#### **Boston's Age Strong Commission**

## Weekly Digest

November 29-December 5, 2021

Information & opportunities for Boston's older adults

Happy Thanksgiving to all of our friends and partners. We are thankful for all of you! -The Age Strong Commission Team



**Events** November 29-December 5

**Covid Booster** Shots

**Age Strong Shuttle** 

**Medicare Savings Programs** 

**Stay Connected** 

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617-635-4366





Who?

Individuals 18+ who are fully vaccinated



#### When?

- At least 6 months after Pfizer or Moderna
- At least 2 months after J&J

#### Which booster shot do I get?

 You may have a preference, but you can get any type of vaccine for your booster shot



More information at mass.gov/COVID19booster



#### **ENCHANTED TROLLEY** TOUR AND TREE LIGHTINGS

Friday, December 3 | 5:30 - 7 p.m. Mattapan, Readville, and West Roxbury

Saturday, December 4 | 1 - 6:45 p.m.

Dorchester, Jamaica Plain, Mission Hill, Roxbury, South End, and Brighton

Sunday, December 5 | 1 - 7 p.m.

South Boston, Chinatown, North End, Charlestown, East Boston,

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#### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29

#### 9:30am

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

#### 11am

Age Strong Commission Virtual Zumba Click here to attend via Zoom.

#### <u>5pm</u>

#### **Copley Square Tree Lighting**

560 Boylston Street, Back Bay Click <u>here</u> for more information.

#### 5:30pm

#### **BPL: Reading Frederick Douglass Together**

Boston Public Library, Roxbury Branch 149 Dudley Street, Roxbury Click here for more information.

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

## BPL Virtual: An Afro-Indigenous History of the United States by Kyle T. Mays

Click here to register & for more information.

#### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

#### 10:30am

BPL Virtual: Career Skills: Resume Writing
Click here to register & for more information.

#### <u>11:30am</u>

Age Strong Commission Virtual Latin Dance

Click here to attend via Zoom.

#### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1

#### 11:30am

Age Strong Commission Virtual Yoga Click here to attend via Zoom.

#### 12noon-3pm

Free Legal Immigration Consultations

Mayor's Office of Immigrant Advancement

Click here for more information.

#### <u>1pm</u>

#### Recipe Box Gathering

Boston Public Library, Roxbury Branch 149 Dudley Street, Roxbury 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 & or more information.

#### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2

#### 10am

BPL Virtual: Digital Skills for Everyday Tasks
Click here to register & for more information.

#### 5:30pm

#### **BPL: The Hedgehogs Winter Concert**

Boston Public Library, Brighton Branch 40 Academy Hill Road, Brighton Click <u>here</u> to register & for more information.

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

## BPL Virtual: Book Group: Say Nothing by Patrick Radden Keefe

Click here to register & for more information.

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

#### **Boston Common Tree Lighting**

139 Tremont Street, Boston Common Click <u>here</u> for more information.

#### <u>7pm</u>

## Kanopy Club: Kanopy Club: A Scanner Darkly

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

#### <u>8pm</u>

#### Lighting of Commonwealth Avenue Mall

15 Commonwealth Avenue, Back Bay Click <u>here</u> for more information.

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3

#### 11:30am

### Age Strong Commission Virtual Meditation

Click here to join via Zoom.

#### <u>4pm</u>

#### BPL: Virtual: Friday Unwind: Gentle Yoga with Hands to Heart Center

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

#### 5:30-8pm

#### Mayor's Enchanted Trolly Tour

5:30, Mattapan Square

6:15, Wolcott Square, Readville

7. Hastings Street Lot, Centre Street, West

Roxbury

Click here for more information.

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4

#### All Day

#### Boston Public Library Re-Opening Roslindale Branch

4246 Washington Street, Roslindale Click <u>here</u> for more information.

#### 1<u>0am-4pm</u>

#### City-Wide Friends Book Sale

Friends of the Boston Public Library Central Branch 700 Boylston Street, Copley Square Click here for more information.



#### <u>1-8pm</u>

#### Mayor's Enchanted Trolly Tour

1:00, Codman Square, Dorchester

1:45, Hyde Square, Jamaica Plain

2:30, J.P. Monument, Jamaica Plain

3:30, Brigham Circle, Mission Hill

4:15, Bolling Building, Roxbury

5:30, Blackstone Square, South End

6:45, Oak Square, Brighton

Click here for more information.

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5

#### <u>1-8pm</u>

#### Mayor's Enchanted Trolly Tour

1:00, M Street Park, South Boston

2:00, Beach Street and Harrison Avenue, Chinatown

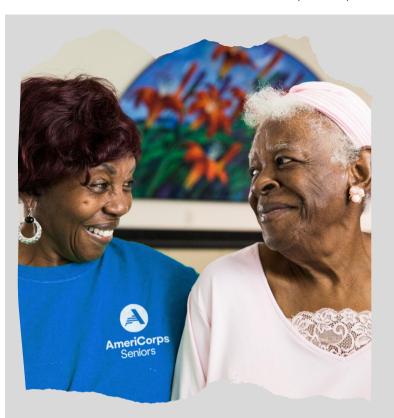
3:00, Paul Revere Mall, North End

4:00, Thompson Square, Charlestown

5:00, Maverick Square, East Boston

7:00, Adams Corner, Dorchester

Click here for more information.



## 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.

#### To sign up, contact

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



# ARE YOU HAVING A TOUGH TIME PAYING YOUR MORTGAGE? WE CAN HELP.



The Boston Home Center offers Foreclosure Prevention and Intervention Counseling and Home Preservation Services.

Our services are free and confidential.

CALL 617-635-4663 OR EMAIL HOMECENTER@BOSTON.GOV FOR ASSISTANCE.





#### FIGHT THE FLU IN BOSTON



Everyone six months and older should get the flu vaccine.

If you do not have health insurance, call the Mayor's Health Line at (617) 534-5050 or toll-free at (800) 847-0710. BPHC will be offering vouchers for free flu vaccines to uninsured or underinsured adults. If you have questions about the flu call the Infectious Disease Bureau at (617) 534-5611.

We are here to help! All calls are free and confidential.

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# Are you in need of a companion?

The Age Strong Commission's AmeriCorps Senior Companion Volunteers are trained & ready to help. Senior Companions serve as a friend/companion one-on-one in an older adult & home. They provide assistance & friendship to older adults who have difficulty with daily living tasks. To learn more about our Senior Companion program click <u>here.</u>



#### **Age Strong Shuttle**

Did you know Boston's older adults qualify for free rides on the Age Strong Shuttle?

We offer free wheelchair-accessible transportation to non-emergency doctor appointments. Call 617-635-3000 for more information.



# Become a part of the Age Strong team!

Interested in working for Age Strong? We are hiring! Work with a great team advocating for Boston's older adults.

Check out our new career opportunities page to learn more here.

#### **Medicare Savings Programs in 2022**

If you are a Massachusetts resident on Medicare with limited income and assets, you may qualify for help paying your Medicare costs. MassHealth offers Medicare Savings Programs, also known as MassHealth Buy-In (MHBI) to help with these costs.

A Medicare Savings Program can help pay some out-of-pocket costs, including:

- your monthly Medicare Part B premium (currently deducted from your Social Security benefit)
- prescription drug costs through the Part D Extra Help program, which you automatically qualify for with a Medicare Savings Program
- in certain cases, your out-of-pocket Part A and Part B costs, such as coinsurance and deductibles
- in certain cases, your Part A premium, if you have one

See if you qualify by calling Boston's Age Strong Commission to make an appointment with an advocate at 617-635-4366.



#### ROSLINDALE BRANCH LIBRARY

Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony

SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 4

Roslindale Branch of the Boston Public Library 4246 Washington St., Roslindale, MA 0213

Masks are required inside the building



