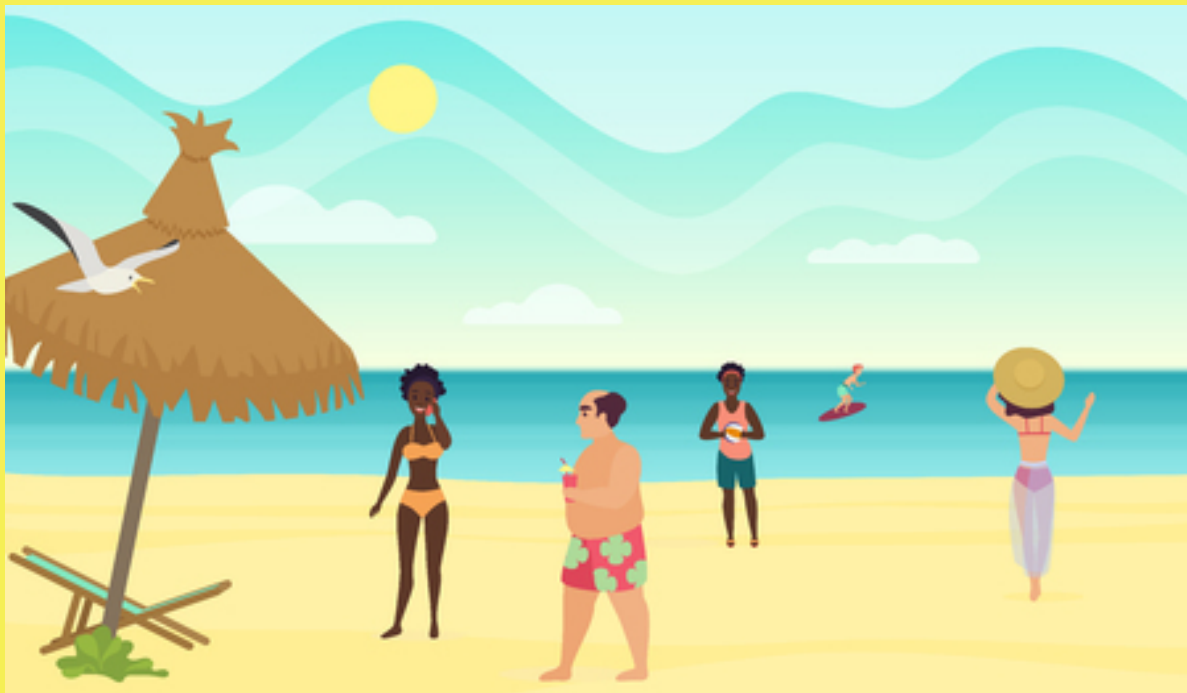


CSNDC Monthly Newsletter August 2023

"All you need in the world is love and laughter. That's all anybody needs. To have love in one hand and laughter in the other."

-August Wilson



Upcoming Events & Workshops

YOU'RE INVITED!

Join the Codman Square Climate Justice Alliance Meeting

Connect with other
passionate neighbors and
learn more about exciting
upcoming events and
opportunities!

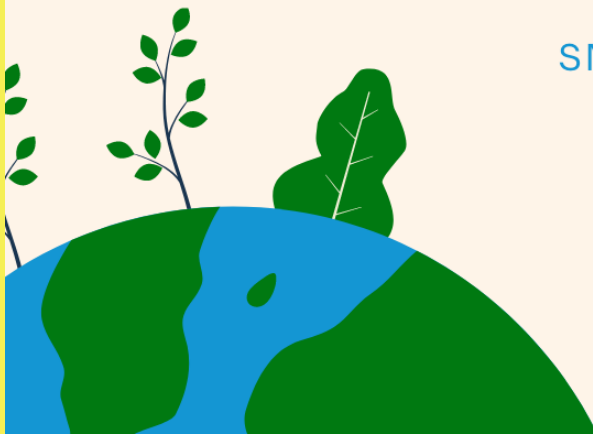
WHERE AND WHEN?

Codman Square NDC office
587 Washington Street
or on Zoom

AUGUST 17 • 6-7PM

SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED

Find out more and RSVP
at tinyurl.com/817CSCJA

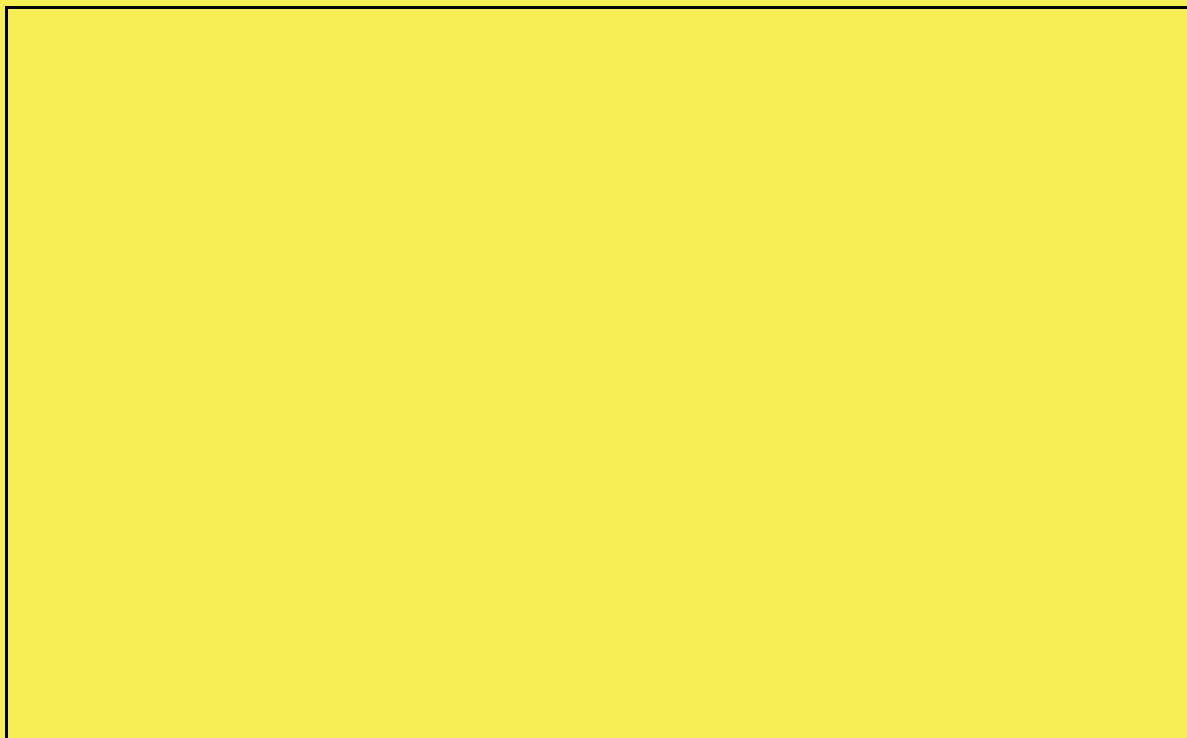


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NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT CORP

RSVP



INTEREST IN A CAREER IN Green Infrastructure

CONSTRUCTION, INSPECTION, AND MAINTAINENCE?

WHAT IS GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE?



Benefits

- Increased wages
- New growing job field
- Reducing flood and erosion risk
- Increases community green space

Certification Requirements

- Must be 18 or older
- 35 training hours minimum*
- In-person and virtual options available

Register for upcoming GI
certification training



tinyurl.com/CSNDC-Green-Infrastructure

@ Ronak@csndc.com
Apolo@csndc.com

617-825-4224 X150

587 Washington Street,
Dorchester, MA, 02124



CSNDC staff are now certified to teach the National Green Infrastructure Certification Program, creating an opportunity for CSNDC to create a local job training and certification program that blends green infrastructure development and climate resilience. Our goal is to train and certify local residents, particularly men of color and re-entry citizens, in green infrastructure through a 35-hour class and exam that can help them become gainfully employed, while sustainably improving their neighborhood.

Register

BECOME AN ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE LEARNING PARTNER AT EMERSON COLLEGE!



Franklin Park, Dorchester

Do you care about the environment, climate change, and your community?

Do you worry about things like extreme heat and air pollution? Do you want to have cleaner air, more trees, and greater access to greenspace in your neighborhood? Are you interested in arts-based activism for social change?

Join us this fall at Emerson College to learn about and apply creative arts to advance environmental justice in your neighborhood!

- ▶ Work with Emerson students and faculty, local community-based organizations, and other people from your community
- ▶ Explore the use of arts and media, such as film, writing, interactive media, and performance, for climate and environmental justice in neighborhoods along the Fairmount Line
- ▶ Attend weekly classes between **Sept 6 and Dec 13**, held **Wednesdays from 4pm - 8pm** at Emerson College in Downtown Boston, with occasional field trips along the Fairmount Line)
- ▶ Earn free college credit or a small stipend*
- ▶ Get an Emerson College ID and access to lots of college student perks in Boston!
- ▶ **And we need you to join us!**



Emerson College students engaging in environmental justice workshop with GreenRoots



Apply to be a Learning Partner^o by **August 4** by scanning QR code or visiting elab.works/fall23lp

For more information, please contact:
Jerel Ferguson, jerel@treeboston.org

* Must be 16 or older to participate and over 18 with a high school diploma or equivalent to earn college credit.

^o Preference will be given to residents of Roxbury, Dorchester, Mattapan, or Hyde Park.

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Learning Partners will work with Emerson students, faculty, local community-based organizations, and residents to learn about and apply creative arts to advance environmental justice in Boston neighborhoods along the Fairmount Line. Details and perks include:

- Explore the use of arts and media, such as film, writing, interactive media, and performance, for climate and environmental justice
- Attend class every Wednesday from 4pm - 8pm at Emerson College (located in Downtown Boston, with occasional field trips along the Fairmount Line) from early September through mid-December
- Earn free college credit* or a stipend up to \$400
- Get an Emerson College ID and access to lots of college student perks in Boston!

* College credit available to those who are 18+ who have a high school diploma or

Complete Interest Form



CSNDC: Neighborhood Talks Covid-19 & Trauma Intersectionality Healing

Codman Square NDC: Neighborhood Talks Covid-19 & Trauma Intersectionality Healing was held on July 27, 2023, at The Great Hall from 6 pm to 8 pm. This Covid-19 Trauma Workshop focused on the intersectionality between Covid-19 and trauma from a professional, personal, and community perspective. Codman Square NDC: Neighborhood Talks Covid-19 & Trauma Intersectionality Healing featured five-panel speakers. Those speakers are *Eduardo Palacios* from City Life/Vida Urbana, *Shakina Coplin* from Fathers' Uplift, *Tara Curry* from Neighborhood Trauma Team, *Alex Gladwell* from Food For Free, and *Lovern Gordon* from Love Life Now Foundation. We also had three resource hubs who tabled at the workshop. Those tabling organizations are *Rev. Dana* from *Boston Trauma Healing Collaborative*, *Heather Dabreu* from *Louis D. Brown Peace Institute*, *Stephanie Crawford* a local doula, and *Shaq* from *Godhand Reiki and Acupressure*. *Murl's Kitchen* provided catering. Each specialist spoke passionately from their experience in their field of expertise during the height of Covid-19 and how that trauma impacted them individually, professionally, and the overall communities they serve. This workshop intended to promote community discussions and to provide resources to the greater community.

Last week some CSNDC staff did our first 'tree walk' here in Codman Square, and we explored west of Washington Street, with Jerel Ferguson of the advocacy group [Speak for the Trees](#)



The idea of 'tree equity' is taking root

Jerel Ferguson with the advocacy group Speak for the Trees led a recent "tree walk" through Dorchester.
Craig LeMoult GBH News

[Read More](#)





CODMAN SQUARE FARMERS MARKET



JOIN US FOR

SOCIAL

SATURDAYS

FROM

11AM-2PM



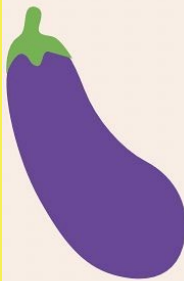
CODMAN SQUARE PARK

360 TALBOT AVE. DORCHESTER 02124

JULY, 15 - OCTOBER, 14

EMAIL US AT :

CODMANSQUAREMARKET@GMAIL.COM
TO BE A VENDOR



Q. How can you use HIP(Healthy Incentives Program) to get more money for fresh produce for your family?

A. By using your SNAP card to purchase vegetables from qualified farmers at farmers markets as well as some other qualified vendors. Indeed, you can use your SNAP card to get a \$40, \$60, or \$80 monthly instant rebate when you use your SNAP Card to purchase vegetable at qualified farmers markets such as the Codman Square Farmers Markets and Ashmont Farmers Markets, and many others. The rebate amount is \$40 for a household size of 1-2 individuals, \$60 for a household size of 3 to 5 individuals, and \$80 for a household size of 6 or more individuals. The rebate is ALSO instantaneous, meaning that after you pay for vegetables using your SNAP card at a qualified farmers market vendor, the applicable rebate amount is immediately sent to your SNAP card, which you can then use as you would do normally. [Click for more info](#)

[View Participating farmers markets](#)

You can also call or email CSNDC's OASIS on Ballou Avenue Urban Farm Manager Apolo Catala at 617-825-4224, Ex 129 or [Email Apolo](#)



OASIS ON BALLOU | SUMMER 2023 | 100 BALLOU AVE

As the seasons change, so does the landscape of our farm. We are currently undergoing an exciting phase of growth and improvement. Due to necessary construction and renovations, we regret to inform you that **the farm will be closed for the remainder of this growing season.** However, we are thrilled to announce that we will be reopening our doors with renewed energy and enhancements next spring!

Until then keep an eye out for ways to get involved while we wait to open! For more information reach out to us at oasisfarm@csndc.com



Community Impact Survey



JOIN OUR VOLUNTEER TEAM



MISSION

*Data Collectors Wanted-
5 hours per week - Stipend available
Provide technical assistance and support to
Dorchester residents with completing
electronic survey. Assist users with scanning
QR code to access survey. Review survey to
ensure completeness and accuracy. Bilingual
Spanish, Haitian Creole speakers wanted,
but not required.*

*Survey period begins July 24 ends August
25.*

BENEFITS

- ✓ Community Service Fulfillment
- ✓ Inform the needs of Dorchester
- ✓ Community Engagment
- ✓ Impact Community Change with
Codman Square CORE Team

JOIN US

contact Trudy Benoit
trudy@csndc.com
or visit www.csndc.com

[Email Trudy](#)

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