

## Councilors to Hold Hearing on Large House Parties

SUBMITTED BY COUNCILOR ED FLYNN

BOSTON - Boston City Councilors Ed Flynn, Michael Flaherty, and Liz Bredon will be hosting a virtual hearing regarding large house parties this Friday, November 6th, at 11am. The Councilors filed this

hearing order in mid-October to discuss ways to better enforce rules regarding house parties and indoor gatherings. There have been concerning reports from neighbors regarding large house parties and their potential to become superspreader events due to a lack of proper physi-

cal distancing and mask wearing. Neighbors have also highlighted loud noise and trash removal issues as negatively impacting their quality of life. This hearing order aims to discuss methods that the city can

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## Community Music Center of Boston interrogates musical "quality"

Can culturally-responsive music education lead to excellence?

SUBMITTED BY CMC

The Community Music Center of Boston (CMCB) announces its next Community Conversation to take place Thursday, November 12

from 5:30-7pm on Zoom. This event is free and open to the public.

Musicians work tirelessly to bring their artistry and technique to the highest levels possible. But as the music field delves into issues of inclusion and equity, the words "quality" and "excellence" are often mentioned in response, as though in opposition.

As we begin to use expressions

such as "learner-centered" and "culturally-responsive" to define our vision for the future, this Community Conversation will offer a fuller understanding of these words that both respects and describes art and artists in the 21st century.

Mr. Washington has been invited to give similar presentations,

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## ASK DOG LADY



Advice on Pets, Life, Love

BY MONICA COLLINS

Dear Dog Lady,

I adopted a toy poodle last year from an owner who decided to move back to Hong Kong and not take the

dog. He is currently seven-years-old and isn't neutered. I know that all dogs should be neutered to prevent overpopulation and unwanted behavior, but due to his age, is the procedure still suitable for him?

—Alexandra

Dear Alexandra,

Oh yes, neutering a male dog of any age is the responsible thing to do. Recently, Dog Lady ran into a veterinarian she knows while out walking her dog. He was walking his unfixed dog. Dog Lady was a mite shocked by this display since spaying and neutering dogs is so important for their health and welfare—at any age and stage. You're doing the right thing for the toy poodle—both neutering him and providing a new home.

Dear Dog Lady,

My dog Buddy is a great dog and very friendly. When he jumps up on people, I can understand that but I can't understand why Buddy pees on his own leg while lying in the hallway as we wait for the elevator. He would rather be punished than wait a few seconds more to make it outside. Maybe he can't control it, but he rarely pees in the apartment. What gives?

—Peter

Dear Peter,

Your first mistake is to claim you

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## South End Halloween

It was a fun and COVID-conscious Halloween, with a Howloween dog-and-human costume party in Blackstone Square followed by trick or treating around the neighborhood, this time with a different

sort of mask. At least two households provided candy chutes for creative and contact-free candy delivery.

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Photo by Michele Maniscalco

## Support Stays Strong for Virtual Storybook Ball

SUBMITTED BY MGHFC

Mass General Hospital for Children (MGHFC) held its Storybook Ball virtually on October 17th, bringing the event's signature fun, storytelling and special moments into living rooms and raising over \$1.5 million to continue the extraordinary family-centered work of the hospital. Co-chaired by Andrea and Justin Rosen and Fiona and James Benenson III, the signature philanthropic event saluted the MGHFC essential workers who provided



The South End's Ronald Kleinman and his wife Martha. Photo by Amanda Kowalski.

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## New State-Wide COVID19 Restrictions Effective Nov. 6

**Masks:** Effective Nov. 6, everyone over 5 years old is required to wear a mask in public regardless of their distance from others. **Businesses:** Restaurants will have to stop serving diners by 9:30 pm, although they can keep offering take-out past 9:30. Gyms, theaters, and casinos also close at 9:30 pm.

**Indoor Gatherings:** Private indoor gatherings restricted to 10 people.

**Stay At Home:** The Department of Public Health is urging people to be at home between 10 pm and 5 am. Necessary or essential activities—work, school, grocery store, etc.—are allowed.



# Animals make People better!



## Music

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"Interrogating Excellence" at the 2020 Chamber Music America Conference, "Creating Culturally-Responsive Program-

ming" at the 2020 YOLA National Festival, and "Redefining Quality" in 2019 at Carnegie Hall for members of Ensemble Connect, a program of Carnegie Hall, The Juilliard School, and the Weill Music Institute in partnership with the NYC Department of Education. He looks forward to bringing this relevant conversation to the CMCB community.

## Parties

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use to ensure that public health and noise regulations are followed, including the possibility of raising fines.

As we remain in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, large house parties are concerning not only because their potential to become superspreader events, but also due to their noise and impact on the quality of life for our residents, as these parties often leave behind trash and litter on the street, attracting rodents and pests. In Governor Baker's COVID-19 Order #52, it states that there should never be more than 25 persons in a single enclosed, indoor space, and failure to comply may result in a civil fine of up to \$500 per violation.

Councilor Flynn held a Zoom meeting last month with 90 neighbors and officials from the Inspectional Services Department (ISD) and the Boston Police Department (C-6), who continued to encourage residents to contact 911 for them to respond and enforce regulations on noise levels and gatherings. If a property is a repeated offender, residents are encouraged to email Aisha Miller, Assistant Commissioner with ISD, at [Aisha.Miller@boston.gov](mailto:Aisha.Miller@boston.gov) to

investigate the property and potentially place it on the city's Problem Properties List. As we continue to hear these reports of house parties, we need to talk about stricter enforcement of the Governor's order and further mechanisms to disincentivize people from having large parties, including stricter enforcement, and increasing the fines on repeat offenders.

"As we continue to hear about COVID-19 cases spiking not only nationally, but with rising positivity rates locally in the city and state, these reports of large house parties in our city remain a serious concern," said Councilor Flynn. "The Governor has stated for several weeks that our young people are driving the single biggest rise in cases. It is critical for our young professionals, and all residents, to refrain from reckless and inconsiderate behavior with no physical distancing or mask wearing that could potentially create superspreader events, along with other quality of life concerns. With winter approaching and the potential for a second wave locally, it is crucial to discuss strict enforcement, higher fines and penalties for offenders."

For more information on the hearing, please visit <https://www.boston.gov/public-notices/13670436>, or contact Councilor Flynn's office at 617-635-3203 or [Ed.Flynn@Boston.gov](mailto:Ed.Flynn@Boston.gov).

## Dog Lady

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understand Buddy's jumping up on people. Do the people utter an expletive as the dog pounces on them? Buddy needs training. In Dog Lady's rule book, jumping on innocent passersby is a much worse dog offense than peeing in the hallway.

How do you discipline your dog? You shouldn't be punishing; you should be rewarding for good behavior. If Buddy doesn't jump, give him a high-test treat. If Buddy makes it all the way outside without peeing in the hallway, praise him lavishly and slip him a yummy. Dogs understand positive feedback better than negative yelling. Also, they learn with repetition. Do the same thing over and over.

Be good to your dog; don't expect an Einstein at first.

end when, while on my exercise walk around my neighborhood, I saw (very gross) evidence that someone is penning their dog on their outdoor porch every day, letting the dog poop there and then not cleaning it up! I feel so bad for that dog — and what a way to teach it bad manners! The owner is probably complaining that the dog does its business in the house. What do they expect?! Please keep educating the public!

—Julie

Dear Alexandra,

Amen, sister. Your note should remind all of us that being good to a dog is allowing the animal to live with kindness, civility and grace. Dog Lady could barely read this but knows that the humans who live here are probably suffering far worse than the dog.

People, it's OK not to have a dog. Really. Not everybody must have one or two or however many. You choose to have a dog when you can handle the creature. Bringing a dog into an unsafe environment without training, daily outings, healthy food, clean water, a soft place to sleep and regular veterinarian visits is just not fair, responsible and humane. This letter reminds us of the sad situation when the humans fail an animal.

Dear Dog Lady,

I thought of your column over the week-

Write: [askdoglady@gmail.com](mailto:askdoglady@gmail.com).

## Storybook

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critical pediatric and adult care during the COVID-19 crisis.

South End residents Dr. Ronald and Martha Kleinman participated in the first ever virtual Storybook Ball this past Saturday, which recognized the Mass General Hospital for Children essential workers who provided critical pediatric and adult care during the

COVID-19 crisis. Prior to the event, we took this photo of the Kleinman family. Dr. Kleinman is the Physician-in-Chief at Mass General Hospital for Children.

Longtime partner Rafanelli Events creatively transformed the classic children's tale "Rainbow Fish" to the screen, as logged-on guests were entertained with carnival booth games, a special visit and performance by James Taylor, and auction. In these unprecedented times, MGHHC is extremely grateful for this year's generous support and the chance for donors and friends to connect through the power of Storybook Ball, a favorite of the community for over twenty years.

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Catholic Charities Greater Boston Basic Needs Department

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More Info: Please call (617) 506-6628 or email [Basic\\_Needs@ccab.org](mailto:Basic_Needs@ccab.org)

### Resources for Immigrant Communities: What's available?

Protecting Immigrant Families Campaign (NILC & CLASP)

The PIF Campaign has developed a quick reference guide on immigrant eligibility that provides a general overview of some of the federal public programs available to support individuals and families during the COVID-19 crisis. In light of implementation of public charge regulations, we have also included clarification about whether certain public programs are taken into account for public charge purposes. The guide includes links to deeper dive resources on eligibility from our partners. <https://protectingimmigrantfamilies.org/>

### Suffolk County Resource Guide

Suffolk County District Attorney, Rachel Rollins

This is a collection of resources currently available in Suffolk County, Ma, compiled by the staff of the Juvenile Alternative Resolution Program of the Juvenile Unit at the Office of Suffolk County District Attorney Rachael Rollins. It is not a complete list, and you should continue to consult relevant experts and your care providers when appropriate. This guide is intended to be a starting point for residents and service providers for finding resources to assist during the COVID-19 National Emergency. Our current circumstances are fluid and evolving; information, services, and recommendations may change over time. We advise you to contact any of the included services outlined here ahead of time to ensure up-to-date accuracy. <https://www.suffolkdistrictattorney.com/>

### DTA SNAP and Cash Benefits During COVID-19

Massachusetts Legal Services

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### PLAN: Nubian Square

## Virtual Chat with a Planner

Monday, November 16  
6:00 PM - 7:45 PM

Zoom Link: [bit.ly/2Jge9ti](https://bit.ly/2Jge9ti)  
Toll Free: (833) 568-8864  
Meeting ID: 160 105 0039

### Event Description

Join the PLAN: Nubian Square team to discuss where the planning process is today, and what to expect from future community engagement. The team will be available to answer questions and discuss next steps. For interpretation services, contact the planner listed below by 11/9/20

Únase al PLAN: al equipo de Nubian Square para analizar la situación actual del proceso de planificación, y lo que se espera de la participación comunitaria en el futuro. El equipo estará disponible para responder preguntas y comentar los próximos pasos.

Para los servicios de interpretación, comuníquese con el planificador que se indica a continuación antes de 09/11/2020.

Vin patisipe ak ekip PLAN: Nubian Square la pou diskite sou estati aktyèl pwosesis planifikasyon an avèk kisa pou nou atann nou nan angajman kominotè kap fèt alavni a. Ekip la ap disponib pou reponn kesyon epi pou diskite sou pwochen etap yo.

Si ou bezwen sèvis entèpretasyon, kontakte planifikatè ki anba a anvan 11 novanm 2020

### Contact:

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One City Hall Square, 9th Floor Boston, MA 02201  
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## Food Pantries

### Information from the City of Boston

**Haley House Food Pantry**, 23 Dartmouth Street, Thursday, 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., 617-236-8132

**Rosie's Place/Pantry**, 889 Harrison Ave., Mondays: 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Tuesdays and Fridays: 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.  
Tuesdays and Thursdays: 4:30 - 6:30 p.m., 617-442-9322

**Salvation Army/South End Food Pantry**, 1500 Washington Street, Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays: 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., 617-536-5260.

**Catholic Charities/El Centro del Cardena**, Monsignor Reynolds Way, Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays: 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m., 617-522-4040

**Boston Medical Center Food Pantry**, 1

Boston Medical Center Yawkey B, Monday through Friday: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., 617-414-3834

**Grant A.M.E./Self-Help**, 1906 Washington St., First and third Thursday of the month: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., 617-427-0670

**American Red Cross/Mobile Market**, 1033 Massachusetts Ave., Times vary, call ahead: 617-375-0735.

**Islamic Multi Service Organization**, 722 Shawmut Avenue, Second Sunday of the month: 1:30 - 4 p.m., 617-442-2805

**Union United Methodist Church Food Pantry**, 485 Columbus Ave., Second Tuesday of the month: 8 a.m. - 1 p.m., 617-287-1020

Locations and times are subject to change. Please check back to confirm information before you head to a meal pickup site or food pantry.

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## Hunger and Food Resources for Households

Project Bread's Hunger and Food Resources page offers information for families and households on school meal sites and locations; the Food Resource Hotline (to get connected to food, and for SNAP application assistance); and policy updates (state and federal level). <http://www.projectbread.org/>  
Greater Boston Food Bank (GBFB)

GBFB partners with 500+ hunger-relief agencies, including food pantries, community meal programs and other food assistance providers throughout the nine counties and 190 towns and cities across Eastern Massachusetts. These efforts have doubled in the wake of COVID and increased food needs. This page offers information on food pantries across the state, as well as additional resources for food assistance, including school meal sites. <https://www.gbfb.org/>

## Massachusetts State Updates & Resources

State of Massachusetts (Governor's Office) and MDPH is working closely with the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to provide updated information about the novel coronavirus outbreak. <https://www.mass.gov/offers>:

- Prevention and treatment
- Cases, quarantine and monitoring
- State of emergency
- Printable fact sheets and FAQ
- Emotional health and well-being resources
- Press release
- MA 2-1-1

## SIREN COVID-19 Resource Page

Social Interventions Research & Evaluation Network (SIREN)

[sirennetwork.ucsf.edu/covid-19-resources](https://sirennetwork.ucsf.edu/covid-19-resources) includes resources on a national level such as:

Social needs surveillance

<b>CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304</b>		<b>Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court</b> Docket No. SU20P06446D	
In the matter of: <b>Chukwuma Azuonye</b> Of: <b>Milton, MA</b>		RESPONDENT Alleged Incapacitated Person	
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Beth Israel D Medical Center of Boston, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that <b>Chukwuma Azuonye</b> is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Brian McLaughlin of Boston, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve on the bond.		Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon Street PO Box 9667 Boston, MA 02114	
The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.			
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<b>IMPORTANT NOTICE</b> The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.			
WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: October 16, 2020 <span style="float: right;">Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate</span>			

- Recent news articles about COVID and health equity
- Resources for clinicians and patients
- Insurance coverage and codes for COVID-related health-care services
- Pharmacy delivery services
- Vaccination scams/exploitation
- Housing
- Employment/income concerns
- Utility concerns
- Social isolation
- Advocacy opportunities

## The City of Boston

The City of Boston has a free texting service to provide daily updates and information about the coronavirus. Text BOSCOVID to 99411 to opt-in for English. Language and communications access remains a priority for Mayor Walsh, so this text service is also available in Spanish, Haitian Creole, French, Cabo Verdean Creole, and Portuguese.

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Updates in 10 total languages can additionally be accessed through [boston.gov/coronavirus#multilingual-help](https://boston.gov/coronavirus#multilingual-help). Each language has its own page and hosts multilingual print materials distributed citywide.

## HOMELESS SERVICES AND HOSPITAL CAPACITY

On April 2nd, Mayor Walsh announced that construction begins at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center to add 500 beds for treating homeless adults who have tested positive for COVID-19 and need care, but do not require full hospitalization.

The City has released a Request for Proposals to secure a partner organization to operate the facility. If necessary, the Convention Center beds will be opened up for hospitals to use for sub-acute COVID patients in the general population.

These 500 beds will bring Boston's total number of new beds for homeless individuals to over 1,000. This includes Boston Medical Center's Newton Pavilion facility, which the City and State are working to re-purpose as a medical facility for homeless residents affected by the coronavirus.

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In the matter of: Courtney Zasha-Monique Rumala			
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