

Dear Boston,

Summer is a season of joy. Longer days, warmer nights, endless opportunities to get outside, connect with neighbors, and take in everything our city has to offer.

To make sure we're all able to enjoy summer to the fullest, our Community Safety Team has been collaborating across Departments and working alongside students and families, faith leaders, coaches, and advocates to create a summer safety plan tailored to meet the unique needs of each of our neighborhoods.

This year's *Plan for a Safe, Healthy and Active Summer* relies on what we know to be true about safety: It isn't just the absence of violence and crime, it's the *presence* of joy and community, opportunity and connection. That's why we're bringing cultural festivals and DJ classes, movie nights and puppet shows, and activities and events for residents of all ages to every corner of our city this summer.

Last year, thanks to our work together, we made Boston the safest major city in America. That's a testament to what's possible when we partner with those most impacted by violence to invest in the pathways that divert it—to interrupt the patterns that get in the way of repair and prosperity.

But we know there's more work to do. For Boston to truly be a home for everyone, our city must be safe for everyone. Every act of violence is one too many. Our summer safety plan is at the heart of our ongoing work to end violence and cultivate community for every one of our residents. So I want to thank all of you for sharing your experiences, helping us identify and fill gaps, and working with us to create this plan together.

With love and gratitude, and wishing you a summer filled with joy,



*Michelle Wu*

**Michelle Wu**  
**Mayor of Boston**

The Mayor's Community Safety Team (CST) is charged annually with the preparation and distribution of a plan focused around coordinating across City departments and providing resources to prevent, intervene and recover from acts of community violence. Historically, this plan was assembled internally - without community input. Under the Wu Administration, Senior Advisor for Community Safety Isaac Yablo has prioritized the importance of building a plan for community, by community.

This strategy to build Boston's Plan for a Safe, Healthy and Active Summer 2025 encompassed a two-step process:

#### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

As we did last summer, we hosted neighborhood-based engagements across the city, 11 in total. These engagements allowed us to understand the wants and needs of each community as well as identify citywide trends that ultimately help us form our goals for each summer. Held in community centers, artist spaces, and even in different languages - these meetings are crucial not only to forming our policy as a city, but they serve as a segue between our office and the communities we serve, meeting in a common space to find common ground on issues that impact everyone.

#### **COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT**

Building off of last summer's engagements, we pivoted this spring - exchanging 30 meetings last year for 10 meetings supplemented by our first ever Village Vibes. These Village Vibes were engagements focused on empowering the community - bringing the neighborhood together with food, music, games and summer resources long before the summer begins. Of the 9 Village Vibes we hosted, nearly 150 neighborhood-based organizations, city departments, state agencies and youth organizations joined together to give away resources to community members - free of charge.

The Community Safety Team hosted 10 neighborhood-specific meetings and one meeting focused on the city's LGBTQIA+ population. Meetings were held in BCYF Community Centers, ensuring that all community members had safe and accessible options to meet with the Community Safety team. While each neighborhood had their own specific issues they would like to see addressed, we identified these citywide trends as our goals for Summer 2025:

#### **ENHANCED STREET SAFETY**

Throughout the City, we learned that safer and slower streets are vital not only to keeping pedestrians safe - but that some intersections are hotspots for violence due to their design, leading to collisions that can escalate into further violence.

#### **ENHANCED PUBLIC SPACE SAFETY:**

Many residents emphasized that they'd like to see increased engagement and enforcement around drug use and vagrancy in public parks and community spaces. Residents noted that while not a constant problem, the open use of drugs in public can often lead to confrontations that may escalate into further violence.

#### **POSITIVE POLICE PRESENCE**

Residents understand that Police are short staffed, but almost unanimously asked for more dedicated community engagement and general visibility from police - even in areas where violence may not be present.

#### **INCREASED AND INTENTIONAL COMMUNITY COHESION**

Residents across the city made it a point to note that while the City hosts plenty of community events, there's often a disconnect between the greater community versus those who are intentionally engaged and as a result, better informed as a result. A sense of community has to be deliberately and intentionally formed - either by the city or community members - to unite neighborhoods and neighbors, building accountability and a sense of belonging for everyone.

#### **YOUTH ENGAGEMENT AND SPACE ACTIVATION**

The City of Boston regularly funds activities for young people across the city and has begun to engage youth around these events - that said, many events don't appeal to a majority of young people as a result of their location, sponsor, or content. By working directly with young people to respond to their constantly changing desires for activation, we can better engage with them across the city.

## Our Plan to End Violence

**Boston's Plan to End Violence** was officially endorsed by Mayor Wu in 2024, and since then has been at the core of the Community Safety Team's work - using a holistic approach to address the root causes of violence throughout our City. While we prioritize safety measures for summertime in this document, the Plan to End Violence is a year-round framework for Boston to come together to end violence in our City.

**Throughout our engagement for this Summer Safety Plan**, we heard a common refrain: **What is the City's long-term approach to addressing violence?** How is the City of Boston thinking about addressing root causes of violence? Over the past 18 months, the Community Safety team, in partnership with the Boston Public Health Commission, has worked towards an answer to these questions, and we are now proud to present the City's first **Plan to End Violence**.

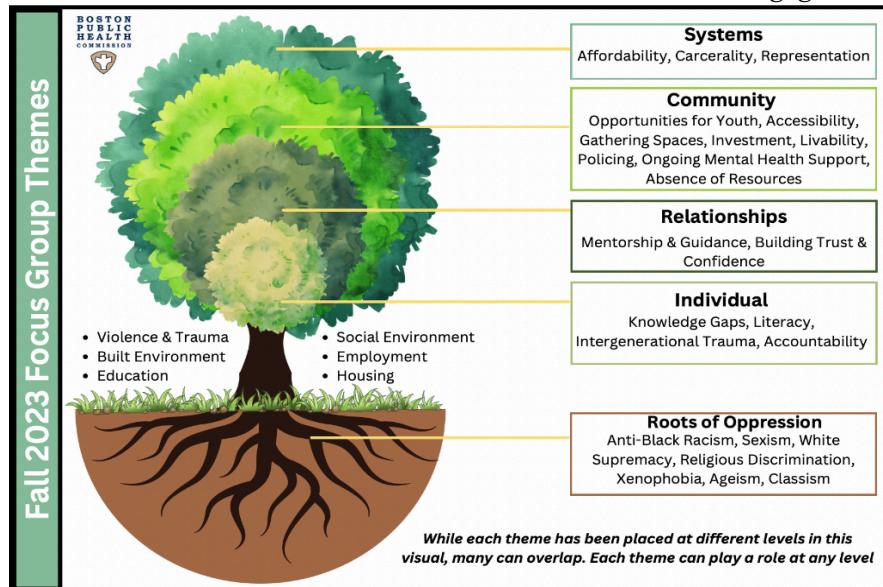
**The Plan to End Violence is a long-term, sustainable, and visionary approach to violence prevention**  
Boston has consistently led in innovative violence prevention strategies, as evidenced by our strategy in the following pages. But our larger vision for Boston is not just one where we just reduce violence through a seasonal, band-aid approach – but where **we end violence, holistically and year-round**. This includes **avoiding the pitfalls of systemic violence** by fundamentally reimagining **community engagement's impact on policy** and **centering the lived experiences of those most impacted by violence**.

The Summer Safety Plan will remain a part of this long-term strategy, and the City will continue to ensure that whenever violence takes place, we mobilize whatever resources are needed to restore safety for our residents. But we believe that any incident of violence is too many, and we are committed to building systems that will not just maintain peace or stability, but **guarantee safety, health, and joy for all our residents**.

We used **community input as a foundation for the Plan**, which contains both ongoing work in the City and new investments and proposals that would take our violence prevention strategy to the next level. From February to December 2023, we ran a rigorous process with over 500 voices heard, including:

- Qualitative data from ~15 **focus groups**, across **grassroots engagements**, with **young people**, with residents in the crescent (**Roxbury, Mattapan, Dorchester**), **East Boston**, and impacted neighborhoods, and/or with **providers**;
- An **adult survey** on forms of violence and level of trust in institutions, public and private;
- A **survey for young people**, designed by young people and administered primarily by young leaders in Start Strong; and
- Notes, testimonies, and evidence from various other forums, working group conversations, listening sessions, and other kinds of engagements concerned with violence prevention in Boston.

Below are the core themes we identified as a result of this engagement.



The framework, which we've also used to organize this Summer Safety Plan, is as follows:

**Prevention (primary)** - Creating conditions for peace, or what public health professionals call “primary prevention.”

**Intervention (secondary)** - Addressing what leads to harm, or “secondary prevention.”

**Recovery** - Healing after violence, or “tertiary prevention.”

**Reinvestment** - Investing in workforce, data, and impacted people & communities at scale.

Whereas our City has traditionally prioritized “Intervention,” the Plan also details a vision for how the City should be involved in generating peace, facilitating healing, and supporting communities in supporting themselves. Here are some examples of the expansive ways we’re thinking about violence prevention.

Prevention	Intervention	Recovery	Reinvestment
<b>CREATING CONDITIONS FOR PEACE</b>	<b>ADDRESSING WHAT LEADS TO HARM</b>	<b>HEALING AFTER HARM</b>	<b>INVESTING IN WORKFORCE, DATA AND IMPACTED COMMUNITIES AT SCALE</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Investing in BIPOC mental health workforce + mental health accessibility, youth voice</li><li>Equity-driven and place-based investments</li><li>Strengthen approach to youth jobs, support CBOs</li><li>Invest in Early Childhood based Fatherhood initiatives</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Expanding programs serving “proven risk” youth + adults, BIPOC DV/SV survivors, restorative approaches</li><li>Investment to integrate co-occurring cycles of violence model across siloed workforce</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Refining our protocol for responding to incidents</li><li>Investment in holistic supports, including housing for families impacted by violence</li><li>Strengthening our Office of Returning Citizens</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Supporting our priority workforce groups (e.g. pay, relief staffing, clinical services, career pathways)</li><li>Enhancing evaluation infrastructure in Violence Prevention and ongoing community engagement + data dashboard.</li></ul>

Understanding common themes across city neighborhoods and the needs, concerns, and desires of constituents that were presented during the Summer Safety meetings, coupled with the themes that arose during the 2023 and 2024 engagements to build a long term violence prevention strategy and data that we have access to as a city, the Plan for a Safe, Healthy and Active Summer 2025 was created.

# **PREVENTION**

## *Creating conditions for peace*

### **FutureBOS**

FutureBOS has hundreds of opportunities for youth ages 14 - 18 and young adults ages 19 - 24 living in Boston. Most employers start reviewing applications by March 15, but don't forget to check back regularly as new opportunities will be added.. Visit [www.boston.gov/futureBOS](http://www.boston.gov/futureBOS) for more information.

Many of the city Departments/Cabinets/Bureaus listed below have employment opportunities available via FutureBOS including the Mayor's Office, Human Services Cabinet, Equity & Inclusion Cabinet, Boston Public Schools, Boston Police Department, Boston Housing Authority and more. See specific opportunities below.

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### **Boston Public Schools “Summer Stuff”**

Boston Public Schools is committed to ensuring that students have access to necessary resources throughout the summer, and provides a number of programs for BPS students and families across the city. The BPS Summer Stuff webpage has more information about all available programs listed - visit [www.bostonpublicschools.org/summer](http://www.bostonpublicschools.org/summer)

### **Summer Mental Health Services**

The Department of Social Work has a team of clinicians that support the summer learning programs, high impact crisis incidents along with regular check ins for students who access mental health support during the school year. The team can be reached via a summer learning site, Student Support Hotline: 617-858-7881 or [socialwork@bostonpublicschools.org](mailto:socialwork@bostonpublicschools.org)

### **Summer Eats**

Boston Public Schools and the City of Boston partner with Project Bread to ensure that students have access to healthy and nutritious meals across the city throughout the summer. For a full list of feeding sites available this summer, visit [www.projectbread.com/summereats](http://www.projectbread.com/summereats)

### **Summer Jobs, Internships and Volunteering Opportunities**

BPS partners with local businesses and organizations to regularly post new jobs, internships and volunteer opportunities for students. A full directory of these are available on [www.bostonpublicschools.org](http://www.bostonpublicschools.org).

### **Summer Learning**

Throughout the Summer, Boston Public Schools has opportunities for new or returning students to further their education - either through regaining credits or building foundations for future success. Programs below have limited capacity, and residents should contact Boston Public Schools for more information.

### **Exam School Initiative**

The Exam School Initiative (ESI) supports expanded access for Black, Latinx, multilingual learners and other students from historically marginalized backgrounds to the district's 3 exam schools. Students in grades 4, 5 and 7 are invited centrally through a school nomination process. This program has a projected 400 seats, and includes all elementary and middle schools. This year's program targets ELA and Math instruction, as MAP test prep and hands-on training in STEM and the arts.

## **Extended School Year**

Boston Public Schools offers the Extended School Year (ESY) Program for students with Individual Education Plans (IEPs). Extended School Year offers full day, 5 hour programs. Focuses include academic instruction based on IEP goals, including reading, math, self regulation, early childhood education, evidence based reading methods, enrichment programs such as First Responders Day, Einstein's Workshop, Whale & Dolphin Conservation, Minis with a Mission, and Joe's Crazy Critters. Additionally, BPS provides related services, including: applied behavior analysis, adapted physical education, mobility, occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech and language therapy and vision, behavioral supports and intervention transition, pre-vocation and vocational programs - including cosmetology, auto shop, and woodworking classes. See the appendix for a list of BPS ESY Sites.

## **BPS Division of Student Support “Summer Synergy”**

The Division of Student Support is hosting events and workshops throughout the summer for students across the city. Programming includes Summer Sports Camps, College & Career Access and Exploration, Mentoring, Educational Courses and Mental Health Access. A full list of programs offered is available in the Appendix. For more information, visit our website [here](#) 617-635-8873 or email Cory McCarthy at [cmccarthy2@bostonpublicschools.org](mailto:cmccarthy2@bostonpublicschools.org)

## **Community Connection Coordinators**

Under the collaborative efforts of the Office of Safety Services and the Division of Student Support within Boston Public Schools, Community Connection Coordinators engage students with a proactive focus on providing access to resources and support tailored to the student's individual needs in pursuit of building positive relationships in accordance with BPS strategic goals. The desired outcomes of the position are to 1) add value to the district's Multi-Tiered levels of support for non clinical resources at tier three that primarily focus on supporting students and their families' needs through a public health lens, including addressing food insecurity, providing resources for stable housing, mental health support, and economic opportunity; 2) filling a gap of having dedicated BPS staff working shifts that extend beyond the school day in order to be more visible in the community; making more authentic connects with students, families, community based organizations, and attend neighborhood specific meetings; and 3) keeping school based staff informed of community based opportunities for success, and activities for our students, families, and staff as well as barriers that may be impeding access to student learning or safety. These positions work through a trauma informed lens to increase the use of restorative practices and increase the focus on enhancing the conflict resolution skills of our young people.

## **BPS Safety Services Department**

The mission of the Department of Safety Services is to provide and maintain a safe learning environment for all students, staff and guests, through daily communication and collaboration with school leaders' families and partners. The department is composed of Safety Specialists and a leadership team committed to proactively serving all school communities with a focus on prevention and intervention. Safety Services serves as a valuable school community resource to students, families and staff with values committed to fostering positive relationships, developing strategies to engage in problem solving prevention and partnerships. Please do not hesitate to call the dispatch office with any safety concerns so that we are able to help resolve the issue and communicate to central office staff for additional support as needed.

As a district our first responsibility is to keep students and staff safe. At BPS we have a School Safety team that is made up of several key departments including: Safety Services/BPS Safety Specialists, Emergency Management team, Behavioral Health Services, Facilities, Transportation, Student Support

Services and School Superintendents and Operational Leaders. We also have several key community partnerships including BPD School Engagement Unit, Transit Police, Suffolk County District Attorney's Office and school mental health partnerships. This update is to provide you with key information for the start of the Summer 2025 School year. During the Summer programming period 7/7/25 - 8/8/25 we provide support to over 75 programs located at 45 School locations.

Safety Services is staffed from 6:00 am – 5:00 pm Monday-Friday during the Summer school year. Please call the dispatch office 617-635-8000 with all safety incidents, inquiries and questions. You can also contact Deputy Chief Fran Johnson at 617-635-9033 or email [fmjohnson@bostonpublicschools.org](mailto:fmjohnson@bostonpublicschools.org)

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### **Human Services Cabinet**

The mission of the Human Services Cabinet is to provide equitable access to high quality services, resources, and opportunities so that every Boston resident - especially those with the greatest needs - has what they need to thrive. In pursuit of this mission, the departments in the Human Services Cabinet meet residents where they are - in their homes, neighborhoods, and communities - to break down barriers to critical resources. The work of the Human Services Cabinet spans across multiple diverse communities including returning citizens, aging citizens, youth, veterans and more.

### **BOSTON AFTER DARK**

OYEA launched a campaign to mobilize their partnership with BCYF and YMCA Centers to host teen centered events on Friday nights, 5-9pm, June 27th through August 29th across Boston. This initiative was in direct response to an increase in youth violence and disorder seen in the summer of 2023 during this timeframe. Last year, OYEA piloted the initiative to activate safe and fun opportunities for teens during after-work hours all summer long.

### **“FILL THE GAP” ACTIVITIES**

In 2023, we saw a flare of disorderly behavior during the gap weeks between school and summer jobs. This year these weeks fall roughly during June 22-July 7th, and August 17-31st. Our goal, with the support of our partners, is to saturate these weeks with activities for teens and actively promote these opportunities to families using the OYEA community calendar and social media outreach.

### **OFFICE OF YOUTH ENGAGEMENT AND ADVANCEMENT (OYEA) COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

The OYEA Community Events calendar launched in Summer 2023 to provide a centralized calendar of free events aimed at teens. Since its launch, the calendar has been turned into a year-round tool that is updated daily to reflect the many events happening across the city hosted by the City of Boston and its community partners. As we enter summer 2025, OYEA will continue its investment in ensuring this calendar is up to date and filled with as many free and exciting events for teens as possible. OYEA aims to have this calendar be a tool for teens, parents, and community partners to use to engage young people in safe events aimed for them.

### **BCYF Summer Programming**

Nearly 87,000 Boston residents visit Boston Centers for Youth & Families (BCYF) programs each year. BCYF operates a network of 35 facilities including many pools and one beach. Summer is the busy season with over 6000 youth enrolled in programs and thousands more in daily programs and one-off activities each day. You can view the 2025 Summer Guide [here](#).

### **BCYF FUN FESTS**

BCYF brings neighborhood fun to your local center including music, games, hands-on activities,

programming information and a cookout. All are held on Thursdays from 4:30-6:30PM. Dates and locations:

**July 24:** BCYF Ohrenberger Community Center, West Roxbury

**July 31:** BCYF Mattahunt Community Center, Mattapan

**August 7:** BCYF Mirabella Pool, North End

**August 14:** BCYF Shelburne Community Center, Roxbury

### **BCYF SNAPSHOT TEEN PHOTOGRAPHY PROGRAM**

A unique summer job program for youth ages 15 to 18. Youth receive a paycheck while participating in the program. This program introduces participants to all aspects of photography. Led by a professional photographer, the program includes opportunities to conduct “photo shoots,” visits to museums and art galleries, digital photo editing lessons, and opportunities to serve as a “staff photographer” for BCYF. Teens apply and are paid through the futureBOS summer jobs program. Monday, July 7 through Friday, August 15.

### **BCYF SUPERTEENS PROGRAM**

All of our teens have the ability to be leaders in school, their first job, and their community. This six week summer program, designed for 13 year old Boston teens, will inspire and motivate your teen to begin their leadership journey through educational and recreational activities, field trips and service projects. Teens will also develop a strong foundation of pre-employment skills and will participate in experiences that will help ensure success in their first job. Teens meeting all program requirements will be eligible for a stipend at the end of the summer. Monday, July 7 through Friday, August 15.

### **BCYF GIRLS LEADERSHIP CORPS (GLC)**

GLC engages and empowers teen girls to develop and support gender-focused programming at BCYF community centers including community service initiatives, throughout Boston's neighborhoods. Community service initiatives range from providing support for women and girls by helping with food pantries for families who are in need to Girls Nights summer events, to participating in team building, leadership development and self esteem activities. Girls participate in personal and leadership development workshops, establish positive and healthy lifestyle goals, and build the essential skills and confidence to become successful and independent women. Location: BCYF Perkins Community Center. July-August.

### **GIRLS NIGHTS**

Events for girls of all ages, Girls Nights connect them with necessary resources and opportunities to help establish a sense of unity and self-awareness while enjoying a positive and fun experience with their peers. Tentative Girls Nights include Codzilla, Boston Bowl, Chez Vous, Zoo Lights, Movies, Beach Party, Science Museum, Ice Cream Museum, MFA, Aquarium, and a Crafternoon at a BCYF center and other fun activities.

### **BCYF CAMP JOY**

This program is offered to Boston residents ages 3-15 with disabilities and their siblings 3-7 years old. The four week summer camp offers a variety of enrichment activities designed to promote peer-to-peer socialization, foster relationship building and support individual growth. Offered at BCYF Ohrenberger Community Center. July 14 through August 8

### **YOUTH AND TEEN SUMMER RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS**

All BCYF community centers will operate recreational summer programs for youth ages 6 - 18. In addition some centers host EEC licensed camps and DPH/ISD licensed summer camps. Activities may include: Sports: Basketball Clinics, Baseball/ Softball Clinics, Volleyball Clinics, Golf Clinics, Pickleball Club; Arts and

Crafts Clubs, STEM Activities and Science Lab Clubs, Computer Classes, Teen Nights, Family Events, Movie Nights, Field Trips and Outings, Special Events such as community BBQ's and Pool Parties, Traveling Storytellers and the Mobile Makers STEM Van. Spaces are limited based on availability at each site. Registration will be through our registration website or partner agencies.

### **BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY SUMMER READING PROGRAM FOR YOUTH**

The Boston Public Library's annual Summer Reading Program for Youth runs from June 1 through August 31. Throughout the summer, all library locations will offer a variety of engaging programs for children and teens. We also have special events and activities designed specifically for teens ages 13 to 18.

Teens are encouraged to take part in **BPL Bingo**, a fun challenge that promotes summer reading and helps participants explore all the library has to offer. In addition, our annual **Read Your Way to Fenway Contest** invites youth to read three books and write an essay about one of them for a chance to win free tickets to a Red Sox game in August. To learn more, visit [www.bpl.org/summer](http://www.bpl.org/summer).

### **MUSIC WORKSHOP WITH DJ TONY HAMOUI**

Join musician and DJ, Tony Hamoui in a fun and engaging approach to making music at Boston Public Library branches. Whether you have years of experience or have never tried to make music before, this program will show you how to use new technology to make songs. During this program, we will explore the powerful Pocket Operator PO-33 as a tool to make compositions.

Central (Copley)	August 4	3:00-4:30
Codman Sq.	August 5	3:00-4:30
East Boston	August 1	3:00-4:30
Grove Hall	August 7	3:00-4:30
Hyde Park	August 11	3:00-4:30
Mattapan	August 14	3:00-4:30
Roxbury	August 8	3:00-4:30

### **TEEN COMICS DRAWING WORKSHOP WITH CATHY G. JOHNSON**

Come play drawing games, create original characters, and start working on original comics! Open to all levels of experience! Taught by cartoonist and educator Cathy G. Johnson of Comic Art Ed! and author of *The Breakaways*.

Teen Central	August 6	4:00 PM
Grove Hall	August 14	4:00 PM
Mattapan	August 11	4:00 PM
Roxbury	August 12	4:00 PM

### **TEEN COMICS DRAWING WORKSHOP WITH ADAM KANE**

Join cartoonist Adam Kane for a comic jam! Through a selection of individual and group drawing exercises, you will familiarize yourself with some of the core elements of comics construction, such as panel composition and sequencing. And of course, you'll get to make some wild and humorous comics with your peers along the way.

Codman Sq.	July 7	3:00 PM
East Boston	July 8	3:00 PM
Brighton	July 9	3:00 PM
Hyde Park	July 11	3:00 PM

## **YOUTHLINE RESOURCE CONNECTION**

OYEA directly connects youth to resources via the YouthLine, a comprehensive set of resources for youth to tap into. We're hoping that this infusion of resources into the community will provide the additional support that young people need during the summer months.

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### **Boston Public Health Commission**

The Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) is the country's oldest health department and envisions a thriving Boston where all residents live healthy and fulfilling lives. To accomplish this, BPHC works in partnership with communities to protect and promote the health and well-being of all Boston residents, especially those impacted by racism and systemic inequities. Learn more about the work at [boston.gov/bphc](http://boston.gov/bphc).

### **SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM**

BPHC's Child Adolescent Health Division will kick off its annual Summer Enrichment Program in July and welcome and engage 110 students from the City of Boston on the UMass Boston Campus. Our theme this summer is "Real Talk, Real Change," which is all about advocacy. Advocacy begins with honest conversations—about challenges, solutions, and the role each of us plays in shaping a better future. Students will participate in workshops, internships, and electives that include film, podcasting, financial literacy and much more. We look forward to introducing students to Public Health and Advocacy this summer.

### **YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH**

BPHC, BPS, and Franciscan Children's will bring the mental health fun back to BPS kids. Our mental health group skill-building program is expanding to more students. Embedded into existing summer offerings at city sites, the program enhances social-emotional learning while also training early-career clinicians.

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### **Parks and Recreation**

The Parks and Recreation Department offers free athletic programs, clinics, and camps in neighborhood parks throughout Summer Months. Visit <https://www.boston.gov/departments/parks-and-recreation> for the complete 2025 Summer Guide.

### **SPORTS CENTERS**

Our Sports Centers offer free summer camp alternatives to Boston youth. Each location offers instruction in several popular sports from July 7 through August 22. All Sports Centers are offered free of charge to Boston residents and open to boys and girls ages 7 to 14. Parents may register their children for just one week or the entire summer . Visit [boston.gov/sports](http://boston.gov/sports) to register.

## **EAST BOSTON SPORTS CENTER**

July 8 - August 22

Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

East Boston Memorial Stadium, East Boston

Contact: Damien Margardo (617) 961-3083 or [damien.margardo@boston.gov](mailto:damien.margardo@boston.gov)

## **GARVEY PARK SPORTS CENTER**

July 7 - August 22

Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Garvey Park, Dorchester

Contact: Katie Nolan (617) 961-3053 or [katherine.nolan@boston.gov](mailto:katherine.nolan@boston.gov)

## **HUNT-ALMONT PARK SPORTS CENTER**

July 7 - August 22

Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Hunt-Almont Park, Mattapan

Contact: Woodley Auguste (617) 961-3084 or [woodley.auguste@boston.gov](mailto:woodley.auguste@boston.gov)

## **RONAN PARK SPORTS CENTER**

July 7 - August 22

Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Ronan Park, Dorchester

Contact: Charlie Conners (617) 961-3084 or [charles.connors@boston.gov](mailto:charles.connors@boston.gov)

## **WHITE STADIUM SPORTS CENTER**

July 7 - August 22

Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

White Stadium, Franklin Park, Jamaica Plain

Contact: Woodley Auguste (617) 961-3084 or [woodley.auguste@boston.gov](mailto:woodley.auguste@boston.gov)

## **Parkarts Performing Arts**

### **Citywide Neighborhood Concerts JULY 7 - AUGUST 8**

Neighborhood Concerts are presented by Bank of America with support from Berklee College of Music and College Hunks Hauling Junk & Moving. Concerts will run from Monday, July 7th, 2025 through Thursday, August 8th, 2025. Visit the [Neighborhood Concert Series Webpage](#) to find the full schedule of concerts.

### **Tito Puente Latin Music Series JULY 10 - AUGUST 14**

Created in honor of Latin music icon Tito Puente, this series celebrates 18 years of bringing live Latin music with a strong salsa influence to Boston parks. The series is sponsored in part by Berklee College of Music and Inquilinos Boricuas en Acción. Free salsa lessons will be led by MetaMovements at select concerts. All concerts start at 7 p.m. All locations are wheelchair accessible. Visit the [Tito Puente Latin Music Series Webpage](#) for the full, six-concert schedule.

## **Mayor Wu's Movie Nights AUGUST 5 - AUGUST 29**

This series is presented by Bank of America with additional support by College Hunks Hauling Junk & Moving, and in partnership with the Mayor's Office of Tourism, Sports and Entertainment. All shows start at dusk (approximately 8:00p.m.). Visit the [Parks Movie Nights Webpage](#) for the complete movie schedule.

## **Rosalita's Marionette Puppets JULY 10 - AUGUST 8**

Rosalita's Marionette Puppets featuring marionettes made by professional actor-puppeteer Charlotte Anne Dore. Performances start at 11 a.m. Each event is free, but young children must be accompanied by an adult. Groups of six or more must make prior arrangements by calling the Parks Department at 617-635-4505. The puppet performances are part of our arts and crafts workshops taking place on the same day from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Visit the [Rosalita's Marionette Puppets Webpage](#) for the full performance schedule.

## **Golf Course Summer Concert Series JULY 9 - AUGUST 13**

Sponsored by Bank of America, the Golf Course Summer Concert Series features live music on summer nights at City golf courses. Shows will run July 9th, 2025 through August 13th, 2025 (beginning at 6:00pm), and will be held at one of two golf courses: William J. Devine Golf Clubhouse (1 Circuit Drive, Dorchester) and George Wright Golf Clubhouse (420 West Street, Hyde Park).

## **Arts & Crafts Workshops: JULY 8 - AUGUST 15**

Our arts and crafts workshops are led by local artists. They're held Tuesday through Friday from Tuesday, July 8th, 2025 through August 15th, 2025, and run from 10:00am-12:00pm. These drop-in workshops encourage kids to explore their creativity through projects like mask making, crayon art, watercolor and much more. Supplies are provided by the City. This series is completely free and open to Boston residents. These workshops will take place in various parks throughout the City of Boston. Registration is encouraged, and **pre-registration is required** for groups of 8 or more. Please email [allison.singer2@boston.gov](mailto:allison.singer2@boston.gov) to register.

## **Frog Pond Spray Pool Opening: JUNE 24**

Mayor Michelle Wu, interim Boston Parks Commissioner Chief Brian Swett, and The Skating Club of Boston will kick off the 2025 summer season as the Boston Common Frog Pond spray pool reopens on Tuesday, June 24. The day will include a fun and exciting celebration at 11 a.m. followed by the opening of the spray pool. The Frog Pond spray pool is open daily from 11:00am to 6:00pm. until September 2nd, 2025. Visit the [2025 Frog Pond Spray Pool Opening Webpage](#) for additional information.

## **ParkActive**

### **Summer Fitness Series: MAY - AUGUST**

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department and the Boston Public Health Commission host the Boston Parks Summer Fitness Series, sponsored by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts. Classes are free, virtual and in-person in Boston parks, and are led by certified fitness instructors. Classes include Afrobeat Cardio, Beginner Salsa, Chair Yoga, Dance Fit, Family Zumba, HIIT, Kick It by Eliza, Line Dancing, POUND Fitness, Strength & Conditioning, Tai Chi, Total Body Burn, Yoga and Zumba. Everyone is welcome, regardless of fitness level. **Classes will run from May through August 2025. Visit [Boston.gov/fitness](#) to find the full schedule and additional details, or call (617-961-3047 or (617) 534-2355.**

### **Boston Public Library Summer Learning**

BPL has expanded the classic summer reading programming into a broader summer learning agenda, including STEM programs. We have targeted programs by age group at all locations with an emphasis on

underserved youth, including English Language Learners. Visit <https://www.bpl.org/summer/> for more information.

### **Boston Housing Authority**

The BHA seeks to engage its youth residents during the summer through work opportunities, drop-in centers, and community events. Leading up to the summer, BHA staff have been working with youth and families at our Franklin Field and Commonwealth sites to connect young people to job and camp opportunities. To supplement this, the BHA will partner with the City's SuccessLink program to provide employment opportunities across its developments for youth residents. This provides teen residents the opportunity to not only earn money, but gain experience working for the largest housing authority in New England. Some young people will work in downtown and property management offices while others will participate in structured programming. For example, members of the BHA Youth Council will work with Spoke on arts programming and host art workshops at BHA elderly sites.

### **BHA Youth and Teen Centers**

For those not enrolled in the SuccessLink program or summer camps, the BHA will have its **Franklin Field youth center open Monday through Friday** for drop-in use as a safe space where youth aged **5 to 18**

years old can hang out, play games, do arts and crafts, and socialize, facilitated by our teen SuccessLink

workers. Additionally, due to a newly established partnership, the Boys and Girls Club of Boston will be operating the **Mildred C. Hailey Youth Center beginning in Summer 2025**. The center will be open **Monday through Friday** for teens aged **12 to 18** years old.

### **BHA Unity Days**

Tenant Taskforces at BHA developments will host their Unity Day events throughout the summer. This annual event is an opportunity to build community at each development, through games, activities, and food. The event is for all ages, but will aim to engage teenagers to build their connections to the community and opportunities to get involved.

For more information, visit [www.bostonhousing.org](http://www.bostonhousing.org)

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### **Equity and Inclusion Cabinet**

The equity cabinet works to advance racial justice, and social, economic, and health equity in the city of Boston.

### **Black Male Advancement**

The Office of Black Male Advancement works to empower Black men and boys in Boston. They work to ensure they have equitable access to opportunities in the City. As part of our work, we focus on policies, programs, resources, as well as local and national partnerships. Their goal is to ensure Black men and boys have support to thrive and share in our City's prosperity. BMA also directs and supports the efforts of [MBK Boston](#) and the [Black Men and Boys Commission](#).

### **Community Empowerment Grant Program (via the [Office of Black Male Advancement](#))**

Community Empowerment grants are aimed at supporting community-based organizations that are focused on empowering and improving outcomes for Black men and boys in Boston. This year, grants will be awarded to nonprofit organizations to scale up their work and deepen their impact throughout

the city's neighborhoods. Grant-sponsored programming will run through August 31st, 2025.

## **LGBTQIA2S+ Advancement**

The Mayor's Office of LGBTQ+ Advancement is dedicated to the protection, promotion and empowerment of Boston's LGBTQ+ community., LGBTQ+ Advancement is working with City partners to ensure a safe, healthy and active summer in Boston.

## **REIMAGINING COMMUNITY SAFETY (COLLABORATION W BPD LGBTQ+ COMM. LIAISON)**

In response to community concerns regarding BPD's policing practices at events such as festivals, parades, and protests, MOLA is working with BPD's LGBTQ+ Community Liaison Deputy Superintendent Dahill and various community groups to co-create guidance/policies/best practices for these scenarios.

## **MONTHLY PUBLIC SAFETY MEETING**

MOLA promotes and attends the citywide monthly public safety meeting hosted by BPD's LGBTQ+ Community Liaison Deputy Superintendent Dahill. This meeting is a public space for community members to share concerns and updates directly with law enforcement. Detective Webster of BPD's Civil Rights Division shares a monthly update from any LGBTQ+ related hate crime incidents. There are also often representatives from other agencies such as the Boston Regional Intelligence Center (BRIC) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Boston Office..

## **BOSTON PRIDE CELEBRATION**

Boston's citywide pride celebration, hosted by Boston Pride 4 the People, will be Saturday, June 8 on Boston Common. BP4TP has been working with various city departments, including BPD, Parks, MOLA, and the CST to ensure safe and fun festivities. MOLA's Beyond Mini Grants program allows community-based organizations serving the LGBTQ+ community in Boston to apply for up to \$10,000 in funds. Visit the "Community Reinvestment@ section below.

## **PARTNER NETWORK**

MOLA continues to grow and engage its Partner Network—a coalition of local LGBTQ+-serving organizations—to share resources, coordinate programming, and strengthen community safety and wellbeing. The Partner Network also plays a key role in informing citywide responses to emerging needs during the summer months.

## **Immigrant Advancement**

The Mayor's Office for Immigrant Advancement (MOIA) strives to strengthen the ability of immigrants to fully and equitably participate in economic, civic, social, and cultural life in Boston. MOIA also promotes the recognition and public understanding of the contributions of immigrants to the City.

## **Youth Work-Experience Opportunity**

The City of Boston is partnering with community-based organizations to recruit and offer work experience opportunities to immigrant youth, ensuring that their program involvement is engaging, meaningful, and a building block for their professional development and personal success. Organizations will provide leadership development and professional skills attainment in a culturally and linguistically sensitive manner, offering access to programs that are essential to their economic and social inclusion. In collaboration with nonprofit organizations across the City, we seek to support program models that offer immigrant youth the 21st-century skills to succeed when they enter the

workforce as well as early exposure to various careers. Eligible youth should fill out the interest form, visit [boston.gov/immigrant-youth](http://boston.gov/immigrant-youth) for more information.

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## Boston Bikes

Boston Bikes team from Streets Cabinet is offering free [learn-to-bike workshops](#) to help adults build skills and confidence and experience the joy in riding a bike. The workshops are offered in four different levels from basic skills (Level 1 and 2) to advanced workshops (Level 3 and 4), which prepare attendees to ride on streets and mixed-used paths. Some workshops are open for women and gender-diverse people, and others are open to all genders. Bikes and helmets are provided. Registration is required, and opens 1 month before each workshop. The workshops take place outdoors, and may be impacted by the weather. For info, visit [boston.gov/adults-bike](http://boston.gov/adults-bike)

## LEARN-TO-BIKE WORKSHOPS FOR ADULTS

### Basic Skills Workshops

Want to learn or refresh basic skills, such as starting, stopping, and turning? Bikes and helmets provided.

#### June 7 - 12pm - Mattapan

Mildred K-8 School  
5 Mildred Ave

#### July 12 - 12pm - Roxbury

BWSC Parking Lot 1  
980 Harrison Ave

#### July 26 - 12pm

Location TBD

#### Aug. 23 - 12pm - East Boston

McKay School, Parking Lot  
122 Cottage Street

#### Sept. 6 - 12pm - East Boston

McKay School, Parking Lot  
122 Cottage Street

#### October 4 - 12pm

Location TBD

### Road Readiness

Gain on-bike confidence skills! We will learn and practice hand signals and advanced bike handling.

#### June 28 - 10am - Mattapan

Mattahunt School Parking Lot  
100 Hebron Street

#### Aug. 9 - 10am - Roxbury

BWSC Parking Lot 1  
980 Harrison Ave

#### Sept. 20 - 10am - East Boston

McKay School Parking Lot  
122 Cottage Street

#### October 18 - 12pm - Downtown

City Hall Plaza  
1 City Hall Square

### Street Skills

A group ride designed to practice bike skills on off-street paths and on low-stress shared streets.

#### June 28 - 12pm - Mattapan

Mattahunt School Parking Lot  
100 Hebron Street

#### Aug. 9 - 12pm - Roxbury

BWSC Parking Lot 1  
980 Harrison Ave

#### Sept 20 - 12pm - East Boston

McKay School Parking Lot  
122 Cottage Street

#### October 18 - 12pm - Downtown

City Hall Plaza  
1 City Hall Square

## **WOMEN LEARN-TO-BIKE WORKSHOPS**

Free learn-to-bike classes led by women for Boston residents who identify as women or gender diverse.

### **June 5 – 6pm - Mattapan**

Mildred K-8 School  
5 Mildred Ave

### **June 7 - 10am - Mattapan**

Mildred K-8 School  
5 Mildred Ave

### **June 26 - 6pm - Mattapan**

Mattahunt School Parking Lot  
100 Hebron Street

### **July 10 - 6pm - Roxbury**

BWSC Parking Lot 1  
980 Harrison Ave

### **July 12 - 10am - Roxbury**

BWSC Parking Lot 1  
980 Harrison Ave

### **July 24 - 6pm - Roxbury**

BWSC Parking Lot 1  
980 Harrison Ave

### **Aug. 7 – 6pm - Roxbury**

BWSC Parking Lot 1  
980 Harrison Ave

### **Aug. 21 - 6pm - Roxbury**

McKay School, Parking Lot  
980 Harrison Ave

### **Aug. 23 - 10am - East Boston**

McKay School Parking Lot  
122 Cottage Street

### **Sept 6 – 10am - East Boston**

McKay School Parking Lot  
122 Cottage Street

### **Oct. 4 - 10am**

Location TBD

## **INTERVENTION**

*Addressing what leads to harm*

### **BPS Division of Intensive Student Support**

Boston Public School's Division of Intensive Student Support primarily works with students who are court involved, DYS involved and DCF involved. The Division is responsible for coordinating services between students, families, schools and community partners to ensure that they are actively seeking to remove barriers for this population in accessing their education. Additionally, members of the Division serve as liaisons between students and families, attorneys, probation and the juvenile courts. The Division works through summer vacation to ensure that students are connected to programming and provided wrap-around support, whether it be at home, in school, in the community or in court. The Division will continue to connect with their students who are in custody and support students with their transition back into the community upon release. To get in contact with the Division of Intensive Student Support, contact Nicole Robbins, the Assistant Director of Intensive Student Support, at [NRobbins@bostonpublicschools.org](mailto:NRobbins@bostonpublicschools.org).

### **Youth Options Unlimited (YOU) Boston:**

The [YOU Boston Summer Youth Employment](#) program places court involved and at-promise Youth Ages 14-24 in paid, supervised work opportunities with community-based organizations. Summer cohorts include Culinary & Kitchen Operations, Business 101, Sports & Leadership, Intro to Cosmetology, Media & Production, DJ & Music Appreciation, and Youth Advocacy program.

### **PowerCorps Green Jobs**

PowerCorpsBOS is a green jobs program. It provides young adults with training, career readiness support, and connections to employers in the green industry. An “earn and learn” program, PowerCorpsBOS pays members to participate in hands-on training that prepares them for living-wage careers. Over the course of its ten-month training program, PowerCorpsBOS teaches Corps members

a variety of transferable soft skills and technical forestry skills. These skills can be used in the green industry and beyond. **Summer Programming will run from July-August, 2025**

#### **Grassroots:**

“GrassRoots” is an intensive 5-week program anchored by the Community Safety Team that aims to expose young adults (18-24) to the basic skills needed to enter high paying employment industries. The program prepares participants to obtain high-paying employment in these industries through: (1) career readiness and job training, (2) peer-to-peer mentorship, and (3) classroom and hands-on learning experiences. Program participants are referred to the program through community partners including law enforcement, and those make up Boston’s CVI ecosystem. For more information, visit [www.boston.gov/communitysafety](http://www.boston.gov/communitysafety)

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## **RECOVERY**

### *Healing after violence*

#### **Community Healing & Response Network (CHRN):**

Formally known as the Neighborhood Trauma Teams, the Community Healing and Response Network offers services for individuals, families, and communities affected by community violence. Services include: (1) Access to support hotline 24/7, 365 days a year (**617-431-0125**); (2) Immediate support services for any individual affected by community violence; (3) Support for individuals and families during community events. Events include vigils, memorials, and funeral services; (4) Referral to ongoing behavioral health services for individuals and families (5) Trauma education and support at community meetings; (6) Community outreach to distribute basic trauma health information; (7) Community coping/healing groups. Support is available to all residents who feel affected by community violence. You can access services by calling the hotline or the Community Healing and Response Network. All services are free and private. Visit the [Community Healing and Response Network](#) to find [catchment area contacts](#), and the [Healing After Trauma Brochure](#).

#### **Life Course Health Unit, including the Promoting Potential Boston, Safe and Successful Youth Initiative (SSYI) Boston and Men's Health Initiative (via the [Boston Public Health Commission](#))**

A state-funded program that operates out of the Boston Public Health Commission, SSYI utilizes a comprehensive public health approach to outreach, engagement, case management and service delivery to increase positive outcomes for adolescents and young adults ages 17-24. Promoting Potential Boston expands this engagement to individuals 16 and under, and the Men's Health Initiative expands it to individuals 25 and over, in recognition of the need across these age groups. Through these year-round programs, all clients are referred by public safety agencies who have identified these individuals as those most at-risk of being victims or perpetrators of firearm violence.

#### **Domestic, Sexual, and Gender-Based Violence Prevention Initiative (DSGBVPI) (via [Boston Public Health Commission](#))**

The Domestic, Sexual, and Gender-Based Violence Prevention Initiative (DSGBVPI) aims to foster a collective response to and prevent gender-based violence (GBV) across Boston. Through a trauma-informed, data driven and survivor-centered approach, we aim to create a city where everyone, particularly those made most vulnerable, has access to the resources and support they need to heal and thrive. **Rather than providing direct services our focus is to align with and uplift our community partners in their work with survivors** through policy advocacy, workforce wellness initiatives, trauma-informed training, and establishing data infrastructure to track DV/SV rates and service use. **One example of the Initiative's**

**unique role in complementing the direct service systems is our advocacy efforts** to ensure the workforce responding to violence, including domestic and gun violence, have the tools they need to assess safety and risk effectively. Based on community input and the data, we are seeking funding to resource trauma-informed risk-assessment tools and training, which helps frontline responders by recognizing early indicators of heightened risk of homicide when there are multiple forms of violence present and take preventative measures to ensure the safety and well-being of survivors.

**Additionally,** this summer the DSGBV Initiative will host two key conferences: On June 6th, stakeholders from across multiple sectors will come together to provide input and share their voices on the next steps for the initiative. On July 24th, in collaboration with the City of Cambridge's Domestic and Gender-Based Violence Prevention Initiative, we will co-host a Title IX Convening, where Title IX practitioners will strategize and strengthen our collective response to sexual and gender-based violence in educational institutions.

### **Capacity Building and Training Initiative** ([via Boston Public Health Commission](#))

The Capacity Building and Training Initiative prevents and addresses violence by promoting trauma-informed and equitable approaches, enhancing workforce well-being, and nurturing collaboration amongst a network of organizations serving children, youth and adults in Boston and beyond. We do this through learning collaboratives with City and community programs, training with service providers across sectors, promoting community care, and meeting emerging needs via technical assistance, funding, and referrals.

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## **MENTAL, EMOTIONAL, AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SUPPORTS**

### **Center for Behavioral Health and Wellness** ([via the Boston Public Health Commission](#))

The Center for Behavioral Health and Wellness (est. 2022) at BPHC helps to provide resources to improve mental health for everyone in Boston. The Center envisions a community where everyone feels supported and can thrive. The Center aims to promote and improve mental health and wellness for everyone in Boston by removing the stigma associated with finding support and treatment for mental health issues. While the Center does not provide direct clinical services, BPHC provides many mental health services, resources, and programs and collaborates with a host of external partners to provide population-specific external supports and resources including LGBTQ, BIPOC, Black/African-American, AAPI, South Asian, Refugee and Immigrant, Native and Indigenous Peoples, LatinX, Veterans, those impacted by Food Access, or those in need of Grief Support or Peer Support.

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## **COMMUNITY BUILDING & EMPOWERMENT INITIATIVES**

### **Open Streets Boston**

Open Streets Boston events help people experience streets as public spaces where communities thrive. City streets transform into vibrant, pedestrian-friendly boulevards where people can dream, play, and explore. During these free, family-friendly events, Open Streets Boston will temporarily close major thoroughfares to car traffic. This opens them to people biking, walking, rolling, and connecting with neighbors and local businesses

**NOTE:** The event time for all routes is 10:30AM to 5:00PM

**ROXBURY - Saturday, July 12**

Blue Hill Avenue  
Warren Street to Quincy Street

**HYDE PARK - Sunday, August 10**

Hyde Park Avenue  
River Street to Fairmount and Davidson Streets

**DORCHESTER - Sunday, Sept. 14**

Dorchester Avenue  
From Ashmont Street to Adams Street

**MATTAPAN - Saturday, October 18**

Blue Hill Avenue  
River Street to Babson Street

**JAMAICA PLAIN - Sunday, Nov. 2**

Centre Street  
Lamartine Street to South Street

**City Hall Plaza Activations**

As the epicenter of the City of Boston, City Hall Plaza is a place where all Boston residents, visitors, and newcomers have access to participate in arts and cultural events. The Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture collaborates with other City departments and agencies like the Mayor's Office of Tourism, Sports, and Entertainment to program the Plaza. This Summer, this City of Boston will be hosting numerous community art and cultural programs. For more information, visit Boston.gov or email Billy Dean Thomas [billydean.thomas@boston.gov](mailto:billydean.thomas@boston.gov)

**Adopt a Block**

The City of Boston will bring back the Adopt a Block initiative, featuring "Unity Walks" from June to August. These walks represent a concerted effort to expand the presence of our faith community beyond the walls of our respective places of worship. The Unity Walks aim to foster a stronger sense of unity and connection among residents by bringing together people of all faiths to walk side by side, engaging with neighbors, and sharing in moments of solidarity and understanding. In addition to promoting community cohesion, safety is a paramount concern. The presence of faith leaders and community members during these walks not only symbolizes solidarity but also a sense of security within our neighborhoods. For more information, reach out to Faith Based Liaison William Dickerson [william.dickerson2@boston.gov](mailto:william.dickerson2@boston.gov)

**SUMMER 2025 UNITY WALK SCHEDULE**

**JUNE 5 - 6:00 PM - DORCHESTER**

Harambee Park  
15 Talbot Ave

**JUNE 12 - 6:00 PM - DORCHESTER**

Erie-Ellington Playground  
47 Ellington Street

**JULY 2 - 6:00 PM - ROXBURY**

Malcolm X Park  
2700 Washington St.

**JULY 24 - 6:00 PM - ROXBURY**

Marcella Playground  
260 Highland Street

**AUGUST 7 - 6:00 PM - DORCHESTER**

Roberts Playground  
56 Dunbar Ave

**AUGUST 21 - 6:00 PM - DORCHESTER**

Ronan Park  
92 Mt. Ida Road

**Violence Intervention and Prevention (VIP) Initiative**

The Violence Intervention and Prevention (VIP) Initiative is a program of the Division of Violence Prevention at

Boston Public Health Commission. VIP works in [6 micro-neighborhoods](#) averaging 900 households. These neighborhoods have high rates of gun violence but strong community infrastructure. Each VIP neighborhood has its own resident coalition coordinated by a local community organization. VIP coalitions ensure that residents have the knowledge and resources they need. They make residents feel empowered to be part of the solution and create sustained change in their communities.

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## **Boston Police Department (Local Districts & Bureau of Community Engagement)**

Members of the Boston Police Department's Bureau of Community Engagement are active across all of Boston, and through community programming opportunities, work to establish meaningful connections with community members outside of law enforcement. Most districts are hosting events and programming throughout the summer. Examples include walks in the neighborhood with senior citizens, games of Bocce at Langone Park in the North End, sports programming with St. Peter's Youth Center on Bowdoin Street, open workouts at the Back Yard Boston Gym, working with HEAL Boston distribute free food to combat hunger, and more. For more information on events in your district - contact the Bureau of Community Engagement, or reach out to your district Captain and Community Service Officer directly.

### **BUREAU OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

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## **Faith & Blue**

National Faith & Blue Weekend, which has expanded to a week in Boston, facilitates safer and stronger communities by engaging law enforcement officers and local residents through the connections of faith-based organizations.

## **National Night Out**

The 42nd Annual National Night Out Boston will be held in August 2025! This citywide celebration will feature 12 individual neighborhood celebrations across the City of Boston over the course of two fun-filled, impactful days. Residents of all ages will spend time with members of the Boston Police Department at family friendly events, enjoying free admission, food, games, and entertainment. The events are sponsored by the Boston Police Foundation.

## **Community Interaction Teams**

BPD piloted Community Interaction Teams in November 2024 to address crime and the fear of crime and support our Community Policing mission by responding to community concerns, strengthening police and community relations and promoting community participation. Each Team includes a Sergeant and up to four Patrol Officers. The deployment of Community Interaction Teams is highly adaptable to the daily or weekly needs of our neighborhoods. Operating under the principle that every police interaction is a foundation for building trust, Community Interaction Teams provide a uniformed presence in designated areas to increase visibility, engage in crime reduction strategies and to collaborate with the community by listening to stakeholders as we work to improve quality of life, increase trust and reduce violence in our City. They are deployed based on feedback received directly from the public, current crime trends and statistics to areas experiencing a high volume of calls for service for violent crime, quality of life concerns and/or other issues impacting the community's perception of safety in their neighborhood.

## **HUB Tables**

The Boston Police Department participates in Hub Tables across the City. Hub Tables are confidential and connect individuals and families meeting a threshold for acutely elevated risk (AER) with service providers equipped to offer timely, coordinated support. AER refers to a situation with a high probability of imminent harm that requires a multi-agency response to prevent crisis situations—often those that would otherwise result in a 911 call. Risk factors can include housing instability, substance use, mental health concerns, inability to meet basic needs, criminal victimization, and more. Hub Tables started in Jamaica Plain and East Boston and have been expanded to include Tables in Roxbury, Dorchester, West Roxbury, Roslindale and Hyde Park. Last year, a Citywide Hub Coordinator was added to these efforts, developing work plans for each neighborhood. In March 2025, more than 100 participants from city and state agencies, community organizations and BPD personnel participated in a training. Since they started, Boston Hub Tables have addressed 953 situations of elevated risk, with 70% resulting in successful connection to services. If you know of someone or a situation that might benefit from a Hub Table intervention, please click on your [neighborhood/District](#) and find the contact for your local District "Community Service Office".

Operation Hoodsie Cup provides free ice cream to neighborhood youth each summer in an effort to promote police community relations. (This is thanks to a long-term partnership with HP Hood and support from the Boston Police Foundation.) Signature year round and summer programs such as: GROW Girls, Road to the Right Track, Flashlight Walks, Walk the Beat, RADkids Self Defense, MAWLE Camp for Girls, and Inclusive/Safety Field Days - are just a few examples of impactful BPD programs.

# **HEIGHTENED COMMUNITY CONCERNS DURING SUMMER MONTHS**

## **Fire Safety & Fireworks**

Fire prevention is just as important as fire fighting. Summer is a time for fun, but it is important to make sure you and your family are being cautious when using grills, or are around other potentially dangerous materials! On average, grills cause about 10,600 household fires per year. July is the peak month, followed by June, May, and August. As a reminder during Summer Months:

- Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors
- Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill
- Never leave your grill unattended

Contact Lieutenant and Community Education Officer Hank Perkins ([henry.perkins@boston.gov](mailto:henry.perkins@boston.gov)) to request a [Fire Education Presentation](#) or to request [Fire Hats](#).

Additionally, as a reminder, Fireworks are dangerous and illegal in Massachusetts. Illegal fireworks pose significant dangers to the safety of our residents and their property. To combat issues related to illegal fireworks within the city, the Mayor's Office has partnered with the Community Engagement Cabinet and the Boston Police Department. Please refer to the City of Boston's official [Firework Safety Guide](#) and or [Firework Safety Web Page](#) for information, resources, and advocacy tools to help you push towards positive change in your community.

## **Dirt Bike/ATV Safety**

It is illegal to drive a dirt bike, ATV, or any other off-road vehicle on public roads in the city of Boston. Community members with information relative to the illegal operation/storage of these recreational vehicles who wish to assist in these ongoing investigations anonymously can do so by calling the CrimeStoppers Tip Line at 1(800) 494-TIPS or by texting the word 'TIP' to CRIME (27463). The Boston Police Department will stringently guard and protect the identities of all those who wish to assist any such investigations in an anonymous manner. Additionally, the Boston Police Department's Summer 2025 Reveler Action Plan will go into effect. Visit the appendix for more information on this plan.

## **Problem Properties**

To address crime and blight in our neighborhoods, the City created the Problem Properties Task Force in 2011. The Task Force represents a consortium of City departments and agencies. As part of our work, we identify "problem properties." These properties often soak up the City's public safety and neighborhood resources. In some cases, these addresses are centers of drug use, violence, or other crimes. In other cases, they are visual blights that pose a safety hazard. In all cases, owners have allowed their properties to become chronic problems. Through our enforcement authority, the Task Force holds property owners responsible. We empower the City to levy fines against absentee landlords. We also give citizens a way to address quality of life issues. For more information on the task force, how to designate a property, or to view the "problem properties" map, visit the city's [Problem Properties Webpage](#).

## **After-Hours Parties**

After-hours parties have caused significant neighborhood-level safety concerns in the past. Because many of these parties are often unsanctioned and have not been permitted as approved , the City of Boston will be enforcing all complaints that come in as a result of these unsanctioned gatherings. The purpose of the BPD Party Line is to give residents a direct contact for reporting the occurrence of loud parties. Residents are encouraged to use this resource as a means of preventing late night disorderly behavior and reduce incidents of possible further criminal conduct. Please call the Party Line at 617-343-5500, contact your local police

district, and submit a report to [Boston 311](#). Please see the appendix for Massachusetts General Laws (MGLs) (16-26) regarding Unreasonable Noise and Disturbing the Peace.

### **Firearm Violence**

While firearm violence is a significant challenge year round, the Months between June and August present significant challenges. While Summer 2023 saw the lowest shooting victim total since 2005 (58), and lowest incident total since 2009 (42), the City remains committed to reducing firearm violence as one victim is one too many. For specifics on the strategy to reduce community violence during the Summer months, see the “Summer 2025 Community Violence Reduction Strategy” section below for more information.

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## **SUMMER ‘25 COMMUNITY GUN VIOLENCE REDUCTION STRATEGY**

### **Gun Violence Reduction Management Team**

Led by the Community Safety Team, Boston’s Gun Violence Reduction Management Team is comprised of public health providers, law enforcement, schools, nonprofit leaders, the public housing authority, and hospitals. The Team meets on a weekly basis to discuss updates related to Boston’s CVI strategy, discuss current and emerging trends in Boston surrounding violence.

**Boston’s Summer strategy to reduce community violence is comprised of a management team that works to execute 4 Key Strategies:**

#### **Engage “high-risk” individuals with high-quality services and supports**

Rigorous research indicates that individuals at the highest risk for violence, at any age, can benefit significantly from high quality behavioral health supports. Building on city efforts already underway, the city performed a needs analysis to confirm how many individuals are at the highest risk for violence and to assess their needs. Based on that analysis, the mayor’s office has developed a plan for expanding services to offer 100% of those at the highest risk for violence the help they need. The city will soon work to develop an integrated citywide database to track services and ensure accountability. In addition, the city will work to expand support for hospital-based intervention programs to ensure services and support are available citywide when individuals are admitted to emergency rooms for violent penetrating injuries.

#### **Weekly and Bi-Weekly Incident Review Meetings**

Proactively responding in a coordinated manner to recent incidents of violence is a hallmark of many evidence-informed approaches to reducing violence. Beginning in June, the Boston Police Department and Boston Public Health Commission will convene weekly and bi-weekly meetings respectively to bring together law enforcement, public health, and violence intervention workers to ensure coordinated responses to recent conflicts that have or may become violent.

#### **Increase positive presence and environmental investments in the micro-places where violence concentrates**

Research indicates that both increases in positive police presence in locations where violence concentrates, and investments in violence-prone locations, particularly by remaking physical settings, can both yield reductions in violent crime when done correctly. According to the Boston Regional Intelligence Center, there are approximately 150 geographic micro-locations where serious violence concentrates in the city. Focus locations or “opportunity zones” for Summer 2025 encompass Streets, Parks, and Developments across multiple neighborhoods (see the appendix for the complete list of locations).

### **Place-Based Partnership Meetings**

Within the aforementioned areas where violence concentrates, the Mayor's office will pilot regular place-based partnership meetings between law enforcement, other city services, and community stakeholders in several impacted areas where violence concentrates. The goal of the meetings is to increase law enforcement visibility without aggressive enforcement, while at the same time investing in engaging activities in these spaces and improving the physical environment of these areas. Each partnership group will establish its own mini-plan for preventing violence in its area.

## List of Summer '25 "Opportunity Zones"

The areas below were all targets for activation as part of the 2025 Summer Activation Mini Grant - a yearly grant administered by the Community Safety Team. These areas will host activations throughout the summer aimed at combating violence by providing a

### Dorchester

- Talbot Avenue corridor (priority streets include Helen Street, Millet Street, Southern Avenue, Wheatland Avenue, Whitfield Street and surrounding areas) - Dorchester
- Humboldt Avenue corridor (and surrounding Grove Hall area)
- Bowdoin Street & Geneva Avenue area (priority streets include Topliff Street, Draper Street, Longfellow Street and surrounding areas)
- Four Corners area (priority streets include Erie Street, Ellington Street, Morse Street, Michigan Avenue, Columbia Road, Washington Street, and surrounding areas)
- Harambee Park area
- Roberts Playground area
- Ronan Park area
- Reverend Loesch Family Park area
- Franklin Field Development
- Franklin Hill Development

### Hyde Park

- Wood Avenue Corridor (priority streets include Ayles Road, Westminster Street, Reddy Avenue, Rosa Street, and surrounding areas)
- Ross Field area
- Fairmount Development

### Roxbury

- Dudley Street Corridor (priority streets include West Cottage Street, Brooke Avenue, Vine Street, Mt. Pleasant Avenue, and surrounding areas) - Roxbury
- Humboldt Avenue Corridor (and surrounding Grove Hall area) - Dorchester
- Walnut Avenue Corridor (priority streets include Walnut Park, Westminster Ave, Crawford Street, Abbot'sford Street and surrounding areas)
- Malcolm X. Park
- Madison Park Fields
- Madison Park Development
- Alice Taylor Development
- Mission Main Development

### Mattapan

- Cummins Highway Corridor (priority streets include Almont Street, Itasca Street, Orlando Street, Brockton Street, Favre Street and surrounding areas)
- Almont Park
- Walker Playground

### East Boston

- Eagle Hill area (priority streets include Condor Street, Falcon Street W/E Eagle Street, Border Street, Meridian Street and surrounding areas)
- LoPresti Park

### Charlestown

- Charlestown High School area (priority streets include Medford Street, Monument Street, Tufts Street, O'Reilly Way, Walford Way, Polk Street and surrounding areas)

### South End/Lower Roxbury

- Ramsay Park
- Lenox Development
- Tremont St corridor (between Massachusetts Avenue and West Dedham Street and surrounding areas)

### Jamaica Plain

- Mildred C. Hailey Development

### South Boston

- West Broadway Development
- Mary Ellen McCormack Development