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## A FOND FAREWELL



Photo by Keiko Hiromi

New Executive Director Ellen Walker with outgoing Director Richard Rouse during the Farewell Party for Mission Hill Main Streets Director Rouse and the welcoming of new Executive Director Ellen Walker on Tuesday, March 26, at the Puddingstone Tavern. See Pages 4 and 5 for more photos.

## Main Streets Bd. appoints new Executive Director

BY JENNY BROWN

On any given day, Ellen Walker may be walking down Huntington Avenue in Mission Hill, taking note of a new pothole that needs to be fixed, helping local business owners secure a permit, or working to drive tourism to the neighborhood's restaurants or shops.

"I have a passion for working within the community," Walker said. "I have been away from Mission Hill for a few years and I came back here to see all the positive changes that have happened and it's exciting. It makes everyday worthwhile for me, to help the neighborhood

continue to grow and develop."

Walker is the new Executive Director of Mission Hill Main Streets (MHMS). In March, she took over for Richard Rouse, who retired after a nine-year tenure.

"Richard built a really strong foundation here which I'm grateful for," Walker said. "He connected with individuals, community groups, developers and small businesses within the neighborhood. He leaves a very big legacy behind."

MHMS is a 22-year-old non-profit with a mission "to attract and enhance public and private investment in the commercial district and foster community

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## Zakim not seeking re-election, four candidates seeking seat

BY LAUREN BENNETT

City Councilor Josh Zakim has announced he is not seeking re-election after serving three terms on the council, which means that District 8 will see a new face next year. Zakim said he is hoping to spend more time with his family, but "whatever my next role is, I look forward to continuing to serve the public good in Boston, Massachusetts, and beyond," he said in a Facebook post on March 21.

"To the residents of District 8: thank you for your trust, support, and friendship since 2013. To Mayor Walsh and my City Council colleagues, past and present: thank you for being vital allies and partners at

every turn," the post stated. "I am immensely proud of all that we have accomplished in three terms on the Council. As chair of the Civil Rights Committee and a past chair of the Committee on Housing and Community Development, we have positively impacted the lives of residents across the city."

Four candidates have their campaigns off the ground for District 8: Kristen Mobilia, Helene Vincent, Landon Lemoine, and now Kenzie Bok, who announced her candidacy on March 29. Vincent said that she is "grateful" for Zakim's service in the last years "and we wish him luck in his future endeavors and

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## Cuatro candidatos se presentan a Consejero de Distrito 8, pero Zakim no es uno de ellos

LAUREN BENNETT

El Consejero Municipal de Distrito 8 Josh Zakim anunció que no está buscando la reelección después de cumplir tres mandatos en el Concejo, lo que significa que el Distrito 8 tendrá una nueva cara el año que viene.

"A los residentes del Distrito 8: gracias por su confianza,

apoyo y amistad desde 2013. Al alcalde Walsh y a mis colegas del Ayuntamiento, pasados y presentes: gracias por ser aliados y socios vitales en todo momento", declaró. "Estoy inmensamente orgulloso de todo lo que hemos logrado en tres mandatos en el Concejo. Como presidente del Comité de Derechos Civiles y ex presidente del Comité de Vivienda y Desarrollo

Comunitario, hemos impactado positivamente las vidas de los residentes en toda la ciudad".

Cuatro candidatos se presentan al puesto de Distrito 8: Kristen Mobilia, Helene Vincent, Landon Lemoine y ahora Kenzie Bok, quien anunció su candidatura el 29 de marzo.

Vincent dijo que ha estado llamando entre 50 y 100 puertas

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## CAMH MONTHLY MEETING NOTES

BY LAURA PLUMMER

The Community Alliance of Mission Hill (CAMH) met on Wednesday, March 20, at the Chan School of Public Health to hear a presentation from a local architect hoping to redevelop a property at 42 Wait St.

In attendance at the meeting were about twenty local residents and another 10 individuals representing local businesses.

Currently at 42 Wait St. is a 2,347 square-foot multi-family home containing six bedrooms and three bathrooms. The property was built in 1990 and sits on a lot of 6,242 square feet. It was sold at the beginning of 2018 in what is known as a non-arms-length transaction, which

is where the buyers and sellers have a previous relationship with each other.

Peter Vanko of Vanko Studio Architects presented his proposal to develop the current property into rental units. His proposal includes two different options, a three-unit project or a seven-unit project. The seven-unit project would bring more housing to the area, but it would need a variance because the number of units exceeds the current zoning requirement for that area.

Currently the owner has a permit to construct the three-unit scheme, which includes five bedrooms and three parking spaces. However, after considering the design, the owner wanted to explore the idea

of smaller units. Vanko created a scheme that includes seven one- and two-bedroom units, each with one parking space. It is fully compliant with zoning codes, save for one violation, the number of units. If the proposal were to be approved by the local community, the team would be seeking zoning relief for that one issue.

Vanko specializes in multi-family homes, and his portfolio features several projects in Boston. He also designs hotels, businesses, churches and high rises. This is not the first time Vanko has done projects in Mission Hill. He is also the architect behind a project called 6 Mission, which is a two-unit building on Mission Street.

Vanko's presentation on March 20 was an introductory pitch with the aim of eliciting feedback from the neighborhood, although he claims that abutters to the project have been supportive.

"We are gauging community response and just talking with neighbors at this point," Vanko told the Gazette.

After the presentation, residents at the meeting openly shared their feedback. For example, some preferred to see condos at the site rather than rentals, believing that condos would be a better option to encourage long-term residents.

CAMH ultimately decided to postpone the vote on the 42 Wait St. project until their next meeting on April 17, to give the

developer time to research the feasibility of turning the units into condos.

Also at the April meeting, CAMH will hold elections for its president and board members. Currently on the board are President Chad Rosner, Jim Burke, Mike Holly, Richard Johnson, Ellen Moore, Cindy Walling and Gary Walling.

CAMH meets on the third Wednesday of the month in auditorium G-3 of the Kresge building at the Chan School of Public Health, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. All members of the Mission Hill community are invited to attend. Email [communityallianceofmissionhill@gmail.com](mailto:communityallianceofmissionhill@gmail.com) to get on their email list.

## City Council passes amended ordinance for regulating shared mobility services

BY LAUREN BENNETT

Electric scooters are becoming a reality in the city of Boston—the City Council last week voted to pass an amended draft of an ordinance that would allow the city to regulate businesses renting out small vehicles, such as electric scooters, on city streets and sidewalks.

City Councilor Michael Flaherty said that the Committee on Government Operations held a public hearing on Feb. 26, and a working session on March

15. At the working session, the committee discussed suggested changes to the ordinance, including reporting requirements of the advisory committee findings, a youth appointee, a dynamic cap, and an annual analysis of licenses, privacy, and public reporting requirements regarding utilization, Flaherty said.

"The committee also discussed BTD staff capacity to effectively implement this program, the creation of a pilot program and data on trips and imposing fines

on users who violate terms of the ordinance," Flaherty said, as well as "the collection of scooters and the responsibility of the companies as well as the insurance and all liabilities."

Flaherty said that one of the more important topics of discussion was concerns about safety and equity, as well as the industry's impact on ADA accessibility, as there was testimony from the disability community at the hearing. He said that the ordinance is "intentionally broad" because the

industry is constantly evolving and an advisory committee will help create the regulatory authority that is currently not fully spelled out in the ordinance.

Flaherty also provided a summary of the amendments made, including that a city councilor and a representative from the disabilities commission serve on the advisory committee, and a quarterly report will be submitted to the mayor and Council "on actions and recommendations undertaken by the advisory committee."

Flaherty added that many of the amendments suggested by the committee will be addressed through licensing and contracting with the businesses that will provide the vehicles.

"This is really exciting and this is an incredibly important first step," said Councilor Matt O'Malley, who has been a champion of micromobility services throughout this process. He said that the council would like to learn from the triumphs and tribulations of other municipalities across the country that have already implemented these types of vehicles. "So we're going to do it right, we're going to do it the Boston way," he said.

O'Malley said he supports micromobility because it helps people get where they need to go, it takes cars off the road, it helps lower greenhouse gas emissions, and "if done right...it can actually generate revenue for the city," he said. "So I can't wait to get to work and I can't wait to see all of us on scooters in the not-too-distant future."

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## Walsh, advocates hold 2020 census kick-off event

BY JOHN LYNDS

Mayor Martin Walsh joined a group of non-profit leaders and advocates at the East Boston Library on Bremen Street to kick-off the year-long outreach campaign to ensure a fair and complete count in the 2020 U.S. Census.

The census will be issued exactly one year from Monday, starting the decennial count that determines everything from representation in Congress, to federal funds for schools, affordable housing, infrastructure and health care programs.

"To all the partners in the room we can't do this without you," said Walsh Monday. "We need you to continue to be with us in this journey. The 2010 census that we had here in Massachusetts counted 617,000 people in the City of Boston. Since that time we are currently at 700,000 or over 700,000 residents. For Boston the last three censuses we've lost a Congressperson all three times. We had 12 at one point, then 11 and then 10 and now we have nine. The point is we have fewer people representing is in Congress. It's so important to be counted. We need to make sure we are all counted because it determines our representation in Congress and I can't underscore that enough. We need accurate census counts to protect our voices in Congress. Right now the investments that were made from the 2010 census were free lunches at public schools, funds for affordable housing, senior services, job training for our residents for the future. If we don't do the count accurately we won't get what is due to us in the City and in the Commonwealth."

Walsh announced that the city will contribute \$100,000 to support Boston's outreach efforts by providing grants to community-based organizations here and more support to City departments.

Walsh pointed out that for every person not counted in the upcoming census equals \$2,400 in lost federal money every year for the next ten years.

"Think of it? If 100,000 people are not counted that translates into 2.4 billion the state loses in federal aid over the next decade," said Walsh.

Monday's kick-off also highlighted a range of collaborations across the city focused on ensuring that all Boston residents are aware of the upcoming census, know why it's important, and are prepared to participate. Next year's Census faces unprecedented challenges, including significant underfunding of the U.S. Census Bureau, the nearly all-digital nature of the surveys, and the possible inclusion of a citizenship question.

"We have been hearing threats from Washington to use the 2020 Census as another weapon to intimidate residents and weaken our democracy," added Walsh. "This is unacceptable at a time when our representation and federal funding are at stake. We recently appointed a census liaison within my administration and are kicking off this outreach campaign a year in advance to make sure every resident of Boston is counted, because every resident of Boston counts."

Walsh said that data from the 2010 Census determine around \$16 billion every year in federal spending for critical programs such as Medicaid, Medicare, affordable housing initiatives, Title I education funding, and infrastructure in Massachusetts.

At the kick-off many speakers commented said there are multiple hard-to-count populations that reside in Massachusetts that historically have made a complete census count difficult. This is due in part to the state's population of recent immigrants, renters, college students, and other hard-to-count populations. Boston is

the ninth hardest-to-count city among the largest 100 cities nationwide, according to a recent report by Boston Indicators and the Boston Foundation.

"The library's mission is to support this work of civic engagement," said David Leonard, president of the Boston Public Library Monday. "We will continue being a trusted information provider, a safe space, and help everyone be counted, whether you arrived yesterday, ten years ago, or have been here for many, many generations."

Chair of the Massachusetts Census Equity Fund Alexie Torres said trusted messengers will play a particularly important role in compelling individuals from hard-to-count communities to participate in the 2020 Census.

"The Massachusetts Census



Residents fill out preliminary census information at a 2020 Census kickoff event Monday at the East Boston Library on Bremen Street.

Equity Fund just announced the first half a million dollars in grants to over 40 organizations across the state, all to ensure that fear doesn't drive us into darkness," said Alexie Torres. "Darkness can only be cast out when we stand in the light. We

must come together and support trusted messengers to highlight what's at stake for the 2020 census."

For more information on the City's outreach efforts to ensure a fair and complete count, please visit [boston.gov/2020-census](http://boston.gov/2020-census).

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A packed farewell party for Mission Hill Main Streets Executive Director Richard Rouse, and at the same time there was a welcoming party for a new Executive Director Ellen Walker. The event took place at the Puddingstone Tavern on March 26.

Rouse received an official recognition in his honor from both Mayor Marty Walsh (delivered by Councilor Michael Flaherty) and the City Council (delivered by Councilor Josh Zakim) - along with a numerous gifts from his colleagues and friends in the community. A bench with a plaque in his honor will be installed on a street in Mission Hill.



Zoning Board member Bruce Bickerstaff and Councilor Josh Zakim.



Photos by Keiko Hiromi  
Dave Welch and Bruce Weinograd.



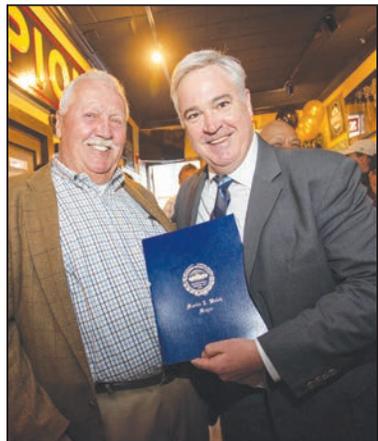
Jayson Clancy, Susan Rouse, Richard Rouse and Olivia Rouse.



Peg Johnson, of the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, giving gifts to Richard Rouse.



Nick Korboon, Richard Rouse and Dome Nakapakorn.



Outgoing Director Richard Rouse and Councilor Michael Flaherty with a citation from Mayor Martin Walsh.



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Charlotte O'Neill and Mayoral Liaison Yissel Guerrero.

Gazette Pet of the Week

by Sarah Carroll



NYLA

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Councilor Anissa Essabi George making a speech for Richard Rouse.

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### FAREWELL TO RICHARD ROUSE



Former State Rep. Jeffrey Sanchez and Richard Rouse making speech together.



Boston Police Officer Terry Thomas and Rebecca Regan.



Vanessa Caracoza, Luanne Witkowski, Richard Rouse and Rev. Philip Dabney.



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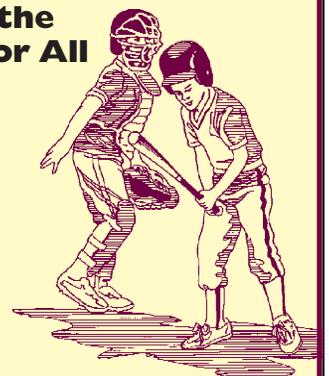
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## Zakim

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spending time with his family as well.”

Vincent said she’s been knocking on between 50 and 100 doors per day, as her focus is to run a grassroots campaign, “talk to as many people as we can,” and build relationships with the community. She said she has found that a lot of people feel like they are not listened to, and a lot of people have not met their representatives. “We need to make sure that everybody in our neighborhoods understand the changes that are happening,” Vincent said. “There’s a special moment when you knock on a door and the person realizes you’re there with no agenda.”

Landon Lemoine said he is “very excited” to get his campaign

off the ground. He said he’s also been doing some door knocking of his own, as well as going to local events and people’s homes to listen to how they think things can be done better. “They want change and they want people to think beyond just the next month,” he said—they’re thinking about the future of the neighborhood.

“What we see from everything is that this district is growing faster than what the city can keep up with,” Lemoine said. “It’s going to take somebody with an innovative approach.”

Lemoine is focused on “streamlining a lot of processes in the city,” so people can “get things done for themselves” more easily. “You’ve got to think about these situations differently and think outside the box,” he said.

He said that people want to hear real ideas that are going to

change what they see everyday. “People are willing to make a jump and hear a new voice,” he said. “No one is looking for a seat filler.”

Kristen Mobilia said she was “surprised” when she heard the news that Councilor Zakim was not running again, but she said the news does not change anything about her campaign. Her goal is to improve civic engagement across District 8, and “make sure there are very regular conversations throughout the neighborhood,” patterning with people and organizations to create solutions.

She said she’s been doing “anything and everything” to engage residents, from door knocking to stopping to speak with them. She is having a campaign kickoff event on April 10, and is working on an aging in

the community initiative, as well as voter registration at Boston Public Schools. She said she is also working towards a long term solution for the opioid crisis, as well as improving accessibility to spaces around the city and making sure that there is enough of the right type of housing for Boston’s growing population.

She also believes that childcare amenities are “really important,” as well as healthy supermarkets and “transportation that makes sense” for new buildings. She also wants to stress the importance of voting in primaries, and wants people to know that she is available by phone or to meet for coffee to discuss any comments or concerns from the community.

One of lifelong Boston resident Kenzie Bok’s priorities is affordable housing. She is the Senior Advisor for Policy

and Planning at the Boston Housing Authority, according to a press release, and has “been an active organizer for progressive causes and candidates since her teens.” She was also a leader in the Community Preservation Act enactment and assisted in drafting the final ordinance, is the chair of the Boston Ward 5 Democratic Committee, and is a lecturer on housing Justice at her alma mater, Harvard University.

“Boston is an incredible city with a proud history,” Bok said. “Growing up here I learned from my parents, grandparents, and neighbors that every generation has to play a role in preserving all that we’ve inherited, while also doing new work to ensure that these places we love remain accessible to all. For years, I have worked side by side with committed activists throughout the district on issues like public space, historic preservation, affordable housing, and responsible development. With the help of all the people who sustain the communities of this district every day, I know we can amplify an inclusive vision for its future.”

Zakim still has nine and a half months left in his term, and he is excited to continue his work. “It’s an incredible district with very engaged residents,” Zakim told the Gazette. “It’s a very unique and rewarding opportunity and I certainly wish [all the candidates] well and encourage them to call people in every neighborhood.”



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## Main Streets

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spirit and collaboration in Mission Hill, one of Boston's most vibrant and attractive neighborhoods.

"From improving health and security to overall efficiency, the MHMS district works nonstop to preserve, sustain and improve its diverse neighborhood as a destination for large student populations and the local Boston Community," Walker said. MHMS is one of the 20 community organizations under the umbrella organization Boston Main Streets.

To take over for Rouse "is a challenge within itself," Walker said. "We have different strengths. But, I hope to compliment what he has done. I hope to move us into the next decade with a focus on social media and fundraising to provide more services to the neighborhood."

Walker plans to launch an improved MHMS website and build Mission Hill's social presence using tools like Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. She also hopes to develop professional marketing materials for fundraising and to promote local businesses.

Over the last four years, MHMS has worked with 145 small businesses to provide technical assistance in the form of permitting, marketing and zoning, Walker said. Twenty new businesses opened in Mission Hill in 2018 alone and another three have already opened in 2019 with others in the works, Walker added.

"With the increasing number of new, small businesses in the area, we hope to make Mission Hill a destination for residents, staff from the institutions, and potentially tourists to the Boston area. The diversity of our restaurants, the historic architecture and our parks are hidden gems that we want to promote and share with everyone."

Mission Hill is unique for its numerous medical and educational institutions, strong residents that advocate for the community, and also, its diverse business owners, Walker said. "It's probably the purest example of diversity in business

ownership anywhere in Greater Boston. The overwhelming majority of our small business owners are immigrants of whom many are women from places across the globe. The flavor they add to the neighborhood is irreplaceable."

Walker said one challenge she may face in her new role is the political turnover in the area, noting that both City Councilor Josh Zakim and State Rep. Jeffrey Sanchez will not be returning to office.

"The fact that they cared about this neighborhood makes a difference. When someone knows the neighborhood and they really care about it, there's sometimes more energy, they're more focused and they work towards helping you achieve your goals," Walker said.

"Working to redevelop relationships with the new people that are coming into those roles will be key to helping us to achieve our goals," she added. "But I look forward to building new relationships with the people that are coming in."

For Walker, the role of Executive Director of MHMS is a culmination of everything she has worked towards in her career. Prior to MHMS, Walker spent three years working for the state in the Department of Transitional Assistance (DTA). There, she served as the Director of the Boston Call Center where she managed approximately 80 people dealing with unemployment insurance. She also worked for Harvard Pilgrim in Public and Community Relations and had her own event planning business.

Community and nonprofit work has always been important to Walker, she has spent the past 14 years volunteering for different groups around the city, from English language programs to delivering food to residents. "I've always had that passion for working with the community," she said.

"I've had some great jobs over the years, but I really wanted to spend my last few years doing something that is fulfilling," Walker said. "I love history, I love the city of Boston, I like to be able to help people, and to help people move forward, whether that's for a small businesses, or something that

the developers or residents need from me. Those things all come together in this position."

From a staffing perspective, Walker said it's 180 degree change from her prior job. Walker holds the only full-time position at MHMS alongside one part-time person. During the course of the year, Walker said she will supervise a couple hundred volunteers on various projects. Currently, MHMS is looking for volunteers to help with its ongoing marketing and Information Technology (IT) efforts, as well as the neighborhood beautification day in mid-May - where the organization will plant flowers and cleanup the streets.

MHMS also organizes an annual fundraising event in June to recognize volunteers and businesses in the area, and, it supports the Tobin Community Center's annual 'Halloween on the Hill' an evening of fun and games for about 500 children.

Walker said MHMS is looking for more ways to connect with residents and is considering organizing festivals or other quarterly events.

"We have a great board that has been together for a number of years, they are a blend between residents, small businesses and the area institutions like Brigham and Women's Hospital, New England Baptist Hospital and Northeastern University. The board is looking to continue with the work in the neighborhood and to make Mission Hill better," Walker said.

In the meantime, Walker plans to continue to get out into the neighborhood and meet people. "At least a couple of mornings a week I try to get out and walk the streets, go into businesses and introduce myself face to face," she said. "But, I have a lot more of that to do."

While right now Walker said she's held introductory meetings with people, she expects she will hear concerns or feedback from the community soon.

"Communication between the community and MHMS is really critical. I've assured them that they can reach out to me and I will be coming back to talk to them," she said. "It is my job to make sure that they know that we're here and that we can help."

## Candidatos

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por día, ya que su objetivo es dirigir una campaña popular, "hablar con la mayor cantidad de personas que podamos" y establecer relaciones con la comunidad. Dijo que mucha gente no ha conocido a sus representantes.

"Necesitamos asegurarnos de que todos en nuestros vecindarios comprendan los cambios que están ocurriendo", dijo Vincent. "Hay un momento especial cuando tocas una puerta y la persona se da cuenta de que estás sin agenda".

Landon Lemoine dijo que está "muy emocionado" por lanzar su campaña. Dijo que también ha estado llamando a puertas para escuchar cómo piensan que se pueden hacer las cosas mejor.

"Quieren el cambio y quieren que la gente piense más allá del mes próximo", dijo. "Están pensando en el futuro del vecindario."

Kristen Mobilia dijo que estaba "sorpresa" cuando escuchó la noticia de que el Consejero Zakim no estaba

presentándose otra vez, pero dijo que la noticia no cambia nada sobre su campaña. Su objetivo es mejorar el compromiso cívico en todo el Distrito 8, y "asegurarse de que haya conversaciones muy regulares en todo el vecindario", trabajando con personas y organizaciones para crear soluciones.

Una de las prioridades de Kenzie Bok es la vivienda asequible. Ella es la Asesora Principal de Políticas y Planificación en Boston Housing Authority, según un comunicado de prensa, y ha sido "organizadora activa de causas progresistas y candidaturas desde su adolescencia". También fue líder en la Ley de Preservación Comunitaria y participó en la elaboración de la ordenanza final, y es profesora de la justicia de viviendas en Harvard.

A Zakim aún le quedan nueve meses y medio en su mandato, y está emocionado de continuar su trabajo.

"Es un distrito increíble con residentes muy comprometidos", dijo Zakim. "Es una oportunidad muy única y gratificante y ciertamente les deseo mucha suerte a todos los candidatos".

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## BWSC preparing for major water and sewer work in Brigham Circle

BY SETH DANIEL

The Boston Water and Sewer Commission (BWSC) will be conducting major work in Brigham Circle, Francis Street and St. Alphonsus Street this coming construction season.

The BWSC has put out a bid for the work on the Tremont Street/Francis Street corridor this month, and plans to conduct the work through this year's construction season, which began on April 1.

Work programmed under this contract is driven by water main renewal. Several of the streets in this contract have older unlined cast water mains that the Commission wishes to replace with new cement lined ductile.

The lengths of replacement are relatively short in nature, the BWSC said, as these are segments that previously had street issues or utility conflicts.

The contract is meant to clean up short pieces of water main

that never were renewed because of those previous issues.

There is also associated sewer and drain work, as the BWSC always inspects these pipes when programming water work to ensure that all BWSC assets are left in good condition at the end of the work.

The majority of the work in Mission Hill will take place on Francis Street, starting at Brookline Avenue and continuing to Brigham Circle. There, it will proceed across the Circle and up Tremont Street. Once at St. Alphonsus Street, the job will take a left turn and wrap up at Smith Street.

It's a stretch that includes most of the Mission Hill business district.

Gore Street, a small street between Parker Street and Tremont, will also have work done as part of the contract.

There was no details on when the work would be completed.

## The SoWa open market returns May 5

The SoWa Open Market, on 460 - 540 Harrison Ave., Boston, will kick-off its 16th season on Sunday, May 5th. Every Sunday, from May through October, over 175 makers and thousands of visitors converge in SoWa, amidst a vibrant backdrop of artist studios, galleries, boutiques and vintage shops.

This season will feature the return of the SoWa Beer Garden. Created in partnership with Craft Collective, a different local brewer will take over the taps each Sunday. Brewers will include Fiddlehead Brewing Company, SingleCut Beersmiths, Finback Brewery, Banded Brewing and many more. Keep an eye out for special events and guest appearances, such as our Mother's Day rosé pop-up

with The Urban Grape and our annual Oktoberfest party hosted by Schilling Beer Company. The family and pet-friendly beer garden will also feature live music, lawn games, and Boston's favorite food trucks.

In addition, SoWa will continue to host a DIY Workshop series, where visitors can sign up for instructional classes led by a SoWa vendor, and will continue partnerships with local charities via collaborative activations, such as performances by Urbanity Dance, interactive painting with Artists for Humanity, a More Than Words book swap, and kick'n it with South End Soccer.

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## FAREWELL WISHES



The Friends of the Parker Hill Library and book club members gathered on Feb. 21, to present Branch Librarian Katrina Morse a journal with personal farewell wishes. Ms. Morse and her family are moving to the Seattle, Washington area where she grew up. Feb. 22 was her last day at Parker Hill. Librarian Allen Knight formerly at the Dudley branch will be the interim director.

## Council approves CPA funding

BY JOHN LYNDS

Last month Mayor Martin Walsh and the City's Community Preservation Committee (CPC) recommended that two project in Mission Hill and other projects across the city, totaling more than \$34 million, be included in the fall funding round for the Community Preservation Act (CPA).

The last hurdle in the process was a vote by the City Council to appropriate the funds and that moment came during last Wednesday's Council meeting.

The Council voted unanimously last month to release the \$34 million in recommended funding to the projects here in Mission Hill and citywide.

"It's an exciting day in Boston," said At-Large Councilor Michael Flaherty who chairs the Council's CPA Committee. "Whether it is the affordable housing opportunities or the beatification of our parks this



At-Large City Councilor Michael Flaherty, who chairs the Committee for CPA funding during last month's Council meeting.

round of funding will continue to benefit Boston residents for generations to come. This is why we supported the CPA and now voters and the residents are finally seeing these projects come to fruition."

In Mission Hill \$927,500 was approved for the Terrace Street Artist Condominiums to build 13 home ownership units with live/work space for qualified artists earning between 70 - 80 percent of the Area Median Income (AMI), or between \$60,000 and almost \$70,000 for a two-person household.

Another \$850,000 was approved to Sociedad Latina to restore exterior features, bay windows, masonry, and roof for 1912 townhouse serving thousands of Latino youth.

By adopting the CPA in November 2016, the City has created a Community Preservation Fund. This fund is capitalized primarily by a one percent property tax-based surcharge on residential and business property tax bills that began in July 2017. The City will use this revenue to fund initiatives consistent with CPA guidelines: affordable housing, historic preservation, open space and public recreation.

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# BCYF summer SuperTeens Program registration starts April 5

Mayor Martin J. Walsh today announced the return of Boston Centers for Youth & Families (BCYF) summer SuperTeens Program. Youth ages 13-14 in the SuperTeens program will have the opportunity to attend weekly leadership development workshops, gain work experience in BCYF community centers and participate in field trips to Boston's arts and cultural institutions. Registration begins on April 5.

"I am excited that this summer we are able to expand the program to give 275 teens real work experience that will prepare them for future education and allow them to gain more opportunities," said Mayor Walsh. "The SuperTeens Program will empower our young people with important life skills, and I'm proud we're able to bring this program to so many teens." Sponsored by Comcast and The Foundation for BCYF, this program will provide hands-on work experience and/or service experience, engaging youth in high-quality leadership development workshops based on BCYF's Youth Development Outcomes. Learning based field trips will aid in the development

of life readiness and resiliency to help prepare them for their upcoming academic year and future employment.

"This program is very fun and I had many opportunities to meet new people and to learn new skills that I may need in my future," said Avriel Heraldo, age 13, of Dorchester. "This was fun for my first job and I feel like it prepared me for when I get a real job when I'm older."

The SuperTeens program will run six weeks beginning on Monday, July 8 and ending on Friday, August 16. Participants must be at least 13 years old on or before July 8 to participate and will receive a stipend at the end of the summer for successful completion of the program. All SuperTeens applicants must complete an online application on BCYF's website at [Boston.Gov/BCYF](http://Boston.Gov/BCYF). Online registration will open on Friday, April 5. All slots will be filled on a first come, first served basis. Slots are guaranteed for 275 youth.

The SuperTeens Program will operate at the following BCYF community centers:

BCYF Blackstone, 50 W. Brookline Street, South End;  
BCYF Charlestown, 255 Medford

Street, Charlestown;  
BCYF Condon, 200 D Street, South Boston;  
BCYF Curtis Hall (Girls-only), 20 South Street, Jamaica Plain;  
BCYF Gallivan, 61 Woodruff Way, Mattapan;  
BCYF Hennigan, 200 Heath Street, Jamaica Plain;  
BCYF Holland, 85 Olney Street, Dorchester;  
BCYF Hyde Park, 1176 River Street, Hyde Park;  
BCYF Jackson Mann, 500 Cambridge Street, Allston;  
BCYF Leahy Holloran, 1 Worrell Street, Dorchester;  
BCYF Marshall, 35 Westville Street, Dorchester;  
BCYF Mattahunt, 100 Hebron Street, Mattapan;  
BCYF Menino, 125 Brookway Road, Roslindale;  
BCYF Mildred, 5 Mildred Ave, Mattapan  
BCYF Ohrenberger, 175 West Boundary Road, West Roxbury;  
BCYF Paris Street, 112 Paris Street, East Boston;  
BCYF Perkins, 155 Talbot Avenue, Dorchester;  
BCYF Pino, 86 Boardman Street, East Boston;  
BCYF Quincy, 885 Washington Street, Chinatown;  
BCYF Roche, 1716 Centre Street,



Many local teens turned out last year for the SuperTeens Program.

West Roxbury;  
BCYF Roslindale, 6 Cummins Highway, Roslindale;  
BCYF Shelburne, 2730 Washington Street, Roxbury;  
BCYF Tobin, 1481 Tremont Street, Mission Hill;  
BCYF Tynan, (Girls Only) 650 East Fourth Street, South Boston;  
BCYF Vine Street, 339 Dudley Street, Roxbury

About Boston Centers for Youth and Families  
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Families (BCYF) is the City of Boston's largest youth and human service agency. BCYF operates 36 community centers in Boston that offer a variety of engaging and enriching programs for people of all ages created through community input and need. BCYF also oversees citywide programs including the nationally-recognized violence intervention and prevention Streetworker Program, the GIRLS Initiative, Camp Joy special needs program and many aquatic offerings.

## Priscilla Flint-Banks announces intention to run for At-Large City Council seat

Priscilla Flint-Banks recently informed local neighborhood and community stakeholders of her intent to run as a candidate for Boston City Councilor At-Large. Over the past year, she said, "I have received calls from many Boston residents, political leaders and Boston changemakers urging me to seek the office of At-Large Boston City Council. After prayerful consideration and family discussions, I have decided to accept this challenge before me." Priscilla said at a fundraiser in a room of friends, family members, and online supporters. "I am running for city council because it's time for a change, change that affects and impacts every single neighborhood positively!"

She continued, "Being actively involved in civic and economic justice issues all of my life -- whether as a young woman growing up in the Orchard Park neighborhood of Roxbury or as the co-founder, with my husband Larry (Brother Lo), Banks, of the Boston-based, Black Economic



Priscilla Flint-Banks.

Justice Institute (BEJI), I have sought to advocate for economic equity for all of Boston." She went on to say, "I have worked with local nonprofits, peacekeepers, faith-based groups, political organizations and businesses throughout our city, with the hope of giving a voice to Boston residents regarding

economic justice and equality of opportunity. My family, friends and I now feel that the time has come for me to offer myself as a servant in the public arena. I am confident that I can bring common sense ideas, straight from people living in Boston Neighborhoods into the halls of Boston City Council."

Priscilla noted, "People across the city know me for my successful work around Good Jobs, Stemming the tide of gentrification and Civic Engagement. As your at-large City Councilor, Economic Development, Empowerment, and Community sustainability will continue to be a priority for me." Priscilla also said, "Today we are fighting the biggest challenge to our existence. Right here in Dudley Square we are losing businesses. I'm ready to lead the fight with you to save this neighborhood and other neighborhoods across this city."

Bing Broderick, Executive Director of the Roxbury based Haley House Bakery and Cafe

said, "Right now, we need someone who will fight for the people of this city, to ensure their place in the years to come and jobs that will sustain them through it all. That is why I am supporting Priscilla Flint-Banks."

Boston resident Mukiya Baker-Gomez said, "I am happy to endorse Priscilla Flint Banks for the position of Boston Citywide City Council. It takes great leadership and fortitude to desire to represent a constituency of Boston residents, who have been unable to be productive contributors to the City's economy. She is a strong advocate on a variety of economic issues and I strongly urge the voters of Boston to give Priscilla Flint Banks a chance to continue the work she has been doing for over 30 years."

Community Activist and Hyde Park resident James Mackey states, "I stand with Priscilla Banks as the next At-Large Boston City Councilor. She's a warrior, a leader, and she believes

in the power of the people. I can honestly say, Priscilla has been consistently fighting towards equitable opportunities for all."

Mukaji Diazabakana, Campaign Manager for the Priscilla for Boston Campaign said, "We are planning an aggressive outreach effort into every Ward, Precinct and Neighborhood of the city in order to thoroughly engage as many constituents as possible. Priscilla intends to make a formal announcement of her candidacy in late May."

Priscilla is the Co-Founder of the Black Economic Justice Institute (BEJI), Co-Founder of the Blue Hill Corridor Commission, is the Community Liaison on the board of Black Economic Council of MA (BECMA), is the current Chair of the Boston Jobs Coalition, and an Ordained Minister. Visit [Priscillaforboston.com](http://Priscillaforboston.com) for additional information.

## Sherrill House, a non-profit nursing home serving Boston since 1907

BY LAURA PLUMMER, SPECIAL TO THE GAZETTE

### What is Sherrill House?

Located on the border of Jamaica Plain, Brookline and Mission Hill, Sherrill House at 135 South Huntington Street is a nursing home that has been serving people from around the state for over a hundred years. Founded in 1907, Sherrill House offers three programs: a short-term rehabilitation program, traditional long-term care, as well as a program serving those with dementia and Alzheimer's.

Sherrill House, named for Episcopal Bishop Henry Knox Sherrill in 1970, was first known as the Windsor Home, an elder care facility for women in Roxbury in the late 1800s. In 1910, the operation was moved to Jamaica Plain with a facility serving 25 women. Sherrill House saw many permutations before becoming the community staple it is today in 2007.

That year, Sherrill House completed a multi-year renovation, culminating in a modern facility with 196 beds that was voted among the best nursing homes by U.S. News and World Report for 2018-2019. It was also voted a Preferred Site by the town of Brookline, and it partners with all major hospitals as well as academic medical centers in the Greater Boston area.

### Who Comes to Sherrill House?

People come to Sherrill House for long-term care, dementia and Alzheimer's care and short-term rehabilitation.

Residents in the long-term care facility enjoy round-the-clock, individualized care with a focus on enhancing independence, mobility and social skills. Nurses assist residents with things like pain management, I.V. and other therapies and diabetes care.

Sherrill House is one of the few elder care facilities in the



Music is one of the activities for the residents at Sherrill House.

country specializing in patients with dementia (specifically Lewy Body Dementia or LBD) and Alzheimer's. These patients receive highly personalized

treatment by an interdisciplinary staff working to enhance their quality of life while also raising awareness about the disease.

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through the Return to Home™ program for patients who will require a period of recovery following illnesses such as pneumonia or stroke, or surgery such as hip replacement or amputations. Return to Home™ helps these patients to regain mobility and independence in their daily lives with the dedication of physical, speech and occupational therapists.

Whether they are staying for a few weeks or a few years, patients at Sherrill House are offered the same industry-leading comforts of home during their stay. Living areas include private rooms, cleaning and laundry services, cheerful dining areas, park views, a hair salon, as well as standard technologies such as phones, television and internet. Patients can also visit with their families in the library, garden, solarium, outdoor patio and many common areas.

### Unique Programming

Sherrill House also offers a number of unique programs that set it apart from others in the industry. One of these is an award-winning music therapy program.

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physical, emotional, cognitive, and social needs.” Music therapy has proven especially successful in treating patients with dementia.

Kshitij Rawal is a full-time music/expressive therapist at Sherrill House, and provides both group and private sessions for patients. Rawal, who was born and raised in New Delhi, “grew up in a family of social workers and activists”, and was passionate about combining his love for music with his desire to improve the lives of others.

In his own words, music therapy is “a special use of music to build relationships with a variety of populations of different ages and needs.”

Sherrill House boasts a robust volunteer program. Volunteers provide companionship, bring their therapy animals to cheer patients, lead workshops, staff special events and provide clerical help.

The Chaplaincy program at Sherrill House provides diverse spiritual services for patients of all faiths. These services include counseling, end-of-life planning, worship

services, Bible study groups, holiday celebrations and literature.

Sherrill House also prioritizes inviting speakers and performers from the community to visit patients in order to enhance their quality of life. These can include visiting clergy, church musical groups, authors and leading experts in the field of aging.

Residents and patients have endless opportunities to engage in fun and life-enhancing activities every day of the week, from trivia, bingo and board games to movie nights, arts and crafts and tea time.

### “The Not-for-Profit Difference”

A departure from the standard for-profit model of care, Sherrill House is a nonprofit facility, which allows it to focus on its mission is to provide top-notch medical care to patients rather than trying to please investors.

“We call it the not-for-profit difference,” said CEO Patrick Stapleton in an email. “The focus is always on stakeholders and never on shareholders.”

Funding for Sherrill House’s diverse programming comes from the ministries of Trinity Church in downtown Boston and the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts, as well as the combined assets of St. Luke’s

Home for Convalescents and the Frank Wood Convalescents Home. Sherrill House also depends on the generous donations of trustees, friends, family and several foundations.

Despite being rooted in religious institutions, Sherrill House welcomes visitors of all faiths and participation in faith-based programming is never a requirement.

“We are a very diverse population that directly reflects the diversity of the City of Boston,” said Stapleton.

For more information on Sherrill House, visit [sherrillhouse.org](http://sherrillhouse.org). Potential patients can also read reviews on this U.S. News and World Report nursing home ratings web page and the Nursing Home Compare website managed by the U.S. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

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On February 27, City Councilor Josh Zakim honored Willie Pearl Clarke, co-chair of the Tennant Task Force at Mission Main Apartments, at the City Council Black History Month Celebration. Clarke has lived in Mission Hill for the past 50 years. She organizes many events for the community throughout the year and played a role in transforming the neighborhood.

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Social Security and OIG launch Public Service Announcement campaign

The Social Security Administration (SSA) and its Office of the Inspector General (OIG) launched a joint Public Service Announcement (PSA) campaign addressing a nationwide telephone impersonation scheme. Social Security and the OIG continue to receive reports from across the country about fraudulent phone calls from people falsely claiming to be Social Security employees. Calls can even “spoof” Social Security’s national customer service number as the incoming number on the caller ID. The new PSAs will air on TV and radio stations across the country to alert the public to remain vigilant against potential fraud.

“We urge you to always be cautious and to avoid providing sensitive information such as your Social Security number

or bank account information to unknown people over the phone or Internet,” said Nancy A. Berryhill, Acting Commissioner of Social Security. “If you receive a call and are not expecting one, you must be extra careful – you can always get the caller’s information, hang up, and contact the official phone number of the business or agency the caller claims to represent. Do not reveal personal data to a stranger who calls you.”

Social Security employees do occasionally contact people—generally those who have ongoing business with the agency—by telephone for business purposes. However, Social Security employees will never threaten a person or promise a Social Security benefit approval, or increase, in exchange for information. In those cases, the

call is fraudulent and people should not engage with the caller. If a person receives these calls, he or she should report the information to the OIG Fraud Hotline at 1-800-269-0271 or online at <https://oig.ssa.gov/report>.

“These calls appear to be happening across the country, so we appreciate SSA’s partnership in this national public outreach effort,” said Gail S. Ennis, the Inspector General for the Social Security Administration. “Our message to the public is simply this: If you or someone you know receives a questionable call claiming to be from SSA or the OIG, just hang up.”

The new PSA addressing the telephone impersonation scheme is available online at [www.youtube.com/socialsecurity](http://www.youtube.com/socialsecurity).

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# Hill Agenda

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## 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 7 pm, Mission Church Music Room, 1545 Tremont Street.

## Health/Fitness

**\$2 bag of produce**, \$1 freshly baked loaves of bread, offered by Mission Hill Health Movement, no questions asked; as many bags as anyone wants to take, Wednesdays, 4-6pm, Tobin Community Center, 1481 Tremont St. Info: 427-6919.

**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/bostonbrakers.

## 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.

**The Museum of Fine Arts**, Boston (MFA), invites children to explore the symbols, signs and stories that fill the Museum during April School Vacation Week. Art-making activities throughout the week give kids the opportunity to learn more about the MFA's collection while creating their own masterpieces. Activities include making bicycle prints inspired by works featured in the exhibition Toulouse Lautrec and the Stars of Paris, building Trees of Life inspired by the Mexican ceramic tradition and designing beaded necklaces in the Benin Kingdom Gallery. Riley the Museum Dog puts his scent-sniffing skills on display during a special appearance.

**Children's stories** come alive

through drawing, music and dance with interactive performances by authors Jannie Ho and Gina Perry. Activities are available from 10 am - 4 pm daily, except for Wednesday, April 17, when admission is free after 4 pm and Vacation Week activities run until 8 pm. For a full schedule, please visit mfa.org.

**Toulouse-Lautrec and the Stars of Paris** April 7-August 4 Member Preview: April 2-6 Explore Paris at the turn of the 20th century through the evocative posters, prints, and paintings of Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec. With expressive lines and brazen colors, Lautrec documented the invention of celebrity culture in the fin-de-siècle. Organized in partnership with the Boston Public Library.

**After Migration: The Work of Ikiré Jones**

Wednesday, April 24, at 7 pm Ikiré Jones is a design house based in Philadelphia that uses design as a vehicle to tell stories illuminating the lives of marginalized people. Join us as founder Walé Oyéjidé discusses his project "After Migration," an ongoing attempt to depict the complicated refugee crisis from a different angle.

**Art in Bloom**

April 27-29

Enjoy art from across the MFA's collection paired with magnificent floral interpretations. Daily events include tours of arrangements throughout the galleries, flower-arranging demonstrations, and informal dining among European paintings in the Art in Bloom Café. Browse the MFA Art in Bloom Market and Garden Cart for unique gifts and treasures. Buy individual event tickets and book group tours now!

## Parker Hill Branch Library

The Parker Hill Branch Library has the following upcoming program:  
**Percussion & Flute Duo**  
Saturday, April 6, 12:00 pm  
Boston Philharmonic Orchestra

in partnership with the Boston Public Library presents the MOSAIC (Musical Opportunities Supporting Arts In Communities) Concert Series.

**MOSAIC concerts** are 60-minute free, fun, fresh, and educational musical experiences for everyone. Each session includes discussion of the music, opportunities to ask questions, meet the musicians, and a chance to try to play these instruments in our Instrument Petting Zoo.

**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, 2nd and 4th 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 membership. 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.



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Calendar Year 2018 included the following unusually high police earnings, due to reinstatements with back pay awarded in 2018. Asterisks designate the following court cases:

*The Total earnings of the Top 5 municipal employees were subject to extraneous circumstances, and does not reflect their salary alone*

\*Thompson v. Civil Service Commission, 90 Mass. App Ct. 462 (2016)

\*\*City of Boston v. Boston Police Patrolmen's Association, 477 Mass. 434 (2017)

## TOP 100 HIGHEST PAID MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES

NAME	TITLE	REGULAR	OVERTIME	TOTAL EARNINGS
Harris,Shawn N*	Police Officer	517,789.82	48,199.74	684,410.90
Williams,David C.**	Police Officer	95,184.68	45,176.88	677,680.65
Jones,Ronnie C*	Police Officer	462,149.98		577,123.44
Downing,George C*	Police Officer	417,664.03	29,567.40	536,870.65
Washington,Walter*	Police Officer	313,154.27	45,337.30	494,319.51
Finn,Joseph E.	F. Comm./Chief of the Dept	233,461.57		247,269.28
Gross,William G.	Commissioner (Bpd)	220,672.34		255,455.24
Walsh,John Francis	Chief of Support Services	214,984.43		234,941.88
Fontana,Gerard T.	Chief of Field Services	214,979.25		234,946.67
Lonergan,James J	Dep Fire Chief Administration	207,050.07	13,048.42	231,890.50
McMahon,Joseph G	Dep Fire Chief Administration	203,624.89	24,305.88	240,136.50
Dempsey,John	Dep Fire Chief Administration	203,624.89	20,921.02	236,751.64
Maughn,Reynold	Dep Fire Chief Administration	203,624.89	10,875.43	226,706.05
Walsh,David John	Dep Fire Chief Administration	203,144.03	8,246.22	220,187.09
Ruggere,Michael J	DepFireChiefAdmn-AdvTechnician	200,005.46	30,046.15	238,920.11
Daley,John J	Supn Bpd	195,601.09		235,707.00
Walsh,Martin J.	Mayor	191,615.46		191,615.46
Shaffer,Steven E	Dep Fire Chief Administration	191,536.76	13,462.72	208,910.23
Leonard,David J	President	189,999.94		211,151.79
Long,Gregory P	Supn-In Chief	189,290.99		284,439.20
Mancini,Frank A	Supn Bpd	188,023.35		275,619.34
Ridge,William G.	Supn Bpd	188,023.35		275,418.57
Lydon,Colm P.	Supn Bpd	188,023.35		274,582.03
McNeil,Stephen D	Dep Fire Chief	187,827.38	38,245.37	239,735.45
Doherty,Michael J.	Dep Fire Chief	187,827.38	42,535.30	239,168.82
Stallworth,Andre R	Dep Fire Chief	187,827.38	38,943.49	234,605.70
Tully,Bernard J.	Dep Fire Chief	186,104.62	24,781.81	218,173.25
Keeley,Stephen F	Supn (Bfd/Fad)	185,892.98	11,515.62	197,958.60
McCreary,Makeeba	Managing Partner	183,670.53		183,670.53
Harrington,Ronald A	District Fire Chief Admin	183,089.84	15,669.07	210,824.72
Hocking,Michael E	Dep Fire Chief	182,831.32	24,319.90	260,160.29
Muncey,Donna E.	Deputy Superintendent-(non-ac)	182,060.75		182,060.75
Jones,Francis G	District FireChiefAdmn-AdvTech	181,566.35	6,156.27	194,275.54
McCormack,Martin P	District Fire Chief Admin	181,560.12	12,974.94	201,828.31
Paschal,Stephen P	District Fire Chief Admin	179,317.16	20,462.66	213,483.91
Keeley,Dennis L	District Fire Chief Admin	179,145.24	34,980.95	221,889.72
Celona,Michael O.	Exec Asst Commissioner	178,317.33		190,413.79
Cahill,Gerard M	District Fire Chief Admin	177,407.56	9,164.37	194,335.46
Mullane Jr.,Neal A	District Fire Chief-Technician	177,259.99	20,345.15	205,598.14
Shea,Bartholomew J	Dep Fire Chief	177,142.96	36,646.72	238,208.52
Cox,Michael A	Supn Bpd	175,973.29		255,238.17
White,Dennis A	Supn Bpd	175,941.57		247,736.83
Tully,Brian P	District Fire Chief-Adv Tech	171,789.84	28,254.82	209,251.92
Wright,Tommy	Rotc Instructor	171,788.50		173,647.72
Gloria,Paul G	District Fire Chief Admin	171,753.97	7,543.14	182,813.56
Baston,Nora L	Supn Bpd	171,589.94		252,247.81
Walker Gregory,Caren S	Headmaster	171,507.97		171,507.97
Anderson,Edward A	Fire Captain Admn-Advance Tech	170,466.84	36,895.26	217,046.29
Hanlon,John Stephen	Asst Superintendent (non-ac)	169,831.15		169,831.15
Carey,Paul G.	District Fire Chief-Technician	169,177.52	34,139.79	206,884.36
Mullen,Brian P	Dist Fire Chief	169,058.29	15,821.21	185,429.50
Bailey,Gerard W	Dep Supn (Bpd)	168,729.66		250,257.59
Cotter,Winifred	Dep Supn (Bpd)	168,729.66		243,900.97
Walcott,Jeffrey I	Dep Supn (Bpd)	168,729.66		239,132.54
Whitman,Steven M	Dep Supn (Bpd)	168,729.66		239,081.43
Driscoll,Mary E	Asst Superintendent	168,431.63		168,431.63
Papineau,Charles J	District Fire Chief-Adv Tech	167,553.36	24,947.10	193,916.93
Consalvo,Robert J.	Chief of Staff	167,379.71		167,379.71
Dowling,Robert L.	District Fire Chief-Technician	167,182.62	47,087.59	219,130.28
Skerritt,Rachel	Headmaster	166,833.05		166,833.05
Brienza,Horacio D.	District Fire Chief-Technician	166,725.79	27,746.74	199,327.13
Hogan,Gerald E	District Fire Chief-Technician	166,691.98	26,129.84	207,163.37
Dillon,Michael P.	District Fire Chief-Technician	166,691.98	22,484.22	197,053.32

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NAME	TITLE	REGULAR	OVERTIME	TOTAL EARNINGS
Whelan, Michael J	District Fire Chief-Technician	166,582.69	17,577.12	195,040.85
Harrison, David C	District Fire Chief-Technician	166,268.83	21,137.41	192,255.37
Casper, Joseph	Dist Fire Chief (Scuba Diver)	166,258.52	44,484.41	213,838.88
Rose, Colin C	Asst Superintendent	165,844.76		165,844.76
Eddings, Marcus C	Dep Supn (Bpd)	165,840.58		251,214.94
Nichols, Emmet P	District Fire Chief-Technician	165,840.22	42,992.99	217,141.34
Smith, Douglas W	Dist Fire Chief	165,761.18	24,239.59	197,764.30
McNulty, Joseph G.	Dist Fire Chief-Adm Asst Dvmtr	165,650.95	26,338.03	224,017.56
Marshall, Rodney O.	Dist Fire Chief	165,477.67	25,760.11	201,461.31
Sloane, Christopher	Dist Fire Chief	165,115.73	17,511.19	190,371.85
Marshall, David C	Asst Supn (Bfd/Fad)	164,920.17	17,316.10	189,909.31
Murphy, Joseph W.	Chemist	164,837.72		169,586.43
Felton, Richard F.	Dist Fire Chief	164,803.05	24,593.20	195,886.81
Roberts, Monica M.	Asst Superintendent (non-ac)	164,208.76		164,208.76
Shea, Joseph D.	Dist Fire Chief	164,141.65	16,951.12	187,109.22
Stapleton, John	Dist Fire Chief	164,107.97	27,687.24	200,175.59
Raymond, Mark J.	Dist Fire Chief	164,107.97	21,428.46	193,299.96
Greene, James P	Dist Fire Chief	164,073.11	25,640.76	198,226.80
Welch Jr., Thomas M.	Academic Superintendent	164,007.70		164,007.70
Hoar, James J	Dist Fire Chief	163,896.33	16,739.23	188,389.79
Murphy, Patrick D.	District Fire Chief-Technician	163,811.74	17,661.62	182,863.10
Viola, Gerard	Dist Fire Chief	163,717.85	27,263.04	197,597.72
Burke, Christopher	Dist Fire Chief	163,684.69	16,594.20	182,521.81
Sweeney, David	Chief Of Staff	163,238.20		164,833.48
Luciano, Paul S	Dist Fire Chief	163,186.28	12,596.14	183,010.61
Smith, Timothy	District Fire Chief-Technician	163,180.33	21,942.58	216,617.98
Heelen, Brian P	Dist Fire Chief	163,018.95	21,273.48	189,451.77
O'Flaherty, Eugene Lloyd	Corporation Counsel	162,980.70		164,798.00
Taylor, Albert L	Operational Superintendent	162,891.02		162,891.02
Hung, Kelly M	Academic Superintendent	162,678.01		162,678.01
Lee, Edward S	Operational Superintendent	162,490.38		162,490.38
Pettaway, Erik C	Dist Fire Chief	162,385.21	22,935.48	193,008.50
Qazilbash, Emily Kalejs	Asst Superintendent (non-ac)	162,340.36		162,340.36
Cleary, Patrick D	Chief Admin Officer	162,241.82		162,241.82
Dalrymple, Keith D	Police Captain/DDC	162,161.32	33,740.56	216,131.99
Handy, Emme Lea	Collector-Treasurer	161,826.83		168,848.51
Tahiliani, Priya J.	Asst Superintendent	161,718.91		161,718.91
Noriega, Ligia B	Asst Superintendent	161,659.41		161,659.41



## PARTICIPACIÓN

El plazo para la sección de Participación es al mediodía, martes, 30 de abril para la edición 3 de mayo. Mande eventos a [news@missionhillgazette.com](mailto: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

**Caminando para la salud**, los jueves, 10AM. Sale de 1534

Tremont St. paseo semanal del grupo de camino de Mission Hill Health Movement; principiantes bienvenidos. Llame al "tel:617-427-6919.

**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/bostonbreakers](https://www.facebook.com/bostonbreakers).

### 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](mailto:hhui@roxburytenants.org).

### El Museo de Bellas Artes

**Horas: sábado a martes**, 10 am – 5 pm, miércoles a viernes, 10am – 10 pm.

Charlas, discusiones gratuitas inspiradas por los temas en las exhibiciones actuales de MFA.

Yoga para los adultos mayores, los sábados, 10am. Adultos con más de 55 años, todos niveles. Usen ropa cómoda. Tenemos alfombras.

### Parker Hill Branch Library

**Dúo de percusión y flauta**, sábado, 6 abril, 12 pm, Boston Philharmonic Orchestra en colaboración con Boston Public Library presenta una serie de conciertos.

**Yoga para los mayores** de edad, los sábados, 10am

De Interés especial

### Horas de oficina

**Coordinadora de Servicios de Vecindario de Boston**, Shaina Aubourg, 2º y 4º lunes del mes, 3.30-5.30pm, Tobin Community Center, 1481 Tremont St. Información: 635-2679.

### Jóvenes/Familias

**Academia para el éxito** de los

latinos (ALAS) de Sociedad Latina, un programa que ayuda a los estudiantes durante sus primeros dos años de universidad. 1530 Tremont St. Contacto, Fernando Rodríguez, 398 7447, [fernando@sociedadlatina.org](mailto:fernando@sociedadlatina.org).

### Clases/Discusiones

**Charla semanal bilingüe:** mandarín-inglés, con hablantes nativos y otros, se requiere permiso de acceso al edificio Harvard con dos días de anticipación, los martes por la tarde, 6pm-9pm, HSPH, 677 Huntington Ave. 615-9672 / [maynard.clark@gmail.com](mailto:maynard.clark@gmail.com).

**Charla seminal bilingüe:** cantonés-inglés, con hablantes nativos y otros, se requiere permiso de acceso al edificio Harvard con dos días de anticipación, los viernes por la tarde, 6pm-9pm, HSPH, 677 Huntington Ave. 615-9672 / [maynard.clark@gmail.com](mailto:maynard.clark@gmail.com).

**Clases de inglés y de ciudadanía, con RTH.** inglés para principiantes, lunes y viernes, 7.30-9 pm. Inglés para la oficina, martes y jueves, 7.30-9 pm. Clase de inglés avanzada, viernes 6 a 7.30 pm. 805 Huntington Ave. Clase de ciudadanía, martes y jueves, 2.30 – 4 pm, 2 New Whitney Street,

Segundo piso. 232-0400/[hhui@roxburytenants.org](mailto:hhui@roxburytenants.org).

### 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](mailto: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](http://TobinCommunityCenter.org).

Después de la escuela, edades 6-12, lunes a viernes, hasta junio, \$60/mes más membresía. Ayuda con la tarea, tutoría, deportes, arte, computadoras. Info: 635-5216.

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# Hill Happenings

BY MOSSY MARTIN

In April, 1894 in Mission Hill history, land developer, F. Gordon Dexter began to develop the Mission Hill area. He chose Indian names for many of the streets, perhaps because Allegheny Street had already been laid out in 1845. Pontiac St. and St. Alphonsus St. had been previously quarry roads, with the puddingstone used for construction for foundation material for churches and other buildings.

At the same time, the surrounding area of Roxbury was dominated by breweries and tanneries. By 1900 there were 25 breweries within a mile of Roxbury Crossing, which was previously called Pierpoint Village.

Mission Hill was previously called Parker Hill, named for local wealthy merchant, John Parker. Upon the construction of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, commonly known as Mission Church in 1871, the area was soon called Mission Hill.

Having attended Mission schools for 12 years, I'm fortunate to have known several of the wonderful priests at the Mission. Father Manton, who came to Mission Church in 1939, comes to mind.

Known as the "Novena Priest", Father Manton presided over the Wednesday Novenas for 59 years. Following World War II as many as 20,000 residents would attend the eight Wednesday Novenas at Mission Church.

I recall playing Little League baseball at Smith Street Playground in the early 60s and hearing Father Manton's booming voice over the loud speaker at the church. Despite my young age, I sensed the eminence of this great priest, who died at age 94 in 1994. Incidentally, the original Mission Church was

a wood framed chapel at Saint Alphonsus and Tremont Street, (currently the Church Rectory) which was the Brinley Mansion and had been purchased by the Redemptorist Fathers.

The current Mission Church was built in 1877.. The Mission Hill Post 327, which closed more than a year ago, is slated to resume serving our veterans. With no building for meetings and nightly social hang outs, it's called a "Paper Post" and there will be meetings at local Mission Hill establishments. Anyone interested in participating in the new endeavor may contact Col. George Rollins, Bill Mullin or John Kelly. The Col.'s E-mail is ga.rollins@hotmail.com..

A tip of the hat to the folks at Roxbury Tenants of Harvard for sponsoring the St. Patrick's Day Celebration March 16 at the RTH gymnasium. Thanks to the volunteers and Committee members include Chairman Bill Sullivan, Laura Adams and Ellen Saucier. Mark Coyle and Toni Yarde get an A plus for handling their bartending duties. It was nice seeing my favorite, Theresa Parks at the party and John Clune was all Irish in his leprechaun attire. I particularly enjoyed the Irish step dancing and the Shepherds Pie hit the spot. Last week, I attended the New England High School All Star game at the Reggie Lewis Center with my focus on 6ft. 7 inch forward, Anthony Selden from Mission Hill. Selden, a senior at Tilton Academy in New Hampshire, elated the horde of fans with several lusty dunks. Anthony is the younger brother of Wayne Selden, who plays for the Chicago Bulls.

The crowd was so large that fans were turned away and I was initially denied entrance to the gym. Fortunately I heard a youngster shout to his friends, "Over here", as I followed the kids into the side door of the

Reggie Lewis Center. It brought back memories of my youth when I would sneak into Fenway Park and the old Boston Garden.

Belated happy birthday (March 21) to Mimoso Salillari. Mimoso works at Mike's Donuts and she's always pleasant when she pours that fine coffee. Shown on the big screen at the Garden during last months Celtics-Kings game was my friend, Emerson Chadderton and his charming 18-year-old granddaughter,

Zerena Cambridge. Emerson and I work together at the New England Baptist Hospital in Environmental Services where Emerson is our Leader. Zerena Cambridge is a senior at Somerville High School and she plans to be an entrepreneur.

The N.E. Baptist, located on Parker Hill Ave., is a terrific hospital and it is the official hospital of the Boston Celtics. The hospital was founded in 1893 by Dr. Francis Whittier and was

initially called the Boston Baptist Hospital..

There will be an Easter egg hunt April 20 at 4:30 p.m. at the Charlesbank Apartments, 650 Huntington Ave. in the Community Room. It will be fun for the little ones. If bringing a group, stop by ahead of time and ask for Jan so she will know the Easter egg head count. A caution, make sure the kids behave or they will be told to put an egg in their shoe and beat it.



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## EDITORIAL

### Bring on the spring

Yes, we know that the calendar told us that spring officially began with the vernal equinox on March 20. And yes, the crocuses have been in full bloom, bringing a welcome burst of color to the otherwise-dreary New England landscape at this time of year.

But those of us who call Eastern Massachusetts home know all-too-well that the actual spring season does not get underway until well into April and May, thanks primarily to the sea-breezes that wash over us with air that has been cooled by ocean temperatures that are only in the high 40s.

Still, with the winter of 2019 in the rear-view mirror, we can't complain too much about the weather.

The past winter season was easy on our backs because of the lack of snow that needed to be shoveled. Power outages were almost non-existent compared to the past few years. And coastal flooding, the bane of residents in our low-lying areas, thankfully did not occur, despite the potential that existed with the extraordinarily high tides in January, February, and March because of those super moons.

Still, we know that spring can bring its share of nasty and troublesome weather events. The bombogenesis (the term refers to a weather system that essentially explodes when the barometric pressure drops 24 millibars within 24 hours) that occurred with the coastal storm that came up the Atlantic Seaboard this week thankfully stayed out to sea.

But this near-miss served as a reminder that we may not be so lucky the next time around.

Still, with mild temperatures in the forecast for the first half of April, we can't complain -- and, like hope, our thoughts of warmer weather spring eternal.

## OP-ED

### Celebrating One Boston Day

BY MAYOR MARTIN J. WALSH

Every year on the third Monday in April, tens of thousands of athletes gather in Hopkinton, and begin the 26.2-mile journey to Boylston Street in Boston. All along the Marathon route, spectators cheer on their friends, family members, and complete strangers. It brings our city together like nothing else. That's why the Boston Marathon is much more than a road race. It's a celebration of everything Boston stands for -- our grit and heart; our resilience and hope.

In recent years, the Marathon has come to stand for something even bigger. April 15, 2013 left our city reeling -- it was one of our city's darkest days. But it also showed us the generosity and compassion of everyday people. We came together as one community, as one Boston, and we showed the world what it meant to be Boston Strong. We showed that we would never let the darkness win. And we vowed to take back the finish line.

Over the last six years, we have turned the Marathon into a movement. April 15, will always be One Boston Day. It's a Citywide day of service, reflection, and healing. It serves as a way to celebrate the resilience, kindness, and

strength demonstrated by the people of Boston and around the world in response to the tragedy. We honor those we lost, and those whose lives changed forever, with acts of kindness, big and small. It's a day when Boston shines brightest. And it's a tradition that we will continue for years to come.

This year, for the first time since 2013, One Boston Day and the Marathon fall on the same day. It will still be a citywide day of service. I call on everyone to do something good for your community on Monday or the weekend leading up to it. Go to OneBostonDay.Org and tell us what you will do.

This year, we are also finalizing our work on permanent markers on Boylston Street to honor the lives that were lost near the finish line on April 15, 2013. Artist Pablo Eduardo is working closely with families to honor their loved ones in a meaningful way. These markers will reflect our City's spirit after the tragedy: bent, but not broken.

This remembrance consists of stone markers on two separate sites. Bronze and glass pillars will rise and twist into each other, representing the lives lost. The markers will forever serve as a symbol of hope, representing our city's resolve. We look forward

to their completion this coming summer.

Until then, please join us in preparing for the fifth annual One Boston day on April 15, 2019. I encourage you to visit OneBostonDay.Org, to see the acts of kindness planned by individuals and organizations throughout the city and around the world. Last year, we counted more than 43,000 individual acts of kindness. Bostonians shared their projects on social media, and the hashtag #OneBostonDay was trending nationwide. This year, as we get closer, we'll be highlighting the projects people are planning. Whether it's volunteering at a food bank, or helping your neighbor with a household project, there are countless ways to honor this special day. I hope that the stories of others' actions inspire you to get involved this year, and for many years to come.

For 123 years, the Boston Marathon has represented the strength of the human spirit. Now, along with One Boston Day and our permanent marker, we will continue to show the world what it means to be Boston Strong.

*Martin J. Walsh is the Mayor of Boston.*

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### Local Aid for Climate Change

BY JACK CLARKE

There are three proposals before Beacon Hill lawmakers that could help pay for how we cope with the impacts of climate change - all should be considered.

Climate change is the existential threat of our lifetime. It affects everyone, everywhere, and everything. And because certain Washington politicians are unwilling to deal with it, and President Trump still calls it a "hoax," state and local governments are forced to face climate change on their own.

In Massachusetts, we're not only fighting the causes of climate change, but also figuring out how to live with them.

While we've reduced the Commonwealth's carbon emissions by 21.4 percent, based on 1990 levels, and need to aggressively push to achieve zero emissions, we also must

learn to adapt to the effects of climate change - including hotter days, accelerated sea-level rise, and stronger storms - all significant in a place we call the Bay State. And they come at great cost.

As a member of the state's Coastal Erosion Commission, we found that the replacement cost for the buildings and contents exposed to our quickly eroding shoreline was more than \$7 billion - and that was four years ago!

According to estimates from the Cambridge-based Union of Concerned Scientists, during the next 26 years, over half the amount of property the \$7 billion represents will be chronically flooded, affecting 14,000 Massachusetts residents.

Between 2005 and 2017, increased flood risks eroded \$273.4 million worth of Massachusetts home values,

according to the First Street Foundation, a nonprofit that researches the effects of rising seas.

Most vulnerable, however, are people - on whom we can never apply a price tag.

Presently, 85 percent of Massachusetts' 6.9 million residents live within 50 miles of the coast.

As a Chelsea native who grew up learning to swim at nearby Revere Beach, and whose neighbors "worked down the docks," I can attest that coastal residents aren't all rich or living in second homes.

So what do we do and how do we pay for it?

Today, 160 Massachusetts cities and towns are painstakingly drafting Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness plans, documenting their exposure to climate change and considering

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## OP-ED

# Beware of scams coming over the telephone

BY GLENN MOLLETTE

In January a Denver couple received a scam phone call from a man who told them he had kidnapped their daughter. The man was very convincing that their daughter was in his possession. In the background they heard a woman's voice begging for help. The call was convincing enough that they tried to wire money to the man. Fortunately the money didn't go through. Police soon showed up after the wife left a note with the bank teller explaining what was happening. The police determined it was a scam.

A 90-year-old friend received a call a couple of years back. The caller explained that he was with the Internal Revenue Service. He alleged my friend was \$40,000 behind in his federal taxes and that payment had to be made immediately. My friend didn't owe anybody and had always been a model citizen. The worry and fear for this 90-year-old man were more than he could handle. He committed suicide a few days after the call.

Several years ago I received a call after my son had boarded a

submarine. I would not be able to communicate with him for several months. The caller in a very convincing voice stated my son owed \$350 and if not paid immediately he would file charges against him that would be very negative toward his military career. I explained he would not be available for awhile. The caller insisted that someone needed to intervene to prevent the black mark against my son. You guessed it. I fell for it and paid the demanded money. Of course within a couple of hours and some research I knew I had been scammed.

Somehow, somewhere there is someone keeping an eye on soldier's families that they can catch at a vulnerable moment and scam them.

When you are scammed you feel like an idiot when it's over. It's embarrassing. However, these telephone artists are professionals. This is all they do every day. In places like Nigeria where many of these calls originate from people go to work from 9 to 5 every day like you go to your daily job. Only, their daily job is to come up with real life convincing lies to scam you

out of your hard-earned money.

Some of us have only lost a few hundred dollars but others have lost thousands and in the case of my friend, he ended his life over a very believable telephone call.

I remember our first telephone. I was about 9 years old. Telephone calls were cool. I talked to friends on the telephone for hours. When the telephone rang we knew it was family or friends calling and answering it was enjoyable and important. Today, a ringing telephone is a nuisance. Some days I receive five to 10 calls from local numbers who end up being people selling health insurance, credit cards, student loan payoffs, car warranties, scams pertaining to taxes owed and numerous others. Thus, I no longer answer the phone if I don't recognize the number. Leave a message and I promise I'll call you back. If the person calling you is real and legitimate they won't mind leaving you a message and a real number to return the call.

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legislature comes in as it considers this enormous expense.

Two proposals come from Governor Baker, and one from Speaker of the House Robert DeLeo.

Baker's choices include changing how the state spends \$40 million dollars it receives each year through membership in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, a market-based compact of nine states that prices carbon emissions from power plants and sends the proceeds back to the participating states.

Under state requirements, that money is mostly used for energy conservation and efficiency. But Baker wants the Legislature to give him the option of also spending some RGGI money on climate change adaptation – not a bad idea, but not at the expense of existing energy efficiency programs.

Baker's other bill imposes a fee on some real estate transactions that could bring in \$1 billion for

adaptation work – that too is a good idea.

DeLeo also wants to spend \$1 billion to improve the state's resiliency to climate change. His idea is realized through a 10-year borrowing plan – the Legislature should take it up.

These are not either-or notions. There needs to be a sense of urgency on Beacon Hill when it comes to funding climate change work, especially as recent reports from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, and the National Climate Assessment say we have about 12 years to figure this stuff out before things start to fall apart.

Although the Baker and DeLeo propositions seem expensive, the cost of delay and inaction is greater – and that's not an option we can afford.

*Jack Clarke is the director of public policy and government relations at Mass Audubon.*

## Jack Clark

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how they'll defend themselves. The local blueprints are funded by a climate change bond signed by Governor Charlie Baker last summer. This bond assigns \$501 million to adaptation measures that also include repairs to dams and seawalls, restoration of wetlands, and the Commonwealth's own adaptation road map.

Eventually, all 351 cities and towns will outline their adaptation strategies.

After the plans are written, the expensive work of implementation begins. We'll need to pay to protect, strengthen, and in some instances relocate threatened people and their homes, their streets, culverts, utilities, water supplies, and waste water treatment plants – many of which lie at sea level.

And that's where the

## LETTER

# I am Grateful

To the Editor of the Mission Hill Gazette

Please let me extend my sincere appreciation to the entire neighborhood for their outpouring of kindnesses to me as I complete my nine years as your Mission Hill Main Streets director. I'm grateful to have interacted with so many talented and civic minded individuals who care deeply

about this gem of a community. When I first accepted this post, I could not have imagined how much happiness would come my way by knowing and working with all of you. Best wishes to my successor Ellen Walker and to everyone associated with Main Streets for an even brighter future for Mission Hill.

**Gratefully, Richard J. Rouse**

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## What's Happening on Main Streets

BY ELLEN WALKER  
SPECIAL TO THE GAZETTE

Change is in the air and Spring is finally here. We can already see the crocuses pushing through the Museum of Fine Arts grounds and tulips will bloom soon around Mission Hill. In March, we saw more snow than we had all winter along with rumors abounding that Punxatawney Phil upset many of his followers. A new business opened at 1480 Tremont Street across from Tobin Community Center and one of Mission Hill Main Streets most respected members of the community is heading off on a new adventure.

As the weather becomes milder and we look towards more healthy habits, take a quick stroll in your neighborhood to check out the newest additions to the Mission Hill landscape. It is a great time to reacquaint yourself with the neighborhood, see new faces and greet longstanding friends as well. If you haven't taken a walk down Tremont Street to Chilacates, you will be pleasantly surprised when you do. The owner, Socrates Abreau, opened his doors for business on February 10, and already has a strong following; they feature Mexican street food. Stop by for an enchilada, taco or burrito

and to welcome them to Mission Hill. Continue your stroll by browsing along Huntington Avenue to Stone Ground for a hot cup of coffee, a quick lunch with friends at The Mission or have the "ultimate" pizza at Penguin. It will make your walk worthwhile.

For those of you have looked forward to, and enjoyed, Richard Rouse's monthly "What's Happening on Main Streets" article, he bid a fond farewell to all at the end of March. Richard will be missed by all. Though we are happy for him, we will struggle to fill that void. One of my challenges as the new director will be to assume this role. He will be a hard act to follow but I will do my best. I look forward to meeting as many of you as I can in the coming months as I become a more familiar face in the neighborhood. As a former 10-plus year resident of Mission Hill, it is great to be back and to see all the wonderful transformations that have taken place in the neighborhood. Please let me know how you think I am doing when I see you on my strolls through the neighborhood!

Josh Zakim announced he will not be running for another term as our district City Councilor. We send our sincere thank you

to Josh for the great job he did representing and fighting for Mission Hill. We wish you well Josh!

In March 6, the Boston Public Health Commission hosted a meeting of our local hospitals with residents as part of the city-wide Community Health Needs Assessment. New England Baptist / Beth Israel Lahey Health Hospital's Christine Dwyer participated along with Brigham and Women's Hospital's Shirma Pierre, who are both on the Mission Hill Main Streets Board of Directors. Residents addressed concerns regarding wellness and health care access as well as traffic and overall transportation concerns.

The Parker Hill Library, which is the prettiest library in the city and even more so since their recent restoration, is again hosting programs for younger children during April vacation week - Health as Wealth Art Program and Animal World Programs - as noted in the March/April Mission Hill Neighbors Newsletter. There are also music classes for preschoolers. If you have any questions contact Thealyn Ploetz, Children's Librarian, Parker Hill Branch Library [tploetz@bpl.org](mailto:tploetz@bpl.org).

Please friend us on Facebook and watch for more changes and updates. We are going to add a Donate Button and promote "Giving Thursday" to help support the work that Mission Hill Main Streets does within the community. Our Facebook friend numbers are growing daily and we anticipate adapting more social media to connect with all of our neighbors

here in Mission Hill.

Mark your calendars for June 20th for the Annual Mission Hill Main Streets Awards night. This year's event will be held at The Griffin Building of the Mass College of Pharmacy on Huntington Avenue, one of the loveliest venues in the neighborhood. More information will be available as the date approaches.

## Fairy house building event returns to Franklin Park

Having made it through another winter, it will soon be the time of year when we see the magical creatures that reappear in New England's fields and woods in the spring. In order to welcome the local elf and fairy population, the Boston Parks and Recreation Department will host their sixth annual Fairy House Building family event on Thursday, April 18, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at Schoolmaster Hill in Franklin Park.

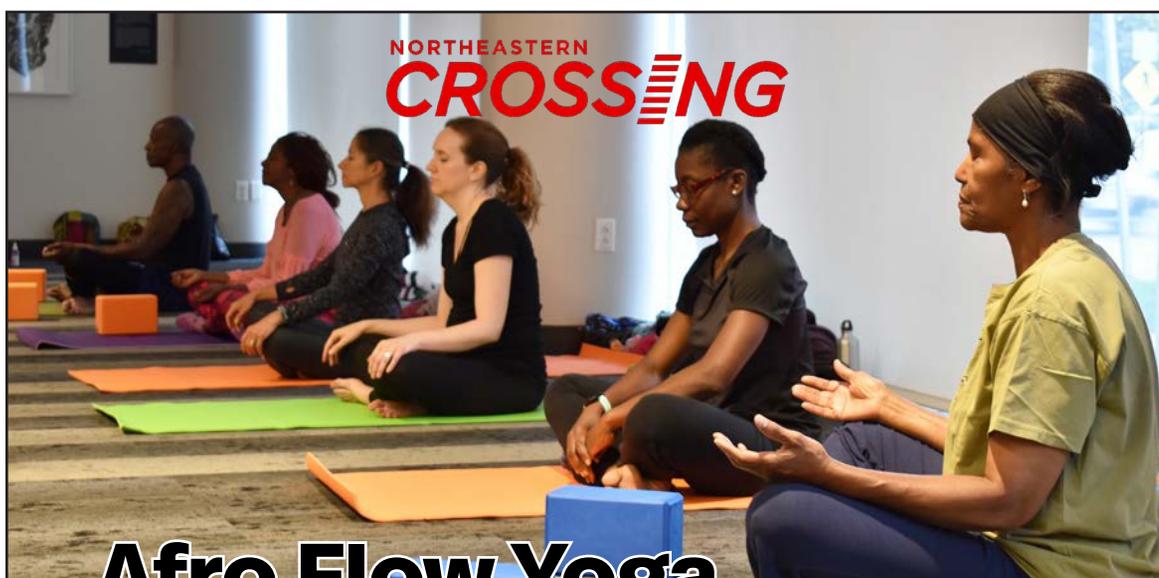
Local children and families are invited to help by building tiny homes for them. Spring is the best time to build fairy houses, experts say, providing the magical creatures with shelter for the coming summer months and the fitting season that begins in late May.

This free family event will include outdoor nature play, storytelling, entertainment with Rosalita's Puppets, plant education from the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, and face painting. Children are encouraged to

wear their favorite fairy and elf costumes to encourage their tiny guests to alight in Franklin Park. Natural materials will be provided, and youngsters are encouraged to explore their surroundings to find natural elements such as sticks, stones, and leaves to adorn their fairy houses. There will also be a fairy puppet show at 11:30 a.m.

Located in Franklin Park's historic 220-acre forest among oak and pine trees overlooking the William Devine Golf Course, Schoolmaster Hill provides the perfect location for fairy and elf habitat that recognizes their connection to the earth by utilizing building materials from the woods around them.

Schoolmaster Hill is located on Circuit Drive between the William Devine Golf Course Clubhouse and Shattuck Hospital. For more information, please call the Boston Parks and Recreation Department at (617) 961-3047, or visit online at [www.boston.gov/parks](http://www.boston.gov/parks) or [www.facebook.com/bostonparksdepartment](http://www.facebook.com/bostonparksdepartment).



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