# Boston's Age Strong Commission Weekly Digest

October 11-17, 2021 Information & opportunities for Boston's older adults

## Let Boston's Age Strong Commission Help You with Benefits

The annual Medicare Open Enrollment period starts October 15 & runs through December 7. This is the time you can compare & change plans to make sure you get the best coverage at the least cost.



Age Strong advocates can help Boston's older adults apply for benefits including SNAP (supplemental nutrition assistance program, formerly food stamps), fuel assistance (in partnership with ABCD), & Seniors Save program that replaces furnaces for older adults.

Reach out to Age Strong at 617-635-4366 for help with your Medicare or to find out what benefits YOU may qualify for!

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## BECOME AN AGE STRONG RSVP VOLUNTEER!

Are you interested in serving your community in a way that suits your schedule, skills, and interest? Serve as an AmeriCorps Seniors volunteer in our RSVP program. AmeriCorps Senior volunteers report better health & longevity having served their neighbors & community.

- Provide in-person or virtual companionship to homebound & frail older adults
- Support adult ESL in conversation sessions, one-on-one, or in ESL classes
- Provide the gift of respite to a caregiver in need of a break
- Prepare tax returns for older Bostonians
- Become a 'bus buddy' by teaching older adults how to navigate public transportation
- Facilitate opioid prevention & education workshops
- Facilitate financial wellness & scam prevention workshops

### To sign up, contact

Age Strong at 617-635-4366 or email agestrong@boston.gov.





## MONDAY, OCTOBER 11

<u>9:30am</u> *Age Strong Commission Virtual Chair Yoga* Click <u>here</u> to attend via Zoom.

## **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12**

<u>9:30am</u> BPL: Virtual: Career Skills: Effective Communication Click <u>here</u> to register & for more information.

<u>11am-6pm</u> **Copley Square Farmers Market** 139 St. James Avenue, Copley Square Click <u>here</u> for more information.

<u>11:30am</u> **Age Strong Commission Virtual Zumba** Click <u>here</u> to attend via Zoom.

<u>12noon-1pm</u> *Tuesday Tunes on The Greenway: AfroDesiaCity* Dewey Square, Atlantic Ave/Summer Street

Click <u>here</u> for more information.

<u>6pm</u>

**Parks Fitness: Salsa with MetaMovements** O'Day Playground 75 West Newton Street, South End For more information, click <u>here</u>.

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13

<u>10am</u>

Parks Fitness: Chair Yoga with Karma Symphony Park 39 Edgerly Road, Fenway/Kenmore For more information, click <u>here</u>.

<u>11am</u> Virtual: Workforce Development: Interview Basics Workshop Click <u>here</u> to register & for more information.

<u>11:30am</u> *Age Strong Commission Virtual Yoga* Click <u>here</u> to join via Zoom.

<u>12noon-1pm</u> *Wandering Wednesdays with Boston Music Project* Rose Kennedy Greenway, Pearl Street/Atlantic Avenue Click <u>here</u> for more information.

<u>2-6:30pm</u> **Allston Farmers Market** Brighton Common 30 Chestnut Hill Ave, Brighton Click <u>here</u> for more information.

#### <u>2-6:30pm</u>

#### **Charlestown Farmers Market**

Main & Austin Streets, Charlestown Click <u>here</u> for more information.

#### <u>3pm</u>

#### BPL: Virtual: Shelf Service Live Personalized Reading Recommendations from BPL Librarians

Click <u>here</u> to register & for more information.

#### <u>3-6:30pm</u>

#### East Boston Farmers Market

1 P William C Kelly Square, East Boston Click <u>here</u> for more information.

#### <u>6pm</u>

#### Parks Fitness: Line Dancing with Rhythm Riders

Franklin Park (Refectory Hill) 1 Circuit Drive, Dorchester For more information, click <u>here</u>.

## **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14**

#### <u>7am</u>

#### Parks Fitness: Tai Chi with Joseph

Elliot Norton Park 295 Tremont Street, South End For more information, click <u>here</u>.

#### <u>11am</u>

### **Parks Fitness: Virtual Chair Yoga with Ivor** For more information & to register, click <u>here</u>.



<u>11am-4pm</u> **Dewey Square Farmers Market** 700 Atlantic Avenue, South Boston Click <u>here</u> for more information.

#### <u>12noon-1pm</u>

#### Takeout Thursdays on The Greenway with Berklee College of Music

Dewey Square Park, Atlantic Ave/Summer St. Click <u>here</u> for more information.

#### <u>2pm</u>

#### **BPL: Virtual: Chair Yoga for Older Adults** Click here to register & for more information.

#### <u>2-6pm</u>

#### Seaport Farmers Market

Sea Green Park 21 Stillings Street, South Boston Click <u>here</u> for more information.

### <u>3-6pm</u> Blue Hills Farmstand

162 Blue Hills Avenue, Dorchester Click <u>here</u> for more information.



<u>5-8pm</u> Salsa Dance Party Celebrating Hispanic Heritage City Hall Plaza, Outdoors

Click <u>here</u> for more information.

#### <u>5:30pm</u>

City Winery on The Greenway Movie Night: "The Nightmare Before Christmas" Click here for more information.

<u>Zpm</u> BPL: Virtual: Kanopy Club "Loving Vincent" Watch the film on Kanopy then a Zoom discussion. Click <u>here</u> to register & for more information.

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15

<u>9:30am</u> BPL: Virtual: Career Skills: Loneliness while Job Searching Click <u>here</u> to register & for more information.

<u>10am-12noon</u> BPL: Virtual: Virtual Drop-in Office Hours: Legal Services Center Click <u>here</u> to register & for more information.

<u>11am-6pm</u> **Copley Square Farmers Market** 139 St. James Avenue, Copley Square Click <u>here</u> for more information.

<u>11:30am</u> *Age Strong Commission Virtual Meditation* Click <u>here</u> to join via Zoom.

<u>10am-12noon</u> **Ashmont Farmers Market** 1900 Dorchester Avenue, Dorchester Click here for more information.

# "Life is about enjoying yourself and having a good time." -Cher

## **TAXI COUPONS FOR SALE!**

Discounted taxi coupons are available for Boston residents age 65+ & persons with disabilities. Coupons can be used in taxis licensed by the City of Boston.

Please show an ID showing your Boston residency. Each coupon book costs \$5 (worth \$10), please pay with cash. Coupons don't expire. For a limited time, each resident may buy 4 coupons/month.

Coupons are available at the Age Strong Commission Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm, 1 City Hall Square, Room 271 Boston as well as various sites.

Click here to view the list of sites or call 617-635-4366.





#### **Boston's Municipal Election**

Tuesday, November 2, 2021 Choose Boston's next Mayor & City Councilors

**Register to vote by October 13 online, by mail, or in-person.** Click <u>here</u> for more information.

Vote early in Boston starting October 23, by mail or in-person. Click <u>here</u> for more information.



#### List of licensed Boston taxi companies:

- Top Cab: 617-266-4800
- Boston Cab Assoc.: 617-536-3200
- I.T.O.A. Cab Assoc. 617-825-4000
- City Cab Assoc.: 617-536-5100
- Metro Cab Assoc.: 617-782-5500
- Tunnel Taxi: 617-567-2700
- 617TaxiCab Inc: 617-829-4222

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16

<u>9am-1:30pm</u> **Roslindale Farmers Market** Adams Park 4225 Washington Street, Roslindale Click <u>here</u> for more information.

<u>9am-12noon</u> *Fields Corner Farmers Market* 500 Geneva Avenue, Dorchester Click <u>here</u> for more information.

#### <u>10am</u>

# Parks Fitness: Restorative Yoga with Born Bi-Kim

Marcella Playground 260 Highland Street, Roxbury For more information, click here.

#### <u>10am-4pm</u>

#### **Chinatown Farmers Market**

Rose Kennedy Greenway, Chinatown Click <u>here</u> for more information.

#### <u>11am-2pm</u>

**Codman Square Farmers Market** 360 Talbot Avenue, Dorchester Click <u>here</u> for more information.

#### <u>11am-6pm</u>

**The Greenway Artisan Market** Atlantic Avenue/State Street Click <u>here</u> for more information.

#### <u>3pm</u>

Celebrity Series of Boston Presents Charles Overton Group

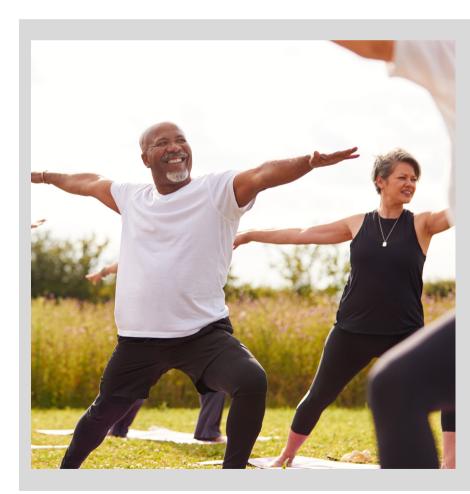
Salvation Army Kroc Center 650 Dudley Street, Dorchester Click <u>here</u> for more information.

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17

<u>11am-3pm</u>

SOWA Farmer's Market

500 Harrison Avenue, South End For more information, click <u>here</u>.



## BOSTON SENIOR CENTERS!

Please contact each center as in-person hours & programs may be in flux due to Covid protocols.

### La Alianza Hispana, Aliancianos Senior Center

1000 Massachusetts Avenue, Suite 101, Roxbury 617-427-7175

### Inquilinos Boricuas en Accion, IBA

405 Shawmut Avenue, South End 617-535-1753

ABCD North End/West End Neighborhood Service Center 1 Michelangelo Street, North End 617-523-8125

#### ABCD Mattapan Family Service Center

535 River Street, Mattapan 617-298-2045

Boston Center for Youth & Families Grove Hall

51 Geneva Ave Dorchester 617-635-1484

Boston Center for Youth & Families Golden Age Center 382 Main Street, Charlestown 617-635-5175 **Veronica B. Smith Senior Center** 20 Chestnut Hill Avenue, Brighton 617-635-6120

**Greater Boston Chinese Golden Age Center Brighton House** 677 Cambridge Street, Brighton 617-789-4289

Greater Boston Chinese Golden Age Center Quincy Towers 5 Oak Street West, Chinatown 617-423-7560

#### **Salvation Army Kroc Center**

650 Dudley Street, Dorchester 617-318-6939

#### VietAID

42 Charles Street, Dorchester 617-822-3717

**Operation PEACE Peterborough Senior Center** 42 Peterborough Street, Fenway

617-536-7154

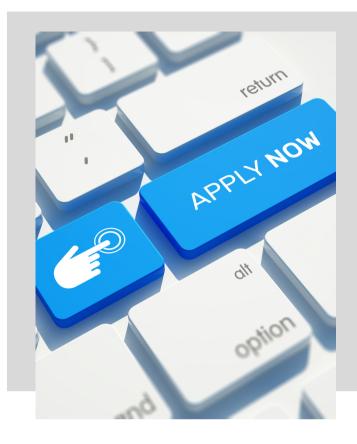
**The Kennedy Center** 55 Bunker Hill Street, Charlestown 617-241-8866

**East Boston Social Center** 68 Central Square, East Boston 617-569-3221

**South Boston Neighborhood House** 136 H Street South Boston 617-268-1619

## GET HELP PAYING FOR YOUR HEATING FUEL

The Age Strong Commission works with ABCD (Action for Boston Community Development) to help qualifying older adults pay your winter heating bill. The program is available to homeowners & renters even if you live in non-subsidized housing with heat included in your rent. Age Strong can help you figure out if you meet the qualifications & with the application process. Call Age Strong at 617-635-4366 for an appointment!



## STAY CONNECTED TO BOSTON'S AGE STRONG COMMISSION



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