

The latest at BHA

In observance of Patriot's Day
BHA offices will be closed on
Monday, April 18, 2022

Resident Empowerment Coalition Newsletter

This is the place to connect with the BHA Resident Capacity Team, find resources in the community, and learn about opportunities to connect with other residents. We will be sharing updates, resources, and important information for our residents, Local Tenant Organizations, and community partners.

For questions, email rec@bostonhousing.org
For updates on Covid-19 and BHA actions click [here](#).

Resident Empowerment Coalition (REC) Updates

Tuesday, April 26, 2pm REC Meeting

The main goal of the REC is to engage residents in BHA programs, policymaking, and community development opportunities.

We meet every other month on Zoom. Register below to join us.

RSVP

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

LTO & Resident Reminders

Interested in starting a tenant organization at your development?

Reach out to the BHA's Resident Capacity Program at rec@bostonhousing.org or **617-988-4299** for help starting the LTO formation process.

We can provide support and advice on anything from recruiting candidates, to finding a large-scale printer to distribute ballots, to planning for Covid-safe elections, and everything in between.

Please reach out to us today whether you're interested in running for a seat, joining an elections committee, or just learning more! We can help start boards at sites that do not have them, as well as support the elections where boards are already established.

Sites that do not have LTOs still have Tenant Participation Funds! These can be used for community events, supplies, and more to benefit the whole development. Contact us at the information above to learn how to access these funds via a petition.

Visit our website to learn more!

[Learn More](#)

BHA Updates

Digital Equity

The Boston Public Library is helping people connect to the internet with their **Long Term Lending Program**. For more info, read the attached flyer or go to www.bpl.org/long-term-lending.

Feel free to reach out to rec@bostonhousing.org for assistance signing up.



Do you or someone you know
need help connecting to the
Internet?



Request free high-speed Internet
and a Chromebook laptop computer
through the Boston Public Library's
Long-Term Loan Program.

If you are an adult resident of Massachusetts who does not have internet service at home, or if the internet service you have is too slow, you can access free high-speed home internet through June 2023 from the Boston Public Library. Those who qualify will also be eligible to receive a new Google Chromebook laptop.



There are a limited number of places available for
this program. Apply now at
www.bpl.org/long-term-lending



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Housing Authority




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New Urban Mechanics

BHA Partner Programs & Updates

Northeastern University BHA Scholars Program

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 below or reaching out to rec@bostonhousing.org.

Click the image to enlarge it.



Boston Housing Authority Scholarship Program Information

Academic Year 2022–2023

Are you interested in attending Northeastern University?

If you are a graduating high school senior or transfer student currently living in BHA public housing, you are eligible for a full tuition scholarship.

To apply, you must submit:

- The Common Application, which can be found at commonapp.org, or the Coalition Application, available at mycoalition.org/public/info/northeastern.
- Supporting documents, including transcripts and letters of recommendation. Please refer to northeastern.edu/admissions/application-information for specific requirements.
- A verification letter from Sahar Lawrence, resident capacity program coordinator at the BHA.*

The application and all supporting documents must be received in order for Northeastern to make an admission decision. If English is your second language, you may also be required to take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) exam, the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) exam, or the Pearson's Test of English (PTE).
*Candidates must submit a letter verifying their residence in BHA public housing within one month of submitting their admission application.

The application deadlines are as follows:

- Early Decision I: November 1 (decisions released by December 15)
- Early Action: November 1 (decisions released by February 1)
- Early Decision II: January 1 (decisions released by February 15)
- Regular Decision: January 1 (decisions released by April 1)
- Fall Transfer: April 1 (decisions released by June 15)
- Spring Transfer: October 1 (decisions released by December 1)

Interested students should file their FAFSA and CSS Profile by the priority filing deadline listed below.

- For the FAFSA, visit fafsa.ed.gov and use Northeastern University code 002199.
- For the CSS Profile, visit cssprofile.collegeboard.org and use Northeastern University code 3667.

Early Decision I: November 15 | Early Action: December 1 | Early Decision II: January 15 |
Regular Decision: February 15 | Fall Transfer: April 15 | Spring Transfer: October 15

The information contained in this document is current as of its printing (August 2021). The contents are subject to change without notification if there is a change in federal and/or state regulations and/or university policy.
Northeastern University is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Inc., and is an equal opportunity/affirmative action/Title IX educational institution and employer. Tuition rates, all fees, rules and regulations, and courses and course content are subject to revision by the president and the Board of Trustees at any time.

For more information:

The Office of Undergraduate Admissions 617.373.2400 (T) 617.373.8780 (F) admissions@northeastern.edu	Office of Student Financial Services 617.373.3490 (T) 617.373.8735 (F) studentfinance@northeastern.edu stfs@northeastern.edu	Sahar Lawrence, resident capacity program coordinator at the BHA 617.988.4159 (T) 617.988.4335 (F) sahar.lawrence@bostonhousing.org
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2022 CITY OF BOSTON SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED

CITY of BOSTON SCHOLARSHIP

We award new college-goers and continuing education students \$2,500 per year to help pay for school.

APPLY TODAY
boston.gov/scholarship

Application Deadline: Friday, April 29th, 2022

**Applications
available
today!**



The City of Boston Scholarship Program is designed to support higher education, and is available to Boston residents interested in pursuing an undergraduate degree or continuing education in Massachusetts. Boston residents are encouraged to [apply online](#). The application deadline is **Friday, April 29th at 5 PM**.

To be eligible for the scholarship, you must be a Boston resident for at least two years as of January 1, 2022. The scholarship is for new or current college students AND continuing education students who plan to attend a post-secondary school in Massachusetts.

By the time scholarships are awarded this summer, you must have graduated from high school, or completed a GED program. Recipients remain eligible as long as they remain in good academic standing with their school. New or current college students receive up to \$10,000 for up to four years (\$2,500 for each year). Continuing education students (students that have a gap of education of two years or more as a non-student) receive up to \$5,000 for up to two years (\$2,500 for each year).

To apply, or for more information or to access the application, please visit: boston.gov/scholarship. The application deadline for this year is **Friday, April 29th at 5 p.m.** For questions, please contact us at COBScholarship@boston.gov.

[Learn More](#)

Economic Mobility Pathways (EMPath) is a Boston-based nonprofit that disrupts poverty through direct services, advocacy, research, and a global learning network. To learn more about the program please click on the the flyer or call 617-259-2933.



**Are You
Ready
to Achieve
Your Goals?**



AMP Up Boston
A Program of Economic Mobility Pathways

The AMP Up Boston Study is offering a chance to receive a free mentoring program for BHA residents. You can earn up to \$700 for making progress on your own goals.

You Must Be:

- ☒ Living in BHA public or leased housing
- ☒ An adult between ages 18-55
- ☒ Willing, able, and legally eligible to work in the U.S.
- ☒ Willing to meet your mentor regularly, virtually or in person

Research is led by Professor Lawrence Katz at Harvard University.

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TO LEARN MORE**



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Call or Text AMPUP
(833) 630-0225



ampupboston@gmail.com

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.

LAUNCH is a network of partners and mentors who support young adults age 18-24 as they transition into adulthood and the workforce. Mentors provide close support, career navigation, college prep, budgeting and credit assistance, and much more.

Contact:

Fred Gomes
Outreach Manager at
Fred.Gomes@bostonpic.org
617-438-5486

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Are you 18-24?
Do you need a career or job?
Do you need help getting into school?

Get connected with Launch.

The first years of adulthood can feel like a struggle. You're trying to accomplish all of your goals, but life keeps getting in the way. Launch is a program that helps you reach your goals if you are looking for a job, getting connected to school, exploring careers, or working on your finances.

Get access to careers in industries such as **healthcare, information technology, business, and finance.**

To get started with Launch, speak to an outreach worker and get connected to a coach.

Contact:
Fred Gomes, Launch Outreach Manager
Fred.Gomes@bostonpic.org, Cell: (617) 438-5486

Blake Taylor, Launch Outreach Specialist
Blake.Taylor@bostonpic.org, Cell: (617) 276-4827

Or visit unitedwaymassbay.org/launch

Get connected to your next career step.

We've also made it easy by ensuring every Launch service is free. Here are some ways Launch can help you right now:

- ★ Career navigation
- ★ College prep and support
- ★ Finding and landing a job
- ★ Job training
- ★ Balancing a budget, building credit
- ★ FAFSA and financial aid assistance
- ★ Mentoring



Community Calendar

SuccessLink Youth Summer Job Fairs



WE HIRE YOUTH SUMMER JOB FAIRS

*Get connected to a
SuccessLink Summer Job!*

MORE INFO:

Follow @CityBosYouth
Visit Youth.Boston.gov
Email YouthLine@Boston.gov



NEIGHBORHOODS

- 4/19** ROXBURY
Tobin Community Center
1481 Tremont St, Roxbury, MA
- 4/20** JAMAICA PLAIN
Curtis Hall Community Center
20 South St, Jamaica Plain, MA
- 4/21** MATTAPAN
Mildred Community Center
5 Mildred Ave, Boston, MA
- 4/22** DORCHESTER
Holland Community Center
85 Olney St, Boston, MA

11AM - 2PM



EMPath AMP Up Info Sessions

Tuesday, April 19th - 5:00PM

Averigüe si el estudio AMP Up es adecuado para usted asistiendo a una sesión informativa en Zoom. Si está interesado y es elegible, puede tener la oportunidad de obtener el apoyo de un mentor capacitado.

Registrarse para el martes 19 de abril

Thursday, April 21st - 4:00PM

Are you a Goal Getter? AMP Up Boston can help BHA residents get help achieving their own goals. If you're interested and eligible, register for an information session to find out if participating in this study is right for you. Go to ampupboston.org for more.

Register for Thursday April 21

Tuesday, April 26th - 5:00PM

Info Session Tomorrow at 5:00 PM. Find out if the AMP Up Boston Study is right for you by attending an information session on Zoom. If you're interested and eligible, you can have a chance to get support from a trained mentor to achieve your goals.

Register for Thursday April 21

Roxbury Center for Financial Empowerment

The Mayor's Office of Financial Empowerment is offering several free financial coaching workshops and classes throughout the month! Visit their site for more information.

FREE
FINANCIAL COACHING

Roxbury Center for Financial Empowerment
7 Palmer Street, 2nd floor
Roxbury, MA 02119
(617) 541-2670



April 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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4 Credit Building for Teens Workshop 4:30pm-5:30pm	5 Intro Financial Coaching & Credit Building Workshop 10:00am-11:00am Create a Winning Resume & Cover Letter Workshop 11:00am-12:30pm	6 Disasters- Financial Preparation & Recovery Workshop presented by Chase Bank 10:00am-11:00am Setting Financial Goals Workshop presented by PNC Bank 5:00-6:00pm	7 Intro Financial Coaching & Credit Building Workshop (English/Spanish) 10:00am-11:00am	8
11 How to Bank: Bank On Boston Workshop 4:30pm-5:30pm	12 Intro Financial Coaching & Credit Building Workshop 10:00am-11:00am	13 Interview Skills Workshop 11:00am-12:00pm	14 Intro Financial Coaching & Credit Building Workshop 6:00pm-7:00pm	15
18 Office Closed 	19 Intro Financial Coaching & Credit Building Workshop 10:00am-11:00am Don't Get Scammed: Avoiding Predatory Schemes 3:30pm-4:30pm	20 Intro Financial Coaching & Credit Building Workshop (English/Spanish) 6:30pm-7:30pm *(Private event)	21 Intro Financial Coaching & Credit Building Workshop 10:00am-11:00am Homebuyer Readiness Workshop 10:00am-11:30am	22
25 Budgeting Workshop 3:00pm-4:00pm Steps to Start Your Business (part I) presented by Dorchester Bay 5:30pm-6:30pm	26 Intro Financial Coaching & Credit Building Workshop 10:00am-11:00am	27 Organizational Types and Considerations Workshop for Small Business presented by PNC Bank 6:00pm-7:00pm	28 Intro Financial Coaching & Credit Building Workshop 10:00am-11:00am	29

Workshops are currently conducted virtually, unless otherwise stated
Center Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00am-5:00pm. Please register at ofe.boston.gov/events.

View Upcoming Workshops

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.

[Visit the LTO Resource Page](#)

[Visit the Resident Resource Page](#)

[Contact Us](#)

[BostonHousing.org](#)

[CCECR Homepage](#)



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