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welcome, boston,

to a celebration of our built environment—the streets, landscapes, buildings, and neighborhoods that make us distinctive. The Common Boston 07 festival provides an opportunity for all of us to engage with new places and to interact with the people who shape the city. We invite you to take a fresh look at Boston, to understand its history and imagine its future.

events are taking place this weekend in **5** Common Points around Boston:

Friday, June 8th

Government Center • 12 – 10 pm

Saturday, June 9th

Dudley Square • 10 am – 4 pm

Maverick Square • 12 – 10 pm

Sunday, June 10th

Ashmont • 11 am – 3 pm

Fenway • 12 – 5pm

*** All events are free and open to the public**

what

government center has been the hub of state and local government since Puritan English settlers arrived on the Shawmut peninsula in 1630. Boston's civic life centered at the intersection of Washington and State Streets, with an open air market and the first meeting house occupying the current location of the Old State House. In the last four centuries, the area has been through dramatic changes. At least fifteen notable fires destroyed parts of the primarily wood cityscape in the Eighteenth Century. Landfill projects filled in the waterfront that used to reach to Faneuil Hall and removed the top of Vernon Peak, from what is now Pemberton Square, to fill the West End. Most recently and dramatically, the city leveled the West End neighborhood and Scollay Square in 1958, replacing them with the high-end Charles River Park and I.M. Pei's sweeping masterplan for federal and local government buildings in Government Center.

dudley square is the meeting point for several culturally rich and diverse neighborhoods, each with an inspiring history of community engagement that has led them through tough economic and social challenges while allowing them to maintain identity. Dudley, however, is not a story to be told in the past tense; it is a story about a vibrant and sometimes uncertain present and future. It continues to be a neighborhood where community organizations and members play a strong role in the built environment through restoration, redevelopment, and cultural projects initiated and managed by organizations such as Nuestra Comunidad, Madison Park Development Corporation, DSNI, Dudley Main Streets, and ACT Roxbury.

maverick square is playing a key role in the evolving identity of East Boston. The T station, a major transportation hub for the community, is undergoing a massive renovation. Maverick Square is also the center of a housing boom bringing nationally-recognized affordable housing developments and new market-rate condos. This is not the first time East Boston has faced major change, however. The neighborhood was originally a collection of five islands with what is now Maverick Square sitting on Noddles Island. The last major landfill created Logan Airport, as we know it today, almost fifty years ago. Since its creation East Boston has been a gateway for families from all over the world looking to start a new life in the United States, and continues to develop and refine its resources so as to keep pace with its changing neighborhoods and vibrant population.

ashmont station and peabody square are the transport and commercial centers of Dorchester's St. Mark's Area. The neighborhood's residents are actively involved in preserving and enhancing both private and community spaces. The Square's most notable architecture includes the All Saints' Episcopal Church, constructed in 1892, and the Peabody Square Clock, an official Boston Landmark recently restored and landscaped through collaborative efforts of individuals, community groups, and the City of Boston. Yet despite its very visible history Peabody Square is also going through major changes, through the redesign of Ashmont Station and Peabody Square, and the addition of the six-story commercial and residential Carruth Building. Join us as we explore the public art, transit, and mixed-use projects underway in Peabody Square and take a tour of the historic houses and green spaces in the adjacent Ashmont Hill neighborhood.

the fenway is home to a unique and vibrant variety of uses. Filled in soon after the Back Bay in the mid to late 1800s, the area soon developed a mix of cultural, educational, residential and institutional components sharing close quarters. Fenway today is home to Fenway Park and the Red Sox, the music and nightclubs of Lansdowne Street, the residential areas south of lower Boylston Street, the cultural and artistic treasures of the Museum of Fine Arts and Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, the passive and active green areas of the Olmsted-designed Fens parks, the renowned hospitals and research institutes of the Longwood Medical Area, and educational institutions such as Northeastern University. The Fenway retains a vital mix of activity, but its future, like that of the city, depends on balancing the interests of local residents and large institutions.

student design exhibition Throughout the Boston area, design students put their heart and soul into investigating ways to make buildings and communities more functional, intriguing, and comfortable. This weekend, we encourage you to take advantage of the opportunity the MBTA has provided in the T stations of the five Common Points for students to share their ideas with the communities local to their design projects.

imageboston was a bi-weekly Spring photo contest open to anyone and everyone taking a creative or critical look at the city of Boston. Participants responded to a variety of themes to capture aspects of the city that demonstrate the AIA's 10 Principles for Livable Communities. All submissions are online, and can be viewed at www.commonboston.org/imageboston

who

common boston is a volunteer organization of young professionals dedicated to increasing public interest and engagement in the built environment. Working in partnership with other community organizations, Common Boston creates public events to raise awareness of the importance of the built environment in our daily lives. Common Boston is sponsored by the Boston Society of Architects, and is the recipient of a grant from the American Institute of Architects through their 150th Anniversary Blueprint for America program. www.commonboston.org

the boston society of architects administers programs and provides resources that enhance the practice of architecture and the public and professional understanding of design. Since its establishment in 1867, this nonprofit professional service organization has been a committed advocate of excellence in the built environment and increased service of the profession to society. www.architects.org

the blueprint for america is a nationwide initiative through which the American Institute of Architects (AIA) engages fellow citizens, mayors, other professionals, and local government officials to collaborate on a community service program that addresses a community's distinct need. Blueprint initiatives are a gift to the community from the members of the AIA, and the members' participation in the initiative is provided at no fee. www.aia150.org

the american institute of architects For almost 150 years, members of The American Institute of Architects have worked with each other and their communities to create more valuable, healthy, secure, and sustainable buildings and cityscapes. AIA members have access to the right people, knowledge, and tools to create better design, and through such resources and access, they help clients and communities make their visions real.





G government center **B** bowdoin station

tours

(PR)* Pre-registration suggested, limited space
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- 1** 12:00 pm • **Tour of the West End**
 Begins at Cardinal Cushing Park, next to the Bowdoin T stop
 Led by Neenah Estrella-Luna, Lecturer of Sociology and Anthropology at Northeastern University
- 2** 12:30 pm, 2:30 pm, 4:30 pm • **John Adams Courthouse**
 1 Pemberton Square
 Tours led by Discovering Justice (www.discoveringjustice.org)
- 3** 1:00 pm, 4:00 pm • **Boston Redevelopment Authority Tour (PR)***
 7th Floor, City Hall
 Prataap Patrose, Deputy Director for Urban Design at the BRA, will be on-hand to present the BRA's Boston City model and answer questions.
- 4** 3:00 pm • **The Boston Athenaeum (PR)***
 10.5 Beacon St.
- 5** 3:30 pm • **Edward W. Brooke Courthouse**
 24 New Chardon St.
 Tour led by Facilities Planner Richard L'Heureux
- 6** 3:30 pm • **Massachusetts State House Tour (PR)***
 Doric Hall on the 2nd floor
- 7** 4:00 pm • **Tour of Beacon Hill**
 Begins at Government Center T stop
 Led by John Sears with Walk Boston (www.walkboston.org)
- 8** 5:00 pm • **Tour of the Rose Kennedy Greenway**
 Begins at CBT Architects, 110 Canal St.
 Led by Robert Brown of CBT, Lynn Wolff of Copley Wolff Design Group, the Boston Redevelopment Authority, and local community advocates.
- 9** 8:30 pm • **Night Sites Tour**
 Begins in Pemberton Square after the forum
 Led by Designer Dan Weissman and Senior Associate Glenn Heinmiller of Lam Partners, Inc.

open buildings

- 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm • **Adaptive Environments** 180 - 200 Portland St. **10**
- 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm • **NeXus Green Building Resource Center** 38 Chauncy St. **11**
- 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm • **Old Boston City Hall** 45 School St.,
 Laufer + Associates, 2nd floor **12**
- 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm • **Old South Meeting House** 310 Washington St. **13**
- 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm • **Old State House** 206 Washington St. **14**

forum

- 15** 7:00 pm • **The New Boston: A Forum on Boston City Hall**
 Great Hall in the John Adams Courthouse, 1 Pemberton Square.
 Moderator: Anthony Flint, Public Affairs Manager at the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy. Presenters: David Fixler, President of the New England Chapter of Docomomo US New England, Nathan Glazer, Professor of Education and Sociology Emeritus, Harvard University, Joan Goody, Principal of Goody Clancy, Tamara Roy, Associate Principal at ADD Inc., and George Thrush, Chair of the Architecture Department at Northeastern University.

government center



- X** roxbury crossing **D** dudley station
- H** haley house bakery **R** ruggles station

tours

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- 1** 10 am - 1:00 pm • **Dudley to Dudley Walking Tour PR***
 Begins at the Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site at the corner of Dudley St. and Warren St. in **Brookline**, and ends at the Haley House Bakery just north of Dudley Square.
 Led by Simon Hare, Director of YouthBuild Boston's Designery.
- 2** 10:00 am - 11:00 am • **Dudley Street Neighborhood Tour PR***
 Begins at the DSNi office, 504 Dudley St., Roxbury, and ends at Dudley Station.
 The office can be easily accessed by taking the #15 or #45 bus from Ruggles or Dudley Station
 Led by May Louie of DSNi and supported by Discover Roxbury
- 3** 11:00 am - 12:00 pm • **Islamic Society of Boston Mosque Construction Site Tour (PR)***
 Begins across from the Roxbury Crossing T stop (400 Tremont St.)
- 4** 11:30 am • **Shirley-Eustis House Guided Tour**
 33 Shirley St., Roxbury
- 5** 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm • **Dudley Details Walking Tour**
 Begins at Roxbury Crossing T stop (400 Tremont St.), and ends at the Haley House Bakery just north of Dudley Square. Led by members of YouthBuild Boston's Designery

open buildings

- 10:00 am - 11:00 am • **Dillaway Thomas House** 183 Roxbury St. **6**
- 11:30 am - 2:00 pm • **YouthBuild Boston Open House**
 1884 Washington St. **7**

forum

- 8** 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm • **Dudley: Community Involvement in Neighborhood Planning**
 Orchard Gardens Community Center, 2 Dearborn St.
 Moderator: Deborah Goddard, Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development
 Panelists: Leslie Bos, Madison Park Development Corporation; David Lee, Stull and Lee Architects; Barry Gaither, National Center for Afro-American Artists; Joyce Stanley, Dudley Square Main Streets
 Light Refreshments Provided
- 9** 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm • **Film Screening of Holding Ground: The Rebirth of Dudley Street and My Roxbury**
 Dudley Branch Library, 65 Warren St.
Holding Ground: The Rebirth of Dudley Street is a documentary by filmmakers Leah Mahan and Mark Lipman about the local residents who rescued their neighborhood from decay and revitalized their own community.
My Roxbury is a film directed and produced by Tessil J. Collins and is a video collage of the area and landmarks of Boston's primary African-American neighborhood.

dudley



- M** maverick station **S** suffolk downs station
- L** logan airport station **O** orient heights station

tours

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- 1** 2:00 pm • **Public Art at Logan Airport (PR)***
Begins at the Logan Airport Media Room, between Terminals B + C
Led by John Stebbins AIA-LEED, Principal at Cambridge 7 Associates, and Karen Lewis, Graphic Designer for the Wayfinding System
- 2** 3:00 pm • **Immigration and Constant Change in East Boston**
Begins at the Maverick T stop
Led by Neenah Estrella-Luna, Lecturer of Sociology and Anthropology at Northeastern University
- 3** 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm • **Footloose in Eastie: From Seabiscuit to Pizza Pie (PR)***
Begins at main entrance to Suffolk Downs Racetrack
Led by Simon Hare, Program Director of YouthBuild Boston's Designery
- 4** 4:00 pm • **New Development on the East Boston Waterfront**
Begins at the Maverick T stop
Led by the Boston Harbor Association with WalkBoston (www.walkboston.org)

open buildings

- 5** 10:00 am - 3:00 pm • **East Boston Fire Station - Engine 9 + Ladder 2**
239 Sumner St.
- 6** 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm • **This Old House Boston** 96 St. Andrew Rd.
- 7** 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm • **East Boston Public Library** 276 Meridian St.
- 8** 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm • **East Boston YMCA** 215 Bremen St.
Tours starting at 12:00 pm, 1:00 pm, 2:00 pm, 3:00 pm + 4:00 pm
- 9** 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm • **Zumix** 202 Maverick St. (www.zumix.org)
- 10** 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm • **Human Rights Poster Exhibition**
Logan Airport, Terminal E • Guides and musicians daily from 2-5 pm
- 11** 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm • **Atlantic Works Artists' Lofts** 80 Border St.
- 12** **Piers Park** • 95 Marginal St.
- 13** **Madonna Queen National Shrine** • 150 Orient Ave
- 14** **Hodge Boiler Works** • 111 Sumner St.

forum

- 15** 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm • **Appetizers + Dinner**
Maverick Landing Sustainable Community Building
Food provided by DOUGH of East Boston
- 16** 6:00 pm • **Maverick Landing: Diversity and Mixed Income Housing**
Maverick Landing Sustainable Community Building
Moderated by Erin Gaves, Doctoral Candidate in Urban Planning at MIT.
Presenters: Ruth Capone, Chair of the Maverick Tenant Organization, Sandy Henriquez, Administrator/CEO of the Boston Housing Authority, Jude James, Program Director at MaverickWorks, and Nancy Ludwig, Senior Principal at ICON Architecture.
- 17** 7:30 pm • **Common Boston After-Party**
Maverick Landing Sustainable Community Building
Desserts provided by DOUGH of East Boston

maverick



- F** fenway station
- K** kenmore station
- M** museum station
- S** st. paul station

tours

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- 1** (FRIDAY) 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm • **The Back Bay Fens: Vision + Revision (PR)***
 Begins at the John Boyle O'Reilly Statue, at the intersection of Boylston St. and The Fenway
 Led by Mark Swartz, National Park Service Ranger of the Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site
- 2** 12:00 pm • **Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum (PR)***
 280 The Fenway
- 3** 1:30 pm • **Art + Architecture Bicycle Tour (PR)***
 Begins at Landry's Bicycles, 890 Commonwealth Ave
 Led by Andrew Prescott, Chief Wheel Officer, Urban Adventours (www.urbanadventours.com)
- 4** 1:30 pm • **Tour of Fenway Park (Pre-Registration Required)**
 Begins at the Souvenir Store on Yawkey Way
- 5** 5:00 pm • **Public Art in the Fenway District**
 Begins in front of the main entrance at the Massachusetts College of Art, at the corner of Huntington Ave and Evans Way
 Led by Ricardo Barreto, Director of the UrbanArts Institute at the Massachusetts College of Art

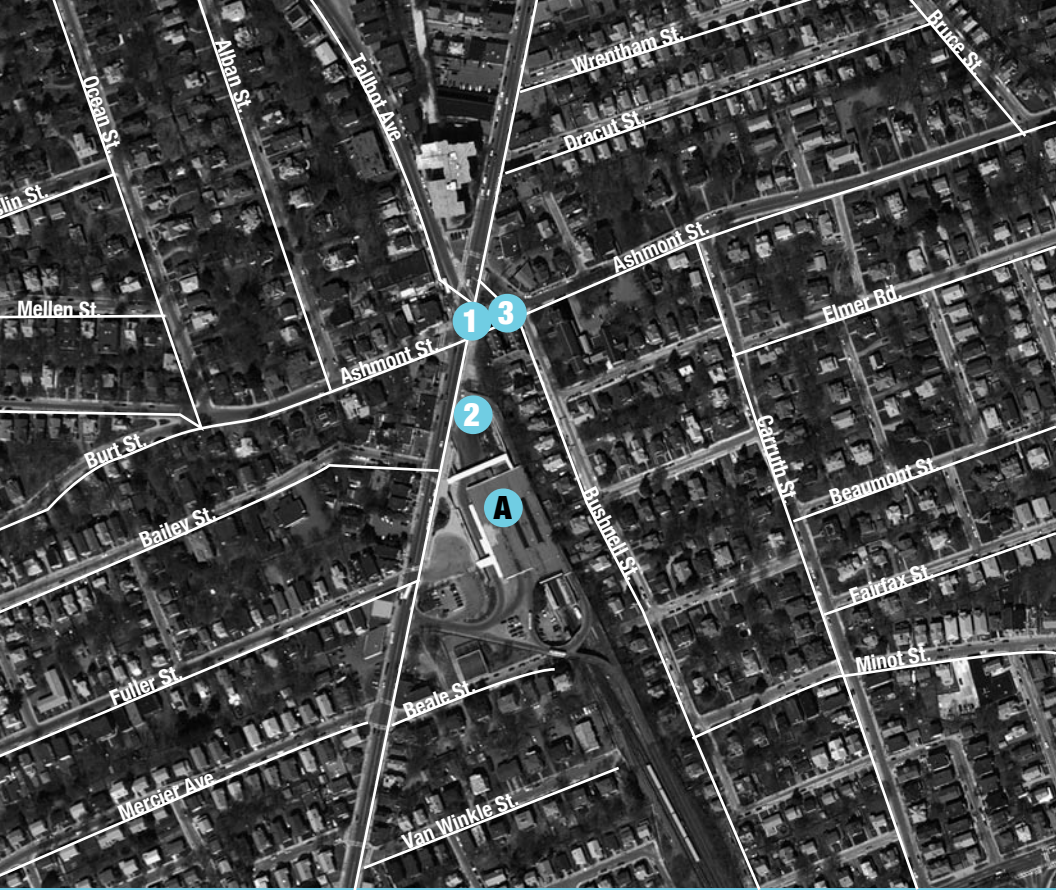
open buildings

- 10:00 am - 4:00 pm • **Christian Science Center: Mapparium, Mary Baker Eddy Library, the Hall of Ideas, and the Mother Church** 200 Massachusetts Ave **6**
- Fenway Victory Gardens** • Boylston St. at Park Drive **7**
- Fenway Park** • Landsdowne St. at Brookline Ave **8**
- Brigham + Women's Hospital Shapiro Cardiovascular Center Construction Site** • Francis St. **9**

forum

- 10** 3:00 pm • **Fenway Futures**
 Emmanuel College, Cardinal Cushing Library Lecture Hall
 400 The Fenway
 Presenters: Janet Marie Smith, Senior Vice President for Planning and Development, Boston Red Sox; David Dixon FAIA, Principal-in-Charge for Planning and Urban Design of Goody Clancy + Associates; Carl Nagy Koechlin, Executive Director of Fenway Community Development Corporation; and John E. Rosenthal, President of Meredith Management Corporation

fenway



common boston

good citizenship Common Boston engages the public by promoting education, good citizenship and action towards a better built environment. When John Winthrop established Boston he envisioned the *city upon a hill*. *The eyes of all people are upon us*.

We are no longer the 17th century Puritan city of Winthrop's time. Boston has morphed into a diverse and cosmopolitan city with the potential to become a modern day example of sustainability and equitability. We remember the spirit of Winthrop's ambition today as we strive to create a city with an enviable and delightful quality of life.

built environment Common Boston expands the public's awareness of their built environment by encouraging collaboration between design professionals and those for whom they design. The built environment consists of every constructed object that provides the context for human life. The Citgo Sign, The Arnold Arboretum, The Hancock Tower, The Blake House, The Big Dig, The Red Line, Bunker Hill Monument, and the Southwest Corridor are all part of Boston's built environment.

The interaction between these elements and the Earth's natural environment affects our livelihood. By building skyscrapers we can bring civic pride and bolster economic stability while affecting environmental conditions at street level; by growing food in community gardens we bring activity to vacant lots while also eliminating Heat Islands; by keeping sidewalks in good repair we offer safe accessible corridors for pedestrians while bringing a human scale to our communities.

All these elements are designed by teams consisting of developers, engineers, architects, politicians, lawyers, and landscape architects. Common Boston strives to facilitate communication between these teams and the public through walks, talks and open buildings, providing insight into the built environment.

our mission Common Boston is an initiative sponsored by the *Boston Society of Architects* and supported by a grant from the *American Institute of Architect's 150th Anniversary Blueprint for America* program. Our mission is to inspire people who live and work in the Boston area to collectively and effectively shape a sustainable, equitable and beautiful built environment.

As we work as a community towards establishing a city with a enviable and delightful quality of life, we should continue to question and educate ourselves about its development. Our community as a whole must take part in the dialogue about Boston's built environment. Common Boston strives to encourage and facilitate this conversation and work towards an understanding to help make Boston the *city upon a hill*.

Join us again in May 2008 for events free and open to the public during the AIA National Convention!

ashmont

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ashmont@commonboston.org

tours

- 1** 11:00 am - 2:00 pm • **A Tour of Peabody Square: Embracing the Past and Promoting Sustainable Growth**
Begins at the clock in Peabody Square across from Ashmont Station
Led by local resident Jeffrey Gonyeau
- 2** 12:00 pm • **Construction Site Tour of the Carruth Building**
Begins in front of the Ashmont Station headhouse
Led by Phil Renzi, Project Architect for The Architectural Team, in cooperation with St. Mark's Area Main Streets and Trinity Financial
- 3** 1:45 pm - 3:00 pm • **Tour of the Ashmont Hill Neighborhood**
Begins at the clock in Peabody Square across from Ashmont Station
Led by Vicki Rugo and others from the Ashmont Hill Association (www.ashmonthill.org)