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The Rose Kennedy Greenway Conservancy Announces its 2025 Summer and Fall Program Lineup

Hundreds of events, including free fitness classes, food trucks, and festivals, create a fun-filled summer in Downtown Boston on The Greenway

May 7, 2025 - Boston, MA - Today, the Rose Kennedy Greenway Conservancy announced its 2025 summer and fall programmatic lineup. Continuing the Conservancy's commitment to showcasing the ingenuity and breadth of Boston's community, the season primarily includes welcoming and fun free events and programs in partnership with community groups and small businesses such as fitness classes, festivals, markets, as well as food and drink options.

The Greenway Fitness Program begins this month

Going into its twelfth season, the Greenway Fitness Program presented by <u>Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts</u> will offer over 200 free fitness classes, providing the public with essential opportunities to nurture their mental and physical health, as well as social well-being. The class schedule includes pilates, various forms of yoga, dance cardio and HIIT workouts, self defense, tai chi and more! The full schedule of classes is available on our <u>calendar</u>.

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"The Greenway celebrates Boston's vibrant and diverse cultures," said Jeff Bellows, Vice President of Corporate Citizenship and Public Affairs at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts. "We're proud to strengthen our partnership through outdoor fitness classes that boost our community's physical and mental well-being."

The Greenway Food Truck Season is in full swing

Every day of the week in different locations throughout the park, <u>food trucks on The Greenway</u> offer a variety of cuisines from 22 food vendors. Sixteen of these vendors identify as women and/or BIPOC-owned businesses.

The new season of vending began on April 1. We are excited to announce four new vendors for 2025: Mi Corazon Taqueria, Hungry Nomads, Suya Joint, and Butter "UR" Biscuit.

Greenway Carousel at the Tiffany & Co. Grove

The Greenway Carousel opened for the season on March 21. This unique, ADA-accessible carousel features hand-carved characters inspired by the air, sea, and land animals of Boston Harbor. The Carousel remains in operation until it closes for the winter on January 4, 2026. Tickets are available on-site and online, with bulk tickets available at a discounted price. Birthday party reservations are also available for the Carousel. Information regarding our birthday party packages can be found by visiting the Greenway Conservancy website. The 2025 Carousel season is generously sponsored by Meet Boston. Stay tuned for free Carousel days and family programming!

Beer Gardens offer Local Brews, Wine & More

The Conservancy welcomes back <u>Night Shift Brewing</u> to Dewey Square beginning May 15. They offer a variety of beer, seltzer, and nonalcoholic options.

In addition, <u>Trillium Garden on The Greenway</u> is currently open for their ninth season, operating at the corner of High Street and Atlantic Avenue across from Rowes Wharf.

As hours are updated throughout the season, the latest details will be posted on our <u>calendar</u>, as well as on each partner's website and social media channels.

Come to Spring Fest on May 17

The Greenway Conservancy will kick off the season with <u>Spring Fest</u> on Saturday, May 17, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Formerly known as our Greenway Food Truck Festival, you can enjoy food from over 15 food trucks, try out a variety of free fitness classes, shop local at the <u>Greenway Artisan</u>

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<u>Market</u> and more! For more information and to register for the fitness classes, check out the <u>Eventbrite</u>.

Join us for a Festival on The Greenway

- <u>Chinatown Main Street</u> returns with the **Summer Festival** on July 5 and the **Lantern Festival** on September 13 with vendors, lion dances, and cultural performances.
- Celebrate Caribbean heritage with Caribbean Fest on July 12 and Kulture in the Square on July 27. Enjoy live musical performances, local artisan vendors, food and much more!
- Asian Community Development Corporation (ACDC) brings Films at the Gate for its 19th year from August 22-24 to Chin Park with live performances and screenings of Kung Fu and classic Chinese-language films.
- **KickBack Boston** returns on September 13 with DJs, food, drinks, and lawn games.
- Sustainable Business Network's <u>Boston Local Food Festival</u> returns on September 14, featuring fresh produce and local artisan foods.
- In October, the Greenway Conservancy will start the month off with its third annual Fall
 Fest as well as bring back Fall Fright Movie Nights, a series of weekly outdoor movie
 screenings.

Visit our <u>calendar</u> and social media channels for updates and additional information on these festivals and new events.

Enjoy our Recurring Programs and Events

The Conservancy is thrilled to welcome back some of our beloved season-long partners, bringing unique experiences to the park.

- The Greenway Artisan Market operated by Somerville Flea will return from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays May 3 through October 25, and will also be open on Sundays from June 1 through October 12. Vendors offer local handmade products, jewelry, crafted goods, and art.
- Youth play programming will also return to The Greenway this year. In partnership with <u>A-VOYCE</u>, The Greenway will host the beloved series SaturPLAY on the last Saturday of each month, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., April to October. Weekly play sessions hosted by the Conservancy in Chinatown will take place on Thursday evenings from June through September.
- Lion Dances at the Chinatown Gate will return Saturday afternoons at 12 p.m. from June 21 to August 30.
- <u>Coolidge Corner Theatre</u> returns for their Coolidge on The Greenway: Science on
 Screen series. Experience cinema classics under the stars with this free, outdoor summer

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film series entirely presented on 35mm. Screenings will take place on June 25, July 16, and August 13.

Jazz in the Park Summer Concert Series presented by the North End Music & Performing
 Arts Center will bring live music to the North End on Thursdays from July 10 through
 August 7.

"We are delighted to celebrate another season of fun and excitement with our community partners on The Greenway," says Eileen Ong, Director of Programs and Outreach at the Rose Kennedy Greenway Conservancy. "This year we are committed to enhancing our programmatic offerings and community events to expand accessibility, and connect with local residents, park visitors, and friends from all over the world. The Greenway connects so many neighborhoods throughout the city, and we invite everyone to explore Boston through our beautiful park and events."

Note that many events are still completing permitting and are subject to weather and schedule changes. <u>Our calendar is available online</u> and updates are available by following The Greenway on <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Instagram</u> (@rosekennedygreenway), and by signing up for our <u>weekly</u> <u>e-newsletter</u>.

Thank You To Our Supporters

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The Greenway Fitness Series is presented by <u>Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts</u>.

About The Greenway and the Greenway Conservancy (www.rosekennedygreenway.org)

The Rose Kennedy Greenway is a contemporary public park in the heart of Boston and one of the most visited attractions in the Commonwealth, welcoming millions of visitors annually. The Greenway is managed by the Greenway Conservancy, a non-profit responsible for the administration and care of the park. The majority of the Conservancy's annual budget is made up of generous donations from the community, and it is with their support that the Conservancy cultivates a gathering space where all are welcome and celebrated.