

WASHINGTON BEECH

Governor Patrick & Mayor Menino Visit WB

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1 Governor Patrick visited Washington Beech to sign into law legislation that will facilitate the HOPE VI redevelopment. In a speaking program before the signing, Governor Patrick was joined on stage by Mayor Menino, Councilor Consalvo, Senator Walsh, Representatives Honan, Rush and Sánchez, Housing Undersecretary Brooks, Boston Housing Authority Administrator Henriquez, and WB-FFUN Committee Chair Meena Carr.

2 The officials expressed the commitment of state and local government and the community at large to support the redevelopment. Several speakers spoke about the hard work and dedication of residents over the years that have made HOPE VI a reality

today. Meena, on behalf of all residents, expressed the collective resolve to preserve and strengthen the Washington Beech community and to support each of our neighbors through the transformations ahead.

While the governor's visit was one very visible sign to the broader community that HOPE VI is now a reality, Washington Beech residents have known for many months that the redevelopment is really happening. Phase One residents in particular have been working hard to finalize their plans for relocation.



With the assistance of Housing Opportunities Unlimited, they have been finding great success securing the best relocation options for their families.

Residents also continue to provide valuable guidance to the design team as they finalize the plans for the redevelopment. In late summer, a Resident Advisory Committee convened to review the architect's master plan for the new Washington Beech, and that master plan is now under review by city agencies.

The plan calls for a new 72-unit apartment building to occupy the most prominent corner of the site, at the intersection of Washington and Beech streets (depicted in the below artist's rendering). The ground floor of that building will house community spaces including a large meeting room, a computer center, a food pantry, and offices for management and residents. The upper floors will be houses with one- and two-bedroom apartments for seniors and small households. The rest of the housing on the entire site will be town-house-style buildings of two, three, four and five bedroom apartments appropriate for larger families with individual stoops and private back yards. Phase Two will include a one-half-acre central open space with children's play equipment, a full-sized basketball court, and sitting areas for passive recreation.

We expect approval soon of the master plan, and Phase One relocation to be completed by the end of the year. You will start seeing the first buildings come down by spring 2009 and the first new buildings rising by next summer.



Upcoming Events

- Resident Meeting with BHA
- Paying for Utilities Workshop
- Resident Advisory Committee
- Roslindale Library, Performance Event
- Job Fair Events
- Washington Beech Programs
- Roslindale Open Studio



View of the new development from Washington & Beech Streets (looking up Washington St)

Meena Carr, Mayor Menino, Governor Patrick, Sandra Henriquez



Upcoming Resident Meetings with BHA: 10/23/08 @ 4:00pm OR 6:00pm at the Old Daycare

Resident Advisory Committee Meeting on Thurs., Nov 6th @ 6:00pm in the Teen Center

Roslindale Library Family Literacy Event, a performance based on a book by Alice McLerran. Thurs, Nov 13 at 3:30pm 4238 Washington St 617-323-2343

Roslindale Open Studio Preview show public invited to meet artists at a studio near you. For a map of locations go to: www.roslindaleopenstudios.org Meeting Dates Nov. 7, 8, 9

- Congratulations to Luz Sierra and her family on the birth of her son.
- Congratulations to Carmelita Jefferson and her family on the birth of her baby daughter.



REGISTER FOR FREE SECTION 3 JOB TRAINING!

The BHA Section 3 Job Training Program recently met with several young WB residents who are interested in learning a trade in construction. Anyone with a high school diploma, aged 18-24, interested in learning carpentry, painting or another trade is eligible. Mr. Martin referred these young men and women to YouthBuild, a free job training program. Even if you don't have a high school diploma YouthBuild can get you in their GED program.

Washington Beech Programs

- **Halloween Party:** Thursday October 30th 5:00-7:00 p.m. Musical chairs, creating cup cakes, and a contest for the best costume.
- "How Do I Pay for My Utilities?" **UTILITY WORKSHOP** on **NOVEMBER 13**. Especially for those residents moving with a Section 8 voucher. Thurs., Nov. 13th @ 6:00 p.m. in the Old Daycare
- **Thanksgiving Dinner:** Tuesday November 25th 5:00-7:00p.m. A full course meal will be served to residents by the FFUN Committee members.
- **Christmas Holiday Party:** Friday December 19th 5:00-8:00 p.m. Food, story reading and gifts for children ages newborn-10.

For more info contact: Meena @ 617-325-4077 or Nury @ 617.799.1276 Community Center @ 35 Beechland Street

Job Search Assistance

Looking for a career in:

- Automotive Repair
 - Building Maintenance
 - Office Support
- AACA classes in Boston start January/February

For more information Contact Brenda or Laquita at HOU 617-323-3010 or Contact Wendy @ 617-426-9492 Ext.251

Job Fair Events

NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Boston Herald Work Place

Diversity 10/28 10am - 4pm Radisson Hotel 200 Stuart St. in Boston

Martha Eliot Health Center

10/29 5pm - 7pm 75 Bickford St. Jamaica Plain

Nursing and Health 11/6 10am - 4pm Longwood Medical Best Western Hotel 342 Longwood Ave Boston

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Want to Buy a Home??!!

Diana Franco, of the Neighborhood of Affordable Housing (NOAH) wants to talk with you!

Diana Franco at NOAH: (617) 418-8266 or by e-mail at: dfranco@noahcdc.org



Voting Time Is Here

November 4th Presidential Election!

Absentee voting can be done by mail, before Election Day. For more info call @ (617) 727-2828

WB residents vote at the Bates Elementary School

YEAR UP!

Free Job Training Program

Year Up is a free job-training program with six months of classes and a six-month apprenticeship working for a corporation in information technology or finance, all while earning college credit and a stipend.

Boston-based Year Up has an impressive record of success - more than 85 percent of its alumni land a job that pays better than \$35,000 a year within four months of graduation. For more info call: @ 617-542-1533 or call HOU @ 617-323-3010