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BACK OF THE HILL BLOCK PARTY



Photo by Derek Kouyoumjian

Dennis Pultinas and Don Feeney grinding apples picked from trees nearby to make fresh apple juice. At one time the neighborhood was the Parker Estate that held a vast orchard. These trees are remnants from the Estate. The fun was had during the 30-plus-year annual Back of the Hill Block Party on Sept. 7. Tons of neighbors turned out, as usual, for the fun afternoon. See Page xx for more photos.

CAMH hears presentation by Sociedad Latina

BY LAURA PLUMMER

On Wednesday, September 17, the Community Alliance of Mission Hill (CAMH) met for its regularly scheduled monthly meeting. The agenda, which was

kept intentionally short due to the Ward 10 candidate forum scheduled for the same night, featured a presentation by Sociedad Latina.

Sociedad Latina, Inc. is a Roxbury-based nonprofit or-

ganization aimed at building more robust opportunities for Boston's Latinx community. It is a long-standing community staple and was recently featured

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CAMH escucha presentación de Sociedad Latina

BY LAURA PLUMMER

El miércoles 17 de septiembre, la Alianza Comunitaria de Mission Hill (CAMH) se reunió para su reunión mensual. La agenda, que se mantuvo inten-

cionalmente corta debido al foro de candidatos del distrito 10 la misma noche, contó con una presentación de Sociedad Latina.

Sociedad Latina, Inc. es una organización sin fines de lucro en Roxbury que crea oportunidades

para la comunidad latina de Boston. Es una agencia comunitaria muy conocida en la comunidad y recientemente apareció en el programa de televisión canadiense

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MBTA holds Green Line Transformation meeting

BY LAUREN BENNETT

The MBTA held a public meeting regarding the Green Line Transformation project—specifically regarding the E line—on September 26 at the Tobin Community Center.

The Green Line Transformation project is an \$8 billion, five-year capital investment plan, and the meeting was held for the community to learn more about the project as well as have their questions and concerns addressed.

According to a slide show presented at the meeting, the goal of the project is to “improve the Green Line quality of service, including increased capacity and

enhanced accessibility, through fleet modernization, infrastructure/facility upgrades and state-of-the-art technology.”

There are shorter term goals and longer term goals of the project. Shorter term goals include improving schedule adherence, increasing accessible stations, and improving climate resiliency with the Fenway Portal Project. The MBTA also has plans to acquire “Type 10 ‘Supercar’” vehicles, which will increase peak core capacity of the central subway by 15 percent. On the D and E branches, there will be infrastructure changes so 2-Supercar trains can be operated. Other

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5K ROAD RACE



Photo by Derek Kouyoumjian

Son of Fitzgerald Park's namesake, Mike Fitzgerald, who works at Northeastern University Office of City and Community Affairs, holds the Puddingstone Pot. The annual trophy is given at the Mission Hill 5K Road Race to the group that has the most participation in the race. See Pages 8 and 9 for more photos.

Gov. Baker calls for four month ban on vaping products

By JOHN LYNDY

At neighborhood smoke shops hundreds of e-cigarettes, vape devices, tobacco juices and vape related products are sold each day.

Long touted as a safer alternative to cigarette smoking, vaping has become the fad for former smokers and those who never even touched a cigarette for the past decade.

Vaping has also become the preferred method for cannabis consumption in the age of legalized marijuana in the state and both medicinal and recreational pot shop stock their shelves with THC infused vaping oils.

However, a recent outbreak in vape-related lung diseases and deaths have state's and the federal government scrambling to figure out what exactly is going on with devices that promised to deliver nicotine and THC in a safe manner.

Last week Governor Charlie Baker declared a public health emergency in response to confirmed and suspected cases of severe lung disease associated with the use of e-cigarettes and marijuana vaping products in the state. The Governor called for a temporary four-month statewide

ban on the sale of flavored and non-flavored vaping products in both retail stores and online. The sales ban applies to all vaping products and devices, including tobacco and marijuana.

The ban takes effect immediately and lasts through January 25, 2020.

The sales ban applies to all vaping products and devices, including tobacco and marijuana.

"The use of e-cigarettes and marijuana vaping products is exploding and we are seeing reports of serious lung illnesses, particularly in our young people," said Governor Baker. "The purpose of this public health emergency is to temporarily pause all sales of vaping products so that we can work with our medical experts to identify what is making people sick and how to better regulate these products to protect the health of our residents."

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) confirmed as of last week there are 805 lung injury cases reported from 46 states and one U.S. territory related to vaping or vape products with 12

deaths confirmed in 10 states.

The CDC has also received sex and age data on 771 patients. About 69 percent of patients are male. Nearly two thirds (62 percent) of patients are 18 to 34 years old; with 22 percent of patients between 18-21; and 16 percent of patients are under 18 years.

All reported patients have a history of e-cigarette product use or vaping.

The latest findings from the investigation into lung injuries associated with e-cigarette use, or vaping, suggest products containing THC play a role in the outbreak. CDC has received data on substances used in e-cigarettes or vaping products in the 30 days prior to symptom onset among 514 patients and about 77 percent reported using THC-containing products; 36 percent reported exclusive use of THC-containing products; about 57 percent reported using nicotine-containing products; and 16 percent reported exclusive use of nicotine-containing products.

However, the CDC said specific chemical exposure(s) causing lung injuries associated with e-cigarette product use, or vaping, remains unknown at this time.

"No single product or substance has been linked to all lung injury cases and more information is needed to know whether one or more e-cigarette or vaping products, substances, or brand is responsible for the outbreak," the CDC said in a statement.

Earlier this month, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) mandated that Massachusetts physicians immediately report any unexplained vaping-associated pulmonary disease to the department. As of today, 61 cases have been reported to DPH. Three confirmed cases and two probable cases of vaping-associated pulmonary disease in the state have already been reported to the CDC. The rest are pending further clinical analysis.

Vaping consists of inhaling and exhaling the aerosol (often called vapor) produced by an e-cigarette or similar battery-powered device. E-cigarettes come in many different sizes, types and colors. Some resemble pens, small electronic devices such as USB sticks and other everyday items. The products are often compact and allow for discreet carrying and use – at home, in school hallways and bathrooms and even in classrooms.

Two weeks ago the Baker Administration convened a group of pulmonary doctors and pediatric experts from Massachusetts to share what they have seen in their patients—especially youth—and their concerns about the trajectory of vaping related lung disease. The experts shared concerning information about the rapid rate of addiction to e-cigarettes, use and overuse of marijuana vaping products and cases of youth becoming hospitalized within two weeks of using vaping related products.

Baker said during the temporary ban his Administration will work with medical experts, state and federal officials to better understand vaping illnesses and work on additional steps to address this public health crisis. This could include legislation and regulations. The Administration will also work on providing more resources for a public awareness campaign and smoking cessation programs.

"Vaping is a public health crisis and it is imperative that we understand its impact at both the individual and overall health care system level," said Health and Human Services Secretary Marylou Sudders. "As a result of the public health emergency, the Commonwealth is implementing a statewide standing order for nicotine replacement products like gum and patches, which will allow people to access these products as a covered benefit through their insurance without requiring an individual prescription, similar to what our Administration did to increase access to naloxone."



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CAMH Meeting

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on the Canadian television program Cityline. Executive director Alexandra Oliver-Davila gave a presentation about proposed renovations to their building at 1530 Tremont Street, which was purchased in 2017.

Changes to the building's interior would be minimal and would focus on upgrading the Youth Development Program, adding sound-proofing to the music room and removing the front

stairwell. An elevator would replace the current light shaft in order to make the building more accessible. Renovations would also address mechanical issues such as heating and cooling. No basement work is currently planned.

The majority of the renovations would be focused on stabilizing, restoring and repairing the exterior facade. This will include replacing support beams, cleaning copper fixtures and replacing security grates with security cameras. A photovoltaic rooftop will house an electric

heat pump system that will be obscured by a wood fence. Additional windows will be added and boarded up windows will be restored.

The organization has fundraised for two years to be able to afford the needed repairs, which are to be designed by Studio Luz Architects. The need for renovations was echoed by current and former staff of Sociedad Latina. In order to realize all needed renovations, developers are seeking a variance for the Floor Area Ratio, which is currently in excess due to the plans to build an

elevator.

Executive Director of the Mission Hill Health Movement (MHMM) Mary Ann Nelson suggested CAMH take a vote that evening, due to the fact that the Zoning Board of Appeals hearing will take place before the October CAMH meeting. However, newly established CAMH guidelines forbid voting on issues the night they are presented to allow time to weigh the pros and cons. Members were told they could write to the Zoning Board to share their support of the project. Nelson reported that Sociedad Latina

had been responsive to MHMM concerns about how construction efforts would impact its own building.

Community Alliance of Mission Hill meets on the third Wednesday of the month in auditorium G-3 of the Kresge building at the Chan School of Public Health at 677 Huntington Ave from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Their next meeting will be on Wednesday, October 16. All members of the Mission Hill community are invited to attend.

Reunion de CAMH

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CityLine. La directora ejecutiva Alexandra Oliver-Dávila hizo una presentación sobre las propuestas renovaciones a su edificio en 1530 Tremont Street, comprado en 2017.

Cambios al interior del edificio serían mínimos y se centrarían en mejorar el Programa de Desarrollo Juvenil, agregar insonorización a la sala de música y eliminar la escalera delantera. Un ascensor reemplazaría el compartimento de luz actual para mejorar la accesibilidad de edificio. Las renovaciones también abordarían problemas mecánicos como la calefacción y la refrigeración.

La mayoría de las renovaciones se centrarían en estabilizar, restaurar y reparar la fachada exterior. Esto incluirá reemplazar las vigas de soporte, limpiar los accesorios de cobre y reemplazar las rejillas de seguridad con cámaras de seguridad. Una azotea fotovoltaica albergará un sistema de bomba de calor eléctrico que estará oculto por una cerca de madera. Se agregarán ventanas adicionales y se restaurarán las ventanas cerradas con tablas.

La organización ha recaudado fondos durante dos años para poder pagar las reparaciones necesarias, que serán diseñadas por Studio Luz Architects. Per-

sonal actual y anterior de Sociedad Latina hablaron sobre la necesidad de renovaciones. Con el fin de realizar todas las renovaciones necesarias, los desarrolladores están buscando una variación para la área de piso, que actualmente está en exceso debido a los planes de construir un ascensor.

La directora ejecutiva del Movimiento de Salud de Mission Hill (MHMM) Mary Ann Nelson sugirió que CAMH votara esa noche, ya que la audiencia de la Junta de Apelaciones de Zonificación se llevará a cabo antes de la próxima reunión de CAMH. Sin embargo, las reglas de CAMH recientemente establecidas no permiten votar sobre temas la noche en que se presentan. A los miembros se les dijo que podían escribir a la Junta de Zonificación para comunicar su apoyo al proyecto. Nelson informó que Sociedad Latina había respondido a las preocupaciones de MHMM sobre cómo los esfuerzos de construcción impactarían su propio edificio.

La Alianza Comunitaria de Mission Hill se reúne el tercer miércoles del mes en el auditorio G-3 del edificio Kresge en la Escuela de Salud Pública Chan en 677 Huntington Ave. de 7 a 8.30 pm. Su próxima reunión será el miércoles 16 de octubre. Todos los miembros de la comunidad de Mission Hill están invitados a asistir.

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Greg and Joyce Coleman, with Toni Williams, look in on her daughter, Amelia, a recent arrival in the neighborhood.



Alexandra, Liana, and Mickey PG Ash share some family time together.



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Justin McClaire (Back Of The Hill liaison to O'Malley), Councilor Matt O'Malley, Alison Pultinas who got the unofficial moniker "Mayor Of Mission Hill."



Photos by Derek Kouyoumjian
Thea Strodel and Jennifer Nassour, candidate for the District 8 Boston City Council seat.



Mike Yaya and Robert Kelton of Lawn Street.



Jennifer Leonard and Loie Hayes, who has a plot and is one of the coordinators in the Lawn Street Community Garden.



Vince and Whitney Cahan with Cecilia Ribetto.

Alison Pultinas' son Walter at the grill.

Bok and Nassour top District 8 primary race, advance to Nov. 5 general election

BY DAN MURPHY

Democratic District 8 candidate Kenzie Bok and her Republican rival Jennifer Nassour will advance to the Nov. 5 municipal election after earning the most respective votes in the Sept. 24 primary election.

According to the unofficial election results, Bok garnered more than 50 percent of the ballot, or 2,032 votes cast, while Nassour trailed with around 18 percent of the ballot in the race for the seat to represent Back Bay, Beacon Hill, Fenway-Kenmore, Mission Hill and the West End, which is currently held by Councilor Josh Zakim.

Bok, an affordable housing advocate, community leader and the former chair of the Boston Ward 5 Democratic Committee, said she is “very proud of the collective effort that got us to

come in a strong first.”

Said Bok: “I’m respectfully proud that we won in every neighborhood....and I’m thankful for everything people did in the neighborhoods to make it happen.”

Bok said the election results speak to the urgency of tackling affordable housing, transportation, education and climate change, all of which are issues she focused on during her campaign.

Nassour, an attorney who chaired the Massachusetts Republican Party from 2009 to 2011, said she is “really proud of work my small and mighty team did.”

Said Nassour: “The issues I’ve focused on since Day One are everyday, quality-of-life-issues... which differ throughout the district. At this point, I’m not look-

ing to campaign on big blanket issues, but instead help people improve their quality of life and create a city government that’s more accountable and effective, and that works for individuals and families who live and work in all our neighborhoods.”

Other candidates in the race included Hélène Vincent, a social and environmental justice activist and advocate for the LGBTQ+ community, who received nearly 15 percent of the ballot, or 587 votes cast; Kristen Mobilia, a community leader and advocate who received nearly 13 percent of the ballot, or 511 votes cast; and Montez Haywood, a longtime prosecutor with the Suffolk County District Attorney’s Office, who received less than 4 percent of the ballot, or 149 votes cast. All three candidates ran as Democrats.

“I wasn’t surprised by the

results,” State Rep. Jay Livingstone said. “Kenzie was the best candidate and ran by far the best

campaign, and the results show. I look forward to her serving as my city councilor.”

Wu takes citywide vote, Essaibi George comes in second

BY SETH DANIEL

Councilor Michelle Wu scored an impressive victory citywide in the Preliminary Election on Tuesday, Sept. 25, over her opponents, but Councilor Anissa Essaibi George also made a strong move in finishing second ahead of the rest of the field.

The Preliminary Election featured 15 candidates from the Council At-Large race squaring off to claim the top eight spots. The top eight now move on to fight for five seats in the Nov. 5 City Election.

There was no district seat race this time around, as Councilor Ed Flynn has no opponent.

Citywide, the vote totals were as follows:

- Michelle Wu – 26,622
- Anissa Essaibi George – 18,993
- Michael Flaherty – 18,776
- Alejandra St. Guillen – 11,910
- Julia Mejia – 10,799
- Althea Garri son – 9,720
- Erin Murphy – 9,385
- David Halbert – 6,534

The campaign will begin in earnest now through the Nov. 5 City Election.



PARTICIPACIÓN

El plazo para la sección de Participación es al mediodía, martes 29 octubre para la edición 1 noviembre. Mande eventos a news@missionhillgazette.com. Los números telefónicos empiezan con el código 617.

Reuniones

Junta de directores de Mission Hill Neighborhood Housing, primer lunes del mes, 6-7.30pm, Mission Church Parish Center, 1545 Tremont St. Información: 566-6565.

Grupo de trabajo de los residentes de Mission Main, la junta directiva del grupo de trabajo solicita la ayuda y los comentarios de los residentes, tercer lunes del mes, 6-8pm, salón comunitario de Mission Main, 43 Smith St. Información: 708-8515.

Comité de delincuencia de Mission Hill, los últimos jueves de cada mes, 7pm, salón de música de Mission Church, 1545 Tremont Street.

Salud y Bienestar Físico

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Una bolsa de vegetales/frutas \$2 bag, \$1 barras de pan fresco, ofrecido por Mission Hill Health Movement, sin preguntas; todas las bolsas que quiera llevar, los miércoles, 4-6pm, Tobin Community Center, 1481 Tremont St. 427-6919.

Fútbol de Boston Brakers, entrenamiento el primer, segundo y tercer sábado del mes, 12-2pm, Tobin Community Center, 1481 Tremont St. [facebook.com/bostonbrakers](https://www.facebook.com/bostonbrakers).

Música, Arte, Baile

Estudio de grabación, de alta calidad en Sociedad Latina, disponible a la comunidad. Tremont St. Info/Scheduling: Josh Snyder 442.4299. Baile de salón, presentado por RTH, los domingos, 7.30-9pm, 2 New Whitney St., primer piso. 232-0400, hhui@roxburytenants.org.

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Jóvenes/Familias

Sociedad Latina, su programa ALAS ofrece consejos de transición para los estudiantes universitarios durante sus primeros dos años. 1530 Tremont St. Llame a: Laura Londoño, 398-7447, llondono@sociedadlatina.org.

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Noticias Públicas

Sociedad Latina, centro de bienvenido cada jueves y viernes, 10 am – 4 pm. Familias de Puerto Rico afectadas por el huracán pueden recibir asistencia para establecerse en Boston. Info@sociedadlatina.org.

Recompensa de \$5 millón, para información sobre la ubicación de 13 obras de arte robadas hace

dos décadas del museo Gardener. Mande denuncias anónimas a 280 The Fenway. Info: Anthony Amore, director de seguridad Security: 278-5114.

Centro Comunitario Tobin

1481 Tremont St., membresía anual: 55+ gratis; familias y adultos \$20; jóvenes 13-17 \$10, niños con menos de 12, \$5. Info: 635-5216/ TobinCommunityCenter.org.

MissionSAFE, programa de liderazgo para jóvenes. Info: 319-0679. Campamento de deportes, para niños 6-13, lunes a viernes, 8 am – 4 pm, \$65/semana. 635-5217.

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Hill Happenings

By MOSSY MARTIN

I recently read "From Broken Glass", by Steve Ross, a wonderful man whom I've known since we crossed paths when we worked with the youth in the City of Boston in the mid '70s.

Steve, the father of former Boston City Councilor, Mike Ross, who represented Mission Hill, is a Holocaust survivor. Steve's happy childhood turned into a hellish nightmare at age 9 in the summer of 1939 in Lodz, Poland, when the Nazis arrived. Steve's dreadful existence ended in April of 1945 when he was rescued by American troops in Dachau, Germany. Among the American armed forces who rescued the famished victims on

that day in Dachau was Bernie Fitzgerald (Mission High School 1942 and father of beloved Mission Hill state rep, the late Kevin Fitzgerald).

Steve, now 90, who is a Korean War veteran, Ray Flynn and Kevin Fitzgerald spearheaded the creation of the New England Holocaust Museum, erected in 1995 near the Freedom Trail in Boston. While part of the book was about his astounding survival in the Nazi labor camps, much of Steve's writing was about later dedicating his life to working with troubled kids throughout the city.

It was nice to see Frank Pedersen mentioned in the book. Frank, who grew up in the Mis-

sion Hill project, was also a street youth worker and he and Steve worked together in the D Street projects in South Boston during the '60s. About 250 kids attended the basketball clinic at Madison Park High School last month, hosted by Mission Hill home-towner Wayne Selden, who played for the Chicago Bulls last year. Wayne emphasized the fundamentals of the game to the engaged hoopsters. After the ball playing, four barbers took the court, giving free haircuts to the kids. Wayne also arranged for free backpacks, gift certificates, pizza and soda while the unsparing Selden sprung for ice cream from the truck outside the gym. Wayne, who recently signed a one-year contract to play for Shandong in the Chinese Basketball Association, left for China last week.

Forty years ago in October, the Killilea Club won their last Boston Park League football championship, defeating the North End Raiders 14-12 at Casey Town Field in Dorchester. Killilea running backs John Breen and Wally Gleeson scored the touchdowns on that memorable humid Sunday afternoon and Billy Cosby's last-minute interception near the goal line secured Killilea's victory. I was the left end on that terrific team, and it was so much fun playing with a group of great guys under an excellent coaching staff including head coach, George Higgins.

Thanks to all who participated



The Breen twins (who are from the Mission Hill project) in 2017 at their home. Both great players, John Breen is seen on the right. They're holding a photo of 1979 championship team.

in the day of golfing at the Norwood Country Club last month, which raised funds for our Disabled Veterans. Golfing skill was on display by the Mission Hill Killion clan, as the team of Mike Killion, his son Matt Killion, his nephew, Kevin Killion and Marc Bossi were victorious. Kaleigh Daley, age 14, won the award for longest drive of the day. Kaleigh, a sophomore at Dedham High, is the granddaughter of Jimmy Daley and Ellen Daley, a delightful couple who grew up in the Mission Hill project. It was a fun day for a great cause at the Country Club and kudos to Col. George Rollins who organized the yearly event.

Col. Rollins is also restructuring the Mission Hill Post 327. With the local Post building having been sold, the Colonel will preside over a meeting for Mission Hill members, Thursday,

Oct. 17, at the Corrb Restaurant in West Roxbury at 7 p.m.

Getting back to the Golf fundraiser, Tom "Dubba" Walsh was a participant. Dubba was a great third baseman for Mission High School, Class of 64. Selected by the Boston Red Sox, he played three years in the Red Sox minor league system. Dubba advanced to the Red Sox Double A level, but his career was cut short when, as an U.S. Army National Guardsman, he was sent to Vietnam.

A tip of the hat to the Mission Hill Legacy Project for sponsoring the Mission Hill Senior Prom, held at the Harvard School of Public Health last month. It's nice that our seniors stay active and enjoy themselves. Congrats to the Queen of the Prom, Carmen Pola and Raymond Rosario who was crowned the King. I

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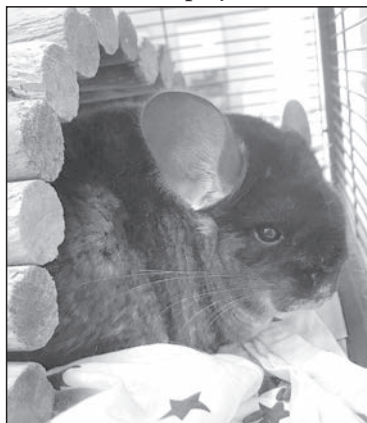
Gazette Pet of the Week

by Sarah Carroll



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Green Line

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shorter-term projects include track, power, and signal work, working on stations, structures, and accessibility, technology for riders and operations, and rolling stock, specialty equipment, and facilities, the presentation said.

Looking more longer-term, there will be changes to operate the 2-Supercar trains on all branches, according to the presentation, which will "increase peak core capacity of subway by 100%," the presentation states. Other plans include making 22 more stations accessible, improving customer experience with stations that are easy to use, and

improving safety with platforms that are separated from traffic.

Upgrades for operations include what is called the "Green Line Intelligent Decision Execution System," or GLIDES, which "improves headway adherence, decreases passenger wait time, and increases operational readiness," as well as the Transit Signal Priority (TSP), which will "increase line speed, decrease dwell time, and enhance intersection safety," the MBTA said.

Tools for riders include upgrading the GPS system in train trackers as well as creating e-Ink station signs which will provide real-time information about where trains are in the system.

As for the vehicles themselves, the Type 9 Light Rail Vehicle was

introduced in December 2018 and the MBTA hopes to deliver 24 vehicles by the end of the year. The Supercar, or Type 10 vehicles, will help to transition the fleet to longer cars. A Request for Information was released to the industry in April of this year, according to the MBTA, and they will have a Technical Specification by the end of the year. These cars replace two of the existing Green Line cars, but use one less operator. These trains will double the capacity of the Green Line cars, which will help with the issue of overcrowding that is so prevalent on the Green Line.

For more information on the Green Line Transformation project, visit mbta.com/GLT.

Hill Agenda

The deadline for Hill Agenda listings is noon, Tues., October 29 for the issue November 1. Email listings to reporter@jamaicaplainingazette.com. Note: 617 should be dialed before numbers below, unless another area code is given.

Meetings

Mission Hill Neighborhood Housing Services board of directors, first Monday of every month, 6-7:30pm, Mission Church Parish Center, 1545 Tremont St. Info: 566-6565.

Mission Main Tenant Task Force, the task force board requests residents' help and input, third Monday of each month, 6-8pm, Mission Main Community Room, 43 Smith St. Info: 708-8515.

Mission Hill Neighborhood Crime Committee, meets on the last Thursday of each month at 7pm, Mission Church Music Room, 1545 Tremont Street.

Health/Fitness

New Learn-To-Skate classes for figure and hockey skating skills for children ages 4 and 18 are starting at 11 Greater Boston rink locations: Brookline – Cleveland Circle & Larz Anderson, Cambridge, Medford LoConte, Newton-Brighton, Quincy, Somerville, Waltham, West Roxbury and Weymouth. Use either hockey, recreational or figure skates. Beginner, intermedi-

ate and advanced classes taught by professional instructors. Over 50 Year's Experience. For information and to register, call Bay State Skating School at 781-890-8480 or visit online at www.BayStateSkatingSchool.org.

Mission Hill Line Dance Class second Saturday of the Month 12:30-2:30 p.m. Exercise and Socialize with your neighbors. Sponsored by the Mission Hill Health Movement at Tobin Community Center call 617 427 6919 for more information.

Mission Hill Walks! Through October join a MHHM walk group and start getting healthier. Chose a Walk Day: Thursday, 10 am from 1534 Tremont St; Saturday, 9:30 am from 650 Huntington Ave. Call 617 427 6919 Join the Mission Hill Walk Challenge at: www.ChallengeRunner.com/login/challenge/96559i-1j1z

Walking for Our Health Group, Thursdays 10 AM. Departs from 1534 Tremont St. Join the Mission Hill Health Movement's Walking Group for a weekly walk; for both beginner and advanced walkers. Call 427-6919.

Boston Brakers power soccer, practices 1st, 2nd, 3rd Saturdays of the month, noon-2pm, Tobin Community Center, 1481 Tremont St. Info: facebook.com/boston-brakers.

Music /Art/Culture

Recording Studio, Sociedad Latina's Music Clubhouse has a high-quality recording studio and beatmaking lab available for the community. Tremont St. Info/Scheduling: Josh Snyder 617.442.4299

Ballroom dancing, offered by RTH, Sundays, 7:30-9pm, 2 New Whitney St., 1st floor. Info: 232-0400/hhui@roxburytenants.org.

Museum of Fine Arts

Regular hours are Saturday through Tuesday, 10 am–5 pm, and Wednesday through Friday, 10 am–10 pm.

Parker Hill Branch Library

The Parker Hill Branch Library has the following upcoming program:

Book Discussion Group The Parker Hill Branch Book Discussion Group meets on the third Thursday of every month.

Yoga for Older Adults The Parker Hill Branch Library presents Saturday yoga classes for adults ages 55 and older. Wear clothes that you can move in comfortably. Yoga mats and props will be provided. All experience levels are welcome. This program is made possible by the Mission Hill/Fenway Neighborhood Trust and the New England Baptist Hospital. Saturdays, 10:00 am

Youth/Families

Sociedad Latina's Academy for Latinos Achieving Success (ALAS), a program which provides students with transition coaching through their first two years of college. 1530 Tremont St. Contact: Laura Londoño, number is 617.398.7447 email: llondono@sociedadlatina.org

Workshops/groups/talks

Weekly Bilingual Mandarin-English chat, practice Mandarin language skills with native speakers and others, must request Harvard

building access permission 2 days in advance, Tuesday evenings, 6-9pm, HSPH, 677 Huntington Ave. Info: 615-9672 / Maynard. Clark@gmail.com.

Weekly Bilingual Cantonese-English chat, practice Cantonese language skills with native speakers and others, must request Harvard building access permission 2 days in advance, Friday evenings, 6-9pm, HSPH, 677 Huntington Ave. Info: 615-9672 / Maynard. Clark@gmail.com.

ESOL and citizenship classes, offered by RTH. Beginning ESOL, Mon. & Fri., 7:30-9pm. English for workplace, Tues. & Thurs., 7:30-9pm. Advanced ESOL, Fri 6-7:30pm, Sat. 7:30-9pm. Flynn conference room, 805 Huntington Ave. Citizenship class, Tues. & Thurs., 2:30-4pm, 2 New Whitney Street, 2nd floor. Info: 232-0400/hhui@roxburytenants.org.

Office Hours

Neighborhood Coordinator from The Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services, Shaina Aubourg, second and fourth Monday of the month, 3:30-5:30pm, Tobin Community Center, 1481 Tremont St. Info: 635-2679.

Tobin Community Center

1481 Tremont St., yearly membership: seniors 55+ free, family & adults \$20, teens 13-17 \$10, 12 and under \$5. Info: 635-5216/TobinCommunityCenter.org. After-school, ages 6-12, M-F, Sept.-June, \$60 per month plus mem-

bership. Homework help, tutoring, sports, arts, computers. Info: 635-5216.

MissionSAFE, leadership program for teens. Info: 319-0679. Sports Camp, licensed sports for kids 6-13, M-F, 8am-4pm, \$65/week. Register: 635-5217.

Adult/Family Fitness, Family kung-fu: ages 6+. Info: 635-5216. Adult tai chi: Mon., 6:30-7:30pm Info: 635-5216.

Computer Lab, Open Access Wed., 10am-1pm. Info: 635-5216. Senior Activities, free for adults 55 and over. Tues. & Thurs., 10-11am. Info: Carmen Pola, 820-1089.

Public Notices

Sociedad Latina has opened its doors as a BPSCares Pop-Up Welcome Center every Thursday and Friday from 10:00am-4:00pm. Newly-arrived families from Puerto Rico and the Caribbean affected by Hurricane Maria will receive assistance on registering for school, registering for FEMA disaster relief, Mass Health, SNAP benefits, and obtain access to other resources to get settled in Boston. For more information, contact info@sociedadlatina.org.

\$5 Million Reward, for information leading directly to the return of 13 works of art stolen two decades ago from the Gardner Museum. Anonymous tips can be mailed to 280 The Fenway. Info: Anthony Amore, Director of Security: 278-5114.



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enjoyed a cool end of the summer cookout in the front of my residence at the Charlesbank Apartments at 650 Huntington Ave. on Sept. 21. Despite the rain, nearly 100 residents enjoyed the Jazz band and the burgers. Thanks to

the volunteers who made the day a fun-filled success.

It was nice to see the multitude of Mission Hill folks gather at Fitzgerald Park for the Mission Hill Road Race last Saturday under brilliant sunshine. I enjoyed cheering on friends and family members who ran the race, including my son, Rob-

ert Martin and my 75-year-old brother Dan Martin. Spotted in the crowd in the walking division of the race was my friend Carol from Mission Hill, a first-time participant. It was enjoyable conversing with old friends from the Mission Hill project, including Joe Tuohey and former boxing champion, Jim McGonagle.

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5K ROAD RACE TO BENEFIT THE KEVIN W. FITZGERALD PARK

Photos by Derek Kouyoumjian

The Mission Hill Road Race is a 5K running and walking event for all ages to raise funds and awareness for the Kevin W. Fitzgerald Park in Mission Hill. The late, former State Rep. Kevin Fitzgerald was a pillar of the community for years, and it fondly remembered with the road race.



Chad Rosner won in the 30-39 age group.



Judene Williams won 1st place female in the 40-49 age group.



Cathy O'Leary and Ellie Yuen who both won woman's walker medals.



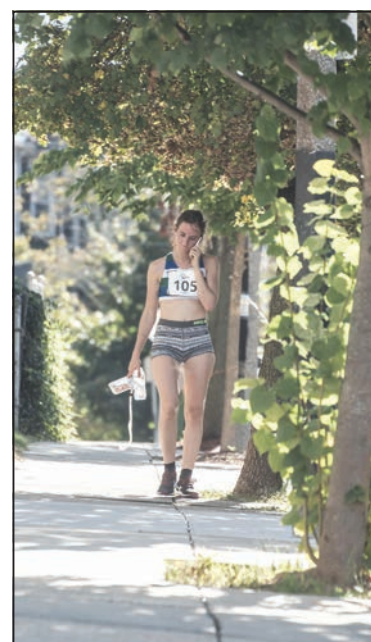
Caitlin Fitzgerald and Emily Rusk with their four-legged friend Petey.



Two famous ex-boxers, Jim McGonagle and Dan Martin, who at 75 years old ran the Mission Hill 5K Road Race.



Nadia Kury and Maureen Fitzgerald.



Runner Clara Goossaert makes her way down Calumet Street after finishing the race.



Joe LeBlanc Takes a rest.

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5K ROAD RACE TO BENEFIT THE KEVIN W. FITZGERALD PARK



Richard Giordano, Madeline, Catherine, Cameron, John, Corey, Ginny, Jesse Halsey and Susan St. Clair mingle nearby the start/finish line at their family home.

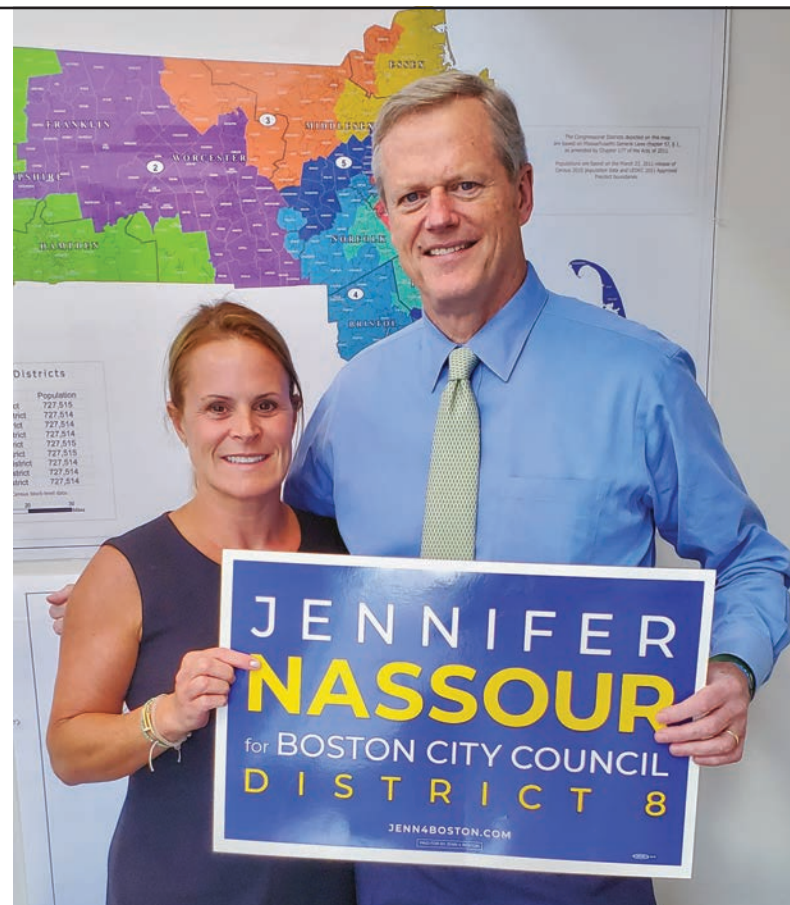
Cameron and grandpa John Halsey.



Kevin Fitzgerald, son of the park's namesake, served as emcee, while his nephew Devin Gavin (left) receives a medal for his participation walking in the 5K.

GOVERNOR CHARLIE BAKER ENDORSES JENNIFER NASSOUR for Boston City Council

"At all levels of government, having a diverse set of ideas makes for better policy," **says Governor Baker.** "Every resident of Boston should feel that their tax dollars are being spent with scrutiny and that their quality of life is improving, regardless of their neighborhood. Jenn is able to look at issues in context and draw on her **decades of experience** in the public, private, and nonprofit sectors to craft solutions. Importantly, she will also **listen to the everyday concerns** of her constituents and work to address any ongoing quality of life issues."



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"The Boston Christmas Festival has kicked off the holidays in Boston for 33 years. It will

be missed, says Jackie Ralston, founder, and organizer of the Festival. Our fans would not let this incredible event fade away due to The Seaport closing, so

we searched for an alternative location until we found the PERFECT spot. Look for us in 2020 at Mohegan Sun on Thanksgiving

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Councilor Edwards calls for overhaul on city's zoning board

By JOHN LYNDIS

In the wake of the scandal that has rocked the Boston Zoning Board of Appeals in recent months, District 1 City Councilor Lydia Edwards is calling for an overhaul of the city's zoning board.

The John Lynch bribery scandal has trickled down to the ZBA itself and now Mayor Martin Walsh is calling for an investigation into the board.

Lynch, the city's Director of Real Estate, plead guilty in federal court to accepting \$50,000 from a developer to sway members of the ZBA on a vote.

Since his plea, ZBA Board Member Craig Galvin has resigned and former ISD Commissioner Buddy Christopher, who has been serving as an advisor to Walsh, also recently left City

Hall. Reports then surfaced that Galvin's real estate company allegedly may have benefited from votes he took approving projects that he and his wife later sold.

Last week Edwards filed legislation to modernize and reform the ZBA.

According to Edwards, the proposed legislation would change the membership, mandate, electronic notice and records policy, staffing and standards of review for the ZBA, and require quarterly reports on the ZBA's activities. It would also improve the general public's ability to appeal zoning by enabling electronic appeals and establishing a community counsel to provide neutral advice to residents. Finally, it would require new financial disclosures from appellants seeking zoning relief and require appellants seeking variances on occupied buildings to discuss plans to pre-

vent displacement.

Edwards called for an overhaul of the ZBA that would include membership requirements, staffing improvements, better notices and records, expanded public access, the creation of a community counsel, and regular reporting, as well as anti displacement plans, enhanced standards and addition conflict-of-interest protections.

"These changes protect against conflicts of interest, improve standards of review, ensure critical perspectives of tenants and environmental protection are represented, and modernize the Zoning Board of Appeal by providing 21st-century transparency for all residents," said Edwards. "This overhaul is a team effort, and I appreciate that Mayor Walsh is already calling for administrative changes. I am looking forward to working with

Sullivan and Worcester to ensure we have a comprehensive conversation on ZBA reform. However, many changes will require a legislative revision of the board and this Home Rule Petition is starting that necessary conversation."

Under Edward's plan, real estate interests would be removed from the board and no named organizations or interests would have a permanent seat. Members and alternate members (seven each) of the ZBA would represent perspectives from affordable housing, civil rights and fair housing, environmental protection and climate change, urban planning, homeowners, renters, and expertise in zoning and the general laws.

Staff for the ZBA would be prohibited from engaging in other permitting, planning, development or real estate functions, and prohibited from engaging in private business in these areas.

Records would be available electronically and in person at City Hall and 1010 Massachusetts Ave. no later than seven days following a hearing. Notices of hearings would be posted and delivered electronically 20 days in advance. Contact information for the board would be posted electronically.

Appeals could be filed electronically, in person at city hall or at 1010 Massachusetts Avenue.

A new legal support office to provide neutral advice and guidance explaining standards, votes, procedures, the appeal process and other matters relevant to the board of appeal.

The ZBA would file a quarterly report on the number and type of conditional use permit or variance granted, by neighborhood and zoning district.

The ZBA would require appellants to submit statements of financial interest.

The ZBA would require appellants seeking a variance for occupied or recently-occupied structures to submit plans to mitigate displacement and to provide information about any recent evictions.

The ZBA would be newly required to consider whether a variance would impact the

city's goals for income-restricted housing, furthering fair housing, preventing displacement and addressing climate change, as well as consistency with neighborhood planning.

People engaged in the construction, development, purchase or sale of real estate would be ineligible for membership on the ZBA. The City of Boston would be able to require as a condition of appointment that members will not be engaged in the business of real estate construction, development, purchase or sale within the city for up to five years after their term of service concludes. The ZBA would be required to publish additional regulations to prevent conflict of interest.

Last month Walsh announced his administration had hired the former head of the public corruption unit inside the U.S. Attorney's Office, Brian Kelly, to conduct an independent review of the Lynch scandal.

Walsh also called for a comprehensive review of the ZBA and related processes, in order to ensure that best practices, including strong internal protocols and policies, are in place to best serve applicants in a way that is transparent and accountable to the public.

Walsh has asked Sullivan & Worcester LLP to conduct this comprehensive review beginning with the rules and regulations in place that dictate how the ZBA conducts business on behalf of the residents of Boston, and those with matters before the board.

"Since taking office, my Administration has worked to level the playing field in the development process in Boston, emphasizing transparency and ensuring broader access and input from the community," said Walsh last month. "I recognize that there is always more work to be done to make the business of city government more accessible and transparent to everyone. I am hopeful that we will learn from the findings of this review how else we can better serve our constituencies and implement best practices used in the field."

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Christmas Festival

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One-of-a-kind accent pieces enhance the home and will make memorable gifts. Consider an eye-catching steampunk lamp fashioned from salvaged

industrial vintage pipes by David Langille of Plattsburgh, New York. How about a handsome cribbage board inlaid with reclaimed mussel and clam shells to create a loon motif by Michelle Klam/Maine Shellware of Bangor, Maine. Don't miss the hand-blown glass art, phosphorus infused paperweights which dramatically glows in the dark by Christine Volpe of Killingsworth, Connecticut.

For hard-to-please men, a humorous sports-themed wall print from the Mahlon Williams of Boston, Mass will make the perfect addition to any man cave.

Fashionistas will find the Festival offers unique gifts from the affordable to splurge-worthy. Among the standouts are nautical apparel for men, women and children based on award-winning oil paintings by Vanessa Piche (North Kingstown, R.I.), art-wear cardigans, and much more

A show staple, the “Specialty Foods” section, offers a satisfying selection for entertaining, gifts, or stocking stuffers. The

infused, smoked and barrel-aged maple syrups by Eric and Laura Sorkin will enhance savory dishes. Gluten-free options like cookies, brownies and whoopie pies whipped up by Ron Geoffroy of Salem, N.H. will end meals on a sweet note. Chocolate aficionados cannot get enough hand-dipped truffles by Dean Bingham of Portland, Maine. Signature flavors like Tequila-Lime, Wasabi Ginger Sake, and Maine Moonshine will blow your mind.

Festival hours are Friday, 12 p.m. - 7 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; and Sunday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Tickets are \$16 for adults; free for children under 14. Public transportation is available via the Silver Line from South Station to the World Trade Center Station. Located beside the Seaport Hotel and The Boston Christmas Festival.

For information, call (617) 385-5000, or visit BostonChristmasFestival.com to print a discount coupon or buy tickets online. For the latest updates, follow the Boston Christmas Festival on Facebook.

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CELEBRATES 150 YEARS



Photographs by Richard Heath

Mass gets underway celebrating 150 years of the Mission Church- The Basilica of Our Lady of Perpetual Help on Sept 14. Priests from New York, Philadelphia and Boston were there for the Mass.

Shown to the right, Very Rev. Joseph Tizio Rector of Our Lady of Perpetual Help welcomes everyone to celebrate the 150th mass at the church dedicated to Mary, Mother of Jesus. “Make Her known” commanded Pius the XI to the Redemptorist Fathers who began the mission with a mass in September 1869 in the old Brinley mansion house on the site of the present church.



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Congressman Joseph P. Kennedy III announces Senate candidacy

By JOHN LYNDIS

In front of a standing-room only crowd at the East Boston Social Centers, U.S. Congressman Joseph P. Kennedy III announce his candidacy for the U.S. Senate



Congressman Joseph P. Kennedy III greets supporters as he announces his Senate candidacy.

taking on incumbent U.S. Sen. Ed Markey.

After touching on the Kennedy Family's roots in East Boston--his great-great-great-grandfather Patrick Kennedy immigrated from Ireland to Eastie in the

mid-1800s--Kennedy laid out his vision for his U.S. Senate run.

"I know that, like my family, there are millions of others that are here, that believe in that chance," said Kennedy. "That strive for that moment to provide for their families, and build a better future for the place that they call home. And I know that through fate, but often times through choices made by this country, by our government, that those barriers have been erected, not taken down. That far too many dreams have been blocked or deferred, rather than realized."

Kennedy said he runs to tear down a system that has marginalized millions of people in the U.S.

"I know that for the first time in modern American history, we have a President that is actively

trying to make that harder. We have a Senate that instead of trying to harness the opportunity and potential of every person in this country, they're trying to pull us back," he said. "And I'm running for the United States Senate to tear that down, to fight back, with everything we've got."

Appealing to the liberal crowd Kennedy said President Donald Trump has forced a reckoning in our nation but to meet this moment requires more than just defeating him.

"It requires taking on, clearly, a broken system that calcified structures that allowed him to win in the first place," he said. "The daily acts of oppression and injustice that enabled 63 million Americans to think that he was a better steward of their dreams and hopes and aspirations. Our country deserves better. We deserve more."

Kennedy said people deserve an economic justice where a hard day's work means an honest day's pay.

"Where you can provide for your family. Where a health care system means that you can get access to the health care that you need when you need it," he said. "Where people can afford to live in the cities that they call home,

the cities that they power. Where we have an immigration policy that is reflective of our humanity and makes our nation stronger. Where we have a healthy planet for our children, and their children. This is that moment. This one counts. For us, and for the generations that come after."

Kennedy added that the challenge is far too urgent for him to sit and wait for somebody else to take it on--a nod to some Markey supporters that think Kennedy should 'wait his turn' to run for Senate.

"I have traveled around this country over the past several years, and every corner of it," he said. "And I have asked people to do more, to hold on, to fight back a bit stronger, to give every little bit that they've got. And so I will too, and I hope that you will join me, for every single day, to prove that the way you fight back against the politics of 'you can't,' against the politics of division, against the politics of doubt about what we can do as a country, is to bring every voice in, to lift every voice, and to believe that if you have a country as good as the people it serves that nothing will get in the way of what we can do."

Walsh launches Age Strong public awareness campaign

STAFF REPORT

Mayor Martin J. Walsh announced on September 24 the launch of the first Age Strong Commission public awareness campaign, aimed at revealing implicit biases around aging and dispelling stereotypes about older adults to promote more positive messaging around aging. The campaign launch comes after the City's Age Strong Commission updated its name and brand earlier this year, and redefined its mission and values reflecting a growing trend and national movement towards more inclusive aging language and actions.

"Boston's older residents are strong in so many different ways -- with strong experiences, cultures, and voices," said Mayor Walsh. "We want to evolve the conversation around aging and make sure that the images and stories we share help expand what it means to age in our city. Older Bostonians bring so many dynamic experiences to our community, and we want more people to see that and embrace it."

The multifaceted campaign features eight older Bostonians who defy negative stereotypes about aging. In the advertisements, the models stand boldly under labels that often get placed on older people: frumpy, cranky, inactive, senile, frail, childish, over the hill, and helpless -- and their stories counter those biases. The advertisements will

be featured across the city on bus shelters, in Boston Public Library locations, in a 30-second television commercial, and on digital signage through this fall.

The Age Strong Commission has actively engaged with the community to learn how Bostonians are aging now and what their hopes are for aging in the future. Those conversations reflect a growing trend and national movement towards more inclusive aging language and actions, designed by the FrameWorks Institute, the research partner for the Reframing Aging Project.

"The stories of real people matter. Boston's reframing aging campaign challenges us to rethink older people and the words we use," said Nora Moreno Cargie, president of Tufts Health Plan Foundation and vice president for corporate citizenship at Tufts Health Plan. "This is one of many actions already taken by the city. It is adapting its systems and programs to be relevant for older people and include our voices, our stories, our experiences in solutions. City leaders are showing us what it means to Age Strong."

This Age Strong public awareness campaign comes three years into the Commission's Age-Friendly Boston Action Plan which details 75 concrete action items the City will take to become even more age friendly. Currently in its third year, it has already celebrated the successful launch

of several action items including the City's first pilot Senior Civic Academy; an interactive public restrooms map; an age- and dementia-friendly business designation; an employment guide for people over 50; and most recently the unveiling of a bench program raising the availability of resting locations for older adults.

"Prejudices about groups of people negatively contribute to their health and well-being outcomes," said Boston Chief of Health and Human Services Marty Martinez. "This anti-ageism campaign helps us counter those stereotypes about aging that can hold people back, so that we can age even better in Boston."

"I am living my best life and I am thrilled to be a part of Boston's Age Strong campaign!" said Sandra Harris, Massachusetts state president of AARP and featured model in the campaign. "As a Boston resident, I am blessed to live in a city that values all I continue to bring to the table, and I appreciate the opportunity to redefine what it means to get older. It's not about defying or denying aging, it's about owning your age."

"Just because you're older doesn't mean you are inactive," said 103-year-old Irene Morey, a Boston resident featured in the print and multimedia campaign. "I'm far from senile--I'm aging strong!"



Photo courtesy Boston Common Frog Pond

A scene from last year's Fall Pumpkin Float.

Mayor's Fall Pumpkin Float set for Oct. 18

Mayor Martin J. Walsh has announced the return of the annual Fall Pumpkin Float at the Boston Common Frog Pond on Friday, Oct. 18, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Hundreds of illuminated jack-o'-lanterns will be floated on the water accompanied by spooky family activities.

Attendees are asked to bring 8-inch or smaller carved pumpkins that will be lit and then floated on the Frog Pond for a dramatic early evening display. Adults and children are encouraged to wear Halloween costumes and participate in a wide range of fun activities.

This free family-friendly event will also include glow-in-the-dark games, children's crafts, games and giveaways by Magic 106.7, and scarily delicious snacks and refreshments provided by Power Crunch Bars, KIND Snacks, and HP Hood LLC. A monster mash of science activities will include the Massachusetts Horticulture Society, giant bubbles with the "Bubble Guy" Jim Dichter, and Halloween giveaways.

For more information, please call the Boston Parks and Recreation Department at (617) 635-4505 or visit www.boston.gov/parks.

What's Happening on Main Streets

BY ELLEN WALKER
SPECIAL TO THE GAZETTE

Fall has officially arrived though summer appears to be hanging on with both hands this first week of the new season!

September was quite busy in Mission Hill between students returning, new businesses opening and others giving themselves a new look. The students return went smoothly again this year thanks to the combined effort of so many. BPD Community Relations, WIT and NEU Community Relations, Josh Zakim and others have worked closely together over the years to develop a cohesive plan to make this transition work well. Thank you all for your efforts!



Wellington and Pamela of "In the Cut," soon to be opened barbershop on Tremont Street.

A new barbershop, In the Cut, is opening at 1437 Tremont Street this month. Pamela and Wellington have done a wonder-



Pictured in front of th Nachlo Mexican and Pakistani Cuisine restaurant are Michel Soltani, Muha Ishaque, Rep. Nika Elugardo, Dermot Doyne and Ellen Walker.

ful job decorating, outfitting and preparing the shop for opening. The interior also has a mural created by Alvin Acoma Colón that really catches the eye and it is worth checking out. Stop in, welcome them to the neighborhood – and get a haircut!

The former Mission Sushi has renamed itself to Ginger Exchange, which has been around the Boston area since 2005 and has a very strong following. In addition to a facelift and a new wall mural, the menu has changed and offers some great



Kimberley Barlett, Director of the Boston Debate League.

items – Korean BBQ Galbi made with beef short ribs with bones, marinated in a traditional Korean recipe, and seared to perfection to delicious! Their luncheon specials include Bao Bao which is an Asian slider of two stuffy, steamed buns. Mission Hill now has Korean options to add to the already diverse, ethnic offerings that our neighborhood is so well known for. Good luck to owners Kate and Drew as we look forward to hearing more good things about Ginger Exchange!

Our newest business addition to Mission Hill is the Boston Debate League. They are located at 1542 Tremont Street (formerly Green Realty). In speaking with Kimberley Bartlett, director of operations, she stated that the organization was founded in

2005 as a volunteer run program whose mission was to make debate accessible to Boston's public schools. It has since evolved into a well-established education nonprofit with 11 staff, and hundreds of volunteers and teachers who help them fulfill their mission by providing unique educational experiences inside and outside of the classrooms. If you are interested in volunteering or learning more please visit bostondebate.org or email info@bostondebate.org.

Speaking of new additions, congratulations to David and Holly Cawley of the Milkweed Café on their new "family" addition – a daughter. Both mother and daughter are doing fine!

On September 14th, the

Church of our Lady of Perpetual Help held a 150th anniversary celebration. A beautiful homily was given by the Very Reverend Paul J. Borowski, C.Ss.R. of the Holy Redeemer in Washington D.C. The theme was "And they lived happily ever after."

Here is an excerpt of what Fr. Paul said: "Today in this magnificent Basilica of Boston, in this Mission Church, in this first Church in the entire world dedicated to Our Mother of Perpetual Help we come to reflect on the beginning of a love story. But not only to reflect on the beginning of this story but to celebrate this present chapter of the tale that we are part of and to look forward

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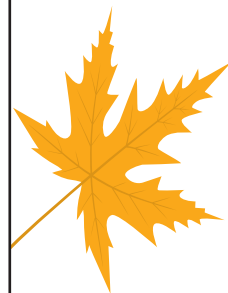
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EDITORIAL

New Coors ad glorifies problem drinking

“The official beer of Saturday morning,” is the reprehensible (and that’s the only word that comes to mind) tag line for a new TV ad for Coors Light beer that appeared during the football games this past weekend.

The ad depicts two roommates in their early to mid 20s who are preparing breakfast and then sit down on their couch to watch the football games while still clad in their pajamas.

They then break out the Coors Lights while eating breakfast and watching TV.

In our view, this ad represents a new low for a liquor industry that increasingly is targeting a younger and younger audience with messages that essentially equate having a good time with getting drunk.

Right after the Coors ad came one for Budweiser’s Platinum Light beer. We did not know why it was called platinum so we looked it up. It turns out that regular Bud Light has an alcohol content of 4.2 percent, but Bud Platinum has an alcohol content of 6 percent.

Here’s how Bud describes its Platinum product on its web site: “Platinum is back. And the memories are sure to follow. With a sleek new look and the same smooth, slightly sweet finish, it’s time to kick your night off the right way. The Platinum way.”

In other words, “kick your night off” is a euphemism for becoming inebriated faster. And what about this line: “And the memories are sure to follow.” Really? Drunken memories will be something to remember?

But the liquor industry is not the only one to blame. Universities also are now part and parcel of the problem of drawing-in underage drinkers. As the Wall Street Journal recently reported, a growing number of colleges are striking deals for in-stadium beer sales and sponsorships, in part to combat declining ticket sales.

The opioid crisis rightly has attracted national attention because of the number of overdose deaths attributable to drug abuse. However, the harm to individuals and society in general caused by drugs, legal and illegal, still pales in comparison to the harm caused by alcohol abuse.

It is clear that the big liquor companies, aided and abetted by our universities, are trying to attract young people to their products. Given that the research definitively has shown that drinking before the age of 25 can harm the still-developing brain, and that drinking while in the teen years can increase the risks of alcoholism by five-fold, the time has come for our government to step in and regulate alcohol advertising similar to what occurred in the 1990s when the tide was turned against Big Tobacco, which clearly was targeting a youthful audience with its Joe Camel and other advertising campaigns.

If encouraging “Saturday morning” drinking is considered acceptable in liquor ads, what’s next?



IF APPLE PICKING IS A-PEEL-ING THEY ARE RED-Y

Op-Ed

Saving for your child’s future can be overwhelming, but Boston is here to help

By Mayor Martin J. Walsh

The start of kindergarten marks the beginning of a child’s educational future and here in Boston we believe nothing should hinder a child’s path to success. That’s why, in 2016, and in collaboration with Boston Public Schools, we launched Boston Saves as a three-year pilot program. Our goal was to build strong career pathways by helping families of BPS kindergarteners save money for their children’s college or career training. Throughout those three years, our efforts worked. We provided children’s savings accounts to 1,600 students from eleven BPS schools for a total of \$80,000.

Beginning this fall, Boston Saves will expand citywide, providing more families with the tools to invest in their children’s future. The program provides each kindergartener enrolled in BPS with a savings account, automatically started with \$50.00. This money can then be used to help pay for the costs of college or career training once a student finishes high school.

Families have the opportunity to grow the money in their child’s Boston Saves account by earning Boston Saves Dollars for specific actions that plan for the future. For example, if a family saves \$25

for their child in a three-month period, Boston Saves will add another \$5 to their child’s account. All told, families can earn up to \$65 in incentives for their child’s Boston Saves account in the program’s first year. Another way families can earn Boston Saves Dollars is by reading with their child for 20 minutes a day for 20 days per month in a three-month period. Once the reading is complete, families can fill out a reading self-reporting form and earn \$5 for each three-month period, or up to \$20 per year.

Families can also view their child’s Boston Saves account on an online platform, called the Savings Center, which will open later this fall. When families use this platform to link their own financial account to their child’s Boston Saves account, they will be able to track all their savings for their child in one convenient place online. This will add an additional \$25 Boston Saves Dollars to their child’s account.

We understand that saving for a child’s future is a collaborative effort that includes financial education, planning and ongoing support services. Boston Saves recruits program partners, such as nonprofits and financial institutions, to offer resources that range from financial education activities for students

to college planning and credit-building workshops for their families. Peer support is also available through Family Champions, trusted family members in a school community who are trained by Boston Saves. Family Champions are able to explain the program to fellow families and encourage their saving progress – often in families’ native languages.

Children’s savings accounts are building blocks of financial education for both children and their families. By equipping the youngest generation of Boston residents with these resources, we are investing in our City. There is no better time than now to begin saving for the future.

We are grateful to the many partner organizations who made the expansion of Boston Saves possible, including the Eos Foundation, Berkshire Bank, Boston Builds Credit, Boston Educational Development Foundation, Collatos Family Foundation, City of Boston Credit Union, Commonwealth, Inversant, Junior Achievement, Massachusetts Educational Financing Authority, Metro Credit Union, National Grid, ReadBoston, Rockland Trust Back, Tech Goes Home and The Boston Foundation.

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OP-ED

Bishops statement on climate change: Embracing Laudato Si

“Saint Francis, faithful to Scripture, invites us to see nature as a magnificent book in which God speaks to us and grants us a glimpse of his infinite beauty and goodness.”[1] In June 2015, Pope Francis made this observation in his powerful encyclical, *Laudato Si’ - On Care for Our Common Home*.

In our home state of Massachusetts, we are blessed with inspiring natural beauty from the seashore on the east coast to the majestic mountain vistas in the west - with rolling hills, vibrant communities and rich farmlands throughout the state. We, the four Roman Catholic Bishops of Massachusetts, call on all Catholics and others of faith in Massachusetts to reflect on this natural beauty – this gift from God. To protect and sustain this gift we must act now within our faith institutions and throughout the state to take substantial, meaningful steps to protect our environmental and provide relief from the impact of toxic pollution and climate change to protect the health and safety of all citizens, particularly the most vulnerable in our society.

Pope Francis “calls for dialogue throughout the world”[2] on how we can be better stewards of the earth and, in so doing, be more responsive to the plight of the poor around the world. His call for an “integral ecology” to be lived out joyfully respects the dignity of each person, identi-

fies a moral obligation to protect the environment, and promotes social justice by supporting responsible economic development with respect for all people and the earth.

Pope Francis stated; “A very solid scientific consensus indicates that we are presently witnessing a disturbing warming of the climatic system. In recent decades this warming has been accompanied by a constant rise in the sea level and, it would appear, by an increase of extreme weather events, even if a scientifically determinable cause cannot be assigned to each particular phenomenon. Humanity is called to recognize the need for changes of lifestyle, production and consumption, in order to combat this warming or at least the human causes which produce or aggravate it.”[3]

For decades reports from highly respected scientific studies also clearly set forth the dangers of climate change in the United States and around the globe. More recently, those studies detail the urgency of this crisis.

• In October 2018, The United Nations Intergovernmental Panel of Climate Change (IPCC) reported we may have as little as 12 years to act on climate change — to slash global emissions 45 percent — to reach limiting global warming to 1.5°C. This would require rapid, far-reaching and unprecedented changes in all aspects of society with clear benefits

to people and natural ecosystems ensuring a more sustainable and equitable society.[4]

• In November 2018, The National Oceanic and Atmosphere Administration (NOAA) found the effects of climate change, including deadly wildfires, increasingly debilitating hurricanes and heat waves, are already battering the United States, and the danger of more such catastrophes is worsening. If not mitigated now, in a worst-case climate-change scenario, the document finds financial impacts over \$400 billion annually to US economy. [5]According to the NOAA, July 2019 was the hottest month ever recorded worldwide. The five hottest July’s have occurred in the last five years.[6]

• Last month, the United Nations sounded the alarm about food supplies. World food security is increasingly at risk due to ‘unprecedented’ climate change impact. Today 500 million people live in areas that experience desertification. People living in already degraded or desertified areas are increasingly negatively affected by climate change.[7]

With this immense threat, we may feel inclined to despair, but we are people of faith. Catholic social teaching is built on the principle of subsidiarity, “which grants freedom to develop the capabilities present at every level of society, while also demanding a greater sense of responsibility for the common good from those

who wield greater power”.[8] We are called to act with hope and to respond to this challenge with urgency in all facets of our life: as individuals making an ecological conversion in our personal lives; as members of our parishes, schools and businesses striving for structural changes that reduce environmental impact; and as citizens participating in political discussions and fulfilling our civic responsibilities. We are asking everyone to examine their personal vocations and opportunities to take action to take better care of our common home.

Change is hard and at the outset can seem intimidating. Every person’s actions will depend on their life circumstance and their commitment to protect our natural resources. We must each find tangible and substantive actions that are within our grasp. Families should discuss their concerns about the environment and how their lifestyle and consumption is contributing to the climate changes and other environmental degradation. Parishes should integrate Catholic social teaching on the environment in their liturgy and in their religious education program. Action is needed at all levels of government to encourage replacement of fossil fuels with renewable sources of energy while ensuring that the most vulnerable in society are protected from harm during this transition.

We also wish to echo the view of the United States Conference

of Catholic Bishops who adopted an explicit priority to teach and advocate about integral ecology, emphasizing environmental degradation and its impact on the lives of the most vulnerable.

As a Catholic community we must commit to this effort while Christians around the world celebrate the Season of Creation (September 1st- October 4th). We, the Catholic Bishops of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, pledge our support to addressing this global crisis.

“Start by doing what’s necessary; then do what’s possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible.”

- Saint Francis of Assisi

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Main Streets

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to the rest of the story. Every story that ends with “And they lived happily ever after” has to begin somewhere. It began in 1866 in Rome, continued in 1869 here in Boston and now we who gather here continue to write the next chapter of this love story. Every story has a beginning and that is what we celebrate today. Every story has a middle section and that is what we live today.

After the service, everyone went downstairs to the Parish Center for dinner and presentations. The room was beautifully set with white linens, blue, gold and white decorative accents, lovely blue flowers and histor-

ical photos of Mission Church posted all along the walls of the room. Several historic pieces from the church were on display in the small altar along with the icon of the Mission Church, Our Mother of Perpetual Help. Student volunteers helped to serve the meal to a capacity crowd while everyone mingled and caught up on old times. A memorable night for all who attended!

Saturday, September 21st saw the Mission Hill Health Movement’s annual health fair that took place from 11:00am-3:00 pm on the Mission Hill Playground. Many joined MHHM for a Fun Day of Health and Wellness. Later that day, the Senior Prom was held at Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. There

was a slide show of attendees from the past four years of this event which enjoyed immensely by the audience, raffle prizes were awarded, and a wonderful dinner was served. Attendees included Senator Sonia Chang-Diaz and Representative Nika Elguardo, who took the dance floor later that evening. Another great job done by all the sponsors.

Upcoming events to in and around Mission Hill are:

• Monday, October 14th at 10:00am – Indigenous Peoples’ Day at the Museum of Fine Arts; enjoy free admission and special events.

• Wednesday, October 30th at 5:00pm – Diwali Day at the Museum of Fine Arts; celebrate Diwali an ancient festival

of lights.

• Saturday, November 30th all day – Small Business Saturday; please come out and support your local businesses!

Please friend us on Facebook and “like” our page. Check out our website and see our new Feature Section. The link is www.missionhillstreet.com.

Mission Hill Main Streets wishes everyone a beautiful fall! It’s a great time to get out and explore the changes in our neighborhood and welcome newcomers!

“The difference between the impossible and the possible lies in a person’s determination.”

~ Tommy LaSorda

Best of Mission Hill 2019 Winners

The following are the “Best of Mission Hill 2019” as chosen by Gazette readers.

BEST PLACE TO...

Enjoy Live Entertainment
The Kevin W. Fitzgerald Park

See Art
Museum of Fine Arts

CONSUMER FAVORITES

Friendliest Business
Mike's Donuts

Breakfast
Milkweed Cafe

Lunch
The Mission Bar & Grill

Dinner
Lilly's Gourmet Pasta Express

Pub / Bar
TIE — Flann O'Brien's
The Mission Bar & Grill

Pizza
Papa's Pizza

Cup of coffee
Mike's Donuts

Retail Store
Stop & Shop

Convenience Store
— No Answer —

Real Estate Service
Longwood Properties

Bank
TIE - Eastern Bank
East Boston Savings Bank

Professional Service
Spinney Insurance

Home Service
— No Answer —

BEST AREA BUSINESSES

Mission Hill
Longwood Properties

The LMA
— No Answer —

THE REST OF THE BEST

Community Event
Mission Hill Road Race

*Children's Service
or Activity*
Society Latina

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Children's Hospital

Local School
Morris Tobin School

College / University
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or group*
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Housing Services

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Government Service
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