The latest with the REC

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.

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

Click <u>here</u> to apply today!

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



ELECTION COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



HELP ELECT A LTO

HELP ELECT A NEW TENANT
ORGANIZATION AT MLK APARTMENTS
IN ROXBURY. 1-2 HOUR WEEKLY
COMMITTMENT FROM SEPTEMBERDECEMBER. CLICK THIS FLYER FOR
MORE INFORMATION!

Contact: rec@bostonhousing.org or (617) 988-4169 with questions





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

Tufts Health Unify Plan



This One Care plan can bring together your MassHealth and Medicare benefits together to simplify your healthcare. To learn more and see Spanish translation, click the flyer or visit tuftshealthplan.com/unify.

COVID-19 Booster Shots:

The updated COVID-19 boosters that provide protection against the Omicron variant are available in Massachusetts. 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 page.

Elderly Boston Housing Residents are especially encouraged to make an appointment and receive the vaccine. This is a free service, stay protected and safe!

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.

Northeastern University Scholarships

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



Boston Scholarships and Financial Aid

Northeastern University has a long-standing commitment to the city of Boston, including Boston Public High School students and graduates. Through community-based programs, admission, and financial aid initiatives, the university creates pathways college and degree completion—a priority for Northeastern.

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

Estimated Annual
Scholarship Amount

874,310
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Scholarship Amount

\$56,500
First-year undergraduates, transfer students, and undergraduate College of Professional Studies students are eligible. Candidates must be residents within a Boston Housing Authority Public Housing complex at time of admission.

Interested? Email bhascholars@bostonhousing.org

Estimated Annual Scholarship Amount Northeastern Neighborhood Scholarship Amount

Scholarship Amount

\$56,500

Boston Public High School graduates from the 0215, 0218, 0219, 02120, 02130, and 0225 3p code communities who are admitted to Northeastern are eligible.

All Boston Public High School graduates are eligible to have their full demonstrated need met if they are eligible for federal financial aid and admitted to Northeastern's undergraduate day program.

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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.



Welcome to the new digital equity section of the REC newsletter! In this section opportunities to increase digital skills will be noted in addition to internet and technology resources available to residents. Stay tuned for more!

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

Contact your local Fios Rep at: Rodolfo lbarra 978.440.0027

Rodolfo.lbarra@v-rep.com

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verizon.com/internetsavings

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.

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 this can make your internet FREE!

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



Technology Class

Recently the BHA hosted a digital literacy class at West Broadway. This 15 hour course introduced residents to basic laptop functions and after graduation they received a free laptop!





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

- **(**617) 988-5193
- bostonhousing.org



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

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

Summer Activation Grants



Eight BHA sites have received Summer Activation Mini-Grant to support Unity Days and bolster resident engagement. Grants were received by the groups listed in the flyer to the left!

Under the direction of Mayor Wu, the Mini-Grants demonstrate the City's commitment to community engagement and to working with residents across Boston's neighborhoods.

Summer Activation Highlights



Fairmount Unity Day



Archdale Garden Installation

Summer Activation Grant funds supported the Resident Capacity Team in organizing the first Unity Day at Fairmount in years! Residents came together for a cookout, bike safety lessons, face painting and so much more!

The SPOKE youth council helped revitalize green space at Archdale using Summer Activation Grant funds. A custom planting bed, pollinator garden, birdhouses and a mosaic now brighten up the space!

City of Boston Programming

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

Partner Programs

2023 Road to Wellness

Supported by the Dimock Center, Hood Fit, and the Boston Athletic Association train for the Road to Wellness with your communities this summer!

A 5k run and 2 mile walk will be hosted **Saturday September 9** at **55 Dimock Street** to celebrate a summer of hard work. Get running and walking now!

To register for the race <u>click here</u> and click the flyer for more information and translation.



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!



DO YOU WANT TO START GROWING THIS YEAR?



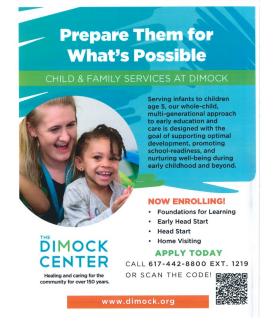
The Food Project is happy to help by building you a garden! Your garden comes with:



GROWING AT HOME BEGINNERS GUIDE
RAISED GARDEN BED GUIDE
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.

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.

Visit <u>empathways.org</u> to learn more.



Are You Ready to Achieve Your Goals?



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.







Call or Text AMPUP (833) 630-0225



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



Join Greater Love Tabernacle's **Back to School Youth Jam** on Saturday, **August 20th at 5 PM at Carver Den** for some family fun! Everyone is invited to join this event to participate in praise and worship, liturgical dance, stepping, spoken word, or Christian rap. For more details click the flyer above.

Summer Programs

Find varied opportunities for youth of all ages this summer by clicking the flyer to the left.





Summer Jobs for Boston Youth

For two pages of extensive summer job listings, click the flyer to the left or <u>click</u> <u>here</u>.

Boston youth are encouraged to apply for summer job opportunities by clicking here or Youth.Boston.gov.

Email <u>Youthline@Boston</u> <u>.gov</u> with questions.



Summer Camp Harbor View

Since 2007, thousands of Boston middleand high-schoolers have spent transformative summers at this one-ofa-kind camp on Long Island in Boston Harbor. In addition to classic summer camp activities, the programs build leadership skills, invest in creativity, and broaden horizons.

Every program & every summer focuses on our six core values — Fun. Respect. Responsibility. Character. Courage.

Community. <u>Click here</u> to apply. Click the flyer to enlarge and see Spanish translations.





The Possible Zone prepares young people to thrive in any future path they choose with engaging, hands-on, and tuition-free entrepreneurship programs for high school students from under-resourced communities. For more information, visit https://possiblezone.org/, call 617-492-9200 or email info@possiblezone.org/, Click here to see and save flyers in multiple languages.

Professional Development



Career Fair

Join the *Be the Light* Career Fair presented by Insight Global on **Saturday September 9th**! This FREE event will be hosted at 88 Seaport Blvd, Boston, MA 02210 from 9am-4pm, with career consultation resources, professional headshots, networking and more!

Learn more about their Boston office at this link or click the flyer for more information and translations.

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 are starting September 18th, and October 30th for 12 weeks Monday-Thursday 8:45am-4pm.

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



Questions? Please contact Allison Sequeira, Teaching Kitchen Program Manage at allison@servings.org or 617-522-7777 ext. 206



G{Code}

Applications are open for the Winter 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.

Find more information and the application at this <u>link!</u>

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! The <u>Bridges to College and Careers program</u> is additionally available for recent graduates to kickstart a career!





Walker Wellness Coach Program invites you to apply for their 11-month, tuition-free career training that includes college coursework and certification, school based internship, up to \$14k stipend, and job placement support. Click the flyer to learn more.

BEST Hospitality Training

Explore career opportunities in the hospitality industry at BEST by clicking this link. Positions available range from Education and Career Specialists and English language teachers. At BEST you can contribute to the development of education, skills, and training for career and personal success!

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 <u>rec@bostonhousing.org</u>.

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

> Contact Us

BostonHousing.org

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