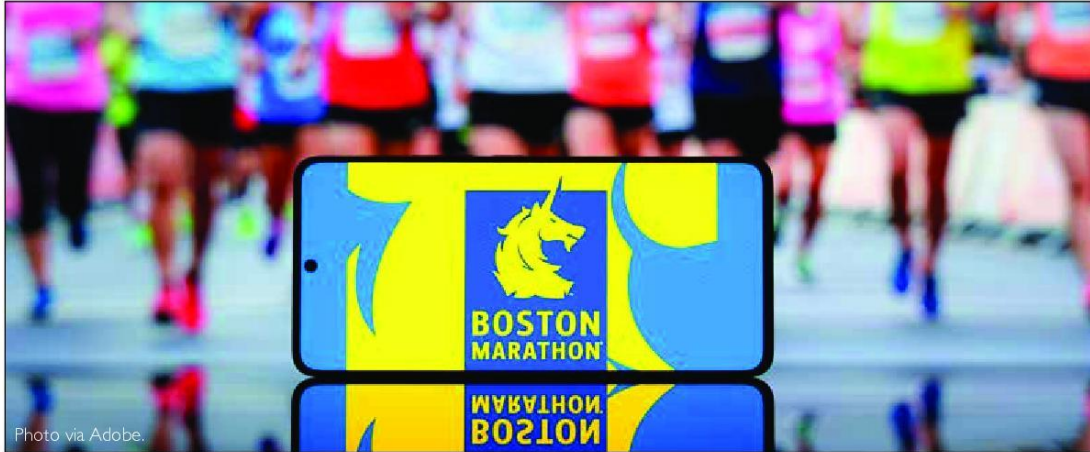


## South End residents running for the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge team



Raising funds for cancer research at Dana-Farber

BOSTON – On April 21, eight South End, Boston, Massachusetts residents are running to defy cancer as a member of the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge team in the 129th Boston Marathon®.

- Jaclyn Curley
- Matthew Golding
- Maddie Holmes
- Ryan McCaffrey
- Margot Murphy
- Andreas Weller
- Kathy Weller
- Christa West

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## Boston Center for the Arts to Receive a \$50,000 Award from the National Endowment for the Arts

SUBMITTED BY BCA

Boston Center for the Arts (BCA) is pleased to announce it has been approved by the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) for a Grants for Arts Projects award of \$50,000.

This grant will support the residency programs that are the cornerstone of the work BCA does, providing the region's artists with vital support in the form of financial resources as

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## New Roxbury Prep school being built in the Newmarket area

SUBMITTED BY  
NEW ROXBURY PREP

The state-of-the-art, four-story, 83,000 square feet facility will be home to 900 students from Roxbury Prep High School and Roxbury Prep Proctor St. Middle School, accommodating students from the current Mission Hill, Hyde Park, and Nubian Square campuses.

Amenities include a full-sized gymnasium, performing arts spaces for stage production, top-notch science labs, an art room, a spacious cafeteria, and an exercise and strength training room. The school will open in the Summer of 2025 and will play an essential role in revitalizing the Newmarket neighborhood.

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Photo courtesy of New Roxbury Prep.

### NEWS FROM...

#### United South End Settlements to Celebrate Mission and Work at Annual Neighborhood Gala

USES invites South End and Greater Boston community to celebrate and recognize the historic organization's work and accomplishments on May 9th, 2025.

Boston-based nonprofit United South End Settlements (USES) will host its annual Neighborhood

Gala, celebrating the organization's mission of supporting and uplifting underserved youth and families. For over 130 years, USES has been a cornerstone in the South End, connecting families and children to resources, networks, and high-quality care that unlock their full potential.

Boston Center for the Arts, 539 Tremont St. (indoor event)  
Friday, May 9, 2025, 6:30 – 9:30pm

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## Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts to Provide Free Bluebikes Credit for Riders Affected by MBTA Closures

SUBMITTED BY BLUEBIKES

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts ("Blue Cross"), the title sponsor of Greater Boston's municipally owned bike-sharing system, Bluebikes, is offering a free \$20 Bluebikes credit to help commuters affected by MBTA service disruptions in 2025.

With planned MBTA maintenance work impacting service throughout the year, this initiative provides an additional mobility option for residents across Greater Boston.

Fully funded by Blue Cross, this offer underscores its commitment to supporting community access and wellbeing and complements the City of Boston's free unlocks offered to select MBTA closures, ensuring riders have flexible, reliable options, including access to ebikes.

Starting today, riders can redeem the free \$20 Bluebikes credit by entering code BLUECROSSMAMBT in the "Rewards" section of the Bluebikes App. The credit applies to both pedal and ebike trips and can be

used across Bluebikes' 500 stations across 13 municipalities, including Arlington, Boston, Brookline, Cambridge, Chelsea, Everett, Malden, Medford, Newton, Revere, Salem, Somerville, and Watertown. Credits are available while supplies last and must be used by December 31, 2025.

"At Blue Cross, we are committed to providing communities with reliable and flexible transportation options," said Jeff Bellows, vice president of corporate citizenship and public affairs at Blue Cross. "As the title sponsor of Bluebikes, we're proud to provide this free credit to help commuters navigate MBTA closures, while supporting active mobility and wellbeing for our communities."

Bluebikes is municipally owned by 13 cities and towns in eastern Massachusetts and jointly managed by the Cities of Boston, Cambridge, Everett, Somerville, and the Town of Brookline. The system is operated by Lyft and has been supported by Blue Cross as the title sponsor since May 2018.

## Marathon

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Along with more than 500 Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge teammates from across the United States and around the world, they will run Massachusetts' historic marathon route from Hopkinton to Boston to collectively raise \$8.5 million for cancer research at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

This year marks the 36<sup>th</sup> annual running of the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge (DFMC). One hundred percent of the money raised by the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge team benefits Dana-Farber's Claudia Adams Barr Program in Innovative Basic Cancer Research, which supports promising science research in its earliest stages. The Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge has raised more than \$132 million for the Barr Program to date.

In 1990, Dana-Farber was among the first charity organizations to be recognized by the Boston Athletic Association (B.A.A.), which organizes the Boston Marathon. The Dana-Farber

Marathon Challenge team offers its members extensive fundraising support, training guidance from 1976 Boston Marathon Men's Open Division Champion Jack Fultz, and team training runs. Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge runners who are not time-qualified for the Boston Marathon receive an invitational entry into the race.

Runners include cancer survivors and patients, and family and friends of those who have been affected by cancer. Each team member must fulfill a basic fundraising commitment:

Invitational runners - runners who receive their entry from Dana-Farber have a minimum fundraising commitment of \$10,000.

Own entry runners - runners who have joined the DFMC after obtaining their own race entry have a fundraising commitment of \$4,000.

To contribute to the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge, visit RunDFMC.org or contact the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge office at (617) 632-1970 or dfmc@dfci.harvard.edu. Follow DFMC on Facebook: www.facebook.com/runDFMC. On Twitter: #RunDFMC.

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# South Ender, Meet Boston President & CEO Receives Icon Award From Boston University

SUBMITTED BY MEET BOSTON

Meet Boston President & CEO Martha J. Sheridan will be presented with the annual ICON award by the Boston University School of Hospitality Administration (BU SHA) at the School of Hospitality's marquee event, the Hospitality Leadership Summit. The Summit takes place at BU's Duan Family Center for Computing & Data Sciences (665 Comm Avenue) on April 3.

The ICON recognizes an "Experience Innovator" each year who creates new and transformative paradigms in hospitality. BU SHA deemed that Martha J. Sheridan has reimagined Boston's tourism landscape since assuming her role at Meet Boston in 2019.

As a seasoned tourism leader, she now guides a 1,000-plus partnership organization dedicated to fostering a robust and equitable visitor economy in the region. Her leadership has been pivotal in securing major events, including seven FIFA World Cup 2026 matches at Gillette Stadium and the historic hosting of the 2023 Army-Navy Game in New England. Since taking the reins, Sheridan has quadrupled the operating budget of Meet Boston, an organization she rebranded from the Greater Boston Convention & Visitors Bureau in 2022.

"I'm incredibly honored to receive the ICON Award. I share this recognition with my Meet Boston colleagues and all of the industry partners who enrich our work and make it possible," said Sheridan. "Boston's sports and entertainment scene is a vital vertical within the travel sector, helping to drive the regional economy while shining a light on Greater Boston as a world-class destination. These major events bring residents and visitors together in a unifying spirit that benefits everyone."

The Hospitality Leadership Summit brings together students and faculty with hospitality industry colleagues for a day-long conference of inspiration and networking. For 2025, the Summit's theme focuses on hospitality in Sports and Entertainment—creating unforgettable fan experiences. The full Summit speaker line-up and registration information is available here.

"We are proud to recognize Martha J. Sheridan with the prestigious ICON Award," stated



Meet Boston President & CEO Martha J. Sheridan. Courtesy photo.

Arun Upneja, Ph.D., Dean of BU SHA, who will join Sheridan for a fireside chat conversation at the Summit. "Through her visionary leadership, Martha has redefined what it means to create truly memorable experiences. Her seamless integration of sports, entertainment, and hospitality has not only reimagined our region's tourism landscape but also serves as an inspiration to our students—especially as our School prepares to launch a new graduate program in Sports and Entertainment."

Sheridan will also moderate the morning panel of the Summit, "Winning Experiences: Hospitality's Game-Changing Impact on the Fan Journey at Sports & Entertainment Events."

Past School of Hospitality ICON awardees

include Padma Lakshmi, an Emmy-nominated producer, television host, food expert, and a New York Times best-selling author, as well as one of Time Magazine's 100 Most Influential People (2023); Niki Leonidakis, CEO of Core-Power Yoga; the co-founders of Airbnb Nathan Blecharczyk, Brian Chesky, and Joe Gebbia; restaurant pioneer Danny Meyer, Founder and CEO of Union Square Hospitality Group and Shake Shack; and Richard L. Friedman, President and CEO of Carpenter & Company Inc., credited, among a long list of accolades, for reshaping the Boston skyline with The Four Seasons Hotel & Private Residences at One Dalton. For a list of ICON awardees, visit: [www.meetboston.com/icon](https://www.meetboston.com/icon)

## BCA

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well as free or deeply subsidized artist studios, rehearsal space, and performance venues. The NEA will award 1,127 Grants for Arts Projects awards nationwide totaling more than \$31.8 million as part of the recent announcement of fiscal year 2025 grants.

"The NEA is proud to continue our nearly 60 years of supporting the efforts of organizations and artists that help to shape our country's

vibrant arts sector and communities of all types across our nation," said NEA Chair Maria Rosario Jackson, Ph.D. "It is inspiring to see the wide range of creative projects taking place, including the residency programs of Boston Center for the Arts."

"We are grateful to the National Endowment for the Arts for their continued support of our residency programs. This award will directly further our mission to support Boston's artists and make Boston a place where artists can thrive," said Kristi Keefe, CEO of Boston

Center for the Arts (BCA). BCA offers varied arts programming and multi-disciplinary residency programs—ranging from seven days to three-year residencies—that provide pivotal opportunities for artists to grow and further their work. In receiving this grant, BCA is pleased to be recognized by the NEA as playing such a key role in growing and sustaining Boston's artistic, cultural, and economic well-being.

For more information on other projects included in the NEA's grant announcement, visit [arts.gov/news](https://arts.gov/news).



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## Boston Public Library Fund Celebrates National Library Week 2025

SUBMITTED BY BPLF

The Boston Public Library Fund (BPLF) is proud to announce that Boston native and acclaimed cartoonist, Scott McCloud, will serve as Honorary Co-Chair for National Library Week, taking place April 6–12, 2025.

Celebrated annually and championed by the American Library Association (ALA), National Library Week is a time to recognize the transformative power of libraries and library workers, and to promote the essential role they play in strengthening communities through equitable access to knowledge, resources, and opportunity.

In honor of this celebration, the BPLF has launched a campaign to raise \$100,000 in support of programming at the Central Library in Copley Square and all 25 branch locations. The initiative shines a spotlight on the Library's impact across Boston's neighborhoods and affirms its enduring commitment to education, creativity, and connection, free to all.

"This National Library Week, I encourage you to visit your local branch, consider how the Boston Public Library has made a difference in

your own life or the lives of your friends and neighbors, and support through a gift to the Boston Public Library Fund," says McCloud.

With more than 2.2 million in-person visits annually across all locations—and millions more engaging online—the Boston Public Library plays an essential role in the civic and cultural life of the city. Its reach extends far beyond books: from the Kirstein Business Library & Innovation Center, where individuals receive career and résumé assistance, to the Roxbury Nutrition Lab, which promotes healthy living, to robust social services that address urgent issues like mental health and housing insecurity.

"This week, please join me in lifting up our Library and helping the Boston Public Library Fund reach its goal to raise \$100,000," McCloud adds. "Your support will advance the BPLF's mission to unlock opportunity, activate democracy, and share treasures through the vital and innovative programming offered by your BPL!"

To learn more about how the Boston Public Library Fund is celebrating National Library Week, please visit [bplfund.org](http://bplfund.org).

## New Roxbury Prep

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Founded in 1999, Roxbury Prep has built a national reputation for outstanding academic outcomes for Black and Latino students from low-income communities. Roxbury Prep will contribute to the work already being done by the Newmarket Business Improvement District, the City of Boston, and Suffolk Con-

struction to make this area a thriving business and arts district.

The school is being built across from a park that is getting a 7 million renovation, which had long been neglected. Studies show that a new school can be the catalyst for revitalizing neighborhoods in cities. Recent federal data show the average school building in America is nearly half a century old, even as students perform better on tests when their school buildings are well-maintained and modern.



Photo courtesy of New Roxbury Prep.



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Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Docket No. SU25P0634GD	
In the matter of: <b>Johnie Fermin</b> Of: <b>Boston, MA</b>	RESPONDENT Alleged Incapacitated Person
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by <b>Mass. Dept. Of Mental Health of Westborough, MA</b> in the above captioned matter alleging that <b>Johnie Fermin</b> is in need of a Guardian and requesting that (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve on the bond.	Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114
The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.	
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<b>IMPORTANT NOTICE</b> The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.	
WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: March 21, 2025 <i>Stephanie L. Everett, Esq., Register of Probate</i>	

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION	
Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Docket No. SU25P0617EA	
Estate of: <b>Maureen Catherine Belmonte</b> Also known as: <b>Maureen Belmonte</b> Date of Death: <b>02/16/2016</b>	Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300
A Petition for Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment has been filed by <b>Michael Morris of Boston, MA</b> requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.	
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 05/01/2025.	
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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: March 20, 2025 <i>Stephanie L. Everett, Esq., Register of Probate</i>	

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION	
Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Docket No. SU25P0599EA	
Estate of: <b>Robert James O'Connor</b> Also known as: <b>Robert J O'Connor</b> Date of Death: <b>09/20/2024</b>	Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300
A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by <b>Tracy Novicki of South Boston, MA</b> requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: <b>Tracy Novicki of South Boston, MA</b> be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve <b>Without Surety</b> on the bond in <b>unsupervised administration</b> .	
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 04/30/2025.	
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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: March 19, 2025 <i>Stephanie L. Everett, Esq., Register of Probate</i>	

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE	
Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Docket No. SU25P0249EA	
In the Estate of: <b>Eric David Scott</b> Also Known as: <b>Eric D. Scott</b> Date of Death: <b>12/02/2024</b>	Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner <b>Kevin M. Scott of Edelman, IL. Kevin M. Scott of Edelman, IL.</b> has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve <b>without surety</b> on the bond.	
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