

Home Invasion Trial Moves forward

**Ronald Brown
charged with sexually
assaulting two**

BY SUE O'CONNELL

Ronald Brown, a Level 3 sex offender, who allegedly broke into an apartment, tied, gagged and sexually assaulted two young women last fall is being held without bail. On Tuesday his case moved to Suffolk Superior Court. Brown's next court appearance is scheduled for Jan. 17.

Brown is charged with two counts each of aggravated rape, rob-



Image via Mass. Sex Offender Registry

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Welcome to Cafe Pride

The next Cafe Pride, Ethos' new supper club for LGBT elders of color, their friends and allies will be held on Wednesday, February 8 at United South End Settlements, Harriet Tubman House at 566 Columbus Avenue.

There is no cost to attend however, a \$5.00 donation is suggested. Space is limited for each month's

event. Please RSVP by calling 617-477-6606 or emailing meals@ethocare.org.

There will also be a reception, with special guests, refreshments and appetizers in place of the regularly scheduled supper.

Café Pride is made possible by the Ethos Equality Fund, the first private fund in New England

dedicated solely to supporting the development, implementation, and expansion of programs and services for LGBT elders and their support circles. Additional support comes from the Boston Commission on Affairs of the Elderly and United South End Settlements.

Affordable housing advocate has an attitude of gratitude

BY MICHELE D. MANISCALCO

With a Ph.D. in the school of hard knocks, South Ender Dava Mallebranche has overcome a difficult youth and harrowing experiences, dedicating herself to helping fellow immigrants, the elderly and disabled and low-income families to find affordable housing through

her job as case manager at the non-profit Metropolitan Boston Housing Partnership (MBHP). MBHP works with government, non-profit and business partners to help clients obtain and succeed in safe, affordable housing. Founded in the early 1980s by a group of concerned citizens, MBHP offers a wide array of ser-



Photo by Michele Maniscalco

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Editorial

Baker's budget moves remind us of Mike Pence

BY SUE O'CONNELL

Does Gov. Charlie Baker hold Massachusetts-style values? Or is he more of a Trump-Pence guy? It's a question worth asking after looking through his fiscal year 2017 9C cuts,

announced in early December. And it's a question likely to be answered when he releases his proposed budget for fiscal year 2018 in a few weeks.

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Friends of Blackstone and Franklin Squares

Emergence Comes to Franklin Square

Last month, the Friends of Blackstone and Franklin Squares welcomed EMERGENCE: What Does Hope Look Like?, a colorful sculpture by local artist Chanel Thervil, to Franklin Square. Next time you are walking by, make sure to spend a few minutes in Franklin Square to admire and contemplate this wonderful work.

Thank You and Farewell to District 4 Boston Police Captain Paul Ivens

Mon., Jan. 16, 5 - 7 p.m.
Cinquecento
500 Harrison Avenue

Southenders are free to stop in and offer a personal thanks to the Captain. Invited guests include the Mayor, members of the Boston City Council, our legislative delegation, Forum member neighborhood associations, South End institutions, service providers, and others whose



"Emergence" in Franklin Square

lives have been touched by the leadership and kindness of Paul Ivens. To plan appropriately for the gathering, please RSVP to nancy-

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collecting fewer taxes than forecast, Baker cut \$98 million from state agencies directly under control of the executive branch. He eliminated all state funding of the suicide prevention group, The Samaritans. He cut all funding for a reading program for low-income children and tax preparation assistance for low-income workers. Significant cuts were made to homelessness prevention services; healthcare insurance for low-income families; and substance abuse treatment and prevention programs. The cut that jumped out at me, though, was the \$900,000 hit to the HIV/AIDS line item.

That's a lot of money to ask the state's already cash-strapped AIDS service organizations to absorb. Particularly when the state's Department of Public Health is working with the Getting to Zero Coalition to end HIV transmission in Massachusetts by 2020. The ambitious plan was announced at Harvard Medical School on World AIDS Day, and relies

on investment from the state to succeed. But it's hard to see how that's going to work now.

Baker's approach reminded me of the public health "strategy" undertaken by Republicans in Indiana, under the leadership of then Governor and now Vice President-elect Mike Pence. Their approach resulted in an outbreak of HIV that will ultimately cost taxpayers (all of us, not just those living in Indiana) nearly \$100 million to treat.

In late 2014, a resident of Austin in Scott County, Indiana was diagnosed with HIV. Over the next four months 10 more people were diagnosed. The spate of HIV diagnoses caught the attention of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control since there had only been five cases of HIV diagnosed in all of Scott County between 2004 and 2013. As 2014 rolled into 2015, the HIV diagnoses continued to mount. At one point, there were 20 new cases a week (imagine the panic if that had happened in Boston, Springfield, Holyoke, or Fall River). When all was said and done, nearly 200 people in Scott County (with most of them living in Austin, which has a population of just 4,300

people), were diagnosed with HIV.

How did this happen? Easy. Take an epidemic of opioid addiction, strip funding of the only health clinic in the county providing free healthcare to the approximately one in five people living in poverty, and then step back and see what happens. A study of the HIV outbreak published in the New England Journal of Medicine (NEJM) concluded that the whole mess could have been avoided. Which isn't a surprise considering that after Indiana lawmakers voted in 2013 to eliminate Medicaid funding for Planned Parenthood, the clinic in Scott County—which was the only place where residents could get free HIV testing—was forced to close.

With considerable understatement, the authors of the NEJM study of the outbreak note that Indiana had "fortuitously" signed up for the Affordable Care Act a/k/a Obamacare about 10 months before the first HIV case was diagnosed. If that had not happened, it's hard to say how long it would have taken before the HIV outbreak was noticed, and how the impoverished people of Austin, Indiana and

their neighbors throughout Scott County would have had "access to [the] critical health care services" needed to treat HIV.

As it happens, voters in Scott County overwhelmingly supported Donald Trump for president 6074 to 2642. That may reflect the fact that despite what happened, people who live in Scott County don't place much value on having access to health care, or the implementation of opioid prevention and treatment services. But we have different values in Massachusetts, and we vote accordingly. State residents have long advocated for and supported—with their tax dollars—a robust public health infrastructure made up of private hospitals, community health centers, and nonprofit service organizations. This is one of the reasons why Massachusetts is poised to actually eliminate HIV transmission by 2020.

Baker's public health and social service cuts do not accord with these values. How long do you suppose it will take before Massachusetts voters notice?

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bbery, kidnapping, and witness intimidation, along with single counts of indecent assault and battery, assault for the purpose of racial

intimidation, and other offenses, after the 4 a.m. attack inside a South End apartment on October 11, 2016.

The two victims, roommates, were bound and gagged, and sexually assaulted.

Blackstone

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wallfarrington@gmail.com.

Hors d'oeuvres will be served with guests free to open a bar tab. Donations appreciated to defray costs.

General Business Meeting

Tues., Jan. 17, 7 p.m.

D4 Police Station Join us to discuss important neighborhood business. All are welcome and encouraged to participate. Meeting agenda will follow shortly by separate email

Meeting With Congressman Capuano: Logan Airport Persistent Early Morning South End Overflights

Thurs., Jan. 26, 6 PM

Venue TBD Meeting hosted by the South End Forum with Congressman Michael Capuano specifically to discuss concerns and possible resolution to persistent early morning (starting at 5 AM) overflights across

the South End neighborhood from Runway 27. The meeting will focus on Runway 27 concerns. SEForum invites any interested representatives from neighborhood associations, South End businesses, SE service providers, institutions, and abutting neighborhood associations and any others that have been adversely impacted or can contribute to a focused conversation about this now persistent Logan airport take off pattern.

Heart of Gold Scholarship Fundraiser

Thurs., Feb. 9, 6 p.m.

Estragon Join us at Estragon Tapas Bar for the annual BFSNA Scholarship Fundraiser to fund college scholarships for graduating South End high school seniors! Tickets are \$75 in advance, \$100 at the door. Enjoy Spanish tapas, signature cocktails, wine, and beer, and live music by the Hank Wonder Trio. We will also have our live and silent auction <https://mkt.com/blackstonefranklin/scholarsh>

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Community Workshop

PLAN: DUDLEY SQUARE

MONDAY, JANUARY 23

5:30 PM - 8:00 PM

2300 WASHINGTON ST

Bruce C. Bolling Municipal Building,
6th Floor
Roxbury, MA 02119

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The workshop on January 23rd will continue planning for city-owned land in Dudley Square. The agenda will consist of a review of past workshop findings, as well as continued discussion and analysis of the components of the Requests for Proposals (RFP's) for this land that will be produced in the coming year.

There will be opportunity for attendees and stakeholders to engage in productive dialogue with City/ BPDA team members and each other. In addition, there will be data/materials shared from the work undertaken by Next Street Financial that reviews opportunities and trade-offs related to community development.

PLAN: Dudley Square is an initiative to think strategically about the types of uses and the scale of development best suited for the future of Dudley Square and Roxbury. The goals of this study are to provide an inclusive community engagement process, create an updated vision with the community, and establish an implementation plan that will lead to the issuance of RFPs for publicly-owned parcels in Dudley Square.

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WITH SUE O'CONNELL

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Housing

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vices including foreclosure assistance, rental subsidies, linguistic assistance, financial skills and accessible housing.

Mallebranche's life experience as an immigrant child who lost her parents early, who grew up speaking Haitian Creole and English and who has dealt with emotional and financial hardship enriches her capacity to deal with her clients empathetically and effectively. "One of the things I am so grateful for in the work is that I get the opportunity to bolster up my clients in moments where it appears they feel all hope is lost and to show them they do have leverage," Mallebranche said in a December interview. In fact, the entire conversation with Mallebranche was peppered with the phrases, "I am grateful" and "I am truly blessed." Her goal is to spread the blessings to others who are in need.

Mallebranche was five years old when her parents, her father from an upper-class family and her mother from a blue-collar family, fled to the US at the time of the overthrow of authoritarian president Jean Claude Duvalier under political asylum. Mallebranche's father died when she was 9 years old, followed by her mother when she was 14, at which time her mother's sister petitioned for custody of young Dava.

The aunt who took custody was on her mother's side and not as well off as Dava's parents. "Financially the family was depressed and with [my] uncertain immigration status, it made life very, very challenging." After gradu-

ation from Brookline High School, she was unable to enroll in college due to financial hardship.

"My legal status was uncertain for a very long time and that poses a lot of financial and academic challenges. I couldn't go to school because without financial aid my family couldn't afford to send me to school," she said. There were more personal challenges as well.

"Living with my aunt was a very difficult experience because she had a lot of traumatic experiences that she hadn't worked through herself. She was very angry, very bitter. I've said that a person who lives their life in the emotional state that she does: nothing good can come out of that."

After high school, Mallebranche worked in retail for years and waited tables for a bit. "I bounced around a lot of menial jobs for a long time. I did retail for a long time, I waited tables for a little bit, and eventually found a job as a counselor in a group home for emotionally troubled and legally involved teenage girls. Counselor then promoted to assistant supervisor to dormitory. I witnessed, directly and indirectly, a lot of violent outbursts. A colleague of mine was nearly bludgeoned within an inch of her life and another colleague was in the hospital with a third-degree concussion for a number of months." Mallebranche had her own brush when, late on a frigid winter night, a resident was intent on escaping, and it was Mallebranche's duty to try to get her back into the unit.

"She picked up an old, heavy shovel and was following me with it. I think she had been off her meds and she was literally foaming at the mouth. It was like a scene from 'The

Shining.'" She was a big girl and I wrestled the shovel out of her hands. All of the other staff were huddling behind a glass door, watching. It was nightmarish." Mallebranche left the position after about three years. "I think I was re-traumatizing myself," she said. Her next job entailed recruiting staff for similar institutions, and finally she found her way to MBHP.

MBHP administers the Massachusetts Rental Voucher Program (MRVP), which issues vouchers for building-specific or mobile vouchers with which clients pay 40 per cent of their income for their housing unit as well as a Housing Supports program for low to moderate income families who may not qualify for vouchers. Housing Supports helps such clients locate housing that they can afford and provides emergency assistance with moving

costs in situations that qualify. Mallebranche meets with the 350 families in her caseload at least once a year and keeps in touch with them several times a year to ensure that the family's income and family size are within the limits of their voucher eligibility, but she also addresses quality of life issues as needed.

"I find that also includes a tremendous amount of advocacy for the family." The case that Mallebranche considers her greatest accomplishment in her three years with MBHP involves a former prisoner of war and torture victim from Iraq who is a double amputee. The man was placed in housing on a restrictive voucher in a three-story walk up building. "He had to crawl up the stairs for an entire year. He was pleading with me to help him," Mallebranche recalls. She appealed to higher-

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Boston's new default speed limit is 25 mph

Unless otherwise posted, the speed limit on all City of Boston roadways will be 25 mph.

Mayor Martin J. Walsh announced that the default speed limit on City of Boston streets is now reduced from 30 mph to 25 mph. Thanks to the combined efforts of the Mayor, Boston City Council, Governor Baker, MassDOT and Massachusetts State Legislature this change will improve roadway safety for people walking, driving, and bicycling on city streets. State owned roadways located in the City of Boston will not be affected by this new law. Visit boston.gov/25mph to learn how to show your support and get engaged.

This summer, Governor Charlie Baker signed a law giving cities and towns across the Commonwealth the authority to reduce the default speed limit to 25 mph. Today, the Boston City Council took a final vote approving Mayor Walsh's petition to reduce Boston's speed limit based on the new state law.

"I am pleased that our hard work and commitment to creating safer roadways for all users by reducing the default speed limit to 25 mph will become a reality in January," said Mayor Walsh. "This is an important milestone in our Vision Zero efforts of bringing the number of traffic-related deaths to zero, and with approval of this petition we are one step closer to achieving that goal. I would like to commend Governor Baker, Senator William Brownsberger, Representative Jay Livingstone, Representative Liz Malia, Representative Denise Provost, our Dorchester delegation and their colleagues in the state legislature, Boston

City Council, MassDOT and all partners and stakeholders involved who recognize the positive implications that a reduced default speed limit will offer Boston."

"By lowering the City's speed limit, we are taking concrete steps to making our streets safer for pedestrians, drivers, and bicyclists," said Senator Linda Dorcea Fory. "I want to thank the many residents of Boston who brought this issue forward and my colleagues in government for their collective work in making this important change a reality."

"Traffic congestion and speeding cars are among the most common issues I hear about from constituents," said Dorchester Representative Dan Hunt. "I was proud to sponsor this amendment because studies show that a car's ability to stop is increased on small streets by minor reductions in speed. Taking this one action has the potential to greatly improve pedestrian safety in our neighborhoods and as we move to a true multimodal transportation city, this measure will prove to be invaluable."

"The enforcement of this safety initiative will make our streets safer for drivers, pedestrians and bikers alike," said District 3 Boston City Councilor Frank Baker. "I look forward to its implementation, as well as the creation of innovative traffic calming measures."

"I'm thrilled that we've taken an important first step to improving pedestrian and traffic safety throughout the City of Boston," said District 8 City Councilor Josh Zakim. "While there is more work to be done, we have now laid the groundwork for further creative solutions that enhance both safety and quality of life, especially in the downtown neighborhoods of District 8."

As of January 9, unless otherwise posted, the speed limit on all City of Boston roadways will be 25 mph. Boston Transportation De-

partment teams are auditing existing speed limit signs, and will fabricate new signs as necessary. 25 mph speed limit signs will be posted at entrance points and other strategic locations in the City.

"The City of Boston is committed to providing safe and functional streets for all users of our roadways, and reducing our default speed limit is one of many steps being taken to assist us in accomplishing this goal," said Boston Transportation Commissioner Gina N. Fiandaca. "Drivers should continue to watch for posted signs that indicate a modification to the default speed limit, such as in School Zones where the speed limit may be lower than 25 mph."

Although a significant number of improvements have been made to Boston's streets in recent years, traffic related tragedies continue to persist. To date in 2016, at least 17 people have been killed in traffic crashes on City of Boston streets. Twelve of these people were killed while walking and five were killed while in a motor vehicle.

Slower speeds will help decrease these numbers, saving lives and preventing injuries. Studies show that there is a direct link between the speed that a vehicle is traveling when a crash occurs and the likelihood of a fatality or severe injury resulting from that crash. At 20 mph there is a 17% likelihood of a fatality or severe injury occurring, and that number jumps to 79% at 40 mph.

The City of Boston expects that reducing Boston's default speed limit to 25 mph will help in the City's effort to prioritize safety and reach the City of Boston's Vision Zero goal to eliminate serious and fatal crashes on Boston's streets by 2030.

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ups for months, and eventually Katharine Kaplan, assistant director of leased housing, met with the disabled man and managed to get him a mobile voucher.

As of December, he was searching for a new unit that would accommodate him and his family on the ground floor. "I worked really hard to advocate for him and I am very grateful that we were able to make the system work for him," Mallebranche said.

Looking ahead, Mallebranche, who herself moved into an affordable unit in Troy Boston late last year, has exciting plans for 2017. Having resolved her immigration status problems, Mallebranche can pursue her long-anticipated goal of completing her bachelor's degree. Eventually, Mallebranche is considering going to law school with an eye toward public advocacy. She has taken some courses through a correspondence program. "I'm an avid reader and I am intellectually curious, and I went to a really, really good high school." This year Mallebranche hopes to go back to school. "Due to my past immigration

troubles, I could not go to school because I couldn't finance my way out of pocket and I didn't have the resources. Now I have a way of accessing financial aid," she said. While she is uncomfortable discussing the issue, Mallebranche has chosen to "come out" about her lack of access to education due to her past immigration woes to provide an example and hope for others. "It's something that pains me a lot to talk about but I could not go to school because of the immigration debacle. Thinking about it pains me at times and I don't talk about it much, but I feel better about talking about it now because I know there are some people in my situation who may benefit from hearing my story."

She is particularly interested in Simmons College and Harvard Extension School, as their offerings fit her lifestyle as a working adult. "I've thought about Simmons; they have a wonderful, very supportive adult learning college, and also Harvard Extension for the opportunity to network and the supportive services inherent to being on the Harvard campus. I'm looking at political science, sociology or anthropology. I've always wanted to study anthropology and when I mentioned it to my family while I was in high school, my

aunt was in shock. She said, 'What is that?' When I told her, she said, 'You're an immigrant child! What are you going to do with that? Why don't you just get a nursing degree so you can go to work?' But I've held onto that passion for all these years.

Looking ahead to the possibility of law school, Mallebranche is motivated by her own experience to want to acquire legal expertise to help others. "I've had periods in my life in which having legal counsel made a world of difference and having a lawyer who really cares about people: not so much for their career but about sitting down and listening and figuring out the best way to help you made a huge difference in my life. I'd like to see myself in the position to do the same thing for a child in foster care or a family facing homelessness." Mallebranche has used the time leading up to her higher education to mature and clarify her goals. "I've been through enough to know what I want now. There were so many competing interests that I had that I was kind of foggy. I am grateful that I am more clear now on how I can use my passions and my gifts for the greater good."



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Harriet Tubman Forum on Race

Throughout the presidential race of 2016 and in the weeks that have followed the election, turmoil has broken out in cities across the country, sparking critical conversations about racial inequality and the deep divisions that exist in our society. The products of institutionalized racism—police brutality, mass incarceration, gentrification, separate and unequal schools, and an ever-growing wealth gap between Black and White Americans—cause pain and frustration for many in our South End/Lower Roxbury community and throughout Greater Boston.

Now approaching our 125th anniversary, United South End Settlements' philosophy of "neighbors helping neighbors" has taken on new meaning: our community has transformed from a predominantly low-income, immigrant community to the neighborhood with the greatest wealth disparity in Boston. Micro-segregation in the South End prevents neighbors from building bridges across differ-

ences and creating an inclusive community. To bring this reality into the light and open up a community-wide dialogue, USES President & CEO Maicharia Weir Lytle will host and moderate the Harriet Tubman Forum on Race and Education.

Join us on January 18, 2017 from 6:30-8:00 PM at the Harriet Tubman House for this free symposium that will feature provocative presentations with audience interaction followed by an opportunity for networking. Please register below.

Host and Moderator: Maicharia Weir Lytle, President and CEO of USES

Panelists:

Marie St Fleur, Education Leader and Former State Representative

Rahn Dorsey, Chief Education Officer, Education Advisor to Mayor Martin J. Walsh

Robert Lewis Jr., Founder & CEO The BASE

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January 20, 2017

3:00PM-6:00PM

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SOUTH BAY HARBOR TRAIL PROJECT PUBLIC MEETING

Please join us as we discuss the next phase of the South Bay Harbor Trail.

The City of Boston has secured funding to design and construct a portion of the South Bay Harbor Trail, from the Harborwalk near Gillette to Albany Street in the South End. We will share the latest plans, hear your thoughts,

and review our next steps.

January 26, 2017

6:00PM

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Resources

Freedom Day at Salvation Army Boston Kroc Center

What: Free admission all day at the Boston Kroc. Freedom Day caps off with open basketball, rock climbing, and open swim.

When: Monday, January 16, 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Where: 650 Dudley St, Dorchester, MA 02125

More info: Please call 617-318-6900

Beyond the Ballot: Civic Advocacy for Young Professionals

What: Tired of having decisions made for you instead of by you? Feeling dejected after this previous election cycle? Want to start the year off by being a political player instead of a civic spectator? Join the Young Professionals Network of the Urban League of Eastern Massachusetts and their featured guest, State Representative Evandro Carvalho, to learn about how to get involved in the processes that affect our lives, our city, and our state every day.

When: Thursday, January 12 from 6:00 – 8:00 PM

Where: 88 Warren Street, Roxbury

More Info: RSVP at www.ypnulem.org/events

Healthy Eating: Bring in the New Year with a Healthier You!

What: Free Monthly CHWs Forum on the topic of healthy eating. You will find out how much sugar you are consuming, learn creative ways to add flavor to your food without using salt, learn how to be mindful about your food consumption, and learn to identify key nutrients on food labels. Free

parking is available in the garage.

When: Thursday, January 19 from 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Where: Community Health Education Center, 860 Harrison Ave., 2nd Floor, Boston, MA 02118

More Info: RSVP via email ltavares@bphc.org or 617-534-2432. Please call immediately if you need individual arrangements (i.e.: ASL interpreters).

Community Housing Clinic

What: The Office of Housing Stability's Community Housing Clinic is a tremendous resource for residents — tenants and landlords — to talk one-on-one with a housing professional about landlord-tenant laws, learn how to access affordable housing opportunities and discover housing resources available to landlords and tenants. Tenants can learn about their rights if their building is sold, their rents are rising or they're facing eviction. Landlords can get information on enforcing lease provisions, cost-effective resources to resolve disputes and programs to support home repairs and maintenance.

When: Every Thursday 5:00 – 7:00 PM

Where: 26 Court Street Boston, MA 02108

More Info: Please call 617-635-4200 or email Lydia.edwards@boston.gov

Free Bilingual Playgroup

What: There is a free Jamaica Plain based playgroup in English and Spanish for children ages 1-5 years old. Each playgroup is 2 hours long, and parents should bring their children once a week. The playgroup takes place in a classroom setting and the goal is preparation for kindergarten. Each playgroup includes free play, circle time,

snack time, and a gross motor/sensory activity. Parents are responsible for providing their own snacks. This is also an opportunity for parents to become familiar with Boston Public Schools and to meet other BPS parents. Open enrollment – register today.

When: Monday–Friday from either 9:30 – 11:30 AM, 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM, 12:30 – 2:30 PM, or 2:00 – 4:00 PM

Where: Either the Mission Hill K-8 School, 20 Child Street, or the Early Learning Center West, 200 Heath Street in Jamaica Plain

More Info: Please contact Silvia at 617-821-3959 or at srodriguez4@boston-publicschools.org

Tennis Lessons for Kids, Adults, and Seniors

What: Free lessons for beginner/intermediate players – kids ages 5 and up and adults at the same time! This is a drop-in program designed to introduce and reinforce the fundamental skills of the sport. Kids and adults will be taught on separate courts.

Where: Melnea A. Cass Arena, 120 Martin Luther King Blvd, Roxbury

When: Saturdays, 3:30 – 5:00 PM

More Info: Please sign up at www.franklinparktennis.org or call 617-427-8900

Immigration Consultants with Volunteer Attorneys

What: These consultations are on a first-come, first-served basis. Please call at least 1 week in advance for interpretations other than Spanish and/or disability accommodations.

When: The first and third Wednesdays of every month from 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Where: Boston City Hall, Room 806

More Info: Please call 617-635-2980

\$1 Friday Nights at Boston Children's Museum

What: Every Friday evening families can enjoy the entire Boston Children's Museum for \$1. The museum includes an Art Studio, Construction Zone, and more.

When: Friday nights from 5:00 – 9:00 PM

Where: Boston Children's Museum, 308 Congress Street, Boston

More Info: Visit <http://www.boston-childrensmuseum.org/visit/target-1-friday-nights-sponsored-target>

Club STAR: Sharing Together and Remembering

What: A bereavement support group for children in kindergarten through senior year, grieving the loss of a sibling or parent. Club STAR provides opportunities for children and teens to share experiences, create projects and participate in memory making activities. A special group for parents/care-

givers. Dinner and parking are provided.

When: First Wednesday of every month from 5:30 to 7:30 PM

Where: Massachusetts General Hospital, 55 Fruit St., Boston

More info: Contact Hillary D'Amato at rmghclubstar@partners.org or 617-643-9276 with questions or to register.

Housing Search Workshop

What: This workshop offers information and answers about how to conduct a successful housing search, including learning how to communicate with housing authorities, agencies, and landlords.

When: First and third Wednesdays of each month from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Where: 60 Temple Place, Floor 5, Boston, MA 02111

More Info: Call 617-338-6665 or visit the website <http://bostoncil.org/contact/> for any questions

The Serving Survivors of Homicide Victims Providers Network Breakfast

What: The Serving Survivors of Homicide Victims Providers Network is a professional homicide response network for service providers serving families and communities impacted by violence. The network was established to build trust and foster collaboration among service providers, to develop and maintain a clear homicide response process for all families and communities, and to provide a space for service providers to practice self-care and receive guidance and support from their peers.

When: The third Tuesday of every month from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Where: Grove Hall Library, 41 Geneva Ave., Dorchester, MA 02121

More info: Visit for any questions the following website www.ldbpeaceinstitute.org

More Info: Contact best@hria.org or visit youthworkcentral.org to register.

YMCA After School Programs:

What: Homework support and fun physical activity afterschool. Kids have fun with friends during literacy, science, performing arts, non-competitive sports, and games.

When: Monday - Friday from school dismissal to 6:00pm

Where & More Info:

Oak Square YMCA: 617-645-4509; email kmaclean@ymcaboston.org for availability

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