimated 15 to 35 on-site jobs would be ultimately created, and Joseph Kachuroi – Harvest, Inc. partner and national real estate director – added that “we only hire local.”

Kachuroi went on to note Harvest’s \$15 entry level wage, Blue Cross Blue Shield health benefits, 401K, and the extensive training it offers in Arizona made available to its employees as part of the national company’s strategy to maintain a stable workforce.

Additionally, Ross made the announcement that SMI intends to work with equity applicants approved by the Commonwealth’s Cannabis Control Commission (CCC) as it moves forward with its licensing request and the Hyde Park site’s anticipated opening.

The CCC website ([www.mass-cannabis-control.com](http://www.mass-cannabis-control.com)) states that its equity programs – once implemented – will actively engage people from communities and demographic groups “disproportionately impacted by high rates of arrest and incarceration for cannabis and other drug crimes as a result of state and federal drug policy.”

Speaking in broad terms after the meeting, Ross added that SMI intends to bring in people from this pool – and other potential equity applicants – to assume leadership positions within the company

and the Hyde Park site, while also acknowledging the possibility of Harvest, Inc. backing an equity investment partner for the site.

“I’m not saying that the plan here is for that to happen,” Ross said regarding the partnering option. “I’m just saying that it’s one of the things that we’re considering.”

Hyde Park resident and former Boston Police Dept. Superintendent-in-Chief Daniel Linskey – acting as community outreach and security consultant for SMI – was an active participant at the meeting.

Outlining the security installations and procedures for the site (50-60 interior and exterior cameras, security personnel and other access control, and package tracking), Linskey also explained – by degrees – his change of heart regarding marijuana.

Linskey stated that he had been opposed to its legalization while a police officer, but that he had begun to change his mind about medical marijuana after watching a neighbor deteriorate from cancer, and later in the meeting, he defended recreational cannabis.

This came out in an exchange with an attendee who spoke of being repeatedly told in school – by visiting community service police officers – that it was a gateway drug.

“Me, too,” Linskey responded. “In this very room.”

He then cited former drug czar Barry McCaffrey’s research and opinion that caffeine and nicotine are more entry drugs – in terms of minors’ risk choices – than marijuana is:

“We’re not seeing it as much as a gateway,” he continued. “I was convinced it was a gateway drug as a kid growing up. I was convinced as a narcotics officer. I’m not as convinced now when I’ve looked at what’s going on with the research.”

The first question of the public comment segment focused on a recurring theme: the recreational and medicinal side of the licensing process. The Hyde Park resident asked if it might be possible to apply for a medical marijuana license only, rather than both.

Legal counsel Philip Silverman, who acted as the meeting’s de facto host (Keith Williams of Civic Engagement started and ended the two segments of the meeting), spoke of the uncertainty of the nascent industry in Massachusetts before getting more specific:

“I wouldn’t advise my client to do that because you just don’t know where the market is going, or whether you can just be medical and be financially viable,” he answered.

Parking and traffic were also recurring topics, with Silverman arguing that the 29 lot spots were a significant

number for the site, using a projection of 50-300 daily customers:

“At a peak time, if you saw 30 customers in an hour, you assume that it’s about a 15 minute visit. What you’re really talking about is maybe 8 customers at a time. There’s plenty of parking for 8 customers at a time.”

“Did you see Leicester?” Hyde Park resident George Perry interjected. “Did you see Northampton? What about Salem? You have to call for an appointment and they’re going to bus you. The whole thing is bizarre.”

Ross responded by characterizing the recent recreational marijuana dispensary openings as a “frenzy” fueled by curiosity and the desire of advocates to be first in line, while citing the law of supply and demand as an anticipated leveling force regarding the crowds:

“There are two dispensaries open in all of Massachusetts,” Ross explained. “When fully built out, there will be hundreds of dispensaries all around Massachusetts.”

Ross also alluded to how optimistic he thought the top-end customer estimate was, adding that SMI would be “delighted” to have 300 customers over a 12 hour business day.

Another point returned to by the presenters was their argument that neighborhood quality improves – in terms of lower crime rates and increased property values (although Silverman qualified that one when questioned) – where there are marijuana dispensaries.

Ross elaborated on this in relation to crime, speaking of his own high school days, and of the ease with which students could get pot compared to alcohol, which was regulated.

“As these places open, crime will drop, the black market will go away,” Ross offered. “Maybe they’ll sell other things, but they won’t be selling marijuana.”

Brothers Joseph and Sayed Halabi – landlords of 949, 951, 953, and 957 Hyde Park Ave. – remained unconvinced about property values, with Sayed envisioning the future:

“I know I’m going to have an extremely tough time trying to solicit a tenant.” He went on to speak of his 22 year investment, from his teen years to the present, in his family’s properties and the community before making this statement. “I don’t think you guys understand what you’re doing to the neighborhood. You’re destroying it.”

SMI’s application with the Commonwealth and with the City is in process. If it is successful, the anticipated opening date – as given by the presenters – for proposed dispensary at 931 Hyde Park Ave. will be at some point in the last quarter of 2019.

## Legals

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

INFORMAL PROBATE  
PUBLICATION NOTICE

DOCKET No.SU18P1827EA

Estate of: Thomas J. Mattimoe  
Also Known As: T.J.Mattimoe  
Date of Death: July 22, 2018

Suffolk Division

To all persons interested in the above-captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner: Peter J. Mattimoe of West Roxbury, MA  
Peter J. Mattimoe of West Roxbury, MA  
has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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SUFFOLK Division Docket No. SU18P2128GD  
CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT  
OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT  
TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304

**In the matter of: Monsurat Atinuke Jacobs RESPONDENT**  
**Of: Hyde Park, MA Alleged Incapacitated Person**

To The named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by  
Boston Medical Center of Boston, MA  
In the above captioned matter alleging that **Monsurat Atinuke Jacobs** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that  
Boston Medical Center of Boston, MA  
(or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve on the bond.  
The petition asks the Court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.  
**You have the right to object to this proceeding.** If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **12/27/2018**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.  
**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
**The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.**  
**Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court**  
December 5, 2018  
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate  
*Hyde Park Bulletin, 12/20/18*

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

**CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION** DOCKET No.SU03P0670W11

**Estate of:** Walter E. Danielson **Suffolk Probate and Family Court**  
24 New Chardon St.  
**Date of Death:** 09/12/1996 **Boston, MA 02114**  
617-788-8300

A Petition for S/A – Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by:  
**Joan E. Danielson of West Roxbury, MA**  
requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.  
**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
**You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00a. m. on the return day of 01/03/2019. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.**  
**UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)**  
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.  
**WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.**  
Date: December 11, 2018  
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate  
*Hyde Park Bulletin, 12/20/18*

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

**CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION** DOCKET No.SU18P2482EA

**Estate of:** James Joseph Hurley **Suffolk Probate and Family Court**  
24 New Chardon St.  
**Date of Death:** 10/22/2018 **Boston, MA 02114**  
617-788-8300

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by:  
**Jeremiah P. Sullivan, Jr. of West Roxbury, MA**  
requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.  
The Petitioner requests that:  
**Jeremiah P. Sullivan, Jr. of West Roxbury, MA**  
be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration.  
**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
**You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00a. m. on the return day of 01/14/2019. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.**  
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**WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.**  
Date: December 10 2018  
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate  
*West Roxbury/Roslindale Bulletin, 12/20/18*

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

**INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE** DOCKET No.SU18P2419EA

**Estate of: Laura Flaschner** Suffolk Division  
**Also Known As: Laura L. Flaschner**  
**Date of Death: 09/19/2018**

To all persons interested in the above-captioned estate, by Petition of  
Petitioner: Gary M. Anderson of Shrewsbury, MA  
a Will has been admitted to informal probate  
Gary M. Anderson of Shrewsbury, MA  
has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.  
The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.  
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Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

**CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION** DOCKET No.SU18P2148EA

**Estate of:** Elias Kostopoulos **Suffolk Probate and Family Court**  
24 New Chardon St.  
**Date of Death:** 06/06/2018 **Boston, MA 02114**  
617-788-8300

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for Formal Probate Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by:  
**Ekaterini Kostopoulos of Boston, MA**  
requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.  
The Petitioner requests that:  
**Ekaterini Kostopoulos of Boston, MA**  
be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve on the bond in an unsupervised administration.  
**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
**You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00a. m. on the return day of 01/14/2019. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.**  
**UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)**  
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.  
**WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.**  
Date: December 03 2018  
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate  
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Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

**CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION** DOCKET No.SU18P0993EA

**Estate of:** Robert L. Macomber, Sr **Suffolk Probate and Family Court**  
24 New Chardon St.  
**Date of Death:** 01/14/2018 **Boston, MA 02114**  
617-788-8300

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for S/A Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by:  
**Diane E. Mahan of Milton, MA and Suzanne Dunphy of Orlando, FL**  
requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.  
The Petitioner requests that:  
**Diane E. Mahan of Milton, MA and Suzanne Dunphy of Orlando, FL**  
be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration.  
**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
**You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00a. m. on the return day of 01/22/2019. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.**  
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**WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.**  
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Moore come to mind, but they were both born in 1936, while even Mary Wilson of the Supremes was a World War II baby. Mary Hart is much younger, having been born in 1950; Mary Steenburgen, an actor in her own right but also known as Ted Danson's wife, was born three years later. Millennials will, of course, point to Mary J. Blige, although she is 47 years old.  
In 1998 the Farrelly brothers entitled their raucous comedy, "There's Something About Mary," although actress Cameron Diaz hardly fit that word because of her age at the time of the filming.  
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