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FROM THE IANNELLA CHAMBER





I was the lead sponsor on a hearing addressing the lack of investment in Boston Public School athletics for our students. As a mother of student athletes (Go BLA Dragons!) who benefitted in so many ways from their time on school teams, and as a public school teacher who knows that educating the whole child has to include

physical and social wellness to be successful, I am the right person to fight for school sports for our BPS kids. I know how participation on a school team, whether it's volleyball, cheering, football, or soccer, can transform a youngster's life, increasing motivation and a sense of inclusion, and knitting together a closer school and neighborhood community. Our children deserve better and I will continue to advocate so all students, no matter what school they are at, get opportunities to participate in a range of athletics! Use this link to learn more and watch the hearing.





CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO ADDRESS THE LACK OF ATHLETIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR STUDENTS

- WHEREAS, Massachusetts spends on average \$17,058 per pupil. Boston spends \$24,020.50 per pupil, considerably more than most other cities and towns in the state.; and
- WHEREAS, Massachusetts spends on average \$161 per pupil on athletic programs, while Boston spends only \$76 per pupil on athletic programs, less than half the state average; and
- WHEREAS, Wealthy districts such as Concord-Carlisle, whose per pupil expenditure is thousands of dollars less than Boston, spends \$821 per student on athletic programs; and
- WHEREAS Boston spent \$3.9 million on athletics in 2020, less than a third of 1% (.03%) of its \$1.3 billion budget, compared to most other districts in the state that spent an average of 1% of their budgets on athletics.; and
- WHEREAS, Bob Hohler, from the Boston Globe, reported that BPS investment in student athletics remains nearly unchanged from 2009, despite the total school budget increasing more than 35 percent over that period; and
- WHEREAS, We know that our students benefit in so many ways when they participate in sports teams and educating the whole child has to include physical and social wellness opportunities; NOW, THEREFORE BE IT
- **ORDERED:** That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to discuss the need for proper funding and leadership to offer equitable athletic programming across all schools.

Boston Public Schools Transportation



"TheTransportation System is in disarray," Murphy said. "Families and students need more transparency and accountability."

I sponsored a hearing regarding BPS transportation. The Boston Public Schools transportation budget is over \$110 million, which makes up about 10% of the district's spending. The councilors said costs have continued to rise even as enrollment has declined. **Use this link** to learn more and watch the hearing.



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING REGARDING THE BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

WHEREAS, The FY23 recommended budget for Boston Public Schools transportation

is \$116,467,033, which comprises roughly 10% of all BPS spending; and

WHEREAS, Despite enrollment in BPS having declined by 8,000 since 2015,

expenditures for BPS transportation have been steadily on the rise, with there being a roughly \$4 million increase in recommended spending

between fiscal years 2022 and 2023; and

WHEREAS, BPS also provides transportation for out-of-district special education

students, and these costs comprise 23.7% of the FY23 BPS transportation

budget; and

WHEREAS, In the FY19 Budget, the Boston City Council approved a \$119 million

budget for Boston Public School transportation and the district spent \$126

million; and

WHEREAS, The Boston Public Schools transportation team has struggled with hiring

and bus driver retention problems, which has led to busses being late or not arriving at all to pick up students to take them to school or to

out-of-school athletic events; and

WHEREAS. The ongoing dialogues between state and city officials in regards to BPS

reforms has focused on transportation issues impacting the school district, with the state proposing a goal of 95% on-time performance for school

busses and the city proposing a 93% on-time performance rate; and

WHEREAS, Late or absent busses result not only in learning loss for students who

must continuously show up late, but it also has a financial burden on families who must pay out of pocket for alternative forms of

transportation; and

WHEREAS, It is crucial that students in Boston Public Schools have access to safe,

reliable, and consistent transportation to and from school; NOW

THEREFORE BE IT

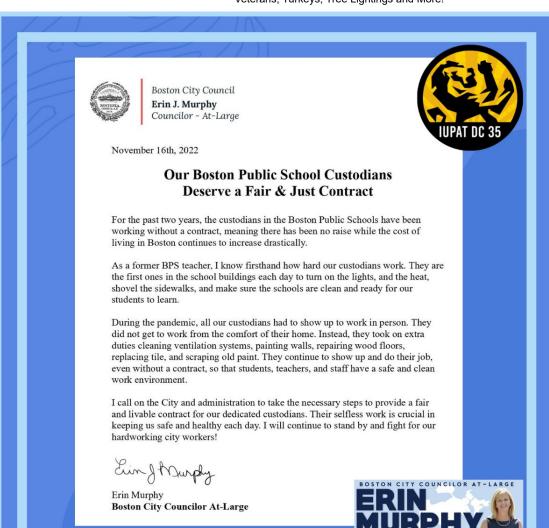
ORDERED.

That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing regarding the Boston Public Schools Transportation system. Representatives from the administration, including the Boston Public Schools Transportation Department, in addition to advocates and members of the public are encouraged to attend.



Click to see my Legislation

Our **Boston Public Schools** Custodians deserve a fair and just contract. They have been working throughout the pandemic with no contract. Here is my statement in support of our dedicated custodians that keep our school open and clean.



Veterans Round Table



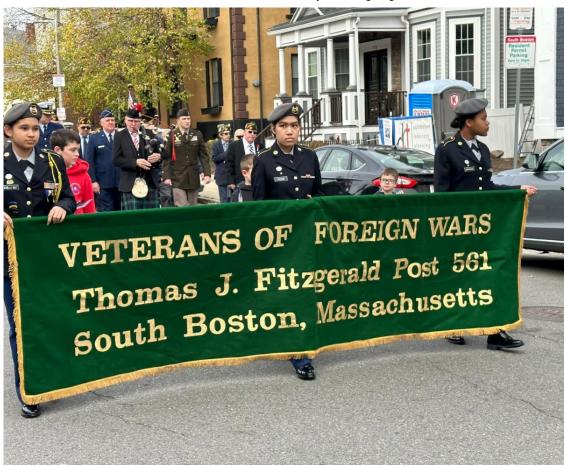
As the Chair of Veteran, Military Families, & Military Affairs I was honored to host the Veterans Day Roundtable at the Council today. Thank you to the veterans who joined us, including Commissioner Santiago and Mary-Dith Tuitt. We had meaningful conversations and heard first hand what our veterans need from city government. Visit the Veterans Services website for resources and information. https://www.boston.gov/departments/veterans-services

Boston Fire Fighters Promotional Exam



The cancelation of the Boston Firefighters' Civil Service Exams is a public safety threat that will delay further leadership promotions and hires. I call on the Massachusetts Civil Service Commission to reinstate such exams.

Thomas J. Fitzgerald Post 561







Honoring our veterans in South Boston at the Thomas J Fitzgerald Post 561 annual Veterans Day parade and mass.



Planting flags for Veterans Day at the Fallen Heroes Memorial in the Seaport is always a special day. Thank you **@MassFallenHero** for all you do for our military, families and especially our Gold Star families who have sacrificed everything for our freedom. us

Puerto Rican Medal of Honor Dedication









Proud to join the Puerto Rican Veterans Day celebration in the South End and dedicate the Medal of Honor Recipient statue remembering eight Puerto Ricans who gave all for our country and freedom.

City Hall Plaza Opening







City Hall Plaza is open! Thank you to the Eliot School Chorus for singing at the ceremony. The plaza is more welcoming so please stop by!

Crossroads Family Center





Proud to speak at the 10th Annual Crossroads Family Center Legislative Breakfast along with my colleagues. Thank you St. Mary's for all you do helping support mothers and their children.

A subsidiary of <u>St. Mary's Center</u> located in East Boston, Crossroads Family Center, provides family shelter, case management, housing search, stabilization services and a food pantry to more than 70 families each year. Crossroads was established in 1985 in response to the well-documented housing crisis which led low-income families into homelessness.



Congratulations Lully Morgado-Joyce on your new career with the City of Boston. We are lucky to have you and so are our Municipal Police. Good luck and stay safe.

Golden Bridges





I was proud and honored to receive the 2022 Dave Burke Award at the <u>Irish</u> <u>Consulate in Boston</u>. Thank you to the Donegal County Council, Derry City and Strabane District Council for naming me as an honoree at the 14th annual Golden Bridges Awards.

"Now there's an Irish woman who is no stranger to adversity but who responded to every knockdown by getting straight back up stronger than ever before - teacher and Boston City Councilor Erin Murphy." **Máirtín Ó Muilleoir**



RESOURCES FOR RESIDENTS FACING FOOD INSECURITY DURING HOLIDAY SEASON



The City is launching the Find Your Food Pantry campaign and increasing access to SNAP benefits

WHAT TO DONATE?

Canned Goods

Toiletries

Cereal

Peanut Butter



If you, or someone you know, is looking for food assistance resources or wants to volunteer or donate, you can find a list of food pantries here: http://boston.gov/departments/food-justice/find-your-food-pantry



The Greater Boston FOOD BANK BANK BANK BOSTON BOSTO

The <u>Greater Boston Food Bank (GBFB)</u> partners with more than 600 hunger-relief agencies, including food pantries, community meal programs and other food assistance providers throughout the nine counties and 190 towns and cities across Eastern Massachusetts. We also offer assistance with **SNAP enrollment**.

PARTNER AGENCY LOCATOR

If you, or anyone you know, are in need of food, search our Partner Agency Locator below for a list of food assistance options in each community we serve or download our **Food Finder Resource Sheet.**

CITY OF BOSTON MAP OF SCHOOL MEAL SITES



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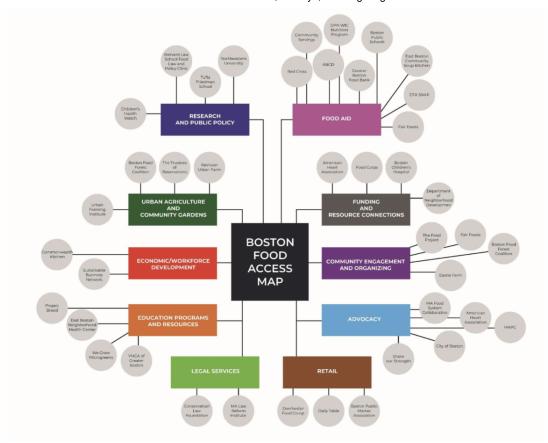
ALL STUDENTS





The City of Boston, in partnership with Project Bread, YMCA of Greater Boston, Boston Centers for Youth and Families, and other community organizations, has an **ONLINE MAP** of sites providing free meals to all youth and teens at various locations and times across the City.

Boston Food Access Map



Boston Food Access Map

The map is a visual representation of each organization's primary role in the food access network in Boston. The following is a comprehensive list of all the functions of each of the organizations on the map.

Advocacy

American Heart Association Boston Children's Hospital Boston Food Forest Coalition Boston Public Market Association BPS, Food & Nutrition Services City of Boston Community Servings East Boston Community Soup Kitchen Fair Foods Greater Boston Food Bank MA Food System Collaborative Project Bread Revolution Foods Share Our Strength The Food Project The Trustees of Reservations Urban Farming Institute

Community Engagement and Organizing

American Heart Association Boston Children's Hospital Boston Food Forest Coalition Boston Public Market Association BPS, Food & Nutrition Services Bowdoin Street Health Center Chop Chop Family Community Servings DPH WIC Nutrition Program East Boston Community Soup Kitchen Eastie Farm Fair Foods Food Corps Greater Boston Food Bank Northeastern University Project Bread Revolution Foods Share Our Strength The Food Project The Trustees of Reservations Urban Farming Institute Vital Village We Grow Microgreens YMCA of Greater Boston

Economic/Workforce

Development

Boston Public Market Association Chop Chop Family Commonwealth Kitchen Community Servings Dorchester Food Co-op East Boston Community Soup Kitchen Fair Foods Northeastern University The Food Project Sustainable Business Network Urban Farming Institute We Grow Microgreens

Education Programs and

Resources

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Project Bread Revolution Foods The Food Project Urban Farming Institute Vital Village We Grow Microgreens YMCA of Greater Boston Trustees of Reservations

Food Aid

Boston Medical Center Vital Village Boston Public Market Association BPS, Food & Nutrition Services Chop Chop Family City of Boston CityFresh Foods Community Servings Dept. of Transitional Assistance (SNAP) Dorchester Food Co-op DPH WIC Nutrition Program East Boston Community Soup Kitchen East Boston Farmers Market East Boston Neighborhood Health Center Fair Foods Fresh Truck Friday Night Supper Club Greater Boston Food Bank Haley House Lovin' Spoonfuls

Mattapan Food and Fitness

The Trustees of Reservations

Urban Farming Institute

YMCA of Greater Boston

Northeastern University

Share our Strength

The Food Project

Red Cross

Funding and Resource

Connections

American Heart Association Boston Children's Hospital **Boston Foundation**

Bowdoin Street Health Center

Department of Neighborhood Development DPH WIC Nutrition Program

Eos Foundation

Fresh Truck

Food Corps

Greater Boston Food Bank Krupp Family Foundation

Northeastern University Project Bread

Revolution Foods

Share Our Strength Shah Foundation

Vital Village

YMCA of Greater Boston

Legal Services

Conservation Law Foundation MA Law Reform Institute Harvard Law School Food Law & Policy Clinic

Research and Public Policy

American Heart Association Boston Alliance for Community Health Boston Children's Hospital BPS, Food & Nutrition Services Children's Health Watch City of Boston Greater Boston Food Bank Harvard Law School Food Law & Policy Clinic

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Retail

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Urban Agriculture and

Community Gardens

Boston Food Forest Coalition Department of Neighborhood Development Dorchester Food Co-op East Boston Community Soup Kitchen East Boston Farmers Market Eastie Farm Fair Foods ReVision Urban Farm

The Food Project The Trustees of Reservations Urban Farming Institute

Project Bread's FoodSource Hotline



Food resources in your community call 1-800-645-8333 | TTY 1-800-377-1292 Hotline Hours: Mon-Fri – 8AM-7PM | Sat – 10AM-2PM



COMMUNITY EVENTS



Codman Square Hidden Heroes and Sheroes







Thank you to the Codman Square Neighborhood Council for hosting the Hidden Heroes & Sheroes Celebration honoring individuals who go above and beyond in the neighborhood to make it better, safer, and healthier place to live.

Congratulations to all the awardees.

Millennium Award: Superintendent Nora Baston, Civic Leadership Award: Juwan Skeens and Stafford Lewis,

Neighborhood Leadership Award: Justin & Jamie Chase and Desrianna Mae Clary, Youth Leadership Award: Saraphina Jean, Zaheera Fernandez and James Massey

West Roxbury Business Association





Thank you Jim Hennigan, President of West Roxbury Business and Professional Association, for inviting me to your monthly meeting. I enjoyed sharing updates from our office and at City Hall. Looking forward to our continued collaboration.

Senior Appreciation Celebration





Our seniors had a great time at the Senior Appreciation Celebration Luau. It is so great to see our seniors out again, enjoying themselves and spending time together with our Lisa.

Excel High JROTC



Got to see some of my favorite people at Saint Brigid mass and breakfast to honor our veterans. Thank you Father Joe for a beautiful mass and reminding us to be grateful and to say thank you. Thank you Excel High JROTC for all your hard work.









It was a pleasure to attend their Partnership Breakfast to celebrate the work they do with the Boston Police. Their mission is to help young people make positive life choices through trusting relationships with skilled and compassionate social workers. YouthConnect social workers are champions of social justice. By placing social workers in police stations to provide voluntary prevention, intervention, advocacy, and mental health services, YouthConnect works to address the underlying problems and social emotional issues that contribute to juvenile crime and delinquency by working with the entire family, not just the youth. Since 1996, YouthConnect has assisted over 17,000 youth and families.







Thank you to everyone who came out to our event at the Industry in Dorchester. It was great to see everyone and spend some time together.

YOUTH UPDATES AND EVENTS











Great night at the **NHL Bruins** cheering on the **Dorchester Youth Hockey** girls skating on the ice tonight. Great job coaches. #Girls! #girlshockey #youthsports

Thompson Island Outward Bound



Much needed funds raised at the Evening Expedition Gala for the amazing programs Thompson Island Outward Bound offer our Boston Public School students. Opening our children up to a world of possibility is what it is all about.





Parkway Little League



Parkway Little League is happy to open registration for it's 71st Spring Season, to take place from April - June 2023. <u>Please visit our website</u> to learn more about the Parkway Little League Spring season, residency and age eligibility criteria, and the divisions of play. Registration will remain open through January 31st, 2023.

Enchanted Trolley Tour



For the 26th year, the Mayor's **Enchanted Trolley Tour** will continue the festive tradition of lighting holiday trees while bringing holiday spirit to children across Boston. Come on out to see Santa and help light the trees on Saturday, December 3, and Sunday, December 4, in neighborhoods throughout Boston.



We are accepting applications for the new Youth Advisory Council (YAC). Young Bostonians between the ages of 14 to 19 are encouraged to apply.

To apply, visit forms.gle/DcvzKxSuChkYAnqk6

For more information visit **boston.gov/opat**, email **opat@boston.gov**, or call **617-635-4224**.

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For more info: https://www.boston.gov/opat
To apply: https://docs.google.com/.../1FAlpQLScUbU9Ekgb6z.../viewform

CONSTITUENT SERVICES



Boston Police Station C-11



Joined police officers and volunteers on Gibson Street to help serve our community.

Catholic Charities





Happy to jump in and help out, alongside State Rep. David Biele, Mary Adel Flaherty, Donna Potember and Mary Anne Rull to provide 150 Thanksgiving meals

at the Labouré Center.

⊟No Books No Balls **⊕**















Giving back to our community at the Annual **@Nobooksnoball** Turkey Drive By Giveaway! Thank you to all the community volunteers, especially our newest police officers, who showed up to continue giving back.

Mary Ann Brett Food Pantry









The Mary Ann Brett Food Pantry at Saint Teresa of Calcutta Parish in Dorchester is open every Saturday from: 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. They provide hundreds of nutritious groceries to individuals and families facing economic hardship every week. They are funded by private donations and managed by a staff of committed volunteers. Many thanks to the Jim and Pattie Brett for your years of service to the community you grew up in, and never forgot. I was proud to join them this weekend as they handed out groceries and turkeys as family get ready for Thanksgiving.

Constituent Visits in City Hall



Team Murphy loves when constituents stop by our office at City Hall.

Miss Shirley's Food Pantry













Miss Shirley is a special person and a true helper in our community. She feeds thousands of families a year out of her food pantry in Mattapan. Thank you for all you do!

Unity in the Community



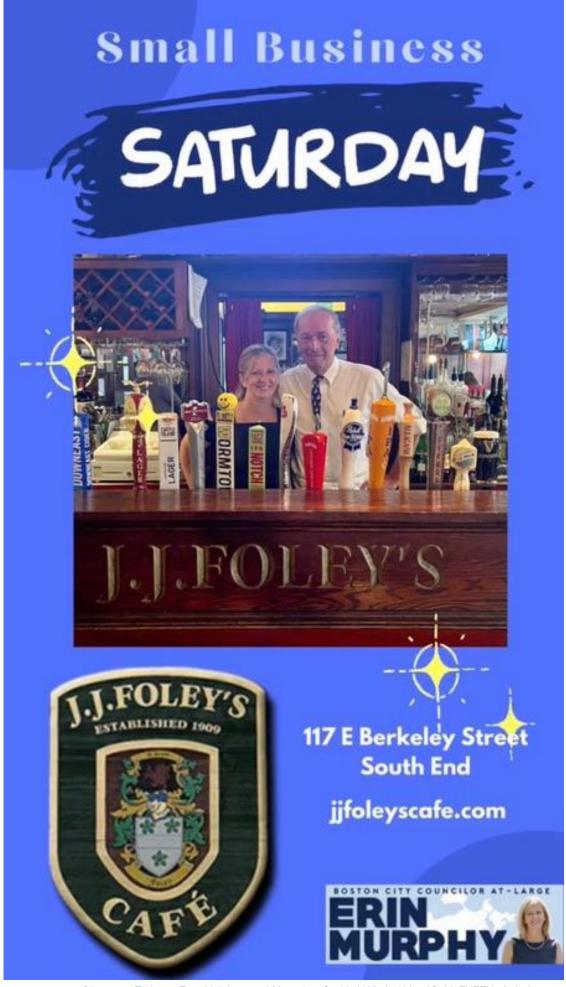




Thank you Anthony "Big Time" and Troy for collecting, organizing and handing out almost two hundred boxes of food and turkeys to families in the neighborhood. It was fun to join you and help out.

SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY





<u>J.J. Foleys</u>, family owned and operated since 1909, is a staple in the South End. A great place to gather with family and friends. Make sure to stop by this holiday season while you are out and about downtown.

J.J. Foley's Cafe pride themselves on offering delicious food, great drinks and the friendly service that has represented their long-standing family tradition. When you walk into J.J. Foley's you not only feel that you are in an authentic Irish pub, but you get a real sense of the history of post-modern Boston.

Small Business Walks



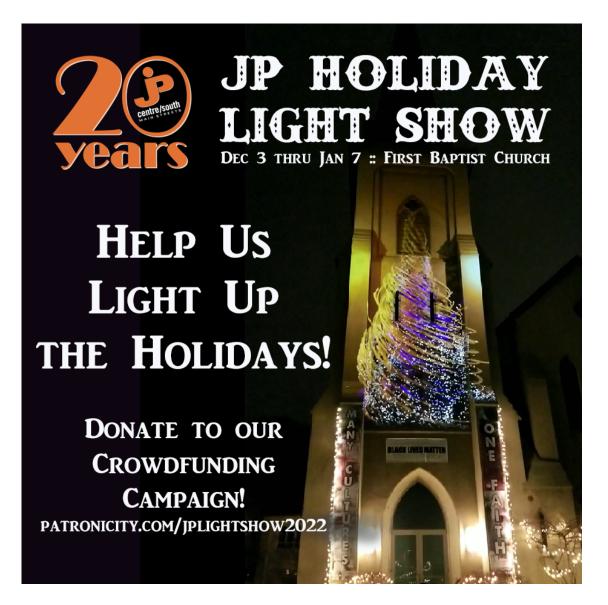




We joined the Office of Economic Opportunity & Inclusion for a trip to Day Square in East Boston for a business walk. It was great to meet small business owners and talk about the needs they have to not just stay open, but thrive.

BOSTON MAIN STREETS

JP Centre South



Light up the Holidays in **#jamaicaplain** with a donation to our crowdfunding campaign at **patronicity.com/jplightshow2022** Then see the **#lightshow** between Dec 3 and Jan 7 as we ring in the new year! **#boston #holidayshow #holidaylights #projectionshow** Designed by @afhboston

Greater Ashmont

Food Trucks | Local Artisans | Live Music | Gift Shopping | Games | Activities | Free Hot Cocoa

HOLIDAY POP-UP MARKET & TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

Crafts & Food Vendors: Health Leads, Boston Home, Dot Art, Queens Lane Collection, Jesse Haley, Candelaria Silva-Collins, Gone off the deep end, Remnants Reinvented, FarmHouse Meats, Dot Food Co-Op, Olive World, Cafe Maison, Dezz Kitchen, Migs Dogs & Healthy Neighborhoods Study

Live Music: opening act - MALAYNA KNOX main act - NATE AND FRIENDS

Ashmont MBTA Plaza, 1900 Dorchester Ave Saturday, Nov. 26th from 3:00-7:00pm

Peabody Square Tree Lighting at 7:00pm

Thanks to our sponsors:

BOSTON MAIN STREETS F 🏟 U N D AT I O N

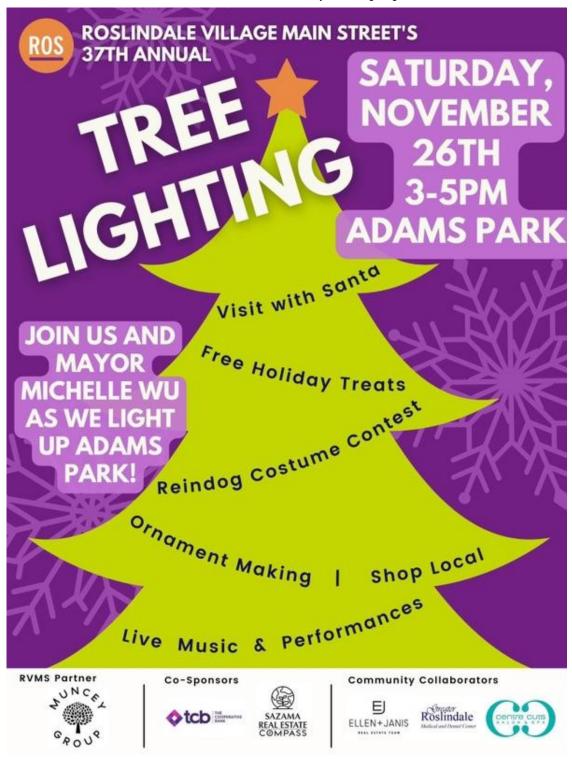








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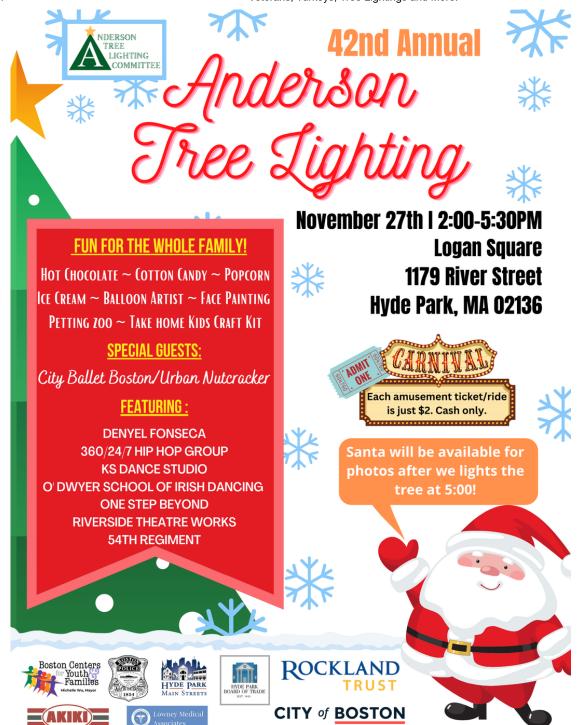


West Roxbury



Join us for the 5th Annual West Roxbury Main Streets Holiday Market Friday, December 2nd from 5pm-8pm at Hastings Street Municipal Lot (1891 Centre Street, West Roxbury).

Hyde Park





Brighton



Schedule of Events:

5:00pm – Cookie Decorating and visit with Santa. Start with some holiday cheer at the Brighton Elks Lodge (326 Washington St., Brighton MA 02135–free parking in the rear of the building, entrance on Winship Street)

6:00pm – Stroll to the Center with Santa from the Elks Lodge to the Brighton Center Tree on the traffic island in front of Rockland Trust (at 435 Market St, Brighton, MA 02135)

6:30pm – Tree Lighting Ceremony in Brighton Center with Santa and the Boston Police D-14





NEIGHBORHOOD HIGHLIGHTS

South Boston



Thank you Yolanda, 99 year old Coast Guard veteran, for always putting a smile on my face. You are a true hero. Sus

East Boston









HERO SQUARE DEDICATION

Saturday, November 19th 2022 | 10:00 am

Intersection of Bennington St. & Putnam St. | East Boston | MA.

Joseph John Puopolo was born on February 2, 1932 and lived in East Boston. Puopolo was 17 years old when he enlisted in the United States Army as a Private First Class. He died as a prisoner of war in February 1951 while serving in the Korean War.

Puopolo was a member of C Battery, 38th Field Artillery Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division Artillery, 8th U.S. Army. He was reported missing in action on December 2, 1950, after his unit attempted to withdraw from Kunu-ri, North Korea, on November 30, 1950 following the Battle of Ch'ongch'on.

In 1953, four POWs who returned during Operation Big Switch reported Puopolo had been a prisoner of war and died on February 28, 1951 at Prisoner of War Camp #5. Puopolo's identity was recently confirmed by the Department of Defense on August 23, 2022. He was brought home to his family to be buried with his mother Anna Puopolo and younger brother Nicholas Puopolo in Holy Cross Cemetery in Malden, MA.



Veteran's Services



Transportation

Great day in East Boston honoring Joseph Puopolo! Cpl. Puopolo served in the Army during the Korean War. He was reported missing in action on December 2nd, 1950. His remains were recovered and his identity confirmed in August of 2022, and his remains returned home. We're proud to remember his sacrifice today and every day.

BOSTON COMMON



Winter Ice Skating on the <u>Boston Common Frog Pond</u> opens Monday, November 21at at 10:00am.

General Hours

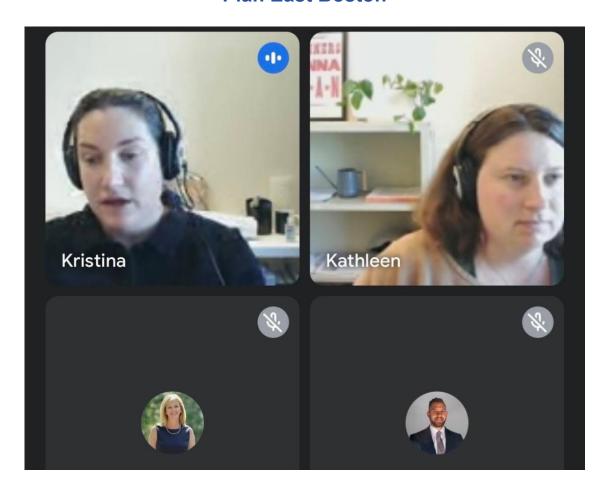
Sunday: 10:00 AM - 9:00 PM Monday: 10:00 AM - 3:45 PM Tuesday: 10:00 AM - 9:00 PM Wednesday: 10:00 AM - 9:00 PM Thursday: 10:00 AM - 9:00 PM Friday: 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM Saturday: 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM

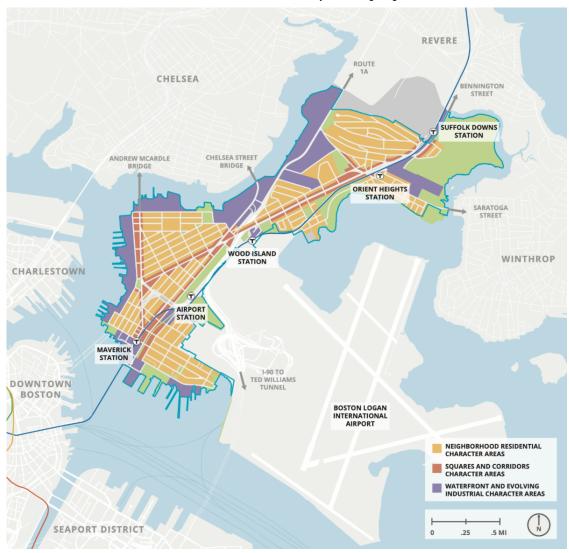
Happy skating!



The City of Boston and guests from the Province of Nova Scotia will celebrate the 81st Annual Tree Lighting on Boston Common on Thursday, December 1st., from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. <u>Find out more here.</u>

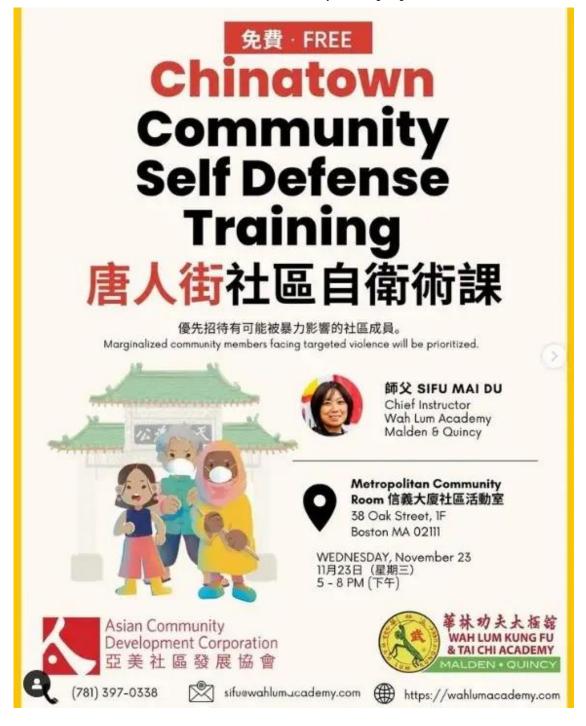
Plan East Boston





Thank you to the BPDA for taking the time to update me on <u>Plan East Boston</u>. Watch the video here: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=31F1aOPU7co</u>wn

Chinatown





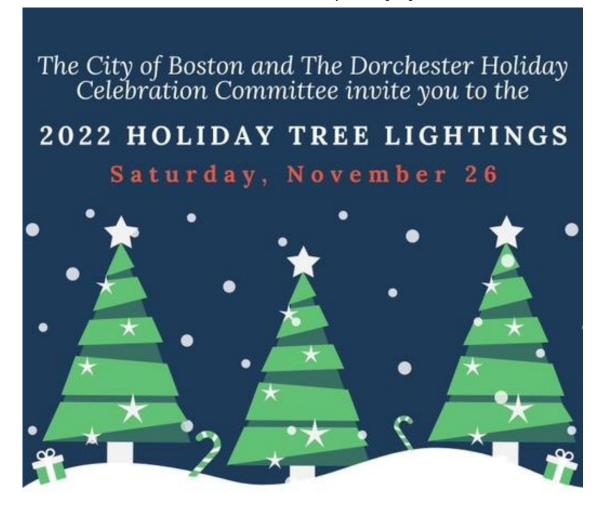
Thank you Chulan Huang, Chinatown's Office of Neighborhood Services liaison, for honoring your former teacher. Mimi Fong received a a citation for her incredible contributions to the Josiah Quincy School. For 33 years, Ms. Fong was a one of JQES's most beloved teachers by all of her former students and families. Good luck in your well deserved retirement!

Excel High School



South Boston Excel High School JROTC and their National Honor Society marched in the annual Veterans Day Parade.

Dorchester



4:20 Neponset Circle | 4:40 Port Norfolk
5:00 Harbor Point | 5:20 St. Teresa of Calcutta
5:40 The Strand Theatre | 6:00 Meeting House Hill
6:20 Savin Hill Park | 6:40 Fields Corner
7:00 Peabody Square













Roxbury





General Gourdin Veterans Park

Beautiful community gathering at the General Gourdin Black Veterans Park celebration. Supporting, celebrating and advocating for all of our veterans. Thank you to the Boston Parks Dept, Veteran Services and Friends of General Gourdin for your determination and dedication.

Charlestown



Allston-Brighton









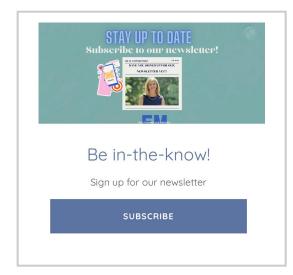




The Brighton Elks hosted their annual Senior Thanksgiving luncheon for the seniors in the community. I loved helping out and talking with all the seniors. Thank you to the volunteers who cook all the food and always show up



With the new Boston Common Master Plan, the City of Boston now has a unified vision for the "People's Park" that has been shaped by residents from across our city. Visit http://bostoncommonmasterplan.com to read the plan and comment by November 30, 2022. Let your voice be heard!





Please reach out to our office if there is anything you need.

We are here for you!



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