



## A Game Plan for Bridging the Coming Energy Divide

Without serious intervention, those most in the need of help will fall further behind

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WHENEVER THERE IS a major transition, there is often a divide between the haves and the have-nots. Consider the digital divide. To this day, some communities still don't have broadband internet access. We are about to see a similar divide with respect to energy and the environment. According to a report published by McKinsey & Company, it will take \$265 trillion in capital to decarbonize buildings, transportation, power generation, and agriculture. These investments and the disruptive efforts they fund will have a huge impact, not only by reducing greenhouse gases and forestalling the effects of climate change, but by creating wealth for some (mostly White) people and destroying it for other (mostly Black and Brown) people.

Like the internet revolution, the effects will likely be vastly different for some communities than for others.

Without significant intervention, affluent communities will run on clean, green energy and benefit from environmental improvements, while poorer neighborhoods will be left behind in the legacy <a href="brown economy">brown economy</a>, which is based on fossil fuel systems. These areas already have worse indoor and outdoor air quality and suffer more from the effects of residual pollutants such as lead and asbestos. Plagued by brownfields, methane gas leaks, and inadequate storm water management, these environmental justice communities also tend to be heat islands, with significantly less green space and tree cover than wealthier areas.

We already know that those living in environmental justice communities tend to have fewer economic resources, poorer health, and relatively less public safety. Ironically, these communities also often have a higher energy burden (energy cost as a percentage of disposable income) because of the way utility rates are set. Rates are based on the utility company's cost plus a markup. As fewer people rely on old infrastructure, the shared cost of maintaining that infrastructure rises per person. Thus, those who can least afford it end up paying higher energy rates despite being historically underserved by the energy system.

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## August is Here: Mark Your Calendars With Bpm's Upcoming Happenings!



## For the Community: FarmFest!

Join us for a *free* family friendly day inside the Market & under the sun on the BPM Patio in celebration of our local farmers and the bounty of New England! Festival features include:

- Contests: Corn Shucking & Donut On A String
- Live music by Fuller & Friends
- Free face painting & balloon art
- Sunflower giveaways by Siena Farms
- Crescent Ridge's ice cream truck
- The Farmhouse Meats & Cheese pasture-raised meat grilled to perfection on the patio
- Specialty prepared corn from Stillman's Farm
- Freshly shucked oysters from Red's Best

- Build-your-own-bouquet with Soluna Garden Farm
- Themed discounts & offers





## For the Coffee Addicts: George Howell Coffee Events

Sip and learn the ins and outs behind George Howell's brews with the following free classes held in The Nook at BPM:

- 8/4, 1pm "Farm of the Week"
- 8/19, 2pm Iced Coffee vs Cold Brew Brewing Methods
- 8/26, 2pm "Coffees of the World"



## For the Meat Lovers: Vendor Demos & Tastings

Join The Farmhouse Meats and Cheese with Seven Hills Pasta Co. for aFREE cooking demo and tasting weekly on Saturdays at 12:30pm in the Boston Public Market! Learn recipes with pasture-raised meats and all-natural cheese, fresh handmade pasta, plus other ingredients all available from our vendors around the Market. Note cooking tips and tricks before you shop around from our BPM Grocers!



LIVE MUSIC | FRIDAYS | 5-7PM

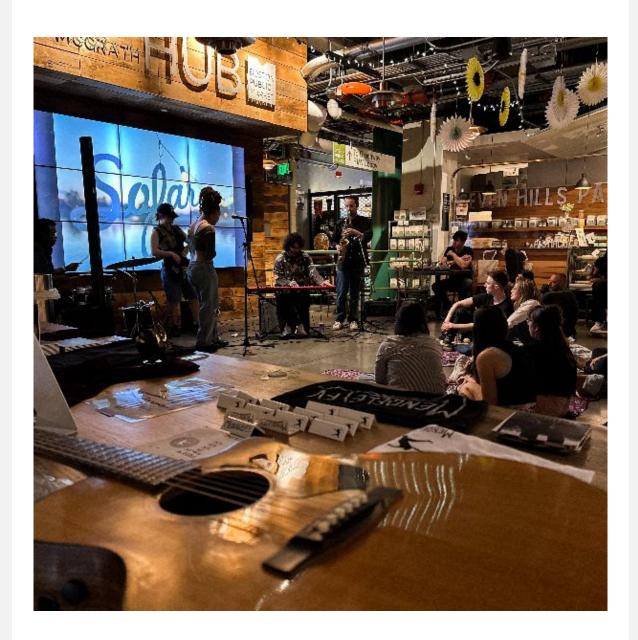
## For the Music Enthusiasts - Summer Sounds on the Patio: Fridays 5-7pm

Groove with us on the BPM patio every Friday from 5-7pm! Sip on New England craft beer, local wine, and signature cocktails from The Pine Bar truck; some bites from our food vendors inside the Market; and then find a spot on the patio to relax (or dance!) and enjoy some tunes in the late afternoon sun.

#### Upcoming performances:

- 8/4 Fuller & Friends
- 8/11 John Jerome
- 8/18 MentalGen

See the full lineup



### **Sofar Sounds Concert**

Thursday, August 17th | 7:30pm

Enjoy drinks from The Pine Bar as you cozy on up in The HUB for an intimate mystery concert! You'll see 2 or 3 short sets from incredible performers from all musical genres, and sometimes even spoken word, comedy or dance. Each show's lineup is curated by Sofar's artist booking team to be diverse and varied. Grab your ticket and get ready to discover your new favorite artist at BPM after hours!

Secure tickets





### **Dewey Square Farmers Market**

Tuesdays, 11am-6pm\* (extended hours!)

Boston Public Market's outdoor seasonal farmers market is in full swing! Dewey Square Plaza is your weekly grocery stop every Tuesday from 11am to 6pm. Located across from South Station on The Greenway, local farmers and entrepreneurs are offering fresh seasonal produce; pasture-raised meats and eggs; nutrient-rich juices; plants; and an assortment of specialty items. Grab your tote and shop the freshest bounty of New England!

More about Dewey

# The Boy Who Kissed the Sky Presented by Company One at The Strand Theater



July 14th. - August 12th

Purchase your tickets <u>here</u>

With just a broom, a pencil, and a dream for a better life, a budding guitarist — unsure of his place in the cosmos — invokes the past, present & future of rhythm 'n' blues as his guide. Rocking and rolling with the hippest ancestral spirit, our young hero must set aside his fears and dig deep to discover his own voice.

This summer, Idris Goodwin returns to Company One with The Boy Who Kissed The Sky, a groovy ride through space, time, and imagination for dreamers of all ages. Inspired by the early life of Jimi Hendrix, this intergenerational journey is a celebration of reaching for the stars, finding community, and embracing the creative legacy that lives inside us all.



## Grant Opportunity for Small Businesses

\$5,000 - \$25,000 Grants for Your Small Business

The Small Business Growth Fund is back! We were thrilled to announce the diverse, innovative winners of Round One, and we can't wait to see what unique entrepreneurs we'll get to know in Round Two. In partnership with the Global Entrepreneurship Network (GEN) and with funding from Etsy and Progressive, the Small Business Growth Fund provides small business owners the capital they need to make their next move.

Recipients will receive \$5,000-\$25,000 grants to accelerate their growth and achieve their goals in 2023.

<u>Click here</u> for more information and application.







August 4th, 2023 2pm-6:00pm

Join us for Games, prizes, food, DJ/entertainment in community

Free Admission Segal Street Parking Lot behind Flames Restaurant 469 Blue Hill Avenue Boston, MA 02121



Questions: danielle@mcan.us www.propheticresistanceboston.org



### Stop & Shop Grove Hall Wellness Week

Stop & Shop Grove Hall is hosting a wellness week event Aug 13-19 with a number of wellness activations. The wellness week is centered around addressing health disparities by providing health & wellness activations, focusing on the major social determinants of health (economic stability, education access, health care access, social & community support, etc.) We are offering kids activities, nutrition education and cooking demonstrations, pharmacy immunizations, loyalty program enrollment, SNAP/WIC enrollment, movement activities, and more!

We will also have our Wednesday 8/16 activations dedicated to our community

members who prefer to receive nutrition information in Spanish. Space is limited for the two time slots, so please register early. Register here.

- Talleres y demostraciones de nutrición en español en el Espacio de Salud
  - Demostración de alimentos "Salud y Sabor en la Cocina". ¡Tarjetas de regalo para clientes! Espacio limitado.

#### **Schedule of Events**

#### Sunday 8/13 | 12 pm-4 pm

#### Welcome to Wellness Week!

- Visit the Stop & Shop mobile truck for healthy samples & giveaways
- Kids Zone in the Wellness Space offering arts & crafts, face painting and healthy snacks
- Stop & Shop Pharmacy immunizations, screenings and medication reviews

#### Monday 8/14 | 2 pm-3 pm

#### Demos, samples and giveaways

- Healthy cooking demo in our Wellness Space.
   Gift cards for customers! Space limited.
- Delicious "Our Picks" samples of health-conscious foods throughout the store

#### Tuesday 8/15 | 9 am-12 pm

#### Financial assistance resources

- SNAP (EBT) & WIC enrollment
- Stop & Shop hiring event—part-time shifts available, flexible scheduling, associate discount and more fill out an application or speak with an associate

#### Wednesday (Miércoles) 8/16 | 11 am & 2 pm

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Demostración de alimentos "Salud y Sabor en la Cocina".
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#### Thursday 8/17 | 1-4 pm

#### Financial assistance resources

- · SNAP (EBT) & WIC enrollment
- Stop & Shop hiring event—part-time shifts available, flexible scheduling, associate discount and more—fill out an application or speak with an associate

#### Friday 8/18 | 11 am & 2 pm

#### **Grocery store tours**

 Grocery tours with our Nutrition Partners and Flashfood. Learn tips and tricks for shopping on a budget. Gift cards for customers!
 Space limited.

#### Saturday 8/19 | 12-3 pm

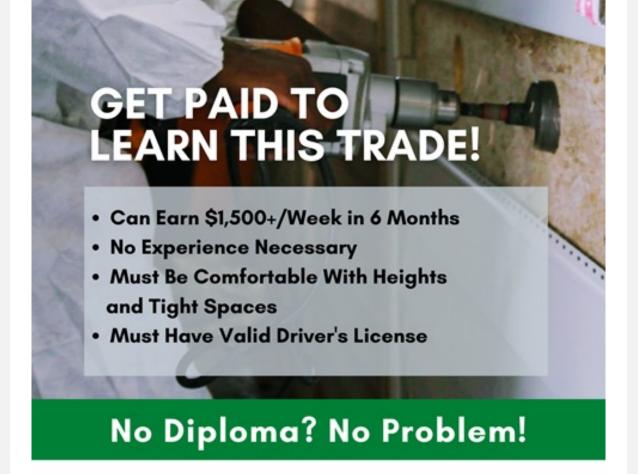
#### Let's get moving!

- Live music, movement and community-building from A Trike Called Funk
- Snacks and beverages in our Wellness Space
- Stop & Shop Pharmacy immunizations, screenings and medication reviews
- Engage and learn about local health & wellness organizations

To learn more, visit our Wellness Space located in the store.

Let's make health and wellness your priority!

Event hosted by Stop & Shop's Nutrition Partners.



## **Bridges to Green Jobs**

Visit our website below or scan QR code for more information

LISC.ORG/GREENJOBS









## Bridges to Green Jobs Program - Applications are Still Open!

Applications close Wednesday August 9th!

Do you or someone you know want to learn a new trade and the opportunity to earn over \$1,500+/week in just 6 months? They might be a great fit for a career in the clean energy industry!

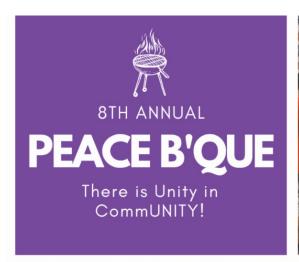
LISC and community partners are thrilled to announce a **fourth cohort** of Bridges to Green Jobs. The program will run from **August 17th - September 1st, 2023** in Nubian

Square, 9am - 3pm (most days).

Interviews start <u>THIS FRIDAY 8/4!</u> There are still interview spots open so please share with your networks and anyone who may be interested in this opportunity.

To fill out an application, click here.

Please contact Silvana Bastante [sbastante@lisc.org] with questions. [lisc.org/greenjobs]









A day filled with fun, food, dancing, games and community resource tables,

ALL FREE!

Come learn about our Survivor Network led organizations and initiatives

Saturday, August 12 1:00 - 4:00 PM

> Town Field Park 1520 Dorchester Ave Dorchester, MA 02122

Happy summer! There is Unity in CommUNITY, and we're excited to bring that energy to our 8th Annual Peace B'Que.

Join us for a day filled with fun, food, dancing, games and community resource tables, all completely free! Come learn about our Survivor Network led organizations and initiatives as well.

Make sure to mark your calendars for **Saturday**, **August 12**, and swing by Town Field anytime from **1:00 - 4:00 PM**. We hope to see you there!

**RSVP** 







## The Bumblebee

World Premiere Film Screening

Bicycle Film Festival presents the world premiere of The Bumblebee.

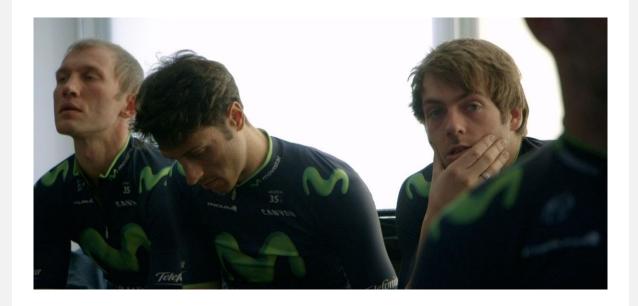
Followed by a Q&A with director, Jesper Heine Grand.

Professional road bicycle racer, Alex Dowsett is born with a serious bleeding disorder, where a crash on the bike could be his last. Still, he dreams of joining the Tour de France and breaking the hour record – cycling's most prestigious record. For several years, the team behind the documentary has followed in the footsteps of Alex Dowsett, his family and the Movistar cycling team as he tries to reach the goal of his dreams. Dreams that come with an emotional roller coaster ride, where the price of being the first to cross the white finishing line changes Alex's view on life, illness, and career.

74 min / Denmark / 2022 / English Language

Available for free virtually worldwide from August 1 - September 30, 2023.

THE BUMBLEBEE - COMPLIMENTARY TICKET



### Film Submissions

Submissions are currently open for the 23rd annual Bicycle Film Festival.

BFF screens films from established artists to emerging filmmakers. We celebrate the bicycle in all its human powered forms. Each year, the programming team selects short and feature length films from around the world.

Documentary, live action, narrative, animation, music video, experimental stories - all are welcome.

Deadline August 15, 2023.

Programming questions? Please email: mandy@bicyclefilmfestival.com

SUBMIT A FILM



## Focus Group Request: City of Boston Fare Free Bus Program

My name is Jon Hillman, I'm the Senior Research Director for Rivera Consulting in Boston. Hope you're well.

I'm reaching out today because a little more than two months ago, my colleague emailed you about focus groups our firm is conducting for the City of Boston regarding the fare free bus program on routes 23, 28, and 29.

I know we reached out a while ago on this. Unfortunately, this particular focus group got delayed so we could first speak to bus drivers, and I apologize about the long-term back and forth here.

Now we want to speak to folks on the ground who work in community service or have direct ties to small businesses near the free routes. We're hoping you still would be willing to provide 90 minutes of your time virtually for this important conversation that will guide future policy regarding fare free transit in the city moving forward.

Long story short, we are hoping to conduct this focus group with folks on this email

on *Thursday, September 7th at 3:00 PM for 90 minutes virtually.* My hope is that giving folks a months notice for this virtual conversation will allow you to fit us into your calendar.

I would deeply appreciate it if you could reply back to this email and just let me know if this proposed date and time would work for you or a more appropriate colleague, and if you have any questions about the focus group itself. I've also included my proper work email above if you want to reach out that way. Thank you so much!

Jon jon@riveraconsult.com



### SXSW Pitch

SXSW Pitch is an amazing opportunity to get your startup in front of a global audience, and potentially walk out the door with a non-dilutive cash prize. Save by applying to <a href="SXSW Pitch">SXSW Pitch</a> before September 11. The Early Bird entry is now open.

Winning at a global competition like SXSW is a great way to help promote the wonders of the Boston region.

Bobbie & the MIN Team

### Small Dorchester Businesses to Highlight at

### NEAq on 9/13

#### Businesses Interested In This Opportunity

On September 13th, we are hosting our <u>Cocktails and Conversations: Planning</u>
<u>Resilient Coastlines and Communities</u> through the Greater Boston Chamber of
Commerce's Fierce Urgency of Now festival to promote our work while having a fun
after work event.

Who would be willing to table at our event or attend in any capacity? If so, please let me know and don't hesitate to reach back out with any questions.

Thanks, Alanna

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## Opioid Settlement Funds – Neighborhood Listening Sessions

The City of Boston has received \$4.9M from the <u>opioid settlements</u> and will get an additional \$1M each year over the next 15 years, for a total of \$22M. Boston Public Health Commission is visiting community meetings to gather feedback and guide use of funds.

The Office of Recovery Services has capacity to visitfour community meetings between now and the end of September. We are making commitments on a first come, first-served basis. These listening sessions consist of a presentation about the settlements plus an open discussion.

These funds <u>MUST</u> be spent on strategies related to opioid use disorder, like harm reduction, treatment, and prevention services. Please reach out if you'd like a listening session at your community meeting!

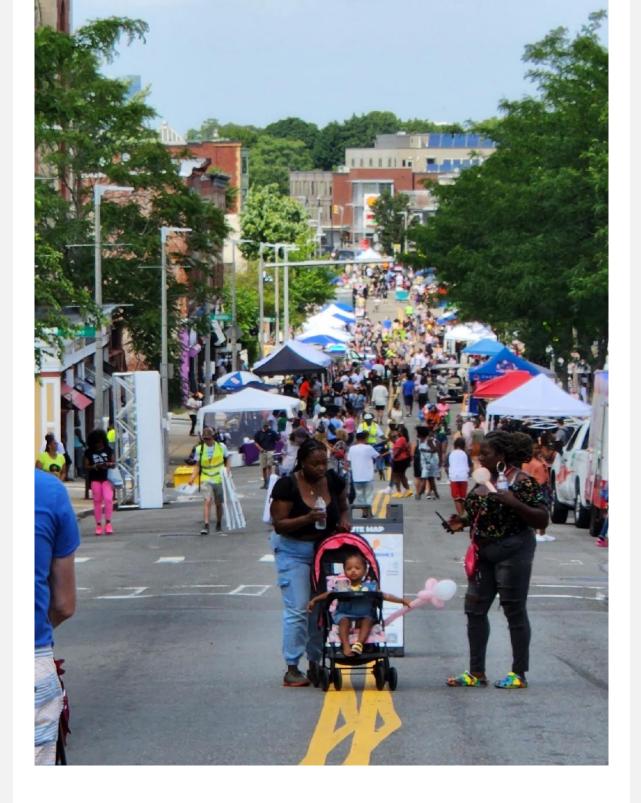
Best, Christian

**Boston Opioid Settlement Website** 

#### Fill out the settlement survey

Christian Arthur, MPH, LCSW (he, him) Senior Policy and Strategy Specialist Office of Recovery Services Boston Public Health Commission

## **Around the Community**







### Grove Hall's Open Streets on Blue Hill Ave

Visit Our Website





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