

## CSNDC Monthly Newsletter May 2023



"Spring is nature's way of saying, 'Let's party!'" —Robin Williams

### SAVE THE DATES!

Mark your calendars the Codman Square Caribbean Jerk Festival is back bigger and better than ever! This event will celebrate the cultural and culinary contributions of artists, chefs, and business owners from Dorchester and beyond. Featuring 2023 Taste of Dorchester winners Irie Jamaican Style and Murl's Kitchen, and Codman Square's own Taste of Eden, with more to come! Come for the food, and stay for the kids activities, live steel drum performance, and support local merchants throughout the district. Visit our event page to find exclusive deals from our local businesses.



**Where:** Second Church of Dorchester, 44 Moultrie Street, Dorchester.

**When:** Saturday, June 3rd, 1 pm - 5 pm. Rain date Saturday, June 10th, 1 pm - 5 pm.

**Cost:** \$25 per plate for adults, \$10 for kids 10 and under.

Get your tickets here! [Buy tickets](#)



### Volunteer Opportunity at Jerk Festival

This event wouldn't be possible without volunteer support! From set up, to food service, check-in's and breakdown. Volunteers who give 2 hours of their time receive a free meal ticket.

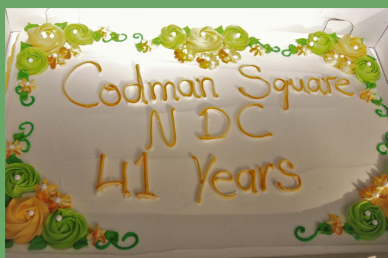
[Sign up by May 12th.](#)



### Food Handlers needed!

[Sign up by May 12th](#)

For all event details visit: [www.csndc.com/jerkfest](http://www.csndc.com/jerkfest)



## CSNDC 42nd Annual Meeting!

Join us as we celebrate 42 years of service in the community!

Thursday June 22nd at 6pm at Codman Commons Park across from our office.  
Stay tuned for more information.

JOIN US IN  
TESTIFYING  
IN SUPPORT OF  
THE FAIRMOUNT  
LINE  
IMPROVEMENT  
BILL



**Legislative  
Public Hearing**

**WHEN:** Monday, May 8  
at 1:00pm

**WHERE:** Via Zoom & at  
the MA State House  
(hybrid)

**WHO:** You & other  
Fairmount Line advocates!

**Your voice makes a  
difference!** We can answer  
questions, help you draft  
your testimony, do practice  
runs, etc. **Contact us:**



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*[linktr.ee/fairmountcollab](https://linktr.ee/fairmountcollab)*

# H.3315/S.2271: *An Act Improving Rail Service on the Fairmount Commuter Rail Line*



## **MORE FREQUENT SERVICE**

This bill would require more frequent service so that trains run in both directions every 7.5 minutes by 2029 and every 5 minutes in both directions by 2035.



## **ELECTRIFIED TRAINS**

Require construction to begin for electrification of the line by November 30, 2023. Require full electrification of the line by December 31, 2024. No more pollution in our neighborhoods!



## **MORE ACCESSIBLE, CONVENIENT, & AFFORDABLE**

Implement uniform fares at the same cost as the subway, including Readville Station; Require free transfers to bus and subway; Synchronize connecting bus and train schedules.

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We are excited to share that the Fairmount Line bill (H.3315/S.2271 - *An Act improving rail service on the Fairmount commuter rail line*) has a hearing scheduled! Details below:

Date: Monday, May 8

Time: 1:00pm

Location: In-person at the State House in room A-2 and online via Zoom

Details: <https://malegislature.gov/Events/Hearings/Detail/4509>

If you would like to share a story of your experience with the Fairmount Line but are unable to make it for the hearing and would like a staff member to share on your behalf, please fill out [this form](#). We would be honored to share your stories!

**Please join us in testifying in support of this bill!** Your voice makes a real difference. Share your support of the Fairmount Line Bill in person at the state house, over zoom, or through written testimony.



# FINANCIAL COACHING, RENTAL & UTILITY ASSISTANCE

## INFORMATION SESSION

**WEDNESDAY**

**MAY 17TH**

**6:30PM-7:30PM**

**Scan to  
Register  
Zoom:**



### Learn About:

- Free Financial Coaching
- Emergency Rental Assistance Programs
- Utility Bill Assistance

**JOIN  
US!**

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## OASIS on Ballou!

We are taking a break from growing at OASIS on Ballou – the urban farm managed by CSNDC – to expand and improve. When we're back bigger and better, we'll have more growing space, and more spaces for public use.

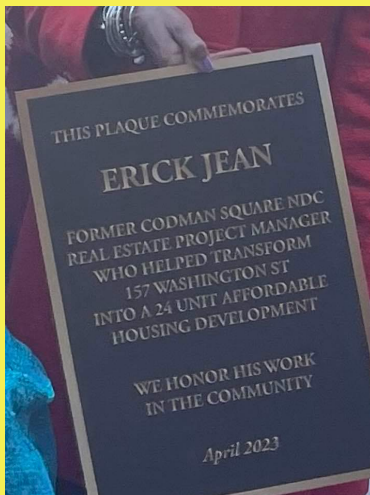
Be sure to check out other small urban farms at local farmers market around Boston. [Boston Farmers Market](#)  
Most Boston farmers markets accept the:

- **Healthy Incentives Program (HIP)**, and
- **Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP or food stamps)** benefits on an Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) card.



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## *Commemorating & Honoring Erick Jean*



Last Month CSNDC gathered friends and family of esteemed staff member Erick Jean who sadly passed in 2010, to commemorate and honor all of Mr. Jean's contributions to affordable housing. Many family and friends gathered at 157 Washington for the unveiling of the plaque that will honor Mr. Jean for years to come. Visit our social media to view more pictures.

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### Employee Spotlight

Congratulations to our own Carolyn McGee for being nominated for the



Change Maker award by our partners at Rebuilding Together Boston! Carolyn's dedication to the community is ever-present and is coming through very clearly in this nomination.

Visit us online for more resources and info. Sign up for courses like our First Time Home Buyers class, Computer Learning Courses, Small Business Development and much more!

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