



HYDE SQUARE TASK FORCE | FALL 2018

NEWSLETTER



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¡VIVA EL BARRIO LATINX DE BOSTON!

May 2018 marked a milestone for our neighborhood. After more than two years of work by Hyde Square Task Force youth, staff, and community members, the Hyde/Jackson Square neighborhood was officially designated as a Massachusetts cultural district, Boston's Latin Quarter. Eight years ago, local business leaders started branding the neighborhood as the Latin Quarter. Two years ago, youth revived the campaign as a response to the anti-Latinx rhetoric of then-candidate Donald Trump and as a way to preserve the Latinx culture of our neighborhood. In April 2016, the Boston City Council voted in favor of the designation with the support of the Mayor. From there, youth and staff met with residents, local organizations, and other elected officials to gather feedback and gain support for their efforts. Eventually, we were able to work with the City of Boston to submit an application to the Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC). When it came time for MCC's board to vote in May 2018, they were unanimously in favor of making the Latin Quarter an official cultural district.

What comes next? HSTF will be the Managing Partner for the cultural district. We are putting together a Latin Quarter Advisory Council which will include youth, cultural

activists, artists, local business owners, and residents who will work with staff to craft a long-term vision for the neighborhood. There is great significance in the official designation beyond the new signage that it comes with, which will proudly identify the neighborhood as Boston's Latin Quarter. It ensures that the undeniable impact that Latinx immigrants have had on our neighborhood will be honored and celebrated for years to come.

Mayo de 2018 marcó un hito para nuestro vecindario. Después de más de dos años de trabajo por parte de los jóvenes y el personal del Comité de Hyde Square y miembros de la comunidad, el vecindario Hyde / Jackson Square fue oficialmente designado como un distrito cultural de Massachusetts, el Barrio Latinx de Boston. El Comité de Hyde Square formará un Consejo Asesor del Barrio Latinx que incluirá a jóvenes, activistas culturales, artistas, empresarios locales y residentes que trabajarán con el personal para crear una visión a largo plazo para el vecindario. La designación oficial es una forma de garantizar que el impacto innegable que los inmigrantes latinxs han tenido en nuestro vecindario será honrado y celebrado en los años venideros.

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THE IMPORTANCE OF AFRO-LATIN CULTURE IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

At Hyde Square Task Force, we have always been rooted in our community. There is no Hyde Square Task Force without the Hyde/Jackson Square neighborhood of Jamaica Plain, now known as Boston's Latin Quarter. Our creative development and community engagement work aims to ensure that youth have voice and leadership in



our community and that Afro-Latin arts and culture permeate every corner of our neighborhood. We know that HSTF youth enrich others and are enriched by working in partnership with

neighbors in the Latin Quarter through Afro-Latin arts and advocacy. With 65% of businesses in the Latin Quarter being immigrant-owned, Latinx immigrants have made an undeniable impact on our neighborhood, and these efforts aim to ensure that that impact will be honored and celebrated for years to come. Latinx Heritage Month is the perfect time to bring people of all backgrounds together to

celebrate some of the varied, beautiful cultural traditions that make our neighborhood and Greater Boston's Latinx community so special.

En el Comité de Hyde Square, siempre hemos estado arraigados en nuestra comunidad. Nuestro trabajo de Desarrollo Creativo y Compromiso con la Comunidad tiene como objetivo garantizar que los jóvenes tengan voz y liderazgo en nuestra comunidad y que las artes y la cultura afrolatinx se extiendan a cada rincón de nuestro vecindario. Sabemos que los jóvenes del Comité de Hyde Square enriquecen y se enriquecen trabajando con los vecinos de nuestro barrio a través de las artes afrolatinx y la abogacía. Los inmigrantes latinxs han tenido un impacto innegable en nuestro vecindario, y estos esfuerzos apuntan a garantizar que ese impacto sea reconocido hoy y siempre. El Mes de la Herencia Latinx es el momento perfecto para reunir a personas diversas en aprecio de las variadas y hermosas tradiciones culturales que hacen que nuestro vecindario y la comunidad latinx de Greater Boston sean tan especiales.

NEW HSTF MISSION & VISION

For the last year we have been taking time to reflect on how HSTF can make the biggest difference in the lives of young people and in our community through a strategic planning process. We have created a road map for the next four years and an ambitious plan for growth. We are excited to share our new mission and vision statements that will guide and inspire us as we move forward.

Our Mission:

We amplify the power, creativity, and voices of youth, connecting them to Afro-Latin culture and heritage so they can create a diverse, vibrant Latin Quarter and build a just, equitable Boston.

We support youth as they. . .

- Explore, master, and celebrate Afro-Latin culture through art;
- Learn, grow, and achieve academically and in life; and
- Develop into changemakers and advocates for themselves.

Our Vision:

A city where all youth reach their full potential and are reflected in Boston's culture and leadership.

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LATINX HERITAGE MONTH EVENTS

SAT, SEPT. 15: LATIN QUARTER FIESTA

Blessed Sacrament Plaza, 361 Centre Street, JP 02130 | 2–6PM

Kick off Latinx Heritage Month with live music from two bands—Sheila del Bosque and Eric German—games and activities for children, a variety of vendors, free food from Latin Quarter restaurants, and more!

SAT, SEPT. 22: MOVIE—THE BOOK OF LIFE | RATED PG

Hyde Square Task Force, 30 Sunnyside Street, JP 02130 | 2–4PM

Make a Día de los Muertos sugar skull mask and then grab some popcorn and Mexican candy and watch *The Book of Life*, which follows the journey of a young man, Monolo, through the Land of the Remembered and the Forgotten as he chooses between fulfilling the expectations of his family and following his heart.

SAT, SEPT. 29: ARTESANÍAS DEL MUNDO

Hyde Square Task Force, 30 Sunnyside Street, JP 02130 | 2–4PM

Learn about traditional Afro-Latin art from countries all over the world at this family-friendly event. Then get creative and make your own art including Dominican vejigante masks, Peruvian bracelets, Mexican tin art, and more!

OCTOBER 1ST–15TH: STORY WALK

Pick up a map from the Connolly Branch of the Boston Public Library and follow the story of *Maybe Something Beautiful* page by page through the neighborhood. Return the completed map to HSTF or the Connolly for a prize!

SAT, OCT. 13: MARIPOSAS Y MANGOS

Hyde Square Task Force, 30 Sunnyside Street, JP 02130 | 2–4PM

This event aims to gather all generations of people through engagement with interactive artwork and storytelling about Afro-Latin cultures. Come make something creative to add your voice to the artwork, enjoy free mangos, and join the discussion with Haitian and Dominican artists Chanel Therwil and Iris Lapaix.



WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS!



Celina Barrios-Millner
Mayor's Office
for Immigrant
Advancement

Fun fact: I was born in Venezuela, and I first learned English at a German Bilingual School in Cincinnati, Ohio.



Oscar A. Brazoban
Aviation Security
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Fun fact: The highest point that I have climbed is 5,249' at Mt. Lafayette, 1,000' shy of the highest mountain in New England.



Kathy Lebrón Director
of Communications
and Storytelling at
Resist.

Fun fact: Although I was a Theatre Major at Smith College, I ended up becoming a teacher in NYC for 6 years and loved it!



Natalia Urtubey
Imagine Boston
2030—City of Boston,
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Fun fact: On my 25th birthday, I made a promise to myself that I would travel outside of the country at least once a year, each time to a new country—and so far, I have kept my promise!



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