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October 31st: Small Business Call

Our Small Business Call is a virtual webinar featuring support services and resources available to Boston's small businesses, as well as a live Q&A. Join us on Tuesday, October 31st for our call at 3pm!

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

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

You may also view the webinar and submit questions on Facebook Live! Live interpretation is available on Zoom in three languages -- Spanish, Vietnamese, and Chinese (Mandarin):

- Hay servicios de interpretación y traducción a su disposición sin costo alguno
- Các dịch vụ thông dịch và biên dịch được cung cấp cho quý vị hoàn toàn miễn

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[VIEW LAST MONTH'S SMALL BUSINESS WEBINAR ON FACEBOOK LIVE](#)

EVENTS CALENDAR

Our free public events range from business resources and workshops to family friendly programs

Ongoing - October 19:

Small Business Technical Assistance E-Commerce Workshop Series



Proxie



e-commerce workshop series for small businesses

Thursdays, September 21 - October 19th, 6-7:30pm

5-week virtual series of workshops designed to support new and existing businesses that are interested in growth through digital channels such as an e-commerce enabled website, social media, and third-party marketplaces.

Register at
bit.ly/bostonecommerce



Ongoing - October 4:

Small Business Technical Assistance Workshop Series for "Building a Dynamic Business Plan"

BUILD A DYNAMIC BUSINESS PLAN

3 part workshop series for small business owners

Wednesdays 9-11:00AM Sept 27 • Oct 4 • Oct 11
Fields Corner Business Lab
1452 Dorchester Ave 4th Fl, Dorchester



Register now at:
bit.ly/BostonBizPlan

City of Boston
Economic Opportunity
and Inclusion



ARTS & CULTURE SERIES



This free 4-week series will provide aspiring and current small business owners and entrepreneurs in the arts and creative economy with the legal foundation to successfully run their business. Brought to you by a partnership between Lawyers for Civil Rights, Arts & Business Council of Greater Boston, and Northeastern University School of Law.



Weekly Workshops:

Entity Formation
Contracts

Intellectual Property
Funding and Grant Writing



Schedule: Starts October 4, 2023

Class Time: 6PM-8PM

Wednesday, October 4
Wednesday, October 11

Wednesday, October 18
Wednesday, October 25



Location:

Northeastern University School of Law
65 Forsyth St, Boston, MA 02115 and via Zoom

Free Registration: bit.ly/ArtsAndCultureBizGrow



Next: October 8th

Open Newbury Street

The City of Boston is relaunching Open Newbury Street starting on July 2, 2023, through October 15, 2023, for 16 consecutive Sundays of car-free Newbury Street. Stop by between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m.!



**A CAR-FREE NEWBURY STREET
EVERY SUNDAY THROUGH OCTOBER 15**
10 a.m. - 8 p.m. | Berkeley Street to Massachusetts Avenue

CITY of **BOSTON**

BOSTON.GOV/OPEN-NEWBURY

[Learn More!](#)



Next: October 8th Seaport x Black Owned Bos. Market

The Seaport x Black Owned Bos. market is open from 12:00pm to 6:00pm on

Seaport Common ([85 Northern Avenue](#)) and is free to the public.

Celebrating local entrepreneurship, craftsmanship and art, the Seaport x Black Owned Bos. Market features 30+ vendors from a rotating collection of over 60 vendors throughout the season. All vendors featured at the market are members of Black Owned Bos.' distinguished local network and each will have their own tented area to showcase their wares.

Learn more: Blackownedbos.com/seaport

October 15th: Open Streets East Boston

[Open Streets Boston](#) is closing out its second annual event series, offering another chance to experience streets as public spaces.

NEXT OPEN STREETS:

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15 - EAST BOSTON

All events from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Street closes at 9 a.m. | Activities start at 10 a.m.

June
25

JAMAICA PLAIN
CENTRE ST.
Between: Lamartine St. to South St.

July
15

ROXBURY
BLUE HILL AVE.
Between: West Cottage St. to Warren St.

August
19

ALLSTON / BRIGHTON
BRIGHTON AVE. & HARVARD AVE.
Between: Cambridge St. to Commonwealth Ave.

September
17

DORCHESTER
DORCHESTER AVE.
Between: Ashmont St. and Neponset Ave.

October
15

EAST BOSTON
Between: Meridian St. and Bennington St.

BOSTON.GOV/OPEN-STREETS
CITY of **BOSTON**

November 8th:

Business Succession Planning Workshop

Business Succession Planning Workshop

Wednesday November 8, 10am-12pm
Roslindale Community Center
6 Cummins Highway

REGISTER AT
[ROSISUCCESSION.EVENTBRITE.COM](https://rosisuccession.eventbrite.com)

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bcco BOSTON CENTER FOR
COMMUNITY OWNERSHIP

ROSLINDALE VILLAGE
MAIN STREET



Career Fair

Join us for an exciting opportunity to connect with top companies and organizations from various industries. This career fair, in partnership with the **Boston Resident Jobs Policy Jobs Bank**, will offer a chance to explore diverse career paths, network with industry experts, and discover your next big step. Don't miss out on this chance to pave the way for your success!

Details

🕒 DATE

Monday, October 16
5:00–7:30pm



HARVARD ED PORTAL

224 Western Ave., Allston



LEARN MORE AND APPLY

hrvd.me/career-fair



HARVARD
ED PORTAL



Worker
Empowerment

Mayor Wu Delivers Address to the
Greater Boston Chamber of



Commerce

On September 13th, Mayor Michelle Wu addressed over 500 business leaders, residents, and stakeholders at the Government Affairs Forum hosted by the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce.

In her [speech](#), she highlighted the strong recovery our neighborhoods have experienced. East Boston, Roslindale, and Roxbury have experienced, on average, 16% higher spending than 2019. In Downtown Boston, August foot traffic reached pre-pandemic levels and S.P.A.C.E. grantees are locating in the area; more events are taking place, and tourism is the highest it's been since 2019.

Mayor Wu also shared how **companies like LEGO and many other companies are choosing to come to Boston** because of the diversity of our population, which makes us so special, and how this will provide major opportunities for career advancement and economic growth for our neighborhoods.

And finally, the Mayor makes **several key announcements related to zoning and development** across the city.

[\[Watch Mayor Wu's full speech here.\]](#)

Sumner Tunnel Restoration: Project details and closure schedule

The Sumner Tunnel is undergoing a restoration that began in the spring of 2022. This work requires the tunnel to be closed to traffic periodically. Learn about the current project details and the closure schedule [here](#).

Periodic weekend closures of the Sumner Tunnel resume from Fall 2023 to Summer 2024. During this time, the tunnel will close on Fridays at 11:00 p.m. and re-open to traffic on Mondays at 5:00 a.m. Traffic will be diverted through signed detour routes. Through the end of 2023, the tunnel will be closed the following upcoming weekends:

- Weekend of October 20
- Weekend of October 27
- Weekend of November 3
- Weekend of November 10

SMALL BUSINESS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

GET 1:1 ASSISTANCE FOR YOUR SMALL BUSINESS

OPPORTUNITIES INCLUDE:

**Legal support
Business strategy
Digital marketing
Financial forecasting
and more!**



Send your inquiry to:

emily.patrick@Boston.gov

617-869-1622



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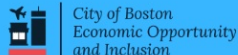
Apply Now to Be a Small Business Technical Assistance
Provider



APPLY NOW TO BE A TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDER

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

- legal
- accounting
- marketing
- business planning
- and more!



Visit: bit.ly/BostonTA

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SMALL BUSINESS IMPACT INITIATIVE

Three-year program to deliver capacity building grants to small business owners across Massachusetts

Amplify Latinx, the Asian Business Empowerment Council, the Black Economic Council of Massachusetts, and the Massachusetts LGBT Chamber of Commerce are thrilled to collaborate with National Grid to offer a series of \$10k grants to businesses based in Massachusetts. These grants can be utilized for any project aimed at fostering business growth.

Eligible Businesses

- Black, Latino, Asian, Women, LGBTQ+ business owner with 51% or greater ownership of the business
- At least \$100,000 in 2022 annual revenues and not to exceed \$1,000,000
- Must be affiliated with at least one of the four partner organizations
- Have been in business for at least three years
- In good standing with MA Secretary of State or Dept. of Revenue
- Must be able to provide a valid W-9 form

IN PARTNERSHIP



To apply & learn more, visit <https://bit.ly/3RuDtNo> | Application deadline: Tuesday, October 31, 2023

2024 NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS WEEK AWARDS

Now Accepting Nominations!



sba.gov/nsbw

The Small Business Administration (SBA) is now accepting Nominations for the National Small Business Week Awards!

The National Small Business Awards highlight the impact of outstanding entrepreneurs, small business owners, and community members from all 50 states and U.S. territories.

Submission Deadline:

Thursday, December 7, 2023 at 4:00pm EST.

2024 Award Categories:

There are DISTRICT awards and two NATIONAL awards categories: "Small Business Person of the Year" and "Exporter of the Year".

Learn more at: sba.gov/nsbw

Boston Community Choice Electricity

Boston Community Choice Electricity (BCCE) gives Bostonians greater control over the electricity that powers their homes, places of worship and small businesses. The Program allows the City to secure electricity at a competitive rate. By using the City's collective buying power, we aim to provide affordable and renewable electricity to the program's customers. BCCE ensures that energy decisions are made locally and reflect the values of Boston's community.

Get a No-Cost Energy Assessment for your Small Business



Reduce overhead costs, increase profit margins and boost the comfort of your customers and employees.

The Mass Save Sponsors offer up to 70% off on efficiency upgrades like:



Refrigeration



Hot water savings



Electronics



Pipe insulation



Indoor and outdoor lighting



Insulation and air sealing



Custom Energy Efficiency Measures



And new substantial rebates for heat pumps and HVAC systems



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masssave.com/boston

(857) 376-6220

Boston is a Mass Save Community First Partner, increasing participation in energy efficiency programs.



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Free Small Business Office Hours

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

We are here to help! If you need free legal assistance please email BizGrow@lawyersforcivilrights.org or call BizGrow at 857-264-1810.

M/WBE Certification Office Hours

Join the Supplier and Workforce Diversity team every Wednesday from 11:00am - 1:00pm via zoom for our weekly Certification Office Hours! Their team is available to answer any questions from small business owners interested in becoming a certified Minority/Woman-Owned Business Enterprise with the City of Boston. Click the link below to register/enter.

Join the Office Hours [here](#).

External Grants Available for Businesses

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

SMALL BUSINESS SUPPORT

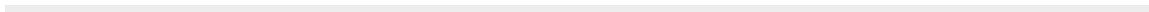
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

We support you as you start, stabilize, or grow your small business. Our team can help you identify challenges and goals, and pair you with our business experts.

Contact
smallbiz@boston.gov

RESTORE

Want to find out how you can improve the outside of your building, or your storefront signs? Want to learn more about our design services?



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**Collaborative Community
Painting Sessions**



Tuesdays from
**October 10th to
November 14th 2023**
3pm-5pm

**In the Jazz Lounge
Grove Hall Public Library**

41 Geneva Ave, Dorchester, MA 02121

**Open to All Ages and Stages
No Experience Necessary**

Come together with the sparc! Team to
create collaborative paintings that speak
to the history and spirit of Grove Hall.

- Guest Artists
- Refreshments
- Fun!

+ Finished paintings will be donated to local non-profits!

For information call the Grove Hall Library at (617) 427-3337
or sparc! info at (617) 879-7330



 [sparcheartmobile.org](https://twitter.com/sparcheartmobile)

 [@cacp_massart](https://www.instagram.com/cacp_massart)

 cacpinfo@massart.edu

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CACP / Community Partnerships



sparc!
the ArtMobile



igniting art and design in the neighborhood



MASSART / Center for Art and
CACP / Community Partnerships

Invest in America: Thriving Communities Regional Convening

We wanted to share the opportunity to attend the Invest in America: Thriving Communities Regional Convening on Monday, October 16th to Wednesday, October 18th, 2023, at the Graduate Hotel in Providence, Rhode Island. The convening will bring together leaders from across the Region 1 who are committed to equitable implementation of climate-related federal funding and infrastructure investment.

During this convening, we hope to foster greater connection between and among federal agencies, grantees, and community-based organizations to support learning exchanges, elevate best practices, and provide match funds for local foundations to support the capacity needs of community partners for greater public accountability. A more detailed agenda will be sent out prior to the event.

The details of the location and lodging below:

Registration: **REGION 1 REGISTRATION:** Please follow [this link to register for the Convening](#) and [Book your accommodation at this link](#) or Call (401) 421-0700 – Option 1 to book lodging using

Group code 9998998. Group rate is \$155/night plus tax by October 2nd

Location: [Graduate Hotel, Providence, Rhode Island](#) – 11 Dorrance Street, Providence, RI 02903

We hope you will consider attending. Your perspectives will be greatly appreciated.

Gevon Solomon | she/her | Environmental Justice Specialist | Hispanic Employee Program Manager | Office of Regional Assistance & Integrated Strategies | Office of the Regional Administrator | U.S. EPA-Region 1 | 5 Post Office Square, Suite 100 | Mail Code ORA 01-3 | Boston, MA 02109 | Phone: (617) 918-1513 | Fax: (617) 918-0513
| Solomon.Gevon@epa.gov

TUESDAY AT 9:30 AM - 11 AM

S.P.A.C.E. Grant Meet & Greet Information Session

Tip O'Neil Federal Building

Register to join us at the Tip O'Neill Federal Building Auditorium in Boston for a collaborative event with the City of Boston's Office of Economic Opportunity and Inclusion and Small Business Administration (SBA) and learn about the S.P.A.C.E. Grant.

Meet SBA resource providers that can assist your small business and connect with City of Boston representatives to find out more about the second round of S.P.A.C.E grants application.

S.P.A.C.E grants provide up to \$200K to small business owners to open & fill vacant storefronts in Boston. Applications are due **November 10, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.**



Boston Water and Sewer Commission

Boston Water & Sewer (BWSC) Project Update

Roxbury Sewer Separation Phase 3 is a continuation of the work recently completed on Dudley Street and involves the separation of the combined sewer system into a new sewer system and new drain system. This project will reduce pollution levels in Boston Harbor by substantially decreasing the number and volume of combined sewer overflows.

This project will also include some water main replacement work as well. The purpose of this notice is to provide information regarding the ongoing improvements in your neighborhood and any necessary impacts or disruptions that might result from this work.

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



Join Us For A Town Hall Forum with Senator Elizabeth Warren

Dear Community Partners,

I am delighted to share that MassArt will be hosting a Town Hall Forum with Senator Elizabeth Warren in partnership with [MASSCreative](#) and the State Universities of Massachusetts Council of Presidents. The event will take place **Wednesday, October 11 at 6:00 pm in MassArt's Tower Auditorium**. Senator Warren will share some information about her work with a special focus on the arts and higher education and then take questions from the audience. The event is free and open to the public.

Please note that reservations are required and that you must arrive at the Tower Auditorium by 5:45 pm to secure your seat. Doors will open at 5:00pm. **Reserve your ticket [here](#).**

Warmth, Elena

Elena Belle White (she/her)

Associate Director + Director of PartnershipWORKS

Center for Art and Community Partnerships

Instagram: [@cacp_massart](#) / Tumblr: [spartheartmobile](#)

621 Huntington Avenue, Boston, MA (617) 879-7527



Climate Justice & Health Equity

Call to Action!

Detailed information about the HERO Bill hearing and all the ways you can support!

BREAKING NEWS

JOINT COMMITTEE ON REVENUE HEARING DATE ANNOUNCED FOR THE HERO BILL



DATE: OCTOBER 11

TIME: 11:00AM

**WHERE: MASSACHUSETTS STATE HOUSE,
ROOM A-2 (FIRST FLOOR)**

JOIN VIRTUALLY: LINK TBA

JOIN AND SUPPORT!



HOUSING & ENVIRONMENT REVENUE OPPORTUNITIES (HERO BILL)

S.1799 & H.2894: An Act providing for climate change adaptation infrastructure and affordable housing investments in the Commonwealth

For more information, contact Kendra at kbeaver@dbedc.org

Calls to Action for Climate & Housing Justice Before Oct.11!

HERO Bill Hearing: Joint Committee on Revenue

October 11, 11:00am - 1:00pm at the Massachusetts State House in Room A-2 (first floor)

We are excited that a hearing date for the HERO Bill has been announced and with less

than 5 days to support the HERO Bill, we would love to help you prepare to submit testimony!

We have put together a HERO Bill Advocacy Tool Kit full of easy-to-use resources and information that you can use to learn more about the bill, get involved and support!

[Find the toolkit here!](#)

Sign on Support Letter: We have written a sign on letter, urging that the Joint Committee on Revenue report the HERO Bill out of Committee favorably. This letter will be given to the committee prior to their decision, and the more people that sign on and show support, the better! **This action will take less than a minute!**

[Click here to sign on to our support letter](#)

Letter to Your Legislators: Send a letter to your legislators and urge them to support the HERO Bill! We have created a very easy to use resource that you can make personal if you would like, or leave it as is! **This action will only take 2-5 minutes.**

[Click here to send a letter to your legislators](#)

Written Testimony: **All materials need to be submitted before 5:00pm on October 11.** More information can be found by visiting the written testimony template.

You can either send your testimony directly to the committee by emailing your testimony to JointCommittee.Revenue@malegislature.gov (and cc kbeaver@dbedc.org) OR send your completed written testimony to Kendra at kbeaver@dbedc.org to be submitted on your behalf. **This action will only take 10-15 minutes!**

[Click here for the written testimony template](#)

Oral Testimony: If you would like give oral testimony in person or via zoom on the date of the hearing, you must email Ryan Sterling, ryan.sterling@mahouse.gov . Then, visit [the toolkit](#) for tips on how to successfully give oral testimony.

[Click here to email and sign up for oral testimony](#)

Do not hesitate to reach out to our team with any questions, or want to arrange a one-on-one for support! Click the buttons above to be brought directly to the resource you are interested in! Please reach out to us if you have any questions, or need help arranging transportation!

Thank you for your support! Best, Andrealis, Kendra, & Lara



October 11, 2023
6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

The War Memorial, Newton City Hall
1000 Commonwealth Ave., Newton, MA 02459

Join us in person or online for an important discussion, the first in a series, about the escalation of hate in our community and how to address it by forming alliances of understanding and action.

Speakers include Mayor Ruthanne Fuller, Mayor, City of Newton; Rabbi Keith Stern, Chair, Newton Human Rights Commission; Rabbi Jonah Steinberg, Regional Director, Anti-Defamation League (ADL) New England; Marion Ryan, Middlesex County District Attorney; John Carmichael, Newton Chief of Police; George McMains, Superintendent Newton Police Department; Ruth Balsler, Representative Commonwealth of Massachusetts; Rabbi Ron Fish, ADL, Northeast Division Director of Antisemitism Advocacy and Education.

Hatred is already in our schools and workplaces. We are not immune. It impacts all of us, but working together we can fight it.

We encourage attendance in person. Should you not be able to attend in person, please feel free to [join via secure webinar](#). Passcode: 491653

First They Came

*First they came for the Communists, And I did not speak out, Because I was not a Communist,
Then they came for the Socialists, And I did not speak out, Because I was not a Socialist,
Then they came for the trade unionists, And I did not speak out, Because I was not a trade unionist,
Then they came for the Jews, And I did not speak out, Because I was not a Jew,
Then they came for me, And there was no one left, To speak out for me.*
-- Pastor Martin Niemoller

LAWYERSCLEARINGHOUSE

Affordable Housing • Community Development
Nonprofit Legal Assistance • Homelessness Prevention



Join us at an Upcoming Workshop or
Consultation!

October 11: [Lobbying, Advocacy & Political Activities](#)

November 9: [Nonprofit Incorporation Workshop](#)

November 15: [Nonprofit CORI Training](#)

November 16*: [Nonprofit Wellness Check Consultation](#)

**Applications due by November 6. Very limited space.
Click a link above to register, or scroll down to learn more.*

Nonprofit Lobbying, Advocacy & Political Activities: What's OK and What's Not?

Wednesday, October 11 | 9:00 AM-10:30 AM

Via Zoom Video Conferencing | \$25 per organization

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Join us for this 90-minute virtual workshop and Q&A covering the basics of nonprofit lobbying, advocacy, and political activities for 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organizations. Organizations focused on social, economic, and political issues may find it especially helpful. Topics include:

- What constitutes advocacy, lobbying, or political activity;
- What rules apply, and what can happen if you break them;
- How these rules apply to social media;
- Sample language for voter education and “get out the vote” efforts; and
- Tips to prevent potential issues.

Presenter: [Teresa Santalucia](#), Klein Hornig

Nonprofit Incorporation Workshop

Thursday, November 9 | 4:00 PM-6:00 PM

Via Zoom video conferencing | \$25 per organization

[REGISTER HERE](#)

An essential overview of how to establish a nonprofit in Massachusetts and obtain a 501(c)(3) tax-exemption, with key points for maintaining tax-exempt status. Strongly recommended for anyone starting a nonprofit.

Workshop participants will receive a copy of the presentation slides and additional reference materials. Topics include:

- For-profit or nonprofit?
- What is a nonprofit?
- Incorporating & structuring a nonprofit
- Fiscal sponsorship
- State reporting & regulation
- Federal tax exemption
- Ongoing IRS reporting & regulation

Presenters: [Sue Abbott](#), Goodwin; [Luke Blackadar](#), Arts & Business Council of Greater Boston

Nonprofit CORI Training

Wednesday, November 15 | 10:00 AM-11:30 AM

Via Zoom video conferencing | Free

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Note: This training is not designed to help advise nonprofits on their hiring practices. It is solely focused on assisting clients with records.

This criminal records training is intended for nonprofits whose staff are involved with counseling or offering services in the community to individuals who may have criminal records. It will address the following:

- What exactly is a criminal record in Massachusetts? Who has the data? Who gets access to the data?
- How can a nonprofit help a client reduce the barriers posed by criminal records?
- What is the process to seal a CORI? Can I refer my client to free legal resources for sealing?
- What rights do individuals with a sealed CORI have when they are applying for a job? Housing?
- What is the process to expunge a charge on a CORI? Are there free legal resources?
- What are the concerns for an individual with a CORI who has an immigration issue?

Presenter: [Crispin Birnbaum](#), Access to Justice Fellow

Nonprofit Wellness Check Consultation

Tuesday, November 16 | 1:30 PM-4:00 PM

Via Zoom video conferencing | \$25 per organization

[APPLY HERE BY NOVEMBER 6](#)

Note: Consultations are limited to 501(c)3 organizations. However anyone may choose to attend just the presentation.

Good governance and compliance are the building blocks for a strong and effective organization! Join us at this Nonprofit Wellness Check to get one-on-one assistance assessing your operations and creating a roadmap for improvement.

The Nonprofit Wellness Check is a two-part program. You may apply to attend one or both parts:

- **1:30 PM-2:30 PM:** One-hour presentation on good governance and legal compliance.
- **2:30 PM-4 PM:** Private consultation with volunteer attorneys.

Presenter: [Shifrah Halevi](#), Lawyers Clearinghouse

Volunteer Attorneys: [Goodwin](#)

Does your nonprofit need legal assistance?

[Apply for assistance with a civil legal matter](#)

through our Legal Referral Program

DO YOU RUN A SMALL BUSINESS IN DORCHESTER?

COMPLETE A SHORT SURVEY TO SHAPE FUTURE INVESTMENT IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Researchers at UMass are interested in learning more about what small business owners in Boston need to thrive.

Do you operate a small business in Dorchester, East Boston, Mattapan, or Roxbury? If yes, please complete our survey. It takes only 5 to 10 minutes, and 30 small businesses will be chosen at random to get a \$50 gift card.

Follow <https://bit.ly/boston-biz> to take the survey.

Para español, ve a <https://bit.ly/boston-biz> y selecciona "menú de idiomas".

Pa kabuverdianu, bá pa <https://bit.ly/boston-biz> y selecciona "menu di linguas".

Pou kreyòl ayisyen, **ale nan** <https://bit.ly/boston-biz> ak chwazi "meni lang".

Để tiếng Việt, đi đến <https://bit.ly/boston-biz> và chọn "menu ngôn ngữ".



UMassAmherst

Donahue Institute
Economic and
Public Policy Research

Do You Run a Small Business in Dorchester?

Researchers at the UMass Donahue Institute (UMDI) are interested in learning more about what small business owners in Dorchester need to thrive and they need your help.

JP Morgan Chase has hired UMDI to make recommendations on how to support small businesses in the neighborhoods of Dorchester, East Boston, Mattapan, and Roxbury. UMDI is conducting a survey that will help determine those recommendations.

Please complete the [survey](#). It takes roughly 10 minutes, and 30 small businesses will be chosen at random to get a \$50 electronic gift card to their choice of Target, Home Depot, or Staples.

To take the survey please follow this [link](#).

Or copy and paste the following link into your browser:

https://umassamherst.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9Br0FesON8tbsFM?Q_CHL=email&RID=CGC_DWyjs1MfDuRM8Aq&g=g

If you would like to participate further, UMDI is also holding a focus groups on Zoom, on **October 12th at 10am**, please follow this <https://umass-amherst.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJAKc-uoqD0qGd00m9pvhcB21aST911EjtI3> or email kspitzer@umass.edu to register more.

Thank you for your help!

PLEASE JOIN
JEREMIAH E. BURKE SCHOOL
AS WE CELEBRATE

CONNIE FORBES

COMMUNITY
SPOTLIGHT

FRIDAY, 13TH OCTOBER 2023

FIVE O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING

60 WASHINGTON ST
DORCHESTER, MA 02121

Please Save the Date

Please save the date and join the Jeremiah E. Burke school on Friday, October 13th, from 5 PM-7 PM as we celebrate the fantastic community work of Connie Forbes as she receives our "Burke Community Spotlight award."

Our community spotlight award is awarded to someone who exemplifies what it means to put in the work for our community and has made a lasting impact on those they interact with. Someone who puts the community first. A community leader!

I hope to see you there! Dinner will be served.

PLEASE RSVP HERE

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdHTMP9Gvj1MQSTmCvIq0e3ie2LtGSo_vIPi8EF75K8eiN8Q/viewform?usp=sf_link



TWIST & SHOUT

An Evening of Dance, Music & Spoken Word

to benefit
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Featuring
NIA DANCE TROUPE
GIRLZ OF IMANI
IMANI, JR.

new works by
MUADI B. DIBINGA
SHAUMBA-YANDJE DIBINGA

SATURDAY OCTOBER 14, 2023
6:30pm VIP Reception | 8pm Performance
Tickets: \$50, \$75, \$100

The Huntington Theatre
264 Huntington Avenue
Boston, MA 02115

Tickets and sponsorship information: shamari@orinationinc.org
Photo credit: Best Image Photography | Artist: Shaumba-Subira Dibinga-Robinson

Scan to buy tickets



CALLING ALL NEIGHBORS!

Design in the Park *#yourtierralivri*



**Food, Games & Design
at 479 Dudley St, Roxbury, MA**

Sun. Oct 15, 2023 1-4pm

Meet the Development & Design team behind the proposal for 18 affordable homeownership units and a community-owned commercial space at "Our Tierra Livri" (479 Dudley Street).

Join us for snacks, family-friendly games, music, and share your design feedback and ideas.

**Meet our
team**

**Share your
ideas**

**Enjoy food &
games**

Our team:



¡LLAMANDO A TODOS LOS VECINOS!

Diseño en el Parque *#yourtierralivri*



Comida, Juegos y Diseño
en 479 Dudley St, Roxbury, MA
Dom. Oct 15, 2023 1-4pm

Conozca al equipo de Desarrollo y Diseño detrás de la propuesta de 18 unidades de propiedad de vivienda asequibles y un espacio comercial de propiedad comunitaria en "Our Tierra Livri" (479 Dudley Street).

Únase a nosotros para disfrutar de refrigerios, juegos familiares, música y comparta sus comentarios e ideas sobre nuestro diseño y programa.

**Conozca
nuestro
equipo**

**Comparte
sus ideas**

**Disfruta de
comida y
juegos**

Nuestro Equipo:



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GRANT OPP: America Walks Community Change Grants

FYI - The Community Change Grants program supports the growing network of advocates, organizations, and agencies working to advance walkability. Grants are awarded to innovative, engaging, and inclusive programs and projects that create change and opportunity for walking and movement at the community level.

America Walks and generous Active People, Health Nations partners are excited to announce another round of our popular Community Change Grant program. This program will award 15 grantees \$1,500.00 in community grants for projects related to creating healthy, active, and engaged places to live, work and play.

America Walks has seen firsthand that the passion, innovation, and hard work of advocates and local organizations to advance safe, equitable, accessible, and enjoyable places to walk and move are what create the foundation for walkable communities across the US. This grant program will work to provide support to the growing network of advocates, organizations, and agencies using innovative, engaging, and inclusive programs and projects to create change at the community level.

[APPLY NOW](#)

Applications are open through **October 16th, 2023!** Awardees will be notified in mid-November 2023. Funds must be used to complete the proposed project in the 2024 calendar year. Please check our website for updates.



You're Invited!

Clean Slate Massachusetts – Strategic Planning Summit

WHEN: Tuesday, October 17, 2023, 10am - 3:30pm (free event, lunch provided)

WHERE: Roxbury Community College

1234 Columbus Ave. Roxbury
Academic Building 3, Student Commons
Roxbury Crossing MBTA-stop

[\[RSVP – Click to Register\]](#)

THANK YOU!

We appreciate your past support and hope you can join us and recruit others to pass landmark legislation to make record-sealing automatic in order to help countless people access better jobs, higher wages, secure housing, and other opportunities.

CHILDREN'S SERVICES OF ROXBURY INVITES YOU TO

Hearts of Gold

A 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
OF OUR PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

Honoring Our Founders and Leaders
Reverend Richardson and Mrs. Jestina Richardson
Pamela Ogletree • Sandra M. McCroom



Thursday, October 19, 2023
6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

The Cyclorama
539 Tremont Street, Boston, MA

Cocktail Hour | Dinner | Entertainment

RSVP by October 5



Website: www.celebrate50@csrox.org | Email: celebrate50@csrox.org



Scan for more event details.

Our Hosts



Oompa

Nationally-acclaimed hip hop artist
and artrepeneur
Boston, MA



Harry Harding

VP of Innovation & Strategic Partnerships,
Children's Services of Roxbury

Dinner provided by Max Ultimate Food.



Children's Services of Roxbury (CSR) is celebrating 50 years of providing wraparound programs for children and families that include family shelter, culturally attuned behavioral health services, foster care and family support services, early education and childcare, and youth development programs. We are one of Massachusetts' largest Black-run nonprofit organizations, led by a Board and staff that represent the diverse communities we serve.

Our semicentennial marks the continuation of our work to transform the social and economic health of Massachusetts' Black and Latinx communities. Our programs and services demonstrate practices that break the cycle of systemic racism for future generations and empower families and young adults on their journey from poverty to stability and wealth-building.

Register Today!

NUMBERS THAT MATTER



HEART HEALTH SESSION #2

OCT 21, 2023 | 10:30AM - 1:30PM
SHELBURNE COMMUNITY CENTER
2730 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA
<http://bit.ly/HeartHealthSession2>



Urban League Guild
of Eastern Massachusetts



INCLUDE
HEART



Elder Health Care
Disparities Coalition, Inc.

Westie Fest is Back! Call for Vendors



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STREETS

Call for Vendors!

westie fest

Community Festival

Join us for a fun day
filled with music,
food, activities,
local artisans and more!

10.21.23

Billings Field, West Roxbury

12pm-4pm

VISIT WESTIEFEST.INFO





[Learn More](#)



Specific Use Grants

- One may work for you!

Using grants as a primary source of funding is not a sustainable model unless you have a qualified staff dedicated to the process almost full time. However, opportunistic grants should be considered if the grant makes overall sense and fits your business' mission.



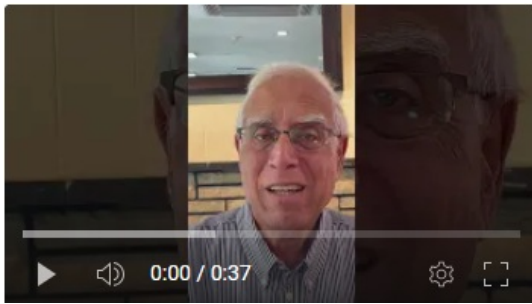
Need Money? Looking for a grant?

Here are some opportunities for financial assistance and grants that your business may be eligible for. These options are not part of or endorsed by SCORE but could be a source of funds for some of our clients:

- [National Grid Small Business Impact Initiative](#) (Deadline 10/31): The Black Economic Council of Massachusetts (BECMA), Amplify LatinX, the Mass. LGBT Chamber of Commerce and the Asian Business Empowerment Council are thrilled to collaborate with National Grid New England to offer a series of \$10,000 grants to businesses based in Massachusetts. These grants can be utilized for any project aimed at fostering business growth.
- [Hello Alice Growth Grant](#) (Deadline 10/27): In partnership with the Global Entrepreneurship Network (GEN) and with funding from Etsy and Progressive, the Small Business Growth Fund provides small business owners the capital they need to make their next move. Recipients will receive \$5,000-\$25,000 grants to help accelerate their growth and achieve their goals.
- [Amber Grant](#) (Applications due at the end of each month): Women's Net gives away at least \$30,000 every month in Amber Grant money. In recognition of the diversity of businesses owned by women, we've also expanded our grant-giving to include "Marketing Grants," "Business Category Grants," as well as two "\$25,000 Year End Grants."
- [You Glow Girl Women Entrepreneur Grant](#): Entering its third year, the You Glow Girl grant is open to female entrepreneurs. Previous winners received \$10,000 grants and participated in a mentorship program. Applications open on October 19, 2023.
- [The Atomic Grant program](#) (deadline 12/15): This program offers \$1,500 microgrants to women business owners. Recipients also receive one-on-one strategy coaching sessions. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis, with grants awarded quarterly.
- [FedEx Entrepreneur Fund](#) (Deadline 10/6): Through the FedEx® Entrepreneur Fund, thirty (30) grants of \$10,000 each will be awarded to entrepreneurs who have a connection to the military and/or entrepreneurs with disabilities.

Additionally, we understand that grant application processes can be complex, and we want to ensure you are well-prepared. We have gathered a list of useful resources that offer tips and guidance on how to best answer grant application questions. These resources can be found at the following links

5 Tips for Writing a Winning Small Business Grant Applications:



Need help writing Your Grant? Let a SCORE mentor assist you.

[Get a Mentor](#)

Meet Ramesh Advani - SCORE Boston mentor



Special Invitation

Dear Friends,

We are delighted to extend an invitation to our autumn reception, recognizing over twenty leading entrepreneurs who have successfully completed our Business Equity Initiative (BEI) program.

The reception will be an opportunity to gather and network with our entrepreneurs, clients, partners, funders, and staff. There will be a brief speaker program and toast to our graduates. As a valued member of our small business community, we would be honored if you could join us in this celebration! Drinks and light fare will be served.

Please [RSVP](#) by Tuesday, October 17th.

Details

Date

Tuesday, Oct 24th

Time

5:30 - 8:00 PM

Location

City Winery Boston
[80 Beverly St](#)
[Boston, MA 02114](#)

Discount

Parking Haymarket Center
Garage is \$3 for 3 hours
for validated tickets.
Entrance at 98 Sudbury St.
Boston, MA 02108

Business Equity Initiative Graduates



Please respond by Tuesday, October 17th.

If you have any questions, please email Katiria Adorno, BEI Program Manager, at katiria.adorno@mccinvest.org.

RSVP HERE

We hope to see you on October 24th!

THE URBAN LEAGUE GUILD OF EASTERN MASSACHUSETTS
PRESENTS



Big Boooooo Halloween
Adult Costume Party

Date: Saturday, October 28th, 2023

Time: 6:00 PM - 11:00 PM

Location: Bruce Bolling Municipal Bldg. - 6th Floor Roof Deck

For Tickets &

More Info, Please Contact:

Dorothea @ Guildpresident@ulem.org

Ms. Lopes @ 617-327-2167

\$25 per person

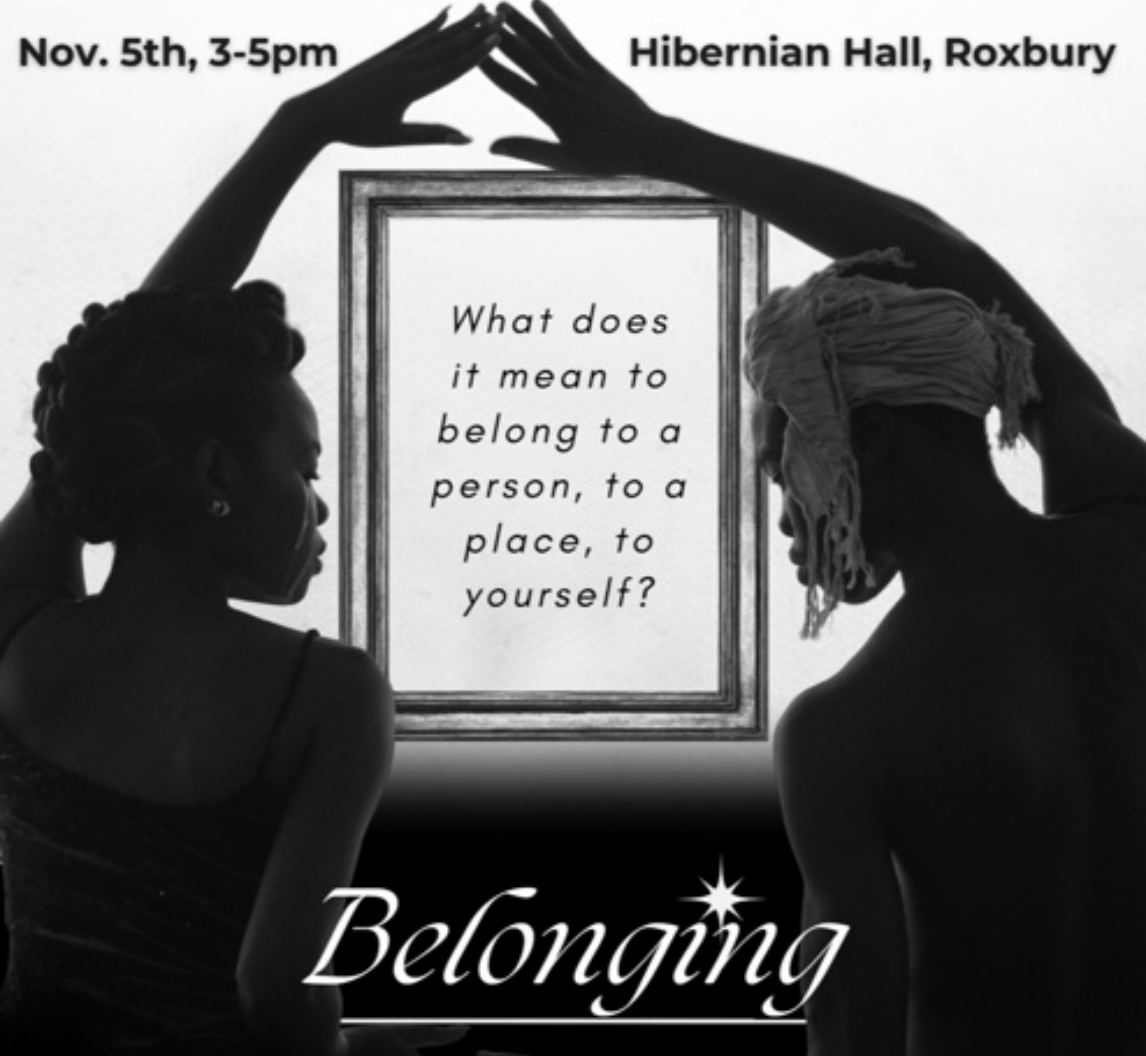
\$40 per couple

Tickets via Eventbrite



Nov. 5th, 3-5pm

Hibernian Hall, Roxbury



*What does
it mean to
belong to a
person, to a
place, to
yourself?*

Belonging

Curated by Shirley Graham du Bois Creative in Residence **Jenny Oliver**, *Belonging* includes participatory driven and artist curated workshops designed to deepen one's connection to self, and an immersive mix of music, dance, and spoken word.



Free with Suggested Donation

More Info & RSVP: <https://givebutter.com/belonging>

YOU'RE INVITED: Castle of our Skins Hosts Live Performances: Music, Dance & Spoken Word Sunday, November 5, 2023 | 3-5 PM | Hibernian Hall Roxbury MA | Refreshments | FREE | Donations Welcome | Grove Hall Main Streets

Castle of our Skins, Boston's concert and educational series dedicated to celebrating Black artistry, with close curatorial guidance from its fourth Shirley Graham du Bois

Creative in Residence dancer **Jenny Oliver**, explores what it means to belong to a person, place, and oneself through its season opener performance: *Belonging*. Held on Sunday, November 5th from 3:00 PM -5:00 PM at Roxbury's Hibernian Hall (184 Dudley Street), *Belonging* will include "Connection Stations" beginning at 3:00 PM with participatory driven and artist curated workshops designed to deepen one's connection to self, followed at 4:00 PM by an immersive mix of music, dance, and spoken word performances. Light refreshments will be provided.

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 global pandemic, 2023-2024 Shirley Graham du Bois Creative in Residence **Jenny Oliver's** work has centered on the questions of *"What does it mean to belong to a person, to a place, to yourself?"* Curated by **Jenny** in collaboration with local dancers, musicians, and creatives, *Belonging* reflects on the concept of connection - belonging - through participatory imagination and performance.

Jenny Oliver is an artist in the Greater Boston area working as a teacher, performer, choreographer, and advocate for artistic integrity. Her work sits at the intersection of dance, education, and collective collaboration to elevate issues affecting Black and Indigenous people. As a culturally Black person of Cape Verdean and Native American heritage, she believes it's important to address the erasure of Native people and the ongoing systemic injustices towards Black people. Through dance, she is inspired by the ability movement holds to catalyze meaningful and effective change in the lives of others.

Collaborating artists involved with *Belonging* include choreographer and curator **Jenny Oliver**; dancers **Erin Chiesa, Izzi King, Analiese Tatum. Imani Deal** and **Rachael Thomas**; guitarist **Ciyadh Wells**; marimbist **Steph Davis**, and spoken word artist **Dzidzor**.

Castle of our Skins is a Black arts institution dedicated to fostering cultural curiosity and celebrating Black artistry through music. In classrooms, concert halls, and beyond, **Castle of our Skins** invites exploration into Black heritage and culture, spotlighting both unsung and celebrated figures of past and present. For more information, visit www.castleskins.org.

Tickets for the interactive and thought-provoking experience are FREE, with a donation to **Castle of our Skins** encouraged. Reservations can be placed by visiting <https://givebutter.com/belonging>.



TOP 10 GOOGLE TOOLS TO GROW YOUR BUSINESS

Free virtual workshop for small business owners.

Tuesday, November 14
5 p.m. ET & 5 p.m. PT

Top 10 Google Tools to Grow Your Business

Are you a small business owner looking to launch or grow your business? If so, you don't want to miss this live-streamed workshop during Global Entrepreneurship Week on the top 10 Google tools to help you succeed.

In this workshop, you'll learn about:

- The best Google tools for marketing your business
- How to use Google Analytics to track your website traffic and conversions
- How to use Google Drive to collaborate with team members and streamline processes
- And much more!

This workshop is perfect for small business owners of all levels of experience. Whether you're just starting out or you're looking to take your business to the next level, you'll learn valuable insights that you can use to grow your business

Workshop led by:

[Tierra Norwood](#), Grow with Google North Carolina

[Joshua Miller](#), Grow with Google Pennsylvania Coach

[Jarrod Foster](#), Grow with Google Oklahoma Coach

REGISTER FOR 5 P.M. ET

REGISTER FOR 5 P.M. PT

The logo for EMBRACE BOSTON features an orange shield-like icon on the left, followed by the word "EMBRACE" in a large, bold, black sans-serif font, and the word "BOSTON" in a smaller, bold, black sans-serif font directly below it.

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STAY IN TOUCH

It was a Great day in Roxbury

We wanted to share some thoughts from Gregory Ball, our Director Of Production & Digital Strategy that were recently published on [BayStateBanner.com](#). You can see the original piece by [clicking here](#).

Sometimes, all it takes is someone without any quit in them to get things done. Ruth Batson was one of those people. Batson, a former Boston School Committee candidate and mother of three, was one of the key figures fighting for better education for the city's Black children. One of the pivotal moments of her fight saw its 60th anniversary late last month.

On September 22, 1963, an estimated 8,000 people took to the streets of Roxbury for the March for Better Schools. Sponsored by the Boston branch of the NAACP, the march ended at the Sherwin School on Windsor Street, a school that was constructed during the Civil War era. According to a report from the Harvard Crimson at the time, it was "the only building in the area which has yet to be condemned or razed. It is surrounded by a field of tall weeds, shells of partially demolished buildings, and a run-down playground." The rally on the school's steps spotlighted the building as a stark example of gross inequities.

[\[Read More\]](#)

LEARN MORE ABOUT EMBRACE BOSTON



We are gearing up for the return of our sneaker affair and the newest edition of the Embrace Ideas Festival - moments that challenge conventional paradigms and norms of celebration & learning and will echo throughout our city and nation's history.

This MLK weekend is not just the return of our sneaker affair but the start of a new tradition. Join us as we celebrate in true Embrace Boston style. Swap your heels and dress shoes for your favorite kicks and pair them with your elegant attire.

Boston isn't merely observing Juneteenth; it's leading the narrative. As our city cements its position as the pioneer of genuine equity, diversity, and inclusion, Embrace Boston unfolds a curated journey over the course of four days of high-profile keynote speakers, dynamic panel discussions, live music, and diverse cuisine. This year's Juneteenth celebration will kick off with The Embrace Honors, highlighting the bedrock of transformation in our communities - be there to find out who we are highlighting for making echos that reverberate. Days following kick-off include a Juneteenth concert in the Boston Common, Keynote Speaking Sessions, culminating in a city-block party.

A formal invitation and more details to come.

[DONATE HERE](#)

[LEARN MORE ABOUT EMBRACE BOSTON](#)



The image is a promotional poster for a mental health summit. It features a stylized illustration of two Black women in profile, facing each other. The woman on the left has short dark hair and is wearing a light orange top. The woman on the right is wearing a yellow headwrap with a circular pattern and a large yellow flower earring, and is wearing a darker orange top. They are holding a white rectangular sign together. In the top left corner, there is a blue logo of a stylized flower or butterfly, with the text 'DeeDee's Cry' below it and 'Email deedeescry@yahoo.com to be a sponsor' in smaller text. The sign they are holding contains the following text: 'DeeDee's Cry Mental Health While Black Summit & Fundraiser: Feel Something. Say Something' in bold black font, followed by 'SAVE THE DATE 2/9/24 ENCORE BOSTON HARBOR' in all caps.

DeeDee's Cry
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SAVE THE DATE 2/9/24 ENCORE BOSTON HARBOR



DeeDee's Cry



I'm Still Here: A support group for those of us who considered suicide



TOY BURTON

Founder & Executive Director of
DeeDee's Cry

**EMAIL
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.COM FOR THE
ZOOM LINK**

**SUNDAYS AT
10:00 AM**

Around the Community



The Roxbury Sunflower Project 2023
SEEDS OF WISDOM GARDEN PARTY
Friday, September 22, 2023
4:00 pm - 7:00 pm
639 Warren Street Lot at 2 Crawford Street
LIVE JAZZ WITH THE MAKANDA PROJECT
REFRESHMENTS
ANNOUNCING THE WINNERS OF OUR ROXBURY SUNFLOWER PROJECT POETRY CONTEST
SPONSOR INFORMATION TABLES
RAFFLES AND GIVEAWAYS
RSVP HERE
<https://seedsofwisdomgardenparty.eventbrite.com>
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Karen Bunch, Greater Grove Hall Main Streets board chair, welcomes the community to Grove Hall for the Sunflower project.

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