

Dear Boston,

After a long, snowy winter, I think we've all earned a Boston summer jam-packed with fun for families and visitors of all ages. For months, that's what we've been planning. The City is ready to welcome visitors from across the world for our nation's 250th anniversary, the return of the Tall Ships, and the FIFA World Cup. At the same time, we remain committed to serving the communities that will be here long after this summer ends. In addition to major events Downtown, our parks and neighborhoods will host festivals, tournaments, classes, and concerts. We've worked hard to make sure that everyone in Boston has meaningful ways to connect with their communities all summer long.

Last year, we moved our Community Safety Team into the Office of Violence Prevention at the Boston Public Health Commission—because in Boston, we treat all forms of violence as public health issues. This year's Plan for a Safe, Healthy and Active Summer 2026 is the first one ever authored by the Commission. By centralizing our prevention, intervention, and response efforts, we're making Boston even safer. Thanks to years of hard work and collaboration between service providers, community members, and law enforcement, Boston has seen the lowest summer violence in decades over the past several years. But one person harmed from violence is one too many. As we look back on the past 250 years, we're motivated to build a brighter future—and make Boston a home for everyone.

Wishing you a safe and happy summer!



Michelle Wu

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Mayor of Boston

BOSTON'S PLAN FOR A SAFE, HEALTHY AND ACTIVE SUMMER 2026

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In September 2025, the Mayor's Community Safety Team was incorporated into the Boston Public Health Commission's (BPHC's) Office of Violence Prevention to streamline violence interruption efforts across Boston into a singular organization, prioritizing a trauma-informed public health framework. In the past year, we have worked with our colleagues within the Office of Violence Prevention to ensure that all Bostonians have access to necessary resources to respond and recover from all forms of violence--not just gun violence.

This strategy to build **Boston's Plan for a Safe, Healthy and Active Summer 2026** encompassed a two-step process centered around community engagement and empowerment.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

As we did last summer, we hosted 11 neighborhood-based engagements across the City. These engagements allowed us to understand the wants and needs of each community and identify citywide trends that ultimately helped us form our goals for each summer. Held across community centers and artist spaces, in multiple languages, these meetings are crucial not only to forming our policy, but also to connecting 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 spring's engagements, we saw the return of Village Vibes, events focused on empowering the community via the provision of resources--bringing the neighborhood together with food, music, and games long before the summer began. Across the 9 Village Vibes events we hosted, nearly 100 neighborhood-based organizations, City departments, state agencies and youth organizations joined together to give away resources to community members, free of charge. By bringing resources directly to the community, we successfully bridged the gap between constituents and city services.

COMMUNITY PRIORITIES

Priorities for the summer are largely based on these engagements and conversations with residents of Boston over the past few months. Priorities include:

HEALTH AND WELLNESS PROMOTION ACROSS NEIGHBORHOODS

Goal: Prioritize improving health outcomes by reducing heat-related complications, increasing access to healthy outdoor activities, and promoting wellness education for vulnerable populations including children, age-strong adults, and low-income residents.

Public Health Approach: Expanding access to cooling centers and hydration stations, partnering with local community-based organizations, schools and healthcare providers to deliver summer wellness programming, promoting physical activity, and monitoring seasonal health trends and targeting interventions towards communities most at-risk for heat-related and chronic health conditions.

ENHANCED SPACE SAFETY THROUGH SPACE ACTIVATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN

Goal: Activate multiple “micro-locations” that have historically experienced heightened levels of community violence during the Summer months, and promote community-led initiatives to make streets more safe and welcoming.

Public Health Focus: Reduce environmental risk factors for violence while promoting positive interactions with City officials, equitable access to city resources, and opportunities for community gathering and recreation.

FOSTER POSITIVE AND TRUST-BASED POLICE-COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Goal: Ensure that residents are aware of community policing initiatives in all neighborhoods citywide, and expanding opportunities for residents to interact & build trust with law enforcement officials prior to incidents of violence occurring.

Public Health Approach: Encourage preventative strategies that focus on healthy relationships , problem-solving and joint accountability rather than reactive enforcement (which enhances safety without exacerbating social tensions).

STRENGTHEN SOCIAL COHESION AND COLLECTIVE EFFICACY

Goal: Increase community involvement in neighborhood safety initiatives and local decision-making, fostering trust, mutual responsibility, and collective action to prevent violence.

Public Health Approach: Build strong social networks, informal surveillance, and shared norms of care and conflict resolution, which have been shown to reduce crime and improve community well-being.

ENHANCE YOUTH ENGAGEMENT TO REDUCE EXPOSURE TO VIOLENCE

Goal: By the end of summer, increase participation in structured youth programs, mentorship opportunities, and recreational activities, providing safe environments that prevent exposure to violence and risky situations.

Public Health Approach: Address risk factors (i.e. unsupervised time, limited access to skill-building opportunities) while promoting protective factors including mentorship, peer support, youth employment and positive adult-youth relationships.

OUR PLAN TO END VIOLENCE

Boston's Plan to End Violence officially started in 2024 and was officially endorsed by Mayor Wu. Since then it has been at the core of the violence prevention 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 engagements for this Summer Safety Plan, we have 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 proud to share our current progress in the City's first Plan to End Violence, which was announced in 2024.

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 one 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 remains a part of this long-term strategy, and the City continues 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 2023 to December of 2025, we ran a rigorous process with over 500 voices heard, including:

- Qualitative data from **~15 focus groups**, across grassroots engagements with young people, residents in the crescent (Roxbury, Mattapan, Dorchester) and 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.

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 and communities at scale.

Whereas our City has traditionally prioritized “Intervention,” the Plan takes a public health approach and also details a vision for how the City can generate/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.

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, 2024 and 2025 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 2026 was created.

PREVENTION

Creating conditions for peace

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT AND OPPORTUNITY

FutureBOS

The City of Boston continues to prioritize strengthening career pathways and connecting young people across neighborhoods to opportunity. The Mayor's Youth Jobs Guarantee remains a central pillar of futureBOS' employment efforts, ensuring every eligible Boston Public Schools (BPS) student who wants a job can access one. The City has strategically engaged youth in various ways to ensure equitable access to employment opportunities for the upcoming summer season. Recently, the City hosted its annual youth job fair at the Reggie Lewis Center, five BPS pop-up fairs, and community events to connect youth and their families to jobs and resources. In total, over 5,700 young people attended these events.

FutureBOS runs from June 23, 2026 to August 29, 2026, and has hundreds of opportunities for youth ages 14-18 and young adults ages 19-24 living in Boston. Most employers start reviewing applications by Mid-March, but don't forget to check back regularly as new opportunities will be added. Visit www.boston.gov/futureBOS for more information.

BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Boston Public Schools 5th Quarter

BPS 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. 5th Quarter is a citywide collection of high-quality programs that combine academic support with hands-on enrichment, career exploration, and just plain fun. The BPS Summer Stuff webpage has more information about all available programs listed: visit www.bostonpublicschools.org/summer.

Summer Mental Health Services

BPS' 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.

Summer Eats

BPS and the City of Boston partner with Project Bread to ensure that children and teens have access to free, nutritious meals across the city throughout the summer. For a full list of feeding sites available this summer, visit the [Summer Eats](#) webpage on Boston.gov. No ID, no registration, and no paperwork is required--this is a "walk up" service.

The Summer EBT program, also known as SunBucks, provides families with a one-time benefit of \$120 per eligible school-aged child to assist with grocery costs during the summer months. Most families are automatically enrolled if their children already participate in SNAP, TAFDC, or certain

MassHealth programs, or if they qualify to receive free or reduced-price school meals. For more information, visit <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/sun-bucks-faq>.

Extended School Year

BPS offers the Extended School Year (ESY) Program for students with Individual Education Plans (IEPs). ESY offers full day, 5 hour programs, from July 6, 2026 to August 7, 2026. 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. The enrollment deadline to ensure transportation on the first day of ESY is June 1, 2026.. To enroll or find more information, visit <https://www.bostonpublicschools.org/academics/specialized-services/programs-services/extend-ed-school-year-esy>.

BPS Division of Student Support Forever Summer 2026

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. For more information, visit our website [here](#) 617-635-8873 or email Cory McCarthy at cmccarthy2@bostonpublicschools.org

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.

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 2026 School year.

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 Chief Izzy Marrero at IMarrero@bostonpublicschools.org or Deputy Chief Fran Johnson at 617-635-9033 or email fmjohnson@bostonpublicschools.org.

Violence Intervention, Prevention & Restorative Specialists (VIPRS)

Under the collaborative efforts of the Office of Safety Services and the Division of Student Support within Boston Public Schools, VIPRS 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.

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 26th through August 28th across Boston. Last year, OYEA piloted the initiative to activate safe and fun opportunities for teens during after-work hours all summer long. This year, OYEA has partnered with the YMCA and Boston Housing Authority to bring Boston After Dark to even more sites – for a full list and schedule, visit www.boston.gov/oyea.

Vacation Week Activities

In previous summers, 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. For a full list of opportunities and events, visit www.boston.gov/oyea.

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 2026, 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. For the full calendar, visit www.boston.gov/oyea.

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.

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 2026 Summer Guide here.](#)

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.

Violence Intervention and Prevention (VIP) Initiative

VIP aims to build trust, opportunity, and resilience in communities before violence occurs, and supporting healing after. Our work is community-informed and neighborhood-specific, targeting

root causes rather than surface-level solutions. Recently, VIP Programming expanded from 5 to 10 community partner sites, increasing neighborhood-level prevention presence across high-need areas.

VIP Peer Leadership Program

Violence Intervention & Prevention (VIP) Peer Leadership Program empowers youth to become ambassadors, leaders and active agents of change in their communities by building essential life skills, fostering civic engagement, and providing exposure to public health initiatives through hands-on engagement, learning, participation, and mentorship.

Summer Enrichment Program

BPHC's Child Adolescent Health Division will kick off its annual Summer Enrichment Program in July and welcome and engage over 100 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.

Public Health Preparedness

BPHC's Office of Public Health Preparedness works year round to increase BPHC's capacity to manage small- and large-scale incidents impacting BPHC operations, respond to emergencies impacting the health of the City, increase City of Boston's ability to achieve optimum health after disasters, and strengthen the community resilience of Boston. In anticipation of FIFA World Cup, Sail Boston Tall Ships, and events commemorating the 250th anniversary of America's independence, OPHP has activated an Incident Management Team, bringing together Boston hospitals, health centers, first responder agencies including Boston EMS, internal subject matter experts including representatives from BPHC's Infectious Disease Bureau, Office of Environmental and Occupational Health, and Center for Public Health Science and Innovation along with other partners to share situational awareness and develop strategies for managing these events.

Warm Weather Planning with the Recovery Services Bureau and Homeless Services Bureau

Year-round, BPHC plays a critical role in addressing unsheltered homelessness and substance use and recovery services by implementing a continuum of care for residents including access to substance use treatment pathways; inpatient residential treatment and enhanced connected to care from inpatient residential treatment; proactive street outreach and syringe clean-up; clinical recovery, and harm reduction services to clients with substance use disorder; and low threshold

shelter beds, emergency shelter, and housing navigation to support unhoused residents with supportive and stabilizing services. As the weather gets warmer, BPHC is increasing its focus on clinical care and treatment for those who are unstably housed and living with substance use disorder or mental health disorders in the Mass and Cass area through establishment of a clinical services communication protocol for a deflection model; implementing a treatment continuity pilot project through the PAATHS Program (Providing Access to Addictions Treatment, Hope, and Support); co-facilitation with BPD of a roundtable case management system to support clients in care coordination; and formal expansion of mobile outreach shifts and syringe clean-up.

PARKS AND RECREATION

The Parks and Recreation Department offers free athletic programs, clinics, and camps in neighborhood parks throughout Summer Months. Visit [Boston.gov/Parks](https://www.boston.gov/Parks) for the complete [2026 Summer Guide](#).

Sports Centers

The City of Boston Sports Centers offer free summer camp alternatives to Boston youth. Each location offers instruction in several popular sports from July 6 through August 21. All Sports Centers are offered free of charge to Boston residents and open to Boston residents ages 7 to 13. Parents may register their children for just one week or the entire summer. Visit [boston.gov/sports](https://www.boston.gov/sports) to register.

EAST BOSTON SPORTS CENTER

July 6 - August 21

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

GARVEY PARK SPORTS CENTER

July 6 - August 21

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

Garvey Park, Dorchester

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

HUNT-ALMONT PARK SPORTS CENTER

July 6 - August 21

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

CLIFFORD PARK SPORTS CENTER

July 6 - August 21

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

Clifford Park, Roxbury

Contact: Charlie Conners (617) 961-3084 or charles.conners@boston.gov

MARCELLA PARK SPORTS CENTER

July 6 - August 21

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

Marcella Park, Roxbury

Contact: Roger Roberts (617) 961-3039 or roger.roberts@boston.gov

WHITE STADIUM SPORTS CENTER

July 7 - August 21

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

Franklin Park, Jamaica Plain

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

ParkARTS Performing Arts

Citywide Neighborhood Concerts July 8 - August 3

Neighborhood Concerts are presented by Bank of America with support from Berklee College of Music. Concerts will run from Monday, July 8th, 2026 through Thursday, August 3rd, 2026. Visit the [Neighborhood Concert Series Webpage](#) to find the full schedule of concerts.

Tito Puente Latin Music Series July 9 - August 13

Created in honor of Latin music icon Tito Puente, this series celebrates 20 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 4 - August 29

This series is presented 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 23 - August 7

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 8 - August 12

Enjoy live music on summer nights at City golf courses. Shows will run July 8th, 2026 through August

12th, 2026 (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 7 - August 14

Our arts and crafts workshops are led by local artists. They're held Tuesday through Friday from Tuesday, July 7th, 2026 through August 14th, 2026, 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 allsion.singer2@boston.gov to register.**

Frog Pond Spray Pool Opening: June 23

Mayor Michelle Wu, Boston Parks Commissioner Diana Fernandez-Bibeau, and The Skating Club of Boston will kick off the 2026 summer season as the Boston Common Frog Pond spray pool reopens on Tuesday, June 23. 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 at least the end of August 2026. Visit the [2026 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 BCBS Line Dancing, Chair Yoga, Dancehall Bootcamp, Family Yoga, Family Zumba, Kick It by Eliza, Ritmo (rhythm) & power, Strength & Conditioning for all ages, Tai Chi, Walking Group, Yoga and Zumba. Everyone is welcome, regardless of fitness level. Classes will run from May through August 2026. Visit [Boston.gov/fitness](https://www.boston.gov/fitness) to find the full schedule and additional details, or call (617-961-3047 or (617) 534-2355.

BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

Over 50 youth from BHA will be hired across sites through SuccessLink and engage in workforce development, educational, and cultural experiences daily over the summer. 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 10 to 18 years old can hang out, play games, engage in arts/crafts, and socialize, facilitated by our teen SuccessLink workers.

Workforce Development workshop will be hosted every Tuesday evening from 4pm to 6:00pm at Commonwealth Gardens CTA in Brighton and Teen Nights on Wednesdays from 4pm to 6:30pm. At Teen Nights, youth will have options to engage in various board games, sports activities and have access to the computer lounge.

Additionally, through our established partnership, the Boys and Girls Club of Boston will be operating the Mildred C. Hailey Youth Center, open Monday through Friday for teens aged 12 to 18 years old. Youth will have access to a fully operational studio, where they will host podcasts on various youth relevant topics. Youth will engage with many community partners and have access to Boys and Girls Clubs workforce readiness, health /wellness and academic success programs.

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.

EQUITY AND INCLUSION CABINET

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

Mayor's Office of Women's Advancement (MOWA) — Women's Safety

The Mayor's Office of Women's Advancement is committed to supporting the safety of all women and girls in Boston through violence prevention, gender-based violence initiatives, and grant

funding. MOWA administered the Part of the Solution Mini Grant, and grantees are now delivering community education programs and services. We support training efforts across the city to make sure all residents can be a part of the end of sex trafficking and gender based violence. MOWA can be reached at 617-635-3138 or at 1 City Hall Square, Room 806, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Crisis Resources:

- DOVE 24-Hour Hotline: 617-471-1234
- ATASK Helpline: 617-338-2355
- National DV Hotline: 1-800-799-7233
- Saheli Helpline: 1-866-472-4354
- SafeLink: 1-877-785-2020
- La Red: 617-742-4911
- BARCC: 800-841-8371

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](#).

Key Programs:

- Project Opportunity: Resources and opportunities for residents with CORIs
- R.E.A.C.H 1000 Mentoring: Youth mentoring across Boston Public Schools
- My Brother's Keeper Boston: Addressing opportunity gaps for young people
- Young Black Leaders Boston: Civic engagement program for high school student
- BMA Mental Health Resource Guide: Mental health resources for Black men and boys

LGBTQIA2S+ Advancement

The Mayor's Office of LGBTQIA2S+ Advancement works to empower, protect, and promote the rights and dignity of Boston's LGBTQIA2S+ residents through policy, programming, and resources. The office previously awarded Beyond Pride Grants to community organizations, and grantees are now delivering programs and services across the city. The office also maintains the MOLA Partner Network – a monthly collaborative of LGBTQIA2S+-serving organizations, city departments, businesses, and institutions working to promote inclusion, safety, and belonging – and provides a Navigating Discrimination Guidebook to help residents understand their rights and access support. The office can be reached at 617-635-3915, located at 1 City Hall Square, Room 806, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Key Resources:

- LGBTQIA2S+ Resource Directory: Community support services across Boston

- Navigating Discrimination Guidebook: Rights and resources for Massachusetts residents
- MOLA Partner Network: Cross-sector coalition meeting monthly to support LGBTQIA2S+ communities
- Amplify GSA: Support for Gender and Sexuality Alliances

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 MONTH CELEBRATIONS

Monday, June 1: Pride Flag Raising: 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM, Resource & Job Fair 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Mayor Wu and the Mayor's Office of LGBTQIA2S+ Advancement (MOLA) will host the City's annual LGBTQ+ Pride Flag Raising and Pride Month Kickoff on Monday, June 1 at Boston City Hall Plaza. This year's celebration will also feature an LGBTQIA2S+ Resource and Job Fair to celebrate Boston's vibrant LGBTQIA2S+ community while connecting residents with employment opportunities, community organizations, and vital resources. Open to all.

Saturday, June 6: Boston's citywide pride celebration, hosted by [Boston Pride 4 the People](#), will be Saturday, June 6 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 Advisory Council and Steering Committee

MOLA continues to strengthen and expand collaboration with LGBTQIA2S+ organizations, advocates, service providers, and community leaders across Boston. Building on the success of the MOLA Partner Network, MOLA is now launching the MOLA Advisory Council and Steering Committee, established by ordinance with the support of community members, the Boston City Council, and Mayor Wu. This new structure formally embeds LGBTQIA2S+ voices into City decision-making and will help guide MOLA's programs, policies, and citywide responses to emerging community needs. The Advisory Council and Steering Committee will provide community-informed feedback, shape priorities, strengthen coordination across organizations, and support efforts to advance safety, wellbeing, visibility, and equity for LGBTQIA2S+ residents throughout Boston.

Immigrant Advancement

The Mayor's Office of Immigrant Advancement (MOIA) is committed to supporting the safety and wellbeing of Boston's immigrant communities through resources, advocacy, and connection to services. MOIA offers Know Your Rights trainings to help residents understand their rights in

interactions with law enforcement and immigration enforcement, provides emergency family preparedness planning guidance, and connects residents to legal consultations, community office hours, and multilingual mental health support. MOIA can be reached at 617-635-2980 or immigrantadvancement@boston.gov, located at 1 City Hall Square, Room 806, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Key Resources:

- Know Your Rights Trainings: MIRA Coalition (free, multilingual)
- Free 15-minute phone immigration legal consultations
- Monthly Community Office Hours at Boston Public Library branches
- Massachusetts Behavioral Health Help Line: 833-773-2445 (24/7, free, multilingual)
- Immigrant Information Corners at Boston Public Libraries, BCYFs, and YMCAs

Youth Work-Experience Opportunity

The City of Boston is partnering with community-based organizations to offer leadership and workforce-readiness 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, including early exposure to various educational and career pathways. Eligible youth should fill out the interest form, visit boston.gov/immigrant-youth for more information.

STREETS CABINET

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

INTERVENTION

Addressing what leads to harm

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](#))

The **Lifecourse Health Unit** (LCU), which operates out of the Office of Violence Prevention (OVP) provides comprehensive "lifespan" coverage across key developmental stages: adolescence, young adulthood, and adulthood with a core mission of reducing community violence, specifically firearm violence, throughout the City of Boston. The LCU leads the public health component of Boston's blended Public Health/Public Safety approach to citywide firearm-related Community Violence Intervention (CVI). All LCU programs utilize the Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services' Safe and Successful Youth Initiative (SSYI) Framework, focusing on a small number of individuals identified by law enforcement as "proven risk" who are substantially involved in group/gang activity, street violence, weapons-related offenses, and crimes against persons. The LCU is comprised of three (3) programs:

- Promoting Potential Boston (P2 Boston): Ages 16 and Under
- Safe and Successful Youth Initiative (SSYI): Ages 17-25
- Men's Health Initiative (MHI): Ages 25 and over

Together, these programs deliver coordinated, lifespan-based support to individuals at the highest risk, ensuring a continuum of services that advance long-term stabilization, improve health outcomes, and contribute to reductions in firearm-related violence in Boston.

Youth Options Unlimited (YOU) Boston

The [YOU Boston Summer Youth Employment](#) program places court involved and at-risk 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 (time management, workplace etiquette, professional communication) and technical skills (decarbonization of commercial buildings, and care for Boston's urban forestry). These skills can be used in the green industry and beyond. Summer Programming will run beginning in May 2026.

RECOVERY

Healing after violence

Community Healing Response Network (CHRN)

Formally known as the Neighborhood Trauma Team, 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](#).

Domestic, Sexual, and Gender-Based Violence Prevention Initiative

The Domestic, Sexual, and Gender-Based Violence Prevention Initiative (DSG) aims to foster a collective response to and prevention of gender-based violence (GBV) across Boston. Through a trauma-informed, data driven and survivor-centered approach, DSG aims 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 DSG focuses on strengthening and aligning the systems that support survivors by partnering with and uplifting the work done by community partners, City programs, and frontline workers DSG's work spans the continuum of prevention, intervention and response through policy advocacy, workforce wellness initiatives, trauma-informed training and capacity building projects, cross-sector convenings, and establishing data infrastructure to track DV/SV rates and service use to better understand community needs. One example of the Initiative's unique role in complementing the direct service systems is DSG's work to develop and pilot a lethality-related risk assessment safety planning tool. This tool will strengthen how frontline responders to domestic violence and community violence can assess risk and safety plan with survivors who are experiencing multiple forms of violence. This work ultimately will help improve coordinated safety planning, strengthen cross-sector responses and support earlier intervention before homicides occur.

Additionally, this summer the DSG Initiative has invested close to \$100,000 to support preparedness and prevention efforts related to potential increase in domestic violence, sexual violence, and human trafficking that may be associated with the large scale events taking place in the City during Summer 2026. Effectively responding to the threat of increased violence and supporting survivors and those at risk of harm requires a comprehensive, collaborative approach. In partnership with organizations including Jane Doe Inc., the City of Cambridge, and the City of Boston, DSG is leading coordination efforts that balance three key goals: ensuring survivors and community members are aware of available resources, supporting bystander engagement and community accountability, and facilitating critical financial resources for community-based organizations responding to increased

demand, particularly culturally-specific organizations and those serving disproportionately impacted communities. This investment supports community based organizations, public awareness efforts, and survivor-centered resource coordination.

Capacity Building and Training Initiative

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. This summer CBTI will continue to provide not only training and capacity building but direct investments in community-based services. This includes funding implementation mini-grants to support trauma-informed improvement projects and providing resources and tools to support youth and families impacted by violence and uplift workforce well-being.

MENTAL, EMOTIONAL, AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SUPPORTS

Center for Behavioral Health and Wellness

The Center for Behavioral Health and Wellness works to create a fair, just, and equitable behavioral health system in Boston, with a strong focus on youth. It was established in 2022, and our goals are to improve mental and behavioral health outcomes, particularly for those affected by racism and systemic inequities. 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.

In particular, the Center works to address the critical rise in youth mental health issues. We use an equity-based public health approach. This approach focuses on three main areas:

- **Workforce:** Strategies to recruit, expand, and train a more diverse, culturally competent, trauma-informed behavioral health workforce that fully represents and reflects the diversity of Boston communities.
- **Communication:** Public communications about wellness, behavioral health, and substance use that address stigma, offer skills in addressing behavioral health issues, and acknowledge historic and ongoing barriers to care, with an initial focus on youth behavioral health.
- **Capacity:** Capacity building and training programs in behavioral health across Boston in collaboration with community partners.

In addition, our work will reach across Boston to achieve these goals:

- Address Boston residents' longstanding and emergent behavioral health needs through a comprehensive public health approach to behavioral health

- Develop innovative, evidence-based, and sustainable prevention and response models for behavioral health and wellness that address systemic inequities through a thorough and coordinated citywide response
- Align, coordinate, and support existing behavioral health and wellness programming within BPHC bureaus and City departments.
- Enhance community efforts to build resilience and improve behavioral health in everyday settings such as schools, workplaces, and faith-based organizations
- Advocate for changes in the community and institutional infrastructure that mitigate risk factors that negatively affect behavioral health, especially in historically underserved populations.

We also curate a City website on [Mental, Emotional and Behavioral Health](#). This website supports the idea that taking care of mental health is just as important as taking care of physical health, as mental health shapes how we think, feel, and act, and affects how we handle stress, relate to others, and make decisions at every stage of life. We believe that mental health care should meet people where they are. This includes community-based supports to clinical services.

COMMUNITY BUILDING & EMPOWERMENT INITIATIVES

[Boston 250](#)

Boston has never been satisfied with the status quo. It's in our DNA to go boldly into the unknown, to run contrary to what's customary, to imagine a better way and then make it so. For more than 250 years, bucking tradition has been a Boston tradition. This is a city where old sits seamlessly alongside new. Tradition doesn't get in the way of innovation, and cultural movements regularly spring from our soil. We are and will always be, a city of everyday, ordinary revolutionaries. While Boston will always be known as the birthplace of America's Revolution, a polite and refined historical retrospective won't do justice to Boston's fiercely independent spirit. To honor Boston's long lineage of uprising and innovation with an initiative that is expansive and inclusive, representing the City's past, present and future. Boston 250 is an open invitation to join us for a celebration as ambitious, exuberant, and inviting as the City itself.

[Sail Boston 2026](#)

Boston is an official port of [Sail250®](#), a global gathering of tall ships and military ships to celebrate the 250th Anniversary of the founding of the United States. The year 2026 marks the 250th anniversary of our nation's founding in 1776—the United States of America's Semiquincentennial. For this milestone occasion, a fleet of the world's most magnificent international tall ships and military ships, in an epic peacetime gathering, will sail into the port of Boston as part of Sail250®. Sail Boston® is honored to be among the elite group of US ports selected to host the Sail250® international fleet. From July 11th through July 16th, the Tall Ships will be here in Boston.

[2026 FIFA World Cup Fan Fest at City Hall Plaza](#)

The FIFA Fan Festival™ Boston at City Hall Plaza will serve as the city's central gathering place for fans, residents, and visitors to celebrate FIFA World Cup 2026™ matches hosted at Boston Stadium this summer. Located in the heart of downtown, the festival will transform Boston City Hall Plaza

into a vibrant football hub, bringing the energy of the tournament directly to the city. Fans can watch live match broadcasts while enjoying football-themed activities and entertainment throughout the day. A curated food and beverage program will also showcase Boston's local flavors, creating an atmosphere that blends the global excitement of the FIFA World Cup™ with the character of the city. Designed as a true community celebration, the FIFA Fan Festival™ will showcase the energy, diversity, and creativity of the region. In addition to live match broadcasts, the festival will feature a Cultural Showcase highlighting local artists, musicians, and performers. The FIFA Fan Festival™ Boston will take place over 16 days during the FIFA World Cup 2026™ Group Stage matches, beginning June 12 and running through June 27. The FIFA Fan Festival will operate daily, with programming aligned to match schedules, including live broadcasts of 2-3 matches per day. A full schedule, including daily hours of operation, is available below. The FIFA Fan Festival™ Boston will be free and open to the public, with advance registration required.

[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 3:00PM

1. **JAMAICA PLAIN** - Sunday, August 2
([shortened route](#) from 2025)
2. **MATTAPAN** - Saturday, September 12
([same route as 2025](#))
3. **ALLSTON-BRIGHTON** - Sunday, October 4
([same route as 2024](#))
4. **ROSLINDALE** - Sunday, October 18
([route here](#))

[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

[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

SUMMER 2026 UNITY WALK SCHEDULE

THURSDAY - JUNE 18 - 6:00 PM - DORCHESTER

*Harambee Park
15 Talbot Avenue*

WEDNESDAY - JULY 22 - 6:00 PM - MATTAPAN

*Walker Playground
528 Norfolk Street*

THURSDAY - AUGUST 13 - 6:00 PM - DORCHESTER

*Roberts Playground
56 Dunbar Avenue*

EACH FRIDAY - MAY 15TH THROUGH SEPTEMBER - 4:00 PM - ROXBURY

*Twelfth Baptist Peace Walks
160 Warren St, Roxbury MA*

Boston Police Department (BPD)

The mission of the Boston Police Department is Community Policing and the core component of this is building trust. Each of our 12 District's/neighborhood stations has an office Community Service Office which fall under the Bureau of Field Services and we also have the Bureau of Community Engagement. Our officers are active across all of Boston's neighborhoods, to organize and participate in community programming opportunities to establish meaningful connections with community members. All districts host events and programming throughout the summer, including Walk the Beat, neighborhood walks with seniors, 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 and children and senior programming in your district - contact your district Community Service Officer directly, or reach out to the BCE.

Bureau Of Community Engagement

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Civilian Director Kerry Ryan - Kerry.Ryan@pd.boston.gov

Citywide Initiatives Supported by the BCE, the BFS include:

- **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. Contact Kerry Ryan (kerry.ryan@pd.boston.gov) for more details
- **National Night Out** - The 44th Annual National Night Out Boston will be held in August 2026! 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. Contact Kerry Ryan (kerry.ryan@pd.boston.gov) for more details.
- **Operation Hoodsie Cup** - 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. Contact Sgt. Provenzano (gino.provenzano@pd.boston.gov) for additional details.

District/Neighborhood Captains and Community Service Office Contacts

District	Captain	Community Service Sergeant
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E13 - JAMAICA PLAIN	Warren Hoppie warren.hoppie@pd.boston.gov	William Walker william.walker@pd.boston.gov
E18 - HYDE PARK	Joseph Boyle joseph.boyle@pd.boston.gov	Carolyn Ivens carolyn.iven@pd.boston.gov

Community CompStat

Community CompStat was created by the Boston Police Department in 2023. It is based on an impactful bi-weekly internal meeting but specially designed to give community members a direct voice in how their neighborhood is policed. The purpose is to foster a two-way conversation between residents and the department with the goal of reaching long term solutions to community concerns.

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”.

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) 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 2026 Reveler Action Plan will go into effect.

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 2026 Community Gun Violence Reduction Strategy” section below for more information.

SUMMER ‘26 COMMUNITY GUN VIOLENCE REDUCTION STRATEGY (anchored by the Office of Violence Prevention)

The bulk of community gun violence prevention work is owned by the Office of Violence Prevention’s Life Course Unit (LCU). The LCU provides comprehensive “lifespan” coverage across key developmental stages—adolescence, young adulthood, and adulthood—with a core mission of reducing community violence, specifically firearm violence, throughout the City of Boston. In partnership with the Mayor’s Office, the LCU leads the public health component of Boston’s blended Public Health/Public Safety approach to citywide firearm-related Community Violence Intervention (CVI). All LCU programs operate under the Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services’ Safe and Successful Youth Initiative (SSYI) Framework, focusing on a small number of individuals identified by law enforcement as “proven risk” or “impact players” who are substantially involved in group/gang activity, street violence, weapons-related offenses, and crimes against persons.

The LCU is comprised of three (3) programs:

1. Promoting Potential Boston (P2 Boston) ages 16-under
2. Safe and Successful Youth Initiative (SSYI) ages 17-24
3. Men's Health Initiative (MHI) ages 25 and over

During the summer months, the LCU works around the clock providing intensive case management services to those most likely to be connected to community violence. Additionally beyond the work the LCU, the following strategies are also in place for the Summer:

1. **Gun Violence Prevention Management Team.** Led by the Office of Violence Prevention, Boston's Gun Violence Prevention Management Team is comprised of public health providers, law enforcement, schools, CVI/nonprofit leaders, the public housing authority, and hospitals. The Team meets on a weekly basis to discuss updates related to Boston's CVI strategy, and discuss current and emerging trends in Boston surrounding violence.
2. **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 City and Boston Public Health Commission have 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.
3. **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. Each week, the Boston Police Department and the Office of Violence Prevention 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.
4. **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. The focus of these investments center around the micro-locations that experience the most consistent violence. The Office of Violence Prevention is currently working with the Boston University School of Public Health to spearhead this initiative.

5. **Place-Based Partnership Meetings.** Within the aforementioned areas where violence concentrates, the Office of Violence Prevention will pilot regular placed-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.