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MAYOR'S LETTER



RESOURCES



SENIOR CENTERS



"TRUE BEAUTY LIES IN PURITY OF THE HEART."

-MAHATMA GANDHI

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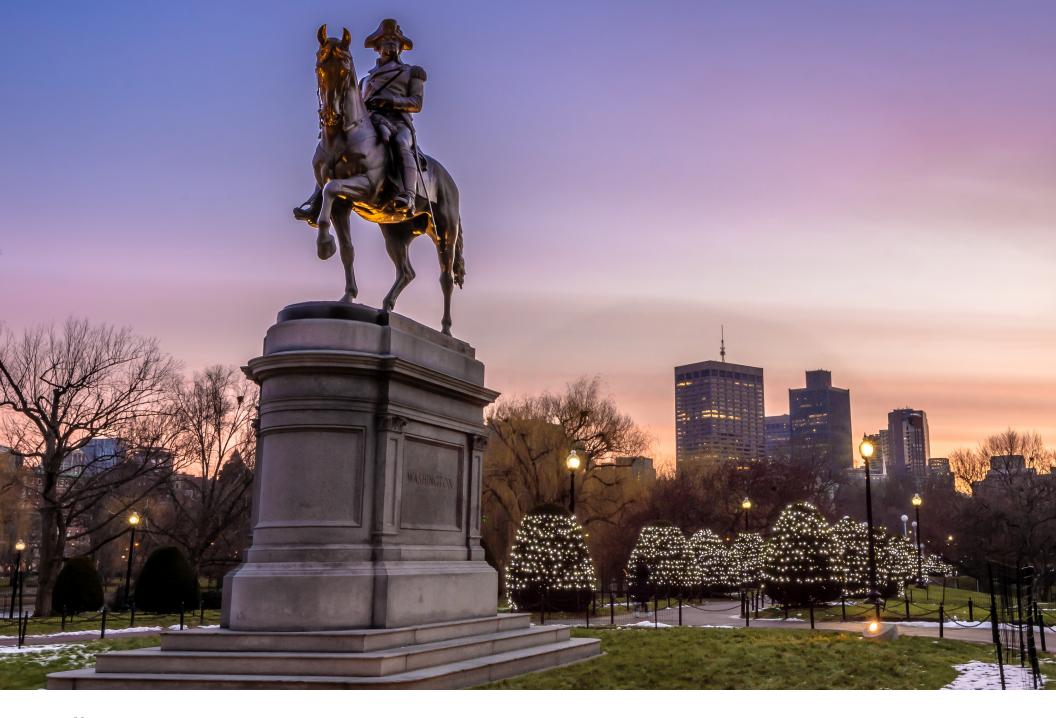
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MAYOR'S TIP OF THE MONTH:

Boston residents may qualify for various property tax exemptions if you are over 65, a veteran, or blind. To find out more, call the city's Taxpayer Referral & Assistance Center (TRAC) at 617-635-4287.

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29	30	31	DID YOU KNOW? The City of Boston's Veterans' Services department can help those who served with information on benefits, programs & resources. Call 617-635-3026 for information.							



"IN THE RIGHT LIGHT, AT THE RIGHT TIME, EVERYTHING IS EXTRAORDINARY." -Aaron Rose

FEBRUARY

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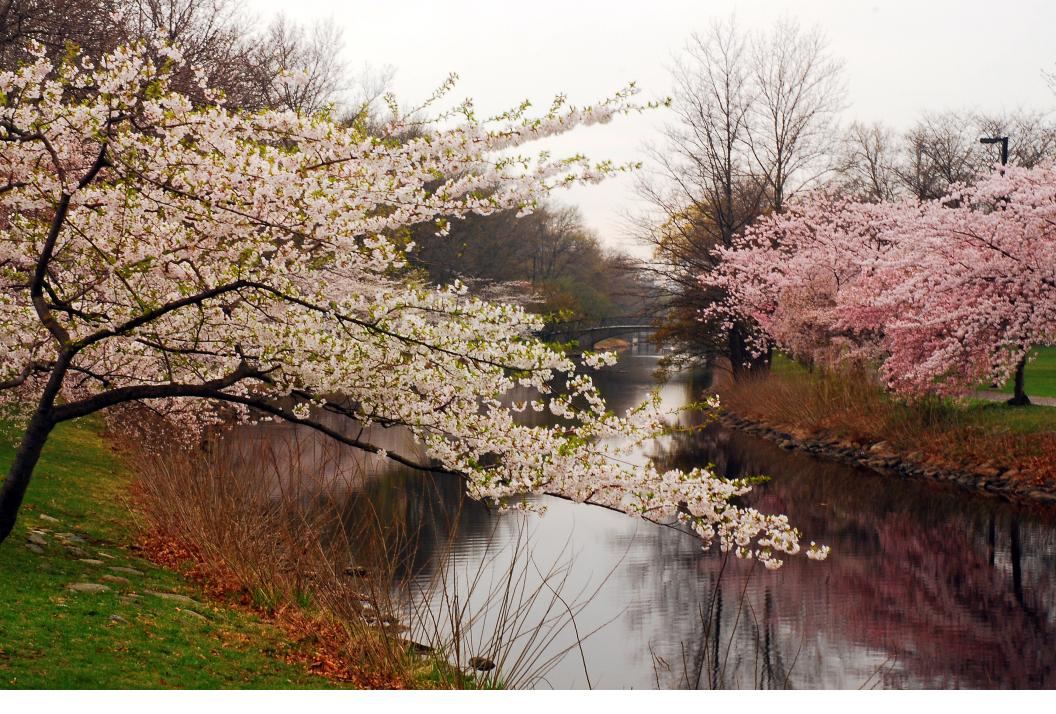
MAYOR'S TIP OF THE MONTH:

Massachusetts residents 65+ may be eligible for the senior "circuit breaker" tax credit, up to \$1200. Call the MA Department of Revenue (DOR) for more information at 617-887-6367.

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"A HAPPY LIFE CONSISTS IN TRANQUILITY OF MIND."

- Marcus Tullius Cicero

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MAYOR'S TIP OF THE MONTH:

Exciting news! Eligibility for the Medicare Savings Program has been increased. You may qualify for help with your health care costs. Call Age Strong at 617-635-4366 for more information.

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"BEING A GOOD NEIGHBOR IS AN ART WHICH MAKES
LIFE RICHER." -GLADYS TABER





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MAYOR'S TIP OF THE MONTH:

Older Bostonians may qualify for food access resources like SNAP, HIP & more. Make an appointment with an Age Strong advocate at 617-635-4366.

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Mother's Day						Armed Forces Day			
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				Centers for Youth & Families (BCYF) locations offer specific programs for					
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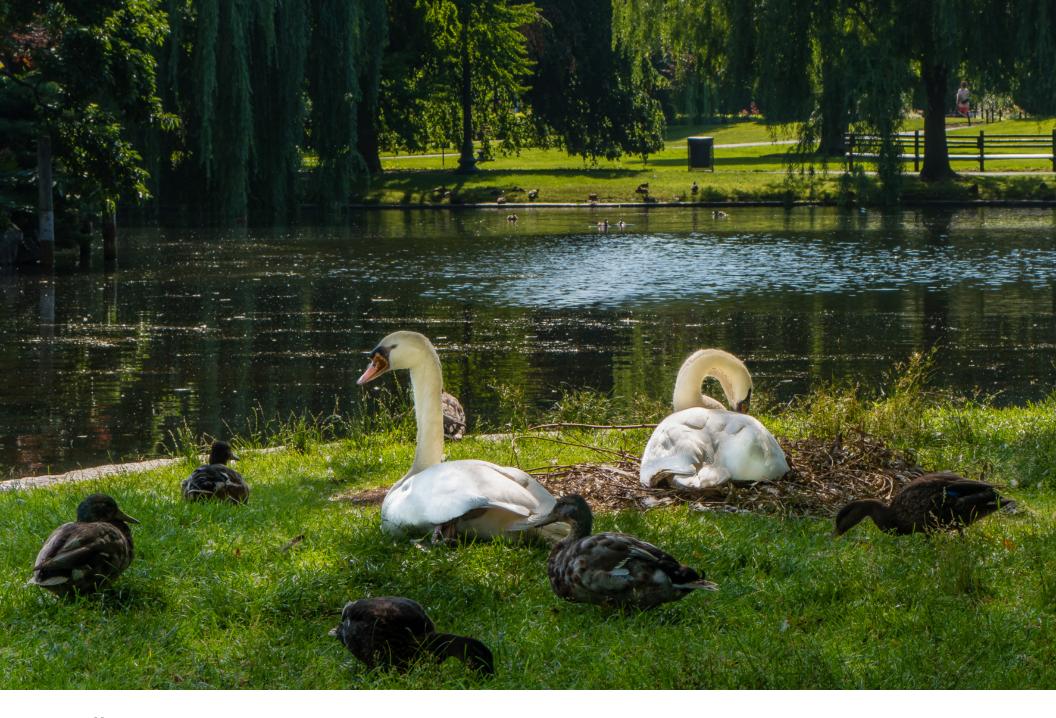
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MY NOTES:



"A TRUE FRIEND ACCEPTS WHO YOU ARE, BUT ALSO HELPS YOU BECOME WHO YOU SHOULD BE." -UNKNOWN





SUNDAY

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DID YOU KNOW? Age Strong publishes an online

newsletter called the Weekly Digest. Sign up by

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MAYOR'S TIP OF THE MONTH:

The Age Strong Shuttle provides free transportation to Boston residents 60+ from Mon-Fri, 8am-4pm. Medical appointments take priority. Please schedule in advance by calling 617-635-3000.

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2	3	4 Independence Day	5	6	7	8	Call 617-222-3200 for details.
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"YOU HAVE TO DREAM BEFORE YOUR DREAMS CAN COME TRUE." - APJ ABDUL KALAM

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MAYOR'S TIP OF THE MONTH:

Age Strong's Senior Companion Program matches volunteers with older adults in need of assistance with everyday tasks like grocery shopping, paying bills & respite to caregivers. Call 617-635-4366 for more information.

MY NOTES:

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"WHEREVER YOU GO, GO WITH ALL YOUR HEART."

-CONFUCIUS

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Boston homeowners may be eligible for home repair and furnace replacement programs through the Boston Home Center. Call 617-635-4663 for more information.

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"TO IMPROVE IS TO CHANGE; TO BE PERFECT IS TO CHANGE OFTEN." - WINSTON CHURCHILL

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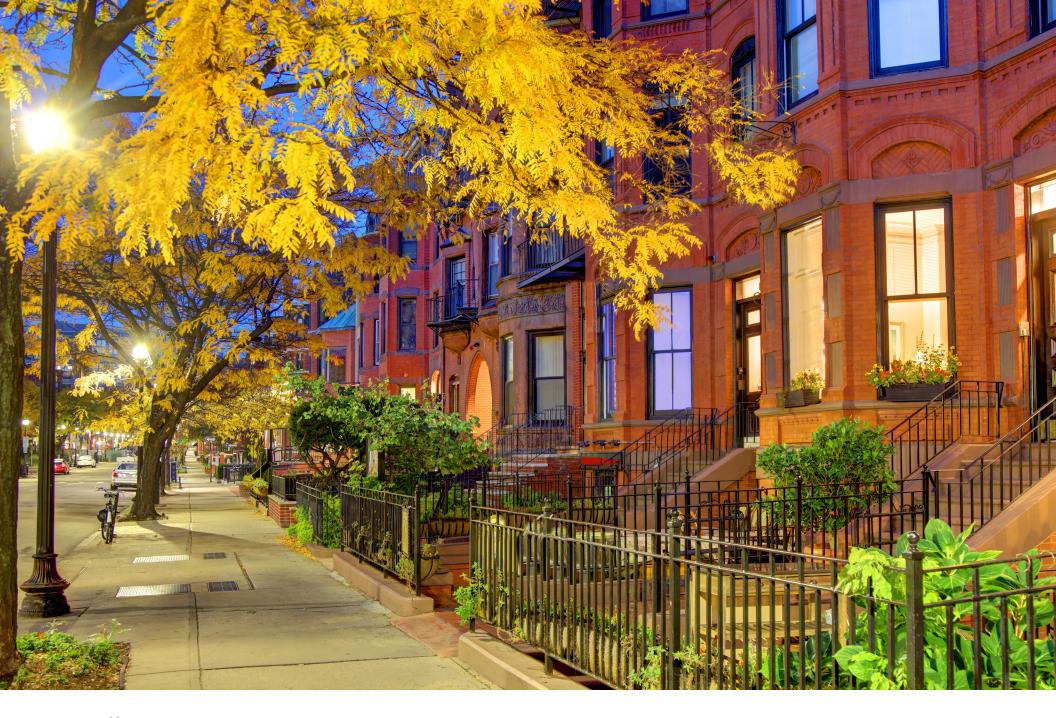
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MAYOR'S TIP OF THE MONTH:

Between October 15 December 7, residents
may assess & change
their Medicare plans.
Make an appointment
with an Age Strong
trained counselor
to help choose the best
coverage at the lowest
cost. Call 617-635-4366.

MY NOTES:	

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International Day of Older Persons									
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	Indigenous Peoples' Day								
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29	30	31	DID YOU KNOW? The Pension Action Center at UMass Boston offers free help to those who live or worked in New England access pensions & lost 401k						
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"NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE. THE WORD ITSELF SAYS
I'M POSSIBLE!" -AUDREY HEPBURN

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MAYOR'S TIP OF THE MONTH:

You may qualify for fuel assistance, the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), which helps pay heating bills November through April. Make an appointment with an Age Strong advocate at 617-635-4366 to find out more.

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"EVERYTHING IS WITHIN YOUR POWER, AND YOUR POWER IS WITHIN YOU." -JANICE TRACHTMAN

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MAYOR'S TIP OF THE MONTH:

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31 _{New} Year's Eve	Christmas Day					

Boston residents over 65 (or people who are disabled) may qualify for a 30% water sewer discount. Call 617-989-7000 for more information.

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► IN BOSTON, WE AGE STRONG.

As part of the Human Services Cabinet, our mission at the Age Strong Commission is to enhance your life with meaningful programs, resources, and connections so together we can live and age strong in Boston.

We can help with:



INFORMATION + REFERRAL:

Our helpful Community Advocates can connect you to resources, benefits, and information, including health insurance counseling, applications for SNAP (food access), referrals to protective services, and more.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

Boston needs your strong skills and experience. We can connect you to a variety of volunteer opportunities based on your interests, location, and preferred time commitment.



TRANSPORTATION:

Being able to travel around Boston is an important part of leading an independent life. We offer free, wheelchair-accessible shuttles that provide door-to-door service for non-emergency medical appointments and grocery trips. Call (617) 635-3000 to schedule your ride.



ALZHEIMER'S + CARE PARTNER SUPPORT:

We are here to help with questions, offer support, and connect care partners to helpful resources. We host Memory Cafés, provide referrals, offer workshops, training, and support groups for those who are supporting an older loved one with cognitive challenges.



HOUSING:

Our housing team has the expertise and compassion to solve problems with you, including housing search, landlord/tenant advocacy, applications for fuel assistance, and much more.



OUTREACH + ENGAGEMENT:

The Commission organizes many events and programs throughout the year. From large city-wide celebrations to smaller neighborhood focused gatherings, we engage with older residents on many levels. We also host many programs online.

RESOURCES

Here are some important numbers to keep in mind if you're looking for help.

PROTECTIVE SERVICES

Assists persons 60 years and older who are at high risk and are suffering from either self-neglect, caregiver neglect, physical abuse, emotional abuse, sexual abuse or financial exploitation.

Elder Abuse reports can be filed 24 hrs a day, call 800-922-2275.

Call 911 or local police if you have an emergency or life-threatening situation.

SCAM AWARENESS

Scams come in many variations. However, the unifying theme is that they all contain a dishonest attempt to steal money or something of value from you. Never give out your personal or financial information to a request you didn't expect.

The Attorney General's Office can help with elder issues including financial exploitation and scam prevention. Call the Elder Hotline at (888) 243-5337.

To learn more about scams, visit aarp.org/scams

Reach out and let us know if you have any questions or would like more information about our services.

CONNECT WITH THE AGE STRONG COMMISSION:



MAIN NUMBER: (617) 635-4366



FACEBOOK AND TWITTER: @AgeStrongBos



ADDRESS: One City Hall Sq Rm 271 Boston, MA 02201



WEBSITE: boston.gov/age-strong



EMAIL: AgeStrong@boston.gov

► GOALS 2023

Take your time and think about what goals you would like to accomplish this year.

 This Year, I Will...
 Steps To Accomplish This...

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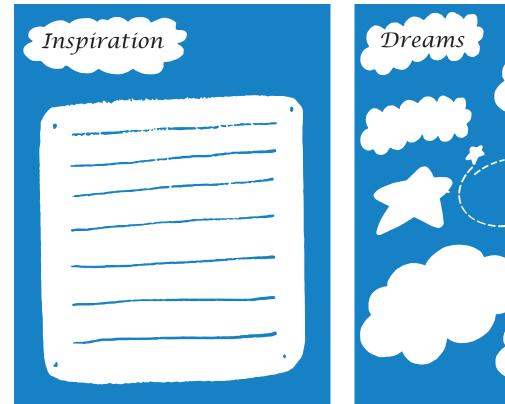
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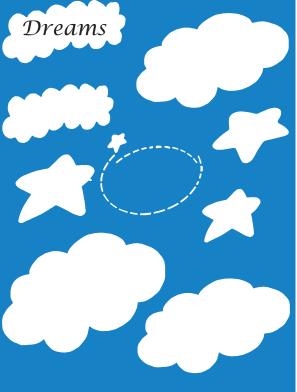
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No need to rush this section, you can fill it out throughout the year.







BOSTON SENIOR CENTERS

Senior Centers are exciting places for Boston's older residents to come together for information, assistance, and to get connected to programs and activities. They promote healthy aging by providing activities such as tai chi, zumba, book clubs, knitting clubs, coffee hours, guest speakers, technology classes and so much more. Give them a call to learn more and get connected!

Check out one of the senior centers below to learn more!

ABCD MATTAPAN FAMILY SERVICE CENTER

535 River St. Mattapan, MA 617-298-2045

ABCD NORTH END/WEST END NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICE CENTER

1 Michelangelo St. North End, MA 617-523-8125

BCYF GOLDEN AGE CENTER

382 Main St. Charlestown, MA 617-635-5175

BCYF GROVE HALL

51 Geneva Ave. Dorchester, MA 617-635-1484

EAST BOSTON SENIOR CENTER

7 Bayswater St. East Boston, MA 617-961-3131

EAST BOSTON SOCIAL CENTER

68 Central Square East Boston, MA 617-569-3221 GREATER BOSTON CHINESE GOLDEN AGE CENTER -BRIGHTON HOUSE

677 Cambridge St. Brighton, MA 617-789-4289

GREATER BOSTON CHINESE GOLDEN AGE CENTER -OUINCY TOWER

5 Oak Street West Chinatown, MA 617-423-7560

INQUILINOS BORICUAS EN ACCION, IBA

2 San Juan St. South End, MA 617-535-1753

LA ALIANZA HISPANA, ALIANCIANOS SENIOR CENTER

1000 Massachusetts Ave. Suite 101 Boston, MA 617-427-7175

OPERATION P.E.A.C.E. PETERBOROUGH SENIOR CENTER

42 Peterborough St. Fenway, MA 617-536-7154

SALVATION ARMY KROC CENTER

650 Dudley St. Boston, MA 617-318-6939

SOUTH BOSTON NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE

136 H St.

South Boston, MA 617-268-1619

THE KENNEDY CENTER

55 Bunker Hill St. Charlestown, MA 617-241-8866

VERONICA B. SMITH SENIOR CENTER

20 Chestnut Hill Ave. Brighton, MA 617-635-6120

VIETAID

42 Charles St. Dorchester, MA 02122 617-822-3717

You can also find programs and classes at Age Strong by calling 617-635-4366 or visiting boston.gov/agestrong.

Come join in the fun!

BOSTON'S WINTER GUIDE

Every winter, we need your help and cooperation to ensure that we are ready for the challenges that snow, ice, and freezing temperatures create on our roadways and in our neighborhoods. Please use these tips to help prepare for the winter!

STAY WARM AND SAFE

- Heating problems? First alert your landlord. If your landlord is unresponsive, call 311 to file a report and Inspectional Services will investigate.
 - Need help paying for heat? Call Age Strong to find out about fuel

MASSDOT:

Units must be

heated to:

assistance at 617-635-4366. Never use your oven for heat. Space heaters can cause fires, so don't place them near curtains or things that can catch fire. Remember to turn them off before going to bed. Clear exhaust vents to avoid carbon monoxide poisoning, and check carbon monoxide and smoke detectors are in working order and have fresh batteries.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

ABCD FUEL ASSISTANCE: CONSUMER COMPLAINTS: NATIONAL GRID GAS: 617-357-6012 617-635-3834 800-322-3223

AGE STRONG COMMISSION: DEPARTMENT OF **INSPECTIONAL SERVICES:** 617-635-4366

CONSERVATION AND 617-635-5300

617-626-4973 **BOSTON WATER & SEWER:**

617-989-7000 857-368-6111 **EVERSOURCE:**

BOSTON TOW LOT: 800-592-2000 MBTA:

617-635-3900 617-222-3200

RECREATION:

SIGN UP AND STAY **INFORMED**

To get news about snow emergencies:

- visit boston.gov/snow
- follow @CityofBoston on Twitter
- register for alerts at boston.gov/alert-boston

Call 3-1-1 or 617-635-4500

Available 24/7 to assist with all Non-Emergency city services.

All Emergencies (Police, Fire, EMS) should be reported to 911.



2024 CALENDAR

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FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

Happy New Year, Boston!

I hope you have enjoyed your holiday season, visited with loved ones, and have had a joyous and healthy New Year!

This Boston Seniority 2023 calendar not only helps you track important appointments, milestones, and celebrations, but it also reminds you each month, about different benefits older adults may qualify for, such as SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program), Circuit Breaker Tax Credits, or programs like Seniors Save—which helps older adults repair or replace heating systems. The back of the calendar also features a list of important phone numbers, all in one place, for easy access.

Boston Seniority magazine will return in February with issues throughout the year – with the information you've come to rely on – plus interesting articles featuring older adults who live in Boston – some, you may even know from your own neighborhood, place of worship, or community center.

Please reach out to the Age Strong Commission to speak with an Advocate – they are trained to help older Bostonians connect with benefits and savings. They can help answer questions, help fill out applications, help connect you to volunteer opportunities, and let you know about programs, classes, and special events.

I am inspired by you, and am here to support and empower you.

I look forward to seeing you around town!

Sincerely,

Mayor Michelle Wu

Michelle Wu

