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BACK TO SCHOOL

Boston Public Schools Announces New School Leaders For 2023-24 School Year

SUBMITTED BY BPS

Boston Public Schools (BPS) Superintendent Mary Skipper today announced the cohort of new school leaders appointed for the 2023-24 school year. This group of talented educators, representing a diverse and experienced pool of professionals, will take the helm at various schools across the District, ushering in an exciting new chapter for the District.

"I'm thrilled to welcome these 16 new school leaders, who have proven themselves to be important leaders in our schools and the larger community," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "We are immensely proud to have them lead our schools for this school year, and I look forward to partnering with this diverse group of leaders to deliver on the promise



BPS Superintendent Mary Skipper. Photo via www.bostonpublicschools.org.

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NEWS FROM....

Saint Botolph Neighborhood Association

Intersections that intersect our everyday lives

St Botolph & West Newton. It's the main intersection of our neighborhood, a popular cut-through for traffic, and a snarled mess whenever it's delivery time at 7-11. We have had ongoing talks with the city about how it could be improved. The addition of flex

posts to improve pedestrian safety, has not improved safety and the posts are often broken, torn up or parked on. We were able to get the city to at least repaint the crosswalks, but we still have not received confirmation on specific plans for the intersection. What are your thoughts? Reach out to us and our neighborhood liaison Maggie Van Scoy, to let us know your questions and talk about your experiences

with the intersection. Let's make it an ongoing conversation. More info at www.stbotolph.org

Dartmouth and Stuart Streets. Navigating this intersection is a part of all our lives on a regular basis and there is an effort underway to lobby the city to improve and simplify it for pedestrians and vehicles. Back Bay resident Nina

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NEWS FROM...

Friends of the South End Library

Interim Library Services

The significant length of the branch closure makes it very important to have enhanced interim library services. Regarding interim space, recently we have learned that BPL is working out an agreement with United South End



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VOTE

Important preliminary Boston City Council election dates

There is a preliminary election for some candidates for Boston City Council, including those for District 7, which includes some parts of the South End.

Important Dates

Deadline to register to vote in preliminary election is **Sept. 2**

Early voting begins **Sept. 2-8** early voting.

Visit the www.boston.gov/departments/election or www.sec.state.ma.us for mail-in ballots and voting locations.

Sept. 12 Preliminary election day. Polls open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. to cast their votes in races for Districts 3, 5, 6, and 7 (the only races that require

a preliminary election).

Oct. 28: The deadline to register to vote in the general election is 5 p.m.

Oct. 31: The deadline to request your vote-by-mail ballot for the general election is 5 p.m.

Nov. 7: General election day. Polls open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. to cast their votes for district and at-large city councilors.

District 7

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Althea Garrison
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Roy Owens
Padma Scott

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Attend Ready Boston Field Day on September 9 from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

For National Preparedness Month, come learn how to prepare for emergencies and disasters and leave with safety tips, giveaways, and life-saving skills.

The Office of Emergency Management (OEM) is hosting the City's second annual Ready Boston Field Day at English High School Track and Field on Saturday, September 9, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Learn CPR and first aid from Boston Emergency Medical Services through dem-

onstrations and practice sessions.

Get fire-safety tips from the Boston Fire Department.

Participate in an emergency exercise with public safety professionals.

Get an inside look at emergency vehicles: SWAT vehicles, ambulances, police cruisers, fire trucks, emergency management vehicles, and more.

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Toll Free: (833) 568 - 8864

Meeting ID: 160 926 4104



Project Description:

Please join the BPDA for a virtual public meeting on September 6, 2023, to discuss the Draft Article 90 Zoning Amendment resulting from PLAN: Newmarket. BPDA Staff will present the zoning amendment, highlight key takeaways, and be available for questions and comments from meeting attendees. This is a public meeting: all are welcome to join, comment, and discuss the proposed zoning changes.

The Draft Article 90 Zoning Amendment was posted on August 17, 2023. A public comment period on draft amendments will be open until September 8, 2023. Revised text amendments may then go to the BPDA Board on September 14, 2023 and then the Boston Zoning Commission.

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and possibility for our BPS students, families and school communities.”

This year, BPS is proud to welcome 16 new school leaders. Some quick facts about the new leaders:

- 11 are leaders of color
- 12 have previous BPS classroom and/or administrative experience
- 5 are fluent in a language other than English

“Strong, passionate, diverse and experienced school leaders are critical to creating great schools,” said Skipper. “I’m proud to welcome each of these outstanding professionals to our team of school leaders. They have deep experience as educators and leaders, and I am looking forward to working closely with them to ensure that Boston continues to be a leader in public education in the Commonwealth

and nation. As a former BPS teacher and head of school, I know that our new cohort will make an incredible impact on our schools and the students.”

A significant number of the new school leaders have a history with Boston Public Schools, having previously served as educators, principal fellows, program directors, interim and assistant principals, and even as former students, with four individuals among the cohort who are proud BPS alumni.

“We are proud to welcome 16 new school leaders to our team,” said Boston Public Schools Executive Director of Leadership Development Monica Hall. “Eleven of them are leaders of color, five are fluent in a second language, and almost every single one has either classroom or administrative experience at BPS, including four BPS alums. Their breadth of experience is unmatched and I know that our students will be in good hands with this phenomenal group of school

leaders.”

Furthermore, the District welcomed school leaders who are new to BPS, bringing their expertise and fresh perspectives to their respective school communities.

“With every school year comes transition, and welcoming new school leaders is the best kind of transition,” said Boston School Committee Chairperson Jeri Robinson. “We are excited to see so much talent not only stay in the Boston Public Schools system but to see so many former students becoming school leaders themselves. This is a proud day for the Boston Public Schools and the City of Boston. I am confident that they will excel in their positions, and I look forward to working with each and every one of them.”

This year marks the highest retention rate for school leaders at BPS in over a decade. This fall the District plans to launch an Assistant Principal To Principal pipeline to help build capacity and a leadership pathway.

FOSEL

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Settlements (USES) and the City to clear the way for the library to use space at USES. We are awaiting a timeline from BPL indicating when this might be settled.

Any temporary location will be used for interim services only and will not also house a library collection. Book drop-off may be possible, however, but remains to be determined.

Christina Jones and Margaret Gardener (new Head Librarian and Children’s Librarian, respectively) are working on Storytime and Little Groove musical programming for kids, to be held in the park until the weather gets too cold. Christina is also planning on initiating a monthly adult book group for adults in September, which might meet at FOMU, the non-dairy ice cream shop on Tremont Street. Other ideas are under consideration, and FOSEL will communicate them as they solidify.

Although we had hoped that BPL bike-mobiles might help address book access concerns during the Branch closure, Christina has reported that the BPL’s bike-mobiles are unavailable: one is out of commission and the other is located at another branch.

Architectural Firm Selection/Public Facilities Commission Approval At a public meeting held on July 19th, our City Project Manager, Rohn (Jay) MacNulty, presented to the Public Facilities Commission (PFC) a general outline of the new South End Library project, including the selection of Utile as the designated architectural firm. (A recording of the meeting should be available on the PFC’s website shortly.) The PFC approved \$679,129 for a programming study and initial design work. Once the contracts are drafted and signed (expected to take 1-2 months), there will be a 12-week feasibility study to assess whether the optimal path will be to renovate the existing building or to tear it down and create a new one. It is hoped that the feasibility work and early design phases will begin in mid-September or sooner.

Community Engagement Process

During the programming study and design phase, the architects are expected to lead several public meetings to solicit input from the community. These meetings will be attended by BPL staff, PFC staff, and all members of the public interested in attending.

In addition to these architect-led meetings, BPL staff plan to reach out to engage with the community on their thoughts and ideas about the new library. The Interim Library Survey that FOSEL presented in early 2023 and a FOSEL report called Introducing our Community, updated in January 2023, will be provided to the architects.

In the coming weeks, the architects are expected to develop a project timeline, which will be published on the South End Branch page of the BPL website as well as on FOSEL’s website and via links from the South End Community Forum and through other social media.



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10 AM - 5 pm

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Salsa In The Park celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month

1 PM - 4 PM

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1:00 PM: Lessons by MetaMovements

1:30 PM: Social dancing begins & music

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2:15 PM: Performances and special announcements

2:45 - 4:00 PM: Timba lines/follow alongs led by MetaMovements dance hosts and more social dancing

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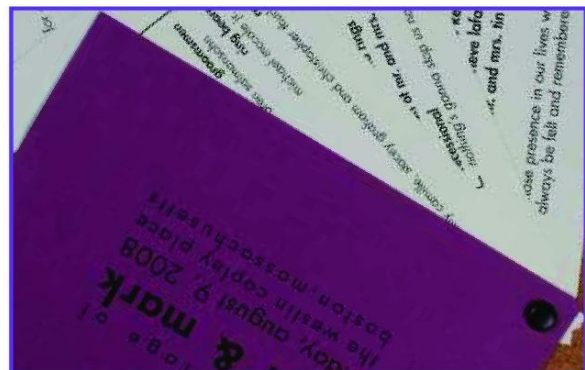
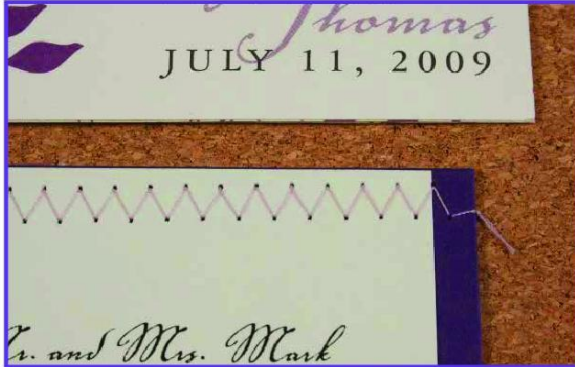
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Garfinkle wants to drum up support to simplify & make the intersection by the Copley Place mall entrance/ Neiman Marcus (at Stuart & Dartmouth streets) safer for people. This intersection was slated for improvements as part of Simon Properties' Copley Place Tower development, but when that was canceled, so was the intersection reconstruction.

Councilor Flynn has taken an interest in pedestrian safety lately, so Nina's hope is that he can be persuaded to support and advocate for this project. He's willing to do a walkthrough and would like to schedule something for late August.

Please let us know, if you would be interested in attending that walk. Also feel free to spread the word to others who might be interested. More info herer www.stbotolph.org

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To all interested persons: A petition for Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment has been filed by: Teresa L. Forsyth of Longwood, FL requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that Teresa L. Forsyth of Longwood, FL be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration.		
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