

# JAMAICA HILLS ASSOCIATION Community News May 10

Neighborhood Design  
Overlay District Proposal

Nominations for JHA Board  
of Directors 2010 - 2011

Violence Transformed:  
Artist Myrna Balk Exhibits  
Her Sculpture

JHA Celebrates 70 Years!

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## may

**8** Bird Walk: Bussey  
Brook Meadow 8 a

**12** JHA Annual Meeting  
Faulkner Hospital 7 p

**15** 70th Anniversary Party  
Maliotis Center 7:30 p

## june

**9** JHA Board Meeting  
Faulkner Hospital 7:30 p

▪ **JHA Party Ticket Form  
enclosed**

▪ **Sign up for the JHA email  
list for Crimewatch alerts,  
event reminders, and other  
timely information. Email  
advocate@jamaicahills.org.**

**Neighborhood Design Overlay District Proposal** At the JHA's Annual Meeting\* this month we will discuss a recent proposal that a neighborhood resident submitted to the Boston Redevelopment Authority to subject the Jamaica Hills residential area to a Neighborhood Design Overlay District (NDOD).

The application was filed with the City of Boston Zoning Commission by Peter Welsh of Louders Lane and referred to the Boston Redevelopment Authority. The JHA Zoning Committee has scheduled an informational meeting for the community on **May 12 at 7 pm at Faulkner Hospital's Huvos Auditorium** (third floor).

According to Article 55, Section 28 of the Boston zoning code, "Neighborhood Design Overlay Districts are established to protect the historic character, existing scale, quality of the pedestrian environment, character of the residential neighborhoods, and concentrations of historic buildings within the Neighborhood Design Overlay Districts." Jamaica Plain has seven NDOD's established in these neighborhoods: Glenvale Park, Green Street, Hyde Square, Monument Square, Sumner Hill, Walter/Sigourney, and Williams Street.

The May 12 meeting is an opportunity for both the JHA Board and the public to learn more and ask questions. At its June 9 meeting, the Board might take a vote on the proposed NDOD and make a recommendation to the BRA. The BRA will schedule separate public meetings before it makes its recommendation.

Our panel of speakers on May 12 include:

**Applicant Peter Welsh**, who will explain his reasons for filing the proposal

**Boston Redevelopment Authority staff**, who will explain the NDOD proposal process, the public meeting phases, and the permitting process changes under an NDOD:

- **Richard Shaklik**, Deputy Director of Zoning
- **Michael Cannizzo**, Senior Architect and Urban Designer
- **Ines Soto-Palmarin**, Senior Planner, Jamaica Plain

**Colleen Keller**, the Neighborhood Services Coordinator for Jamaica Plain, will comment briefly on her experience with existing Neighborhood Design Overlay Districts in Jamaica Plain.

We look forward to seeing you on May 12 and June 9.

### Neighborhood Design Overlay District Proposal for Jamaica Hills

JHA Informational Meeting with  
the Boston Redevelopment Authority  
Wednesday, May 12 at 7 pm  
Faulkner Hospital's Huvos Auditorium

JHA Follow-up Discussion and Possible Vote  
Wednesday, June 9 at 7:30 pm  
Faulkner Hospital's Huvos Auditorium

\* For more Annual Meeting programming, see page 2.

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**Mother's Helper** Seeking Mother's Helper to care for an energetic 10-month old half-days on Mondays and Fridays while mom works from home during the summer. Looking for a creative, positive, responsible, caring and flexible individual with some experience with babies. Please call 617-308-7869 to set up an interview.

**Knitting for Beginners** Jocelynn Spragg, Whitcomb Avenue, would be happy to teach a beginner to knit: "I consider myself an intermediate knitter not an expert. Would consider a knitters' group, too. Sharing patterns would interest me, as well as left-over yarn." Contact Jocelynn at [jocelyn99s@verizon.net](mailto:jocelyn99s@verizon.net).

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**Violence Transformed** is an annual series of visual and performing arts events that celebrate the power of art, artists and art-making to confront, challenge and mediate violence in contemporary society. Moss Hill resident and sculptor **Myrna Balk** will have eight new pieces distributed in the following places. [www.violencetransformed.com](http://www.violencetransformed.com)

**April 26 - May 7**

"Celebrating the Power of Art" Doric Hall, Massachusetts State House

**May 10- May 31**

"The Artists Voice" Resnikoff Gallery, Roxbury Community College, 1234 Columbus Avenue. Roxbury Opening Reception, May 16 from 3 to 5:30 pm

**Bird Walk May 8** The Arboretum Park Conservancy invites you to a bird walk in the Bussey Brook Meadow led by Robert Mayer, docent at the Arnold Arboretum on Saturday, May 8 at 8 am. The tour will begin at the South Street Gate of the Arnold Arboretum. Questions? Please call Nina Brown at 617-542 8552. [www.arboretumparkconservancy.org](http://www.arboretumparkconservancy.org)

## Election of the JHA Board of Directors for the 2010-2011 Term

A list of candidates, presented by the nominating committee and approved by the Board, has been submitted for election by the membership at our **Annual Meeting on May 12 at 7:30 pm at Faulkner Hospital's Huvos Auditorium.**

Shelley Brauer  
Joanne Bucilla  
Julia Clarke  
Anne Connolly  
Dorothy Farrell  
Nicholas Forbes  
James Greene  
Donald Haber

Andrea Howley  
Richard Iannella  
Anne Katsiroubas  
Kevin Leary  
Elena Loukas  
John Lovett  
Virginia Marcotte  
Michael J. McGuire

Maria Morelli  
Patricia Newman  
Kerri Schmidt  
Polly Selkoe  
Peter Senopoulos  
Celeste Walker  
Susan White



You love your neighborhood and we love serving you. Join your neighbors May 15 at 7:30 pm at the Maliotis Cultural Center, 50 Goddard Ave. in Brookline, as we celebrate the JHA's 70th birthday. Here are a few of the prizes we will raffle.... **Red Sox tickets**.....gift certificates to **Karmaloop, Birch Street Home & Garden, The Haven**--JP's new Scottish bistro, **Allandale Farm** Nursery and Garden Center... and **one night at The W Hotel in Boston!** Purchase raffle tickets at the party.

Dance to music by the renowned band **Stardust**, enjoy **delicious hors d'oeuvres, decadent desserts**, and **signature drinks** from our cash bar. And best of all... **celebrate with your Moss Hill neighbors!**

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone or email \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Tickets \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$35 per ticket = Total Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Tickets are \$35 purchased before the party (\$50 at the door). Please make check payable to the JHA. Mail your check to Bunny Cecchetto, 107 Westchester Road, JP 02130. Tickets will not be mailed: Your name will be on a list at the door.

**IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO BUY TICKETS!**

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