

GREATER GROVE HALL MAIN STREETS

Your Monthly News & Updates

Homebuyer Readiness Workshop

So you want to buy a home, what do you need to know?

- Mortgage, what is it and how do you get one?
- What is a credit score and how does it affect your ability to get the best loan/mortgage?
- What are the hidden costs of buying a home?
- Where can I get free help?



Free Workshops in 2020

At the Roxbury Center for Financial Empowerment 7 Palmer Street, 2nd floor, Roxbury, MA 02119.

January

Thursday, 9th 10:00-11:30AM

Wednesday, 15th 6:00-7:30PM

February

Wednesday, 19th 6:00-7:30PM

March

Wednesday, 18th 6:00-7:30PM

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Free Tax Services

Fast, easy, and free tax preparation

IRS certified tax preparers that provide quality returns fast

Maximize your refund, get all the credits you deserve

EITC, child tax credits, health care tax credits

Make the most of your refund

Save for emergencies, build credit, and open a bank account



Mayor Martin J. Walsh

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We Still Need to Recruit Census Takers in the Boston Area!

The local pay rate is now **\$27.50** per hour!
These are part time jobs with flexible hours.

Be A Census Worker
APPLY ONLINE!
2020census.gov/jobs

For more information or help applying,
please call **1-855-JOB-2020**

Federal Relay Service: **1-800-877-8339** TTY/ASCII
www.gsa.gov/fedrelay

The U.S. Census Bureau is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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The Cory Johnson Program for Post-Traumatic Healing

Are you experiencing trauma or loss? Come share your voice, come share your story.

The Cory Johnson Program for Post-Traumatic Healing provides **FREE** weekly trauma support programming using a community-based approach to foster recovery and healing from all sources of post-traumatic stress.

This is for all adults from all backgrounds, faiths, and orientations – just show up!

6PM START TIME—Dinner & Childcare Provided
Roxbury Presbyterian Church Social Impact Center
328 Warren Street, Roxbury, MA

January Program Schedule

- 1/9 Mind/Body Healing with Leslie Salmon Jones
- 1/9 Men's Trauma Recovery Group
- 1/16 Rev. Liz Walker: Abiding with the Beloved Community
- 1/22 Mothers Who've Lost Children: Can We Talk?
- 1/23 Reimagining Our Stories *through Art & Writing*
- 1/23 Men's Trauma Recovery Group

For more information contact **Program Director Colleen Sharka, LMHC**, colleensharka@rpcsic.org or call **Roxbury Presbyterian Church** at **617.445.2116** for questions or more information.

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Understanding Financial Aid Brunch

Join us on **Saturday, January 11th 10:30AM**. As we work through how to apply for Financial aid.

The college process is far from finished after your child submits the applications to their dream schools—in fact, it has only just begun.

The next big step is completing financial aid forms and choosing a school that not only meets your academic interest but also doesn't put you in debt.

Date and time: **January 11, 2020 10:30AM-12:30PM**

Location: **230 Bowdoin St. Dorchester, MA 02122**

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Harambee Park

Share What You Would Like to See for Improvements to the Football Fields.

Tuesday, January 14, 2020

6:30PM

BCYF Perkins Community Center

155 Talbot Avenue, Dorchester, MA 02124

Please join us for the second in a series of community meetings. We look forward to sharing design alternatives and hearing what you have to say!

For more information, please call **Cathy Baker-Eclipse** at the Boston Parks and Recreation Department **617.635.4505** or email cathy.baker-eclipse@boston.gov.

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Zoo New England Events!

Lunar New Year Celebration

January 18, 2020

10:30AM – 2:00PM

Celebrate the Lunar “Zoo” Year! The always-balmy Tropical Forest will be festively decorated for the occasion. In celebration of the year of the rat, you’ll learn fun facts about some of our rodents during zookeeper chats. Prepare to let your creativity soar at the craft table, where you can make your own traditional Chinese lantern. Don’t miss a performance of the lion dance by the Imperial Lion Dance Team at noon!



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**Free admission on Martin Luther King Jr. Day
January 20, 2020**

In honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Franklin Park Zoo and Stone Zoo will offer free admission on Monday, Jan. 20, 2020. Guests are invited to write messages of hope and peace on murals located within the Tropical Forest Pavilion at Franklin Park Zoo, and within the Animal Discovery Center at Stone Zoo.

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Robert H. Quinn Community Service Award

It's that time of year again...The University of Massachusetts Boston is once again seeking nominations for the Robert H. Quinn Community Service Award.

This award is presented annually by the university to honor an individual whose outstanding contributions have significantly improved the quality of life in one or more of the urban communities of metropolitan Boston. Candidates are nominated by residents of these communities, and the winner is chosen by a committee appointed by the university's chancellor.



We hope that you will consider recommending a candidate for the award. Please be aware that the deadline for nominations is **January 22, 2020**.

The 2020 Robert H. Quinn Award will be presented on **Thursday, March 26, 2020** at the university's annual community breakfast, to which we will be emailing you an invitation. We look forward to your participation in the Quinn Award process, and we hope to see you at the community breakfast. If you have any questions please feel free to contact **Community Relations** at **617.287.5310**.

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Welcome to ReevX Labs

On Jan 22nd you're invited to join us as we begin an exciting new chapter at Berkshire Bank with the opening of our first ReevX Lab.



ReevX Labs is part of Berkshire Bank's continued commitment to bettering the communities we serve. In an effort to support an emerging business class, Berkshire Bank will be opening a series of free co-working spaces for the community. Our goal is to create spaces where entrepreneurs and non-profits can connect with their peers as they pursue their missions.

The Labs, each with a unique approach informed by the needs of the community, provide opportunities to build solutions. Through our partnerships with various non-profits and community stakeholders, we will provide programming and educational experiences to assist them in their growth.

Please join us for the grand opening of ReevX Labs

Jan 22, 2019 5:00-8:00PM. Formal program starts at **5:30PM**

2379 Washington Street
Roxbury, MA 02119

RSVP [here](#).

My Life. My Choice. Empowering Youth. Ending Exploitation.

Every day, young people are deceived, manipulated, coerced, and forced into the commercial sex industry. This multibillion dollar industry targets the most vulnerable individuals in our communities. This training gives service providers, law enforcement, and community members the tools needed to better serve this marginalized population.



Date: **Saturday, Jan 25th, 2020**

Time: **12:00-2:00PM**

Location: **Bowdoin Street Health Center, Dorchester, MA**

Please contact Marcus Lewis with any questions at mhlewis@bidmc.harvard.edu or **617.754.0023**

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JP Movie Night

02/01/2020

TALENT HAS HUNGER



TALENT HAS HUNGER is a documentary about the power of mastery of an instrument, and the gift of performing great music. Filmed over 7 years in Boston, the film focuses on the challenges of teaching gifted young people the intricacies of playing the cello. Its universal themes about talent and dedication will resonate with all musicians. Equally compelling is the portrait of renowned master cello teacher, Paul Katz, of the New England Conservatory, who inspires his young students to achieve their potential.

7:00-8:30PM

Centre for Faith, Art and Justice, 633 Centre Street

03/07/2020

A VIDEO VALENTINE FOR JP FROM RICK BERLIN

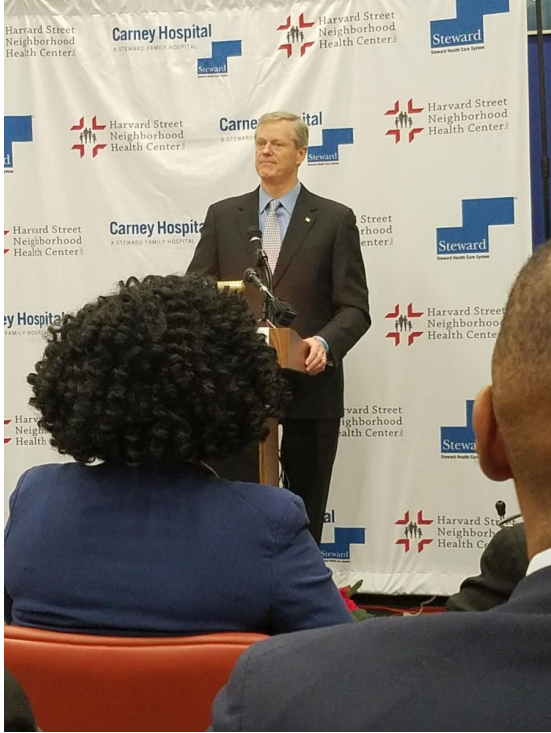
Rick Berlin is a Boston institution. Not just because he is a renowned rock musician, with a decades-long history of launching great bands, and writing and performing compelling songs. But also because he was a fixture at Doyle's as one of its longest tenured waiters (started in 1989) till it closed. There's more: turns out he is also a videographer-documentarian, and he's been pointing his camera at his beloved neighborhood of JP for awhile.

7:00-8:30PM

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Around the Community



Governor Baker at Harvard Street Neighborhood Health Center, where he made an announcement of his new policy.

Spotlight on An Act to improve health care by investing in VALUE



Stan McLaren, board member of Greater Grove Hall Main Streets at Harvard Street Neighborhood Health Center welcoming **Governor Baker** and Health and Human Secretary **Marylou Sudders**.



Ed Gaskin with **Stan McLaren**, board member of Greater Grove Hall Main Streets and Health and Human Secretary **Marylou Sudders**.



Annual Christmas Party at Prince Hall an event Greater Grove Hall Main Streets Co-Sponsors. Helping is a volunteer from Franklin Park Zoo.



Tanisha M. Sullivan, Esq. President of Boston Branch of NAACP speaking at the annual event and holiday party at Freedom House.

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