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Greenway Conservancy Announces 400 Free Events for 2018 Season

The Greenway will host a dynamic collection of festivals, artisan markets, fitness classes, and music which will bring hundreds of thousands to The Greenway this summer!

May 29, 2018 – BOSTON, MA – The [Rose Kennedy Greenway Conservancy](#) today announced another full and exciting events calendar for 2018, with major festivals, markets, fitness classes, volunteer opportunities, family play offerings, and more. Around 400 free events are expected, drawing hundreds of thousands of visitors.

The Greenway will host numerous major **festivals** this year, all free and open to the public. *Race Amity Day* will be June 10th. Chinatown Main Street will bring the *Chinatown Main Street Festival* on July 7 and the *Lantern Festival* on September 22; Chinatown Park is also the site of *August Moon Festival* (date coming soon). The *Caribbean One World Expo* will be July 14, and *Brazil on The Greenway*, organized by the Brazilian Consulate, will be July 21. The *FIGMENT* participatory art festival will be July 28 and 29. A new festival, *Ujamaa Green Mart*, will highlight African and local craft vendors on August 25 and 26. September 16 will be Sustainable Business Network's *Boston Local Food Festival*. Additional festivals are expected to be scheduled as well.

“Our ability to bring such a variety of programming to The Greenway is thanks to our diverse range of partnerships in Boston,” said Keelin Caldwell, Director of Programs and Community Engagement. “There’s something in the park for everyone this season.”

Major **recurring series** bring film, speciality crafts, local food, and live music to The Greenway throughout the season. The [Boston Calling Block Parties](#), are back with live music, beer, and wine, they returned to Dewey Square Park on May 10 and will happen every Thursday evening until September 13. Dewey Square will also welcome the [Boston Public Market at Dewey Square on The Greenway](#) every Tuesday and Thursday from May 15 until Thanksgiving. Visitors can shop local artisan crafts at the [Greenway Open Market](#) in the Wharf District every Saturday and first and third Sundays from May 5 to October 27. The North End Music & Performing Arts Center will bring [Jazz in the Park: NEMPAC Summer Concert Series](#) to The Greenway at Hanover Street every Tuesday from July 10-July 31. [Coolidge on the Greenway](#) will return for the fourth year with screenings of [Rear Window](#) (June 19), [Raiders of the Lost Ark](#) (July 24), and a double feature of [The Incredible Shrinking Man](#) and [Revenge of the Creature](#) (August 21). The Asian Community Development Corporation will for the 13th year bring kung fu movies to The Greenway for [Films at the Gate](#) in Chinatown Park on August 24-26.

More than 100 free fitness classes are also scheduled. The 2018 Fitness Season is presented by [Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts](#), with additional support from [Yasso Frozen Yogurt](#). Classes will include yoga, cross-fit, tango, and more from our fitness partners. More details will be announced in mid-June.

“We are so grateful to our teams of volunteers, private and public partners, and members who contribute to the wide range of programs we’re able to bring to The Greenway,” said Jesse Brackenbury, Greenway



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Conservancy Executive Director. “There are so many ways to get involved, and we continue to build on past successes.”

The Conservancy has over 50 free play activities for children planned and seven different volunteer roles available, from gardening, to public art ambassadors, to photographers. Our play programming includes sessions weekly in Chinatown Park on Thursday evenings, our SaturPLAY series with the [Asian Community Development Corporation’s A-VOYCE](#) program, as well as other scheduled sessions throughout the park. The Conservancy will continue its partnership with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston and other youth organizations, hosting 14 visits for *Youth Adventure Days* on The Greenway. Conservancy staff works alongside individual volunteers one Wednesday a month from March to December; horticulture staff is also paired with volunteers for weekly gardening session. There’s more information about all of our volunteer roles on [our website](#).

The Conservancy will hold two ticketed fundraising events on The Greenway in June. At the [Greenway Gala](#) on June 7, the Conservancy will honor Peter Lynch with the help of co-chairs Michael J. Carragher of VHB and Jay Hooley of State Street; sponsorships are [currently available](#). Tickets are [currently on sale](#) for the June 8 [Glow in the Park](#) young professionals event; last year 500 guests enjoyed live music, performances, food, and beverages while supporting The Greenway.

The park’s full program calendar compliments The Greenway’s beer gardens, Carousel, fountains, art, and gardens. Both the returning [Trillium Garden on The Greenway](#) as well as a new partnership, the [Downeast Back Porch on The Greenway](#) launched last week and are open five days/week serving local beverages. The seven water features turned on in late May will cool off visitors, and the [Greenway Carousel at The Tiffany & Co. Foundation Grove](#) is already spinning daily. The [Greenway Mobile Eats Program](#) season kicked off on April 2 with a record 38 trucks and trikes. [GLOW](#), The Greenway’s 2018 public art exhibit, is in process of installation and [Shara Hughes](#) has been announced as the next commissioned Greenway Dewey Square mural artist. The organic lawns and gardens invite visitors to unwind, and the free Wi-Fi network stretches the entire 1.5 mile length of The Greenway.

Many events are still completing permitting and are subject to weather. A [full calendar](#) is available online and updates are available by following [@hellogreenway](#) on Twitter.

About The Greenway

The Greenway is a contemporary public park in the heart of Boston that is entirely managed by the non-profit [Rose Kennedy Greenway Conservancy](#). The Greenway welcomes 1.4 million trackable visitors annually, plus millions more who casually enjoy the fountains, gardens, and art. The Conservancy has won numerous awards for its organic landscape care, public art, and programming.

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