



NEWSLETTER
APRIL 2024
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Dear members of the Bigelow community,

Happy Spring!

Ramadan Mubarak (Have a blessed Ramadan) to those who celebrate! **Ramadan** (3/22/23-4/21/23) is a holy month of worship, study of the Quran, prayer, and fasting. It began on the evening of **March 22nd** and ends on the evening of **April 21st**. For more information, please visit this link:

<https://ing.org/resources/for-all-groups/calendar-of-important-islamic-dates/ramadan-information-sheet/>

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

BIGELOW FORJ DISCUSSION NIGHT:



Please join us for a discussion based on Boston Globe article series *Nightmare in Mission Hill: The Untold Story of the Charles and Carol Stuart Shooting* and the Boston Globe and HBO/Max docu-series and podcast *Murder in Boston: Roots, Rampage & Reckoning*. The discussion will explore themes of race, class and the criminal justice system in Boston.

The discussion will be facilitated by **Amy Cook, PhD**, Bigelow parents and Associate Professor and the Department Chair of Counseling and School Psychology Department, College of Education and Human Development, at the University of Massachusetts Boston.

When: Thursday, April 11th, 7 -8:30 pm

Where: Bigelow Middle School Library (snacks and drinks will be provided) AND on Zoom

Please RSVP [HERE](#)
SAVE THE DATE!

Nubian Square Walking/Bus Tour

Please join Bigelow FORJ and the Bigelow community on a walking/bus tour of Nubian Square. Learn about the rich history of African American culture in the heart of Roxbury. We will end the tour with a pizza lunch at the Museum of NCAAA, National Center of Afro-American Artists.

When: Saturday, May 11, 2024

10 am - 1 pm

Where: Nubian Square, Washington & Dudley St
Roxbury, MA

Price: Free

Please scroll down for additional meaningful, educational, and entertaining experiences for you and your family in LISTEN, DO, READ, & WATCH!

Angela Brooks and Jeanne Choe-Arrieta
Co-Leads, Bigelow FORJ

LISTEN:

Murder in Boston Podcast: Boston Globe columnist Adrian Walker and a team of award-winning investigative reporters “reveal hard truths, unveil explore new findings, and change of narrative of a story long cemented in Boston’s lore.” Click [HERE](#) to listen.

READ:

Boston Globe Article Series: The Boston Globe’s two-year investigation into the Charles Stuart Case: “The Untold Story of the Charles and Carol Stuart Shooting” [HERE](#). This piece explores class, race, and the criminal justice system: “The shooting hits at the heart of Boston’s most bitter divisions and reopens a wound around race relations that was just beginning to heal.”

WATCH:

Murder in Boston: Roots, Rampage & Reckoning:

“On October 23, 1989, Charles Stuart places a frantic 911 call reporting that he and his pregnant wife — a white couple — have been shot by a Black man. The ensuing investigation ignites decades-old tensions and brutal racial profiling amidst a media firestorm and skepticism about Stuart’s story. This three-part docuseries...chronicles the complex history of race-based hostilities Boston and how the rush to justice brutalized a community.” Available on HBO/Max. Watch the trailer [HERE](#).

DO:

Hallyu: The Korean Wave: Go on an immersive and multisensory journey through a fascinating history and learn how South Korea has become a global trendsetter. The exhibit features approximately 250 objects—costumes, props, photographs, videos, pop culture ephemera, and contemporary works. Learn more [HERE](#) and get your [TICKETS](#) now!

When: **March 24 – July 28, 2024**

Where: **Museum of Fine Arts, Boston**
465 Huntington Ave
Boston, MA 02115

Price (included with a general admission ticket):

Adults: **\$27**

Children (7-17): **\$10**

Children under 7: **FREE**

If you are interested in getting involved with Bigelow FORJ to help build an anti-racist community or if you'd like publicize any future events, recommend videos, movies, podcasts, or books, please email bigelowforj@gmail.com.

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