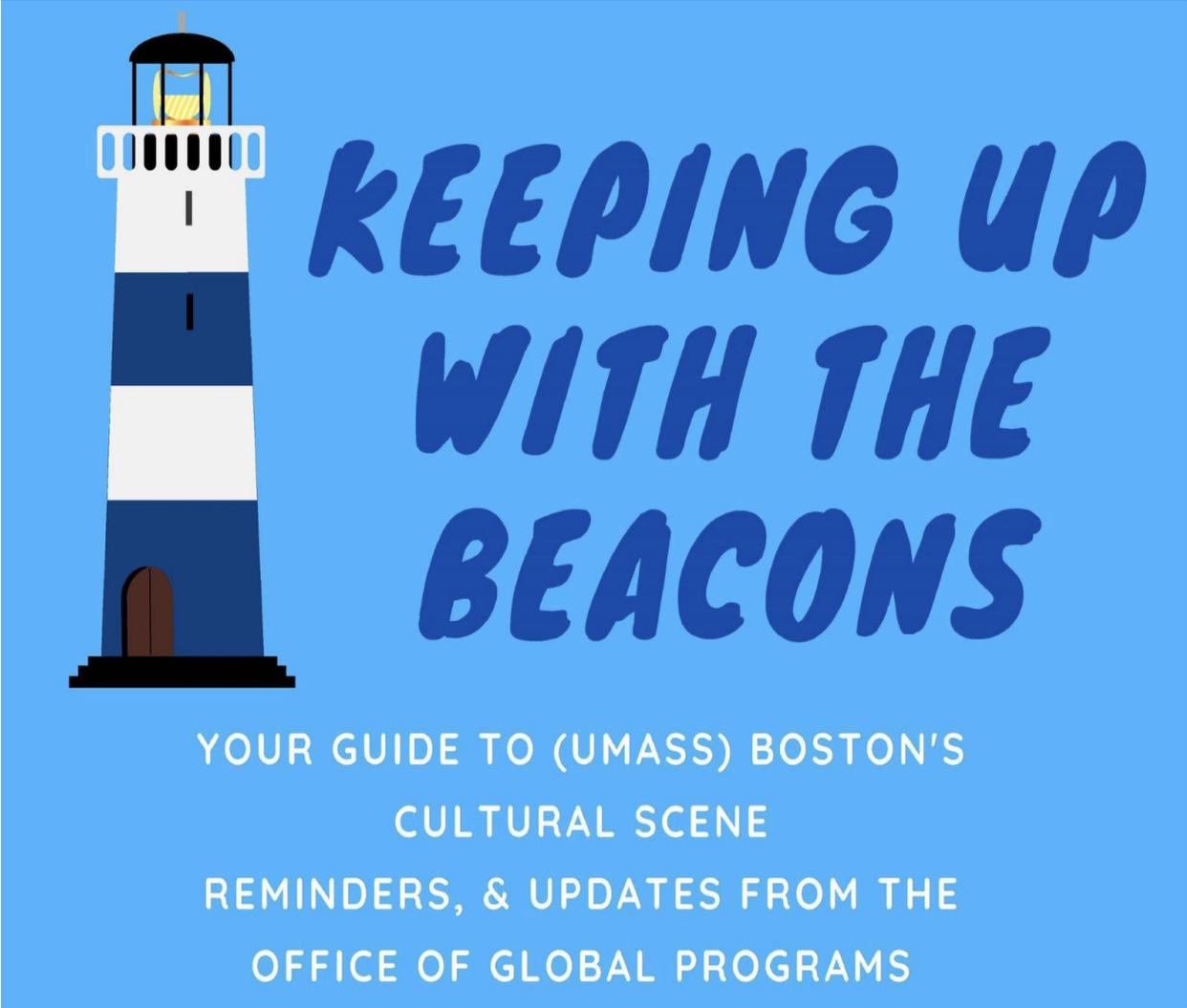


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**KEEPING UP
WITH THE
BEACONS**

YOUR GUIDE TO (UMASS) BOSTON'S
CULTURAL SCENE
REMINDERS, & UPDATES FROM THE
OFFICE OF GLOBAL PROGRAMS

Hello Beacons! I hope your semester is going well, and that you all have had a great time in Boston so far! As winter is nearing an end, here are some fun ways to explore Boston in the coming weeks!

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Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum



Do you enjoy seeing beautiful artwork accompanied by incredible plants? Not only is the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum a wonderful place to be, but they host **free evening admission (3-9 pm) on the first Thursday of each month**. These evenings are accompanied by the addition of spectacular lights and musicians in the courtyard so viewers can appreciate the museum through a different lens.

When: March 7, April 4, May 2

Where: 25 Evans Way, Boston, MA

Directions: From UMass/JFK station, take the Red Line inbound to Alewife. Get off at Park Street and transfer to the Green Line E, outbound to Heath Street. Get off at the Museum of Fine Arts stop and walk five minutes there.

Tickets: Thursday night tickets are free but advanced registration for timed-entry passes is encouraged. Available two weeks in advance. <https://tnew.gardnermuseum.org/31844/32156>

Lunar New Year Celebrations



[The 2024 Chinese New Year Lion Dance Parade will be held on Sunday February 18, 2024 – Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association of New England \(ccbaboston.org\)](https://www.ccbaboston.org)

The 2024 Chinese New Year Lion Dance Parade

When: February 18 @10am - 4pm

Where: Chinatown, Phillips Square, 1 Harrison Ave Boston, MA

Directions: Orange line train @Chinatown Station / Can transfer from Red Line to Orange Line @ Downtown Crossing Station

Tickets: Free entry!

African American Women in 19th-Century Cambridge Walking Tour



Walking Tour • Cambridge Black History Project

In honor of Black History Month this is a great tour to learn about historical figures. This walking tour is a partnership between a History Department course at Harvard College and the Cambridge Black History Project to provide an opportunity to visit and interact with the spaces that influential Black women in Cambridge inhabited during the 19th century. These historical figures include Harriet Jacobs, Charlotte Hawkins Brown, Alberta V. Scott, Pauline Hopkins, Maria Baldwin, and Mary Walker.

It is a self-guided tour through parts of Cambridge and the website is your guide.

When: Anytime

Where: Begins at 196 Prospect St, Cambridge, MA 02139

Directions: Red Line @ Central Station then walk for 8 minutes. 64 and 70 bus @Green St/Magazine St stop then walk for 9 minutes.

Tickets: Free

Open Ice Skating in Clark Ice Arena



Come out and ice skate with open skate in Clark Ice Arena. Recreation hosts open skate times 4 times per week on Tuesday-Thursday nights and Sunday afternoons. Bring your Beacon Card to tap in and enjoy some time on the ice! Open Skate starts on Tuesday 1/23 and continues until spring break in March

When: Ongoing until Thursday, March 7 at 10:00 PM

Weekly offering times:

Tuesday nights: 8pm-10pm

Wednesday nights: 7pm-9pm

Thursday nights: 8pm-10pm

Sundays: 4pm-6pm

Where: Clark Ice Arena- Clark Athletic Center

Directions: This building is located next to the Quinn Administration Building and is across from the dorms.

Tickets: Free but must bring your Beacon Card (Student ID)

SAEC Dance Showcase



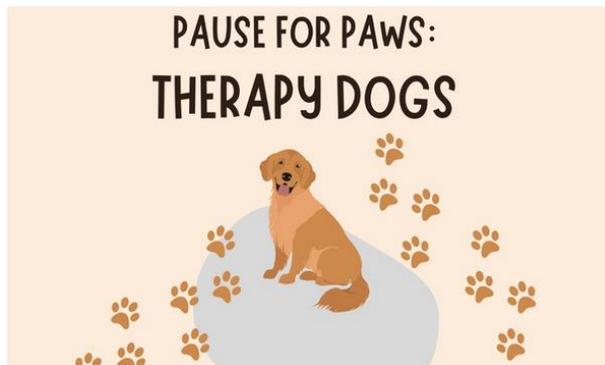
Join the Student Arts and Events Council to enjoy some amazing dance performances and a fun-filled evening! Free food is included.

When: Thursday, February 29th @5pm to 7pm

Where: UMass Boston Campus Center Ballroom

Pause for Paws: Therapy Dogs at the library

Ready for some snuggles with adorable furry friends? University Health Services is excited to partner with Dog BONES to bring therapy dogs to campus! Pause for a moment and join us in the Healey Library and spend some time with adorable therapy dog(s).



When: Tuesday, February 27th, 12pm to 2pm

Where: Healey Library on campus

Tickets: Free, register here: <https://umb.campuslabs.com/engage/event/9867333>

SOWA Sundays



Spend a Sunday afternoon at 450 Harrison Ave and meet Boston artists directly. Browse their art and check out stores and restaurants in the South Boston area. Free event!

When: Year-round every Sunday from 11am – 4pm

Where: 450 Harrison Ave, Boston, MA 02118

Tickets: Free Entry

Directions: Red Line @Broadway Station then walk 11 minutes to location. 9 Bus @Herald St/Washington St then walk 9 minutes or 10 Bus @ Harrison Ave opp Plympton St then walk 8 minutes. SL5/SL4 also stop near the market

The Central Perk Coffee Company



Do you love the show FRIENDS? Here is a place to go experience the TV show in real life - the world's first Central Perk Coffeehouse is now open in Boston, MA! Nestled within a historic brownstone on Newbury Street, Central Perk Coffeehouse is a reimagined adaptation of the iconic coffeehouse made famous by the TV series FRIENDS. With a menu that boasts a wide variety of tasty coffee and food options, in a setting that is contemporary yet reminiscent, the soul of Central Perk remains intact, promising a premium quality dining and coffee experience for everyone.

Where: 205 Newbury Street Boston, MA 02116

Tickets: Since this is an actual cafe there is no entry, but the item costs may vary in the cafe.

Directions: Any Green Line Train @Copley Station. Orange Line @Back Bay Station then walk 10 minutes. 9, 10, 39 & 55 Busses @Copley