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Mayor's Letter



Resources



Senior Centers



"The quieter you become, the more you are able to hear." -Rumi

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Boston homeowners age 60+ may

taxes by becoming an Age Strong volunteer. Call Age Strong for

details at 617-635-4366.

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"Calmness is the graceful form of confidence."

-Marie von Ebner-Eschenbach

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"Love is the flower you've got to let grow."

-John Lennon

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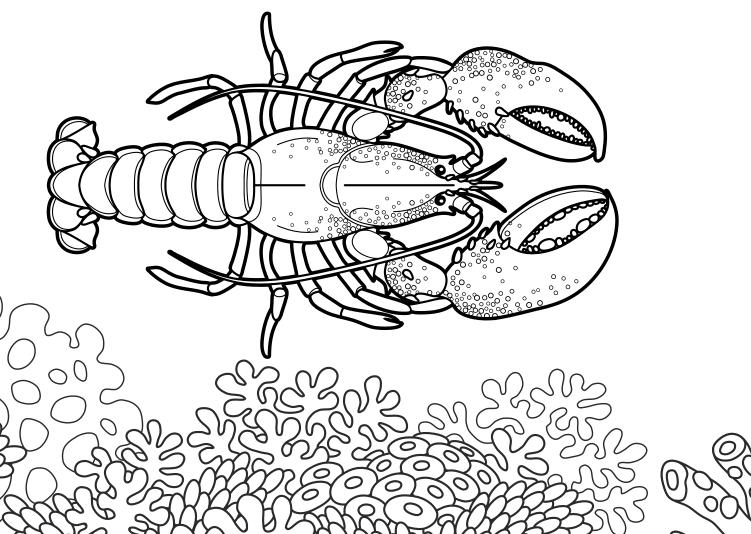
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"Life is beautiful, enjoy every moment of it."

-Patti Hansen



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Did you know?

Age Strong's Bus Buddies program trains older adults to help other older adults to navigate the MBTA's public transportation system. For more information call Age Strong at 617-635-4366.

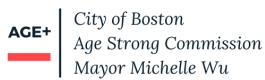
MY NOTES:



"Sometimes the most productive thing you can do is relax."

-Mark Black





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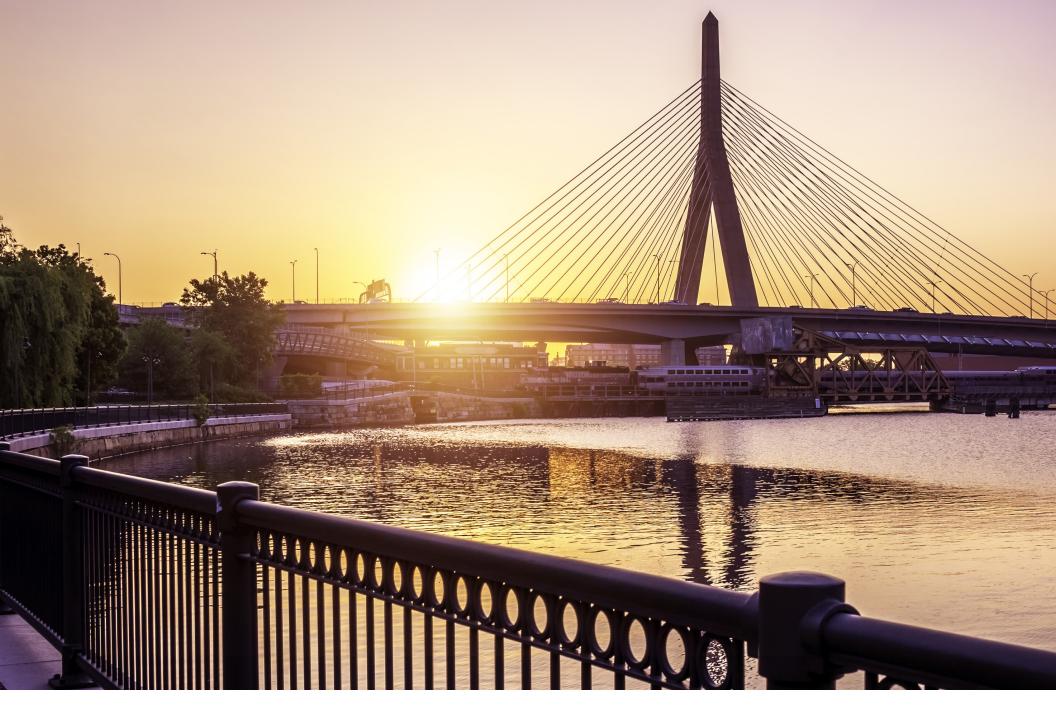
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Did you know?

Boston hosts over a dozen different farmers markets throughout neighborhoods. Most accept SNAP benefits. Call Age Strong to learn more at 617-635-4366.

MY NOTES:



"With the new day comes new strength and new thoughts."

-Eleanor Roosevelt



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"Always stay true to yourself and never let what somebody else says distract you from your goals." -Michelle Obama

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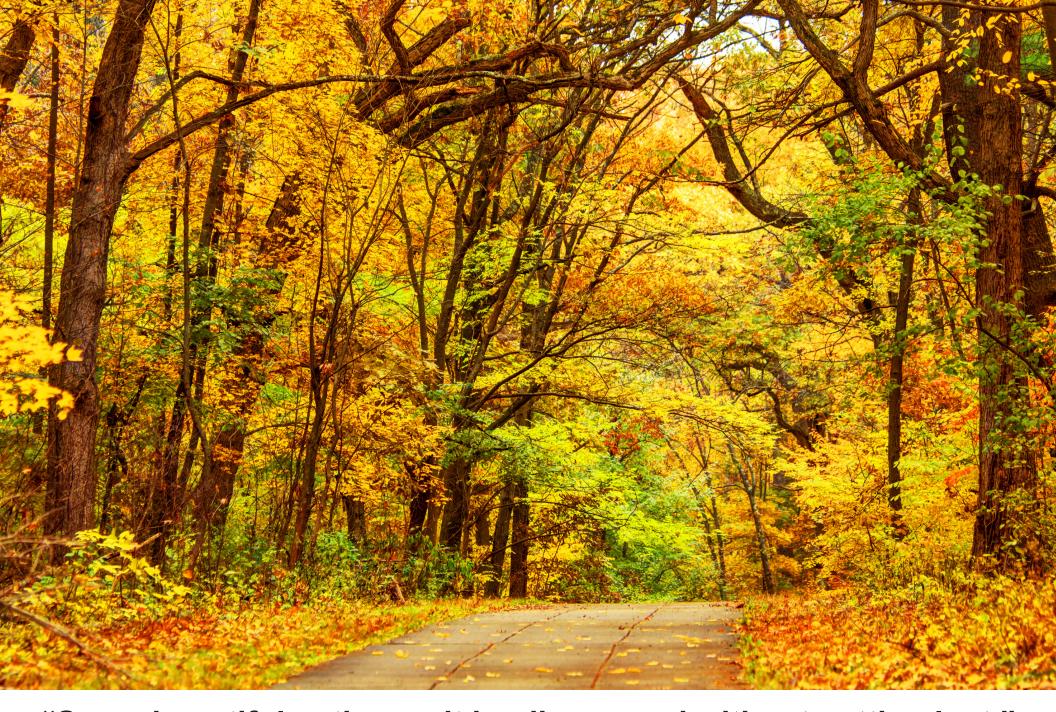
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Did you know?

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.

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"Some beautiful paths can't be discovered without getting lost."
-Erol Ozan

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National Grandparents Day	9	10	11	12	13	14	
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"Stillness is your essential nature."

-Eckhart Tolle

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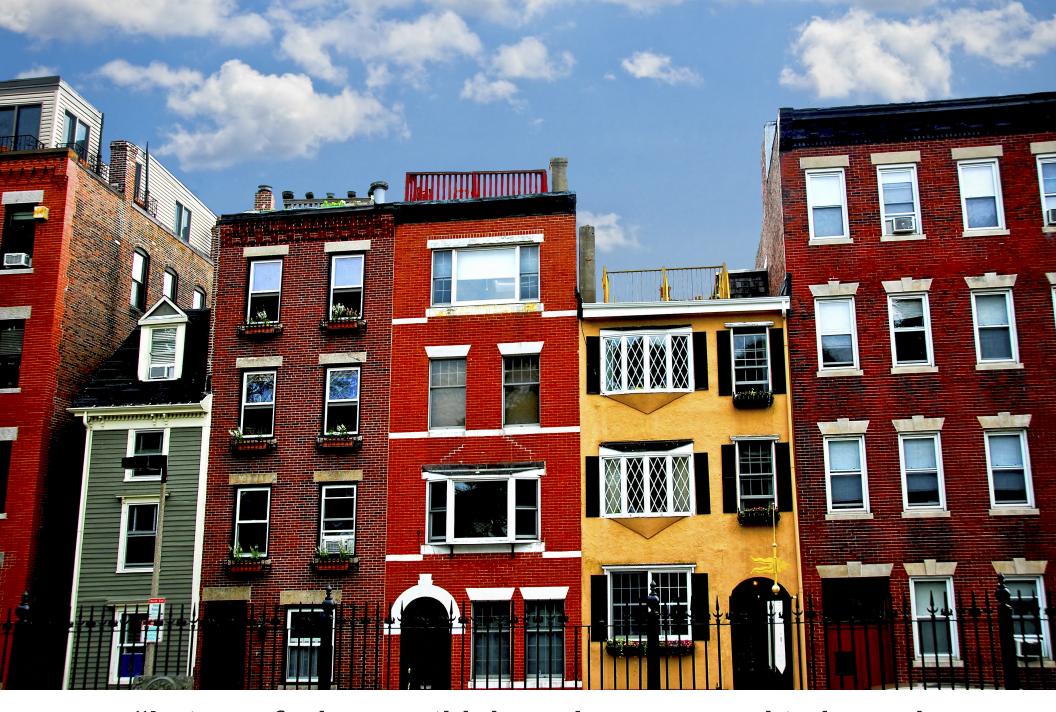
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13	14 Indigenous Peoples' Day	15	16	17	18	19 White Cane Safety Day
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Did you know?

The Pension Action Center at UMass Boston offers free help with accessing pensions & lost 401k funds for those who live or worked in New England. Call 888-425-6067 for information.

MY NOTES:



"Let go of who you think you're supposed to be and embrace who you are." -Brené Brown

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MAYOR'S TIP OF THE MONTH:

Did you know?

Boston residents can call 311 (or use the app) to report non-emergency issues like potholes or to pay parking tickets.

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	Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), which helps pay									
	heating bills November through April. Call an Age Strong									
	advocate at 617-635-4366 to find out more.									
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"No matter how hard the past, you can always begin again." -Buddha

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► In Boston, we Age Strong.

As part of the city's 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 equitably and strongly in Boston.

We can help with:



Information + Referral:

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



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. Call 617-635-3000 in advance to schedule your ride.



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 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.



Alzheimer's + Caregiver Support:

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



Outreach + Engagement:

The Commission organizes many events and programs throughout the year. From large city-wide celebratory events to smaller neighborhood focused gatherings, we engage with older residents on many levels. During the pandemic 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.

Boston ElderInfo

Home care services available to individuals, 60 years of age and older, who are eligible. Offering help with various in-home tasks ranging from homemaking and personal care, laundry, and meal preparation.

More programs and services are available for Boston residents. For more information, call the helpline at 617-292-6211 or check out elderinfo.org.

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



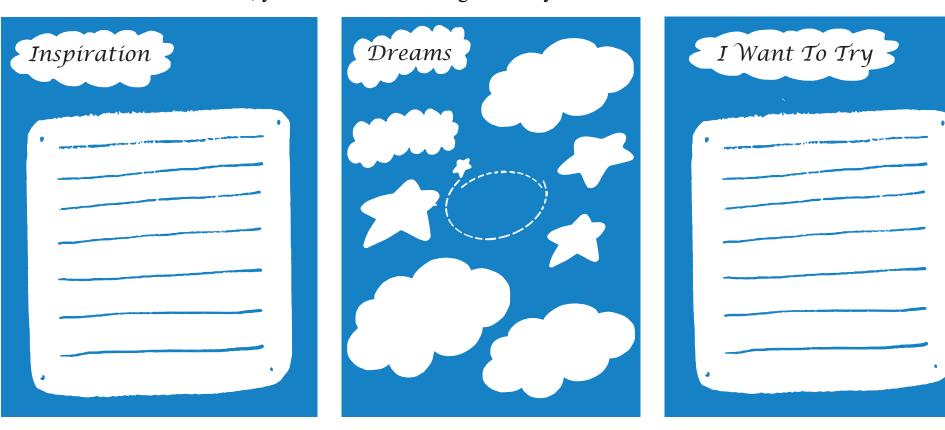
Email: AgeStrong@boston.gov

► Goals 2024

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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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! 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!

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

La Alianza Hispana, Aliancianos **Senior Center**

1000 Massachusetts Ave Suite 101 Boston 617-427-7175

Inquilinos Boricuas en Accion, IBA Veronica B. Smith Senior Center

2 San Juan Street South End 617-535-1753

ABCD North End/West End Neighborhood Service Center

1 Michelangelo Street North End 617-523-8125

ABCD Mattapan Family Service Center

535 River Street Mattapan 617-298-2045

BCYF Grove Hall

51 Geneva Ave Dorchester 617-635-1484

BCYF Beverly Gibbons Community Center

382 Main Street Charlestown 617-635-5175

20 Chestnut Hill Ave Brighton 617-635-6120

Greater Boston Chinese Golden

Age Center Brighton House 677 Cambridge Street Brighton 617-789-4289

Greater Boston Chinese Golden

Age Center *Quincy Tower* 5 Oak Street West Chinatown 617-423-7560

Salvation Army Kroc Center

650 Dudley Street Boston 617-318-6939

VietAID

42 Charles Street Dorchester 617-822-3717

Operation P.E.A.C.E.

Peterborough Senior Center 42 Peterborough Street Fenway 617-536-7154

The Kennedy Center

55 Bunker Hill Street Charlestown 617-241-8866

East Boston Senior Center

7 Bayswater Street East Boston 617-961-3131

East Boston Social Center

68 Central Square East Boston 617-569-3221

South Boston Neighborhood House

136 H Street South Boston 617-268-1619

Boston's Winter Guide

Make sure you're in the know and prepared for Boston winter. Learn about preventing hypothermia, frozen pipes, and more here: boston.gov/departments/311/cold-weather-safety-tips

Units must be heated to:

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? Apply for help through the State's Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). Visit boston.gov/home-heating or call 617-357-6012.
- 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 for working carbon monoxide and smoke detectors.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

ABCD Fuel Assistance: DCR: National Grid Gas: 617-357-6012 617-626-4973 800-322-3223

Boston Water & Sewer: MBTA: Tow Lot: 617-989-7000 617-222-3200 617-635-3900

Consumer Complaints: MassDOT: Verizon: 800-837-4966

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.



2025 CALENDAR

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From the Mayor's Desk

Happy 2024, Boston!

enjoying holiday song and cheer. I hope you have enjoyed the holiday season, visiting with loved ones,

one place, for easy access. heating systems. The back of the calendar also features a list of important phone numbers, all in Breaker Tax Credits, or programs like Seniors Save-which helps older adults repair or replace adults may qualify for, such as SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program), Circuit milestones, and celebrations, but it also reminds you each month, about different benefits older This Boston Seniority 2024 calendar not only helps you track important appointments,

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

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

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

around town!



Michelle De Here's to a joyous and healthy New Year!

Mayor Michelle Wu