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Dear Friends,

Welcome to another exciting summer of fun in Boston's parks and playgrounds! From concerts on City Hall Plaza, to children's craft workshops in 13 city neighborhoods, the Boston Parks and Recreation Department and our partners and sponsors offer a full range of events and activities for residents of all ages. The arts are an important part of what makes our city great, and that's why in addition to a wide variety of recreation programs that create healthy opportunities for our young people, our parks offer different activities to enjoy music, film, painting, puppetry, photography, dance, and more. Please keep this guide as a resource and come out and join us outdoors for a fun-filled summer in Boston.



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Martin J. Walsh  
Mayor of Boston

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# ParkARTS Performing Arts

## *ParkARTS Citywide Neighborhood Concerts*

Neighborhood Concerts are made possible by Berklee College of Music, Friends of Ramler Park, Fenway Civic Association, Friends of Highland Park, and Discover Roxbury.



July 14, Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.  
**Brighton Common, Brighton**  
*Ricky “King” Russell*

July 15, Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.  
**Ramler Park, Fenway**  
*Swingin’ in the Fens featuring The Patrice Williamson Group*  
(Rain date July 22)

July 16, Thursday, 7:00 p.m.  
**Hynes Park, West Roxbury**  
*Soul City Band*

July 22, Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.  
**McConnell Park, Dorchester**  
*Soul City Band*

July 30, Thursday, 7:00 p.m.  
**Adams Park, Roslindale**  
*Zili Misik*

August 2, Sunday, 5:00 p.m.  
**Highland Park, Roxbury**  
*Jazz at the Fort featuring The Bill Pierce Collective*

## *Tito Puente Latin Music Series*

This 10th annual high-energy Latin concert series continues to create excitement throughout Boston. Join in the fun at these popular concerts sponsored in part by Berklee College of Music, IBA, Villa Victoria Center for the Arts, Zumix, Hyde Square Task Force, and Sociadad Latina.

July 2, Thursday, 7:00 p.m.  
**O’Day Playground, South End**  
*Rhythms of the Americas Project*

July 9, Thursday, 7:00 p.m.  
**Mission Hill Playground, Mission Hill**  
*Curubande*

July 16, Thursday, 7:00 p.m.  
**O’Day Playground, South End**  
*Folklore Urbano Orchestra*

July 23, Thursday, 7:00 p.m.  
**Mozart Park, Jamaica Plain**  
*Sonatempo*

July 30, Thursday, 7:00 p.m.  
**O’Day Playground, South End**  
*Ola Fresca*

August 6, Thursday, 7:00 p.m.  
**East Boston Greenway, East Boston**  
*The Zahili Gonzalez Zamora Project*



## Dorothy Curran Wednesday Night Concert Series



### City Hall Plaza, Boston

Now celebrating 43 years as Boston's longest-running outdoor concert series, these performances feature exciting, non-stop entertainment for music lovers of all ages. Presented by Mayor Martin J. Walsh in partnership with the Boston Parks and Recreation Department.

July 15, Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.  
*City of Belfast Youth Orchestra*  
Conducted by Paul McBride

July 29, Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.  
*Dance Night featuring Stardust*

August 5, Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.  
*Strictly Sinatra featuring Michael Dutra*

August 12, Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.  
*Disco Party featuring Tavares*



## Mayor Walsh's Movie Nights

Come join us for movies under the stars in Boston parks. Presented by the Boston Parks and Recreation Department and Northeastern University in partnership with the Mayor's Office of Tourism, Sports, and Entertainment.  
August 3, Monday, dusk  
**Hunt/Almont Park, Mattapan**  
*The Lego Movie*

August 10, Monday, dusk  
**Moakley Park, South Boston**  
*The Boxtrolls*

August 13, Thursday, dusk  
**Eden Street Park, Charlestown**  
*Miracle*

August 17, Monday, dusk  
**Ramsey Park, Roxbury**  
*Big Hero 6*

August 18, Tuesday, dusk  
**Ohrenberger Woodland Park, West Roxbury**  
*Paddington*

August 20, Thursday, dusk  
**Iacono Park, Hyde Park**  
*Monsters University*

August 24, Monday, dusk  
**East Boston Stadium, East Boston**  
*Planes Fire and Rescue*

August 27, Thursday, dusk  
**Town Field, Dorchester**  
*Despicable Me 2*

### *Classics on the Common*

September 11, Friday, dusk  
**Frog Pond, Boston Common**  
*E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial*

September 18, Friday, dusk  
**Frog Pond, Boston Common**  
*The Goonies*

September 25, Friday, dusk  
**Frog Pond, Boston Common**  
*Back to The Future*

### *2015 Summer Sundays in the Park*

July 12, Sunday, 6:00 p.m.

#### **Pinebank, Jamaica Pond**

*Boston Landmarks Orchestra - Ensemble*

A family-friendly concert featuring BLO musicians sponsored by the Emerald Necklace Conservancy and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department. An evening of music and fun for all ages! Co-presented by Friends of Jamaica Pond.

July 19, Sunday, 6:00 p.m.

#### **Pinebank, Jamaica Pond**

*Metropolitan Wind Symphony*

Under the direction of Lewis J. Buckley, this 66-piece orchestra will present a traditional band concert featuring both classical and popular music. Sponsored by the Emerald Necklace Conservancy and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department. Co-presented by Friends of Jamaica Pond.

### *ParkARTS Rosalita's Marionette Puppets*

July - August, 11:00 a.m.

These whimsical puppet shows will delight the child in everyone. Experience the unique charm of Rosalita's Marionette Puppets. Performances scheduled during specific ParkARTS Artists in Residence Craft Workshops. Presented by the Boston Parks and Recreation Department. Sponsored by Holly & David Bruce.

Wednesday, July 08

Lt. Edward Walsh and FF Michael Kennedy Tot Lot (Billings Field), West Roxbury

Thursday, July 16

Gertrude Howes Playground, Roxbury

Friday, July 17

McGann Playground, Hyde Park

Thursday, July 30

McKinney Playground, Allston/ Brighton

Tuesday, August 4

Ronan Park, Dorchester

Thursday, August 13

Ringgold Playground, South End



## ParkARTS Participatory Arts

### *Watercolor Painting Workshops*

June & September 12:00p.m. - 2:00.p.m.



These watercolor painting workshops enable artists of all skill levels to create their own green-space inspired masterpieces. Tips and techniques provided by workshop instructor. Presented by the Boston Parks and Recreation Department. Sponsored by Holly & David Bruce.

Saturday, June 6 & 13  
Public Garden, Boston

Sunday, June 7 & 14  
Thomas M. Menino Park, Charlestown

Saturday, June 20  
Copley Square, Back Bay

Sunday, June 21 & 28  
Back Bay Fens, Kelleher Rose Garden, Fenway

Saturday, June 27  
Muddy River, Round House, Fenway

Saturday, September 12  
Christopher Columbus Park, North End

Sunday, September 13  
Jamaica Pond Boathouse, Jamaica Plain

Saturday, September 19  
Highland Park, Roxbury

Sunday, September 20  
Geneva Cliffs, Dorchester

Saturday, September 26  
Muddy River Round House, Fenway

Sunday, September 27  
Nira Rock, Jamaica Plain



## Artists in Residence Workshops

9:00a.m. - 12:00p.m.

This series of arts and crafts workshops is perfect for budding artists ages 3-10. Local artists will lead take-home craft projects and all materials are provided. For groups of 8 or more, registration is required by emailing [parks@cityofboston.gov](mailto:parks@cityofboston.gov) with subject line: Arts and Crafts Registration. Presented by the Boston Parks and Recreation Department. Sponsored by Holly & David Bruce.

Tuesdays, July 7, 14 & 21  
Town Field Park, Dorchester  
Christopher Columbus Park, North End

Wednesdays, July 8, 15 & 22  
Lt. Edward Walsh and FF Michael  
Kennedy Tot Lot (Billings Field), West  
Roxbury  
Peters Park, South End

Thursdays, July 9, 16 & 23  
Gertrude Howes Playground, Roxbury  
Sweeney Playground, South Boston

Fridays, July 10, 17 & 24  
McGann Playground, Hyde Park  
Doherty Playground, Charlestown

Tuesdays, July 28, August 4 & 11  
Ronan Park, Dorchester  
Rogers Park, Allston/Brighton

Wednesdays, July 29, August 5 & 12  
Healey Playground, Roslindale  
Mozart Street Playground, Jamaica Plain

Thursdays, July 30, August 6 & 13  
Ringgold Playground, South End  
McKinney Playground, Allston/Brighton

Fridays, July 31, August 7 & 14  
Hunt/Almont Playground, Mattapan  
East Boston Stadium Park, East Boston



## Splash Dance Party

12:00p.m. - 1:00p.m.

Bring the children to the park to cool off in our spray features and enjoy Turkey Hill ice cream. Music from Mix 104.1, with games and dancing in the parks. Presented by the Boston Parks and Recreation Department. Sponsored by Holly & David Bruce and Hood.

Friday, July 10  
Doherty Park, Charlestown

Thursday, July 23  
Sweeney Playground, South Boston

Wednesday, July 29  
Mozart Street Playground, Jamaica  
Plain

Friday, August 7  
East Boston Memorial Stadium,  
East Boston

Friday, August 14  
Hunt/Almont, Mattapan

## Children's Festivals

### Frog Pond Opening

July 1, Wednesday, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**Frog Pond, Boston Common**

Celebrate a wet and wild festive tradition kicking off an exciting summer in Boston. Countdown with Mayor Walsh as the giant spray flume goes off and children hop into the Frog Pond. Families will enjoy giveaways, games, food, refreshments, science experiments, face painting, magicians, and more! Presented by the Skating Club of Boston in partnership with the Boston Parks and Recreation Department and sponsored by Holly & David Bruce and Hood

### Children's Summer Festival

August 18, Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**Franklin Park, Dorchester**

This Children's Festival is packed full of performing arts, science-related activities like cool experiments using household ingredients, art projects to take home, face painting, a visit from the Franklin Park Zoo, and much more! ParkSCIENCE provides a safe environment where children can learn and play in the parks. Presented by the Boston Parks and Recreation Department and sponsored by Holly & David Bruce and Hood

### The Boston Parks Summer Fitness Series

Free fitness classes in your neighborhood parks presented by Blue Cross Blue Shield in partnership with the Boston Parks and Recreation Department and the Boston Public Health Commission. Classes start in June and run through August. For full details and schedules please visit [www.bphc.org](http://www.bphc.org) or [www.Boston.gov/parks](http://www.Boston.gov/parks)

#### MONDAYS

High Intensity Interval Training (HIIT) workout at Madison Park, Boston

Zumba at Christopher Columbus, North End

Salsa in the Park at Blackstone Park, South End

#### TUESDAYS

Tai Chi at Symphony Community Park, Boston

Yoga at Jamaica Pond Pinebank Promontory, Jamaica Plain

Zumba at Gertrude Howes, Roxbury

#### WEDNESDAYS

Yoga at Harambee Park, Dorchester

Line Dancing @ Franklin Park, Dorchester

#### THURSDAYS

Yoga at Symphony Community Park, Boston

Yoga at The Frog Pond, Boston

#### FRIDAYS

Bootcamp @ Christopher Columbus Park, North End

Yoga at Clifford Park, Roxbury



### Troops for Fitness

The Coca-Cola Troops for Fitness program offers free workshops and classes instructed by military veterans at Boston parks and community centers citywide. The veterans lead exercise programs including boot camps, cardio and strength training classes, running groups, family yoga, and Zumba, and more. Presented by the Boston Parks and Recreation Department. For the full schedule and information, please visit [www.boston.gov/parks](http://www.boston.gov/parks) or call (617) 635-4505.

# Recreation

## Sports Centers

### *East Boston Summer Recreation & Sports Center*

July 7 - August 14

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

**East Boston Stadium, East Boston**

This program is a full day drop-in program for youth ages 7-14 who are residents of the City of Boston. Children participate in an array of supervised activities including sports, games and arts & crafts. Pre-registration is recommended and space is limited. For more information, contact (617) 961-3085 or [cheryl.brown@boston.gov](mailto:cheryl.brown@boston.gov). Generously sponsored by Bank of America.

### *Moakley Park Sports Center*

July 6 - August 14

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

**Moakley Park, South Boston**

This program is a full day drop-in program for youth ages 7-14 who are residents of the City of Boston. Children will participate in many traditional and non-traditional recreation activities. Parents may register their children for one day, a week, or the entire summer. For more information, contact (617) 961-3093 or [barbara.hamilton@boston.gov](mailto:barbara.hamilton@boston.gov). Generously sponsored by Bank of America.



### *White Stadium Sports Center*

July 7 - August 14

Tuesday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**White Stadium, Franklin Park**

This program is a full day drop-in program for youth ages 7-14 who are residents of the City of Boston. This teaching center offers boys and girls the opportunity to learn the fundamentals of a variety of sports in a six-week program. Pre-registration is required. For more information, contact (617) 961-3092 or [larelle.bryson@boston.gov](mailto:larelle.bryson@boston.gov). Generously sponsored by Bank of America.

### *White Stadium Enrichment Program*

July 13 - August 10

Mondays, 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**White Stadium, Jamaica Plain**

Ages: 7-14

This program offers boys and girls the opportunity to participate in a five-week reading, writing and math enrichment program. Pre-registration is required and space is limited. For more information, contact (617) 961-3092.

### *BNBL Pee Wee Developmental Program*

July 6 - August 9

Monday - Friday, 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Ages: 6-10

**Locations: Franklin Park, Mattapan, Grove Hall, Dorchester, Charlestown**

This developmental program focuses on the fundamentals of basketball and team play in a non-competitive setting. For more information, contact (617) 961-3084 or [woodley.auguste@boston.gov](mailto:woodley.auguste@boston.gov).

### *Boston All-Star Baseball Classic*

Date: TBD

#### **Fenway Park**

Boston's most talented baseball players representing 15 Boston Public High Schools compete in an "All-Star" game at Fenway Park and sponsored by the Boston Red Sox. For more information, contact (617) 961-3082 or [william.sittig@boston.gov](mailto:william.sittig@boston.gov).

### *Boston All-Star Softball Classic*

Date and Time: TBA

#### **Sweeney Field, Wentworth Institute of Technology**

Boston's most talented softball players, representing 15 Boston Public Schools, compete in an "All Star" game at Sweeney Field. For more information, contact (617) 719-3092.

### *Boston Citywide Baseball League*

July 6 - August 21

Moakley Park, South Boston

Ages: 10-12

Youth baseball programs from various neighborhoods in a summer-long citywide baseball league. Games are played weeknights at Moakley Park in South Boston. For more information, contact (617) 961-3082 or [william.sittig@boston.gov](mailto:william.sittig@boston.gov)



### *Boston Neighborhood Basketball League*

Presented by Reebok

July 6 - August 21

2 games a week Monday-Friday

All games are in the evening between 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Ages: 11-18

#### **Locations: Citywide**

Established in 1969, the Boston Neighborhood Basketball League (BNBL) is the oldest neighborhood basketball league in the United States. Presented by Reebok, teams across the city compete twice weekly to vie for the league championship in three divisions for boys and girls: 18 and under, 15 and under, and 13 and under. Pre-registration and proof of Boston residency is required. Individual registration is available and, while placement is not guaranteed, every effort will be made to place you on a team. Registration begins in May. For more information, contact (617) 961-3084 or [woodley.auguste@boston.gov](mailto:woodley.auguste@boston.gov).

## *Boston Neighborhood Soccer League (BNSL)*

July 7 - August 14  
Park and location TBD



The annual BNSL is a 5 week developmental 7 v 7 league that offers young soccer players the opportunity to compete against each other. The program divisions included ages U10 and U12, boys and girls teams. Team registration only, pre-registration is required. The program will run Monday through Thursday with Friday as a game makeup day. For more information, contact (617) 961-3085 or [cheryl.brown@boston.gov](mailto:cheryl.brown@boston.gov).

## *Fenway Challenge*

Thursdays, 10:00 a.m.  
Ages: 7 - 12

July 9th - **McConnell Park, Dorchester**  
July 16th - **East Boston Stadium, East Boston**  
July 23rd - **Ross Playground, Hyde Park**  
July 30th - **Billings Field, West Roxbury**  
August 6th - **Cassidy Playground at Cleveland Circle, Brighton**  
August 13th - **Boston English High School - Jamaica Plain**

The Fenway Challenge, sponsored by the Boston Red Sox, is an opportunity for youth to compete against other youth their own age in baseball skills such as base running, pitching and batting. The participants will be divided into four age groups: 7/8, 9/10, and 11/12. The top finishers in each age group will win a pair of Red Sox tickets to the September 22 game vs. Tampa Bay Rays. Winners will be honored on the field before the start of the game. Equipment is provided, camps and groups are welcome. For more information, contact (617) 961-3082 or [william.sittig@boston.gov](mailto:william.sittig@boston.gov).

## *Football For YOU*

Saturday, June 27  
**Roberts Playground, Dorchester**  
Ages: 9-14

'Football For YOU' was created by Patriots Alumni in partnership with the New England Patriots Charitable Foundation and the NFL Foundation to bring the fundamentals of football to children in and around New England. This unique one-day, non-contact free clinic stresses leadership, teamwork, and commitment to over young athletes. For more information, contact (617) 961-3082 or [william.sittig@boston.gov](mailto:william.sittig@boston.gov).

## *Junior Golf Daily Lessons*

July 6 - August 13  
Monday - Thursday  
Lesson times vary  
**The William Devine Golf Course, Dorchester**  
**The George Wright Golf Course, Hyde Park**  
Ages: 7 - 14

The Junior Golf Daily Lessons designed for beginners, provide basic instruction in the fundamentals of golf taught by professionals at the City of Boston's two municipal courses. Equipment is provided and pre-registration is required. For more information, contact (617) 961-3082 or [william.sittig@boston.gov](mailto:william.sittig@boston.gov).

## *Lacrosse Camps*

July - August  
Dates TBD  
Ages: 7 - 15

Lacrosse camps will be held at five different parks across Boston throughout July and August. Participants will be trained the basics of the game of lacrosse. Defensive skill training, shooting drills, goaltending, and sportsmanship workshops will all be offered to the campers throughout the week. For more information, contact (617) 961-3089 or [mike.devlin@boston.gov](mailto:mike.devlin@boston.gov)

## *Mayor's Cup Rowing Regatta*

Saturday, May 30

**Harry Parker Boathouse on the Charles River, Brighton**

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Ages: 12 - 18

Boston Centers for Youth & Families, Row Boston and Community Rowing, Inc. (CRI) have joined efforts to present this regatta to showcase the best of Boston's girls and boys rowing. Rowers ages 12-18 compete in teams with youth from their neighborhood in three different boat classes: 4's, 8's, singles and ergonomic machines. The competition is held on the Charles River at the docks of the CRI Boathouse where viewing will be easy for spectators. Pre-registration is required. For more information, contact [info@growboston.org](mailto:info@growboston.org), (617) 779-8277 or (617) 635-4505 x3093.

## *Mayor's Cup Baseball Tournament*

July 11 - July 26

Saturdays and Sundays

**Moakley Park, South Boston and  
Parkway Little League, West Roxbury**

Ages: 9-12

Sponsored by the Boston Red Sox, youth baseball programs from across the city compete in this exciting tournament.



## *Mayor's Cup Four and Nine Hole Tournament*

Tuesday, August 18

**William Devine Golf Course, Franklin Park**

Ages: 7 - 15

Young golfers compete for the title of "Boston's Best" in this four-hole and nine-hole scramble round of golf. Pre-registration is required and space is limited. For more information, contact [william.sittig@boston.gov](mailto:william.sittig@boston.gov) or (617) 961-3082.

## *Mayor's Cup Pop Warner Jamboree*

Sunday, August 23

**Roberts Playground, Dorchester**

Ages: 6 - 15

Teams from across Boston will have the opportunity to warm up for the football season during this pre-season competition sponsored by Comcast and the New England Patriots. For more information, contact [william.sittig@boston.gov](mailto:william.sittig@boston.gov) or (617) 961-3082.

## *Mayor's Cup Junior Golf 18-Hole Tournament*

Date in August (TBD)

Time:

**George Wright Golf Course, Hyde Park**

Ages: 15 - 21

High school and college golfers compete for the title of "Boston's Best" in an 18-hole medal round of golf. Pre-registration is required and space is limited. For more information, contact [william.sittig@boston.gov](mailto:william.sittig@boston.gov) or (617) 961-3082.

## *Mayor's Cup Softball Tournament*

July 10 - July 12

Ross Playground, Hyde Park

Ages: 9 - 18

Sponsored by the Boston Red Sox, this event offers Boston's girls' softball teams the opportunity to participate in a citywide tournament to determine "Boston's best". Pre-registration of teams is required. For more information, contact (617) 961-3092 or [larelle.bryson@boston.gov](mailto:larelle.bryson@boston.gov).



## *Red Sox Experience*

Dates: TBD

Fenway Park

Ages: 7 - 12

A once in a lifetime opportunity for youth baseball players in the City of Boston, The Red Sox Experience will teach participants various baseball skills, while practicing inside Major League Baseball's most beloved ballpark. Kids will run the bases, pitch in the bullpen, hit in a batting cage, tour Fenway Park, and meet some of their favorite Red Sox players and coaches. Space is limited. Pre-registration is required. For more information, contact (617) 961-3082 or [billy.sittig@boston.gov](mailto:billy.sittig@boston.gov).

## *Summer Tennis and Reading Program*

Various Neighborhood Parks

July 6 - August 14

Monday - Friday

Ages: 6-10: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Ages: 11-16: 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

In partnership with Boston Parks & Recreation, Tenacity delivers a tennis and reading program in the summer for children ages 6 to 16. Participants will be given fun tennis instruction, have the opportunity for team play, and may enter the Mayor's Cup Tennis Tournament in August. All students will also participate in a half-hour reading activity daily. Equipment is provided. This program is for Boston residents only and children with disabilities are encouraged to apply. Please contact Tenacity with any questions about our ability to serve your child's special needs. Register for the program at [www.tenacity.org](http://www.tenacity.org) or by calling Tenacity at (617) 562-0900 x27. For more information, contact (617) 961-3093

# Mayor's Office of Tourism, Sports and Entertainment

## *Charlestown Pride Night*

Thursday, June 11 6:00 p.m.  
Eden St./McCarthy, Charlestown

Celebrate Charlestown Pride week at this evening filled with fanfare and entertainment. Family, friends and neighbors will join together to participate in activities for everyone. Sponsored by the Mayor's Office of Tourism, Sports and Entertainment. For more information, call (617) 635-3911.

## *Donna Summer Memorial Roller Disco Party*

Friday, June 19, 6:00 p.m.  
City Hall Plaza, Boston

The event will feature other Boston natives including DJ Kon of Dorchester, Elisa Hamilton, creator of Dance Spot Boston, Frieda Fries of Jacques' Cabaret, and the Boston Derby Dames roller derby team. Sponsored by the Mayor's Office of Tourism, Sports and Entertainment. For more information, call (617) 635-3911.

## *Friday Afternoon Concert Series*

Fridays in July and August, Noon - 2:00 p.m.  
Sam Adams Park, Faneuil Hall

Join us on Friday afternoons for some fun musical performances to jump start your weekend. Sponsored by the Mayor's Office of Tourism, Sports and Entertainment. For more information, call (617) 635-3911.

## *Caliente: A celebration of Latin Music*

Saturday, July 25, 5:00 p.m.  
City Hall Plaza, Boston

A celebration of Latin music and culture. The event features local music and dance troupes as well as a nationally known headliner. Sponsored by the Mayor's Office of Tourism, Sports and Entertainment. For more information, call (617) 635-3911.

## *Gospelfest*

Sunday, August 9, 5:00 p.m.  
City Hall Plaza, Boston

One of New England's most popular Gospel celebrations. This free showcase features local and national talent. Sponsored by the Mayor's Office of Tourism, Sports and Entertainment. For more information, call (617) 635-3911.

## Park Partners

### *Titus Sparrow Park Cultural Events*

#### *Summer Concerts Series*

##### **Titus Sparrow Park, South End**

Wednesdays, June 3 - September 2, 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

The FTSP Summer Concert Series are free outdoor shows to the public for all ages. Shows start slightly earlier toward the end of the summer when there is less daylight. The goal is to provide a wide range of musical styles, some from different parts of the world. The number of performers ranges from soloists up to 18 piece bands.

#### *Children's Concerts Series*

##### **Titus Sparrow Park, South End**

Tuesdays, June 23 - August 11, 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Come and enjoy Titus Sparrow Park Children's performances, rain or shine. Performances target children ages 2-6 years old and snacks and water will be provided. For more information, visit [www.titussparrowpark.org](http://www.titussparrowpark.org)

### *Emerald Necklace Conservancy*

#### *Evening Garden Strolls*

Tuesdays in June: June 2; June 9; June 16; June 23; and June 30  
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Starts from the Shattuck Visitor Center

#### *2015 Outdoor Event Series : Summer on the Emerald Necklace*

Sundays, 5:00 p.m. Playspace / 6:00 p.m. Concert

Sunday, July 12 *Boston Landmarks Orchestra Ensemble, Pinebank, Jamaica Pond*

Co-sponsored by the Boston Parks and Recreation Department and the Emerald Necklace Conservancy and co-presented by the Friends of Jamaica Pond.

Sunday, July 19 *Metropolitan Wind Symphony, Pinebank, Jamaica Pond*

Co-sponsored by the Boston Parks and Recreation Department and the Emerald Necklace Conservancy.

Sunday, July 26 *Boston Opera Collaborative, Pinebank, Jamaica Pond*

Co-presented by the Friends of Jamaica Pond.

Sunday, August 2 *Music performance TBA, Allerton Overlook, Olmsted Park*

Co-sponsored by Brookline Parks and Open Space.

Sunday, August 9 *Music performance TBA, Allerton Overlook, Olmsted Park*

Co-sponsored by Brookline Parks and Open Space.

For more information, call the Emerald Necklace Conservancy at (617)522-2700 or visit [www.emeraldnecklace.org](http://www.emeraldnecklace.org).

## *Fair Verona Festivals*

Commonwealth Shakespeare Company, presenters of Free Shakespeare on the Common, is partnering with the City of Boston and area Boys & Girls Clubs to curate three open-air, community arts festivals called the “Fair Verona Festivals”. Each festival will be held in parks and outdoor spaces adjacent to the following clubs:

Friday, July 10, 2015, 4:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

### **West End House Boys & Girls Club**

Ringer Park, 105 Allston Street, Allston, MA 02134

Saturday, July 11, 2015, 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

### **Blue Hill Club**

Harambee Park, 15 Talbot Avenue, Dorchester, MA 02124

Friday, July 17, 2015, 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

### **Yawkey Club of Roxbury**

St. James Street Park (Baseball Field), 115 Warren Street, Roxbury, MA 02119

Each Fair Verona Festival will have a rotating mainstage featuring a performance of “Romeo & Juliet” performed by members of CSC2-CSC’s young acting company as well as tents and booths showcasing the work of local artists and performers, as well as the work of members of the host Boys & Girls Clubs. Festivals also will include workshops in the visual and performing arts and interactive outdoor activities. All Fair Verona Festivals are free and open to the public. For more info: [www.commshakes.org](http://www.commshakes.org)

## *Spectacle Island Cultural & Family Events*

### *Spectacle Island, Boston Harbor*

Sunday, June 14 - Spectacle Island 5K & Fun Run 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Tuesdays, June 23 - September 1 - Toddler Tuesdays: 10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.  
Kid’s Crafts: 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Wednesdays, June 24 - September 2  
Beach and Below: 10:15 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.

Thursdays, June 25 - September 3  
Sunset Clambake: 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
Birds of Prey, 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. (Biweekly 6/25-9/3)

Fridays, June 26 - September 4  
Yoga at the Boston Harbor Island Welcome Center: 12:15 p.m. 1:00 p.m.

Saturdays, June 20 - September 5  
Island Yoga: 10:15 a.m. - 11:30 p.m.  
Go Fly a Kite: 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Field Day Games: 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.  
Digital Photo Walk: 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. (Biweekly 7/4 - 8/29)  
Stewardship Saturdays, various locations: 9:00 a.m - 2:30 p.m

Sundays, June 21 - September 6  
Seaglass Landscapes: 1:00 p.m.  
Jazz on the Porch: 1:00 p.m.

## Franklin Park Coalition



### *Elma Lewis Playhouse in the Park*

The Playstead, Franklin Park  
Dorchester

Tuesdays, July 14 - August 18

*Children's Show Featuring OrigiNation*

Tuesdays, 11:00 a.m.

*Family Entertainment and Performances*

Tuesdays, 6:00 p.m.

### *Franklin Park Line Dancing*

Mz. Rhythm returns to Franklin Park one evening a week from June - September to teach the latest line dances for new and experienced dancers. Park at the golf clubhouse and walk up the hill across from the building to the large circle overlooking Blue Hill Ave.

### *Franklin Park Salsa*

New this summer! One evening a week (day TBA) by White Stadium at the top of School Street on Walnut Ave. New and experienced dancers welcome. Lessons, dancing, and demonstrations.

For dates and times, or more information about Franklin Park Coalition events, please visit our website [www.franklinparkcoalition.org](http://www.franklinparkcoalition.org) or call (617) 442-4141.

## Christopher Columbus

### *Christopher Columbus Park, North End*

The Friends of Christopher Columbus Park has some fantastic events scheduled for 2015. Please mark your calendars and plan to join your friends and neighbors in the Park for fun! For more information about these and other events contact (781) 639-6002, [info@foccp.org](mailto:info@foccp.org) or visit [www.foccp.org](http://www.foccp.org).

Saturday, June 27 - Independence Day Celebration - 11:00am to 3:00pm

Sunday, June 28 - Opera in the Park - La Boheme 7:00pm (NEMPAC)

Sunday, July 12 - Sunday Night Movie - Sunset

Sunday, July 19 - Sunday Night Movie - Sunset

Sunday, July 26 - Sunday Night Movie - Sunset

Sunday, August 2 - Sunday Night Movie - Sunset

Tuesday, August 4 - Harbor Sunset Cruise

Sunday August 9 - Sun Night Movie - Sunset

Sunday, August 16 - Sunday Night Movie - Sunset

# Mayor Walsh's Garden Contest

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**Entry Deadline - Friday, July 10**

## **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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