



## Greater Grove Hall Main Streets Celebrates Women's History Month With March Dedication Of Black Women Lead Project

The Greater Grove Hall Main Streets hosted a march and dedication ceremony for the Black Women Lead Project banners on Saturday in recognition of Women's History Month.

The Black Women Lead Project banners, which stretch two miles along Blue Hill Avenue, feature 212 of Boston's most admired, beloved, and successful Black women who have had an impact on Boston over the last 300 years. It is currently the largest public art project in the city.

[\[Click Here to Learn More\]](#)

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# CITY *of* BOSTON



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# Call to Artists for \$720,000 Investment in Public Art in Schools Announced

The City of Boston is searching for artists to create murals or other 2D artwork at 13 sites across 9 Boston Public Schools with a budget of approximately \$720,000 through the Percent for Art fund.

[\[Click Here to Learn More\]](#)

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## Have Your Voice Heard! Sign Up to Participate in Future Surveys & Focus Groups

The MBTA's Technology Innovation Department provides information about buses and trains on digital platforms, like [mbta.com](http://mbta.com), and on screens at stations and stops.

Some of our recent projects include:

- Installing solar-powered signs with real-time information at bus stops
- Redesigning the MBTA.com homepage
- Interviewing MBTA riders about what information they need when buses are late.

**We need your input to ensure our projects serve everyone who takes the MBTA.** SWA's mission includes ensuring that the voices of older adults and people with disabilities are included in all decisions made at the MBTA. We value the time it takes to share your experiences and feedback, so we'd like to compensate you with a CharlieCard or gift card after a feedback session.

Fill out this [form](#) to tell us about yourself and how you use the MBTA, and we'll contact you to get your feedback for future changes to transit information

Best,

**MBTA Public Engagement**

10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA, 02116

Phone: 617-222-3030 | Email: [publicengagement@mbta.com](mailto:publicengagement@mbta.com)

Website: [mbta.com/publicengagement](http://mbta.com/publicengagement)

Sign up for the MBTA Public Engagement Newsletter at [mbta.com/newslettersignup](http://mbta.com/newslettersignup).



# PUBLIC HEALTH, HOMELESSNESS & RECOVERY

## Shattuck Housing Proposal

Join us for a hearing to discuss the Shattuck Housing proposal.

- ▶ **APRIL 4th, 2024**
- ▶ **10:00 AM PROMPT**
- ▶ **IANNELLA CHAMBER**  
( 1 City Hall Square, Boston 02201  
5th Floor)

Watch Livestream Here:  
[boston.gov/city-council-tv](https://boston.gov/city-council-tv)

To Give Public Testimony:

✉ [meghan.kavanagh@boston.gov](mailto:meghan.kavanagh@boston.gov)

# IMPORTANT CITY COUNCIL HEARING

regarding the

## Shattuck Hospital Campus Plan!

**APRIL 4, 2024**

10:00 AM

City Council Chambers, City Hall  
1 City Hall Square, Boston, MA 02201

***Our elected officials need to hear how important  
Franklin Park is to our health and wellness!***

City Councilor Tania Fernandes Anderson is holding a hearing (docket #0512) to address concerns about Boston Medical Center's proposal to build North America's largest substance use treatment facility in a historical park (the hub of environmental justice for Boston).

The Governor has identified our communities as needing protection, yet Boston Medical Center is moving forward to locate 851+ units for people with opioid use disorder and/or serious mental health issues. The project violates common sense and all aspects of the state's commitment to social, environmental and climate justice. We need a statewide solution for successful treatment not one solely on the backs of Roxbury, Mattapan, Dorchester and Jamaica Plain.

Learn more at  
[savefranklinpark.com](http://savefranklinpark.com):



Sign our petition:



Coalition for Region-wide Services Beyond Franklin Park  
CORES

[\[Click Here to View PDF\]](#)

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Our movement  
is strong.

**CAMPAIGN RALLY**

**Thursday, April 4**

**5:30 – 7:30 PM**

**IBEW Local 103**

**256 Freeport St 1, Boston, MA 02122**



## Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley's Campaign Launch 4/4

As constituents of Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley, I wanted to ensure you received an invite to her official campaign kickoff! I hope you're available this Thursday, and feel free to share the info below with your friends & family. Please RSVP as space is limited and we want to make sure our close community is in the room.

[Our Movement Is Strong: A Campaign Launch Rally](#)

Thursday, April 4th, 2024

5:30 - 7:30 PM

Location: IBEW Local 103

RSVP: [www.mobilize.us/ayannapressley/event/614831/](http://www.mobilize.us/ayannapressley/event/614831/)

Also if you're interested, you can sign up here to do apre-rally signature collection to help get the Congresswoman on the ballot: <https://www.mobilize.us/ayannapressley/event/616163/>

**Neighborhood Workshop: Roxbury**

# REIMAGINING WHITE STADIUM

*Theme: Transportation*

**VIRTUAL  
TUES 4/9 • 6-7 P.M.**

Learn more and register

**[boston.gov/white-stadium](http://boston.gov/white-stadium)**

*Interpretation services will be available upon request in Spanish, Haitian and Cape Verdean Creole.*

*Email requests to [whitestadium@boston.gov](mailto:whitestadium@boston.gov) by April 3, 2024.*



# Roxbury White Stadium Workshop

Join us for a White Stadium Neighborhood Workshop in Roxbury! In this workshop we will be engaging in an in-depth conversation on transportation. [Join us](#) to give your feedback!

Tuesday, April 9 from 6-7 p.m.

Interpretation services will be available upon request in Spanish, Haitian and Cape Verdean Creole. Email requests to [whitestadium@boston.gov](mailto:whitestadium@boston.gov) by April 3, 2024

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## Grove Hall Community Center CEC meeting @ Wed Apr 10, 2024 6pm - 7pm

### Description

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87216080553pwd=S0M1ZkJmUEIzeFRkT1JaMk53Qk9FZz09>

### When

Wednesday Apr 10, 2024 · 6pm – 7pm (Eastern Time - New York)

### Location

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87216080553?pwd=S0M1ZkJmUEIzeFRkT1JaMk53Qk9FZz09>

### Organizer

Annie Qin

[annie.qin@boston.gov](mailto:annie.qin@boston.gov)

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## Small Business Conference Call

The webinar information for "Small Business Conference Call", has been updated.

Please submit any questions to: [smallbiz@boston.gov](mailto:smallbiz@boston.gov)

**Date Time:** Apr 25, 2024 03:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Every month on the Last Thu, until Dec 26, 2024, 9 occurrence(s)



Apr 25, 2024 03:00 PM

Sep 26, 2024 03:00 PM

May 30, 2024 03:00 PM

Oct 31, 2024 03:00 PM

Jun 27, 2024 03:00 PM

Nov 28, 2024 03:00 PM

Jul 25, 2024 03:00 PM

Dec 26, 2024 03:00 PM

Aug 29, 2024 03:00 PM

Join from a PC, Mac, iPad, iPhone or Android device:

[Click Here to Join](#)

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Webinar ID: 956 9970 8675

International numbers available: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/kUWdLIA6e>

You can [cancel](#) your registration at any time.



## Small Business Updates

**SMALL BUSINESS FORUM: THURSDAY,  
APRIL 25 AT 3PM**

Our Small Business Forum features discussions on resources available to small businesses, as well as a live question and answer session.

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email with instructions for joining the meeting.

**Notice of Accommodations**

Interpretation and translation services are available to you at no cost. If you need them, please contact us in advance at [james.r.colimon@boston.gov](mailto:james.r.colimon@boston.gov), [LCA@boston.gov](mailto:LCA@boston.gov) or 617-635-3955.

Hay servicios de interpretación y traducción a su disposición sin costo alguno. Si los necesita, póngase en contacto con nosotros mandando un correo electrónico a [james.r.colimon@boston.gov](mailto:james.r.colimon@boston.gov), [LCA@boston.gov](mailto:LCA@boston.gov) o llamando a 617-635-3955.

Các dịch vụ thông dịch và biên dịch được cung cấp cho quý vị hoàn toàn miễn phí. Nếu quý vị cần những dịch vụ này, vui lòng liên lạc với chúng tôi theo địa chỉ [james.r.colimon@boston.gov](mailto:james.r.colimon@boston.gov), [LCA@boston.gov](mailto:LCA@boston.gov) hoặc số điện thoại 617-635-3955.

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REGISTER FOR THE FORUM

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## Upcoming Events

### CHATGPT WORKSHOP

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

27 APR

*East Boston Police Community Room | [300 E. Eagle Street](#)*

This workshop, "ChatGPT: Revolutionizing Customer Service and Digital Marketing with Artificial Intelligence," will teach participants how to use artificial intelligence in their businesses, particularly related to WhatsApp, marketing, and social media.

The workshop will be conducted in **Spanish**.

REGISTER FOR THE FREE EVENT

### SMALL BUSINESS EXPO

10:00 am - 5:00 pm

8 MAY

At the 15th annual Small Business Expo, attendees can engage with industry leaders, participate in workshops, and access resources tailored for effective business growth.

In addition to networking opportunities, the trade show will host exhibitors showcasing the latest products and services vital for small business operations, B2B marketing, and building a growing small business.

REGISTER FOR THE FREE EVENT

## EFORALL ROXBURY SPRING 2024 ALL IDEAS PITCH CONTEST

5:30 pm - 8:30 pm

14 MAY

*The Substation | 4228 Washington Street, Roslindale*

At the Efor All Roxbury All Ideas Pitch Contest, a handful of participants will showcase their ideas during the two networking opportunities before and after the contest, and eight participants will present a 2.5-minute pitch to the judges. For aspiring entrepreneurs with an idea for a new business, product, non-profit, or service, this is an opportunity to receive feedback and possibly win a cash prize.

The panel of judges will award three cash prizes:

- \$1,000 for the Grand Prize Winner
- \$750 for Second Place
- \$500 for Third Place

The audience will vote for Fan Favorite, who will win \$500.

This event is a great chance to catch the enthusiasm and energy of passionate people looking to create a business or non-profit.

The application deadline is **April 25**. Early-stage businesses are encouraged to apply!

REGISTER TO PARTICIPATE

## BOSTON CONTRACTING OPPORTUNITY FAIR

2:30 pm - 5:00 pm

15 MAY

Discover contract opportunities with the City of Boston departments and engage in a workshop to understand the process of conducting business with the City!

Explore contract opportunities with departments including:

- Boston Police
- Boston Fire
- Boston Public Schools
- BCYF
- Public Works Department

*Registration coming soon.*

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## Announcements & Ongoing Events



### OPEN STREETS BOSTON PARTNER ACTIVATION

Open Streets events will welcome neighbors into car-free streets for community, joy, and play. The half-day long events will stretch out over one to two miles of road—leaving ample space for programming.

The City is looking for partners who are interested in providing:

- Resource Tables: For Community Organizations/Resource Sharing
- Vendors: Looking to sell merchandise/crafts
- Activation/Programming: Looking to participate in the programming/performance (music, movement or other activity)

All route registrations will close 30 days prior to the event date. Visit the [Open Streets Boston webpage](#) for event dates.

[FILL OUT THE PARTNERS ACTIVATION FORM](#)

## MARKET CONTRACT

Attention all M/WBE-certified businesses: the City of Boston's Public Works Department is seeking sealed bids for site maintenance, lawn care, and snow removal along Melnea Cass Boulevard.

This opportunity is part of our commitment to the Sheltered Market Program, prioritizing minority and women-owned businesses. Please review the scope of work and eligibility criteria via the supplier portal to determine if your business meets the requirements.

The close date is **April 18, 2024** at 12pm.

[LEARN MORE AND SUBMIT A BID](#)

# MWBE CERTIFICATION VIRTUAL OFFICE HOURS



## NO REGISTRATION NECESSARY

Join the Supplier Diversity team every Wednesday from 11am to 1pm via Zoom for their weekly Certification Office Hours. The team is available to answer any questions from small business owners interested in becoming a certified Minority/Woman-Owned Business Enterprise with the City of Boston.

[JOIN THE OFFICE HOURS](#)

## LCR | BIZGROW ARTS AND CULTURE SERIES

This six-week series provides artists and creative economy entrepreneurs with the legal foundation to successfully run their business. The series takes place April 16 to May 21.

REGISTER TODAY

## NATIONAL GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

The National Green Infrastructure Certification Program (NGICP) training will train individuals to construct, inspect and maintain green infrastructure in Boston.

Participants who take the training and pass the exam will become certified Green Infrastructure Professionals.

The training will provide candidates with the technical skills necessary to enter the green workforce and earn a livable wage.

The NGICP training is FREE to all participants.

This is a hybrid virtual and in-person training, taking place May 9 to May 27. There will be a total of nine sessions (35 hours). Participants will take the certification exam together at an EnviroCert International, Inc. (ECI) approved testing center.

Email [katherine.english@boston.gov](mailto:katherine.english@boston.gov) to request an application.

## BIZ-M-POWER CROWDFUNDING GRANT PROGRAM

The Biz-M-Power crowdfunding matching grant program offers small businesses in Massachusetts financial assistance with their acquisition, expansion, improvement or lease of a facility, purchase or capital lease of equipment, or with meeting other capital needs for the business.

Through crowdfunding campaigns, these businesses connect with their local residents and stakeholders to advance projects that support economic success and transformation for their business and in their communities. This program is funded by the Commonwealth's Operating Budget.

The application deadline is **June 30, 2024**.

[LEARN MORE AND APPLY](#)

## FREE SMALL BUSINESS OFFICE HOURS

Lawyers for Civil Rights hosts weekly virtual small business office hours on Fridays from 11am to 12pm.

[JOIN THE OFFICE HOURS](#)

## AMBER GRANT AVAILABLE FOR WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESSES

WomensNet funds several grants for women-owned businesses throughout the year. Fill out one application and you will be eligible for the monthly \$10,000 general business grant, the monthly business category grant, or the annual \$25,000 grant.

[LEARN MORE AND APPLY](#)

## FEEDBACK ON THE 2024 FIVE-YEAR CONSOLIDATED PLAN

The City of Boston is developing a five-year Consolidated Plan for an estimated \$143 million in funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The funds may be invested in housing, homeless assistance, and community development programs that serve low- to moderate-income residents over a 5-year period from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2029.

The City is asking for residents and organizations to submit feedback on the Plan. They can complete a survey or send a comment via email. Interested parties are also invited to attend a Hearing on May 2.

[LEARN MORE AND SUBMIT A COMMENT](#)

## UMASS BOSTON'S BEST BOSTON SUMMER SESSION

UMass Boston invites businesses to submit a project to the BEST Boston summer session, an initiative led by the UMass Boston College of Management, offering local businesses to collaborate with business students for free.

Businesses can harness the expertise of student consultants studying marketing,

accounting, financial/budget analysis, supply chain management, and more, without incurring any expenses.

Accepted businesses will be paired with a team of students who will work diligently to address their specific challenges, providing fresh perspectives and innovative solutions.

They are looking to recruit 20 small businesses to submit projects—applications are due **April 15**.

[SUBMIT A PROJECT](#)

## Resources From Small Business

### SMALL BUSINESS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Our consultants work with entrepreneurs and small business owners. They provide the tools needed to start, strengthen, or expand your business.

Opportunities include:

- Legal Support
- Business Strategy
- Digital Marketing
- Financial Forecasting
- And More!

Contact Emily Patrick at [emily.patrick@boston.gov](mailto:emily.patrick@boston.gov) or 617-869-1622 for more information.

### APPLY NOW TO BE A SMALL BUSINESS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDER

The City of Boston will pay you to work with small business owners on various needs, including:

- Legal
- Accounting
- Marketing
- Business Planning
- And More!

[LEARN MORE AND APPLY](#)



## RESTORE BOSTON PROGRAM

Through ReStore Boston, we offer help designing your storefront, grants for signs, and matching grants for the exterior design and renovation of the outside of commercial buildings in Boston's neighborhoods.

Contact the Small Business Development team at 617-635-0355 for more information.

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## Hiring Opportunities



### PROGRAM MONITOR

The [Department of Supplier Diversity](#) is hiring a Program Monitor, who will help City departments increase their spending with small, local, minority and women owned businesses for goods and services procurements. The Program Monitor will work closely with the Supplier Diversity team and City department staff to understand their respective portfolio of procurements, work with stakeholders to identify diverse business availability, and recommend and support the appropriate outreach and interventions for those procurements to maximize M/WBE participation.



### DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

The [Office of Tourism, Sports, and Entertainment](#) is hiring a Deputy Director of Administration & Finance. They will oversee the annual budget planning process, contracts and grants management, daily operations, and financial management. This position will serve as a core leadership role in the department and support the success of colleagues by building and advancing inclusive management and internal operations systems.

[Learn More and Apply](#)

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## OUTDOOR DINING AND LICENSING SPECIALIST

The [Office of Consumer Affairs & Licensing](#) is hiring an Outdoor Dining & Licensing Specialist to support Boston's restaurants and help us build thriving neighborhoods! The Outdoor Dining & Licensing Specialist serves as the primary contact in the Licensing Board for the license extension requests, reviews, and updates related to outdoor dining.

[Learn More and Apply](#)



## STRATEGIC INITIATIVES MANAGER

The [Office of Consumer Affairs & Licensing](#) is hiring a Strategic Initiatives Manager focused on supporting, developing, implementing, and reviewing new initiatives and policies for the department. This role will play a crucial part in modernizing our operations and addressing critical issues while aligning with the City's goals.

[Learn More and Apply](#)

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## Roxbury Sewer Separation Phase III



# Upper Roxbury Sewer Separation Phase 3 Project Update

## **BWSC Contract: 17-309-011**

### **PURPOSE**

Roxbury Sewer Separation Phase 3 is a continuation of the work recently completed on Dudley Street and involves the separation of the combined sewer system into a new sewer system and new drain system. This project will reduce pollution levels in Boston Harbor by substantially decreasing the number and volume of combined sewer overflows. This project will also include some water main replacement work as well. The purpose of this notice is to provide information regarding the ongoing improvements in your neighborhood and any necessary impacts or disruptions that might result from this work.

### **COMPLETED WORK**

- Alaska Street: Blue Hill Ave. to Perrin St.
- Blue Hill Avenue: Dudley St. to Southwood St.
- Copeland Street: Moreland St. to Langford Pk.
- Lagrange Place: Blue Hill Ave. to End
- Langford Park: Copeland St. to End
- Moreland Street: Blue Hill Ave. to #40 Moreland St.
- Perrin Street: Moreland to #30 Perrin St.
- Rand Street: Brookford St. to Julian St.
- Southwood Street: #21 to #72 Southwood St.
- Winthrop Street: Blue Hill Ave. to Presby Pl.
- Woodbine Street: Blue Hill Ave. to #35 Woodbine St.

### **UPCOMING & ONGOING WORK**

- Blue Hill Avenue: Southwood St. to Maywood St.
  - Separate 700 LF of combined sewer
- Downspout Disconnects: Various addresses within the project limits.

### **ANTICIPATED IMPACTS**

The anticipated impacts include water service interruptions, noise, traffic and parking modifications, rodent activity, dust, and general construction impacts. The contractor will be required to minimize impacts to the extent feasible. Outbound traffic on Blue Hill Avenue and various sections of Moreland Street will be detoured to facilitate the work.

### **SURFACE RESTORATION**

Temporary restoration of roadways, sidewalks and other areas disturbed by construction will be completed under this contract. Permanent paving restoration will occur under a separate contract.

For additional information about this project and other BWSC programs, please visit [www.bwsc.org](http://www.bwsc.org) or follow us on Twitter and Facebook

Typical Sewer Separation Project



### **Questions or Comments on this project should be directed to:**

#### **BWSC CONSTRUCTION CONTACTS:**

Yuanzhu Wang	Project Engineer	(617) 989-7457
Ryan Shea	Act. Dir. of Construction	(617) 989-7441
Dolores Randolph	Dir. of Communications	(617) 989-7226

#### **CONTRACTOR: RJV Construction Corp**

Matthew DeLuca	Project Manager	(781) 831-8036
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**IN AN EMERGENCY, CONTACT BWSC'S 24 HOUR, 7 DAY A WEEK NUMBER AT 617-989-7000**

[\[Click Here to Learn More\]](#)

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**Boston.Gov/Tax-Help | 617.635.4500**

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- For inquiries, contact [limin.liang@boston.gov](mailto:limin.liang@boston.gov)

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Mayor Michelle Wu



Youth Engagement  
And Employment



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# WHITE STADIUM VIRTUAL COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SCHEDULE

## NEIGHBORHOOD TRANSPORTATION WORKSHOPS

Roxbury | Tues, Apr 9 | 6-7 p.m.  
Dorchester | Wed, Apr 10 | 6-7 p.m.  
Jamaica Plain | Wed, Apr 10 | 7:30-8:30 p.m.

## DESIGN MEETINGS

Workshop #1 Design Principles | Thurs, Apr 25 | 6-7 p.m.  
Workshop #2 Design Principles & Program Needs | Wed, May 8 | 6-7 p.m.  
Workshop #3 Final Design | Wed, May 22 | 6-7 p.m.

## ARTICLE 80 MEETINGS

Meeting #2 Design Process & Transportation | Wed, May 15 | 6-7 p.m.  
Meeting #3 Community Benefits | Wed, Jun 5 | 6-7 p.m.

Learn more and register  
[boston.gov/white-stadium](https://boston.gov/white-stadium)



## Neighborhood Transportation Workshops

Project proponents will host three meetings covering three park neighborhoods

- Tues, April 9th 6-7:00pm - [Register](#)
- Wed, April 10th 6-7:00pm - [Register](#)
- Wed, April 10th 7:30-8:30pm - [Register](#)

The number one concern raised by park users and neighbors in response to our survey can be summarized in three words: traffic, traffic, traffic (and maybe: parking, parking, parking). Many have asked the City project team for more details on the transportation plan for game days, BPS activities, and other events. The city is

hosting three separate virtual transportation workshops for Roxbury, Dorchester, and Jamaica Plain neighbors. Come hear the plan for your neighborhood and share your feedback to the project team.

### Topics will include:

- Neighborhood streets proposed for parking regulations and gameday traffic and parking restrictions
- Updated proposed Shuttle circulation routes with street dimensions and traffic flow and shuttle frequency and size
- Sidewalk and Pedestrian safety improvements
- Rideshare and carpool pick up/drop off locations
- Enforcement mechanisms



## White Stadium Updates & Info

- [FPC's White Stadium survey report with data and analysis](#)
  - [Recording from FPC's Survey presentation](#) (passcode: \$Vm2vxYM)
  - [Survey presentation slide show](#) (shorter overview)
  - [Fact Sheet](#) from the city clarifying project details
  - FPC [Letter to the Editor](#) - Boston Globe, March 28, 2024
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## Family Bike Day

Saturday, April 27 from 10am - 2pm

Shattuck Picnic Grove

- **10am-12pm:** Learn-to-Ride workshops; basic riding skills for adults; on-bike activities for age 5-12 year olds; free bike check-up with Bikes Not Bombs.
- **12-1pm:** Family Bike Ride around the park
- **1-2pm:** Free lunch for all participants

To learn more and register: [boston.gov/family-bike-day](https://boston.gov/family-bike-day)

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# DÍA FAMILIAR EN BICICLETA

## FRANKLIN PARK

**SÁBADO 27 DE ABRIL** DÍA DE LLUVIA 28 DE ABRIL

**10 A.M. - 12 P.M.**

**Aprende a Montar en Bici: Curso Basico para Adultos** *Se requiere registro*

**Actividades en Bicleta para Ninos (Edades 5-12)**

**Ajustes de Bicicleta Gratuitos por la Organization Bikes Not Bombs**

**12:00 P.M. - 1 P.M.**

**¡Paseo Familiar en Bicicleta por Franklin Park!**

**1 P.M. - 2 p.m.**

**Comida de Maggie's Grill**

*más información y registro: [boston.gov/family-bike-day](http://boston.gov/family-bike-day)*



Franklin Park Kite & Bike Festival

Mark your calendar! Saturday, May 18, 2024 from 12-4pm

On the Playstead ballfields

Raindate: Sunday, May 19 from 2-5pm

We need lots of help! [Email if you would like to volunteer](#)

Make a kite, buy a kite, enjoy food trucks and vendors, bring your little ones to ride and play with [Countdown to Kindergarten](#), and get your bike tuned up with [REI](#). Music and performances this year!

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## Spring Bird Walks

Come to one, come to all! You'll learn so much about the park's ecology and nature in our own backyard.

- Sunday, April 28th from 8-10am - meet at the [Shattuck Picnic Grove](#)
- Friday, May 3rd from 7-9am - meet at the old stone bus shelter at [Valley Gates](#)
- Sunday, May 5th from 8-10am - Shattuck Picnic Grove
- Friday, May 10th from 7-9am - Valley Gates
- Friday, May 17th from 7-9am - Valley Gates
- Friday, May 17th from 5-7pm -Evening Birdwalk - Shattuck Picnic Grove
- Sunday, May 19th from 8-10am - Shattuck Picnic Grove
- Saturday, May 25th fro 8-11am - A longer walk - Shattuck Picnic Grove
- Sunday, May 26th from 8-10m - Shattuck Picnic Grove

All are welcome! No experience necessary. Bring binoculars if you have them; there

will be some to share. Hosted by the Brookline Bird Club and Nature Man Mike.





[Donate](#)

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### Wellness Space Events

Check out our new Community Wellness Space where you can enjoy in-person classes and trainings designed around your needs! We are here to help you with tips and techniques for better health and wellness so you can enjoy your journey—your healthy, your way. Sign up for classes today!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Decoding Nutrition Guidance 10:00 AM-12:00 PM @ Museum of Science <a href="#">Register here</a>	3	4 Meal Planning class 12:00 AM <a href="#">Register here</a>	5 The Family Van @ Grove Hall Wellness Space 9:00 am-12:00 pm. Screen for cholesterol, blood pressure, diabetes and more.	6
7	8	9 Cooking Plant-Based Across Cultures 6 PM <a href="#">Register here</a>	10	11	12	13
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Stop by the Wellness Space for help with nutrition and healthy grocery shopping, to schedule a consultation or sign up for a class! If you have questions, you can reach the registered dietitian at [GroveHallNutrition@stopandshop.com](mailto:GroveHallNutrition@stopandshop.com) or call 637-427-6752.

Welcome to Spring!

This month is packed with a variety of nutrition and healthy eating programs and events! We hope you will join us. Please see the attached calendar and links to

some of our highlighted programs below. Please also take note of our collaboration with the [Family Van](#), providing health screens inside the Grove Hall Wellness Space. They are offering health screenings for blood pressure, cholesterol, blood sugar, stress, vision, pregnancy testing and HIV counseling.

**Please share our upcoming programs widely with your networks!**

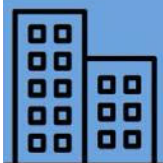
- **Dietitian office hours Monday, Tuesday and Thursday's starting at 9:00 AM - Stop by to ask your nutrition and healthy eating/shopping questions or to make an appointment**
- Decoding Nutrition Guidance at the Museum of Science, Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> 10:00 am-12:00 pm (\$25 gift cards provided to attendees)
- The Family Van @ Grove Hall Wellness Space\*, Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
- Navigating Diabetes Through Food and Community Series (see class topics below, multiple dates/times)
  - Taking Care of You, Diabetes Self-Care
  - Delicious Eating with Diabetes
  - Qi Gong Movement and Meditation for Diabetes
  - An Empowered Approach to Diabetes Education and Your Health
  - A Deep Dive into Hemoglobin A1c
- Wellness Space recurring classes
  - Cooking Plant-Based Across Cultures
  - Understanding Nutrition Labels (multiple dates/times)
  - High Blood Pressure (multiple dates/times)
- Special classes
  - Keeping it Fresh and Preventing Waste (multiple dates/times)
  - Serving Up...online cooking class (multiple dates/times)

In good health,

Christine

[christine.sinclair@stopandshop.com](mailto:christine.sinclair@stopandshop.com)

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# **HELP FINISH MARZUQ PLAZA 374 BLUE HILL AVE**



**Masjid Al-Quran is hosting a  
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**APRIL 6**

**35 INTERVALE ST.**

**DORCHESTER, MA**

**6PM-9PM**

**Donate at  
[www.masjidalquran.org](http://www.masjidalquran.org)**

**Can't make it? Join via zoom!**

**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87349237262?>**

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Join us for the second installment of a BECMA-hosted webinar series: *Prioritizing Equitable Economic Development in the Commonwealth: A Conversation with Chair Michael J. Rodrigues* on Wednesday, April 10 at 4:00-5:15pm. Join BECMA's Policy Team for a conversation with Senator Rodrigues, Chairman of the Senate Ways and Means Committee, about his economic development priorities as he negotiates a proposed \$56 billion FY25 state budget, Governor Healey's \$4 billion housing bond bill and the \$3.5 billion economic development bill, and more as well as hearing from BECMA about our advocacy on these major proposals.

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of MASSACHUSETTS

## PRIORITIZING EQUITABLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE COMMONWEALTH

A Conversation with  
**REP. MICHAEL RODRIGUES**  
Chair of the Senate Ways and Means Committee

*In part two of our discussion, learn how the state plans to invest billions of dollars.*

<b>4:00 to 5:15 PM</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY APR. 10, 2024</b>	<b>ZOOM</b>
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Register Here:  
[bit.ly/becmapolicywebinar](https://bit.ly/becmapolicywebinar)

WWW.BECMA.ORG BECMAINC

Following our webinar with Rep. Aaron Michlewitz, BECMA is hosting this virtual



discussion for members of our community to hear directly from another lead Legislative negotiator, and to learn more about these bills, BECMA's advocacy, and their potential impact on our communities.

With the first draft of the House budget proposal expected to be released later this month, and the end of the Legislative session quickly approaching in June, BECMA is excited to hear from Chairman Rodrigues about his focus areas for economic development.

We hope you can join us on Wednesday, April 10 at 4:00 pm. Register for the event *now* [here](#).

Thank you for being a part of the BECMA community! BECMA is proud to regularly provide opportunities for members to engage with government officials and be part of the process of realizing a more inclusive economy.

We look forward to having you join us for this timely discussion!

BECMA Team

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## BECMA Community Investments, Sponsor the Mass Black Expo, and More

The Black Economic Council of Massachusetts is thrilled to announce the **Mass Black Expo** is returning to the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center on **Friday, October 25 - Saturday, October 26, 2024**.

BECMA is now seeking sponsors for the Mass Black Expo (MBE), our signature event. If you're interested in sponsoring the MBE, learn more about the event and sponsorship benefits [here](#) and complete the sponsorship form [here](#).

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**BUILDING BLACK**  
*Wealth*  
IN THE COMMONWEALTH



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[DEVELOPMENT@BECMA.ORG](mailto:DEVELOPMENT@BECMA.ORG)

Visit:

[bit.ly/MBESponsor2024](https://bit.ly/MBESponsor2024)

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MASS BLACK EXPO

The Mass Black Expo is a two-day event that brings together hundreds of Black-owned businesses, entrepreneurs, and professionals with purchasing opportunities, capacity-building resources, and skill and career advancement options. It is an opportunity to network and share ideas about how to realize a more productive and inclusive economy.

The MBE expands economic opportunities for Black residents in Massachusetts; showcases the innovation, brilliance, and resilience of the Black community; and helps build Black wealth across Massachusetts.

Again, if you're interested in sponsoring the MBE, view our sponsorship packet [here](#) and complete the sponsorship form [here](#).

If you're interested in attending, exhibiting, or volunteering at the event, indicate your interest by completing [this form](#).

Stay tuned for more details! We can't wait to see you there!

# Become a BECMA Member



## JOIN THE MOVEMENT

When you become a BECMA member, you are doing more than joining an organization; you are becoming part of a movement to make Massachusetts an inclusive economy.

Our membership community is the reason we are able to advance the economic well-being of the Black community in Massachusetts.

Join BECMA and be a part of our network to make lasting difference.



VISIT: [BECMA.ORG/BECMA-MEMBERSHIP](https://www.becma.org/becma-membership) TO SIGN UP

Become a Member



Meet Boston Regional Career Fair on Tuesday, April 30

The poster features a light blue background with a red diagonal stripe in the top right corner. The text 'Meet Boston' is in blue, while 'REGIONAL CAREER FAIR' is in large, bold red letters. The 'Hosted by' text is in a smaller blue font, followed by the 'MB Meet BOSTON' logo. The bottom section is a solid red band containing the date, time, and location in white text.

**Meet Boston**  
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**Tues. April 30, 2024**  
**11AM-4PM**  
**Hyatt Regency Boston**  
1 Ave de Lafayette, Boston, MA 02111

Meet Boston is hosting their first annual 2024 Regional Career Fair at the **Hyatt Regency Hotel** in Downtown Boston on Tuesday, April 30, 2024, from 11 am to 4 pm. Boston's hospitality industry is booming and employers are looking to fill hundreds of open positions! Whether you're new to the industry or a seasoned professional, don't miss this chance to build professional connections, network with employers, and hear from industry experts. To register, click [here](#).

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# 2024 NEW ENGLAND AFRICAN BUSINESS EXPO

## WORCESTER STATE UNIVERSITY

**\*\*Blue Lounge\*\***

486 Chandler St, Worcester, MA 01602

**SATURDAY, MAY 4TH, 2024 FROM 1PM - 5PM EST**



**SARAH B. LANGE**

MSW, Principal & Founder  
Topic: Grant Funding - Is it for me?

**TOM HERALD**

Regional Director, Massachusetts Small Business  
Development Center Central at Clark University (MSBDC)  
Topic: Small Business Support at MSBDC



**JOSE CASTRO**

Executive Director EforAll  
Topic: EforAll - A Free Educational Resource for  
Entrepreneurs

**DR. SHERI-ANN MCLEAN**

Founder and CEO of McLean Coaching and Consulting, LLC  
Topic: The Art of Self-Leadership: 5 Strategies for Personal  
and Professional Growth



**LEONARD TSHITENGE**

CEO and Founder of Consciously Exposed Consulting  
Topic: Empowering African Business in Massachusetts:  
Insights and Strategies

**RACQUEL KNIGHT**

Director of the Center for Women and Enterprise (CWE)  
Topic: Entrepreneurial Beginnings: A Step-by-Step Guide to  
Starting Your Own Business



**DR. SATYA B. MITRA**

President & CEO  
The Guru Tax & Financial Services, Inc.

**NANA ANTWI BOASIAKO**

MSW, Principal & Founder  
President/CEO at Omama Services Incorporated



**SPE NAKYANZI MUGAKASANA**

Senior Financial Professional/Educator, Northeast Financial  
Center  
Topic: Helping families navigate the realities of finances  
and investments



**FREE, REGISTER HERE: [HTTP://WWW.MOADMA.ORG/](http://www.moadma.org/)**

## New England African Business Expo on Saturday, May 4

Join BECMA Member Leonard Tshitenge at the second annual **New England African Business Expo** on Saturday, May 4, 2024. Don't miss out on the opportunity to hear from amazing panelists, guest speakers, and browse through various vendors.

This expo aims to provide valuable information on economic development and success for Black and African communities. Topics covered include starting and sustaining a business, job acquisition, professional development, interview tips, dress code guidelines, and highlighting available resources in Worcester. To register, click [here](#).



# SAVE THE DATE

## **Bostonians for Youth** Healing for an Equitable Boston

**EMBODY THE CHANGE**

Friday, June 7, 2024 • 6pm • Fairmont Copley Plaza



**HONORING**  
**NICOLE OBI**



## Bostonians for Youth on Friday, June 7

BECMA's Nicole Obi will be honored as **Trinity Boston Connects'** 2024 Leader of Change at their annual **Bostonians for Youth** event on Friday, June 7. The award recognizes an individual who is making a powerful impact in helping to create a more just and equitable Boston through critical and sustainable change.

"Nicole is a forward-thinking leader who believes that dismantling systemic racism is necessary to achieve economic prosperity for all. Her passion and expertise in uplifting and empowering Black entrepreneurs and Black-owned businesses will drive BECMA to create economic equity in Black communities. This equity will extend opportunities for young people of color to thrive as adults."

To register for this event, [click here](#).

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## MassDEP Reduce, Reuse, Repair Micro-Grant

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection has some exciting news: Applications for MassDEP's first round of 2024 [Reduce, Reuse, Repair Micro-Grants](#) are now open! The application deadline is May 15, 2024.

Micro-Grants of up to \$10,000 will be awarded to projects that reduce waste generation and prolong the life of products through donation, rescue, reuse, and/or repair. For-profit and nonprofit organizations, regional authorities, municipalities, and schools/colleges are all eligible to apply. Projects must be based in Massachusetts and take a year or less to complete. Composting and recycling projects are not eligible for this grant.

A more detailed overview of the grant is available on [MassDEP's website](#), along with a timeline and comprehensive [Grant Guidelines](#). Applicants are highly encouraged to review the Grant Guidelines before starting an application.

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**NEW!**

THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IS SEEKING

## INVITATION FOR BIDS

Landscaping, Snow, and Trash Removal Services for  
Melnea Cass Boulevard under the

# SHELTERED MARKET PROGRAM



**OPEN DATE: March 25, 2024**

**CLOSE DATE: April 18, 2024 by 12 PM**

**MANDATORY SITE VISIT ON TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2024 AT 11:15 AM**

Visit [boston.gov/supplier-portal](https://boston.gov/supplier-portal) to apply.

CITY of **BOSTON**

## City of Boston's Sheltered Market Program

The City of Boston, through its Public Works Department (PWD), is inviting sealed bids for a Contractor to undertake all site maintenance work, lawn care, and snow removal around Melnea Cass Boulevard as outlined in the Scope of Work.

This procurement is part of the City of Boston's Sheltered Market Program. Only businesses certified as M/WBE (Minority/Women Business Enterprise) by either the City of Boston or the Massachusetts Supplier Diversity Office will be eligible to bid. Given the industry's disparities, this procurement is open to all minority-owned and women-owned businesses. Three responsive and responsible submissions from eligible businesses are required to award this contract under the Sheltered Market Program. Full procedures and the designation letter are attached to the procurement.

Sealed Bids can be solicited through the [City of Boston's Supplier Portal](#) under EV00013911.

**Note:** A mandatory Site Visit will take place from 11:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. (EDT) on



## Mass Housing Requests for Proposals

MassHousing is currently requesting proposals for the following opportunities:

### Request for Proposals: Summer Youth Employment Programs

MassHousing is seeking applications from qualified organizations in the area of youth employment for summer youth employment services.

### Request for Qualifications: Training and Instructional Services

MassHousing is seeking to re-establish a list of qualified individuals committed to providing professional services to the agency's Community Services Department.

Learn more and submit your proposal by clicking [here](#).

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## MassHire's Free Pre-Apprenticeship Program in Facilities Maintenance or Construction Trades

For individuals interested in a career in the Construction Trades or Facilities Management, **MassHire** is offering a free 224-hour training that includes an introduction to facilities maintenance, construction, financial literacy, and job readiness. Participants will become OSHA-10 and NCCER-certified, and successful graduates will enter into a paid apprenticeship.

[Click here](#) to learn more.

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## Equity Contractor Training Program for MWBE

The **Interise Equity Contractor Training**, sponsored by **Honeywell**, is an exciting new opportunity for minority- and women-owned business enterprise (#MWBE) sub-contractors in and around Boston. Securing long-term public or private contracts is

necessary for sustainable small business growth. This training opportunity is therefore an ideal one for MWBEs who are looking to secure contracts and move their business to the next level, but who are unsure of how to get there.

Enroll today in the inaugural cohort to get the executive education, management know-how, and business support systems you need to grow your established small business. No previous degree is required — just come willing to work ON your business, not just in it!

[Click here](#) to learn more and apply.

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## Join the Next Second Chance Hiring in Energy - April 11, 2024

We are excited to announce the next nationwide webinar in our Second Chance Hiring in Energy series. This series aims to bring together energy leaders, policymakers, and community-based organizations to explore how we can collectively develop the reentry workforce pipeline in the renewable energy sector.

Join us for our national convening where we'll delve into crucial discussions on sourcing the workforce needed to sustain and expand talent in the renewable energy industry. Together, we can create pathways to equitable employment opportunities and drive positive change in our communities.

See you there!

# SECOND CHANCE HIRING IN ENERGY

Empowering Renewal by uniting leaders for second chance hiring. Hear from Jeffrey Korzenik, Chief Economist, Laurie Dowling, Executive Director, and Nika Elugardo, Public Policy Consultant. Be a part of a nationwide initiative forging pathways to sustainable energy careers.



April 11, 2024



12:00 pm ET



**REGISTER NOW**



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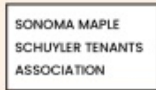
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617-237-6589



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# JOIN US FOR A BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP



## FOCUS ON SUCCESSION PLANNING

**Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>**

9:00-9:30 AM: Light Breakfast Networking

9:30-10:00 AM: Succession Planning Q&A

### Fields Corner Business Lab

1452 Dorchester Ave, Suite 4  
Dorchester, Massachusetts



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FEATURING

Michael T. Pugh,  
President & CEO  
of LISC

We're Thrilled to Announce Featured Guest

# Michael T. Pugh, President & CEO of LISC

Wednesday, April 24 | 6-9pm

The Artists For Humanity Epicenter in Boston

Ticket Price: \$75

[Register & Get Your Tickets Today](#)

Michael T. Pugh became CEO of LISC in October 2023. Michael has more than 30 years of experience in banking, with a particular focus on expanding access to capital for underserved families, businesses, and communities. He leads LISC's work across its 38 local offices and affiliated initiatives, touching every state in the country.

Don't miss your chance to hear from Michael Pugh and meet Gustavo Quiroga, the new Executive Director at the LISC Boston office, as we celebrate LISC Boston's recent success and share an exciting announcement about our future vision for forging resilient and inclusive communities of opportunity across all of Massachusetts!

Story Slam is a unique event that breaks the mold of traditional fundraisers. We share the impact of our work through the powerful words of the event's community storytellers in a format inspired by poetry slams and "The Moth" podcast. We hope you'll join us at this exciting event.

Tickets are \$75.00. If needed, contact Denisse Ruiz ([druiz@lisc.org](mailto:druiz@lisc.org)) for reduced admission.

[Register & Get Your Tickets Today](#)



## Be Part of the Story – Become a Story Slam Sponsor!

Your support allows LISC to build the power, capacity, and resources of local on-the-ground partners to address our state's most pressing and persistent community development challenges and help forge more resilient and inclusive communities of opportunity across Massachusetts.



## Massachusetts Department of Transportation Beyond Mobility Update

### Announcement of Public Comment Period

We are excited to announce that the full *Beyond Mobility* plan and the executive summary are now out for public comment and are available for review on the [plan website](#). The 30-day public comment period will end on May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

### How to Provide Feedback

Comments on any part of the document will be accepted during the comment period through the [online comment form](#). You may also email any comments to [BeyondMobility@dot.state.ma.us](mailto:BeyondMobility@dot.state.ma.us).

### Plan Structure

*Beyond Mobility* is structured by six Priority Areas: Safety, Reliability, Supporting Clean Transportation, Destination Connectivity, Resiliency, and Travel Experience. These Priority Areas, informed directly by over 5,000 pieces of unique public feedback received as part of the development of the plan, serve as the backbone of *Beyond Mobility*.

Over 100 action items across these priorities have been identified within the plan for MassDOT and the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) to take to achieve a safer and more equitable, reliable, and resilient network.

The final *Beyond Mobility* plan contains the following seven chapters:

- Chapter 1: Introduction
- Chapter 2: Strategy & Approach

- Chapter 3: What We Heard (a summary of all public engagement findings)
- Chapter 4: Priority Areas (compilation of vision statements, values statements, problem statements, and key facts that serve as the basis for the plan's action items)
- Chapter 5: Action Items (a description of over 100 actions that are directly responsive to the plan's problem statements)
- Chapter 6: Performance-Based Planning (a description of outcomes-based performance measures recommended to be established in line with the plan)
- Chapter 7: Funding the Transportation System (a summary of funding resources available between now and 2050)

The following appendices are also included and contain additional detail:

- Appendix A—Public Engagement Results
- Appendix B—Previous Plan Review
- Appendix C—Needs Assessment
- Appendix D—System Performance Report

For more information on Beyond Mobility please visit the [Plan website](#).







## Apply for Madison Park Development Corporation's 2024 Scholarship Program

**\$50,000** available for continuing your education!

Scholarships are intended for **high school seniors or MPDC participants graduating in Spring/Summer 2024** who have been accepted into a college or are pursuing post-secondary education, degree, certification, trade or participating in training programs.



Application deadline:  
**June 21st, 2024, at 5:00 pm**



Apply online today:  
<https://bit.ly/MPDCScholarships2024>

For more information,  
please contact:  
Yhinny Matos |  
[ymatos@madison-park.org](mailto:ymatos@madison-park.org)  
| 617.849.6236.



## MPDC's 2024 Scholarship Program and Youth Workforce Update

Apply to MPDC's Scholarship Program today!

This year, MPDC offers young folks the opportunity to apply for The [Ralph D. Smith Community Scholarship](#), The [Danette Jones Scholarship](#), and The [Haynes Family Scholarship](#), with a total of \$50,000 to be awarded in scholarships in 2024.

To be considered for the MPDC Scholarship Program, applicants should satisfy the following requirements:

1. Be a resident of the greater Madison Park community as defined by the boundaries of Lower Roxbury – which include and are limited to residences in the 02119, 02120, and 02121 zip code areas;
2. Enrolled full-time as a high school senior, graduating in Spring/Summer 2024 with plans to enter college after graduation;
3. Applicant has a strong commitment to pursuing a Bachelors or Associates degree;
4. Applicant has involvement in community service and a strong commitment to continue community service throughout college

Applications are due June 21st, 2024, at 5:00 pm.

For more information, please contact Yhinny Matos, Youth Workforce Manager, at [ymatos@madison-park.org](mailto:ymatos@madison-park.org).

APPLY HERE

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[myismo@yahoo.com](mailto:myismo@yahoo.com)



## MPDC x IMSO Food Pantry @ The Dewitt Center

**WHEN:** Every 1st & 3rd WEDNESDAY of each month  
11:00 am

**WHERE:** The Dewitt Center  
(122 Dewitt Drive, Roxbury, MA)

The Dewitt Center and the [Islamic Multi-Service Organization](#) (IMSO) host monthly

food pantries. Canned goods, fruit, pasta, spaghetti, and more will be available for pickup! Supplies are limited.

For more information, please contact IMSO at [myimso@yahoo.com](mailto:myimso@yahoo.com) or call 617.442.2805.

MORE INFO

## MPDC is accepting applications for gardening at the **Hope Community Garden**



**The Garden opens in April 2024**  
**All ages are welcome!**  
**Kids' Garden Club (2-18)**  
**Hope Garden Plots for kids and older adults**  
**We offer garden education and training, social connectivity, special events, home gardening, and other opportunities!**



**Deadline for applications is Saturday June 1st, 2024!**

To sign up, please contact:  
**Leslie Stafford | Health Equity & Wellness Coordinator**  
**617.946.6460 | [lstafford@madison-park.org](mailto:lstafford@madison-park.org)**

@madisonparkdc    madison-park.org



# Now Accepting Applications for MPDC's Hope Community Garden

**DEADLINE TO APPLY:**

**Saturday, June 1st**

The Garden opens in April 2024

All ages are welcome!

Kids' Garden Club (2-18)

Hope Garden Plots for kids and older adults

We offer garden education and training, social connectivity, special events, home gardening, and other opportunities!

[SIGN UP HERE](#)

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## MPDC's Healthcare Support Services Training Program

Learn the skills needed to thrive in a **patient-focused, fast-paced environment** and kickstart your career in the **Healthcare General Service** industry!

**Wednesdays & Thursdays**  
**April 23rd – June 6th, 2024**  
now including digital literacy training!



**Participants must be:**  
Between the ages of 17 – 24 years of age  
Live in the Boston area  
Interested in seeking P/T or F/T employment  
Available to work on weekends

**This is a paid training opportunity!**  
Successful completion of the training program will lead to referrals to food & environment service department opportunities at **Boston Children's Hospital**

**For more information  
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## MPDC's Healthcare Support Services Training Program

**WHEN: Wednesdays and Thursdays**  
**April 23rd to June 6th**

MPDC, in partnership with Boston Children's Hospital, is excited to bring you an exclusive paid training program to help jumpstart your career at Boston Children's Hospital. The third cycle is now open and accepting applications from community members!

# MGCC BizMPower Grant Program

The Mass Growth Capital Corporation (MGCC) has once again launched its [Biz-M-Power Crowdfunding Matching Grant Program](#). The deadline for the newest round of the MGCC BizMPower program is June 30th, 2024. The program overview is below.

## Grant Guidelines

- Grants will range from \$2,500 to a maximum of \$20,000.
- If businesses raise a minimum of \$2,500, MGCC will award a matching grant.  
Examples below:
  - Total project costs \$5K. The business owner raises \$2,500 and receives a grant of \$2,500.
  - Total project costs \$12k. The business owner raises \$6k and receives a grant of \$6k.
  - Total project costs \$40k. The business owner raises \$20k and receives a grant of \$20k.

## Most Common Grant Uses

- Acquire, expand, or improve a space (renovation work)
- Purchase or lease equipment (computers, kitchen equipment, etc)

## Eligibility

- Must have been in business for at least 3 months.
- Businesses must have a physical storefront.
- Home-based businesses are not eligible.

Full details about the program (eligibility, application process, required documentation) can be found [here](#):

<https://www.empowering-small-business.org/what-we-offer/bizmpower>

If you have businesses interested in applying, please send the business name and contact information to Grant Cohen ([gcohen@cambridgeretailadvisors.com](mailto:gcohen@cambridgeretailadvisors.com)), copying me. From here, we will engage in a phased approach to complete the application.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

**Eric Esteves (he/him/his)**

Executive Director

Boston Main Streets Foundation





**Save The Date!**

*Saturday, June 29th*  
**12:00- 3:00 pm**

**COMMUNITY  
FESTIVAL**

*Join us for food, music,  
games and more! More  
information to follow.*

**Crispus Attucks Children's  
Center**  
**105 Crawford St.**  
**Dorchester, MA 02121**

# Community Festival

Thank you to State Street Corporation, the lead "Empowering Benefactor" sponsor of our upcoming Community Festival!

We're so glad to have them as partners for an event to bring our community together and celebrate early childhood education's impact on helping all our children reach their full potential!

We hope you might join us too as a participant, volunteer, or sponsor.

For more information about how you can get involved, [click here!](#)

All support - monetary and in-kind - is important and greatly appreciated! Thank you!

If you have any questions, please [email us.](#)

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# DEEDEE'S CRY ANNIVERSARY SUICIDE AWARENESS WALK

SEPTEMBER 8, 2024  
75 MALCOLM X BLVD  
BOSTON, MA  
REGISTRATION AT 10:00 AM

## WALK FOR YOUR LOVED ONE

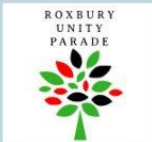
Create t-shirts and banners to honor your loved one and signs of awareness



**TOY BURTON**  
FOUNDER/EXECUTIVE  
DIRECTOR OF  
DEEDEE'S CRY

## WALK FOR AWARENESS

Register your organization or company to walk to bring awareness to suicide and to support families impacted by suicide.



EMAIL: DEEDEESCRY@YAHOO.COM

**REGISTRATION  
SPONSORSHIP**

## DeeDee's Cry Anniversary Suicide Awareness Walk

In September, DeeDee's Cry will have our anniversary suicide awareness walk. September 8, is the start of Suicide Prevention Awareness Week. Start building your teams to walk with us.

DeeDee's Cry's walk for suicide awareness serves as a powerful platform for raising awareness, promoting prevention, honoring loved ones, providing support, fostering community engagement, and inspiring action to address the critical issue of suicide and mental health. Through collective participation and advocacy, the walk helps create a safer, more supportive, and stigma-free environment for individuals affected

by suicide.

For individuals impacted by suicide loss or struggling with suicidal ideation, the walk serves as a source of support and solidarity. By participating in the walk, individuals can connect with others who understand their experiences, share their stories, and find comfort in knowing they are not alone in their journey.

The walk fosters community engagement and collaboration among participants, mental health organizations, advocacy groups, and community stakeholders. By uniting in a common cause, participants can work together to address the complex factors contributing to suicide and promote collective action towards prevention and support.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

## Around the Community



**Ed Gaskin** at Harvard Street Neighborhood Health Center event with **Dr. Thea James**.



**Lieutenant Governor Driscoll** at Justice for Housing event.



Photo from **Black Women Lead** event.



**Black Women Lead** event at Thelma Burns building.



Greater Grove Hall recognized as one of the most influential non profits in Boston.



Picture of **Black Women Lead** Women's Day march through Grove Hall.



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