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Featured Stories

Save the Date!

The First Taste of Downtown Crossing September 25th

The Downtown Boston BID is proud to announce the first ever **Taste of Downtown Crossing** will take place on **Sunday, September 25th!** This is a destination event that will showcase the diverse food, culture and entertainment of Downtown Boston.

In The News

Thrillist: [The Best Coffee Shops in Boston Include Ogawa Coffee, Thinking Cup, Boston Common Coffee Co. and Render Coffee](#) 8/16/16

Globe: [The Latest Amenity -- A Restaurant-in-Residence Like PABU in Millennium Tower](#) 8/15/16

Bldup: [Related Beal Sells Approved Congress Square Boutique Hotel Project to Magna Hospitality Group for \\$16.5 Million](#) 8/12/16

Eater: [The Coolest New Crudo Options in Boston, Including haley.henry win bar and Yvonne's](#) 8/11/16

Voice of Downtown Boston: [haley.henry wine bar Invites Boston Into a World of Half-Bottles and Tinned Fish](#) 8/11/16

BBJ: [Berkshire Bank to Open First Boston Branch on Congress Street](#) 8/9/16

Voice of Downtown Boston: [Millennium Partners Tapped to Build New Tower in Coveted Winthrop Square Location](#) 8/8/16

Meetings & Notices

RSVP Now: Don't Miss

Hearing From New Retail Bizs & Restaurants at Annual Summer BID Members Meeting August 17th

The **Downtown Boston BID** will be hosting a **BID Members Meeting** on **Wednesday, August 17th** from **4 to 6 pm**. This meeting will take place at **100 High Street** at the newly renovated state of the art **5-Star Service Worldwide Conference Center** (pictured below) featuring a roofdeck patio with great views of the surrounding skyline.



Please join us for a warm welcome to the many new businesses, property owners and residents who have moved into the district during the past year or are coming soon. Included among the new businesses to be highlighted are: **Babson College, Clover, George Howell Coffee, Forever 21, Gordon's Fine Wine & Liquors, haley,henry wine bar, PABU restaurant, Old Navy, RAKU restaurant** and more!

Please **RSVP** to **Doug Meyer** at dmeyer@bostonbid.org.



Avenue de Lafayette will be transformed into a streetside cafe featuring the sounds of local musicians, a wine and beer garden, culinary demonstrations and food tastings from over 20 local restaurants offering their distinctive cuisines.

The event is from **noon to 4 pm**. **Tickets in advance are \$15 or \$20 at the event**. Click [here](#) to purchase tickets.

Stay tuned for a list of the participating restaurants!

Governor Baker Announces Funding at Future St. Francis House Affordable Housing Location

On Monday, **Governor Charlie Baker** announced more than \$90 million in state and federal housing tax credits and subsidies that will support affordable rental housing across the state. Included in the funded statewide 26 projects will be 48 **Boylston St.** (where the announcement was held), which will be renovated into 46 affordable housing units by **St. Francis House (39 Boylston St.)**.



"These affordable housing awards reflect our

This Week's Featured Event

9th Annual Boston Greenfest Is This Weekend

The **9th Annual Boston Greenfest** will be at **City Hall Plaza and Faneuil Hall** on **Friday, Aug. 19th through Sunday, Aug. 21st**. This is a **free** event.



There will be interactive exhibits, forums, presentations, special features and live entertainment on three stages. There will be a wine and beer garden, EcoFashion, ecoArt, BostonGreenFilmFest, EcoRide & Drive, a Showcase of Innovation, lots of great kids' activities, delicious food and more.

Greenfest is **10 am to 10 pm on Friday and Saturday** and **noon to 6 pm on Sunday**. Click [here](#) for more info.

Arts, Entertainment & Events

Phillis Wheatley Day at the Old South Meeting House on August 18th

Discover the remarkable life and poetry of Phillis Wheatley at the **Old South Meeting House (310 Washington St.) on Tuesday, Aug. 18th**. Wheatley joined the OSMH as a full member on Aug. 18th in 1771. Kidnapped from Africa as a child and sold as a slave in Boston, she was a poet who became an international celebrity with the publication of her book in 1773.



This event is **free with museum admission** and is taking place **9:30 am to 5 pm**. Stop by and learn about one of the most incredible people in American history.

administration's commitment to a stronger, more prosperous, and more inclusive Commonwealth," said Baker. "By increasing affordable housing production, and stabilizing working families, low-income senior citizens and homeless families or those at risk, these housing awards will strengthen communities across Massachusetts."

Baker was joined by numerous legislators and community representatives including: **Karen LaFrazia**, executive director for St. Francis House; **State Rep. Aaron Michlewitz**, D-Boston; **state Sen. Linda Dorcea Forry**, D-Dorchester; **District 2 Boston City Councilor Bill Linehan** and **District 8 Boston City Councilor Josh Zakim**.

Meet Community Service Officer Sgt. John Doris

Boston Police Department District A-1's Community Service Office is now being led by **Sgt. John Doris**. Doris is working with **A-1 Captain Kenneth Fong** to coordinate the efforts of the four other officers and one civilian in the community service office.



"It's definitely a new way of looking at police work," said Doris, a 31-year BPD veteran, who was a patrolman for 20 years in numerous neighborhoods. "We work with youth and elderly populations, promote school safety, provide safety talks for neighborhood organizations and perform outreach to businesses and the neighborhoods."

Doris said residents should call the community service office at **617-343-4627** for ongoing neighborhood concerns, unlike a patrol unit,