



## THE END OF THE LEGISLATIVE YEAR IS UPON US!



Dear Family of 15th Suffolk,

We are reaching the end point of the 192nd General Court, meaning Nika and I are putting all of our efforts into passing our pieces of legislation. We have already gotten a few victories this month. However, this is just the beginning. With the end in sight, we are racing towards the finish line and will finish strong!



## ¡The Road So Far!

For the last four years, Nika has worked closely with her community and her district to identify the needs of the underserved. From youth jobs, housing security, workforce development, and community engagement, Nika has operated in her district's best interest. The earmarks that she has advocated for in the FY23 Budget Bill and the EcoDev Bill are a few recent examples of how she has placed her community first.

Below are some of the victories we've received this month. These will lead to even more opportunities in the future!

## **¡FY23 Budget Bill Has Left Conference Committee!**

A few of our amendments made it into the final budget bill for the Fiscal Year of 2023! This means that we've received \$200,000 for our various programs and nonprofits in our district.

\$50,000 is going to our Main Streets, which will be used for training, resources, and overall business development!

\$100,000 is going to the Boston Housing Authority, in partnership with Justice 4 Housing, for the Stable Housing and Reintegration Pilot Program to help formerly incarcerated individuals get public housing.

\$50,000 for the Tobin Community Center to build unity and civic leadership amongst its youth.

**THIS IS GREAT NEWS! We are truly excited and thrilled with this development. There are a few projects and programs we want to help fund, and we will look towards other avenues to make this happen.**

### **¡The EcoDev Bill left the House and is now with the Senate!**

13 of our amendments made it into the House EcoDev Bill, H5007! Because this bill combines bonds, the supplemental budget, and ARPA funding into one, it was a little tricky filing amendments. However, we are happy to report that several projects are either fully funded in monies or have the potential to be invested in through bonds. While this is only in the House bill, and we'll have to wait for the bill that leaves the Conference Committee, it is amazing that so many of our asks made it this far.

In money, we received a total of \$1,200,000.

- \$65,000 for Mission Hill LINK Shuttle Bus Service
- \$100,000 for the North American Indian Center of Boston's Headquarters Updates
- \$25,000 for Tobin Community Center to tackle gun violence and gun-related trauma
- \$10,000 for Mildred C. Hailey Food Distribution Service
- \$1,000,000 for Small Properties State Acquisition Funding Pilot as part of the Housing Stabilization and Investment Trust Fund.

As mentioned, we had bond language approved as well. We refer to this as "future money," as we hope to cash in on these approvals in future years. Bond Bills provide funds for capital projects approved by the Governor's administration. These funds are not guaranteed disbursement, but represent an important step towards drawing down on federal infrastructure dollars in particular. Once the bond bill is law,

the process of getting the money disbursed involves, among other things, reaching out to the executive branch, which we will do.

In bonds, we received a total of \$2,687,500.

- \$12,500 for Uplift JP, which will cover for events, programs, and resources to address racist and anti-LGBTQ+ attacks on BIPOC-owned businesses while uplifting the Jamaica Plain community.
- \$12,500 for JP Centre & South Main Streets
- \$12,500 for Three Squares Main Streets
- \$12,500 for Mission Hill Main Streets
- \$12,500 for Roslindale Main Streets
- \$25,000 for Envision Hotel to continue their efforts in helping those struggling with Substance Abuse Disorder.
- \$100,000 for JPNDP for high-speed internet to strengthen home-based childcare businesses entrepreneurs.
- \$2,500,000 for NuSq Life Science Training Center Inc. for workforce development and infrastructure (co-filed with Rep. Jon Santiago)

**We are pleased and grateful for this result. While many of our asks didn't make it to the final, that does not mean we will stop trying to receive funding for other programs and projects in the future.**

## ¡STATUS OF BILLS!

### **Enacted:**

H4205 - An Act relative to certain affordable housing in the Jamaica Plain section of the city of Boston

- **Signed by the Governor, Chapter 104 of the Acts of 2022 as of 7/14/22.**

H583 - An Act ensuring diversity in public education, Accompanied [H4539](#), An Act relative to educator diversity.

- H583 preceded H4539, so when it accompanied it, Section 3 from Nika's bill made it into the H4539, which now has language in the House EcoDev bill! This language will ensure that diversity is at the forefront when hiring new educators and school administrators.

H1396 - An Act enabling public housing authorities to borrow against real estate equity of publicly-owned properties

- **House Ways & Means as of 7/27/22.**



- While the bill is in HWM, Section 3 of the bill made it into the EcoDev bill, which deals with procurement of land. While we are advocating the other two sections, we see this as a victory and a promising first step.

#### **In Ways & Means:**

H4071 - An Act securing housing options for eligible tenants with a history of criminal justice involvement

- **House Ways & Means as of 7/27/22.**

H3204 - Resolve providing for the creation of a commemorative memorial portrait in the Massachusetts State House in honor of State Representative Doris Bunte

- **House Ways & Means as of 7/27/22**

H3453 - An Act to eliminate debt-based incarceration and suspensions

- Accompanied H3535, An Act allowing for partial payment of fines relating to driver's license suspension or revocation. **House Ways & Means as of 7/27/22**

H581 - An Act prohibiting the use of Native American mascots by public schools in the Commonwealth

- Accompanied S2493, An Act prohibiting the use of Native American mascots by public schools in the Commonwealth. **Senate Ways & Means as of 7/27/22**

#### **In Committee:**

H358 - An Act promoting fairness in the rendering of dwelling accommodation services

- **Ordered Third (H) as of 7/27/22.**

H3735 - An Act designating September as PCOS awareness month

- **Ordered Third (H) as of 7/27/22.**

#### **In 2nd Reading/Calendar Item**

H3377 - An Act to protect Native American heritage

- Accompanied H3385, An Act to protect Native American heritage.
- **Calendar Item 467, 2nd Reading (H) as of 7/27/22**

H2891 - An Act to protect elder housing

- **Calendar Item 449, 2nd Reading (H) as of 7/27/22.**

H2018 - An Act relative to employment protections for victims of abusive behavior

- Accompanied H4613, An Act relative to employment protections for victims of abusive behavior.
- **Calendar Item 532, 2nd Reading (H) as of 7/27/22.**



## The CROWN Act Is Law!

After years of hard work and sacrifice by these brave women, The Crown Act is finally law in Massachusetts!

"I gave them my necklace. It says "Fierce Badass" and was given to me by a group of women who hand them only to the fiercest among us. These young women stood in civil disobedience and then changed the law. Decriminalizing our culture, our economy, our lives- that's what I'm here for!" - Nika

The Crown Act aims to combat hair discrimination by defining natural and protective hairstyles in the statute, as well as prohibiting discrimination in schools, businesses, and other public spaces. Many public institutions, employers, places of business, places of learning, and even landlords used natural and protective hairstyles to prevent opportunities that could close the gap in wealth disparity, learning, career growth, and overall, the betterment of black and brown lives. The enactment of this law means so much. This truly is a victory.



## Announcements

Here are some events happening soon to keep track of!



### Mission Main Tenant Task Force



#### 12<sup>th</sup> Annual

## Family Fun Day






### Free Food







When: July 30, 2022  
Where: 38 Horadan way  
Time: 12noon- 6pm

### Come out and join the fun!!!






BOSTON PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT  
PRESENTS



Scan QR code  
for more details

# FREE! Watercolor PAINTING WORKSHOPS

SEPTEMBER 2022

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

**Saturday, September 10**  
**Paul Revere Mall, North End**  
370 Hanover Street, Boston

**Sunday, September 11**  
**Franklin Park, Roxbury**  
(Schoolmaster Hill)

**Saturday, September 17**  
**Highland Park, Roxbury**  
(Meet in front of the Fort)

**Sunday, September 18**  
**Winthrop Square, Charlestown**  
55 Winthrop Street, Charlestown

**Saturday, September 24**  
**Ronan Park, Dorchester**  
(Meet at the playground area)

**Sunday, September 25**  
**Allendale Woods, West Roxbury**  
(Main entrance)

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL (617) 961-3082

[www.boston.gov/parks](http://www.boston.gov/parks)

[@bostonparksdept](https://www.facebook.com/bostonparksdept)



Parks and Recreation



Mayor Michelle Wu



MAYOR MICHELLE WU'S

# Movie Nights

SUMMER 2022 SCHEDULE



Scan QR code  
for more details

**TUES  
AUGUST  
2** **The Mitchells vs. The Machines**  
JANAKA PONCEPINESANE  
Tennis/tennis courts, all Charlestown Streets

**TUES  
AUGUST  
9** **Sing 2**  
HEALY PLAYGROUND  
100 Fenway Street, Roxbury

**MON  
AUGUST  
15** **Luca**  
MEMORIAL PARK  
121 Porter Street, East Boston

**TUES  
AUGUST  
16** **Shang-Chi and the Legend  
of the Ten Rings**  
RONAN PARK  
50 Mt. Joy Street, Dorchester

**WED  
AUGUST  
17** **Space Jam: A New Legacy**  
FANCELLA PLAYGROUND  
200 Highland Street, Boston

**MON  
AUGUST  
22** **Encanto**  
MCDONN PLAYGROUND  
100 Brewster Street, Ingle Park

**TUES  
AUGUST  
23** **Soul**  
RAMSAY PARK  
1077 Washington Street, South End

**THURS  
AUGUST  
25** **Encanto**  
WINTHROP SQUARE/TRAINING FIELD  
55 Winthrop Street, Charlestown

**MON  
AUGUST  
29** **Raya and the Last Dragon**  
HARDEN PLAYGROUND  
501 Fenway Street, Brighton

**TUES  
AUGUST  
30** **Soul**  
MOXLEY PARK  
Columbia Road at Mercer Street  
North DORSET Hockey Shop

**THURS  
SEPT  
1** **Willie Wonka & the  
Chocolate Factory**  
BOSTON COMMON FROG POND  
50 Beacon Street, Dorchester

"MOVIES START AT DUSK"

For more info: (617) 635-4505, [boston.gov/parks](http://boston.gov/parks), or follow us [@bostonparksdept](https://www.facebook.com/bostonparksdept)



Parks and Recreation



Mayor Michelle Wu

GENEROUSLY SPONSORED BY:

BANK OF AMERICA

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT BY:





Parks and Recreation



Mayor Michelle Wu

# GOLF COURSE SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

George Wright Golf Clubhouse  
420 West Street, Hyde Park, MA

William J. Devine Golf Clubhouse  
1 Circuit Drive, Dorchester, MA



Wednesday, July 13  
6:00 p.m.  
Annie Cheevers & Ryan McHugh  
George Wright Golf Clubhouse



Wednesday, July 20  
6:00 p.m.  
Daniel Gallagher  
William J. Devine Golf Clubhouse



Wednesday, July 27  
6:00 p.m.  
It's a J Thing!  
George Wright Golf Clubhouse



Wednesday, August 10  
6:00 p.m.  
Kaliloops  
William J. Devine Golf Clubhouse



Wednesday, August 3  
6:00 p.m.  
Grayson Ty  
George Wright Golf Clubhouse



Wednesday, August 17  
6:00 p.m.  
Jon Hollywood Music  
William J. Devine Golf Clubhouse



[f](#) [t](#) [i](#) [n](#) [s](#) [t](#) [e](#) [a](#) [t](#) [bostonparksdept](#)

Scan QR code for more details

2022

TITO  
PUENTE

LATIN MUSIC SERIES

FREE!

¡GRATIS!

For more information, call 617-927-1707  
Para más información, llama al 617-927-1707

[TitoPuenteLatinMusicSeries.com](http://TitoPuenteLatinMusicSeries.com)

<p>JULY 7 Gozarsa / 7:00 p.m. O'DAY PLAYGROUND, SOUTH END</p>	<p>JULY 20 David Rivera y la Bambula / 7:00 p.m. MC LAUGHLIN PARK - MISSION HILL, BOSTON</p>
<p>JULY 18 Latin Logic / 7:00 p.m. O'DAY PLAYGROUND, SOUTH END</p>	<p>AUGUST 4 Astoria Salsa Company / 7:00 p.m. MOZART PARK, JAMAICA PLAIN</p>
<p>JULY 21 Alea / 7:00 p.m. LOPRESTI PARK, EAST BOSTON</p>	<p>AUGUST 12 Eguie Castrillo / 6:00 p.m. BOSTON COMMON - SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARK</p>





SCAN QR CODE  
FOR MORE DETAILS

MAYOR MICHELLE WU PRESENTS THE

# Neighborhood Concert Series

Enjoy free live music at your local park

**July 11**

**HENENWAY PARK @ 7:00 P.M.**  
540 Adams Street, Dorchester  
*Living on a Bad Name (Bon Jovi Tribute)*

**July 13**

**RAHLER PARK @ 6:30 P.M.**  
130 Peterborough Street, Fenway  
*Swingin' in the Fens* featuring Lydia Harrell

**July 18**

**MEDAL OF HONOR PARK @ 7:00 P.M.**  
East Broadway at N Streets, South Boston  
Soul City Band

**July 19**

**SMITH PLAYGROUND @ 7:00 P.M.**  
235 Western Avenue, Allston-Brighton  
*The DopeJotus*

**July 25**

**HOBART HARRIS PARK @ 7:00 P.M.**  
85 Harold Street, Roxbury  
Conscious Reggae

**July 27**

**FALLON FIELD @ 7:00 P.M.**  
910 South Street, Roslindale  
Conscious Reggae

**August 3**

**HUNT ALMONT PARK @ 7:00 P.M.**  
40 Almont Street, Mattapan  
*Angelina n the Unit*

**August 7**

**HIGHLAND PARK @ 5:00 P.M.**  
58 Beech Glen Street, Roxbury  
*Jazz at the Fort* featuring Jacques Schwarz-Bart

**August 8**

**BLACKSTONE SQUARE @ 7:00 P.M.**  
1535 Washington Street, South End  
*Divas with a Twist*

**August 10**

**BILLINGS FIELD @ 7:00 P.M.**  
369 LaGrange Street, West Roxbury  
*Rebels (Tom Petty Tribute)*

Follow us on    @bostonparksdept, visit [boston.gov/parks](http://boston.gov/parks), or call (617) 635-4505

 Parks and Recreation
  Mayor Michelle Wu



TITLE SPONSOR





City of Boston  
Parks and Recreation  
Mayor Michelle Wu

## THE BOSTON PARKS FITNESS SERIES

June 5 - October 1, 2022

FREE  
CLASSES!

No Class on 7/4 & 9/5

	Time	Class	Location, Neighborhood
<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	STRENGTH TRAINING YOGA	A Street Park, South Boston VIRTUAL
<b>Monday</b>	5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	DANCE FIT BARRE YOGA	VIRTUAL Savin Hill Park, Dorchester (The Courts) Adams Park, Roslindale
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:30 a.m. 7:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	YOGA HIIT FAMILY FITNESS FAMILY ZUMBA KICK IT ZUMBA	Doherty Playground, Charlestown VIRTUAL LoPresti Park, East Boston (Summer & New Street) Hunt-Almont Park, Mattapan (Tennis Courts) Brighton Common, Allston-Brighton Blackstone Square, South End
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	STRENGTH & CONDITIONING PRE- AND POSTNATAL FRIENDLY BARRE LINE DANCING 305 DANCE	Elliot Norton Park, Chinatown VIRTUAL Franklin Park, Dorchester (Near the Golf Clubhouse) Christopher Columbus Park, North End (Lawn area)
<b>Thursday</b>	6:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	FUSION FIT CHAIR YOGA AFROBEATS ZUMBA TONE POND FROG POND YOGA	VIRTUAL Symphony Park, Fenway Cottitude Hovels Playground, Roxbury Billings Field, West Roxbury (Behind the tennis courts) Mozart Street Playground, Jamaica Plain Boston Common, Downtown (Near the Carousel)
<b>Friday</b>	10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	GENTLE YOGA CHAIR YOGA	McLaughlin Playground, Mission Hill (across from 170 Parker Hill Ave) VIRTUAL
<b>Saturday</b>	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	WALKING GROUP HIIT ZUMBA	Franklin Park, Dorchester (Near the Golf Clubhouse) Iacono Playground, Hyde Park VIRTUAL

Sponsored by:



MASSACHUSETTS

Virtual Registration:  
[boston.gov/fitness](http://boston.gov/fitness)

   @bosparksdept  
[www.boston.gov/parks](http://www.boston.gov/parks)

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts is an independent licensee of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association

# Mildred C. Hailey Unity Day 2022

AUGUST 20, 1PM - 6PM

TAKING PLACE IN FRONT OF  
ANNA M. COLE COMMUNITY CENTER  
AT 10 LAMARTINE ST

## FAMILY FUN EVENT!

- MUSIC
- RAFFLES WITH GREAT PRIZES
- FREE FOOD
- CHILDRENS ACTIVITIES
- VENDORS

IN CASE OF RAIN EVENT  
WILL MOVE TO AUGUST 27

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT  
YOLANDA AT:  
617-553-9680 OR EMAIL AT  
YOLANDA.TORRES@MCHTENANTS.ORG



## Summer Concerts Series

Free!

### One Brigham Circle Plaza (1620 Tremont St)

Thursday, July 28th	Boston Rock & Soul Revue	6-8pm
Thursday, Aug. 11th	Lucky 13	6-8pm
Thursday, Aug. 25th	TBD	6-8pm
Thursday, Sept. 8th	Soul of Boston	6-8pm

Rain dates for all One Brigham Circle concerts  
will be the following Wednesday at same time.

= Sponsored by One  
Brigham Circle

### Kevin Fitzgerald Park

Wednesday, July 13th	NEU Jazz Ensemble	6-7:30pm
Wednesday, Aug. 10th	Fabiola Mendez	6-7:30pm
Wednesday, Sept. 7th	Clear Audience	6-7:30pm

Rain dates for all Mission Hill NHS concerts will be  
two weeks after the scheduled date at same time.

= Sponsored by Mission Hill  
Neighborhood Housing Services  
Funded by Mission Hill / Fenway  
Neighborhood Trust



MAYOR MICHELLE WU PRESENTS

Free

Scan QR code for more details

Arts & Crafts Workshops  
10am - 12pm

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>July 5 &amp; 12</b> Brewer-Burroughs Playground Jamaica Plain Model of Honor Park South Boston	<b>July 6 &amp; 13</b> Mary Ellen Welch Greenway East Boston Jacobs Playground Hyde Park	<b>July 7 &amp; 14</b> Ringer Playground Brighton Gertrude Hawes Playground Roxbury	<b>July 8 &amp; 15</b> Mozart Street Playground Jamaica Plain Walker Playground Mattapan
<b>July 19 &amp; 26</b> McConnell Park Dorchester Sweeney Playground South Boston	<b>July 20 &amp; 27</b> Summer Lamson Playground East Boston Ross Playground Hyde Park	<b>July 21 &amp; 28</b> Doherty Playground Charlestown Marcella Playground Roxbury	<b>July 22 &amp; 29</b> Almont Park Mattapan Fallon Field Roslindale
<b>August 2 &amp; 9</b> Rogers Park Brighton Harvard Mall Charlestown	<b>August 3 &amp; 10</b> Clarendon Street Tot Lot Back Bay Billings Field West Roxbury	<b>August 4 &amp; 11</b> Lungone/Pussopolo Playground North End Dorchester Park Dorchester	<b>August 5 &amp; 12</b> Ringsgold Park South End Harambee Park Dorchester

All activities are FREE. Pre-registration is required for groups of 8 or more. To register: [boston.gov/arts-crafts-workshops](https://boston.gov/arts-crafts-workshops)

**Rosalita's Puppet Shows: 11am**

Friday, July 15: Thursday, July 21: Friday, July 22: Friday, July 29: Friday, August 5:	Mozart Street Playground, Jamaica Plain Doherty Playground, Charlestown Fallon Field, Roslindale Almont Park, Mattapan Ringsgold Park, South End Martin Playground, Dorchester
---	---

For more information:  
(617) 655-4555, [boston.gov/parks](https://boston.gov/parks),  
or follow us on [Facebook](#) [Twitter](#) [Instagram](#) [LinkedIn](#)

Presented by: Parks and Recreation Mayor Michelle Wu

The Parks Department invites you to the opening of

# Mission Hill Playground

60 Smith St, Mission Hill  
Friday, August 5, 2022  
11:30am



City of Boston  
Parks and Recreation

## Sprinkler Parks

[Rose Kennedy Greenway Fountains](#)—Chinatown, Wharf District, and

North End

[Dorothy Curran Playground](#) — South Boston

[Artesani Playground Spray Deck and Wading Pool](#)—Brighton

[Ryan Wading Pool and Playground](#)—Mattapan

[Stony Brook Spray Deck](#)—Jamaica Plain

[Johnson Playground Spray Deck](#)—Jamaica Plain

Alfond Memorial Spray Deck—West End

Olsen Swimming Pool and Spray Deck—Hyde Park

Frog Pond, Boston Common—Beacon Hill

Splash Fountain, Christian Science Plaza—Back Bay



**Due to how the end of session is Sunday, we will be submitting a follow-up newsletter with final tallies and updates. Keep your eyes open for that, and thank you for this amazing journey!**

## **CONTACT OUR OFFICE**

For constituents, advocates, or anyone else looking to get in touch, you can reach the office at (617) 722-2263, or **[carlos.rios@mahouse.gov](mailto:carlos.rios@mahouse.gov)**!



State Representative Nika Elugardo, 24 Beacon Street, Room 448, Boston, Massachusetts 02133,  
United States

[Unsubscribe](#) [Manage preferences](#)