# 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>.

#### 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**

**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 <u>tuftshealthplan.com/unify</u>.

#### **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 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 <u>this link</u>. 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 Scholanships

#### Scholarship Information Session

Want to learn more about attending Northeastern University for free? BHA public housing residents are encouraged to attend an information session on Wednesday December 13, from 5:00pm-6:30pm! Use <u>this link</u> to sign up.

### bha S Northeastern University

#### **BHA SCHOLARSHIP** INFORMATION SESSION

#### WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 13 5PM-6:30PM **ON ZOOM**

ARE YOU A RECENT HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE, HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR, OR ADULT LOOKING TO FINISH THEIR COLLEGE DEGREE?

AS A BHA PUBLIC HOUSING RESIDENT YOU CAN APPLY FOR A FULL TUITION SCHOLARSHIP TO NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY HERE IN BOSTON!



QUESTIONS? CONTACT (617) 988-4169 BHASCHOLARS@BOSTONHOUSING.ORG

.

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.



#### **Boston Scholarships and Financial Aid**

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

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

#### Estimated Annual Scholarship Amount The Boston Public High School Scholarship

High school seniors graduating from a Boston Public High School who are in the top 10 percent of their graduating class are eligible for this scholarship. Each high school may nominate up to two candidates for the award. Additional 10 \$74.310 andidates may also be identified through Northeastern's general application Full Tuition, Room and Bo Calculates into a solution to the interface unique real interaction is general application evaluation process. Applicants must have extensive engagement in their local school communities and a commitment to service within the city. If you believ you're a good candidate for this scholarship, please speak with your school counselor about the nomination process.

\$74.310 Estimated Annual Scholarship Amount

Estimated Annual Scholarship Amount \$56.500 Full Tuition

#### Estimated Annual Scholarship Amount Senior class valedictorians are eligible for the scholarship, with preference giv to students from the designated 35 traditional district and exam Boston Public High Schools. Students man study and be admitted as first-year (freshman) students to Northeastern's undergraduate day program. The Boston Housing Authority Scholarship First-year undergraduates, transfer students, and undergraduate College of Professional Studies students are eligible. Candidates must be residents wil a Boston Housing Authority Public Housing complex at time of admission. Scholarsange \$56,500 Full Tuition Professional Studies students and a Boston Housing Authority Public Housing complex at time or authority Interested? Email bhascholars@bostonhousing.org Northeastern Neighborhood Scholarship

Boston Public High School graduates from the 02115, 02118, 02119, 02120, 02130, and 02215 zip 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. Application Fee Waived: Northeastern University will waive the application fee for all applicat currently attending Boston Public High Schools.



DIGITAL EQUITY



#### at the MassTech Collaborative

#### Public Comment Period: Massachusetts Internet for All Plan

Over the last six months, MBI has been on a mission to hear from residents across the state about their experiences accessing and using the internet. MBI has now developed a strategic plan to guide the investment of millions of federal dollars to close the digital divide and ensure universal broadband availability across the Commonwealth. To ensure they got it right they are receiving **public comments** from now until December 15, 2023! Find the executive summary for the Internet for All Plan here and submit comments to MBI.

#### 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 application here or request a paper copy from rec@bostonhousing.org.



#### Verizon Fios Home Internet

or Visit fcc.gov/ACP

FC

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



Superfast Fios Home Internet-free.

#### 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



verizon.com/internetsavings

Contact your local Fios Rep at:

Rodolfo Ibarra 978.440.0027 Rodolfo.lbarra@v-rep.com

#### **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 <u>click here</u>.



Internet Essentials from Comcast

Internet Essentials from Cor affordable, high-speed Internet to your he so you can have greater access to homework ob opportunities, healthcare and benefits es, and more. WI d, you're ready for anyth



Are eligible for public as programs like the Natio SNAP, SSL a

You may qualify if you:

e no outstanding debt to 0 is less than one year old.

#### Low-cost computer

\$149.99 . Tax

In-Home WiFi Included

#### Xfinity WiFi hotspots

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.

click the flyer to the left.



**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>.



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

#### **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-wastecollection

#### **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: <u>https://www.boston.gov/departments/growboston</u>

#### **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: <u>https://www.boston.gov/departments/black-male-advancement</u>

#### 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: <u>https://www.boston.gov/departments/womens-advancement</u>

#### **Partner Programs**



#### **Tenant Talk Live Calls/Webinars**

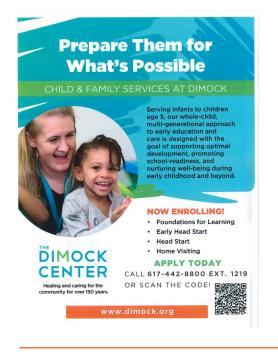
Tenant Talk Live calls/webinars provide opportunities for residents to connect with NLIHC and one another, to share best practices, and to **learn how to be more involved in influencing federal housing policies and to lead in their communities**. Normally held once a month, Tenant Talk Live is now being offered more frequently to inform and learn from resident and tenant leaders are organizing throughout the country. Sign up for the next discussion on **December 4 or December 18** <u>here</u>!

#### **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 <u>thefoodproject.org/bag</u> and apply today!





#### **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 **empathways.org** to learn more.





#### WHAT IS BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS?

• A FREE and SAFE mentoring program for kids 7-12. HIGB 7-12. All mentors are background and reference checked and approved by YOU before meeting with your child. A mentor meets with your child 2-3 times a month in your community for fun and commission thicks. engaging activities.

SIGN UP Scan the QR code!



CONTACT:

bigs.org or 617-

ROber@e 956-0282

#### **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



Students between 12 and 18 are invited to apply for Brookview's TEACH Program, an interactive workshop series throughout the 2023-2024 academic year. The program is designed to educate and empower teens to make positive impacts in a community that is struggling with Substance Use Disorder (SUD). Find more information about the program and program locations in the <u>information packet</u> and apply <u>online</u>!

#### **ICA Youth Programs**

Join one of the school-year-length programs at the Institute for Contemporary Art Boston (ICA) to get paid to create, connect, and grow.

**Teen Arts Council (TAC):** learn more and apply <u>here</u> by December 1st.

**Teen Exhibitions Program (TEP):** learn more and apply <u>here</u> by December 1st.

## FA CONTRACTOR

#### Caminos College and Career Pathways Program

Through his program recent graduates, 11th and 12th can receive one-on-one coaching, peerled workshops, networking opportunities, and culturallyrelevant education opportunities to support them as they take the next steps after high school. Learn more and apply <u>here</u>!

JOIN HYDE SQUARE TASK FORCE'S COLLEGE & CAREER PATHWAYS PROGRAM





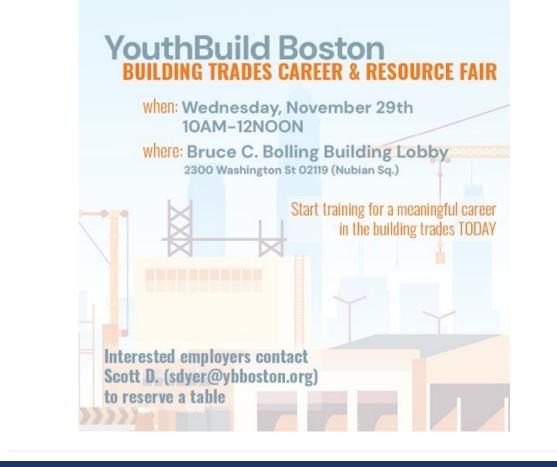
Caminos is a community where participants hold each other up as they set goals and bring them into action. The program will connect participants with people and culturally relevant experiences to support them as they take their next steps after high school.

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



Visit: HydeSquare.org (take a pic to access Follow us on Social Media @HydeSquareTF For more information, contact 617-524-8303 or Brittney@hydesquare.org.





#### **Professional Development**

#### **Community Health Worker Job Opportunity**

The Community Care Transitions (C-CAT) Initiative is seeking a Community Health Worker to be an integral member of an interdisciplinary home health care management team. Find a full job description <u>here</u> or contact **Dr. Jocelyn Carter, MD, MPH <u>Jcartero@partners.org</u> for inquiries or questions about the position.** 

#### 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



#### The Teaching Kitchen

Do you enjoy cooking and want**FREE** 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 start **December 11th and January 29th** or 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!

Career Center at **75 Federal Street**, **3rd Floor, Boston, MA 02110**.

#### LOOKING FOR A FRESH START? Interested in learning how to work in a professional kitchen? Our 12-week, hands-on program includes: · An understanding + supportive environment Chef-led kitchen + classroom instruction Training for the ServSafe® certification exam · Real work experience Job readiness classes · Resume + job placement assistance for one year he best part? You'll help us make meals for neighbors in need while learning to work in a professional kitchen **NEW CLASSES STARTING EVERY 6-8 WEEKS** Some applicants may qualify to earn an hourly wage while learning! SERVINGS

#### 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



#### Intro to Web <u>Dev Wint</u>er 23'



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>!

#### BEST Hospitality Apprenticeship Programs

Start a career in hotels with BEST Hospitality Training Programs. The next classes begin **January 8, 2024** for 6 weeks Monday-Friday 9am-2pm. For more information visit their <u>website</u> or click the flyer.



#### 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</u> <u>Careers program</u> is additionally available for recent graduates to kickstart a career!





Building Pathways is offering a free 200+ hour career exploration program with hands on exposure to the trades. <u>Visit their website here</u> 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.



Contact Us



Boston Housing Authority | 52 Chauncy Street, 2nd Floor, Boston, MA 02111

Unsubscribe kevin.schworm@bostonhousing.org Update Profile |Constant Contact Data Notice Sent byrec@bostonhousing.orgpowered by



Try email marketing for free today!