



KEEPING UP WITH THE BEACONS

YOUR GUIDE TO (UMASS) BOSTON'S
CULTURAL SCENE
REMINDERS, & UPDATES FROM THE
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Hello Beacons! We made it - pat yourselves on the back for a job well done finishing the semester! Now that finals are over, here are some fun events happening around Boston. Have a fantastic summer!

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8th Curated Vintage Market at Bow Market



Visit Bow Market in Somerville for the 8th Curated Vintage Market. Over **80** vintage vendors on Somerville Ave & inside Bow will be selling a great selection of vintage clothes, accessories, and more. Menders Row will be Upstairs At Bow if you have clothes and accessories that need to be fixed.

When: Sunday, June 2nd 12pm – 8pm

Where: Bow Market, 1 Bow Market Way Somerville, MA 02143. Take the Green Line D Branch to Union Square, and walk up Webster Ave. Turn left onto Somerville Ave, and walk until you reach Bow Market.

Tickets: Free (but bring money if you want to buy clothes and try the food at Bow Market)

Boating at UMass Boston



Hop in a kayak, sailboat, or grab a Stand-Up Paddleboard from the Fox Point Dock and explore Dorchester Bay! This is a great way to beat the summer heat for UMass Boston students. The UMass Boston Division of Marine Operations (DMO) provides all materials.

When: June 15 – September 15

Where: Fox Point Boat Dock, between McCormack and Wheatley Halls, on the water. Take the shuttle bus from JFK/UMass to campus.

Tickets: Free for UMass Boston students with ID

Concerts in the Courtyard at Boston Public Library



The courtyard of the Central Library in Copley Square comes alive with music with free one-hour concerts throughout the summer months. This year's theme is "Revolutionary Music: Music for Social Change." Wednesday performances will feature student musicians from Berklee College of Music.

When: Wednesdays (6pm) and Fridays (12:30pm) during summer months. No concerts on Wed., June 19 and Wed., July 3.

Where: Boston Public Library – Copley Sq., 700 Boylston St, Boston, MA 02116

Tickets: Free entry!

Visit Franklin Park Zoo



Explore the vast Franklin Park Zoo and marvel at remarkable species from around the world such as gorillas, hippos, giraffes, lions, and many other animals. Visit at night and experience the zoo with beautiful pieces of light art! The park is located in Jamaica Plain.

Where: 1 Franklin Park Rd. Boston, MA 02121. You can take a bus from the Jackson Square T stop (Orange Line), or the 16 bus from Andrew (Red Line).

Hours: Franklin Park Zoo is open year-round!

April - July

Weekdays: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Weekends/Holidays: 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

August - October

Daily, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Boston Lights: Daily, 6:00 - 10:30 p.m.

Tickets: <https://www.zoonewengland.org/franklin-park-zoo/buy-tickets/> (price varies. If you have a Boston Public Library card, you can go to the library for discounted zoo passes)

Boston Public Garden Swan Boats



These iconic boats are a classic part of spring and summer in Boston! Go for a ride on one of the hand-built Swan Boats and take in the beautiful scenery in the Public Garden. Pack a picnic, and enjoy lunch in the garden afterward.

When: **April 13 – June 20:** 10am – 4pm. **June 21 – Sept. 2:** 10am – 5pm.

Where: Boston Public Garden. Take the Green Line to Arlington and walk from the corner of Arlington and Boylston Streets into the Garden. It is about a 4-minute walk to the boat dock.

Tickets: \$4.50

\$10 Commuter Rail Weekends



Explore outside of Boston this summer! The Commuter Rail will take you to beaches, hiking, ferries to Martha's Vineyard or Nantucket, and even Cape Cod. You can buy a \$10 unlimited travel ticket that is good for all rides during a weekend or holiday. Check out the

MBTA's guide to summer train and bus travel here: <https://www.mbta.com/guides/get-outside-the-t>

When: All year round

Where: Any Commuter Rail line. Trains start at North Station or South Station, and have stops throughout the Greater Boston area.

Tickets: \$10 (Purchase on the app or on trains, and learn more here: <https://www.mbta.com/fares/commuter-rail-weekends>)

Revere Beach Sand Sculpting Festival



Come see the best sandcastles ever! This festival gathers world-class sand sculptors who showcase their incredible talents to hundreds of thousands of visitors each year. The festival is a vibrant celebration of artistry, culture, and community, featuring food trucks and vendors, live music, interactive activities, amusement rides, fireworks, and more.

When: July 19 – July 21

Where: Revere Beach. Take the Blue Line heading toward Wonderland and get off at Revere Beach. The beach is 2 blocks away.

Tickets: Free! But bring some cash to buy food and more.