



City of Boston
Parks and Recreation

Mayor Michelle Wu and the
Boston Parks and Recreation Department present the

SUMMER GUIDE 2023



WORKSHOPS



CONCERTS & MOVIES



RECREATION

Park it with us this summer!

Enjoy free concerts, movies, workshops, sports, and recreation

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Dear Friends,

I am thrilled to welcome you to another exciting summer of free activities in Boston's parks! The pages of this guide are filled with a diverse array of workshops, sports camps, arts and crafts, and outdoor entertainment for all ages to enjoy.



Along with our partner Berklee College of Music, we're bringing the energy of the Tito Puente Latin Music Series to East Boston, Jamaica Plain, Mission Hill, and the South End. The Citywide Neighborhood Concerts present a variety of sounds in ten city parks, while the Golf Course Summer Concert Series hosts evening entertainment at our golf course clubhouses in Dorchester and Hyde Park.

For those looking for health and wellness programming, we offer our Summer Fitness Series for adults along with pickleball, basketball, and softball leagues. Meanwhile, children can attend Summer Sports Centers – a free, drop-off camp experience—five days a week from July through August in Dorchester, East Boston, Mattapan, and South Boston.

Our popular ParkARTS workshops, paint nights, and watercolor painting classes for artists of all skill levels are perfect for those who enjoy arts and crafts. In addition, we have outdoor movie nights, puppet shows, and more to round out the offerings, all free to Boston residents.

These programs would not be possible without the support of our partners Bank of America, Berklee College of Music, H.P. Hood, and College Hunks Hauling Junk & Moving.

Whether you are attending an arts and crafts workshop at the tot lot down the street or cooling off with us at the opening of the Boston Common spray pool, we invite you to join us for a summer of fun in our City parks.

See you in the parks!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michelle Wu".

Mayor Michelle Wu



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Citywide Neighborhood CONCERTS

Neighborhood Concerts are presented by Bank of America with support from Berklee College of Music and College Hunks Hauling Junk & Moving.

Monday, July 10, 7:00 p.m.

Billings Field, West Roxbury

Living on a Bad Name
(Bon Jovi Tribute)

Tuesday, July 11, 7:00 p.m.

Oak Square Common, Brighton

JP Sax Quartet

Wednesday, July 12, 6:30 p.m.

Rain Date: July 19

Ramler Park, Fenway

Swingin' in the Fens featuring
Jelani Bauman

Monday, July 17, 7:00 p.m.

Fallon Field, Roslindale

Divas with a Twist

Monday, July 24, 7:00 p.m.

Jamaica Pond - Pinebank,

Jamaica Plain

Northeast Groove

Wednesday, July 26, 7:00 p.m.

Blackstone Square, South End

Conscious Reggae

Monday, July 31, 6:30 p.m.

Hunt Almont Park, Mattapan

National Night Out - Conscious
Reggae

Wednesday, August 2, 7:00 p.m.

Dorchester Park, Dorchester

River of Dreams

(Billy Joel Tribute)

Sunday, August 6, 5:00 p.m.

Highland Park, Roxbury

Jazz at the Fort featuring

Tim Hall: Trust the Process

Wednesday, August 9, 7:00 p.m.

Medal of Honor Park (M Street Park),

South Boston

Be Kind Rewind 90s



Tito Puente Latin

MUSIC SERIES

Created in honor of Latin music icon Tito Puente, the series celebrates 16 years of bringing live Latin music with a strong salsa influence to Boston parks. This series is sponsored in part by Berklee College of Music and Inquilinos Boricuas en Acción. Free salsa lessons led by MetaMovements at select concerts.

Thursday, July 6, 7:00 p.m.
O'Day Playground, South End
 La Seleccion

Thursday, July 13, 7:00 p.m.
O'Day Playground, South End
 Pura Vida

Thursday, July 20, 7:00 p.m.
LoPresti Park, East Boston
 The Timba Messengers

Thursday, July 27, 7:00 p.m.
Mission Hill Playground,
Mission Hill
 Clave and Blues

Thursday, August 3, 7:00 p.m.
Mozart Street Playground,
Jamaica Plain
 Jonathan Suazo

Thursday, August 10, 7:00 p.m.
Boston Common (Tremont Street)
 Tito Puente Jr with Edwin Pabon

Mayor Wu's MOVIE NIGHTS

Join us for movies under the stars in Boston parks. This series is presented by Bank of America with additional support by College Hunks Hauling Junk & Moving, and in partnership with the Mayor's Office of Tourism, Sports and Entertainment. All shows start at dusk (approximately 8:00 p.m.).

Tuesday, August 8
Moakley Park, South Boston
 Minions: The Rise of Gru

Friday, August 11
Hynes Playground, West Roxbury
 Meteor Shower Program
 Lightyear

Monday, August 14
Horatio Harris Park, Roxbury
 Black Panther: Wakanda Forever

Tuesday, August 15
Ringer Playground, Allston
 Marcel the Shell with Shoes On

Wednesday, August 16
Hannon Playground, Dorchester
 DC League of Super Pets

Monday, August 21
Noyes Playground, East Boston
 Vivo

Tuesday, August 22
Peters Park, South End
 Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile

Wednesday, August 23
Healy Playground, Roslindale
 Spiderman: No Way Home

Monday, August 28
Iacono Playground, Hyde Park
 DC League of Super Pets

Tuesday, August 29
Winthrop Square (Training Field)
Charlestown
 The Bad Guys

Friday, September 1
Boston Common Parade Ground,
Back Bay/Beacon Hill
 The Super Mario Brothers Movie



Parkarts

MARIONETTE PUPPETS

July - August, 11:00 a.m.

Experience the charm of Rosalita's Marionette Puppets, whimsical puppet shows that will delight the child in everyone. Performances are scheduled during select ParkARTS Arts & Crafts Workshops.

Sponsored by Bank of America.

Thursday, July 13

Fallon Field, Roslindale

Friday, July 21

Ringer Playground, Allston

Friday, July 14

**Mozart Street Park,
Jamaica Plain**

Thursday, August 3

Hayes Park, South End

Thursday, July 20

Walker Playground, Mattapan

Friday, August 4

Peter Looney Park, Charlestown

Golf Course

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

July - August

Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m.

Enjoy live music on summer nights at the William Devine Golf Clubhouse at 1 Circuit Drive in Dorchester and the George Wright Golf Clubhouse at 420 West Street in Hyde Park. Sponsored by Bank of America.

Wednesday, July 12

William J. Devine Golf Clubhouse
Kaliloops

Wednesday, July 19

George Wright Golf Clubhouse
Jon Hollywood

Wednesday, July 26

William J. Devine Golf Clubhouse
Toussaint the Liberator

Wednesday, August 2

George Wright Golf Clubhouse
Grayson Ty

Wednesday, August 9

William J. Devine Golf Clubhouse
Jon Hollywood

Wednesday, August 16

George Wright Golf Clubhouse
It's a J Thing!

Thursday, August 24

George Wright Golf Clubhouse
Maddi Ryan



Summer in **BOSTON**

DONNA SUMMER DISCO PARTY

June 16, 6-9 p.m.

City Hall Plaza

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

July 4, 9:00 a.m.

City Hall Plaza, Old State House, Faneuil Hall

GOSPELFEST CONCERT

July 30, 5-9 p.m.

The Lawn on D

FRIDAY AFTERNOON CONCERT SERIES

July & August, Fridays, 12:00 p.m.

Sam Adams Park (Faneuil Hall)

SUMMER DANCE PARTY SERIES

Select Thursdays and Fridays, 5:00 p.m.

City Hall Plaza

MAYOR'S MOVIE NIGHTS

August, Select dates, Dusk

See page 2 for full list

Mayor's Office of Tourism, Sports, and Entertainment

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PAINT NIGHTS

Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Enjoy a night out with friends and family and create your own masterpiece! This program allows attendees of any skill level to recreate beautiful paintings by following guided step-by-step instructions from a local artist. Classes are limited and registration is required. Sponsored by Bank of America.

Wednesday, June 7
George Wright Golf Course

Wednesday, June 14
William J. Devine Golf Course

Wednesday, June 21
George Wright Golf Course

Wednesday, June 28
William J. Devine Golf Course



Watercolor Painting WORKSHOPS

Saturdays and Sundays, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

The Watercolor Painting Workshops enable artists of all skill levels to create their own greenspace-inspired masterpieces. Tips and techniques are provided by an instructor. Sponsored by Bank of America.

Saturday, September 9
LoPresti Park, East Boston

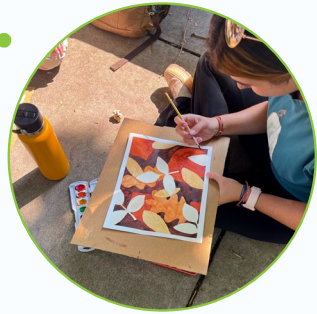
Sunday, September 10
Winthrop Square, Charlestown

Saturday, September 16
Boston Public Garden
(Near the lagoon)

Sunday, September 17
James P. Kelleher Rose Garden,
Fenway

Saturday, September 23
Jamaica Pond Boathouse,
Jamaica Plain

Sunday, September 24
Ringgold Park, South End



Arts & Crafts

WORKSHOPS

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

This series of arts and crafts workshops is perfect for children ages 3-10. Local artists will lead take-home craft projects, all materials are provided. For groups of 8 or more, registration is required. Sponsored by Bank of America.

Please email shannon.murphy2@boston.gov to register. All workshops will be held in the playground area unless otherwise noted.

Tuesdays, July 11 & 18

**Marcella Playground, Roxbury
Harambee Park, Dorchester**

Wednesdays, July 5, 12, & 19

**Iacono Playground, Hyde Park
Hynes Field, West Roxbury**

Thursdays, July 6, 13, & 20

**Fallon Field, Roslindale
Walker Playground, Mattapan**

Fridays, July 7, 14, & 21

**Mozart Street Playground,
Jamaica Plain
Ringer Playground, Allston**

Tuesdays, July 25, August 1 & 8

**LoPresti Park, East Boston
Langone Park, Puopolo Playground,
North End**

Wednesdays, July 26, August 2 & 9

**Myrtle Street Playground,
Beacon Hill
Gertrude Howes Playground,
Roxbury**

Thursday, July 27, August 3 & 10

**Medal of Honor Park, South Boston
Hayes Park, South End**

Friday, July 28, August 4 & 11

**Peter Looney Park, Charlestown
Ryan Playground, Dorchester**



Frog Pond

SPRAY POOL OPENING

Tuesday, June 27, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Frog Pond, Boston Common

Celebrate a wet festive tradition at our annual summer kick-off event. Count down with us as the giant spray flume is activated for the season and children hop into the Frog Pond. Families will enjoy giveaways, games, refreshments, and more. Presented by the Skating Club of Boston and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department. Sponsored by Bank of America with support by H.P. Hood LLC and College Hunks Hauling Junk & Moving.



Children's

SUMMER FESTIVAL

Tuesday, August 15, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Franklin Park Playstead, Dorchester

The Children's Festival features performing arts, take-home art projects, face painting, and much more. Presented by the Boston Parks and Recreation Department and sponsored by Bank of America with support from H.P. Hood LLC and College Hunks Hauling Junk & Moving.

Boston Parks

SUMMER FITNESS SERIES

Free fitness classes in neighborhood parks. Presented in partnership with the Boston Parks and Recreation Department and the Boston Public Health Commission. Sponsored by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts. Classes start May 7 and end September 2. **For full details and schedules, visit boston.gov/fitness, or call (617) 961-3047 or (617) 534-2355.**

Classes include:

- Afrobeat Cardio
- Beginner Salsa
- Chair Yoga
- Dance Fit
- Family Zumba
- HIIT
- Kick It by Eliza
- Line Dancing
- POUND Fitness
- Strength & Conditioning
- Tai Chi
- Total Body Burn
- Yoga
- Zumba



OUT OF THE PARK

Sunday, July 16, 12:30 p.m.

Boston Common

In partnership with the Boston Red Sox and the Highland Street Foundation, our annual Out of the Park event transforms a busy corner of the Boston Common into Fenway Park. While a Red Sox game is presented live on a big screen, we recreate the excitement of Fenway with free food, games, and fun activities for the entire family. **For more information contact Highland Street Foundation at (617) 969-8900.**

SPORTS CENTERS

Our Sports Centers offer free summer camp alternatives to Boston youth. Each location offers instruction in several popular sports from July 5 through August 18. All Sports Centers are offered free of charge to Boston residents and open to boys and girls ages 7 to 14. Parents may register their children for just one week or the entire summer. **Visit boston.gov/sports to register.**

East Boston Sports Center

July 5 - August 18

Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

East Boston Memorial Stadium, East Boston

Contact: Damien Margardo (617) 961-3083 or damien.margardo@boston.gov

Garvey Park Sports Center

July 5 - August 18

Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Garvey Park, Dorchester

Contact: Charlie Conners (617) 961-3093 or charles.conners@boston.gov

Hunt-Almont Park Sports Center

July 5 - August 18

Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Hunt-Almont Park, Mattapan

Contact: Woodley Auguste (617) 961-3084 or woodley.auguste@boston.gov

Ronan Park Sports Center

July 5 - August 18

Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Ronan Park, Dorchester

Contact: Mavrick Afonso (617) 961-3039 or mavrick.afonso@boston.gov

White Stadium Sports Center

July 5 - August 18

Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

White Stadium, Franklin Park, Jamaica Plain

Contact: Woodley Auguste (617) 961-3084 or woodley.auguste@boston.gov



Boston Citywide Baseball League

July 5 - August 12

Monday - Friday, 5:30 p.m.

Moakley Park, South Boston

Ages: 7 - 12

Contact: Charlie Conners (617) 961-3093 or charles.conners@boston.gov

Mayor's Cup Baseball Tournament

July 12 - 16

Moakley Park, South Boston

McConnell Park, Dorchester

Ages: 9 - 10

Contact: Charlie Conners (617) 961-3093 or charles.conners@boston.gov

July 19 - 23

Parkway Little League, West Roxbury

McConnell Park, Dorchester

Ages: 11 - 12

Boston Neighborhood Basketball League

July 5 - August 22

Monday - Friday, 5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Citywide

Ages: 6 - 18

Contact: Charlie Conners (617) 961-3093 or charles.conners@boston.gov



Boston Adult Pickleball

July 5 - August 31

Monday - Sunday

Various times and locations

Ages: 18 and up

Contact: Mavrick Afonso (617) 961-3039 or mavrick.afonso@boston.gov

Women's Basketball League

June - August

Wednesdays, 5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Hemenway Park, Dorchester

Ages: 18 and up

Teams must pre-register by May 21

Contact: Charlie Conners (617) 961-3093 or charles.conners@boston.gov

Men's Basketball League

June - August

Monday - Friday, 5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Hemenway Park & Garvey Park, Dorchester

Ages: 18 and up

Teams must pre-register by May 21

Contact: Charlie Conners (617) 961-3093 or charles.conners@boston.gov



Men's Modified Softball League

May - August

Weeknights, 6:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Hemenway Park, Dorchester

Ages: 18 and up

Teams must pre-register by April 30

Contact: Charlie Conners (617) 961-3093 or charles.conners@boston.gov

George Wright Junior Golf Daily Lessons

July 11 - August 17

Tuesday - Thursday, 9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. sessions

George Wright Golf Course, Hyde Park

Ages: 7 - 14

Contact: Jennifer Misiaszek (617) 961-3047 or jennifer.misiaszek@boston.gov

Franklin Park Junior Golf Daily Lessons

July 10 - August 24

Monday - Thursday, 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. sessions

William J. Devine Golf Course, Dorchester

Ages: 7 - 14

Contact: Jennifer Misiaszek (617) 961-3047 or jennifer.misiaszek@boston.gov



Youth Lacrosse Clinics

July 5 - August 18, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Offered exclusively at Boston Parks and Recreation Sports Centers

Ages: 8 - 14

Contact: Woodley Auguste (617) 961-3084 or woodley.auguste@boston.gov

Willie O'Ree Street Hockey Clinics

July 5 - August 18

Various Locations

Ages: 12 & Under

Contact: Damien Margardo (617) 961-3083 or damien.margardo@boston.gov



Boston Neighborhood Soccer Clinics (BNSC)

July 5 - August 18

Monday - Friday

Offered exclusively at Boston Parks and Recreation Sports Centers

Ages: 7 - 14

Contact: Woodley Auguste (617) 961-3084 or woodley.auguste@boston.gov

Boston Neighborhood Soccer League (BNSL) High School Division

July 11 - August 11, 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Tuesdays and Thursdays

Madison Park High School

Ages: Boys and Girls in grades 9 - 12

The BNSL High School Division is a 7 v 7 soccer league.

Contact: Woodley Auguste (617) 961-3084 or woodley.auguste@boston.gov

Mayor's Cup Softball Tournament

July 7 - 9: Ages 18U & 14U

July 14 - 16: Ages 12U & 10U

Carter Playground, South End

Contact: Jennifer Misiaszek (617) 961-3047 or jennifer.misiaszek@Boston.gov

Mayor's Cup Tennis Tournament

August 7 - August 11

Carter Playground, South End

Ages: 7 - 18

Contact: Mavrick Afonso (617) 961-3039 or mavrick.afonso@boston.gov

Tenacity

Tuesday, July 5 - Friday, August 11

Various Locations

Ages: 7 -14

Register at Tenacity.org

Contact: Mavrick Afonso (617) 961-3039 or mavrick.afonso@boston.gov

or Matthew Johnstone (617) 562-0900 or matthewjohnstone@tenacity.org



Emerald Necklace Conservancy

Guided Park Tours of the Back Bay Fens

Thursday, June 29, 5:30 p.m.

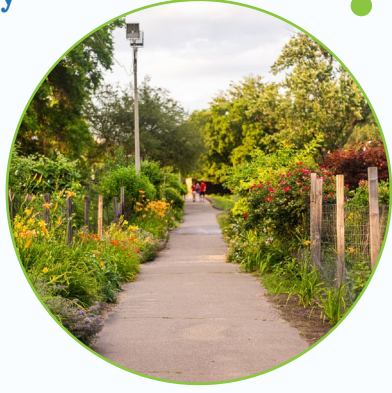
Evening Garden stroll

Saturday, July 15, 10:00 a.m.

Historic Treasures of the Back Bay Fens

Sunday, August 27, 10:00 a.m.

Historic Treasures of the Back Bay Fens



Olmsted Summer Sundays with a Visiting Park Ranger

Every Sunday, July - August, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

(In partnership with Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site)

All these events are based out of the Conservancy's Shattuck Visitor Center at 125 The Fenway. Learn more about these and additional ENC events at:

www.emeraldnecklace.org/calendar/



Friends of Symphony Park

Sunset Concerts at Symphony Park

July 12, 19, 26, & August 2, 6:00 p.m.

Symphony Park, Fenway-Kenmore

This series is presented by the Fenway Civic Association and the Friends of Symphony Park in collaboration with Berklee College of Music. The concerts are free and open to the public. Fair weather only.

Franklin Park Coalition

Elma Lewis Playhouse in the Park

The Playstead, Franklin Park, Dorchester

July 11, 6:00 p.m.

World Premier

August 1, 6:00 p.m.

Glen Washington, Roots Alley and Safiya

July 18, 6:00 p.m.

Athene Wilson

August 8, 6:00 p.m.

E-Water Band

July 25, 6:00 p.m.

Perfect Example

August 15, 6:00 p.m.

National Recording Artist TBD

*Organized by the Franklin Park Coalition, with support from the Boston Parks and Recreation Department, Playhouse in the Park is a beloved Franklin Park institution with free performances from local artists for all ages every Tuesday from July 11 - August 15. Concerts begin at 6:00 p.m. Bring your lawn chair and a picnic supper or buy from food trucks. **For more information, visit www.franklinparkcoalition.org.***

Harvard Ed Portal

Concerts in the Common

Wednesdays, 4:30 p.m.

June 14, July 12, August 9, September 13, & October 11

Brighton Common, Brighton

Sing and dance outdoors at family-friendly performances at the Brighton Farmers Market! These free monthly concerts present an eclectic mix of live music, dance, storytelling, and demonstrations. Past performers have included local and regional artists playing children's music, Gypsy, jazz, Celtic, blues, rock, acapella, indie folk, African world music, and more! All events are free, weather permitting, and open to the public.

Friends of Christopher Columbus Park

The Friends of Christopher Columbus Park have fantastic events scheduled for 2023. Please mark your calendars and plan to join your friends and neighbors in the park for fun! **For more information about these events, please email info@foccp.org or visit www.foccp.org.**

Post Independence Day Celebration

Saturday, July 8, 12:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Crafts, games, magician and lots of other entertainment for children. Free and open to all.

Summer Sunday Movie Nights

July 16, 8:30 p.m.

Midnight in Paris

July 23, 8:30 p.m.

Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby

July 30, 8:20 p.m.

The Secret Life of Bees

August 6, 8:15 p.m.

Ghost (1990)

August 13, 8:00 p.m.

Star Wars: The Empire Strikes Back

August 20, 7:50 p.m.

Glass Onion: A Knives Out Mystery



Boston Parks Artist in Residence

It St(Arts) in the Park

Celebrate public art, music, and dance with Artist-in-Residence StiggityStackz featuring dance classes, performances, live music, and food.

Friday, June 16, 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Mary Hannon Park

Saturday, June 24, 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Mary Hannon Park

Friday, June 30, 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Mary Hannon Park



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MAYOR MICHELLE WU'S GARDEN CONTEST

A citywide celebration of urban gardening

ENTRY DEADLINE - WEDNESDAY, JULY 12

Garden Categories:

Container or Porch/Deck Garden

Shade Garden

Small Yard Garden (250 sq. ft. or less)

Medium Yard Garden (250 to 500 sq. ft.)

Large Yard Garden (larger than 500 sq. ft.)

Community Garden

Vegetable or Herb Garden

Senior Garden Category (65+)

Storefront, Organization, or Main Street District Garden



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