

Hello Everyone,

News

The comment period for Harvard Enterprise Research Campus Master Plan for Planned Development Area 115 ends on Monday, January 8, 2018.

<http://www.bostonplans.org/planning/institutional-planning/higher-ed/harvard-university-allston-campus>

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The comment period for 70 Leo M Birmingham Pkwy in Brighton has been extended to Friday, January 19, 2018. <http://www.bostonplans.org/projects/development-projects/70-leo-m-birmingham-parkway>

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Allston I90 Information Sessions

Allston Brighton CDC and the People's Pike welcome you to join us for one of seven information sessions where we will be writing comment letters to MassDOT advocating for safer streets for all users, reducing traffic in the heart of Allston, and improved transit service (bus and rail). The info sessions will be held at the following locations:

- Wednesday, January 3rd: 8:00 am – 10:00 am at Swissbakers (168 Western Ave, Allston)
- Thursday, January 4th: 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm at Honan-Allston Library (300 North Harvard St, Allston)
- Wednesday, January 10th: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm at Presentation School Foundation, Community Room (640 Washington St, Brighton)
- Thursday, January 11th: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm at All Bright Community Center (1287B Commonwealth Ave, Allston)
- Saturday, January 13rd: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm at Ross Miller's Studio (107 Franklin St, Allston)
- Tuesday, January 16th: 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm at Landry's Bicycles (1048 Commonwealth Ave, Allston)
- Wednesday, January 17th: 7:00 am – 10:00 am at Refuge Cafe (155 Brighton Ave, Allston)

Allston I90 Interchange Improvement Project

Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) - November, 2017

This report is [available for download](#)

This report is available by request, please [email us](#) if you would like a copy.

Comment letters due no later than Friday, January 19, 2018 to:

Matthew Beaton, Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs

Attn: MEPA office

EEA No. 15278

100 Cambridge Street

Boston, MA 02114

Please send a copy of your comments to:
MassDOT Highway Division
Environmental Services Section
Attn: James Cerbone
10 Park Plaza, Room 4260
Boston, MA 02116
James.Cerbone@state.ma.us

From the Boston Police Department:

Between last-minute online shoppers and long-distance gift givers, it's no secret that December is a peak time for package deliveries, but the increase in activity also makes it a busy time for package thieves. The Boston Police Department would like to offer some safety tips to ensure that packages end up in the right hands this holiday season.

- Make arrangements with relatives if you know they won't be home when shipping them a package. Arrange for packages to be shipped to a location where someone will be available to receive them—such as a relative's home or a work address—or leave special instructions for the carrier to leave the package with a neighbor or in another secure location.
- Don't assume that common hallways and back doors are "secure" locations. If the door is unlocked and accessible by those who do not reside there, it's still a vulnerable location.
- The United States Post Office (USPS) offers special delivery instructions which can be submitted online via the USPS website. Be sure to read them before shipping packages.
- Ask that mail carriers post a notice that a package is available for pickup at the local post office instead of leaving it unattended.
- UPS drivers are trained to leave packages in places that are away from public sight and inclement weather, and customers can submit detailed delivery instructions online for where they'd like delivery items to be left in the event they aren't home to receive them.
- Customers can choose to have their UPS packages shipped to a specific UPS Store location. A notification will be sent via text message or e-mail when they've arrived and are ready for pickup.
- FedEx offers a "signature for delivery" option. Choosing this option would mean a person would need to sign for the package and it would never be left unattended.
- FedEx Packages can also be shipped to FedEx Office stores, and customers even have the option to go online and redirect a package to a store while it is en route.
- Taking advantage of the security options offered by the carriers will help ensure packages are not easy targets for thieves. If you or someone you know has been victimized by this type of crime, please report the incident to the Boston Police Department. If you see criminal activity taking place, or are in need of police assistance, always call 9-1-1.
We hope you and your families have a wonderful holiday season!

Need a hand this holiday season?

FriendshipWorks volunteers can:

- Help go holiday shopping
- Help wrap gifts
- Assist with holiday decorating

Would you like someone to visit with you during the cold winter months?

FriendshipWorks has volunteers who can visit weekly!

If you are 60+ and interested in having a volunteer, call Samantha Cowan: 617-823-7050.

The Fishing Academy's Christmas Tree Delivery Service will deliver a premium Christmas tree to your Home!!! Order a 5, 6, 7, 8 or larger Tree. Call John at 617-782-2614 or Email info@thefishingacademy.org All proceeds go toward our charity for kids! Thank You for your support!!!

Mayor Martin J. Walsh kicked off the City of Boston's annual "Holidays on Main Streets" campaign, which features initiatives to encourage Boston residents to shop local this holiday season. At the celebration held at the Roslindale Village Main Street holiday tree lighting in Adams Park, Mayor Walsh announced the launch of the "#LetsAllShopSmall" campaign, officially proclaimed the day "Small Business Saturday," and revealed the pilot launch of the "Main Streets Explorer," all of which will help to drive traffic to Boston's 20 Main Street Districts and support Boston's local business economy.

Mayor Walsh's "#LetsAllShopSmall" campaign is designed to inspire holiday shoppers to support Main Streets and other local commercial districts during the holiday season. Participants pledge to support local businesses during the holiday season, either by purchasing gifts, dining out, or participating in local holiday events in Main Streets districts. Holiday shoppers are encouraged to amplify the message via social media, using the hashtag "#LetsAllShopSmall". The Boston Main Streets Foundation recently launched bostonmainstreets.org, as another tool for residents and visitors to find more district-specific information and event details throughout the year and holiday season.

Residents are now able to see every cellphone tower operating in the City of Boston limits. [View the Providers Map](#)

ABCD's Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), the Fuel Assistance program, provides heating bill payment assistance to low-income residents of Allston Brighton. This critical service keeps thousands of families warm each winter and staff are available to assist clients in the application process. Apply Now! Call 617-357-6012.

The Harvard Ed Portal is looking for teaching artists interested in engaging the community through art learning and creative experiences. [Apply online](#) to be a Spring 2018 teaching artist who will work with local youth by delivering two hour Saturday workshops at the Ed portal.

Ongoing events at the Harvard Ed Portal include: Learning Circle: Design Your Career, Jobseekers Drop-In Group, Community Call: Teens Making a Difference, Homework Help, More to Love Yoga, Beyond Beginner Yoga, Family Nurturing Center Weekly Playgroups? Checkout their Events Calendar for detail and registration information. www.edportal.harvard.edu/calendar/upcoming

Articles

In Allston, the transit lesson we never learn (Dante Ramos, Boston Globe: December 15, 2017) <https://www.bostonglobe.com/opinion/2017/12/15/allston-transit-lesson-never-learn/fBARh1DtKFupTcjCd2bMpK/story.html>

Parents protest new school start times (James Vaznis, Boston Globe: December 14, 2017)
<https://www.bostonglobe.com/metro/2017/12/13/parents-protest-new-school-start-times/rI0UIOTY4EkFwFwvtmpaML/story.html>

Real Estate Transactions of Interest

None

Ongoing Programs

CRIMESTOPPERS

To report a crime anonymously:
Call 1-800-494-TIPS, or text
the word “TIP” to CRIME (27463)
(messaging and data rates may apply)

Boston Gun Buyback Program

Monday through Friday, 9:00 am - 4:00 am
Residents may drop off their working firearms and receive a \$200 Visa gift card. Those who do not wish to deliver the firearms during those hours or at the station can call and arrange a pickup.
Boston Police Dept D-14
301 Washington St, Brighton
For more information, call 617-343-4260
www.bpdnews.com/district-d-14

“What’s In Your Medicine Cabinet?”

Turn in your unused or expired medication for safe disposal at the medical collection kiosk in the lobby of Boston Police Dept D-14
301 Washington St, Brighton
Disposal is free, anonymous and is available 24/7

Car Seat Installation

Boston Police Department District 14
Free
Boston Police Department D-14
Community Service Office
301 Washington St, Brighton
617-343-4376

Ongoing Events

WGBH

One Guest St, Brighton
617-300-5400
Check out the hottest events around town and at our studios.

All ticket purchases support WGBH

<http://www.wgbh.org/events/>

Vets to Vets Support Group By Vets For Vets

UMass Boston, Brighton Marine Health Center

Vets to Vets group meetings are held every 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month on campus at 7:00 pm.

UMass Boston in collaboration with Brighton Marine Health Center invites you to a Veterans Support Discussion Group, a safe and confidential space to discuss challenges and opportunities with other local veterans.

Brighton Marine Health Center

77 Warren St, Brighton

For more information please contact Cary Rothenburger, M.Ed, LSCW at (617) 610-4145 or cathyrothenburger@gmail.com

Barry's Shop

Thursday, November 30, 2017 – Saturday, December 23, 2017

Barry's Shop is a one of a kind art experience that combines a retail shop, working art studio, and workshop into one space at Zone 3. Barry's Shop features events, programs, and a rotating collection of curated work by local and regional artists and designers open to the public each weekend from November 30 – December 23.

[Learn more](#)

Fran Gardino

Saturday, December 2, 2017 – Saturday, December 30, 2017

A selection of Mr. Gardino's work.

Honan-Allston Branch Library

300 North Harvard St, Allston

(617) 787-6313

Landscape Paintings by Dianne Dolan

Dianne Smith Dolan attended the Maryland Institute of Art and the Hartford Art School where she earned a BFA in painting. It was there that she studied with George McNeil, Fred Wessel and Stephen Brown.

Faneuil Branch Library

419 Faneuil St, Brighton

(617) 782-6705

Events

Monday Job Seekers Connection

Monday, December 18, 2017, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm

Connecting with other job seekers can make all the difference between exhaustion and enthusiasm. Join other job seekers each week for mutual support, encouragement, inspiration, and empowerment in your job search. Job Seekers Connection energizes and motivates participants by teaching valuable career search strategies and techniques. You are invited to

exchange job leads, business cards, resumes, networking techniques, and interviewing tips. The topics addressed each week are based on input from the group—so come prepared to articulate the kind of job you are seeking.

[Learn More](#)

Harvard Ed Portal

224 Western Ave, Allston

Allston Construction Mitigation Subcommittee Public Meeting

Monday, December 18, 2017 @ 6:00 pm

For more information, email Ed Kotomori (kotonjl@aol.com)

Honan-Allston Branch Library

300 N Harvard St, Allston

(617) 787-6313

Urban Voices: Under the Shining Owl Moon

Winship Elementary SPC

Monday, December 18, 2017 @ 6:00 pm

Did you know that Winship School students have been training with a real-live opera singer to prepare for a holiday concert highlighting urban youth voices? Join us on Monday, December 18 in Brighton Center to hear the joyful harmonies of our young students. They've worked so hard to get to this day!

Brighton Evangelical Congregational Church

404 Washington St, Brighton

Anthony Sammarco Presents: The Brighton Library: It's Beginnings and How it Grew with the City of Boston

Friends of the Brighton Library, Brighton--Allston Historical Society.

Monday, December 18, 2017, 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Renowned author and historian, Anthony Sammarco, gives an intriguing history of Boston's libraries and how the Brighton Branch came to be. His highly entertaining account of the beginnings and ultimate fate of the original Holton Library--now the Brighton Branch--provides an interesting backstory to the city of Boston and its growth. Don't miss this unique literary event.

All are welcome.

Brighton Branch Library

40 Academy Hill Rd, Brighton

(617) 782-6032

Boston Board of Appeal

Tuesday, December 19, 2017

Hearings: 9:30 am

Case: BOA-771127. Address: 3 Allen Road. Ward 22 Applicant: Hector Garcia

Article(s):51(51-9) 51 (51-56)

Purpose: Change occupancy from One family dwelling to Two family dwelling. No work to be done in existing condition for many years. (Legalize work/change in occupancy done without a permit BOA 3222/99).

Case: BOA-778978. Address: 88-94 Lincoln Street. Ward 22 Applicant: Deric Small
Article(s): 11(11-7) Purpose: Install a new 14'x48' (2) two sided electronic Billboard on a monopole as per plans.

Case: B0A-777065. Address: 64 Lincoln Street, Ward 22 Applicant: Lincoln Street Trust of December 1993

Article(s):9(9-1)

Purpose: Amend plans to add mesh screen to Billboard to shield visibility of structural elements. No change in height, dimension, or orientation of approved structure. This application to amend issued permit (ALT24609 Tom W.).

Case: BOA-714280. Address: 66 Allston Street. Ward 21 Applicant: Jack P. Milgram
Article(s): 51 (51-8) 51 (51-9: The entrance to the new units in the addition does not face the front lot line, The location of the addition on the lot does not meet the minimum lot width, Excessive F.A.R., Excessive number of stories, only 2 1/2 stories allowed, Insufficient front yard setback & Insufficient side yard setback)

Purpose: Addition of 2 residential units, and renovation of existing two family unit. Convert from 2 units to 4 units.

Room 801, 8th Floor

Boston City Hall

Email Contact: Stephanie.Haynes@Boston.Gov

To view ZBA Hearings live, tune into Comcast Channel 24 and RCN Channel 13. You can also view it live and online at [Boston City TV](#).

Boston Licensing Board

Licensed Premise Violations Hearing List

Tuesday, December 19, 2017 @ 10:00 am

4. Agoros Bar & Grill, LLC, d/b/a: Agoros Bar & Grill, Location: 356 Chestnut Hill Av Brighton, MA 02135, License#: LB-99716, Notice/Violation#: 073966, Category: CV7MWL
11/10/2017: Assault and battery patron on patron in violation of M.G.L. ch. 138 s. 64, ch. 265 s. 13A
Failure to notify police in violation of M.G.L. ch. 138 s. 64 and Board's rule 1 .14B.

5. Agoros Bar & Grill, LLC, d/b/a: Agoros Bar & Grill, Location: 356 Chestnut Hill Av Brighton, MA 02135, License#: LB-99716, Notice/Violation#: 067920, Category: CV7MWL
10/22/2017: Minor in possession of alcohol (Tequila) inside premise in violation of M.G.L. ch. 138 s. 34A, 34C, 64-64A
Expired ISD certificate – 9/9/17 in violation of M.G. L. ch. 138 s. 64 and Board's rule 1 .02B.

Room 809A, 8th Floor

Boston City Hall

Email Contact: Maureen.Burgoyne@Boston.Gov

The Herter Theater Lights Up Celebration!

Friend of Herter Park

Tuesday, December 19, 2017 @ 6:00 pm

Join the Friends of Herter Park and the Conservancy and share the fruits of our efforts to restore the Herter Theater. The renovations, electrical power, and stage lights are complete and we want to turn on the lights with you! Stop by for a hot drink and snack and warm your heart around this wonderful new gem in our community.

The Theater

1175 Soldiers Field Rd, Allston

Holiday Party!

The Friends of the Faneuil Branch Library

Tuesday, December 19, 2017 @ 6:30 pm

Decorate a gingerbread man, hear stories about gingerbread men, enjoy festive food. Listen to seasonal music played by saxophonist, Sagit Zilberman. Meet your friends and neighbors!

If you are able, please bring a dish to share.

Food! Fun! Friendship!

Faneuil Branch Library

419 Faneuil St, Brighton

(617) 782-6705

Harvard Enterprise Research Campus Drop-In Information Session

Boston Planning & Development Agency

Tuesday, December 19, 2017, 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Informational drop-in session to answer any questions about the Enterprise Research Campus (ERC) PDA Master Plan regulatory filing which is currently under review, as well as the Framework Plan that describes Harvard's thinking about the larger Enterprise Research Campus area. The Enterprise Research Campus encompasses the property between Cambridge Street in the south and Western Avenue in the north and between Genzyme in the east and the new Science and Engineering Center in the west.

Harvard iLab

125 Western Avenue

Allston, MA 02163

Email Contact: Gerald.Autler@Boston.gov

Give the Gift of Reading Celebration

Gardner Pilot Academy

Wednesday, December 20, 2017, 9:00 am – 10:30 am

Our hope for this event is to gather members from the Gardner community to celebrate reading and the importance of education. After a welcome breakfast, guests will visit a classroom to read a book aloud and talk with students about the value of reading. This year we are asking all readers to read a text that promotes being kind, caring and inclusive. You are welcome to bring one of your favorites to share or you can choose from one of the books provided.

With your help we know that this event will highlight the joys and magic that reading can provide no matter your age. At the Gardner all students from K0 through 8th grade are expected to read or be read to every day. Hearing this message from others outside our classroom walls will have a lasting impact on our students.

Please RSVP to the event by registering [here](#)

If you prefer a specific grade level or need book recommendations to read to students please email Ashley Baima at awallace@bostonpublicschools.org

Gardner Pilot Academy
30 Athol St, Allston
617-635-8365

Boston Licensing Board

Hearing List

Wednesday, December 20, 2017 @ 10:00 am

5. Les Amis Restaurant, Inc.

d/b/a: Tasca

1610 Commonwealth Av Brighton, MA 02135

License #: LB-99730

Holder of a Common Victualler 7 Day Wine and Malt w/ Liqueurs License has petitioned to transfer the licensed business from the above - To: Pintxo Connection, Inc. d/b/a Tasca (at the same location). Joaquim C. Galan, Manager. Midnight Closing Hour.

6. Soul Fire LLC

d/b/a: Soul Fire

178 - 188 Harvard Av Allston, MA 02134

License #: LB-99639

Holder of a Common Victualler 7 Day Wines and Malt Beverages License has petitioned to transfer the licensed business from the above - To: BBQUSA Boston Inc. d/b/a Bb.q Chicken (at the same location), John Yoan Park, Manager. 2:00 AM Closing Hour.

Attorney: Stephen V. Miller

Attorney: Andrew Upton

Room 809A, 8th Floor

Boston City Hall

Email Contact: Jasmin.Winn@Boston.Gov

City Hall To Go

Many people need a personal interaction to get direct services, ask a question or get information, so Boston is taking City Hall to them.

Wednesday, December 20, 2017, 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm, The City Hall to Go truck will be parked outside the YMCA in Oak Square (615 Washington St)

Schedule subject to change. Follow us on twitter @CityHalltoGo or call 617-635-4500

<https://www.boston.gov/departments/city-hall-go>

Allston Civic Association

Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, December 20, 2017, 6:00 pm - 7:45 pm

Honan-Allston Library
300 North Harvard St, Allston
617-787-6313

Anthony D'Isidoro, President

Website: www.allstonicivicsassociation.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/AllstonCivicAssociation

Agenda has been posted to the website.

Boston Water & Sewer Commission

A Boston Water and Sewer Community Services Department representative will be available:

Thursday, December 21, 2017, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Allston Brighton Child & Family Service Center
400 Cambridge St, Allston

Come meet with Boston Water and Sewer staff in your neighborhood and learn why it's important not to dump into catch basins. You can also pay your water bill with a check or money order, talk about billing or service problems, and more.

Allston/Brighton Construction Projects:

<http://bwsc.org/PROJECTS/Construction/lookup/lookup.asp?NBHood=ALBR>

Boston Public Schools New Start and End Time Policy Community Meeting

Boston Public Schools

Thursday, December 21, 2017, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Boston Public Schools is holding a Brighton/Allston community meeting and would like to hear our feedback about the changes to the 2018/2019 school times. Under this plan, both Winship Elementary and the Gardner Pilot Academy will start at 7:15 AM and end at 1:15 (GPA) or 1:55 (Winship). Please come to this meeting to share how these changes to school times impact your families. If you cannot make it, please call the Mayor's office at 617-635-4500 to let Mayor Walsh know your opinions. Thank you,

Brighton High School
25 Warren St, Brighton

Family Concert: Sagit Zilberman

Tuesday, December 26, 2017, 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Sagit Zilberman performs traditional Jewish songs and music on non-traditional instruments like the hang drum, didgeridoo and recorder, in this fun and interactive family program.

Faneuil Branch Library
419 Faneuil St, Brighton
(617) 782-6705

Rosalita's Puppets: The Nutcracker

Friday, December 29, 2017, 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Children are invited to join Rosalita's Puppets for a performance of "The Nutcracker," the story of Clara, who falls asleep and dreams the Nutcracker comes to life, battles the mouse king and takes Clara to the land of the Sugar Plum fairy.

Faneuil Branch Library
419 Faneuil St, Brighton
(617) 782-6705

Brighton Allston Improvement Association

Monthly Meeting

Thursday, January 4, 2018 @7:00 pm

Brighton Elks Lodge

326 Washington St, Brighton

Check their Facebook page for meeting confirmation and agenda:

<https://www.facebook.com/BAIAonline>

Navigating Your Career for Clarity and Focus: Introduction to Career Planning

Tuesday, January 9, 2018, 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

"If you don't know where you are going, any road will get you there" – the famous passage written by Lewis Carroll in Alice in Wonderland. If you are feeling adrift in your career, unfocused and unsure about your career future, this session will give you a formula that will help you plan your career strategies and set clear goals one step at a time.

[Learn More](#)

Harvard Ed Portal

224 Western Ave, Allston

Over 40 Job Seekers Connection

Tuesday, January 16, 2018, 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

The Over 40 Job Seekers Connection is a networking group that focuses on the unique challenges facing individuals over the age of 40 who are pursuing or transitioning to a new career or searching for a new job. Led by Ginny Rehberg, President of Rehberg Management Group, each session has a facilitated discussion on topics including ageism, discrimination law, discussing career changes or transitions, overcoming being “overqualified,” and shattering stereotypes. [Learn more and RSVP online.](#)

Harvard Ed Portal

224 Western Ave, Allston

Tony D’Isidoro

P.S. Feel Free To Forward To Other Interested Individuals, Groups & Organizations

To ensure you receive future Allston-Brighton Community Notes e-mails, simply add to your address book: anthonydisidoro@msn.com

If you no longer wish to receive weekly e-mail updates from Allston-Brighton Community Notes, include the word “Remove” in the Subject field and simply email:

anthonydisidoro@msn.com

If you've changed your email address or you want to be added to the email list, include your new email address in the body and the word "Update" in the subject field and simply email:

anthonydisidoro@msn.com