



Your Future

Newsletter of the **Boston Partnership for Older Adults**

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Creating Elder-Friendly Communities

Elder-Friendly Business Districts Launched in Mission Hill



On October 13, 2004 under a perfect autumn sky in Sheehy Park on Mission Hill, Mayor Thomas M. Menino and the Boston Partnership for Older Adults announced the kickoff of the Elder Friendly Business District project. The project, which is the first in the country, is designed to make business districts safer and more convenient for older adults. The Boston Partnership for Older Adults, Boston Main Streets Program and the City of Boston's

Elderly Commission will work together to make this idea a reality.

Opening his comments, Mayor Menino stated, "Today we begin to create the first elder friendly business district in the city of Boston. In fact, as far as we can tell, this will be the first elder friendly business district in the country."

[Read More About This Groundbreaking Initiative...](#)

BPOA Goes Live on the Air

Edward Ford to Host New BNN Show on Elder Issues



The Boston Partnership for Older Adults is pleased to announce the launch of "Age Wise Boston: Bridging Generations". This new live show broadcast from the Boston Neighborhood Network (BNN) studio will kick-off the holiday season with its very first episode on Tuesday, December 7 at 2:30 p.m. on Boston Comcast Ch. 9 and RCN Ch. 15. The show will air every Tuesday at 2:30 and cover a variety of topics important to caregivers, older adults and elder service professionals. Please spread the word with your clients, friends and co-workers.

This show is a collaboration among some of Boston's premier elder and social service organizations, including: The Caregiver Alliance of Suffolk County, The Boston Partnership for Older Adults, The Harvard Cooperative Program on Aging and The Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

[Complete BPOA Show Schedule and Info About the Host...](#)

BPOA Hosts First Elder Housing Summit

Leaders Come Together on Housing Boston's Older Adults



On December 1, 2004 over 75 local and national experts and advocates came together for a daylong Summit on the issue of housing and the elderly. Sponsored by The Boston Foundation, Boston Senior Home Care, and the Boston Partnership for Older Adults (BPOA), the summit focused on four areas:

- Elder Homelessness
- Subsidized Housing for the Elderly
- Supporting Elder Homeowners
- New Development of Housing for the Elderly

[More on the Summit & Views of Older Adults...](#)

Profile: Committee to End Elder Homelessness



In 1991, alarmed by the rapidly increasing numbers of homeless older people in the Boston community, seven women with extensive professional experience in housing, health, mental health and social services founded the Committee to End Elder Homelessness (CEEH).

The primary mission of CEEH is the eradication of elder homelessness through the provision of permanent housing and appropriate support services. Since its inception, CEEH has grown into a \$3.7 million agency providing a continuum of services that now includes six, affordable, permanent housing sites with supportive services, an extensive outreach program and integrated health and wellness programs.

[Read More About CEEH \(PDF\)...](#)

Please Consider Supporting the Partnership

The financial support of local individuals and organizations helps to make the groundbreaking work of the Partnership possible. Nearly 30% of our annual budget comes from the contributions of individuals, organizations, businesses and foundations in our community. Please consider making a tax-deductible financial contribution toward our work.

Please make checks payable to: Veronica B. Smith Senior Center (our fiscal agent) and mail to Brian Souza, Boston Partnership for Older Adults, 99 Chauncy Street, Suite 602, Boston, MA 02111

Who is the BPOA?

The Boston Partnership for Older Adults is comprised of over 80 organizations, agencies, and institutions (and countless individuals) working to ensure that older adults in Boston have the support needed to age with dignity.

[A Complete List of BPOA's Participating Organizations](#)

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