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Boston 2025 Election Guide: **Key Election Dates**

BY SOUTH END NEWS STAFF

Boston voters are casting votes for mayor and city council seats now. Here's your essential South End guide to the races and key dates.

- Preliminary Election NOW**
- **Early Voting:** September 2-5, 2025
 - **Mail-in Voting:** If you received a mail-in ballot, mail

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Crime Update



Assault suspect in Roxbury. Photos courtesy of BPD.

BY SOUTH END STAFF
WITH INFORMATION FROM BPD

Police Seek Help Identifying Assault Suspect in Roxbury

Boston police are asking for the public's help in identifying a woman wanted in connection with an aggravated assault that occurred on Saturday, August 16, near 1620 Tremont Street in Roxbury.

The incident happened around 6:15 PM when the suspect allegedly pepper-sprayed a victim in the eyes. Police describe the suspect as a

light-skinned Black female wearing a black floral t-shirt, black pants, and multicolored Nike sneakers.

Burglary Suspect Arrested After Multi-Neighborhood Spree

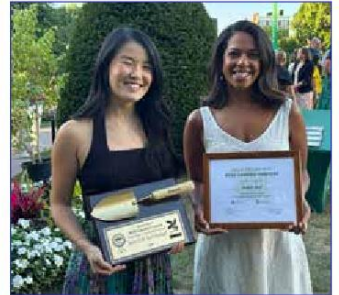
Boston police arrested a 55-year-old man in connection with a string of commercial break-ins targeting businesses in Back Bay and the South End. A Boston resident was taken into custody by Cambridge police officers on Thursday, August

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South End Green Thumbs Shine



Community Garden 1st place Jenny Li & Mark Springel, Berkeley Community Gardens. Photo by Boston Parks and Recreation.



Winners Jenny Li and Dimple Patel. Photo via Berkeley Community Garden, Facebook.

Neighborhood Gardens Take Home Mayor's Awards

BY SOUTH END NEWS STAFF
AND INFORMATION FROM
THE CITY OF BOSTON

Mayor Michelle Wu announced the winners of the 29th annual Mayor's Garden Contest in a ceremony in August celebrating the exceptional

efforts of Boston's urban gardeners. The competition recognizes residents who have transformed their yards, balconies, rooftops, and community gardens into vibrant green spaces that enhance the beauty of the city's neighborhoods.

"Boston's gardeners have brought joy and beauty to our neighborhoods and communities, transforming everything from porches and balconies to storefronts into vibrant green spaces," said Mayor Michelle

Wu. "I am honored to celebrate all of our winners and offer a special congratulations to those receiving this year's Golden Trowel award. It is a pleasure to celebrate your hard work!"

First place winners received the coveted "Golden Trowel" award from Mayor Wu while second and third place winners were awarded certificates. Gardeners who have

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City Council to Hold Mass and Cass Emergency Declaration Hearing Tonight

BY SOUTH END NEWS STAFF

The Boston City Council will hold a public hearing tonight at 6 p.m. regarding a proposed emergency declaration for the Mass and Cass area. The hearing takes place at Hampton Inn and Suites on Mas-

sachusetts Avenue.

Councilor Ed Flynn has proposed declaring a public health and safety emergency at the intersection of Massachusetts Avenue and Melnea Cass Boulevard and surrounding neighborhoods. The resolution addresses ongoing issues with open-

air drug markets, homelessness, and public safety concerns affecting nearby communities including the South End.

Councilor Sharon Durkan previously blocked an immediate vote

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Crime Update

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28, after four warrants were issued for his arrest.

The man faces multiple charges including four counts of nighttime breaking and entering for felony purposes, two counts of larceny from a building, and two counts of property destruction exceeding \$1,200. The arrest concludes an investigation into several commercial burglaries that had affected local businesses in the two neighborhoods.

South End Shooting Under Investigation

A man was hospitalized with non-life-threatening injuries following a shooting Sunday night, August 24, in the South End. The incident occurred around 9:45 PM in the

area of 777 Tremont Street.

Boston police officers responded to reports of gunfire and found the victim at the scene. He was transported to a nearby hospital for treatment. No arrests have been made in connection with the shooting, and the investigation remains active.

Police encourage anyone with information about these incidents to contact the appropriate district or submit anonymous tips through CrimeStoppers.

CrimeStoppers

Anyone with information about the cases above, or others, can contact District B-2 detectives at (617) 343-4275. Anonymous tips can be submitted through the CrimeStoppers tip line at 1-800-494-TIPS, by texting "TIP" to CRIME (27463), or online through Boston Police CrimeStoppers.

Vote

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it now. Mail ballots must be received by 8 PM on Election Day.

- **Election Day:** Tuesday, September 9, 2025 (7 AM - 8 PM)

General Election

- **Voter Registration Deadline:** Saturday, October 25, 2025
- **Early Voting:** Approximately October 18-31, 2025
- **Election Day:** Tuesday, November 4, 2025 (7 AM - 8 PM)

How to Vote Registration: The deadline for the preliminary election has passed. To vote in the general election in November, register online until 11:59 PM on the deadline, in-person until 5 PM, or by mail (must be postmarked by the deadline).

Mail-in Voting: All registered Boston voters can vote by mail in 2025 elections. Mail ballots must be received by 8 PM on Election Day.

Early Voting: You can vote early at any designated location in the city - you don't need to vote at your assigned polling place during early voting.

For more information visit: www.boston.gov/departments/election

Mass and Cass

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on Flynn's resolution, sending it to committee for further review. Durkan questioned whether an emergency declaration would provide additional resources to address the crisis.

The hearing is being conducted by Councilor John FitzGerald, who chairs the Public Health, Homelessness and Recovery Committee. FitzGerald initially faced pressure to delay the hearing until after the September 9 preliminary election, but resident advocacy led to tonight's scheduling.

Local residents, particularly from the South End, have expressed frustration with spillover effects from Mass and Cass, reporting safety concerns and quality of life issues in their neighborhoods.

Mayor Michelle Wu opposes the emergency declaration. Her administration maintains that the city is already utilizing available public health, safety, and works resources to address the situation and that an emergency declaration would not unlock additional authorities or funding.

The hearing represents ongoing debate about how Boston should address the complex issues of addiction, homelessness, and public safety at Mass and Cass.

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SOUTH END CALENDAR: SEPTEMBER 4 - SEPTEMBER 19, 2025

ONGOING EVENTS

SoWa Open Market Sundays, 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM through October 500 Harrison Avenue Boston's largest celebration of local art, food and music continues with over 175 makers, food trucks, live music, and Beer Garden. FREE

SoWa Artists Guild Open Studios Every Sunday, 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM 450 Harrison Avenue Over 80 professional studio artists open their doors. Browse studios, meet artists, and buy art directly from makers. FREE

Berklee Outdoor Concerts Through September at various locations Free concerts by Berklee students, faculty, and alumni including performances at SoWa Open Market. Music ranges from jazz to classical, Latin to funk. FREE

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 4-7

Thursday, September 4 City Hall on the Go 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM, Central Boston Elder Services 2315 Washington Street Mobile City Hall services - pay parking tickets, request documents, check voter registration. Note: Does not accept cash payments

South End Soccer In-Person Assessment First Thursday assessment for youth soccer registration Part of Soccer Unity Project's free fall programs Contact: southendsoccer.org

Friday, September 5 South End Art Hop Opening Night 5:00 PM - 10:00 PM throughout South End Arts District Kick off the weekend-long celebration with 100+ locations open including artist studios, galleries, restaurants, and shops. Features the STRUT! Fashion Show during street closure. Family friendly and FREE

South End Sidewalk Sale Begins Friday, September 5th - Sunday, September 7th (rain or shine) Shop your favorite South End stores with amazing deals and find treasures while supporting local retailers and restaurants. Participating businesses include ARTEFACT, Bittersweet Violet, Black Lamb, Boon Plant Bar, BRIX Wine Shop, Burro Bar, Buzzing Backyard Flower Garden, Cadeau Boutique, Dahlia, Flock, Flores Mantilla, Foodies Urban Market, JJ Foleys Cafe, Heartbreak Hill Running Club, Hudson Interior Designs, Kodomo, Lekker Home, Little Lovage Club, Mayne Kids Hair Salon, M. Flynn, MJ Berries (562 Tremont Street), Paper Dragon Store, Parkside Bookshop, PATCH NYC, Petite Sakura, Polkadog Bakery, Recharge on Clarendon Medspa, SAULT New England, Sky Candle, Soccer Unity Project, the ONEIL studio, The Wine Emporium, and Trove On Tremont. Interac-

tive map available at sebaston.com

SoWa First Friday 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM, 450 Harrison Avenue Monthly open studio event with over 80 artists opening their doors. FREE

Saturday, September 6 South End Art Hop - Full Day 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM throughout South End Arts District Continue exploring with Kids Hop at the Farmers Market and SEABA Artist Market at Dealer. Choose your own adventure across the neighborhood. FREE

Union Park Neighborhood Association Block Party Union Park (between Shawmut and Tremont) Co-hosted with Little Lovage Club and Community Music Center of Boston. Features free ice cream for first 100 people, live music, kid-friendly activities, facepainter, and raffle with gift cards valued over \$50 from local businesses. Street closed to traffic during event. Donate to enter raffle at bit.ly/4mYiQFv - winners need not be present. FREE

South End Soccer In-Person Assessment First Saturday assessment for youth soccer registration Contact: southendsoccer.org

Sunday, September 7 South End Art Hop Final Day 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM throughout South End Arts District Last day of the weekend arts celebration. FREE

SoWa Open Market 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM, 500 Harrison Avenue

SoWa Artists Guild Open Studios 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM, 450 Harrison Avenue

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 8-14

Monday, September 8 South End Soccer Season Begins Fall season starts (week after Labor Day) Free youth soccer programs through Soccer Unity Project Games on Saturdays/Sundays, practices one day per week Contact: southendsoccer.org

Sunday, September 14 SoWa Open Market 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM, 500 Harrison Avenue

SoWa Artists Guild Open Studios 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM, 450 Harrison Avenue

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 15-19

Sunday, September 21 (Just outside calendar period but important to note) 38th Annual South End Open Studios Weekend Begins Extended hours at SoWa Artists Guild: 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM

ONGOING COMMUNITY PROGRAMMING

Boston Public Library Programs Note: South End Branch closed for facilities issues -

residents can access services at Central Library in Copley Square

- ESOL Conversation Groups (Tuesdays, 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM)
- Story Times for children
- Adult programming and literacy services

Community Music Center of Boston Registration open for fall 2025 lessons and classes 109-year-old accredited music school providing equitable access to music education Contact: cmcb.org

Age Strong Commission Programming Union Church, 485 Columbus Avenue Programs for older adults including fitness and social activities Contact: 617-635-4505

Youth Flag Football Saturdays, 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM Carter Playground Bubble, 709 Columbus Avenue Free co-ed program for ages 8U, 10U, 12U, and girls 15U Registration: boston.gov/sports

COMMUNITY MEETINGS & SERVICES

South End Landmark District Commission First Tuesday of each month (September 2nd) Reviews proposed changes to South End building exteriors

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

- Ellis South End Neighborhood Association - Check ellisneighborhood.org
- Pilot Block Neighborhood Association - PBNInfo@gmail.com
- Various other associations - check with individual groups

United South End Settlements (USES) 48 Rutland Street Early childhood education, after-school programs, family services Contact: uses.org

CITY CONTACT INFORMATION

South End Neighborhood Liaison Sarah Sharpe, Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services 617-635-4505 | Hours: Monday-Friday, 9 AM - 5 PM

Boston 311 Services Report non-emergency issues: Dial 3-1-1 or download BOS:311 app

For the most up-to-date event information, visit boston.gov/events, sowaboston.com, seaba.com, or check individual organization websites and social media pages. Weather may affect outdoor events. Event times and dates subject to change.

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Garden

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won three or more times in the last ten years were automatically entered into the Hall of Fame. These distinguished Hall-of-Famers are no longer eligible to enter as contestants but are invited to return as judges.

First place winners were also entered into a drawing for a JetBlue Grand Prize consisting of roundtrip flights for two to any nonstop destination from Boston. Terms, conditions, and blackout dates apply. Mahoney's Garden Centers provided gardener's gift bags to the top three winners in each category, as well as gift certificates for the 2025 Hall of Fame inductees.

This year's winners include:

Pollinator Garden

1. M. Scott Knox - Roxbury
2. Kimba McDonald - Hyde Park
3. Megan Morrill - Hyde Park

Vegetable or Herb Garden

1. Suzen Holohan - East Boston
2. Jun Odajima - West Roxbury
3. Taylor Halliday - Roslindale

Age Strong

1. Nancy Kressin and John Derbort - West Roxbury
2. Alan White & Dale Belcher - Roslindale
3. Cheryl Crawford - Roslindale

Small Yard Garden

1. 133 Commonwealth Garden Committee being accepted by Beth Kates, Michelle Van-

- parys, and Debora Hollland - Back Bay
2. Jill Christians - South End
3. Liza Dufresne - Dorchester

Porch Balcony or Container Garden

1. Peter Cahn and Donald Hess - Back Bay
2. Paul H. Belanger - West End
3. Salil Sharma & Chitiz Regmi - South End

Medium Yard Garden

1. Elizabeth McDonough - Roslindale
2. Zach Turcotte - Jamaica Plain
3. Tom Bessette and Ike Colbert - Dorchester

Shade Garden

1. Ellen Scalese - Hyde Park
2. Sharon Gentges - East Boston
3. Christa Comeau - Beacon Hill

Large Yard Garden

1. Molly Duggan - Mattapan
2. Shoma Haque - Jamaica Plain
3. Hylton Joliffe - Jamaica Plain

Community Garden

1. Jenny Li & Mark Springel - Berkeley Community Gardens
2. Dimple Patel - Berkeley Community Garden
3. Gerry Izzi & Dan Doherty - Fenway Victory Gardens

Storefront, Organization, or Main Street District

1. Friends of Christopher Columbus Park - North End
2. The Gardening Enthusiasts at Primus - Beacon Hill
3. The Boston Home - Dorchester



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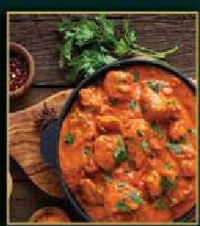




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	Docket No. SU23P0636PM
In the matter of: Glenn Monroe Protected Person/Disabled Person/Respondent Of: Boston, MA	
Suffolk Probate and Family Court, 24 New Chardon Street, Boston, MA 02114, (617) 788-8300	
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, you are hereby notified pursuant to Rule 72 of the Supplemental Rules of the Probate & Family Court, that the 1st and Final account(s) of Brian J. McLaughlin, Esq. of Boston, MA as Conservator of the property of said Respondent has or have been presented to the Court for allowance.	
You have the right to object to the account(s). If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 10/02/2025. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to object to the account(s). If you fail to file the written appearance and objection by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you, including the allowance of account(s).	
Additionally, within thirty days after said return day (or within such other time as the Court upon motion may order), you must file a written affidavit of objections stating the specific facts and grounds upon which each objection is based and a copy shall be served upon the Conservator pursuant to Rule 3 of the Supplemental Rules of the Probate & Family Court.	
You have the right to send to the Conservator, by registered or certified mail, a written request to receive a copy of the Petition and account(s) at no cost to you.	
IMPORTANT NOTICE 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. Janine D Rivers, First Justice of this Court. Date: August 18, 2025 <i>Stephanie L. Everett, Esq, Register of Probate</i>	

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF CONSERVATOR'S ACCOUNT	Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court
	Docket No. SU23P0804PM
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WITNESS, Hon. Janine D Rivers, First Justice of this Court. Date: August 18, 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. SU25P1904EA
Estate of: Mary T De Giacomo Also known as: Mary T DeGiacomo Date of Death: 09/02/2013	
To all interested persons: A Petition for Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment has been filed by John M Smoot of Accord, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that John M Smoot of Accord, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration .	Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300
IMPORTANT NOTICE 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 09/24/2025.	
This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.	
UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC) A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.	
WITNESS, Hon. Janine D Rivers, First Justice of this Court. Date: August 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. SU25P1929EA
Estate of: Margaret A. McCusker Also known as: Margaret Greig Date of Death: 06/20/2025	
To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Kathleen M. Arlauskas of Boston, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that Kathleen M. Arlauskas of Boston, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration .	Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300
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WITNESS, Hon. Janine D Rivers, First Justice of this Court. Date: August 22, 2025 <i>Stephanie L. Everett, Esq, Register of Probate</i>	

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L.c. 190B, §5-304	Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court
	Docket No. SU25P1922GD
In the matter of: Sarah Mercier RESPONDENT Of: Boston, MA Alleged Incapacitated Person	
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Brigham & Women's Hospital of Boston, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Sarah Mercier is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Sara Spooner of Auburn, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve Without Surety 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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IMPORTANT NOTICE 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. Janine D Rivers, First Justice of this Court. Date: August 21, 2025 <i>Stephanie L. Everett, Esq, Register of Probate</i>	

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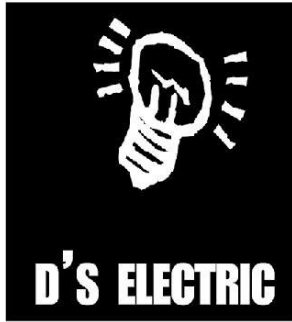
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