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BCYF DORCHESTER COMMUNITY CENTER STUDY

Mayor Michelle Wu has announced the location selected for a new Boston Centers for Youth & Families (BCYF) community center in Dorchester. Currently a City-owned vacant lot (40-48 Geneva Avenue, behind the Burke High School), the future full service community center will be the first for Grove Hall. This location was selected after a robust community engagement process and was chosen based on the input of local residents. We have now moved into the design phase. Find the presentations from the design meetings that have been held already to the right. View the final report of the first phase of this project which examined programming options and locations.

- [BCYF Dorchester Community Center Programming and Siting Study](#)

View the presentations from the community meetings about the design of the center.

- [Meeting #1 presentation](#) | [View recording of the meeting](#)
 - [Meeting #2 presentation](#) | [View recording of the meeting](#)
 - [Meeting #3 presentation](#) | [View recording of the meeting](#)
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Columbia Road Transportation Action Plan Kick-off, Thurs. May 2, 6 pm

The City of Boston is planning the following initiative:

<https://www.boston.gov/departments/transportation/columbia-road-transportation-action-plan>

We are planning safety improvements and better crosstown access for all users along Columbia Road.

Columbia Road Transportation Action Plan Kick-off

Join us for a free event to kick off the [Columbia Road Transportation Action Plan](#) project. Stop by and share your thoughts on the future of transportation along Columbia Road.

The event will be held at the Grove Hall Library on **Thursday, May 2 from 6 - 7:30 p.m.**

Contact:

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The Boston Office of Historic Preservation Invites You to

A VISION FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION IN BOSTON

May 6, 2024 6 pm to 8 pm

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+ Virtually Through Zoom

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City of Boston
Historic Preservation



City of Boston
Landmarks Commission

HEY, DORCHESTER!

You're invited to join us at the Codman Square Public Library, hosted by the City of Boston's Office of Historic Preservation. We'll be sharing our vision for the future of Historic Preservation in Boston. All are welcome. The meeting will also be held virtually through Zoom.

We will present a framework showcasing how historic preservation can address some of Boston's pressing challenges in environmental sustainability, social equity, and affordable housing. We will also introduce Boston's plans for events related to America's 250th and Boston's 400th Anniversary.



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2024 NEIGHBORHOOD COFFEE HOURS

Coffee hours give residents the chance to speak with the Mayor and staff from City departments. Through these discussions, the Mayor looks forward to hearing how the City of Boston can improve upon local parks, public areas, and City services. We'll also have a suggestion box set up at each site.

Coffee hours are held from **9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.**, unless otherwise noted. You can learn more about individual events below.

[Learn More](#)

Mayor's Coffee Hours

Please plan to attend a coffee hour to thank Mayor Wu - for maintenance commitments and restoration efforts, from the woodlands to the Bear Dens to the Overlook ruins. Wear your FPC t-shirt!

All coffee hours run from 9:30-10:30am. You'll get free Dunkin' coffee and a plant from the city greenhouses to take home. Hobnob with elected officials and city staffers from every department. Below are the April & early May events in neighborhoods closest to the park:

- Monday, April 29 - Roxbury - Horatio Harris "Munroe" Park, 85 Harold St.
- Wednesday, May 1 - Mattapan - Walker Playground, 550 Norfolk St.
- Monday, May 6 - South End - Peter's Park, 230 Shawmut Ave.
- Tuesday, May 7 - Jamaica Plain - Mozart Playground, 10 Mozart St.



Franklin Park Kite & Bike Festival

Saturday, May 18, 2024 from 12-4pm

Fun for the whole family!

On the Playstead ballfields

Raindate: Sunday, May 19 from 2-5pm


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

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

Music and performances this year!



BCYF Grove Hall Community Center Design Meeting #4



Wednesday, May 15, 2024
6:00 p.m.

Join: bit.ly/BCYFGroveHallDesignMeeting4
Or call 1-929-205-6099 to join

Interpretation, translation, and disability accommodation services are available to you at no cost. Interpretation will be available in Spanish, Vietnamese, Haitian Creole and Cape Verdean Creole. If you need other accommodations, please contact LCA@boston.gov or 617-635-4864.



[\[Click Here to View PDF in Multiple Languages\]](#)

Boston Contracting Opportunity Fair

The Boston Contracting Opportunity Fair, hosted by the Department of Supplier Diversity, will take place on May 15th at 2:30 pm at the Bruce C. Bolling Building.

Attendees will have the opportunity to explore contract possibilities with various City of Boston departments, general contractors, and partners, and participate in a workshop aimed at providing insights into the process of conducting business with the City.

Specifically, you can explore contract opportunities with:

- Boston Public Schools
- Boston Centers for Youth & Families (BCYF)
- Boston Water Sewer Commission (BWSC)

- Public Works Department
- Mayor's Office of Housing

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La Feria De Oportunidades De Contratación De Boston

La feria de oportunidades de contratación de Boston, organizada por el departamento de diversidad de proveedores, tendrá lugar el 15 de mayo a las 14.30 horas en el edificio Bruce C. Bolling.

Los asistentes tendrán la oportunidad de explorar las posibilidades contractuales con diversos departamentos, contratistas generales y socios del ayuntamiento de Boston, y participar en un taller destinado a proporcionar información sobre el proceso de hacer negocios con el mismo.

En concreto, puede explorar oportunidades de contrato con:

- Boston Fire Department
- Boston Public Schools
- Boston Centers for Youth & Families (BCYF)
- Boston Water Sewer Commission (BWSC)
- Public Works Department
- Mayor's Office of Housing

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Join Us! Community Preservation Act 2025 Funding Round Engagement Meetings - May 1st & May 15th, 2024

Register now for our **2025 Funding Round Annual Kickoff Meeting (May 1st)** and/or our upcoming **CPA Historic Preservation Workshop (May 15th)**! These events are opportunities to meet the CPA team and learn more about:

- the Community Preservation Act (CPA) process
- the state statute

- preserving your neighborhood
- application requirements, and
- the evaluation process.

Learn more about upcoming events [HERE](#). Register using the links below or on our [website](#)!

































Wednesday, May 1st: 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM:

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Wednesday, May 15th: 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM:

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Please share with your networks!

								
	<p>Community Preservation Act</p> <p>COMMUNITY PRESERVATION VIRTUAL KICKOFF MEETING</p> <p><u>Wednesday, May 1st from 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.</u></p> <p>Please join us for our 2025 Funding Round Annual Kickoff 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.</p> <p>Learn more about upcoming events and register online at boston.gov/cpa.</p>							
								
								
								
								
								
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	<p>Community Preservation Act</p> <p>COMMUNITY PRESERVATION VIRTUAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION WORKSHOP</p> <p><u>Wednesday, May 15th from 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.</u></p> <p>Join the Community Preservation Act staff and historic preservation guest speakers for a virtual workshop to learn more about historical buildings and resources in the City of Boston!</p> <p>Learn more about upcoming events and register online at boston.gov/cpa.</p>							
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Project Spotlight: Gardens for Charlestown Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Community Preservation Act (CPA) funding was among several other sources that supported **Gardens for Charlestown** in the completion of their infrastructure project. Shown above is the cutting of the ribbon to officially open the renovated Gardens for Charlestown Community Garden!

CPA funds totaling \$66,000 supported the restoration and rehabilitation of the garden. Improvements included removing and replacing the existing timber retaining walls with manufactured stone walls.

Gardens for Charlestown is open from dawn to dusk daily.

GRANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

GrowBoston Open Space Design Fund

If you are a 501c3 non-profit or a community based organization, the **GrowBoston Open Space Design Fund** is offering a total of **\$75,000** - up to **\$9,999** per applicant - to fund the development of conceptual designs for urban farms, community gardens, food forests, and other open space with food production elements. Designs may be for new spaces, renovation or expansion of existing spaces.

Who is GrowBoston?

GrowBoston is the City of Boston's Office of Urban Agriculture, which is building on the long-term work of the Mayor's Office of Housing (MOH). MOH has been supporting the development of community gardens, urban farms, food forests, and other open spaces for more than 25 years through the Grassroots Program, which is now part of the new GrowBoston.

Applications are being accepted until **May 1st, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.**

To learn more about this funding opportunity, and to apply, click [here!](#)

Questions about the CPA Grant Fund?

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.

Small Business Expo

8 MAY

10:00 am - 5:00 pm

The Westin Boston Seaport | 425 Summer Street

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

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

EforALL Roxbury Spring 2024 All Ideas Pitch Contest

14 MAY

5:30 pm - 8:30 pm

The Substation | 4228 Washington Street, Roslindale

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

The panel of judges will award three cash prizes:

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

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

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

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

REGISTER TO PARTICIPATE

Boston Contracting Opportunity Fair

15 MAY

2:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Bruce C. Bolling Municipal Building | 2300 Washington Street

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

Explore contract opportunities with departments including:

- Boston Police
- Boston Fire

- Boston Public Schools
- BCYF
- Public Works Department

Registration coming soon.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & ONGOING EVENTS



Open Streets Boston Partner Activation

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

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

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

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

ZBA Hearing Packet Thursday, 05-16-2024

Boston Inspectional Services Department
Board of Appeals

1010 Massachusetts Avenue Boston, MA 02118 Telephone: (617) 635-4775

Notice is hereby given that at **5:00 pm on 05/16/2024**

the Board Of Appeal Subcommittee of the City of Boston will hold a public hearing virtually, upon the appeal of **Harold Raymond** seeking with reference to the premises

for the terms of the Boston Zoning Code (see Acts of 1956, c. 665) in the following respect - **Variance, Conditional Use Permit, and/or other relief as appropriate**

[View PDF](#)



Nominate a Woman Who Works in the Trades

Next month the Inspectional Services Department will recognize the achievements of women who have made significant contributions to the construction industry.

If you know a woman who has made a positive impact and taken a leadership role in their field, you can nominate them for this recognition. Nominees must have played a significant role in improving Boston's built environment.

[FILL OUT THE NOMINATION FORM HERE](#)

MAYOR WU ANNOUNCES LAUNCH OF **WAKE UP THE NIGHT GRANT**

Office of Nightlife Economy's new grant will use up to \$250,000 to support residents and organizations in revitalizing Boston's nighttime economy through unique activations and programming

**THE APPLICATION IS NOW OPEN AND
THE DEADLINE TO APPLY IS MAY 28.**



CITY of BOSTON



"Age Strong Librarian" Position

The West Roxbury branch of the Boston Public Library is hiring an "Age Strong Librarian"!

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



Office of Grants and Research

Underserved Communities Traffic Safety Grant Program

Nonprofits have until May 31 to apply

The Office of Grants and Research is offering a new program to help 501(c)(3) nonprofits address critical road safety issues in underserved communities across Massachusetts. The purpose of the [Underserved Community Traffic Safety Grant Program](#) is to fund data-driven and evidence-based efforts that aim to reduce motor vehicle crashes and associated fatalities, injuries and economic losses. Nonprofits can request up to \$75,000 for programming focused on:

- Alcohol and/or Drug-Impaired Driving
- Bicyclist Safety
- Child Passenger Safety
- Distracted Driving
- Drowsy Driving
- Motorcyclist Safety
- Older Drivers \geq 65 years old
- Pedestrian Safety
- Seat Belt Usage
- Speeding/Aggressive Driving
- Younger Drivers \leq 21 years old

Priority will be given to applications that target Environmental Justice communities through their proposed programming.

This program is made possible through federal funding provided by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Eligibility:

Nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization serving low-income communities in Massachusetts are eligible to apply.

Deadline:

Applications are due no later than 4 p.m. on May 31, 2024.

Potential applicants may submit questions via email by May 10, 2024.

[APPLY TODAY!](#)

FY25 Destination Development Capital Grants Now Open

The Executive Office of Economic Development (EOED) and the Massachusetts Office of Travel and Tourism (MOTT) have announced the [Destination Development Capital \(DDC\) Grant program](#) for fiscal year 2025. Destination Development Grants are included in the economic development plan, “The Mass Leads Act: An Act Relative to Strengthening Massachusetts' Economic Leadership,” as a strategy to support critical capital improvements at tourism assets across Massachusetts.

The DDC Grant Program is a competitive grant program that will award funds to improve facilities and destinations visited by in state and out-of-state travelers, with the goals of increasing visitation, enticing repeat visitation, and increasing the direct and indirect economic impacts of the tourism industry in all regions of the commonwealth.

Eligible projects will enhance tourism resources and infrastructure and will aid in destination resiliency. Projects that increase climate resiliency, are located within a rural community or Cultural District, and/or relate to the commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution may receive priority consideration.

The program anticipates awarding up to \$6,000,000 in FY25, subject to funding availability. The grant process opens on **April 22, 2024**, with applications due **May 31, 2024**. Projects must be completed by June 30, 2025.

DDC guidelines and information is available on [Mass.gov](#). Applications must be submitted through [Submittable](#). Grant awards are anticipated to be announced in **June 2024**, subject to appropriation.

Please read the [grant guidelines](#) and attend the Q/A session on **Wednesday, March 1, at 10 a.m.** To register, please contact [Marc Zappulla](#). If you have a specific question, please include that in your email.

Free Virtual EPA Region 1 Environmental Justice Resource Fair May 8, 2024 1pm – 4pm ET

Please register today for the free, virtual EPA Region 1 Online Resource Fair on **Wednesday, May 8th from 1-4pm (EST)**. This resource fair will provide attendees with information about open grant competitions such as the Inflation Reduction Act Community Change Grants Program and other programs unique to EPA Region 1 including the Healthy Communities Grant Program. During this virtual resource fair attendees will also have opportunities to network with other attendees from your state and/or connect to Community Change Grant technical assistance from EnDyna.

Please click the link to register today: [Register Here](#)

Are you curious about the history of The Food Project and Dudley St?



Join us on May 4th

Groups and Individuals are welcomed!
(Kindly RSVP: Space is Limited!)

Tour One: 10:00AM-11AM Tour Two: 11:00AM-12PM

Light Refreshments will be provided

Scan the QR Code or click on the link
to Apply.



<https://forms.gle/LBCTfT39YEaf3z2t7>



The Food Project

Dudley Community Tour Led By DIRT Crew!

During the tour, you'll have the opportunity to:

- Learn about the historical significance of Dudley St. and its evolution over time.
- Explore the initiatives and impact of The Food Project within this community.
- Engage with knowledgeable guides who will enrich your understanding of local history and initiatives.

This event is free and open to all, making it a fantastic opportunity to connect with your community, gain valuable insights, and enjoy a meaningful experience with our Youth Crew.

Don't miss out on this enriching event! Scan the QR code or [click here](#) to reserve your spot.

We look forward to seeing you on May the 4th!



CITY FARM FEST 2024

DUDLEY GREENHOUSE
11 BROOK AVE, ROXBURY
SATURDAY, MAY 11
11 AM TO 2 PM

SEEDLING AND GARDEN SUPPLY SALE

Buy seedlings to start your garden!
All veggies and seedlings
HIP/SNAP eligible.
Compost, fertilizer, and more for
sale to get you ready for growing.

Arrive early at 10:30am for a
workshop lead by **The Food Project's Dirt Crew** and pick up
your seedlings first!



Free tree giveaway at our
West Cottage Farm from 9am
until we run out!
40 W Cottage St, Dorchester
Contact jerel@treeboston.org
for more info!

QUESTIONS?
CONTACT DANIELLE
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DANDREWS@THEFOODPROJECT.ORG



The Food Project

City Farm Fest is Around The Corner

Exciting news! Our much-anticipated City Farm Fest is just around the corner, and we can't wait to see you there! Here are the essential details you won't want to miss:

Date: May 11th, 11 AM - 2 PM **Location:** DUDLEY GREEN HOUSE, 11 BROOK AVE

Highlights:

- **Tree Giveaway by Speak for the Trees:** Starting at 9 AM until all trees find a new home. Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity to bring nature to your home!
- **Seedling Sale:** Explore a variety of veggies and seedlings to kickstart your garden. We are proud to be HIP/SNAP eligible, making it easier for everyone to join in the planting fun.
- **Gardening Essentials:** Compost, fertilizer, and more will be available for purchase, ensuring you have everything you need to nurture your growing oasis.

Special Early-Bird Workshop:

- **Workshop by The Food Project's Dirt Crew:** Arrive at 10:30 AM for an exclusive workshop led by our youth crew. Gain valuable insights and tips to make your gardening journey even more rewarding. Plus, be the first to pick up your seedlings!

City Farm Fest promises to be a day filled with greenery, learning, and community spirit. Whether you're a seasoned gardener or just starting, there's something for everyone.

We look forward to seeing you at the Dudley Green House on March 11th. Let's grow together!



Build-a-Garden Applications

Looking to grow your own produce from your home? Apply to have a raised garden bed built in your yard!

Applications are still open for residents of the City of Boston. Turnaround for how quickly you receive your bed will depend on demand and capacity.

Along with your new garden bed you will also receive:

- free seedlings this spring (the 1st year after you receive your new garden)
- growing workshops and guides
- ongoing support via gardening drop-in hours at the Dudley Greenhouse

Further details can be found in the application page.

Questions or Know a friend who benefit from a raised bed? Contact Vanessa at vbarragan@thefoodproject.org or at (857) 217-4884

Apply Here



Interested In Volunteering This Growing Season?

If you are interested in volunteering this spring on the farm or in the greenhouse please email Danielle: dandrews@thefoodproject.org



The Dudley Greenhouse is Open

The Dudley Greenhouse is reopened with the schedule of:
Tuesdays 9:30AM -12:30 PM, Thursdays 1PM-5PM and Saturdays 9:30AM-

State, Tribal, Local, Plans & Grants

National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior



New NPS Resources on Sustainability, Energy Efficiency, Resilience, and Historic Buildings

Sustainability and Energy Efficiency



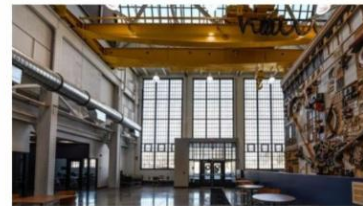
Guidelines on Sustainability ›

Guidelines on Sustainability for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings



Preservation Brief 3 ›

Improving Energy Efficiency in Historic Buildings



Preservation Brief 24 ›

Heating, Ventilating, and Cooling Historic Buildings (revised Preservation Brief in progress)



Preservation Brief 16 ›

(NEW) See "When to Consider Using Substitute Materials in Preservation Projects" (page 4) regarding enhanced resilience and sustainability



Sustainability ›

Learn how historic preservation is inherently a sustainable practice

Sustainability is the nexus of society, the environment and the economy.



Treatment of Historic Properties ›

See "Sustainability" (page 25) and sections on storm windows and heating, ventilating, and air conditioning

New Website on Sustainability, Energy Efficiency, Resilience, and Historic Buildings

Historic properties can be made more sustainable, energy-efficient, and resilient, improving their performance and use while also preserving their historic character. Doing so not only improves their efficiency and livability but helps to ensure their long-term preservation as well.

The NPS has been providing guidance and technical preservation information on these issues in relation to the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties for decades since producing one of its first Preservation Briefs on the subject of energy efficiency in 1978.

Current NPS guidance and information are collected and presented in a new webpage for easy access to further explore these topics.

[Website](#)



New Guidance on Resilience to Natural Hazards and Historic Buildings

New guidance on resilience to natural hazards has been issued. It is adapted from the “Resilience to Natural Hazards” section in The Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties with Guidelines for Preserving, Rehabilitating, Restoring and Reconstructing Historic Buildings (2017) and from The Guidelines on Flood Adaptation for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings (2021).

[Guidance](#)



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May 11, 2024 Bury Funny Stand Up Comedy Fundraiser 2024 @
Hibernian.



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TUESDAY

MAY 21, 2024

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**890 Commonwealth Ave,
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ALX Business Summit: All Details Now Live

We have exciting news to share: [The ALX Business Summit](https://business.amplifylatinx.com) webpage is live!

business.amplifylatinx.com

Everything you've ever wanted to know about the ALX Business Summit is now available at our website. Go there for details on:

The Latinx/e Startup Hub Tour 2024 Pitch Competition

[Click here to meet our judges.](#) (We will announce our Pitch Competition finalists soon!)

We are the New England stop of this unique national pitch competition that will include five innovative Latine startups who will compete on stage for a share of \$35K from Inicio Ventures to help them advance their ventures without sacrificing equity.

ALX Talks

[Check out our ALX Talks speakers and Talk Topics here.](#)

ALXTalks are dynamic, 10 to 15-minute presentations that offer unique perspectives on innovative ideas and transformative insights. You will leave feeling enlightened, inspired, and more connected to the broader vision of creating a thriving, inclusive future.

Unparalleled networking opportunities

[Click here to see our full schedule of programming and networking opportunities!](#)

Amplify LatinX is building the most robust Latine network in Massachusetts; don't miss this opportunity to connect with business and civic leaders in a setting that centers YOU.

[Get your tickets](#)



**10th ANNUAL SATURDAY WALKING CLUB
FAMILY AND FRIENDS LIVING HEALTHY (FFLH):
WALKING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION**

**Beginning: Saturday, June 1, 2024
Ending: Saturday, September 28, 2024**

**Location: Franklin Park Golf Course – Clubhouse
1 Circuit Dr, Dorchester, MA
Meet: 9:00AM
Start Walk: 9:15AM**

**Connect with Us!
Exercise is Healthy towards Longevity!
Enjoy the Scenery, Music and Conversations!**

No Membership Fees!

Contact: Rakiem Strickland, Organizer

BOSTON ART & MUSIC SOUL FESTIVAL
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2024



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VOLUNTEER WITH US!

JUNE 29 & 30

BOSTON ART & MUSIC SOUL FESTIVAL
BAMS 2024

DEADLINE TO APPLY: JUNE 9

VISIT: [BAMSFEST.COM/VOLUNTEER](https://bamsfest.com/volunteer)

Must be 18+ to apply.

BOSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT CADET PROGRAM

OUR MESSAGE TO YOU

Are you interested in a career in law enforcement while gaining experience in our community policing model?

Join the Boston Police Cadet Program!

You would receive classroom training and specific on-the-job training in order to prepare you for a successful law enforcement career.

ELIGIBILITY

- Be between the ages of 18 and 25
- Have a high school diploma or GED
- Be a current resident of Boston, and must have maintained Boston residency for the last two (2) years
- Have a valid Massachusetts Drivers License and a good driving record



BENEFITS

- Starting salary of \$31,205
- Dental and health benefits
- Annual vacation
- Sick leave
- Potential overtime



WHAT WILL YOU DO?

- Become familiar with the daily operations and functions of BPD.
- Be assigned throughout the districts and BPD headquarters.
- Participate in community engagement activities.
- connect with citizens and visitors of Boston

CADET PREFERENCE

You may receive preference on the list of eligible candidates for a police recruit class if :

- you complete the two-year cadet program, and
- pass the Civil Service Police Exam.

[Learn More](#)

Small Business Newsletter



[Small Business Workshop Series with JPNDC](#)

Through this workshop series from DBEDC and JPNDC, you'll learn Small Business Basics, Business Planning, Marketing, and Accounting and Bookkeeping.

[Learn More](#)

SPACE GRANTS

The City is working to identify creative ways to bring people back to commercial districts to revitalize our local economy.

City of Boston SPACE Grants

The application for the third round of SPACE Grants is NOW OPEN and will close on Tuesday, April 30 at 5:00 p.m. The SPACE (Supporting Pandemic Affected Community Enterprises) Grant Program aims to fill vacant storefronts and help small business owners secure new storefront space or expand to a space by subsidizing the costs associated with operating expenses.

[Learn More](#)



Congratulations to our newest Small Business loan clients!

Congratulations to our newest loan recipients, Coils to Locs and Round the Clock Moving!

[Learn More](#)



Multi-Industry Career & Small Business Resource Fair

Multi-Industry Career & Small Business Resource Fair

Monday, May 13 from 5-7:30pm

Join Harvard Ed Portal for a Multi-Industry Career & Small Business Resource Fair on May 13- connect with resources like Lawyers for Civil Rights, SCORE Boston, Innovation Studio, and more!

[Learn More](#)

Engage and Connect

May 14, 2024
10:00 AM-2:00 PM

Federal Reserve Bank of Boston
600 Atlantic Avenue
Boston, MA 02210

Engage and Connect Business Opportunity Fair

Tuesday, May 14, 2024 from 10:00am-2:00pm

The Federal Reserve Bank of Boston's Office of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion is hosting a business opportunity fair, Engage and Connect.

[Learn More](#)

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MASS BLACK EXPO

Sponsor the Mass Black Expo: October 25 - 26, 2024

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

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

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

If you're interested in attending, exhibiting, or volunteering at the event, indicate your

interest by completing [this form](#).

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

2024 NEW ENGLAND AFRICAN BUSINESS EXPO

WORCESTER STATE UNIVERSITY
Blue Lounge
486 Chandler St, Worcester, MA 01602
SATURDAY, MAY 4TH, 2024 FROM 1PM - 5PM EST

SARAH B. LANGE
MSW, Principal & Founder
Topic: Grant Funding - Is it for me?

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

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

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

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

DR. SATYA B. MITRA
President & CEO
The Guru Tax & Financial Services, Inc.

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

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

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

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

New England African Business Expo on Saturday, May 4

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

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

SAVE THE DATE

Bostonians for Youth Healing for an Equitable Boston

EMBODY THE CHANGE

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



HONORING **NICOLE OBI**



Bostonians for Youth on Friday, June 7

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

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

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



Madison Park Development Corporation



Apply for Madison Park Development Corporation's
2024 Scholarship Program
\$50,000 available for continuing your education!

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



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

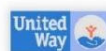


Apply online today:
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For more information,
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MPDC's 2024 Scholarship Program and Summer Youth Employment Program Applications

Apply to MPDC's Scholarship Program today!

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

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

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

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

For more information, please contact Yhinny Matos, Youth Workforce Manager, at ymatos@madison-park.org.

APPLY HERE



"You gotta get up, get out, and do something!"

MPDC's 2024 SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM



Applications are due on

Friday, June 7, 2024 at 5 PM!

**Apply online today at <https://bit.ly/MPDC2024SYEP>
or scan the QR code**

SUMMER 2024 JOBS AVAILABLE FOR YOUTH AGES 14 - 19

Summer staffing positions at MPDC are also available for young adults ages 19- 24. Inquire TODAY!

For more information,
contact Yhinny Matos
ymatos@madison-park.org



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Join MPDC's Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) today!

SYEP provides underserved in-school youth, ages 14-19, with career internships, job readiness skills, and educational enrichment. SYEP is intended to provide early workforce experience for young people who might not otherwise have this opportunity while supporting them with completing academics and college readiness.

Application deadline: June 7th, 2024 by 5 pm

For more information about MPDC's SYEP, please email [Yhinny Matos](mailto:Yhinny.Matos), Youth Workforce Manager.

APPLY HERE

HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY PREP CLASSES



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REGISTRATION
FOR EAGER LEARNERS
18-24 YEARS OLD!**

**SCAN THE QR CODE
TO REGISTER TODAY!**

- **LEARN & EARN**
- **HYBRID CLASS SCHEDULE**
- **ACCESS TO WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT**
- **& MORE!**



**For more information or to
register contact:**

**Carlos Taveras, OEP Coordinator
(978) 397-5936**



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PREVENTION
PROGRAM**



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Madison Park Next Door:

Information about the Federal Home Loan Bank

The [Federal Home Loan Bank](#) (FHLB) is excited to announce the launch of the Lift Up Homeownership program.

This program aims to provide grants to income-eligible households in New England, explicitly offering up to \$50,000 in down payment and closing-cost assistance to people of color purchasing their first home.

The program is designed specifically for people of color defined as Black, American Indian/Alaska Native, Hispanic, Asian, and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islanders.

Below are the Program Details

- Eligibility: People of color earning up to 120% of the area median income
- Grant Amount: Up to \$50,000 in down-payment and closing-cost assistance
- Application Period: April 1, 2024, to April 26, 2024
- Enrollment Cap: \$500,000 per member in 2024
- First Come First Served

Important Dates

- Application Period Opens: Monday, April 1, 2024, at 8:00 a.m.
- Application Period Closes: Friday, April 26, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.
- Approval Notifications Sent: May 6, 2024
- Enrollment for Qualified Homebuyers Begins Wednesday, May 15, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. (Must apply with an approved lender)

Additional Programs offered by FLHB

It is important to explore all homeownership assistance programs, including the Equity Builder Program and Housing Our Workforce, to help address the affordable housing crisis in New England.

The Equity Builder Program (EBP) offers grants to help first-time buyers earning up to 80% of the area median income with a down payment, closing cost, home rehabilitation assistance, and homebuyer education and counseling. Housing Our Workforce (HOW) offers grants to help homebuyers earning above 80% and up to 120% of the area median income with a down payment and closing cost assistance. For both programs, EBP and HOW, FHLBank Boston will begin accepting enrollments for qualified households on Monday, April 1, 2024. Approved members will have full access to the funds allocated to the EBP funding round until they have met their maximum amount or until the pool runs out. Funds are always on a first-come, first-served basis.

The programs offered by FHLB could be valuable to anyone who is currently in the home-buying process and has pre-approval. Please get in touch with your lender to ask if they are participating in the FHLB programs and apply for funding to be applied to your loan. This could increase your purchasing power.

For more information, reach out to Laquisa Burke at Nextdoor@madison-park.org.

**ISLAMIC MULTI-SERVICE ORGANIZATION & THE
DEWITT CENTER**

MONTHLY FOOD PANTRY



**1ST & 3RD
WEDNESDAY OF EACH
MONTH @ 1 PM**

**122 DEWITT DR,
ROXBURY MA, 02119**

**RICE, PANTRY STAPLES,
VEGETABLES, FRUIT
JUICES & MORE!**



**FOR MORE
INFORMATION:**

**(617) 442-2805
myismo@yahoo.com**



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

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

The Dewitt Center and the [Islamic Multi-Service Organization](#) (IMSO) host monthly food pantries. Canned goods, fruit, pasta, spaghetti, and more will be available for pickup! Supplies are limited.

For more information, please contact IMSO at myimso@yahoo.com or call 617.442.2805.

MORE INFO



MPDC's Healthcare Support Services Training Program

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

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



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

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

**For more information
 or to apply contact:**

**Carlos Taveras | (978) 397-5936
 ctaveras@madison-park.org**



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MPDC's Healthcare Support Services Training Program

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

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

<p>PREPARE FOR LOBBY DAY AT THE STATE HOUSE</p> <p>Special Surprise for Participants who come to at least one of each training</p>	<p>PREPARE FOR LOBBY DAY AT THE STATE HOUSE</p> <p>Special Surprise for Participants who come to at least one of each training</p>
<p>Training #1: Know Your Representatives Learn who is making decisions on behalf of their neighborhood, district, county, and state, and then engage in ways to communicate with them.</p> <p>SESSION 1: MONDAY, APRIL 29TH @ 11:30 PM SESSION 2: THURSDAY, MAY 1ST, @ 4:30 PM</p>	<p>Training #2: Advocacy 101 Go a step beyond knowing your Representatives and get introduced to policies that Roxbury delegates are and aren't pursuing and how to make the ask to support</p> <p>SESSION 1: MONDAY, APRIL 29TH @ 11:30 PM SESSION 2: THURSDAY, MAY 1ST, @ 4:30 PM</p>
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Prepare for Lobby Day at the MA State House Info Sessions

WHEN:

Training #1: Know Your Representatives

Session 1: Monday, April 29 @ 11:30 am

Session 2: Thursday, May 1 @ 4:30 pm

Training #2: Advocacy 101

Session 1: Monday, April 29th @ 11:30 am

Session 2: Thursday, May 1 @ 4:30 pm

Lobby Day

Monday, May 13

9:00 am to 12:00 pm

WHERE: MPDC Offices

(184 Dudley Street, Roxbury, MA)



WHEN: Friday, May 17
6:30 pm to 9:00 pm

WHERE: Hibernian Hall
(184 Dudley Street, Roxbury, MA)

Step into a world of vibrant colors, tropical rhythms, and transformative art at Hibernian Hall's Arts on the Rox! Enjoy live performances, food and refreshments, Samba dancing, and fun surprises for all guests to partake in and enjoy.

[PURCHASE TICKETS](#)

MADISON PARK DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION PRESENTS

A YOUTH LED FORUM

**Monday, May 20th, 2024
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Location TBA!**



TOPIC OF DISCUSSION:

Creating a Better Roxbury for Our Youth

For more information, please contact:

Tahara Samuel | tsamuel@madison-park.org



**Merry Robinsons
Government Official at
the Great City**

**John Pascual
Police Chief at the
Great City**



MPDC's Youth Led Forum

WHEN: Monday, May 20
4:00 pm to 6:00 pm

WHERE: TBA

This forum empowers youth to become agents of change, fosters leadership skills, and cultivates a sense of civic engagement. Join MPDC for a day filled with inspiration, empowerment, and opportunities to connect with fellow young changemakers!

MORE INFO



MPDC's Kick-Off for National Homebuying Month!

Thursday June 6th, 2024
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

The Dewitt Center
122 Dewitt Drive
Roxbury, MA 02119



Guest Speakers: Mortgage before Marriage book Author and most influential real estate couple Alex and Joanna Edwards

SIGN UP



To learn more, contact:
LaQuisa Burke, Manager of Rental and Homeownership Services,
nextdoor@madison-park.org



MPDC's Kick-Off for National Homebuying Month

WHEN: Thursday, June 6

6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

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

Madison Park Development provides numerous homebuying workshops and financial resources to support residents wanting to purchase their homes. The training program aims to educate MPDC residents about the home-buying process, provide residents with an economical pathway to building wealth, and create an affordable rental opportunity for another deserving family. Come to The Dewitt Center to learn more about [Madison Park Next Door!](#)

MORE INFO



MPDC'S NEXT DOOR FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYERS CLASS

Saturday, June 8th &
Sunday, June 9th, 2024
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

MPDC Offices
2nd Floor Conference Room
184 Dudley Street, Roxbury, MA



Come and Learn from the
Best Denisha McDonald
Financial Education
Associates

**REGISTER
HERE!**

To learn more, contact:
LaQuisa Burke, Manager of Rental and Homeownership
Services, at nextdoor@madison-park.org



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Madison Park Next Door First-Time Homebuyers Class

WHEN: Saturday, June 8 and Sunday, June 9
10:00 am to 2:00 pm

WHERE: MPDC Offices
(184 Dudley Street, Roxbury, MA)

Are you ready to leap into homeownership? MPDC's comprehensive classes will guide you through the entire process, from understanding mortgage options to

confidently navigating the homebuying journey. Register now and take the first step toward realizing your homeownership goals!

MORE INFO

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A MASS HUMANITIES ORAL HISTORY SERIES

Boston, MA – 4/8/2024

Sponsored by MASS HUMANITIES and the MASS CULTURAL COUNCIL - VOICES 21C, in collaboration with EXPLANATIONS FROM EXILE proudly presents "UNCLEAN: Is Urban Trauma The New Leprosy?" This innovative multi-disciplinary narrative project aims to delve into the historical and contemporary parallels between the treatment of lepers in centuries past, and the present day treatment of urban trauma survivors.

The UNCLEAN project is set to unfold through a series of presentations and discussions taking place at two distinguished locations in Massachusetts.

The first event will be held on May 2nd at the Boston University School of Fine Arts from 6-9pm, followed by a second session on May 28th at The State House (Hall of Flags) from 12:30-3:30.

"UNCLEAN" refers to the ways in which leprotic citizens were isolated and incarcerated in centuries past. This event will explore ways in which incarceration was used as a tool to control the perception and public valuation of community members with particular skin presentations. Contemporary stories from urban trauma survivors incarcerated for violent infractions will center society's continued reliance on incarceration to address deadly comorbid symptoms found in under-resourced communities – specifically communities of color. Juxtaposing these time periods will highlight the way that skin presentation, specifically, has unduly determined the fate of afflicted community members across time.

Key highlights of "UNCLEAN" include: Contextualizing violence in Massachusetts' urban communities of color; Examining societal treatment of trauma survivors and incarcerated individuals; Challenging normalized stigmas associated with violence and incarceration; Fostering substantive dialogue and community engagement.

Massachusetts residents are encouraged to attend these thought-provoking sessions, which promise to offer unique insights and perspectives and dialogue on trauma-induced violence and systemic challenges.

For more information about "UNCLEAN: Is Urban Trauma The New Leprosy?" and to register for the events, please scan QR code below or contact Truth at 781-975-1447 or email at info.2ruth7@gmail.com.

About VOICES 21C:

VOICES 21C is an artists' collective devoted to pursuing human rights and justice through the choral art, fostering global understanding through music.

About EXPLANATIONS FROM EXILE:

Explanations From Exile is a multimedia company committed to elevating the discourse surrounding urban trauma, violence, and mass incarceration through a diverse range of media channels, aiming to empower communities and drive transformative solutions.

Yours Sincerely,

May 28th



May 2nd



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