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Boston Mayor Martin J. Walsh

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Fun Activities



Mayor's Letter



"It's time to start something new and trust the magic of beginnings." -Meister Eckhart

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Boston Winter" at City Hall Plaza

tional Designations:

- Art Appreciation Month
- **Book Month**
- Eye Health Care
- Hobby Month

My Notes:

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14	15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	16	17	18	19	20	N	
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28	29	30	31	Did you know? Qualified senior homeowners can receive a property tax bill reduction of up to \$1,500 p fiscal year. Call us at 617-635-5741				



"Have enough courage to trust love one more time, and always one more time." -Maya Angelou

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City Happenings:

 Boston Public Library Black History Month Film Series

National Designations:

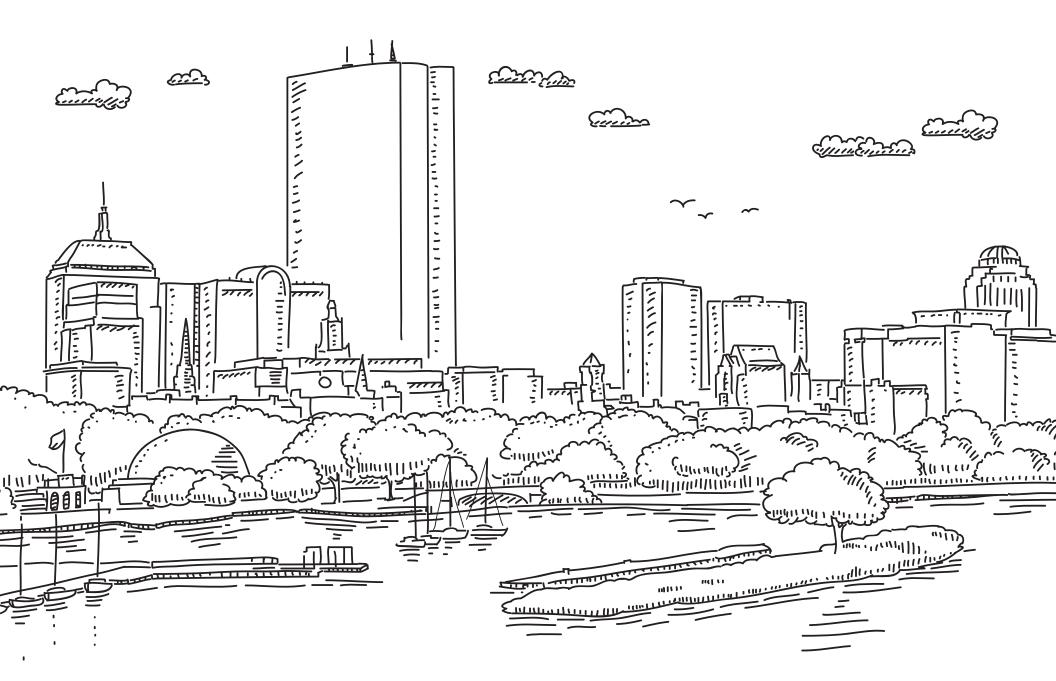
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- American Heart Month
- Dental Month
- American History Month

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"Happiness is when what you think, what you say, and what you do are in harmony." -Mahatma Gandhi

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"The world is but a canvas to our imagination." -Henry David Thoreau

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15	16 Patriot's Day + Boston Marathon	17	18	19	20	21	My Notes:
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"Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow." -Melody Beattie

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6	7	8	9	10	11	12	 Older Americans Month Stroke Awareness Month Mental Health Month Arthritis Month 		
13 Mother's Day	14	15	16	17	18	19 Armed Forces Day	My Notes:		
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"The longer I live, the more beautiful life becomes." -Frank Lloyd Wright

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3	4	5	6	7	8 National Pen Pal Day	9	 LGBT Pride Month Hunger Awareness Month
10	11	12	13	14 Flag Day	15 World Elder Abuse Awareness Day	16	My Notes:
17 Father's Day	18 Bunker Hill Day Observed	19	20	21 The Longest Day + Summer Begins	22	23	
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"You are never too old to set a new goal or to dream a new dream." -C.S Lewis

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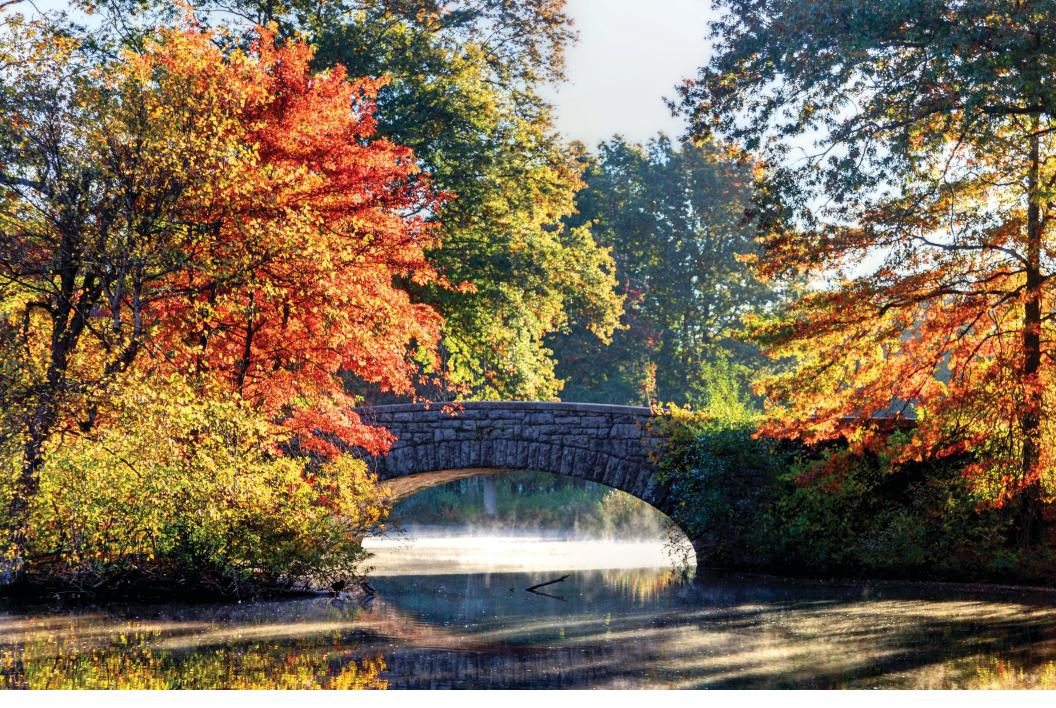
"Keep your face to the sunshine and you cannot see a shadow." -Helen Keller

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5 Friendship Day	6	7	8	9	10	11	 Eye Awareness Month Harvest Month Immunization Awareness Month 			
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	My Notes:			
19	20	21 Senior Citizens Day	22	23	24	25				
26 Women's Equality Day	27	28	29	30	31					



"With the new day comes new strength and new thoughts." -Eleanor Roosevelt

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2	3 Labor Day	4	5	6	7	8	from Sept. 15-Oct. 15Active Aging Week from Sept. 23-29
9 National Grandparents Day	10	11	12	13	14	15	My Notes:
16	17	18	19	20	21 World Alzheimer's Day	22 Falls Prevention Day + Autumn Begins	
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"Every leaf speaks bliss to me, fluttering from the autumn tree." -Emily Bronté

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This Month:

City Happenings:

• Pumpkin Float in the Boston Common

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• Mayor's Senior Health & Fitness Walk

National Designations:

- Computer Learning Month
- Prescription Errors Education and Awareness Week from Oct. 24-31

My Notes:

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
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	International Day of Older Persons						
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	Columbus Day						
14	15 White Cane Safety Day	16	17	18	19	20	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
28	29	30	31	Reminder: Medicare Open Enrollment begins this month. Call us at for more			
			Halloween	information: 617-635-4366			



"The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members." -Coretta Scott King

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"Kindness is like snow. It beautifies everything it covers."

-Kahlil Gibran

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2	3	4	5	6	7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day	8	Celebration National Designations: • Write a Friend Month
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	My Notes:
16	17	18	19	20	21 Winter Begins	22	
23 30	24 31	25 Christmas Day	26	27	28	29	

Ways to Fill Your Calendar!

In Boston, there are hundreds of events and programs happening across the city. Here are a few ways to fill your calendar with new activities this year! You can also find a variety of programming at the Boston Public Library branch locations. Go to www.bpl.org for more information.

*Subject to change

*Activity	Neighborhood	Location	Phone Number
Bingo	Charlestown	BCYF Golden Age Senior Center	617-635-5175
Chair Yoga	Dorchester	BCYF Grove Hall Senior Center	617-635-1484
Computer-Seniors	Hyde Park	BCYF Hyde Park Community Center	617-635-5178
Knitting Club	Roslindale	BCYF Roslindale Community Center	617-635-5185
Line Dancing	Mattapan	BCYF Mildred Avenue Community Center	617-635-1328
Liquid Embroidery	Charlestown	BCYF Golden Age Senior Center	617-635-5175
Movies	East Boston	BCYF Paris Street Community Center	617-635-5125
Senior Bridge Club	Jamaica Plain	BCYF Curtis Hall Community Center	617-635-5195

*Activity	Neighborhood	Location	Phone Number
Senior Group Goldenairs	Roxbury	BCYF Shelburne Community Center	617-635-5213
Senior Lap Swim	South End	BCYF Blackstone Community Center	617-635-5162
Senior Swim	South Boston	BCYF Condon Community Center	617-635-5100
Senior Volleyball	Allston	BCYF Jackson Mann Community Center	617-635-5153
Table Tennis	Chinatown	BCYF Quincy Community Center	617-635-5129
Yoga for Seniors	West Roxbury	BCYF Roche Community Center	617-635-5066
Zumba 50+	Jamaica Plain	BCYF Curtis Hall Community Center	617-635-5195
55+ Club	North End	BCYF Nazzaro Community Center	617-635-5166

Look out for upcoming issues of *Boston Seniority* magazine to find more events and programming that you can write down in your calendar! Email aging@boston.gov for a list of magazine pick-up locations.

How The Elderly Commission Can Help You

We are focused on setting the City's direction for successful aging. The Commission is dedicated to improving older Bostonians' lives by providing direct services and connecting you to important benefits and programs.



Housing:

The Elderly Commission works to ensure that older adults are able to find and maintain housing. We can:

- Assist with housing search, application, and court advocacy.
- Connect older adults with other City and community agencies that can provide resources for home repair and other challenging situations like hoarding.
- Provide mediation and court advocacy

Access to Information and Benefits:

Community Advocates connect seniors to a comprehensive array of resources, benefits, and information. We can:

- Assist with applications for public benefits like SNAP and LIHEAP.
- Ease the process of applying for, and receiving, Medicare benefits.
- Assist older adults access several tax relief exemptions and programs like the Elderly Exemption 41C, Senior Circuit Breaker Tax Credit and more
- Assist older adults with navigating systems including the aging network and city services.



Transportation:

We are committed to helping people continue to lead independent lives by connecting them to transportation resources. We offer:

- Free wheelchair-accessible shuttles that provide door-to-door service for non-emergency doctor's appointments. Call (617)-635-3000 for more information.
- Taxi Coupons at discounted rates.
- Senior Charlie Card application assistance.



Volunteer Opportunities:

We operate 4 volunteer programs in impact driven work across the city:

- *RŠVP* matches seniors with valuable volunteer opportunities in Boston.
- The *Senior Companion Program* matches seniors with homebound persons who need assistance.
- Senior Greeters volunteer their time to greet guests of City Hall.
- Senior Property Tax Work-Off Program: Qualified senior homeowners get the opportunity to work-off up to \$1,500 on their property tax bill by volunteering for a City agency.

Alzheimer's and Caregiver Support:

Know that you are not alone. We are here to support you. We:

- Host Memory Cafes, which are places where individuals experiencing memory loss and their caretakers can meet in a safe, social environment.
- Provide referrals and offer workshops, training, and support groups for those who are supporting an elderly loved one.

Outreach and Engagement:

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

Stay Connected with the Commission on Affairs of the Elderly:





Website: www.boston.gov/elderly



Facebook: @BostonElderlyCommission



Twitter: @AgingInBos







Boston's Winter Guide

Every winter, we need your help and cooperation to ensure that we are ready for the challenges that snow, ice, and freezing temperatures create on our roadways and in our neighborhoods. Please use these tips to help prepare for the winter!

STAY WARM AND SAFE

- Heating problems? First alert your landlord. If your landlord is unresponsive, call 311 to file a report and Inspectional Services will investigate.
- Units must be heated to:



- Need help paying for heat? Apply for Fuel Assistance (LIHEAP). Visit boston.gov/home-heating or call 617-357-6012.
- Never use your oven for heat. Space heaters can cause fires, so don't place them near curtains or things that can catch fire. Remember to turn them off before going to bed. Clear exhaust vents to avoid carbon monoxide poisoning, and check for working carbon monoxide and smoke detectors

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

ABCD Fuel Assistance: 617-357-6012	Elderly Commission: 617-635-4366	National Grid Gas: 800-322-3223
Boston Water & Sewer: 617-989-7000	Inspectional Services: 617-635-1010	Eversource: 800-592-2000
Consumer Complaints: 617-635-3834	MBTA: 617-222-3200	Tow Lot: 617-635-3900
DCR: 617-626-4973	MassDOT: 857-368-6111	Verizon: 800-837-4966

SIGN UP AND STAY **INFORMED**

To get news about snow emergencies:

- visit boston.gov/snow
- follow @CityofBoston, or
 register for alerts at boston.gov/alertboston

Call 3-1-1

Available 24/7 to assist with all <u>non-emergency</u> city services.

All emergencies should be reported to 911.



Download the App

2019 Calendar

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As we say goodbye to the past year and say hello to a new one, it is a time to reflect on the many achievements we have made together and look forward to all of the goals we will reach in 2018.

We believe in a Boston for everyone. It's the reason for our success. It's the goal we heard loud and clear from residents as we drafted Imagine Boston 2030, our first citywide plan in over half a century.

We're excited that our city's senior population is growing. We want older Bostonians to continue to thrive here. In 2018, we will continue to make progress on our goals from the Age-Friendly Action Plan, our City's blueprint to make Boston the best city to live and age in. With your support, we can make this another record year for Boston.

We want to make Boston the best city in the world for older adults because you shape our communities and instill values we continue to live by. I promise to carry this dedication into the New Year.

Sincerely,

- Mayor Martin J. Walsh

