

CITY ANNOUNCES BLACK HISTORY MONTH PROGRAMS

Mayor Michelle Wu and the City of Boston's Equity & Inclusion Cabinet announced a series of programming to mark Black History Month and create space for residents and families to celebrate and be in community. This year's Black History Month theme is "African Americans and Labor."

"Boston's Black communities are foundational to the fabric of our city, and we honor their contributions during Black History Month and throughout the year," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "I'm grateful to announce this year's Black History Month programming, where Boston residents, families and visitors can be in community and engage about the contributions and history of Black communities throughout our neighborhoods."

"This year's Black History Month theme reminds us that Black workers have always been at the forefront of progress, and solidarity," said Chief of Equity & Inclusion Mariangely Solis Cervera. "As a city, we continue

to build equitable pathways to opportunity and uplift the voices of those who have shaped our economy, culture and history."

"The history of labor in this country is deeply intertwined with the history of Black communities. From organizing for fair wages to leading movements for workers' rights, Black Bostonians have played a critical role in shaping our city," said Lori Nelson, Senior Advisor for Racial Justice. "This Black History Month, we honor that legacy and reaffirm our commitment to building a Boston where every resident is connected to opportunity, able to build wealth and raise their family with dignity."

For programming hosted by the City of Boston,

BCYF Black History Annual Skate Night

Friday, February 14, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

This event will create space for young residents ages 17 and under to be in community and skate with friends and family.



MAYOR'S OFFICE PHOTO BY MIKE MEJIA

Boston City Hall is seen on the evening of Feb. 1, lit in honor of Black History Month.

Location: Chez Vous Skating Rink, 11 Rhoades Street, Dorchester

Black Employee Network (BEN) Employee Resource Group BHM Celebration

Friday, February 21, 6:00 p.m.

Connecting Black City employees and the community with City Leadership to celebrate all of the triumphs of the Black diaspora.

Location: Carver Lodge, 82 Talbot Ave, Boston, MA 02124

IS YOUR FIRE ESCAPE SUFFICIENT?



It's often difficult to tell if your fire escape is sufficient with an untrained eye, and inspections are required every five years by qualified individual. The city's Inspectional Services Department doesn't provide this service so homeowners must turn instead to a licensed professional.

One such licensed professional is Boston Forging & Welding Corp. - a third-generation family business based in East Boston, with more than 60 years' experience.

To learn more about Boston Forging & Welding Corp, visit bostonforgingandwelding.com; call 617-567-2300 or 617-567-3293; or email info@bostonforgingandwelding.com.

Black History Month Poster Series Exhibition

On display now until Friday, February 21

Artwork in celebration of Black History Month Poster Series by Muqeedah Publishing.

Location: Boston City Hall - 2nd Floor

Haitian Artists Assembly of Massachusetts (HAAM) Gallery Exhibition

On display until Saturday, February 22

Art show highlighting work of Haitian-American artists based in New England and celebrating 30th Anniversary of the Haitian Artists Assembly of Massachusetts.

Location: Boston City Hall, Scollay Square Gallery - Third Floor

Black Veterans Appreciation Brunch

Saturday, February 22, 10:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

This event, hosted by the Mayor's Office of Veteran Affairs, will celebrate and honor the contributions and sacrifices of Black veterans in helping to create and add to the United States' legacy. The City will also be honoring deserving veterans with Community and Outstanding Service awards.

Location: Boston City Hall - 2nd Floor