

NeighborHealth Hosts South End Fall Family Health Fair

BY SOUTH END STAFF

NeighborHealth held its first South End Fall Family Health Fair on October 18 at Blackstone Square Park, drawing families and community members for preventative health services and seasonal activities.

The event offered free flu and COVID-19 vaccines, educational health resources, and family activities including pumpkin decorating, face painting, and music. Attendees also received healthy snacks donated by Farmer's Fridge and local



South End children got into the fall spirit by decorating pumpkins donated by Shaws and Home Depot. Photo courtesy of NeighborHealth.

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Camp Hale Raises \$70,000 at Plunge Fundraiser

BY SOUTH END NEWS STAFF

Camp Hale raised over \$70,000 at its second annual Camp Hale Plunge fundraiser on October 11, more than doubling its initial goal of \$30,000.

Supporters of all ages participated in the early morning event, plunging into Squam Lake at 9:00 a.m. Each participant was challenged to raise at least \$75. The top fundraiser, Bandita Joarder, Senior



Photo courtesy of Camp Hale.

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Boston 2025 Election Guide:

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.



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GUEST OPINION

Cathedral of the Holy Cross Celebrates 150 Years

BY JOHN JOSEPH FAHEY

Situated in the historic and burgeoning Boston's South End, the mother church of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Boston, the Cathedral of the Holy Cross stands not only as a monument to those who were responsible for its construction but continues to serve as a beacon to its many visitors and parishioners who attend its services and programs as well as to those who participate in its myriad of parish activities.

Additionally many of those whose support helped raise this

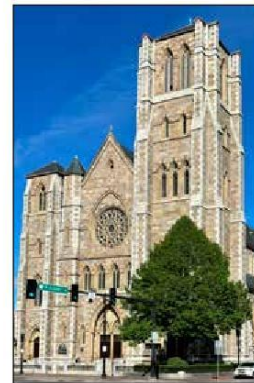


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Boston Public Library Fund Hosts Halloween Night Event at Central Library

BY SOUTH END NEWS STAFF

The Boston Public Library Fund will host Night(mare) in the Stacks: Celebrating Boston's Spooky Stories on Halloween night, Friday, October 31, from 8:00 p.m. to midnight at the Central Library in Copley Square.

The event, organized by the

Emerging Leaders—a group of young Bostonians supporting the library—marks the first time the annual Night in the Stacks celebration will take place on Halloween.

Guests will have exclusive access to the historic McKim Building,

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Residents Mobilize Over Mass and Cass Safety Concerns

BY SOUTH END NEWS STAFF

South End residents are taking action as frustrations mount over public safety issues stemming from the Mass and Cass area, with new data showing a dramatic increase in arrests and community members organizing politically to address the crisis.

At a community meeting held last Thursday at Cathedral High School,

dozens of South End residents shared accounts of deteriorating conditions in their neighborhood, with some saying they're considering relocating as their only option to feel safe again, according to the Boston Herald. One father asked Boston Public Health Commissioner Bisola Ojikutu what mattered more: his children's right to grow up safely in

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

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

Candidates

South End City Council Races

At-Large Seats (4 available) Eight Candidates Advance to At-Large City Council Race

Boston voters will choose from eight candidates for four at-large City Council seats in the November 4 general election.

All four current at-large councilors secured spots on the ballot: Ruthzee Louijeune, Julia Mejia, Erin Murphy and Henry Santana as well as Frank Baker, Alexandra E. Valdez, Marvin Dee Mathelier and Will Onuoha.

The top four vote-getters in November will serve four-year terms representing the entire city on the Boston City Council.

District 7 - Candidates Said Ahmed (often referred to as "Coach Ahmed" on the ballot) and Miniard Culpepper race to replace former councilor Tania Fernandes Anderson, who was recently sentenced to prison on federal corruption charges.

District 7 encompasses parts of Roxbury, Dorchester, the South End, and the Fenway across six wards.

District 2 - Incumbent Ed Flynn faces challenger Charles Delaney.

District 2 includes South Boston, South End, Downtown, and Chinatown

Cathedral

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Roxbury pudding stone edifice (along with gray limestone) to a height of 120 feet a century and a half ago, were similar in several ways to those who currently attend the Cathedral.

Boston's South End was in a state of transition during the second part of the nineteenth century. The demographics were changing – what was originally a largely non-Catholic section of the city transitioned as an enclave with a substantial immigrant population – many of whom were Irish. And today, the Cathedral continues to serve an immigrant population. Indeed, Masses are celebrated not only in English but in Spanish, Latin (Extraordinary Form) and Ge'ez Rite (Ethiopian.) Masses are also held on weekdays and of course on weekends. There is also a later Sunday early evening Mass in English at 5:30 pm. This Mass seems to be particularly popular with the area's younger adults.

Coincidentally the dynamic is comparable today – although not with the Irish but with many other ethnic groups, many of whom share Catholicism as their religious heritage and who have made the South End their home. Indeed, with the many new developments in the South End, the population has emerged as a location where not just the number of inhabitants are increasing but the expansion of new businesses as well. It would not be unreasonable to suggest that this significant section of Boston has become vibrant and exciting, reflective of the growth and progress of the City of Boston itself.

The Cathedral started construction in April of 1866, and consecrated as the Cathedral Church of the Metropolitan See of Boston nine years later on December 8, 1875 by Archbishop John J. Williams. This year is the Cathedral's sesquicentennial.

The building was designed in the

Gothic Revival style by prominent church architect Patrick C. Keely; although based out of New York Keely designed hundreds of church buildings throughout the East including many in the Boston area. Keely himself was an Irish immigrant having roots in County Tipperary.

The imposing structure can boast measurements of 364 feet in length and 90 feet in width and holding a capacity close to 2000 people. When one enters from the vestibule, the beauty, color and all around ambiance that continues to be so much a component of the historic cathedrals in the Old World can truly be appreciated here too. The Cathedral also has a smaller chapel on the side as well as a lower church where Masses are also celebrated.

Monsignor Kevin J. O'Leary has been the rector since 2008; and in that time two apparent changes have occurred; one is the renovation of the interior and the other an increase in attendance. Indeed, Msgr. O'Leary indicates at the conclusion of the weekend Masses how grateful and encouraged he is that "so many young people – and young families worship here. After all, young people are the future of the Church!"

This year of 2025 has been an exciting anniversary year at the Cathedral; its religious observances, concerts, programs and other events allows visitors to not only enjoy and appreciate what this church offers but also permits one to truly grasp what a treasure this Cathedral is and it exists right here in the city.

The Masses during the weekend are as follows: Saturday in English at 4:30 PM and Sundays in English at 8:00 AM; 11:30 AM (with choir); and 5:30 PM. Spanish at 9:30 AM; Extraordinary Form (Latin) at 10:00 AM; and in the Alexandrian Ge'ez Rite at 1:00 PM. And, check the Cathedral's website at holycrossboston.com for the upcoming Christmas and New Year's schedule.

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- **Wednesday, November 12th** from 4pm-7pm at 103 Mercer Street
- **Saturday, November 15th** from 9am-1pm at 103 Mercer Street

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NeighborHealth

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supermarkets.

"Our Fall Family Health Fair makes preventative care more accessible and fun for our community," said Courtney Senechal, Director of Nursing at NeighborHealth. "Especially this time of year, we want to be sure our community is equipped to prevent seasonal viruses like flu and stay healthy into the winter."

NeighborHealth staff and volunteers connected visitors with information about year-round services, including family care, radiology, dental, recovery, older adult, and behavioral health programs. The fair also provided opportunities for new patients to learn about the health center's services.

The event was supported by sponsors including Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Boston Medical Center, Bunker Hill Community College, Quest Diagnostics, Boston Children's Hospital, and several local grocery stores and businesses.

This article was prepared from information provided by NeighborHealth.



City Councilor Ed Flynn with Susana Elman, NeighborHealth Communications Manager at NeighborHealth's South End Fall Family Health Fair. Photo courtesy of NeighborHealth.



NeighborHealth Project Shine team members distributed pumpkins and educational information on NeighborHealth's new HIV services in the South End. Photo courtesy of NeighborHealth.



Fair attendees got vaccinated against the flu, taking an important step towards preventing sickness this flu season. Photo courtesy of NeighborHealth.

Mass and Cass

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their neighborhood or other people's right to buy and use drugs, the Herald reported.

A resident who lives near Boston Medical Center told officials he had been calling 911 almost daily until September, describing the hospital as effectively hosting a public drug market on its front lawn, according to the Herald's coverage.

The concerns come as new police statistics paint a stark picture of the neighborhood's challenges. Between May 1 and August 24, 2025, the South End saw 478 arrests—a 163% increase from the 182 arrests during the same period in 2024, Boston.com reported on October 22, citing data from a Boston Police Department Community CompStat meeting.

In response to the ongoing crisis, residents have formed a new political advocacy group. The Mass and Cass Political Action Commit-

tee was established to educate voters about the positions held by elected officials and candidates regarding issues facing residents, businesses, and workers in the area, according to a statement provided to The Daily Free Press on October 16.

The committee, which says it's funded by grassroots donations, aims to track how city council members and candidates address crime and safety concerns at the intersection of Massachusetts Avenue and Melnea Cass Boulevard.

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featuring an open bar, curated small plates and desserts, live music and dancing, tarot card readers, and a wandering haiku poet. Attendees will also get early access to the BPL's

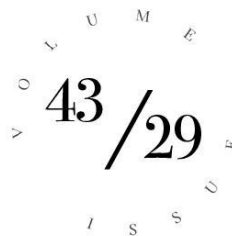
new exhibition, *Revolution! 250 Years of Art + Activism*, which opens days before the event.

Proceeds support the Boston Public Library's free programs and services across the city.

Tickets are \$220 and available until sold out at www.bplfund.org/nits.

The Boston Public Library Fund supports innovation at the Boston Public Library, enabling the library to respond to evolving community needs beyond essential services funded by the City of Boston.

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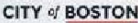
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Camp Hale

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Director of Pega Delivery at Pegasystems, raised \$5,000.

Proceeds support scholarships for youth campers and families attending Camp Hale, a program of United South End Settlements (USES). The camp, located on Squam Lake in the White Mountains, has operated for over

125 years and offers a sliding-scale fee structure with financial assistance to ensure all families can afford a summer camp experience.

USES supports families in achieving economic mobility and provides resources and opportunities in Boston's South End and beyond.

For more information about Camp Hale, visit www.uses.org/programs/camp_hale/.

This article was prepared from information provided by Camp Hale.



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SOUTH END CALENDAR

ONGOING EVENTS

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

Community Music Center of Boston Programming Registration open for fall 2025 lessons and classes. 109-year-old accredited music school providing equitable access to music education. Location: 34 Warren Avenue. Website: 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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31 - HALLOWEEN

South End Halloween Party: Time: 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM. Location: Titus Sparrow Park, 75 West Rutland Square.

Spruce Street Nursery School invites families to the ultimate trick-or-treat kickoff! Enjoy pizza, music by Little Groove, and a festive kids parade down W. Rutland Square.

Party Agenda: 4:00 PM: Party begins with pizza. 4:10-4:50 PM: Little Groove performs on main lawn. 4:50 PM: Gather at circle on W. Rutland Square for parade line-up. 5:00 PM: Kids Parade kicks off - march out to start neighborhood trick-or-treating. FREE.

Halloween Trick-or-Treating - Rutland Street: Rutland Street will be CLOSED TO TRAFFIC from Tremont Street to Shawmut Street from 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM for safe trick-or-treating.

OCTOBER 30

City Hall on the Go - Location: BCYF Blackstone, 50 West Brookline Street, 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM. Mobile City Hall services including paying parking tickets, requesting documents, checking voter registration.

NOVEMBER 7

SoWa First Friday: Friday, November 7, 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM. Location: 450 Harrison Avenue & throughout SoWa Art + Design District. Artists, galleries, shops and showrooms open their doors for an evening of art and culture. FREE. Website: sowartists.com

NOVEMBER 28

SoWa Winter Festival (10th Annual): Opening Day: Friday, November 28 (Black Friday). Festival Dates: November 28 - December 28, 2025. Location: SoWa Power Station, 550 Harrison Avenue

Hours of Operation: Opening Day (Friday, November 28): 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM; Tuesday - Thursday: 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM; Friday: 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM; Saturday: 10:00 AM - 9:00 PM; Sunday: 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM; Mondays: CLOSED; Christmas Eve and Christmas Day: CLOSED

Features: 100+ local vendors featuring handmade art, holiday gifts, specialty foods, and cocktails. Live musical acts including D's Keys (single pianist Fridays-Sundays 2:00-4:00 PM, Dueling Pianos Fridays & Saturdays 5:00-9:00 PM, Sundays 4:00-8:00 PM). Mezzanine Bar and Lounge. Food trucks on weekends.

For the most up-to-date event information, visit boston.gov/events, sowaboston.com, sebaboston.org, haleyhouse.org, southendhistoricalsociety.org, ellisneighborhood.org, 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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NOVEMBER 29

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DECEMBER 6

SoWa First Friday (December): Friday, December 6, 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM. Location: 450 Harrison Avenue & SoWa District. Monthly art walk with open studios, galleries, and special events during the Winter Festival season. FREE

JANUARY 16

Boston Symphony Orchestra Community Chamber Concert: Thursday, January 16, 2026, 1:00 PM. Location: Community Music Center of Boston, 34 Warren Avenue. FREE chamber music concert (reservation required). Website: bso.org.

COMMUNITY SERVICES & 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
- Website: bpl.org

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

City Hall on the Go Mobile City Hall services including paying parking tickets, requesting documents, checking voter registration. Check boston.gov for South End schedule locations and times. Note: Does not accept cash payments. Website: boston.gov

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

South End Landmark District Commission First Tuesday of each month. Reviews proposed changes to South End building exteriors.

Neighborhood Association Meetings

- Ellis South End Neighborhood Association - Website: ellisneighborhood.org
- Pilot Block Neighborhood Association - Email: PBNainfo@gmail.com
- Various other associations - check with individual groups

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