The latest with the REC



This is the place to see what's happening around BHA communities, find resources for jobs, education, youth programs and more, as well as connect with other residents.

BHA is hiring! Visit our website for the current job postings.

Click here to apply today!

For resident resources please visit the BHA Resident Empowerment Resource website by clicking <u>here</u>.

LTO & Resident Highlights



Send us pictures and updates of the events going on at your site and we could feature you in our next newsletter!

Click the button below to email the REC.



Share Your Stories

Important Information and Reminders

COVID-19 Booster Shots:

As of September 12, 2023, CDC recommends everyone 6 months and older get an updated COVID-19 vaccine to protect against the potentially serious outcomes of COVID-19 illness this fall and winter. Updated COVID-19 vaccines from Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna will be available. Anyone 6 months or older who completed a primary COVID-19 vaccination series OR received a booster dose at least two months ago should get the updated booster. You can learn more about BPHC's recommendations and find vaccine clinics in Boston on this <u>page</u>.

Stay protected this winter and join the BPHC for a COVID-19 and Flu vaccine event! Click the flyer below for translations.



Scholarship Opportunities

Current graduating high school seniors or transfer students who live in BHA public housing are eligible for a full-tuition scholarship from Northeastern University! Interested students can find out more about this opportunity by viewing the flyer, visiting our website, or emailing bhascholars@bostonhousing. org. Click here to see whether your site qualifies as public housing.

Additional scholarships are also available to Boston students who are not BHA residents. Click the flyer for more information.



The following scholarships specifically serve Boston residents and Boston Public High School students.

\$74,310

The Boston Public High School Scholarship



The Northeastern Boston Valedictorian Scholarship

Scholarship Amount

74,310

Full Tultion, Room and Board

Senior class valedictorians are eligible for the scholarship, with preference give to students from the designated 35 traditional district and exam Boston Public High Schools. Students must apply and be admitted as first-year (freshman) students to Northeastern's undergraduate day program.



Estimated Annual Scholarship Amount \$56,500

The Boston Housing Authority Scholarship

First-year undergraduates, transfer students, and undergraduate College Professional Studies students are eligible. Candidates must be residents a Boston Housing Authority Public Housing complex at time of admission. Interested? Email bhascholars@bostonhousing.org



\$56.500

Northeastern Neighborhood Scholarship



Cynthia Harris Community Service Scholarship

Honoring Cynthia Harris, former Orchard Park resident and community advocate, a \$500 scholarship is available to graduating high school seniors who are planning to attend college. Applications are due May 1, 2024. Students must be BHA residents and actively be engaged in their community to apply. Further

Cynthia Harris Community Service Scholarship

Cynthia Harris was very involved in her community and was an advocate for affordable housing, she was the president of Orchard Past Tenates Association, oversecing and ensuring Boston Housing Tenats rights were being protected. She was on the board of the Manuschuests Union of Public Housing Tenant Coancil. Her passion for her community and Public Housing was evident in everything she did.

This scholarship will be awarded once to an individual in her honor.

ELIGIBILITY/CRITERIA

- Candidate must be in their senior year of High School and have at least a GPA of 2.5
 Candidate must be a current resident of a Boston Housing Authority Development.
 Candidate must be planning to attend a postsecondary accredited institution
 Candidate must show they are actively engaged in a community service program and must be verified by the organization.

 PROCEDURE

- The attached application must be submitted to Cynthia Harris Scholarship Committee by May 1*, 2024 A letter of recommendation from a Guidance Consector or Teacher
 Verification that he applicant resides in Boston Fublic Housing (provided by BHA or Public Housing Management Co.)
 *Submit an essay including 2000-250 words max/double spaceed describing how they have been involved in community service and how it has impacted their life.

- Print or type an essay and include it with your application. The essay must be original thoughts of the applicant, in the applicant's own words, written by the applicant.
- 2. Print or type personal data information fill in all required lines.
- $3. \ Applicants must provide documentation that they live in Public Housing. Applicant must sign off on the document and give permission to verify public housing tenancy.$

4. Completed applications are to be submitted by May $1^{\rm st},$ to the address below.

Cynthia Harris Community Service Scholarship P.O. Box 365545 Hyde Park, MA 02136

5. Complete all information. Failure to do so will result in elimination.

If the recipient chooses to prospose their college education, the scholarship may be reserved for up to one year from the date of graduation or it will be forfeited.

Cynthia Harris Community Service Scholarship

details about eligibility and requirements for applying can be found by clicking the flyer to the left.

BOSTON, GET FREE TUITION FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGE!

College is too important to be limited to those who can afford it. That's why the City of Boston has committed to pay for up to three years of college for all residents through the Tuition-Free Community College (TFCC) Plan.

AM I ELIGIBLE FOR THE PLAN?

All Boston residents regardless of age, income, or immigration status are eligible for TFCC funds. To be eligible, you must:

- · Be a Boston resident.
- Enroll in an associate degree program or short-term certificate program at a partner college.
- · Complete the FAFSA*

*Students who are undocumented, DACA students, or have TPS, do not need to complete the FAFSA to receive financial support through TFCC.

WHICH COLLEGES DOES THE PLAN PAY FOR?

- Benjamin Franklin Cummings Institute of Technology*
- · Bunker Hill Community College
- · Massasoit Community College
- · MassBay Community College
- Roxbury Community College
- Urban College of Boston

*There are a limited number of TFCC slots available at Franklin Cummings Tech.

WHAT PROGRAMS ARE COVERED?

Any associates degree program or short-term certificate programs available at the TFCC partner colleges. To learn more about the available programs and how to apply, visit the relevant college admissions website.

WHAT COSTS ARE COVERED?

- All tuition and mandatory fees remaining after any other applicable financial aid has been applied.
- \$250 each semester for up to three years of college-related expenses (such as books or transportation).
- Debt of up to \$2,500 for students with an outstanding balance at a partner college that is preventing a student from reenrolling at that college.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Apply to a program at the participating TFCC college of your choice and they will apply the funding as part of the financial aid process. To contact a partner college, visit Boston.gov/Tuition-Free

TO LEARN MORE:

Visit Boston.gov/Tuition-Free Email TuitionFree@boston.gov

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DIGITAL EQUITY

Want a technology class near you?

Do you want to learn how to use a computer and improve your technology skills?

Fill out the form atthis link or



scan the QR code to the left to demonstrate interest for a technology class at your development.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BUILDING YOUR TECHNOLOGY SKILLS COMPLETE THE FORM











Massachusetts Cybersecurity Mentorship Program

The applications for **Spring 2024 cohort** are now open! Created by the MassCyberCenter, the Cybersecurity Mentorship Program aims to provide opportunities for diverse **Massachusetts undergraduate college students** to learn about careers in cybersecurity and develop their professional networks through direct engagement with industry professionals for 1 hour a week.

Find more information about this program on their <u>website</u> and apply <u>here</u> by **February 19th**!

Affordable Connectivity Program

Save \$30/month on home internet when you enroll in the Affordable Connectivity Program. If you receive SNAP, Medicaid, Federal Public Housing Assistance, Veterans Pension or Survivor Benefits, SSI, WIC, or Lifeline you will

automatically qualify!

For more information about the program and a translated version click the flyer to the right.

Find the Affordable Connectivity
Program <u>application here</u> or request a paper copy from
<u>rec@bostonhousing.org</u>.





Superfast Fios Home Internet—free. When you can be found the Mondable Connectivity Programs and the Mondable Connectivity Programs

Get 300/300 Mbps internet speeds, plus:

- 99.99% network reliability on the 100% fiber-optic network
- Enough power for multiple devices—all with no data caps
- No annual contracts, hidden fees or equipment charges

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Finding Affordable Internet: Comcast Internet Essentials

Get affordable, high-speed Internet to your home by getting Internet Essentials from Comcast. With the Affordable connectivity program

Verizon Fios Home Internet

Get free Verizon Fios internet with the Affordable Connectivity Program! Fios home internet is 100% fiber optic to handle any internet speeds you and your family need. Contact the local Fios representative at rodolfo.ibarra@v-rep.com or (978) 440-0027 for help signing up! Fore more information visit verizon.com/internetnow, or click the flyer to the left.

this can make your internet FREE!

For more information and translation click the flyer to the left or click here.



BHA First Home Program

BHA has created new resources to help residents towards their goal of homeownership. BHA's First Home Program is a partnership with the City of Boston Mayor's Office of Housing where the City is providing eligible BHA residents with enhanced down payment assistance of up to \$75,000 for a home purchased within the City of Boston. This program is available to all BHA residents who purchase a home within the City of Boston.

To learn more about eligibility and applying, <u>click here</u>.

BHA First Home Program How to Join





Complete online form to check eligibility





Homeownership Advisor will contact you to schedule intake session





Work with BHA approved lender for mortgage product





Begin Home Search





Purchase, closing, and post purchase support

Your BHA Homeownership Advisor will guide you through each step of your home buying journey

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PROGRAMS AND INFORMATION



Center for Working Families

The Center For Working Families connects residents to financial education and employment services. These include: <u>one-on-one coaching</u>, credit and asset

building, and workforce development. For more information about available resources visit: https://www.boston.gov/departments/center-working-families

Curbside Food Waste Collection

Curbside compost waitlist sign up, enrollment should be reopening this Summer (currently limited to buildings with six units or less):

https://www.boston.gov/departments/public-works/curbside-food-waste-collection

Project Oscar

Project Oscar is Boston's 24-hour community compost pilot program. Project Oscar compost bins give communities a place to drop off residential food scraps for composting. There are currently 15 locations. For more information, visit: https://www.boston.gov/departments/public-works/project-oscar

GROWBOSTON

GrowBoston is administered by the Mayor's Office of Housing. The program's goal is to increase food production and support local food producers in Boston. This includes gardeners, farmers, beekeepers, and more. For more information and resources for starting a garden or farm on a vacant lot and learning how to farm, visit: https://www.boston.gov/departments/growboston

Black Male Advancement

The Office of Black Male Advancement works to empower Black men and boys by focusing on policies, programs, resources, and local and national partnerships. This includes small grants, My Brother's Keeper, and more. For more information, visit: https://www.boston.gov/departments/black-male-advancement

Women's Advancement

The Office of Women's Advancement aims to promote gender equity by empowering women and removing systemic barriers to their advancement. Programs include opportunities for female entrepreneurs, free menstruation products and information and work to close the wage gap. For more information about services and upcoming event, visit: https://www.boston.gov/departments/womens-advancement

Partner Programs

The Food Project

The Food Project is providing assistance to residents that would like to begin growing a garden!

Residents of Roxbury, Dorchester, and Mattapan are encouraged to apply! For more information, scan the QR code or head to thefoodproject.org/bag and apply today!



SEEDLINGS FOR YOU TO START GROWING



Dimock Center Childcare

To enroll for child and family services (including Foundations for Learning, Early Head Start, Head Start, and Home Visiting) at Dimock, <u>click here</u> or visit <u>dimock.org</u>.

Click the image to enlarge. Call 617-442-8800 ext. 1219 with questions.

Big Brothers Big Sisters

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Eastern Massachusetts has matched thousands of local children and teens with amazing, transformative mentors. For more information, click the flyer, visit emassbigs.org/enroll/child, or call 617-956-0282.

Click the image to enlarge it and view translations.



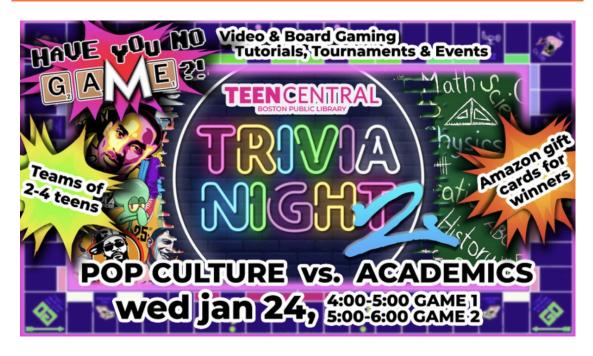


Youth Programming

Boston Community Action Team is Hiring!

If you want to make a change in your community and policy making, come and join the Boston Community Action Team! Your voice matters! Find the interest form here or more about the program at their website.





Youth Trivia Night at Copley Square Central Library

Interested in gaming? How's your pop-culture and academic knowledge? No matter your brain or background, come join Teen Central for a game night fueled by pizza and prizes. Join us at the Copley Square Central Library on Wednesday January 24 from 4:00-6:00PM!

Find more information and register for the event here. Space is limited.



Caminos College and Career Pathways Program

Through his program recent graduates, 11th and 12th can receive one-on-one coaching, peer-led workshops, networking opportunities, and culturally-relevant education opportunities to support them as they take the next steps after

high school. Learn more and apply <u>here!</u>



Caminos is a community where participants hold each other up as they set goals and bring them into action. The program will connect participants with people and culturally relevant experiences to support them as they take their next steps after high school.

FOR 11TH-12TH GRADERS AND RECENT HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES.

APPLY TODAY



Visit: HydeSquare.org
Follow us on Social Media @HydeSquareTF

For more information, contact 617-524-8303 or Brittney@hydesquare.org.

Join Hyde Square Task Force's School Year Program
JÓVENES EN ACCIÓN

WHERE ARTS, EDUCATION, AND COMMUNITY COME TOGETHER.

In Jóvenes en Acción, teens learn Afro-Latin arts (dance, music, or theatre) and participate in education and civic engagement workshops.

FOR TEENS IN GRADES 8 - 12

Jóvenes en Acción

Jóvenes en Acción/Youth in Action (JEA) is a free, year-round program where participants receive Afro-Latin arts training (in Dance, Music, or Theatre), education and mentoring support, and civic engagement and youth organizing training. Learn more and apply here!

APPLY TODAY





Mayor's Youth Summit

For the first time in 20 years the Mayor's Youth Summit returns! The Mayor's Youth Summit is a celebration of Boston's youth that aims to engage and inspire the City's young people in a fun and interactive way. Youth ages 14-19 are invited to register here and attend on February 24 from 1-6PM!



Professional Development

Post-Secondary Program Manager Job Opportunity at Summer Search

Interested in joining a passionate team who are committed to youth development and empowerment? Summer Search is looking for a Post-Secondary Program Manager. This position involves leadership a team collectively serving nearly 300 Summer Search participants in the Boston area. For more details about qualifications and responsibilities for this position visit their website.





2024 Q1 COURSES

15 JANUARY

COURSE: IT SUPPORT

LOCATION: HYBRID IN KENDALL SQ

LENGTH: 13 WEEKS

15 JANUARY

COURSE: SOFTWARE ENGINEERING

LOCATION: REMOTE LENGTH: 15 WEEKS

19

COURSE: CYBERSECURITY

LOCATION: HYBRID IN KENDALL SQ

LENGTH: 15 WEEKS

CAREER IN TECH?

MARCH

COURSE: AWS RE-START

LOCATION: REMOTE LENGTH: 15 WEEKS

Tuition, materials, hardware & exam fees at NO-COST!



READY TO

GROW YOUR

Questions? Email: bostonadmissions@perscholas.org

Jumpstart a Tech Career with Per Scholas

Get tuition-free tech career training from Per Scholas. See the flyer for January, February, and March program start dates. Scan the QR code or visit their <u>website</u> for more information and application details. Email <u>bostonadmissions@perscholas.org</u> with questions.



Weatherization Technician Training

Join the next FREE class starting January 29, 2024 and learn how to get a job in weatherization. Weatherization teaches how to make buildings safer and more energy efficient. As one of country's fastest growing industries; AACA's weatherization training is a two-week program designed to help you find a job! Find more details about this opportunity and the program interest form here.



Join Allston Brighton CDC and MassBioEd on January 31 from 5:30-6:30PM at the Allston Brighton CDC Community Center for a information session about careers in biotech!

Register for the event <u>here</u>.





MassHire Downtown Boston Young Adult Career Center Services

MassHire career coaches are available to help Boston residents, ages 18 to 24, with many different tasks, including exploring interests and careers, enrolling in job training programs, applying for jobs, and more. This comprehensive program offers a wide range of services tailored to young adults' needs and aspirations.

Connect with a coach <u>here</u> or visit the MassHire Downtown Boston Career Center at **75 Federal Street**, **3rd Floor**, **Boston**, **MA 02110**.

The Teaching Kitchen

Do you enjoy cooking and wantFREE professional training? The Teaching Kitchen is a free 12-week culinary training program for people who are serious about becoming employed in

a professional kitchen.

This program includes a culinary internship, instruction from a full time chef instructor, classes in job readiness, nutrition, financial empowerment, and digital literacy.

Upcoming classes run from **January 29th through April 18th** Monday-Thursday 8:45am-4pm.

For more information about the program please reach out to allison@servings.org or click the application to the right to apply!



G{Code}

INTRO TO WEB DEV

12 WEEK VIRTUAL COURSE

- Training In Web Development Fundamentals HTML, CSS, And Javascript
- Multiple Portfolio-Ready Projects Pushed To GitHub
- Workshops For Personal And Professional Development
 Such As Financial Literacy, Negotiation Skills, Physical
 And Mental Well-Being, Personal Branding, Resume
 Review, And Interview Preparation
- Community Time To Cultivate Long-Lasting
 Relationships Amongst Cohort Members And The
 G{Code} Team
- Resources For Further Technical Learning Upon
 Completion Of The Program

Apply for the new Intro to Data Analytics program at G{Code} to get foundational trainings in advanced Google Sheets, SQL, Python, and NumPy.

Apply by **February 16 at 8:00am** on their website to be considered for the Spring 2024 cohort starting April 13, 2024.

Applications are open for the Spring 2024 cohort! Formerly known as Intro to G{Code}, Intro to Web Dev is a free virtual program designed to give women and non-binary people of color from 18-25 exposure to coding to uncover interest and aptitude in tech in a supportive, inclusive, and safe environment.

Apply by **February 2 at 11:59pm** on their website to be considered for the Spring 2024 cohort starting April 6, 2024.

INTRO TO DATA **ANALYTICS**

12 WEEK VIRTUAL COURSE

- Training in foundational statistics, advanced Google Sheets, SQL, Python, and NumPy
- Projects centered around datasets
- Workshops for personal and professional development such as financial literacy, negotiation skills, physical and mental well-being, personal branding, resume review, and interview preparation
- Community time to cultivate long-lasting relationships amongst cohort members and the G{Code} team
- Resources for further technical learning upon completion of the program

Visit G{Code}'s website for additional part-time job opportunities here.

JVS Boston

Click the flyer to the left for information about JVS Boston professional development opportunities or click the link below.

Get **FREE training** to become an early childhood educator or nurses aide, with the next program starting January 22! The Bridges to College and Careers program is additionally available for recent graduates to kickstart a career!



- Program Details

 Full-time employment as a Teaching Assistant with
 an employer in the Greater Boston area

 Training to become a Certified Early Childhood
 Educator offered at Urban College

 Tuition offered at no cost for all accepted
 participates

- participants
 Monetary Stipend included!
 Become a Certified Early Childhood Educator

Eligibility Requirements

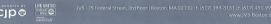
- Fluent or near fluent English skills required
 High school diploma or equivalent required
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 All applicants are required to successfully pass a
 CORI, SORI, background, fingerprints, and drug
 screening as this training is linked to employment
 Must commit to a full-lime training program
 Commit to working as an Early Childhood Educator
 for a minimum of 1.5 years

NOW ENROLLING!

To begin the virtual application process, scan this QR code or follow the link below!









BUILDING

Building Pathways is offering a free 200+ hour career exploration program with hands on exposure to the trades. Visit their website here to see program information and dates for one of the mandatory information sessions.



Connect with the REC!

The Resident Capacity Program staff is available by phone and email, as well as in the office several days a week to provide assistance to residents over the phone or video call.

Local Tenant Organizations should email their board-related requests and/or questions (i.e. resources, tenant participation funds, laundry funds, etc.) to rec@bostonhousing.org.

<u>Visit the LTO Resource Page</u> <u>Visit the Resident Resource Page</u>

Learn about the BHA's Section 3 Policy and Contract Compliance:

The Section 3 Policy is intended to benefit BHA residents, BHA voucher holders, low income residents in the Boston area, and low income businesses. Please visit the BHA Section 3 Compliance page at this link. Additionally, if you or someone you know owns a construction related business, please visit the website for resources or contact the Office of Civil Rights about Section 3 Business opportunities.

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