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NEW GRANT AVAILABLE!

CREATING CONNECTIONS & REDUCING ISOLATION GRANT

Stronger social connections & networks can boost a person’s lifespan by 50 percent!

Applications due: Thursday, April 7, 2022
boston.gov/agestrong

City of Boston Age Strong Commission
Mayor Michelle Wu

Boston’s Age Strong Commission seeks grant applications from organizations and individuals who are working to build social connections and community for Boston’s older adults. Grants will range from $5,000 to $25,000. To learn more about this grant, visit boston.gov/news/creating-connections-and-reducing-social-isolation-grant-announced.
TUESDAY, MARCH 29

10:30am
A Quilting Circle
BPL: Codman Square
690 Washington Street, Dorchester
Click [here](https://example.com) to register & for more information.

11am-1pm
Knit/Crochet Circle
Boston Public Library: Roslindale Branch
4246 Washington Street, Roslindale
Click [here](https://example.com) for more information.

11am
Women Veterans Roundtable
William Carter Post AL 16
1531 Blue Hill Avenue, Mattapan
Click [here](https://example.com) for more information & to register.

11:30am-12:30pm
Age Strong Virtual Latin Dance
No registration necessary
Click [here](https://example.com) for more information.

12noon
BPL Virtual: Digital Skills for Everyday Tasks
Click [here](https://example.com) to register & for more information.

3-5pm
BPL Virtual: Sketching & Mindfulness
Click [here](https://example.com) to register & for more information.

5:30pm
Virtual: Housing Stability Free Legal Clinic
Click [here](https://example.com) for more information.

6pm
BPL Virtual: Pirate or Patriot?
Click [here](https://example.com) to register & for more information.
Senior Circuit Breaker Tax Credit

Put up to $1,170 in YOUR pocket!

The Massachusetts “Circuit Breaker” tax credit provides tax relief for low to moderate income older adults age 65+. This tax credit is available for renters & homeowners. Additionally, residents may apply for this income tax credit even if they owe no income taxes.

Basic Requirements for Eligibility:

- Must be a Massachusetts resident or part-year resident
- Must be age 65 or older by January 1, 2022
- Must own or rent residential property in Massachusetts and occupy it as your primary residence
- For tax year 2021, your total Massachusetts income doesn’t exceed:
  - $62,000 for a single individual who is not the head of a household
  - $78,000 for a head of household
  - $93,000 for married couples filing a joint return
- Homeowners can qualify if their property taxes & half of the water & sewer bills are more than 10% of their annual gross income
- Renters can qualify if 25% of their rent is over 10% of their total income for the year

You are Ineligible for this Tax Credit if:

- You are married & your status is married, but filing separately
- You are a dependent of another taxpayer
- You receive a federal or state rent subsidy or you rent from a tax-exempt entity
- For tax year 2021, the assessed value of your principal residence exceeds $884,000

Contact the MA Department of Revenue for more information at: 617-887-6367

AGE+
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**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30**

10:30am  
*BPL: Older Adults’ Chair Yoga*  
151 Cambridge Street, West End  
Click [here](#) to register & for more information.

11am  
*BPL Virtual: Introduction to Medicare: Learn the Basics*  
Click [here](#) to register & for more information.

11am  
*B Parks: Virtual Fitness: Chair Yoga*  
Click [here](#) to register & for more information.

11:30am  
*Age Strong Virtual Yoga*  
No registration necessary  
Click [here](#) for more information.

3pm  
*BPL Virtual: Shelf Service Live: Recommendations from BPL Librarians*  
Click [here](#) to register for more information.

4-7pm  
*BPL: Free Tax Preparation (Drop-Off & Remote Only)*  
Click [here](#) to register & for more information.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 31**

10:30am  
*BPL Virtual: Food Access is a SNAP!*  
Click [here](#) to register & for more information.

1pm  
*BPL Virtual: Lunchtime Science Fiction/Fantasy Short Story Club*  
Click [here](#) to register & for more information.

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2:30-5:30pm  
*The Dudley Winter Market*  
11 Brook Avenue, Roxbury  
Click [here](#) for more information.

6:30pm  
*B Parks: Virtual Fitness: Zumba*  
Click [here](#) to register & for more information.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 1**

10am-12noon  
*BPL Virtual: Drop-in Office Hours: Legal Services Center*  
Click [here](#) to register & for more information.

11:30am  
*Age Strong Virtual Zumba*  
No registration necessary  
Click [here](#) for more information.
DID YOU KNOW YOU COULD SAVE UP TO $1,500 ON YOUR PROPERTY TAXES?

JOIN AGE STRONG’S PROPERTY TAX WORK-OFF PROGRAM

Our mission is to enhance the lives of Boston’s older adults with meaningful programs and resources.

ABOUT PTWOP

• Qualified older homeowners could volunteer up to 106 hours for the City of Boston, in exchange for a property tax abatement of up to $1,500 per fiscal year.

REQUIREMENTS

• Age 60+
• Gross income: $40,000 or less if single, $55,000 or less if married
• You must own & occupy property 3+ years & occupy property as a primary residence.

HOW IT WORKS

Step 1
Submit your application with all supporting documents by July 1, 2022.

Step 2
If approved, we’ll match you with a volunteering opportunity.

Step 3
When you complete the hours, you’ll receive a property tax abatement.

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617-635-5741
lisa.martins@boston.gov
12:30pm
Parks: Virtual Fitness: Chair Meditation
Click here to register & for more information.

SATURDAY, APRIL 2
9am
Parks: Virtual Fitness: Strength Training
Click here to register & for more information.

10am-1pm
Dorchester Winters Farmers Market
6 Norfolk Street, Dorchester
Click here for more information.

10am-2pm
Low-Cost Dog Licensing/Rabies Clinic
BCYF Perkins Community Center
155 Talbot Ave, Dorchester
Click here for more information.

10am-4pm
City-Wide Friends Book Sale
Boston Public Library, Central Branch
700 Boylston Street, Copley Square
For more information, click here.

12noon
Lion Dance with Gund Kwok
Boston Public Library: Codman Square Branch
690 Washington Street, Dorchester
Click here to register & for more information.

SUNDAY, APRIL 3
12noon-3pm
Roslindale Farmers Market
19 Corinth Street, Roslindale
Click here for more information.
BECOME A CITIZEN

Apply now!
Call (617) 694-5949 for free help

Disability Community Forum
SAVE THE DATE
MAY 11, 2022 @2PM

An opportunity to meet local government officials, learn about City initiatives, ask questions, and tell us about your accessibility priorities.

Boston.gov/disability
FREE TAX SERVICES

Over 180,000 taxpayers served
Over $320 million dollars returned directly to taxpayers’ pockets

Maximize your refund; get all the credits available to you, even if you have no income
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Save for Emergencies and Plan for the Future
Open a Bank Account, Purchase a Savings Bond, Fix and build your credit

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Apply for an ITIN or file your taxes with a current ITIN, bilingual tax prep available

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20 YEARS of providing free, quality, IRS certified tax preparation.
INTERESTED IN FREE OR DISCOUNTED INTERNET?

The Affordable Connectivity Program offers eligible households up to $30 per month for internet service, and up to $100 in a one-time discount for a digital device.

Learn more and submit an application online at ACPBenefit.org.
ALL ABOARD

Starting Tuesday, March 1, the 23, 28 and 29 MBTA buses will be fare-free for two years.

OFFICE of MAYOR WU

Hearing Loss?

Will you hear your smoke alarm?
The Boston Fire Department will install a free bed shaker alarm with smoke and CO detectors to ensure you will be able to respond in the event of an emergency. For installation and additional information please call 617-343-3337 or email michelle.mccourt@boston.gov

Am I eligible for a COVID-19 booster shot?

Who?

Individuals 12+ who are fully vaccinated*  
*Individuals age 12-17 can only get the Pfizer booster

When?

- At least 6 months after Moderna  
- At least 5 months after Pfizer  
- At least 2 months after Johnson & Johnson

Which booster shot do I get?

- You may have a preference, but you can get any type of vaccine for your booster shot

More information at mass.gov/COVID19booster
Celebrate Women's History Month with a book about brave girls and inspiring women from the Boston Public Library. Check out the Women's History booklist here: bit.ly/BPLWomensHistory