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# Franklin Highlands Newsletter

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## March Residents' Meeting

The next All Residents Meeting will be held  
Monday, **March 4th at 162 Seaver Street.**  
The meeting starts promptly at **6:00pm.**

Light refreshments will be served.

## Parking Ban

The Parking Ban starts again on April 1st. Please read all signs so you know when there is no parking for street cleaning.

## Thank You Job Fair Attendees

The Franklin Park Development Tenants Association would like to say Thank You to all the youth who took the time to attend our Annual Job Fair. It was a great pleasure seeing the young ladies and young men interview with the different companies who attended. We'd also like to thank the entities that attended:

The New England Aquarium, The Franklin Park Zoo, Maloney Properties, Longwood Security, The Girls Leap Program, Learn 2 Teach / Teach 2 Learn, The Franklin Park Development Tenants Association, etc.

Again we like say like to say Thank You for making your Annual Job Fair a Great Success. We look forward seeing you again next year.



## Recycling Program

Franklin Highlands Apartments is participating in Boston's recycling program. There are blue recycling bins in the rear of your buildings for your use. Acceptable items include:

Newspapers, Milk Cartons, Flattened Cardboard Boxes, Empty Pizza Boxes, Glass Bottles, Tin/Aluminum Cans, All plastic Containers.

For the complete list, or questions, contact the management office at 617-442-1500.

Hello residents. The computer classes will start up again in April. Whether you are a beginner or an experienced computer user, there will be something for you. I am interested in your input. Sign up now for the classes, as there is limited space.

If there is enough of a response, classes will be held twice a week, on Saturday morning, and on a weekday.

You can call me at (617) 427-7677, or visit me at the Community Room (162 Seaver Street) to sign up.

Jay

## Beat-the-Cold with Hot Chocolate

Prep Time: 15 min.

Servings: 4

Winter is cold, so to warm things up, have a nice warm cup of hot chocolate



### Ingredients:

1/3 cup unsweetened cocoa powder  
3/4 cup white sugar  
1 pinch salt  
1/3 cup boiling water

3 1/2 cups milk  
3/4 teaspoon vanilla extract  
1/2 cup half-and-half cream

### Directions:

1. Bring the water to a boil.
2. Combine the cocoa, sugar and pinch of salt in a saucepan. Blend in the boiling water. Bring this mixture to an easy boil while you stir.
3. Simmer and stir for about 2 minutes. Watch that it doesn't scorch.
4. Stir in 3 1/2 cups of milk and heat until very hot, but do not boil! Remove from heat and add vanilla.
5. Divide between 4 mugs. Add the cream to the mugs of cocoa to cool it to drinking temperature.

## Computer Learning Center

Come visit the new and improved Franklin Highlands Computer Center!

The Computer Center is open Monday - Thursday. If you have work to do, please feel free to use our facilities. Or, you can simply use the internet for browsing, email, etc. Its free for the use of Franklin Highlands Residents. Also, users are allowed up to 8 pages of free printing per day.

**Hours:**            **Monday**                            **8am-3pm**  
                          **Tuesday—Thursday**            **8am-4:30pm**



Located at 162 Seaver Street

# High School Senior??? Applying for College???

## Want a scholarship instead of a loan???

### Apply for the Patricia A. Mayo Scholarship

If you are a high school senior planning to go to college then you may qualify! The Patricia E. Mayo Scholarship provides graduating high school seniors with scholarships to attend two or four year institutions. With this is also support to give you financial literacy and ongoing support and resources throughout your educational career.

- Eligible programs include attendance at 2 or 4 year academic institutions (i.e. community college, 4 year institution)
- Franklin Highlands residents **ONLY** – current occupancy at time of graduation from high school
- Must be a 2012 graduating senior from high school
- 5 scholarships of \$4000/ per year (in the case of a community college, must transfer to a 4 year institution after 2 years to remain eligible)
- Required essay submitted by students (3 essay questions)
  1. Describe your ideal college experience and what you hope to gain out of your time at college.
  2. Write a brief autobiography and describe key incidents in your life that have made you the person you are.
  3. Discuss your professional and personal goals and how the pursuit of higher education will help you achieve those goals.

For further information and inquiries contact the **Franklin Park Development Tenants Association** at (617) 427-7677 or come by and see us at 162 Seaver St. Dorchester, MA 02121 (ring the last bell)

## President's Letter

I'm addressing this letter to the residents of Seaver Street and Humboldt Ave. When the City of Boston calls for a snow emergency, you have to move your cars in order for the streets to be properly plowed. These streets are main thoroughfares, and all cars must have a clear egress.

Patricia Mayo

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## Free Official GED Practice Test

**Friday, March 8th—12:00 PM**

**Friday June 14th—12:00 PM**

Location: **Dudley Branch Library**

65 Warren Street, Roxbury, MA 02119



In 2014, the test will change, and become harder and more expensive. Earn your credential this year.

Those who pass the practice test will qualify to take the official GED test for free. Information about preparation programs and study materials will be available.

For more information, please contact: Roxbury Community College GED Office: 617-427-0060 x5193  
E-Mail: [ged@rcc.mass.edu](mailto:ged@rcc.mass.edu)

This program is made possible by the Fellowes Fund of the Boston Public Library

# Police Officer Examination



Written Examination:  
Saturday, April 20, 2013

Application Deadline:  
March 18, 2013

Please note, there will be an additional \$50 fee for

applications received after this date. Applications will not be accepted after April 1, 2013.

The **\$100 application fee** is payable by Visa or Mastercard. No personal checks will be accepted.

Women, minorities, veterans, and persons with disabilities are encouraged to apply.

For the additional information, please call (617) 878-9895, or (1-800) 392-6178, if you are

located outside of Boston.

The full information can be found here:

<http://goo.gl/jMpPY>

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer.

**Are you interested  
in a CAREER in the  
Healthcare field?**

## Healthcare Positions Available Now!

Project Hope, in partnership with Partners HealthCare and Brigham & Women's Hospital, is currently accepting applications for FREE entry level health care employment training programs.

Program eligibility includes:

- Have a high school diploma or equivalent

- Have a verifiable reference of 1 year from a former employer
- Pass assessments in reading, language, and computer skills
- Attend an Open House to begin the eligibility & application process
- Be legally authorized to work in the United States

For more information and to register for the next Open House held the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month, please visit our website at [www.prohope.org/openhouse.htm](http://www.prohope.org/openhouse.htm)

## Free Tax Preparation

If you worked in 2012 and earned less than \$50,000, you may be eligible.

- Keep Your Whole Refund
- Quick, Quality Tax Prep
- Get the Credits You Have Earned

- Build For You and Your Family's Future

This year the Earned Income Credit can be up to as much as \$5,891. If you are eligible, you earned this money, so don't let your refund go unclaimed! Even if you do not qualify for the EIC,

if you worked and earned less than 50,000, we invite you to come to one of our free tax preparation sites.

For more information, including what to bring and where to go, please call **(617) 918-5275**, or visit [www.bostontaxhelp.org](http://www.bostontaxhelp.org)



# Clinton Kelly's Chocolate Caramel Pretzel Cheesecake

Prep Time: 60-120 min.

Servings: 12

Rethink classic cheesecake with a salty pretzel crust filled with caramel sauce and dark chocolate. What's not to love?



## Ingredients:

### For the Filling:

- 3 8-ounce packages Cream Cheese (softened)
- 1 1/4 cups Granulated Sugar
- 1 cup Sour Cream
- 2 Eggs
- 1 Egg Yolk
- 2 teaspoons Vanilla Extract
- 1/2 teaspoon Salt

### For the Chocolate Layer:

- 10 ounces Dark Chocolate (chopped)

### For the Crust:

- 2 cups Pretzels (crushed)
- 2/3 cup Butter (melted)
- 2 tablespoons Brown Sugar

### For the Caramel Sauce:

- 1/2 cup Granulated Sugar
- 2 tablespoons Water
- 3 tablespoons Butter
- 1 tablespoon Heavy Cream
- pinch of Salt

## Directions:

1. For the Crust: Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Grease the inside of a 9 inch spring form pan with butter. Lay two large pieces of aluminum foil crosswise on your work surface. Place the cake pan in the middle and crimp the aluminum around the pan.
2. Stir the crust ingredients together in a medium bowl. Once fully incorporated press into the bottom and sides of the prepared spring form pan, creating an even layer.
3. For the Chocolate Layer: Melt the chocolate over a double boiler or in the microwave. Pour over the prepared pretzel crust. Transfer the spring form pan to the refrigerator for 5 minutes or until chocolate has set.
4. For the Filling: Whip together the cream cheese and sugar until fluffy. Add the sour cream, eggs, egg yolk, vanilla and salt and stir together until incorporated. Do not over mix to avoid excess air from being incorporated into the mixture which can cause your cheesecake to crack when baking. Pour the filling over the prepared crust and chocolate layer.
5. Transfer the cake to a roasting pan and carefully fill the roasting pan with warm water until it comes 1/3 of the way up the sides of the spring form pan. Bake in the preheated oven for 50 to 60 minutes or until the center only jiggles slightly. Remove and allow to cool on a wire rack for 20 minutes.
6. For the Caramel Sauce: Mix the sugar and water in a small sauce pot just to wet the sugar. Place over medium-high heat and cook until the mixture turns a light golden brown or a candy thermometer reads 212 degrees F.
7. Remove the pan from the heat and add the butter, heavy cream, and salt. Be careful the mixture may bubble rapidly. Stir the mixture until fully incorporated. Allow to cool for 3 minutes before pouring over the cheesecake. Place the entire cheesecake into the refrigerator and allow to cool completely, at least 2 hours or until ready to serve. Use a warm knife to cut through the cake.

# 2013 Kick Butts Day

**The registration for Kick Butts Day 2013 is open! Register for your Chapter below.**

## **What is Kick Butts Day?**

The Campaign For Tobacco-Free Kids created Kick Butts Day to be a nationwide day of youth activism when teens take action against Big Tobacco. March 20, 2013 marks the 18<sup>th</sup> annual Kick Butts Day. Visit [www.kickbuttsday.org](http://www.kickbuttsday.org) to learn more.

The 84 youth get together on this national day to fight against tobacco. Chapters from across the state get trained in the morning and pumped up to march across the Boston Common and meet with their legislators in the afternoon. It is an important day for The 84 to make a difference!



**Date: March 20, 2013**

**Time: 8:30 am - 3:00 pm**

**Place: Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Boston and  
MA State House, Boston**

## Franklin Highlands Newsletter

- The Management Office will like to remind residents that your rent is due **NO LATER THAN THE 6<sup>TH</sup> OF THE MONTH.**
- We have been receiving many complaints regarding noise. Please be aware that quiet time per your lease is between 10:00pm – 8:00am.
- All trash should be put inside the dumpsters and not left in any common areas on the property.
- Rice, meat, eggs, pasta and bones **ARE NOT** allowed in the garbage disposals. These items cause backups to the drain lines.
- All air conditioners should be removed from windows. This will help to keep apartments warm during the winter season.

### March Holidays & Events

- 3/8/13—International Women’s Day
- 3/10/13—Daylights Savings Begins at 2:00 a.m.
- 3/17/13—St. Patrick’s Day
- 3/20/13—International Earth Day
- 3/24/13—Palm Sunday



# MARCH 2013

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## The Big Apple Circus is Coming!

### Welcome to Big Apple Circus LEGENDARIUM!

Enter the intimate Big Top circus of years gone by, where the World's Greatest Circus Artists perform spectacular feats and no one sits more than 50 feet from the ring! See the hijinks of hilarious clowns, magnificent horses and playful pooches, soaring aerialists, flawless jugglers, astounding

acrobats and a contortionist with a backbone flexible as an archer's bow! With an affable Ringmaster as your guide, watch as an amazing inventor spins in a giant steel hoop and a fearless finambulist astonishes the onlooker! The performance runs two hours, including one intermission.

The Big Apple Circus will be running from

March 27th to May 12th at City Hall Plaza.

Group orders are available at up to 50% off, with amenities. Call (800) 922-3772 to make a group reservation.

Visit their website at: [bigapplecircus.org](http://bigapplecircus.org) to get more information on the show, and to order tickets.



Bring the family for a day of fun!