


SBANP Monthly Meeting Minutes

Date & Time	Tuesday, March 10, 2026 @ 9:30AM
Goal	SBANP Meeting
Website	https://www.sbanp.org/ 
Next Meeting	Tuesday, April. 14, 2026 @ 9:30AM (Location: In-Person at SPOKE)

Agenda

In addition to an opportunity to share agency updates -

Aliah Mahadeo, Program Coordinator - with the [Environmental and Occupational Health Division](#) of the [Boston Public Health Commission](#) will be joining us.

-Aliah and her team work to help protect residents from exposure to health hazards in homes, workplaces, and public spaces, while prioritizing health equity and environmental justice.

-One of their important programs is the [Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program](#). Under the guidance of the Massachusetts Lead Law, they support the health and well-being of children exposed to lead by providing comprehensive investigation, case management, and enforcement.

They also provide training, outreach, and education services to prevent childhood lead poisoning.

-Their office offers services relevant to renters, property owners, and families.

Notes

Kathy Lafferty

-Announced the next meeting in April will be in person at a new space and the Moakley Park project team will provide an update in May.

-She mentioned that Jackie Zar is the new Community Service Officer at Boston Police Department, Station 6. She mentioned that Jackie grew up in Southie and is now giving it back to her community. She has come by South Boston Neighborhood House and the local senior bowling spot at the yacht club.

-Officer Zar is hoping to attend the April meeting at SPOKE.

Aliah Mahadeo, Boston Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program

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Environmental Health website: www.boston.gov/bphc-environment

To report a health hazard or request an inspection, call 617-534-5965 or email environment@bphc.org

-Aliah Mahadeo from the Boston Public Health Commission discussed lead poisoning prevention, including the importance of lead inspections and financial assistance programs like Lead Safe Boston.

-Lead is naturally occurring but is harmful when ingested or inhaled, especially for children.

-Homes built before 1978 are likely to have lead paint (1878 is when lead paint was outlawed.)

-Under Massachusetts lead laws:

- If a child under age six lives in a pre-1978 home, the home is required to be lead compliant (safe for children).
- If lead is present, it must be de-lead (made safe).

-Blood lead testing requirements until age 3 years old. In Boston specifically, blood lead testing is done till age 6 years old on an annual basis. If positive, then lead inspectors must go into the home and identify lead hazards (where the child is being exposed).

-They work with the homeowner/landlord to make the home lead compliant.

-Aliah Mahadeo would be the individual working with the families to delead their home after testing positive.

-Lead is a neurotoxin:

- It can cause hearing and speech problems.
- It can cause developmental delays (including height).
- It can cause learning and behavior problems.

-Effects do not show up immediately, so regular blood testing is essential to catch exposure early.

-However, a child does not need to be poisoned for families to take action.

- Aliah stresses families can act before poisoning via Parental Request forms.

-Families who are concerned about lead in their homes can submit a Parental Request Form.

-Then BPHC inspectors will go out to confirm no hazards or work with homeowners to improve their homes with lead contamination. All inspections are FREE for families.

-They can also help in other areas like: mold, asbestos, bed bugs, leaks and indoor flooding (especially in spring). These inspections are also FREE to the public.

-The team working on the Moakley Park project has asked to attend a future meeting. They will join the group in May to provide an update on the Moakley Park project.

Lydia Polaski

-Love Your Block day (April 25)

-She will send St. Patrick’s Day updates like parking restrictions and street closures for that day. Towing begins at 2AM on the day of the parade. A lot of coordination between departments this year and the overall expectation is it will be better than last year. Businesses will not serve alcohol until noon till 6:30pm.

Mary Karski (Councilor Murphy’s Office)

-Councilor Murphy is trying to schedule upcoming Senior Scam-Awareness Session

-To make older adults more aware of common scams and how to protect themselves.

-The date is not set yet but will let everyone know when it is announced.

Agency Updates

Organization Name	Agency Updates	Important Dates
South Boston Neighborhood House	Diaper Depot is back! 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month until December 2026 and January 2027.	The House is Where the Heart Is Friday, March 20, 2026 Mobile Market

	<p>Check out SBNH website for more details.</p> <p>Silent Auction begins Friday, March 13th.</p>	<p>Wednesday, March 25, 2026 1:30pm-3pm</p>
Julie's Family	<p>Spring Gala details: They will be honoring Billy Higgins with an Angle award and the silent auction begins April 1.</p>	<p>Spring Gala April 9 6PM-9PM</p>
Boston Harbor Now		<p>Moakley Park Cleanup Series Saturday, March 21 9:30AM-11:30AM</p> <p>Combined Cleanup – Carson Beach & Moakley Park Saturday, April 25, 2026</p>
South Boston Community Health Center	<p>-Incentive: Youth receive a \$15 gift card for each session they attend. -Recent Session Topics & Partners</p> <p>Focus areas have included: -Substance use prevention -Financial counseling (a financial counselor came in) -Healthy relationships</p> <p>-A flyer will be sent soon - The youths will help clean up after the Evacuation Day parade.</p>	<p>Youth Ambassadors Tuesdays (4:30pm-6pm) Age 12-16 Sign Up, Click Here</p>
South Boston Neighborhood Development Corporation (SBNDC)	<p>-McDevitt Senior Homes will begin construction in May which includes 35 affordable senior housing units. It will take about 18 months until completion. -They won't start to advertise until 2027. -Matt Kirk is still providing senior housing counseling support. -Farmers market will begin in June. A set date is not confirmed yet.</p>	<p>Spring Stroll May 7 (Thursday)</p>
Fourth Presbyterian Church	<p>-The kids are performing Aladdin this year.</p>	<p>Wednesday Study Group Wednesday nights, 6:30PM-7:30 PM</p> <p>Passion Play March 29</p>
St. Monica-St. Augustine Catholic Church	<p>-Easter is coming up on April 5 and services begin at 10:30AM. Susan McLeod mentioned that heard that</p>	<p>Peace Breakfast Saturdays (9am-11am)</p>

	<p>ICE was around the church. But she has not seen them personally and has not seen a drop in attendance.</p>	<p><u>Food Pantry</u> Thursdays 9:30am-1pm</p>
<p><u>Children Of Alcoholism And Substance Abuse (COASA)</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Maureen has been working in Charlestown over the past month. -Exploring the possibility of setting up services for kids from that community. -Utilizing the local health centers. -She is also working on having the camp again this summer. She will share details about the camp as she has them. -Need resources, support, or training related to working with kids from families with substance abuse issues. 	