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CELEBRATING  
**BLACK**  
**HISTORY**  
**MONTH**

Event and Flag Raising

February 6, 2024 @ 12:00 p.m.

 Boston City Hall Plaza + Mezzanine  
1 City Hall Sq., Boston MA 02201

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City of Boston  
Equity and Inclusion



# Black History is American History



*Equity and Inclusion*



February 2024 is Black History Month. Join us for the "Boston Redline 86" Event Series all month long!

The Mayor's Office of Economic Opportunity and Inclusion is proud to partner with The Aframerican Academy for a 10-event series honoring Black History Month.

86 years ago, on February 1st, 1938, a map was issued that would mark the neighborhoods of Roxbury/South End, West End, Hyde Park, and Dorchester/Mattapan in ways that resonate to this day.

We revisit these neighborhoods, and reconnect with our shared history!

[Learn more](#)



February 7, 2024:

## Hold the Mic: Create a Clear and Concise Startup Pitch

The Mayor's Office of Economic Opportunity and Inclusion is proud to partner with Startup Boston to host an interactive virtual event on Wednesday, February 7th at 9:00am, *Hold the Mic: Create a Clear and Concise Startup Pitch*.

This event will go through what comprises a clear and concise elevator pitch AND we'll be taking a portion of this event to hand YOU the mic, so you can practice your pitch in-front of our esteemed panel - you'll receive feedback from our speakers in real-time AND your fellow attendees will walk away with real-life examples on what to do when pitching their startup to investors.

[Learn more and Register for your free ticket](#)

## The Mayor's Office of Housing Wants to Hear From You

Please join us on February 12 or February 15 to discuss the needs and priorities 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 and cover these HUD programs:

- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
- HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME)
- Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)
- Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)

**Hearing #1 (In Person)**

Monday, February 12, 6:00 pm to 7:30pm

## Hearing #2 (Virtual)

Thursday, February 15, 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

[Join the Meeting](#)

Or dial (646) 558-8656, Meeting ID: 599 559 2565

Registration is NOT required to participate.

Interpretation for the hearings is offered in Spanish, Mandarin and Cantonese. To arrange for interpretation in other languages, including ASL, email [mohcomments@boston.gov](mailto:mohcomments@boston.gov) or call 617-635-3880 at least seven (7) days prior to the hearing date. Every effort will be made to accommodate your request.



## Join our Small Business Call next month, on Tuesday, February 27th!

Our Small Business Call is a virtual webinar featuring support services and resources available to Boston's small businesses, as well as a live Q&A.

Register in advance: <https://bit.ly/small-business-call>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

### [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.

**Spanish - Español:** 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.

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**February 5, 2024:  
6:00 - 7:30 pm  
Tax Tips For Small  
Businesses**

Join Nadine Boone of the Small Business Administration (SBA) and her special guest Jill Maniacci of the IRS as they give a timely presentation on offering tax tips for small businesses.

This is an online event. [Please register here.](#)

*Presented by Nadine Boone, Lead Business Opportunity Specialist, Small Business Administration-Massachusetts District Office, Boston, MA.*

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## **Join Us - Community Preservation Act Committee Public Hearing: Monday, February 12th @ 6:00 PM**

Please join the Community Preservation Committee public hearing and final vote on the FY24 recommended slate of projects for Affordable Housing, Historic Preservation, Open Space, and Recreation applications.

The hearing will be held on **Monday, February 12th from 6:00 pm- 8:00 pm**. All CPC hearings are open to the public. We encourage you to join the hearing to **provide public testimony** and learn more about the project proposals this round.

If you wish to submit a written testimony to the Community Preservation Committee (CPC), please send it [here](#).

You can find the public notice and Zoom link for this CPC hearing below.

**February 12th - CPC Public Hearing**

Public Notice: [Here](#)

February 12th Zoom Link: [Here](#)

Phone: 1-929-205-6099

Meeting ID: 854 3709 1252

Passcode: 763993



































The most recent application deadline resulted in **over 95 applications and over \$62M** in funding requests across all 3 categories: affordable housing, historic preservation, open space, and recreation. The majority of neighborhoods in the City of Boston are represented in this round.

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## What's Next - Mayor's Order and City Council Hearing

After the Community Preservation Committee public hearing, the Committee will submit the FY24 slate of recommendations to the Mayor for transmission to the City Council. A City Council Public Hearing will be scheduled and an official vote by the City Council appropriating funds for the FY24 slate of projects will happen this spring.

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	<p><b>COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT 2025 GRANT FUNDING ROUND - NOW OPEN!</b></p>							
	<p><b>Deadline: Friday, August 30th, 2024 @ 5:00 P.M.</b></p>							
	<p>To apply for our FY25 Funding Round visit our <b><u>How to Apply Page</u></b> and complete a <b><u>Rolling Eligibility Determination Form</u></b> at <b><u><a href="https://boston.gov/cpa">boston.gov/cpa</a></u></b>.</p>							
	<p>The CPA Office will determine if a project meets the eligibility criteria of the CPA statute. If your project is eligible, applicants are invited to submit an application for consideration to our nine-member Community Preservation Committee.</p>							
	<p><b>CPA grants range from \$3,000 to \$1 million.</b></p>							
	<p>Questions about the CPA Grant Program? Contact us at <b><u><a href="https://boston.gov/cpa">boston.gov/cpa</a></u></b>!</p>							
								

## New FY2025 Eligibility Determination Form - Now Open!

To apply for our FY2025 Funding Round please review our new [Eligibility Determination Packet](#), the [How to Apply Page](#), and complete an [Eligibility Determination Form](#) online.

The CPA Office will determine if a project meets the eligibility criteria of the CPA statute. If your project is eligible, applicants are invited to submit an application for consideration to our nine-member Community Preservation Committee.

**Deadline: Friday, August 30th, 2024, at 5 p.m.**

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Questions about the CPA Program?



CPA staff is here to answer your questions, talk through a potential project, and assist you through the application process. Please contact us.

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**Contact us:** If you would like our staff to do a CPA presentation for your neighborhood association or organization, contact us [here](#).

Please visit the [CPA's webpage](#) for updates and events.

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**Vietnamese:** Để yêu cầu dịch vụ biên dịch và/hoặc thông dịch, vui lòng liên

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**Russian:** "Чтобы запросить услуги письменного и/или устного перевода, пожалуйста, свяжитесь: [thadine.brown@boston.gov](mailto:thadine.brown@boston.gov) or 617-635-0545 и [LCA@boston.gov](mailto:LCA@boston.gov)

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العربية - Arabic

خدمات الترجمة الشفوية والترجمة التحريرية متوفرة لك دون تحميلك أي تكلفة. إذا احتجت لهذه الخدمات، يرجى التواصل معنا على العنوان  
[LCA@boston.gov](mailto:LCA@boston.gov) أو [thadine.brown@boston.gov](mailto:thadine.brown@boston.gov) أو رقم الهاتف 617-635-0545

[CPA Official Babel Notice](#)

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## Equitable Resilience Technical Assistance for Community Change Applicants in Disaster Prone Areas

EPA is announcing a new climate resilience technical assistance program, called Community Change Equitable Resilience. This program will consist of free design and project development assistance, community engagement, and partnership development workshops, with the intent to help eligible entities apply for grants under EPA's [Community Change Grants](#) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). Eligible projects for this technical assistance must be located in a disaster-prone area and benefit a disadvantaged community.

The requestor can propose up to three sites for design assistance. Climate resilience projects must have a direct community benefit and could include retrofits to community-serving buildings; design or redesign of public parks, open space, and waterways; redesign of streets; or other projects that address climate resilience and environmental justice.

Proposed projects should address climate change impacts such as extreme heat and more intense heat islands, wildfire and wildfire smoke, floods, storms, or other impacts that pose a greater risk to disadvantaged communities.

EPA intends to offer this technical assistance to up to 50 recipients nationwide and will accept requests on a rolling basis until 50 recipients have been identified. We hope you consider submitting a request for assistance! You can find more information at: <https://www.epa.gov/inflation-reduction-act/community-change-equitable-resilience-technical-assistance>.

Please email [equitableresilience@epa.gov](mailto:equitableresilience@epa.gov) with questions.

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
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Join us for...


# COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

~ ABOUT THE 639 WARREN ST PROJECT


Madison Park Development Corporation  
invites you to help shape your neighborhood


 Virtual Sessions

 **January 31 - 3:30 PM**  
Business Owner  
Information Session

 **February 1- 6 PM**  
Resident  
Information Session

 In-person Sessions

 **February 3 - 10:30 AM**  
Public Workshop #01  
Understanding Your Vision  
for 639 Warren St

 Grove Hall Branch of the  
Boston Public Library  
Jazz Room  
41 Geneva Ave  
Dorchester, MA 02121



**SCAN ME**  
TO VISIT OUR WEBSITE AND  
LEARN MORE OUT THE PROJECT

639Warren.org

Question? Purguntas? Kesyon? ¿Preguntas?

For Project Related Inquiries: JMclinden@madison-park.org

For General Inquiries: info@madison-park.org



FRANKLIN  
PARK  
COALITION

# Franklin Park Winter Festival

Saturday, February 3, 2024 from 1-4pm

Franklin Park Golf Clubhouse, One Circuit Drive, Dorchester, MA 02121

Well, unfortunately there won't be snow, but we'll still have fun!

Join us for indoor art activities, storytime, and more. We have giant Jenga and Connect Four, board games galore, cards, and even karaoke. Bring a favorite game and find folks to play with you.

You can make s'mores outside on the terrace or join a wild game of tag. There's something for everyone - all ages, really! Bring the whole family or a gang of friends. Groups are welcome and you'll find plenty to join if you come solo.

Please help spread the word! Forward this email to friends, family, and anyone who's tired of being cooped up indoors this winter.

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FRANKLIN PARK COALITION PRESENTS



# WINTER *Festival 2024*

MUSIC  
HOT CHOCOLATE  
BOARD GAMES  
ARTS & CRAFTS  
AND MORE!

SATURDAY  
FEBRUARY  
3RD

Free event  
1PM - 4PM  
All ages are welcome  
Indoor / Outdoor  
Activities  
If there is snow come  
dressed to play  
outside  
Groups welcome

FRANKLIN PARK CLUBHOUSE  
1 CIRCUIT DRIVE, BOSTON, MA 02121

FOR MORE INFORMATION: [ADMIN@FRANKLINPARKCOALITION.ORG](mailto:ADMIN@FRANKLINPARKCOALITION.ORG)  
OR VISIT [WWW.FRANKLINPARKCOLITION.ORG](http://WWW.FRANKLINPARKCOLITION.ORG)



## Calling All Teen Birders!

The Brookline Bird Club announces  
scholarships for 14-17 year olds  
~ Coastal Maine Bird Studies Camp ~  
June 16-21, 2024

[Instructions & Application](#)

Deadline: April 1, 2024

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## Spring Dates for Your Calendar

**Franklin Park Coalition Annual Meeting** - Saturday morning, April 27, 2024 from 10am - Noon. Mayor Wu and other officials have been invited.

**Kite & Bike Festival on the Playstead** - Saturday, May 18, 2024 from 12-4pm. Always the weekend after Mother's Day.

**Bird and Nature Walks** will be announced soon for the spring migration season. Be sure to join one this spring! It's a special treat to learn more about the wild areas of the park and its importance to the urban ecology.



## A Little Bit of Park History ...

Ever wonder where Franklin Park names come from? Ellicott Arch under the Circuit Drive bridge that divides the Ellicottdale ballfields near the Shattuck and the Williams Street entrance by the 99-steps takes the Ellicott name from the Ellicott Family's home. Thanks to the [Jamaica Plain Historical Society](#) and the Boston Public Library for these old photos.



Arch Bridge in Franklin Park  
Boston, Mass.



### 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
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4	5 Dietitian Office Hours 9:00 – 3:00 PM  Plant-Based Eating Across the African Diaspora 6:15 – 7:30 PM <a href="#">Register here</a>	6 Dietitian Office Hours 9:00 – 4:00 PM ASSOCIATES ONLY: Tasting Tuesday @ 11:00 PM, Wellness Space Habits for a Healthy Heart 12:00 PM <a href="#">Register here</a> High Blood Pressure class 1:00 PM <a href="#">Register here</a>	7	8 Dietitian Office Hours 9:00 – 4:00 PM  Immunity by the Aisles class 12:00 PM <a href="#">Register here</a>	9	10
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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 617-427-6752.

## February Nutrition Programs

Plant-Based Eating Across the African Diaspora is back for its 3<sup>d</sup> year!  
[register here](#) for the virtual program

Plant-Based Eating Across the African Diaspora [register here](#) for the in-person program

Cooking Plant-Based Across Cultures - [register here](#)

High Blood Pressure - [register here](#)

Understanding Nutrition Facts Labels - [register here](#)

American Heart Month Series - [register here](#)

- Habits for a Healthy Heart
- Heart Your Heart Cooking Demo
- Know Your Heart: Get the Facts

Immunity by the Aisles - [register here](#)

Healthy Eating on a Budget - [register here](#)

Meal Planning - [register here](#)

Check out our other free health and wellness resources at [Grove Hall Wellness Space](#) and [Stopandshop.com/nutrition](#)

For more information contact: [christine.sinclair@stopandshop.com](mailto:christine.sinclair@stopandshop.com)

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## Free CORI Trainings and Free CORI Clinics

Here is a registration link for two upcoming free trainings for staff I'm giving on Massachusetts criminal records, sealing, and expungement. The free staff trainings will be on Zoom **February 7** and **May 8** from 10:00 - 11:30 am. Please circulate to your teams. There will be plenty of time for staff to ask questions during the training. We will announce summer and fall 2024 staff training dates in a bit.

**Feb. 7:** <https://lawyersclearinghouse.org/event/cori-what-nonprofits-need-to-know-to-help-their-clients-virtual-18/>

**May 8:** <https://lawyersclearinghouse.org/event/cori-what-nonprofits-need-to-know-to-help-their-clients-virtual-19/>

For a free, one hour workshop for your clients with criminal records, please contact

me at the email below to schedule.

For our ongoing free CORI Clinic that Lawyers Clearinghouse & I offer twice a month over Zoom, please help your clients register using the form linked here. Let me know if you have any questions.

[Lawyers Clearinghouse CORI Sealing Clinic \(google.com\)](#)

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CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH



# MENTAL HEALTH WHILE BLACK

SUMMIT 2024: FEEL SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING

SUICIDE HAS NO RACIAL DISCRIMINATION.  
BY FOCUSING ON THE TRUTH  
AND NORMALIZING THE CONVERSATION ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH  
AND SUICIDE WE CAN CHIP AWAY AT THE STIGMA SO THAT PEOPLE WILL  
SEEK HELP FOR THEMSELVES AND THEIR LOVED ONES.

**FEBRUARY 9, 2024**  
**ENCORE BOSTON HARBOR**  
1 BROADWAY STREET

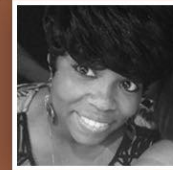
KEYNOTE SPEAKER



**MICHAEL CURRY ESQ.**  
PRESIDENT/CEO MLCHC



**COURTNEY COLE**  
HOST



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

## SCHEDULE

- 8:00 AM - BREAKFAST
- 9:00 AM - GENERAL SESSION
- 10:30 AM - BREAKOUT SESSIONS
- 12:00 PM - LUNCH
- 12:45 PM - GENERAL SESSION
- 1:00 PM - GUEST SPEAKERS
- 2:00 PM - MHWB PANEL DISCUSSION:  
THE IMPACT OF SUICIDE

REGISTRATION REQUIRED  
FOR TICKETS  
& REGISTRATION

Eventbrite

\*THE SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE\*

SUICIDE PREVENTION IMPACT CHAMPION:



SUICIDE PREVENTION CHAMPION:



SUICIDE PREVENTION HERO:



# LOVE & YOUR HEART HEALTH

HEART HEALTH SESSION #4

Come and learn about the links between emotional well-being, stress management, and heart health.

FEBRUARY 10, 2024 | 10:30AM  
JOIN US VIRTUALLY ON ZOOM

RSVP with the Link Below:  
<http://bit.ly/HeartHealthSession4>



# LCR | BizGrow 20 YEARS

Happy 2024! See all of our upcoming programs, fill out an intake form, register for a clinic or workshop, or join us for office hours [here](#).

If you have any questions, email us at [BizGrow@lawyersforcivilrights.org](mailto:BizGrow@lawyersforcivilrights.org).

# BizGrow WinterFest

February 15, 2024 | 10AM – 4PM

Join us for an all day virtual legal clinic to speak  
with a small business attorney for free.

<https://bit.ly/WinterFest2024>

LCR BizGrow



Join Lawyers for Civil Rights BizGrow on **Thursday February 15, 2024** for an all day virtual clinic. Register for an appointment to speak with a small business attorney via zoom for free at a time convenient for you! Once you register, they will contact you to schedule your appointment.

Register

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## Free Small Business Office Hours

We are excited to continue our free weekly small business "office hours" on Fridays from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM. To join, please click this link at the right time: <http://bit.ly/BizGrowOfficeHours>

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## Upcoming Programs

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Friday, February 2nd



## Employment Law

With attorneys from Goulston & Storrs, we'll review:

- Worker classification
- Hiring and interviewing
- Documenting the employment relationship
- Compensation and other details

**February 2nd, 2024**

**12:00 PM**

**Zoom Meeting**

Information on how to join will be sent once registered.

**Register:**

[bit.ly/employmentlaw2024](https://bit.ly/employmentlaw2024)

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Wednesday, February 7th



## Navigating Risk as a Sole Proprietor

In this workshop, we'll review strategies to mitigate risk to personal assets while operating as a sole proprietor or a dba.

This session is taught by Matt Cohen from Cohen Miles Insurance and Attorney Russell Paul.

**February 7, 2024**

**12:00 PM**

**Zoom Meeting**

Information on how to join will be sent once registered.

**Register:**

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

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## Food Entrepreneurship Series



This course will guide aspiring food business owners through the details of business planning and launch, food permitting and licensing, branding and marketing, and legal topics specific to food businesses. Participants will explore and develop their food business concept in depth and map out clear next steps.

**11-week virtual course**  
**March 13 - May 22**  
**Wednesdays 5:30pm**

Space is limited.  
Apply today!

[bit.ly/foodentrepreneurship2024](https://bit.ly/foodentrepreneurship2024)

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## Opportunities from the Field

### DOER's Low- and Moderate-Income Decarbonization Program Second Round Deadline Extended to 2/16

DOER has made an administrative decision to delay the deadline for submitting applications for funding consideration for the second round of the program to February 16, 2024 at 5pm. This will give owners more time to prepare applications. Available funds expected to be at least \$23 million. [Learn More and Apply Here \[+\]](#)

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# February Service Changes Update: MBTA to Continue Repair Work to Improve and Deliver More Reliable Service

## On the Red Line:

[As previously announced](#), Red Line service will be suspended between **Alewife and Harvard** stations all day from start to end of service for 10 days from **February 5-14**. Beginning at approximately 8:45 PM through the end of service every day during the same period from **February 5-14**, this **Red Line** service suspension will be extended to **Park Street** (meaning evening service will be suspended between Alewife and Park Street).

- Free and accessible shuttle buses will make all stops between these stations. A page with dedicated information for riders will be available at [mbta.com/RedLine](http://mbta.com/RedLine).
- The Commuter Rail will be fare-free between Porter Square and North Station. Riders should note that regular fares should be purchased beyond Porter Square.
- As a result of this service change, there will be longer than normal time between Red Line subway trains where service continues to operate. Riders are encouraged to plan extra time.
- This service change is in place as part of the MBTA's Track Improvement Program. Crews will perform track and tie replacement work; infrastructure upgrades; station amenity upgrades like new lighting, painting, tiling, and power washing; and more.

**Red Line** service will be suspended between **Harvard and Broadway** stations all day from start to end of service during the weekend of February 24-25.

- Free and accessible shuttle buses will make all stops between Harvard and Broadway.
- There will be free fares at Harvard and Broadway stations with the fare gates open.
- The Commuter Rail will be fare-free between Porter Square and North Station.

Riders should note that regular fares should be purchased beyond Porter Square.

- This service change is in place to allow crews to perform necessary inspections of Red Line tunnel infrastructure. Crews will also maximize the unencumbered access to the work area by performing power and signal work along the Red Line in the work area as well as station amenity upgrades like new lighting, painting, tiling, and power washing.

### On the Orange Line:

- **Orange Line** service will be suspended between **Forest Hills and Ruggles** stations all day from start to end of service during the weekend of **February 17-18**.
- Free and accessible shuttle buses will make all stops between Forest Hills and Ruggles.
- The Commuter Rail will be fare-free between Forest Hills, Ruggles, Back Bay, and South Station. Riders should note that regular fares should be purchased beyond Forest Hills.
- This service change is in place for crews to perform critical signal improvement work.



**walk**  
massachusetts

## Impacts of transportation noise and the environment on aging populations

Stephanie Grady, PhD candidate / BU School of Public Health  
will talk about how our health is shaped by the environments  
in which we live, work and play.

**Wed. Feb 21 @ 1pm**

**WALKMASSACHUSETTS NETWORK**

Meets via Zoom

Third Wed of the month

[Join us on Zoom on Wednesday, February 21 at 1pm](#) for the 1st WalkMassachusetts Network discussion of the year with a presentation on "Impacts of transportation noise and the environment on aging populations." (This meeting was rescheduled from January; if you had RSVP'd for January's meeting, you'll need to register again for the February meeting.)

Much of our health is shaped by the environments in which we live, work, and play. Transportation noise and other aspects of our built (human-made) environment can contribute to worsening health, such as stress, heart disease, and other chronic conditions. How does this happen? How can we work across sectors to make meaningful change to our environment to protect public health?

We'll hear from Stephanie Grady, a doctoral candidate in the Department of Environmental Health at the Boston University School of Public Health (and WalkMassachusetts board member). [Click here to RSVP for 2/21.](#)

Upcoming monthly topics include:

[March 20](#) - Preview of Fatal Pedestrian Crashes in MA (2023) Report

[April 17](#) - Working with local elected officials on transportation safety issues

[May 15](#) - An overview of [PROWAG](#) (Public Right-of-Way Accessibility Guidelines)

Learn more about each of these sessions and RSVP [on our website](#). These session will be recorded. [You can also view the recordings on our website](#) going back to June 2023. Have a suggestion for a future topic? Get in touch!



*Co-Executive Director Brendan Kearney discussing snow removal in public places with CBS/WBZ reporter Christina Hager (Screenshot from WBZ).*

## WBZ: "Why Are Property Owners Required to Shovel Public Sidewalks in Massachusetts?"

Co-Executive Director Brendan Kearney discussing snow removal in public places with CBS/WBZ reporter Christina Hager (Screenshot from WBZ).

We recently spoke with WBZ about snow clearance here in Massachusetts:

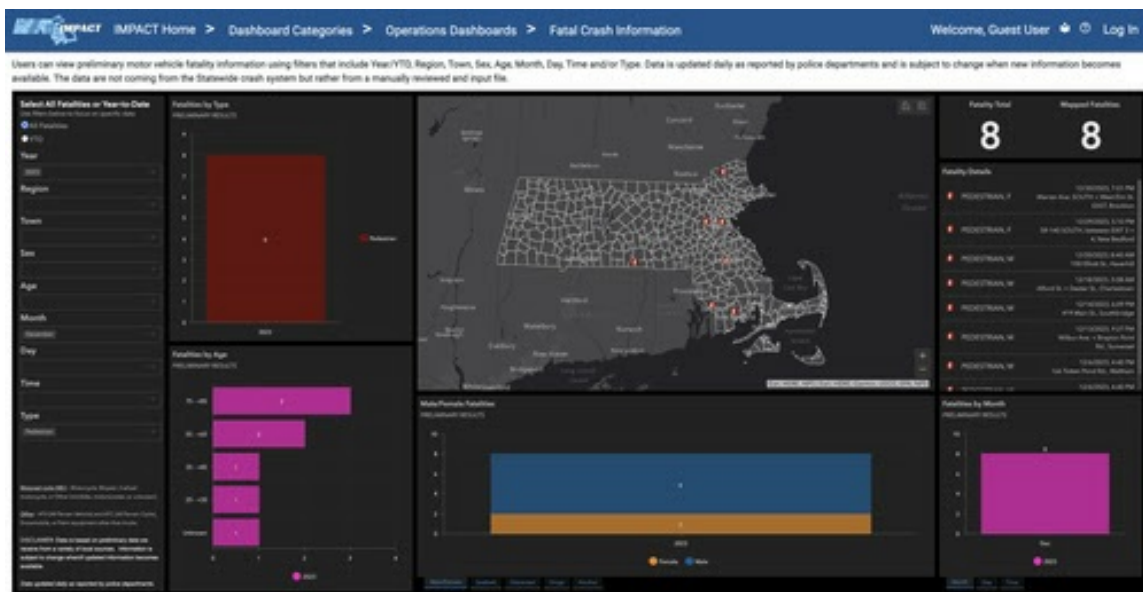
Some communities, like Framingham, do plow sidewalks themselves. Brendan Kearney, who helps lead the organization [WalkMassachusetts](#), found spots public works crews missed, where a wheelchair would not be able to get through.

"I would probably just go into the street at this point," he said. Kearney believes the best solution is a combined effort where municipalities plow major walking routes, leaving it up to property owners to clear the spots they miss.

WalkMassachusetts also wants state lawmakers to consider more consistent rules. As it is, each community has its own policy, leaving property owners confused.

"It's really about creating safe places and accessible places for everyone to walk," Kearney told WBZ.

[Read the article or watch the segment here.](#)



## Statewide Fatal Crashes In MA, December 2023

In our previous post, we took a look at [crashes listed in the MassDOT Crash Portal in November; six were identified as people walking](#). In this post, we'll look at crashes in MA in December 2023. The information is compiled from news reports, and was checked against the [MassDOT Crash Portal Dashboard](#) "Fatal Crash Information." Any Google Street View images included use the address listed in the crash portal.

- Of the 35 fatal crashes in Massachusetts in December in the MassDOT Crash portal, 8 were identified as people walking.
- Similar to last month, some of the pedestrian crashes had the 'speed limit' field blank in the [Road Inventory Viewer](#). We are now also using the [MassGIS-MassDOT Roads layer](#) to check for speed limit information.
- The average age of pedestrians hit & killed in December was 58.7. (One crash victim's age was not released.)

[Read the full post here](#). Our upcoming report, **Fatal Pedestrian Crashes in MA (2023)**, will be published in late March 2024. [View previous monthly posts and year in review reports here](#).

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## Job Opportunities with Partner Organizations

Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC)  
Community Engagement Specialist [Learn more](#)

Boston Public Health Commission  
Boston REACH Project Director [Learn more](#)

# FINAL LISTENING SESSION

**HAVE YOU BEEN IMPACTED BY  
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*WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU  
ON February 26, 2024 AT 6:00 PM*

**DENITA MORRIS  
MEMORIAL HOPE PARK IN  
ROXBURY  
IN MEMORY OF THOSE  
WHO DIED BY SUICIDE**



*FOLLOW DEEDEE'S CRY ON SOCIAL  
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## Get Involved with Freedom House's Artifact Project

We're reminding you of your invitation to participate in a significant initiative as part of Freedom House's 75th-anniversary celebration—the **Artifact Project**.

### ABOUT THE PROJECT:

In collaboration with the Reckonings Project at Northeastern University, the Artifact Project aims to capture and share stories from individuals, like you, who have been integral to Freedom House or have significantly impacted our organization. We believe your unique journey and experiences can contribute immensely to this intergenerational knowledge exchange.

### NEXT STEPS:

[Please indicate your interest in participating in the Artifact Project here](#). Our Artifact Project leaders will follow up with you to schedule a convenient time and location for your interview. The interviews, lasting approximately 45 minutes, can be conducted in person at Freedom House or virtually. We also invite you to review materials from our [information session here](#).

### YOUR IMPACT:

Your participation in this project is more than a historical contribution; it's an opportunity to profoundly impact the lives of our scholars as they navigate their journeys at Freedom House.

*Feel free to reach out to our dedicated project team at (617) 858-6743 or [mthomas@freedomhouse.com](mailto:mthomas@freedomhouse.com) if you have any questions.*

Your involvement in the Artifact Project is an exciting opportunity to leave a lasting mark on Freedom House's legacy. We sincerely hope you consider joining us in this meaningful endeavor.





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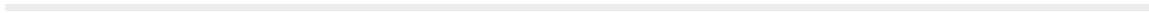
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| 03.21.24

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*An Evening with Cornell William Brooks*

Please join us for **Harvard Street's Second Annual Speaker Series** with Cornell William Brooks, Former President & CEO of NAACP & Professor, Harvard Kennedy School, as he discusses tolerance and inclusion.



Introduction by **Tanisha Sullivan**, President, NAACP  
Boston and New England Area Conference

For more information please contact Sara Callard at  
[Sara.Callard@HarvardStreet.org](mailto:Sara.Callard@HarvardStreet.org)



## Clinic in a Box®: Nonprofit Employment Policies

Friday, March 22, 2024

10:00 am-12:30 pm

Mintz, One Financial Center, Boston, MA | Free

[APPLY HERE](#)

Apply to join us for this year's in-person Clinic in a Box®: Nonprofit Employment Policies.

If your organization is selected for participation, volunteer attorneys will meet with you to review some key employment policies for nonprofits (such as anti-harassment policies) and then create policies for your organization.

**Please note:** *Your executive director, board chair, or other senior staff or board member responsible for governing or managing your organization must be able to attend.*

*If you are selected to attend, you may also be asked to provide copies of your current employment policies.*



*This event is co-sponsored by Corporate Pro Bono, Northeast ACC Chapter, Lawyers Clearinghouse, and Mintz.*

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We hope you had a fantastic holiday with your family and friends! We are excited to announce our Tết Lunar New Year that is happening on February 17th, 2024, here at VietAID!!

Please take a look at the list below to see what interests you!

- Tết Lunar New Year 2024
- Letter From George
- Climate Change Resilience Outreach
- Boston Fire Department Hiring

## Mục Lục

Chào mừng đến với Năm mới của Rồng!

Chúng tôi hy vọng bạn đã có một kỳ nghỉ tuyệt vời bên gia đình và bạn bè!

Chúng tôi rất háo hức thông báo về Lễ Tết Nguyên Đán của chúng tôi, sẽ diễn ra vào ngày 17 tháng 2 năm 2024 tại VietAID.

Vui lòng xem danh sách dưới đây để xem điều gì làm bạn quan tâm!

- Lễ Tết Nguyên Đán 2024
- Thư từ George
- Chương trình Quảng bá Sự Linh Hoạt trước Biến đổi Khí hậu
- Tuyển dụng Học viên Lửa Boston

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# Tết Lunar New Year 2024

Tết Nguyên Đán 2024

**HAPPY LUNAR NEW YEAR! CHÚC MỪNG NĂM MỚI!**

Please come and join VietAID for our Tết event, celebrating the Year of the Dragon, on **Saturday, February 17th, 2024, from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM**. There will be **FREE** food, **LIVE** performances, and **FUN** activities! Children, youth, families, and community members are all welcome to come and please do not forget to bring your friends too. We hope to see

**CHÚC MỪNG NĂM MỚI! HAPPY LUNAR NEW YEAR!**

Kính mời đến chung vui cùng VietAID mừng Tết Giáp Thìn vào **Thứ Bảy, ngày 17 tháng 2 năm 2024, từ 10 giờ sáng đến 1 giờ chiều**. Sẽ có phục vụ thức ăn, chương trình biểu diễn văn nghệ, và giải trí vui vẻ! Hân hoan chào đón các cháu nhỏ, giới trẻ, gia đình và mọi người trong cộng đồng đến tham dự và dẫn thêm bạn bè thân hữu. Chúng tôi mong sớm gặp lại

everyone soon!

tất cả mọi người!

If you have any questions or would like more details, please reach out to Ricky at [ricky@vietaid.org](mailto:ricky@vietaid.org).

Nếu cộng đồng có câu hỏi gì hoặc muốn biết thêm thông tin, xin liên lạc với anh Ricky tại [ricky@vietaid.org](mailto:ricky@vietaid.org).

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2024**

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January 31st, 2024



Dear Friends of VietAID:

Happy Year of the Dragon! We are writing to invite you to attend VietAID's Lunar New Year Celebration, to celebrate Tết! In Vietnamese culture, the Dragon represents good fortune, strength, royalty, and wisdom. Linked with water, the Dragon fosters growth and prosperity.

Rooted in Vietnam's rich history, Tết has been celebrated for centuries. This holiday signifies the arrival of spring and the start of a new lunar year, fostering family reunions, ancestral homage, and a sense of renewal! The celebration will be held on

**Saturday, February 17th, 2024**  
**10:00am - 1:00pm**  
**Vietnamese American Community Center**  
**42 Charles Street, Dorchester, MA 02122**

VietAID holds the Lunar New Year Celebration every year, typically with more than 300 attendees. Please join us for our first since the COVID-19 pandemic began as we return to tradition. This year, we will have vibrant decorations, meaningful cuisine, live performances, and fun activities. We invite all of you—children, families, and community members—to join us and take part in these joyous festivities.

We sincerely hope to see you!



George Huynh,  
Executive Director



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**Climate Change Resilience Outreach**

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# Want to be a part of our Climate Resilience Steering Committee?

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**Create a dynamic workshop series empowering the community to grasp climate change impacts and integrate a daily climate readiness agenda**



**Craft bold policy recommendations for elected officials and City organizations shaping investments in our climate resilience plans**

**To Learn More, Email Me:**

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# Bạn có muốn tham gia Ủy ban Hướng dẫn về Thích ứng với khí hậu của chúng tôi?

## Nhiệm vụ của chúng ta:



Vận động cho mọi tầng lớp cư dân hiểu rõ và sẵn sàng giải quyết vấn đề khí hậu cũng như thúc đẩy tiến trình phục hồi đáng kể trong khu vực đang sinh sống



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## Boston Fire Department Hiring

Tuyển dụng vào Đội Cứu hỏa Boston

Excited to announce we're hiring for Boston Fire's next class of fire cadets! This is the 2nd class of cadets we will hire! It would be great if we can get some AAPI young people interested in applying! It's a great opportunity to join the Boston Fire Department. Successful completion of the cadet program is another pathway to becoming a firefighter.

Hội hội thông báo rằng chúng tôi đang tuyển dụng cho lớp học tiếp theo của Học viên Lửa Boston! Đây là lớp học viên thứ hai mà chúng tôi sẽ tuyển dụng! Sẽ thật tuyệt vời nếu chúng ta có thể thu hút sự quan tâm của những người trẻ AAPI để nộp đơn! Đây là cơ hội tuyệt vời để tham gia vào Đội Cứu hỏa Boston. Hoàn thành chương trình học viên là một con đường khác để trở thành một lính cứu hỏa.

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# JOIN OUR TEAM!

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VietAID is excited to be hiring for:  
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Our team has been serving the Fields Corner and greater Dorchester communities since 1994 and we are proud of our many accomplishments and milestones. We are seeking passionate and committed individuals to help us continue uplifting our vision and mission. For more details on qualifications and how to apply, see the above links for each position.

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Directors at the 2023 Awards Ceremony. Photo by Hannah Spicher

## Open Call for Board of Directors

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