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**Chris Juetten**  
**We need to pull together**



Hello Shrewsbury. It is with a heavy heart that I post this blog. Both the schools and the municipal departments are taking major hits. Teachers, Public Safety officers (both fire and police), Library staff, Town hall staff, are all going to lose their jobs.

It is real folks and we now have to ...

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**Jason Freitas**  
**Honoring A Friend**



As we begin the celebration of the 2009 Lenten Season, we are also faced with the loss of Dennis Wrenn, a wonderful teacher and friend. With today's Ash Wednesday mass held at St. Rose of Lima Church in Northboro, MA., we gathered to celebrate the life of Mr. Wrenn. Dennis was a man who always seemed ...

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**First-time marathoner targets housing agency**

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SHREWSBURY — Shrewsbury resident Hector Cruz plans to run in his first marathon, the Boston Marathon, in an effort to raise money for the Metropolitan Boston Housing Partnership.

For 17 years Mr. Cruz, an executive property manager for Winn Management, has worked with MBHP to help provide affordable housing in the greater Boston area. He works regularly with MBHP Rental Assistance and Inspectional Services to ensure MBHP clients living in Winn apartments have safe, affordable homes.

MBHP was given three marathon charity spots by John Hancock Financial Services on the condition that the runners raise money to support MBHP's privately funded programs and services, which help people at risk of homelessness.

"Raised in the housing projects of New York City, I've grown to appreciate firsthand the need for safe and affordable housing," Mr. Cruz said. "I believe that under certain circumstances families can use this as a springboard for bigger and better things."

Although this is his first marathon, Mr. Cruz said he has been running and training for more than 14 months, and he and his children belong to a running club that holds weekly races. "It started when my wife decided that the entire family should join the YMCA and promote healthy living," he said.

Donations can be made on behalf of Mr. Cruz by credit card at [www.firstgiving.com/hectorcruz](http://www.firstgiving.com/hectorcruz) or by contacting MBHP at (617) 425-6762.

MBHP is the state's largest provider of rental housing assistance.



Hector Cruz of Shrewsbury plans to run in this year's Boston Marathon to raise money for the Metropolitan Boston Housing Partnership. (SUBMITTED PHOTO)



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