

CITY of BOSTON

Housing Policy

Request for Comments & Public Hearings on \$29 Million for Housing and Community Development

The Mayor's Office of Housing (MOH) is requesting feedback on the planned housing and community development programs included in the spending Plan for the upcoming Program Year (7/1/23-6/30/24). The Plan will be submitted to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on or about May 20. The City will receive \$29 million from four programs:

- 1. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) \$17.5 million;
- 2. HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) \$6.2 million;
- 3. Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) \$3.7 million; and
- 4. Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) \$1.5 million

VIEW THE DRAFT ACTION PLAN

Comments are encouraged and can be submitted by

May 18, 2023 to mohcomments@boston.gov.

MOH has scheduled two public hearings seeking citizen and other interested parties to provide feedback on the spending Plan.

REGISTER FOR A HEARING

IN-PERSON HEARING

Tomorrow, May 2, 2023 from 6:00pm to 7:30pm Commonwealth Salon at the Boston Public Library Copley Square, 700 Boylston Street

VIRTUAL HEARING

May 4, 2023 from 6:00pm to 7:30pm Join the virtual hearing

Interpretative services in Spanish, Cantonese, and Mandarin will be provided at both hearings. American Sign Language interpretation has been requested for tomorrow's hearing and closed captioning has been requested for the May 4, 2023 hearing, but neither is confirmed.

To request another language at the hearings email to mohcomments@boston.gov at least seven days prior to the hearing date. Every effort will be made to accommodate your request.

Amelia Najjar, Interim Deputy Director (MOH)

RSVP! CPA 2024 Funding Round Kick-off Virtual Community Meeting

Good morning all,

Please join us this week on Wednesday, May 3rd from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. via zoom for our 2024 funding round Kick-off Virtual Community Meeting! Our goal is to educate all residents and organizations about the Community Preservation Act. Meet the CPA team and learn how you can apply for funding.

RSVP for the zoom meeting <u>here</u>.

You may also visit our website to view all upcoming engagement events.

New FY2024 Eligibility Determination Form - Now Open!

To apply for our **FY2024 Funding Round** please review our <u>Eligibility Determination</u> <u>Packet</u>, the <u>How to Apply Page</u>, and complete an <u>Eligibility Determination</u> <u>Form</u> 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: Thursday, August 31, 2023, at 5 p.m.

More Events in May!

Join Us in the New City Hall Pavilion Space!

Join us in person for our Meet & Greet on Tuesday, May 9th from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. in City Hall's new Pavilion Meeting Room.

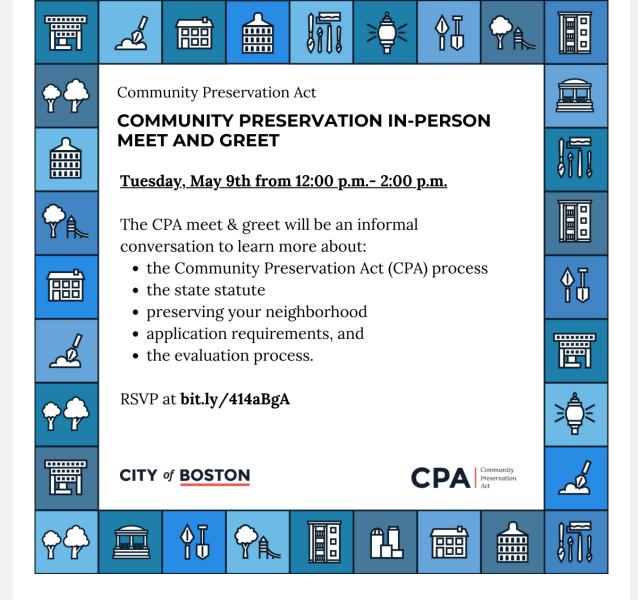
The CPA meet & greet will be an informal conversation to learn more about the Community Preservation Act (CPA) process, the state statute, preserving your neighborhood, application requirements, and the evaluation process.

Meeting Location:

Boston City Hall Plaza - Pavilion Meeting Room 1 City Hall Square Boston, MA 02203

Note: The Pavilion Meeting Room is a new space located beside the playground on the plaza, across the street from the Haymarket stop on the orange line.

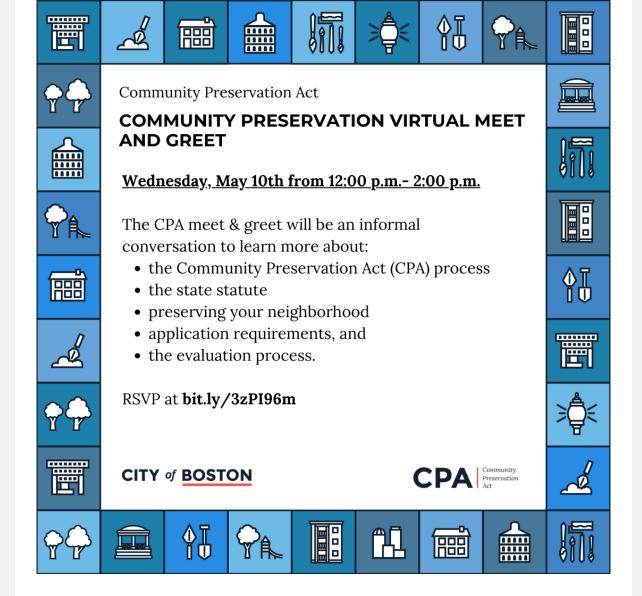
Seating is limited up to 45 individuals. RSVP <u>here</u> and share the flyer below!



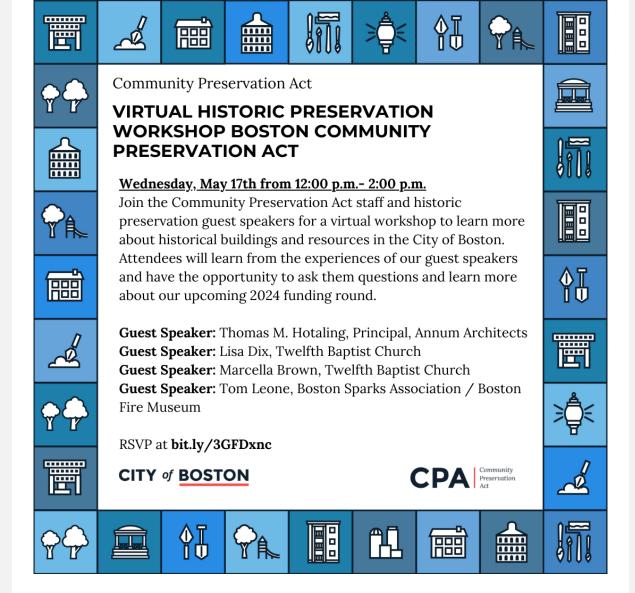
Can't Attend in-person? Join Our Virtual Meet & Greet on May 10th, from 12:00 p.m.- 2:00 p.m.

Join us virtually for our Meet & Greet on Wednesday, May 10th from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. via zoom.

RSVP for the zoom meeting here and please share the flyer below!



RSVP! Historic Preservation Workshop on May 17th, 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 pm



Stay tuned for more!

We invite you to share the graphic below with your network.



Grant Announcements

George B. Henderson Foundation's 2023 Grants

The RFPs for the George B. Henderson Foundation's 2023 Grants can be accessed on the foundation's <u>website</u>. Please note the proposal deadlines of May 5 and October 6, 2023, as well as the date for an optional applicant forum on September 12, 2023.

For other grant funding resources, please review the lists below:

<u>Historic Preservation Funding Resource List</u>

<u>Open Space and Recreation Funding Resource List</u>

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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Brendan Killarney, Contracts Administrator brendan.killarney@boston.gov

Contact us: If you would like our staff to do a CPA presentation for your neighborhood association or organization, contact us <u>here</u>.

Please visit the <u>CPA's webpage</u> for updates and events.

Language and Communication Services

Spanish: Para solicitar servicios de traducción o interpretación, por favor, comuníquese con:

thadine.brown@boston.gov or 617-635-0545 y LCA@boston.gov

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Notice of Accommodations

BOSTON GREEN RESTAURANT SERIES



Reduce Waste and Turn Scrapes into Sales Monday, May 1, 2-4pm

Get Green to go Green with Energy Savings Monday, May 8, 2-4pm

Market the Story of Your Green Business Monday, May 15, 2-4pm

Register for the virtual events at: tinyurl.com/greenvirtual





AmplifyGSA



Here is a highlight reel of our AmplifyGSA work, created by Boston Arts Academy film students!



Join Boston's young people and the Mayor's Office of LGBTQ+ Advancement to create brave spaces for LGBTQ+ students and allies!

Sunday, May 21, 2023 9am-4pm **Boston Arts Academy** 174 Ipswich St



Register today and learn more at boston.gov/amplify-gsa















REGISTER HERE

Workshops

Youth Workshops

Adult Workshops

Got Conflict? Tools for Dealing with Conflict Effectively by Community

Dispute Settlement Center

Boundaries 101 with H.E.A.R.R.T. by Boston Alliance of LGBTQ+ Youth

Financial Literacy for LGBTQ+ Youth by Massachusetts LGBT Chamber of Commerce

Queer Bites Back by <u>Boston Student</u> <u>Advisory Council</u>

The Power of Trans Youth: Embracing Diversity and Building Allyship through Storytelling by Rebecca Minor, Gender Specialist

Financial Wellness by <u>City of Boston</u> <u>Credit Union</u>

... and more!

Caring for LGBTQ+ Youth by Nia Clark

Advocating for LGBTQ+ Youth by Tanya Neslusan of MassEquality

Living Out Loud: a panel conversation including Colton Bradford of NBC10, Shaplaie Brooks of MA Commission on LGBTQ+ Youth, Greater Boston PFLAG, and more

Wellness offerings for adults including acupuncture and chair massage by Boston Acupuncture Project

... and more!

REGISTER HERE





Oompa

Oompa is a nationally-acclaimed,
Roxbury-born, poet, rapper, vocalist, and
educator, "who is forever
representin". Oompa found her voice as
an orphaned, queer woman navigating
Boston's music scene, then fought to
carve out a space in a music industry that
rarely embraces unique artists who refuse
to compromise themselves. Oompa was
named #144 Most Influential Bostonian in
the Boston Magazine.

Porsha Olayiwola

Porsha Olayiwola is a native of Chicago who writes, lives and loves in Boston and is the current poet laureate for the City of Boston. Olayiwola is a writer, performer, educator and curator who uses afro-futurism and surrealism to examine historical and current issues in the Black, woman, and queer diasporas.

REGISTER HERE

We can't wait to have you join us join us for a day of self-expression, creating brave spaces, and developing life skills!

Please register for a day of:

Delicious food
Meeting other Queer people and allies in Boston
Learn about healthy lifestyles, professional skills, and how to be an ally
Workshops for Parents and Providers that work with Queer students.

About the Mayor's Office of LGBTQ+ Advancement (MOLA)

We empower, protect, and promote the rights, dignity, and advancement of Boston's LGBTQ+ residents.

The Mayor's Office of LGBTQ+ Advancement develops policies, community-oriented programming, and provides resources for the City's diverse LGBTQ+ community.

Coffee Hours

It's that time of year again! Tomorrow kicks off Mayor Wu's Coffee Hours.

We'll see you there! Folks from our team will be present to talk about Boston Community Choice Electricity and Mass Save- programs that can help you with your electric bills.

boston.gov/coffee-hours



May 4 - Networking Event

Join SPARK Boston, Sustainable Boston, and the Environment Department to network, build community, and share ideas.

Thursday, May 4
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Civic Pavilion, Boston City Hall Plaza
Register here.

We're Hiring!

The Environment Department and the rest of the Mayor's Cabinet of Environment, Energy, and Open Space are hiring positions that work towards a Green New Deal city.

Apply today and join us!



UCB In-person Resource Fair this Saturday!

UCB is Hosting our first BIG IN-PERSON Resource Fair Since 2019 this Saturday

Our Spring Resource Fair is at the Bolling Building from 10am-12pm and is sponsored by *Comcast Internet Essentials* and *Tufts Health Plan!*

It is open to <u>everyone</u> to join and access resources from a wonderful group of organizations across the city. Can you please share the promotion flyer below with your networks?

May 5 Resource Fair organizations:

Action for Boston Community Development (ABCD)

African American Diabetes Association

Alzheimer's Association

Authentic Caribbean Foundation Inc.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Eastern Mass

Boston's Higher Ground

Center for Teen Empowerment

City of Boston Environment Department

City of Boston Office of Early Childhood

Clinical Research Network (Boston Medical Center)

Comcast Internet Essentials

Commonwealth

Harborkeepers

JF&CS (Jewish Family & Children Services)

JVS Boston (Jewish Vocational Service)

Love Your Menses Inc

MA-CEAL

Mass General Brigham Prostate Cancer Outreach Clinic

Massachusetts Advocates for Children

Massachusetts Alzheimer's Disease Research Center (MADRC)

MBTA

Neighborhood Villages

Nurtury Early Education
Parent Professional Advocacy League
Project Bread
Quincy Geneva New Vision CDC
Tufts Health Plan
Vital Village
Youth on Fire

Can't join us on May 5th? Interested in hosting a Table Talk at one of our in-person or virtual Network Nights? More info and registration at: bit.ly/UCBTTsignup

Thank you for sharing!

Eric Leslie Lead Organizer



Saturday May 6
10:00am-12:00pm
At The Bruce C. Bolling Building
2300 Washington St
Roxbury, MA 02119

Sponsored by



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a Point32Health company

Join us to connect with and learn about programs, organizations, resources and each other! Earn 1,000 Points per hour!

MASKS ENCOURAGED AND AVAILABLE DURING THE EVENT!





Sábado 6 de mayo 10:00am-12:00pm At The Bruce C. Bolling Building 2300 Washington St Roxbury, MA 02119 Patrocinado por





a Point32Health company

Únase a nosotros para conocer programas, organizaciones, recursos y a los demás. Gane 1.000 puntos por hora!

SE RECOMIENDA EL USO DE MÁSCARAS, QUE ESTARÁN DISPONIBLES DURANTE EL EVENTO.



2023 Kite & Bike Festival

Saturday, May 20th from 12:00-4:00 pm

Franklin Park Playstead, 25 Pierpont Road, Dorchester, MA 02121

It's opening day in Franklin Park! Don't miss out on this 50-year-old tradition.

- Bikes to try for younger kids with Countdown to Kindergarten
- Make a kite with <u>Kite Team Haiti</u>, buy one, or bring your own!
- Bicycle repair station by REI

- Free bike helmets from Children's Hospital
- Food trucks

Biking, walking, and transit are encouraged! Parking is limited.

- By Bus: MBTA bus #16 stops at the main park entrance on Blue Hill Avenue, while the #22, #24, and #49 stop at Seaver Street & Humboldt Ave or Seaver & Elm Hill Ave entrances.
- By T: Take the Orange Line T Station to Green Street or Forest Hills station.
 Click here for detailed walking directions and map.
- By Bike: <u>Click here</u> for detailed biking directions and map. <u>BlueBike Stations</u>:
 @Franklin Park Zoo Franklin Park Rd at Blue Hill Ave and @Seaver St at Humboldt Ave



Join the American Red Cross to Sound the Alarm. Save a Life.

(Para español, visite <u>ActivaTuAlarma.orq</u>)

Just One Day of Your Life Can Change Someone Else's Forever

Home fires claim seven lives every day, but having working smoke alarms can cut the risk of death by half.

That's why the American Red Cross is rallying volunteers to install free smoke alarms nationwide, as part of our *Sound the Alarm* events.

This year we'll install free smoke alarms, create escape plans and share fire safety information.

Join us for a rewarding day at a *Sound the Alarm* event near you. Make an even greater impact and donate to help families prepare for, respond to and recover from home fires.

[Click Here to Learn More]



MCA 2023-2024 Admissions Application

Our online application for the 2023-2024 school year is on the website. Mother Caroline Academy (MCA) is accepting applications for girls entering grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8. Please visit our <u>admission's page</u> to access the application. It'd be greatly appreciated if you could also share the great news with families who are interested in joining a free tuition private school for girls. To apply, you must be a city of Boston resident and meet the income eligibility guidelines.

Please note, if accepted, a non-refundable enrollment fee of \$350 must be paid to guarantee your seat. A fee is to be paid every year while attending MCA.

We accept only 15 students per grade. For any questions, contact the Office of Admission at 617-427-1177 ext. 201 or email ralcindor@mcaec.org. For additional information, please go to www.mcaec.org.

To view our recent Spring Gala Video, please click on the link below.

Watch our Spring Gala promo video here: https://youtu.be/CHxu8sy 6Xw



Transform Your Small Business into a Thriving Enterprise

T.H.R.I.V.E. Emerging Leaders Reimagined is

an intensive executive-level training program to accelerate the growth of high potential small businesses. Developed by the U.S. Small Business Administration, T.H.R.I.V.E. helps business owners become more effective leaders, learn how to acquire financing, scale their revenue, and leverage networking with other entrepreneurs.

Through the program, participants develop a threeyear growth plan that provides a roadmap for achieving their company's unique goals.

Apply to T.H.R.I.V.E. at sbathrive.com

Eligibility Criteria

T.H.R.I.V.E. is open to small business owners and C-level executives who have:

Annual revenues of at least \$250,000
 Been in business for at least three years
 At least one employee, other than self

Program Schedule

2023 cohorts run from June 20th through December 20th. Training includes both online learning and in-person sessions over six months. Anticipate about 110+ hours of combined learning, coursework, discussion, and coaching time.

Participation Investment

Free to participate. The only costs are your time and commitment to complete the curriculum and participate in CEO discussion sessions.



70%个

reported increase in revenue by cohort alumni



\$759+ million

in government, institutional, and corporate contracts secured



1100

net new jobs created (full-time employees)

* Participants are surveyed once a year for 3 years after completing the program. Information cited is for calendar year 2008.

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sbathrive.com



Small Business Newsletter

Check Out the Latest Resources from the Small Business Team at Dorchester Bay EDC!

Grant and Loan Opportunities

DBEDC Rapid Resilience Loan

- DBEDC Rapid Resilience LoanStill available for all small businesses impacted by the pandemic
- Financing is available from \$5,000 to \$15,000
- Interest rate of 6% to 7% (depending on risk)
- From 2 to 5 years term
- Personal guarantee required
- Priority: small businesses and especially businesses owned by minorities, people of color, women, and immigrants. The business must be located in Dorchester, Roxbury, Mattapan, Jamaica Plain, Hyde Park, or Roslindale.

Learn More

CONTRACTING OPPORTUNITY FUND

\$15,000 grant opportunity for small Boston-based businesses seeking to build their operational capacity. This grant aims to level the playing field for historically disadvantaged businesses interested in City contracting.

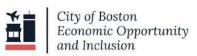
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Questions? Email supplierdiversity@boston.gov





Learn More



Healey-Driscoll Administration
Announces \$78 Million for New Grant
Programs to Support Massachusetts
Small Businesses

Upcoming Workshops

6-Week Business Planning Program

April 18 through May 23 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

This six-week program facilitated by the Small Business Development Center will take entrepreneurs and business owners step-by-step through the process of developing a viable, funding-ready business plan. Your would-be business funders want to see specific details about your business (or, if you're just starting up, what you expect your business to be).

This program will help you to cover these details, know your financials by heart, and write convincingly about why your business plan and funding requirements make sense.

Learn More

Two-Part Restaurant Revenue Management Course

May 18 & May 25 | 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

In this course you will be guided through the restaurant revenue management process, providing real-world examples, strategies, and techniques that will help you apply these tools to your own restaurant. You will explore the key inputs of space, time, and price to determine how you make appropriate trade-offs to maximize restaurant revenue.

- Determine how your restaurant meets the necessary conditions of restaurant revenue management
- Calculate critical revenue and occupancy metrics to determine restaurant performance
- Identify tools and strategies you can use to maximize revenue based on your restaurant's performance

Learn More



The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)'s Small Business Week Virtual Summit is May 2-May 3! During the free summit, you can attend business workshops, network, talk to mentors, and much more.

Learn More

May 2023 Healthy Cooking, Eating & Nutrition Programs

Upcoming **May programs**. We will have gift card raffles for our cooking classes on Tuesday's.

NEW Grove Hall Classes <--- Click the link here

Hands-On Food Preservation Class <--- click the link here

- Learn how to preserve your food to save money and reduce food waste.
- Each participant will walk away with their own home-made items.
- Registration required. Space is limited.

Cooking Demonstrations

 Join your registered dietitian in the Wellness Space inside the Grove Hall Stop & Shop for a 30 minute healthful eating cooking demonstration on Tuesday's 4-4:30 pm in May. Gift cards will be raffled. No registration is required at this time.

Nutrition & Dietetics Career Panel for High School Students

Thursday, June 29th 2:30-4:00 pm at the Wellness Space at Stop & Shop Grove Hall at 460 Blue Hill Ave.

- High school students will hear from nutrition professionals, dietitians and students in the following areas of the nutrition field. If you know any high school students interested in participating, please invite them to join.
 Registration is required due to limited space. Please email me at <u>GroveHallNutrition@stopandshop.com</u> to register.
 - 1. Hospital
 - 2. Retail
 - 3. Entrepreneurship
 - 4. Research
 - 5. Sports (pending)
 - 6. Food service
 - 7. Project Management
 - 8. Community/Social Service

[View Calendar]



May Events Calendar - Massachusetts

REGISTER NOW FOR THE VIRTUAL SUMMIT!

The two-day online event will take place from May 2-3, 2023.

Attendance is free of charge, but registration is required.

To register, visit National Small Business Week Virtual Summit registration.

This year's NSBW Virtual Summit will feature educational workshops presented by event cosponsors, access to federal resources, and networking.

This year's event will include educational presentations by experts, an exhibit hall, networking, and a mentoring lounge where you can get your questions answered. The event is free to attend for both established and aspiring business owners.

View the AGENDA



TIME (ET)	SESSION CO	CO-SPONSORED BY	
10:30 am	Welcome! Explore the Environment		
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Visa Economic & Small Business Outlook - Recession: To Bo or Not to Be?	e Visa	
12:05 pm – 1:05 pm	Embrace the Connected World: How to Leverage IoT for Small Business	T-Mobile	
1:10 pm – 2:10 pm	Simple Steps to Write and Follow a Sustainable Business Plan that Ensures You Achieve Your Goals	SCORE	
2:15 pm – 3:15 pm	Small Business Growth in the Age of Al: A Conversation on Trends, Opportunities, and Challenges	Microsoft	
3:20 pm – 4:20 pm	Unlock the Power of AI in Email Marketing to Sell More	Constant Contact	
4:25 pm – 5:25 pm	Getting Creative with Ads	Meta	
5:30 pm – 6:30 pm	Cybersecurity & Your Small Business	Grow with Google	

IN BETWEEN SESSIONS, MAKE SURE YOU CHECK OUT THESE ROOMS:

EXHIBIT HALL

Chat with our cosponsors and pick up free resources for your business.

MENTORING HALL

Get answers to your business questions from one of our experienced mentors.

NETWORKING LOUNGE

Make new connections with fellow aspiring entrepreneurs and small business owners.

INSPIRATION HALL

View small business success stories and get inspired to achieve greatness.





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9:30 am	Welcome! Explore the Environment	
10:00 am - 11:00 am	Fueling Growth: A Discussion About Accelerating Your Business	Visa
11:05 am – 12:05 pm	Evolving Your Small Business with the Power of 5G	T-Mobile
12:10 pm – 1:10 pm	Small Business Payment Strategies to Optimize Your Payment Processes	Worldpay by FIS
1:15 pm – 2:15 pm	Future-Proofing Your Small Business for Long-Term Success	Pie Insurance
2:20 pm - 3:20 pm	The Future of Commerce: 2023 Edition	Square
3:25 pm – 4:25 pm	Growing Your Business and Making an Impact with E-Commerce	Amazon
4:30 pm – 5:30 pm	Tapping Tech to Elevate Performance, Productivity, and Profitability	d Zebra
5:30 pm – 6:30 pm	Ushering in the Second Half of 2023: Key Insights for SMBs	TriNet

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Upcoming Events

5/10 National Small Business Week Awards Breakfast

LAST WEEK TO REGISTER!!

Please join us in celebration of Massachusetts Small Businesses!

The MA SBA will be presenting the National Small Business Week Small Business Awards at the SCORE Boston Celebrates Small Business Success event to be held at the Needham Sheraton on Wednesday, May 10th starting at 8AM and concluding at 11AM.

COME NETWORK, GET INSPIRATION AND SUPPORT SMALL BUSINESS!



Tuesday 5/2/23 / 12:00pm - 1:00pm

Why & How to Certify Your Business as "Women-Owned" - WBENC - Live Webinar

Tuesday 5/2/23 / 10:00am - 11:00am

<u>Tackling Affordable Housing for Boston Residents: How to Increase Home-Ownership</u>
Opportunities for Section 8 Home-Buyers

Tuesday 5/2/23 / 12:00pm - 1:30pm So, You Want to Start a Nonprofit

Wednesday 5/3/23 / 12:00pm - 1:00pm Starting a Business 101

Wednesday 5/3/23 / 9:00am - 10:30am

Network Like Your Business Depends On It - It Does

Thursday 5/4/23 / 12:00pm - 1:30pm Business Foundation - Learn How to Sell Better Tuesday 5/9/23 / 12:00pm - 2:30pm

Nonprofits - What Do I Need For a Grant Proposal?

Tuesday 5/9/23 / 6:00pm - 7:30pm

Starting Your Business - Western MA SCORE

Tuesday 5/9/23 / 1:00pm - 2:30pm

Steps to Start a Business - CWE Central MA - Live Webinar

Wednesday 5/10/23 / 9:00am - 11:00am

Entrepreneurship for Veterans

Wednesday 5/10/23 / 10:00am - 11:00am

Excel Formulas — They Can Do Much More than Just Math

Wednesday 5/10/23 / 12:00pm - 1:30pm

Let's Talk Scams - Top Cybersecurity Threat for 2023 - CWE Central MA - Live Webinar

Wednesday 5/10/23 / 3:00pm - 4:00pm

Budgeting Basics - Central MA - Live Webinar

Wednesday 5/10/23 / 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Financial Education Program with Eddy Desir - CWE Eastern MA - Virtual

Thursday 5/11/23 / 12:00pm - 1:30pm

Finding Government Contracting Opportunities

Friday 5/12/23 / 12:00pm - 1:30pm

Foreign-Produced Direct Product Rules Revisited

Friday 5/12/23 / 8:00am - 12:00pm

8th Annual Woostapreneurs Forum - CWE Central MA - In-Person Event

Tuesday 5/16/23 / 9:00am - 10:30am

GET STARTED-Doing Business with the Federal Government

Tuesday 5/16/23 / 12:00pm - 2:00pm

Registering to Sell to the Federal Government Market

Tuesday 5/16/23 / 5:30pm - 7:00pm

Navigating Change and Life Transitions As An Entrepreneur - CWE Central MA - In

Person

Wednesday 5/17/23 / 11:00am - 12:00pm

Tools for Building a Solid Marketing Foundation

Tuesday 5/23/23 / 9:00am - 10:30am

SBA 8(a) Business Development Program

Tuesday 5/23/23 / 1:00pm - 2:30pm

Business Plan Basics - CWE Central MA - Live Webinar

Wednesday 5/24/23 / 12:00pm - 1:30pm

So, You Want to be a Consultant

Thursday 5/25/23 / 9:00am - 11:00am

Basics of Starting Your Business

Thursday 5/25/23 / 9:00am - 11:00am

Basics of Starting YourExport Open House



A Proclamation

Whereas, America's strongest economic growth in almost 40 years has been driven by the resilience of our small businesses who, despite a worldwide pandemic, continue to pioneer innovative solutions to our country's greatest challenges and create opportunities for families and workers; and

Whereas, Small businesses remain the heartbeat of our communities and the American economy, employing more than half of our Nation's workers, inventing and innovating to launch new technologies and create new American-led industries, enriching our Main Streets, making parts and products in America to fuel our supply chains, and building our Nation's infrastructure; and

Whereas, Historic investments made through the President's American Rescue Plan, Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, CHIPS and Science Act, and Inflation Reduction Act will ensure small businesses have access to federal capital support, technical assistance, contracting opportunities, and other resources to help lead the way as we rebuild America's roads and bridges and build a clean energy economy for the future; and

Whereas, When we support small businesses, jobs are created, and local communities preserve their unique culture; and

Whereas, Entrepreneurship continues to be one of the best pathways to the American Dream, evidenced by the remarkable small business boom, with more than 10.5 million Americans applying to start a business since January 20, 2021 — more than in any other two-year period in American history; and

Whereas, By renewing our commitment to supporting small businesses, we can maintain our global competitiveness and build a stronger Nation where everyone can succeed from the bottom up and middle out; and

Whereas, The President of the United States has proclaimed National Small Business Week every year since 1963 to highlight the programs and services available to entrepreneurs through the U.S. Small Business Administration and other government agencies,

Now, Therefore, I, Maura T. Healey, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim April 30st through May 6st, 2023 to be,

NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS WEEK

And urge all the citizens of the Commonwealth to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.

Given at the Executive Chamber in Boston, this first day of April, in the year two thousand and twenty-three, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-sixth.

BY HER EXCELLENCY

MAURA T. HEALEY

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THE LARGEST WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE IN CENTRAL MASS



May 4, 2023 7:30am - 4:00pm DCU Center

KEYNOTE SPEAKER CARLA HARRIS Vice Chairman, Managing Director- Morgan Stanley, Author, Singer/Recording Artist

KEYNOTE SPEAKER MINDA HARTS Workplace and Equity Consultant, Author, Podcast Host



Exhibitor & Attendee Registration Now Open

5/4 Worcester Women's Leadership Conference

Thursday, May 4, 2023 / 7:30 AM-4:00 PM

REGISTER

This conference is an opportunity for women to build their careers and share their experiences with other women.

The Worcester Regional Chamber of Commerce has hosted the Worcester Women's Leadership Conference since 2009 in order to give women the tools to discover the possibilities available to them, lift each other up, and create a hub of smart, talented, and forward-thinking women.

Women in the workforce overcome obstacles each and every day and the Worcester Women's Leadership Conference is a place to share experiences and bring together dynamic, accomplished, and confident female leaders.

The programming of the day-long conference is designed to motivate attendees to overcome traditional barriers, to becoming influencers, change-agents, and leaders in their own fields.

2023 Keynote Speakers:

- CARLA HARRIS Vice Chairman, Managing Director Morgan Stanley and author of Strategize to Win and of Expect to Win
- MINDA HARTS Workplace and Equity Consultant. She is also the bestselling and award-winning author of The Memo, Right Within, and You Are More Than Magic.



5/9 & 5/10 Boots to Business Reboot for Veteran Farmers & Ranchers - CWE Central MA - Live Webinar

May 9 & 10, 2023 / 10:00 AM-5:00 PM

REGISTER

On behalf of the Veterans Business Outreach Center of New England, in partnership with the USDA, we are pleased to share Boots to Business for Farmers and Ranchers. This two-day virtual workshop on May 9 & 10th is specifically designed for veterans, transitioning service members, and military spouses interested in exploring agricultural-related entrepreneurship. We are grateful to have presenters from the USDA Farm Service Agency, Rural Development and Risk Management, AgrAbility, and farmer veterans on every module.

FRIDAY, MAY 12, 2023 | 8am - 12pm at College of the Holy Cross - Hogan Center

WOOSTAPRENEURSFORUM

Connecting Greater Worcester to the Entrepreneurial Ecosystem





5/12 The 8th Annual Woostapreneurs Forum in collaboration with the Worcester Regional Chamber of Commerce

Friday, May 12, 2023 / 8:00 AM-12:00 PM

REGISTER

The Woostapreneurs Forum intends to connect Greater Worcester to the entrepreneurship ecosystem and business resource providers in central Massachusetts. The conference is designed for existing business owners, budding entrepreneurs, veteran entrepreneurs, millennial entrepreneurs, women-owned businesses, and other underserved entrepreneurs in search of business help. There will be a panel of business success stories, a resource panel discussion, as well as a keynote speaker and the opportunity for attendees to network with resource partners and supporters to learn more about the services they offer.

Who Should Attend: New Businesses I Immigrant Entrepreneurs I Women-Owned I BIPOC-Owned I Veteran-Owned I Millennial-Owned I Budding Entrepreneurs

8:00am – 8:30am Registration, networking, continental breakfast

8:30am – 8:45am Welcoming remarks

8:45am - 9:45am Success Stories Panel

9:45am - 10:00am Break/networking

10:00am - 11:00am Experts and Resources Panel

11:00am - 11:15am Break/networking

11:15am - 11:45am Keynote

11:50am – 12:00pm Closing and post-event networking

Co-sponsored by: SBA and Worcester Regional Chamber of Commerce



5/20 5th Annual Haitian American Business Expo and Job Fair

Saturday, May 20, 2023 / 10:00AM-6:00PM

REGISTER

WHY ATTEND?

- It's FREE to attend!
- Network with hundreds of business owners and entrepreneurs
- Establish hundreds of new business contacts.
- Attend FREE entrepreneurial workshops & seminars.
- Apply for Private and Government jobs.
- Buy products at discounted prices.
- Learn about new products and services.
- Interact with the movers and shakers of the Haitian Community in Massachusetts.
- Meet your local elected officials.
- Be in the RIGHT place at the RIGHT time.
- A FREE pre-event reception for partners, vendors, sponsors, and supporters.
- Haitian American Business Awards

Attendees will also have the opportunity to book a 30-minute free business consultation with our partners. This will be a great opportunity to receive

personalized advice on how to grow and improve your business. The 1-on-1 consultations are available on a first-come, first-served basis and require preregistration. BOOK NOW

AA & NHPI Connectivity Summit

Community Resources / Networking / Small Business Support VENUE: The Tip O'Neill Federal Building Auditorium, 10 Causeway Street, Boston MA

YOU'RE INVITED: WEDNESDAY, MAY 31st 2023 / 9AM - 12PM

VISIBLE TOGETHER

ASIAN AMERICAN, NATIVE HAWAIIAN, AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

5/31 New England Region Asian American & Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander Connectivity Summit

Wednesday, May 31, 2023 / 9:00AM-12:00PM

REGISTER

In commemoration of Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, join us for an event celebrating the nationwide theme of "Visible Together" – bringing together our diverse AANHPI communities in the New England region to NETWORK, learn about COMMUNITY RESOURCES and SMALL BUSINESS SUPPORT.

RSVP TODAY & STAY TUNED FOR UPDATES ON SPEAKER ANNOUNCEMENTS!

PROGRAM INCLUDES:

- · Welcome Remarks by special guests
- Panel on Small Business Empowerment Panel
- Panel with Federal Representatives from WHIAANHPI Region 1 on Equity & Inclusion in Federal Government
- Open Networking along with light refreshments!

Refreshments and Sushi will be provided by Massachusetts Asian Restaurant Association.

In collaboration with the White House Initiative on Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders (WHIAANHPI)

RECAP: SBA Administrator Isabella Casillas Guzman Visits Boston on 4/24

On Monday, April 24, <u>Administrator Isabella Casillas Guzman</u>, head of the <u>U.S. Small Business Administration</u> (SBA) and the voice in President Biden's Cabinet for America's 33 million small businesses, was in the Boston area for two separate events.

First, Administrator Guzman met with <u>LJV Development</u>, the Massachusetts Veteran Owned Small Business of the Year. As a woman-, minority-, and veteran-owned construction management firm, LJV is breaking ground in more ways than one. Administrator Guzman will visit with LJV CEO and Founder, Lisbeth J. Velez, and receive a tour of one of their current projects – a \$2.3M eight unit addition in progress for the <u>Boston Chinese Economic Development Council - Home (cedcboston.org)</u>.







Second, Administrator Guzman traveled to Framingham for a roundtable discussion with Black small business owners and Democratic Whip Katherine Clark (MA-5), hosted by the <u>Black Economic Council of Massachusetts (BECMA)</u>.

The events focused on the critical role funding through the American Rescue Plan and other economic relief played in helping local businesses survive the pandemic, the challenges Black-owned businesses face moving forward, and the need for investments that support women and veterans in the workforce.









NEWS RELEASE: SBA Administrator Guzman to Kick Off National Small Business Week

Events in Washington, D.C. April 30-May 1

Media invited to recognition of the Nation's top small business winners

WASHINGTON – <u>SBA Administrator Isabella Casillas Guzman</u>, the voice in President Biden's Cabinet for America's over 33 million small businesses, will kick off <u>National Small Business Week</u> (NSBW) events in Washington, D.C. April 30-May 1, 2023. Small business owners, industry leaders, and award winners from around the country will gather in Washington, D.C. to be recognized by the SBA for excellence in entrepreneurial development, exporting, federal contracting, lending, and disaster recovery. The SBA will also recognize the <u>Small Business Persons of the Year representing the 50 states</u>, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico, and name the 2023 National Small Business Person of the Year and a runner-up.

The press is invited to attend all events and must RSVP via email to receive event details. Speakers and awardees will be made available for interviews. For interview requests with Administrator Guzman and to receive event details, please email mila.myles@sba.gov. Events can be followed on social media using #SmallBusinessWeek.

[Click Here to Learn More]



Government Contracting and Business Development

Thursday 5/11/23 / 12:00pm - 1:30pm Finding Government Contracting Opportunities Tuesday 5/16/23 / 9:00am - 10:30am
GET STARTED-Doing Business with the Federal Government

Tuesday 5/23/23 / 9:00am - 10:30am SBA 8(a) Business Development Program

8(A) BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM ROAD MAP TO THE CERTIFICATION PROCESS

Eligible small businesses get

- Exclusive access to reserved federal contracting opportunities
- ✓ Training and technical assistance
- Business development services

The 8(a) BD Program certification process is more streamlined than ever!



If you're eligible, follow this road map for a successful certification application.

STEP 1

Review the application guidance resources.

Visit the <u>Knowledge Base</u> at <u>certify.sba.gov</u> to access <u>checklist tools</u>, training, and information that provides guidance prior to applying. Specifically, the <u>Application Tips for Success Guide</u> and <u>application webinar recording</u> are important resources to digest. These tools will help you ensure you've gathered all necessary documentation and information for the application.

STEP 2

Meet with your local SBA office or a Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC).

Your <u>local SBA office</u> will connect you with someone who will help you determine if you're ready to apply and prepare. You can also reach out to your local <u>PTAC office</u> to meet with a counselor for one-on-one assistance with the application process.

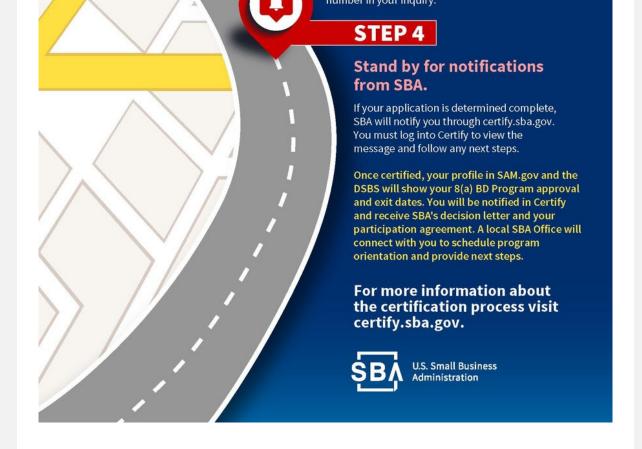


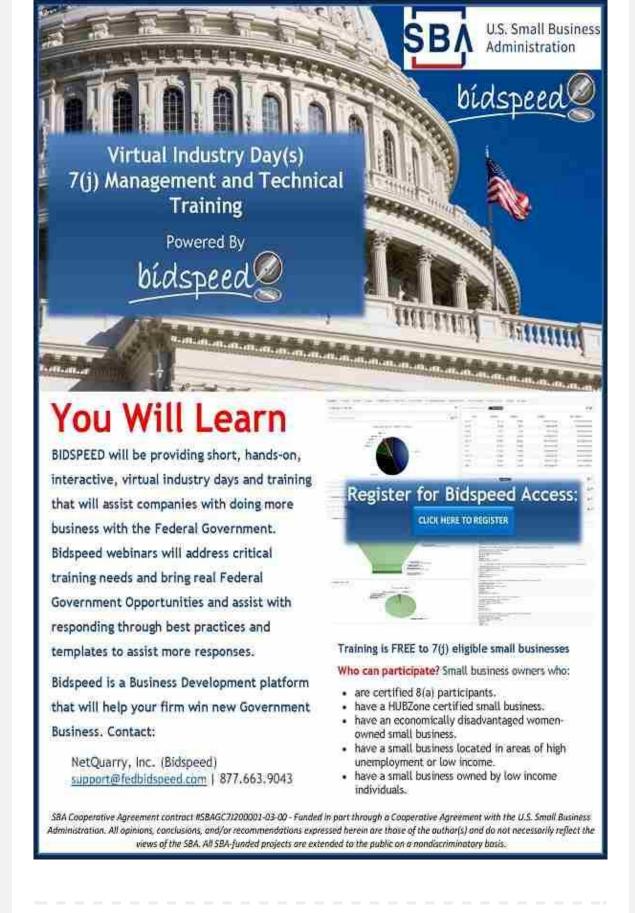
STEP 3

Apply for 8(a) BD Program certification.

Once you've identified your primary NAICS code(s) and registered your business in the System for Award Management (SAM), you are ready to apply for 8(a) certification!

Use the <u>Certify Help Desk</u> to submit technical questions as they relate to your 8(a) application. Please include your company name and DUNS





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Follow <u>@SBA MA on Twitter</u> and check out the Massachusetts District Office <u>events</u> <u>calendar</u> on our <u>Website</u> to stay connected with us and our resource partner

network.

WHERE CAN I GET HELP?

Please direct all other inquiries and questions to our District Office email at: MassachusettsDO@sba.gov

Resource Partner Network

WE ARE OPEN FOR BUSINESS!



Staff are working remotely and can be reached via email or telephone. MSBDC is committed to supporting entrepreneurs during these very challenging times.MSBDC advisors can assist businesses with disaster loan applications.

If you are not currently a client and would like to speak with a counselor, please find your region and reach out to the <u>REGIONAL OFFICE SERVING YOU</u>.

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413-545-6303 | Fax: 413-737-2312

https://www.massptac.org

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508-673-9783 | Fax: 508-674-1929

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www.salemstate.edu/sbdc



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SCORE Northeastern Massachusetts Chapter

SCORE Southeastern Massachusetts Chapter

SCORE Western Massachusetts Chapter

SCORE Cape Cod Chapter

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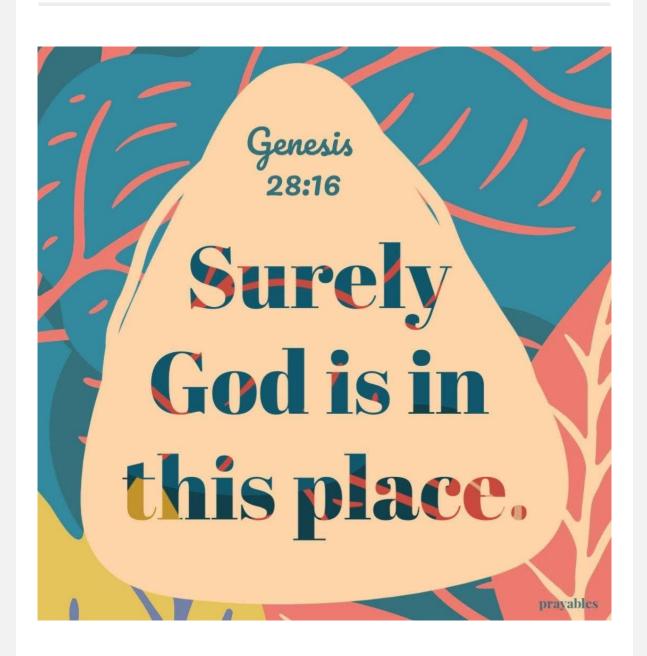


Eastern Massachusetts Center - Boston 44 School St., Suite 200 Boston, MA 02108 www.cweonline.org Central Massachusetts Center - Westborough 69 Milk St., Ste. 217 Westborough, MA 01581

Veterans Business Outreach Center of New England (VBOC of NE) 132 George M. Cohan Blvd.

Providence, RI 02903

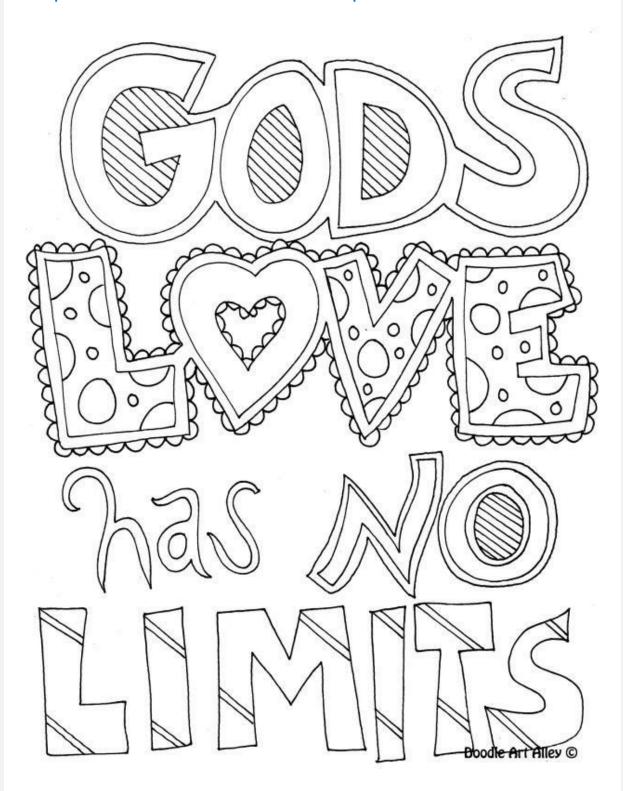
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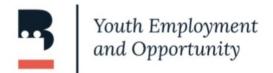


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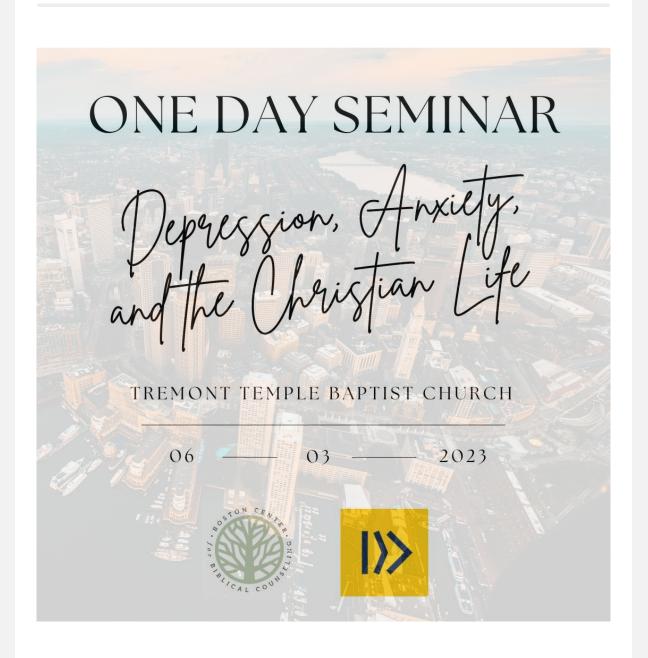


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Open Streets Dates and Neighborhoods This Summer

Sunday, June 25 - Centre St in JP (Lamartine to the monument)

Saturday, July 15 - Blue Hill Ave (Warren to West Cottage)

Saturday, Aug 19 - Harvard Ave & Brighton Ave from Cambridge to Comm Ave in Allston/Brighton

Sunday, September 17 - Dot Ave (Freeport to Ashmont)

Sunday, October 15 - Meridian St from Maverick to Porter & Bennington St from Porter to Day Square

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