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School or Organization

Welcome!

Sign In, Make a Nametag & Sit Anywhere



Newton Youth Commission Advisory Board Meeting

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 03, 2025

Agenda

HOUSEKEEPING

APPROVE OCTOBER 27TH MINUTES

PRESENTATIONS

NEWTON CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

- BREAK -

PARENT STEP-UP DAY PROPOSAL (HANA)

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HOUSEKEEPING

Vote

Approve October 27th Meeting Minutes

Options: Approve, Amend, Abstain

Only Advisory Board Members Can Vote.

NEWTON



CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Newton Parks, Recreation & Culture
Cultural Development Department
1294 Centre Street
Newton Centre, MA 02459

Newton
Cultural
Development

Department
Structure

Director, Paula Gannon

Associate Director, Archana
Menon

Program Managers, Lisa
Rucinski and Garrett Van Siclen

Mission Statement

- *The office of Cultural Development administers and supports creative and cultural programming in Newton, MA. Alongside community collaborators, the municipal agency operates as a presence for equal access to arts and culture throughout the City of Newton.*
- *Webpage*
<https://www.newtonma.gov/government/parks-recreation-culture/cultural-development>

How we support arts/culture in Newton



- **Events**
- **Programs/workshops**
- **Public Art**
- **Social Media & Marketing**
- **Support For Local Arts & Culture**
- **Community Support**
- **Partner with other City Departments**



EVENTS

How we support arts/culture
in Newton

Create/Organize/Execute events and programs

Annual Events

- Family FunFEST
- Newton Independence Day Celebration | July 4th
- Summer Concert Series
- Harvest Fair
- Mayor's Holiday Celebration

Special Events

- Gath Pool – closing and reopening
- Ribbon Cuttings: Cabot School Butterfly Pavilion, Newton Centre Plaza, Upper Falls Splash Pad, Newton Community Stage, Wellness Room @ City Hall,
- Newton 150th Birthday



PROGRAMS & WORKSHOPS

How we support arts/culture
in Newton

- Toddler art and music program | Time for Partners
- Art in Bloom
- Artful Pianos
- Halloween Window Painting
- Gingerbread Exhibit and Contest



PUBLIC ART

How we support arts/culture
in Newton

- City Hall Galleries
- Project FLUTTER | Project SHINE
- Halloween Window Painting
- Artful Pianos
- Wayfinding Map on City website



Social Media and Marketing

How we support arts/culture in Newton

@Newtonculturaldevelopment

- [Instagram](#)
- [Facebook](#)
- [Next Door](#)
- [Monthly Newsletter](#)
- [Newtonartscalendar.org](#)

- Collab with NNHS Graphics Department



Support For Local Arts & Culture

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in Newton

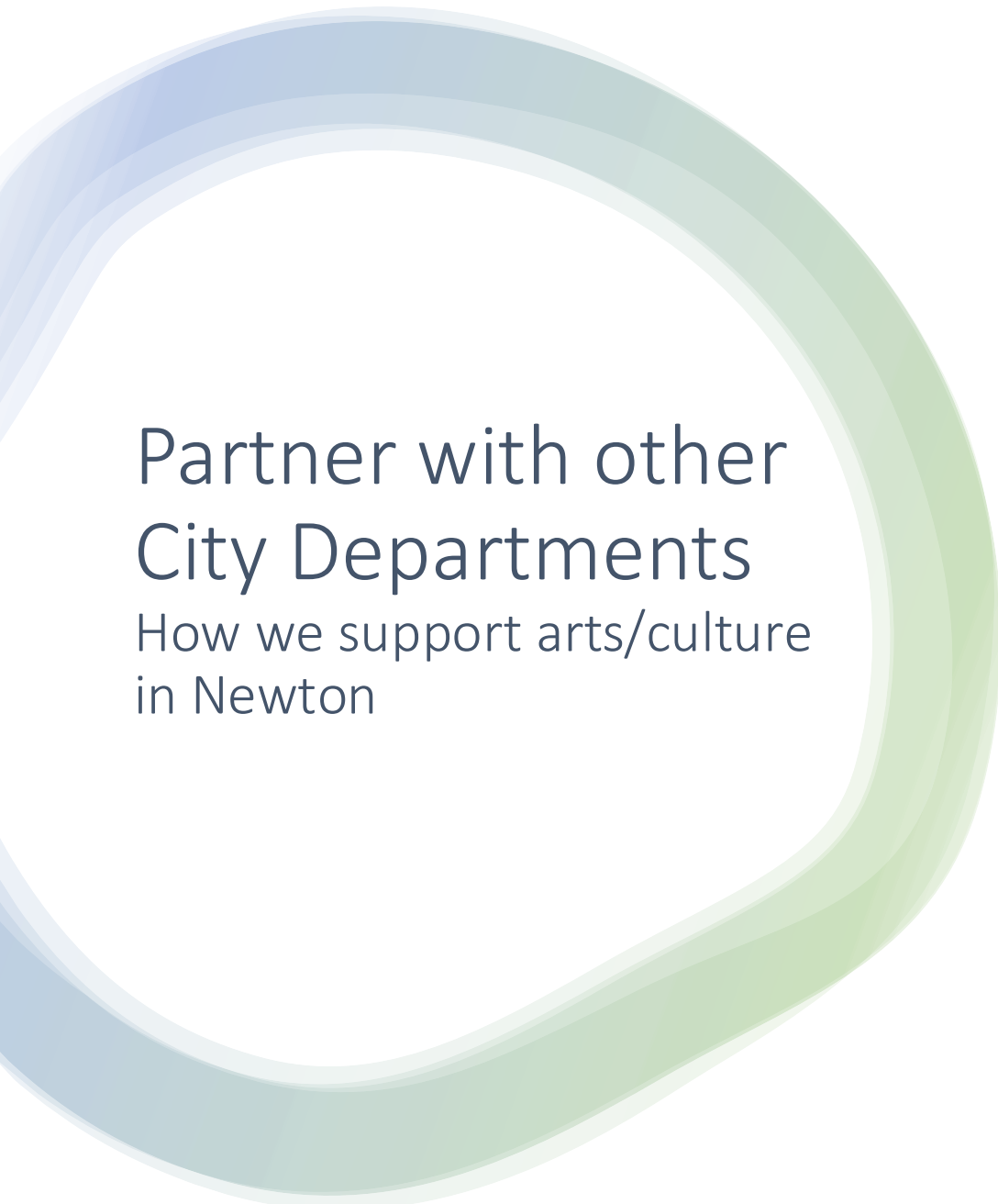
- Act as liaison to community in navigating City Hall for events/programs
- Attend and take part in community events, programs & workshops
- Support other arts & culture individuals and organizations within Newton
- Newton Cultural Council
- City Hall Galleries
- Newton Arts Calendar
- Facilitate rental of City Venues
- Volunteers
- Social media
- Newsletter



Community Support

How we support arts/culture
in Newton

- Newton Arts Pass
- Public Buildings Rentals
- Lower Cost / Free Programming
- Newton Arts Calendar
- Sponsorship Package
- Partner with arts organizations to support their missions; Spark Newton – Gath Pool Murals & other public art initiatives, NAA – Bus Stop Art
- Offer performance opportunities ie: Family FunFEST, July 4th Gazebo, Harvest Fair Community Stage, Holiday Mini Golf stage
- Collaborate with boards and commissions across the city



Partner with other City Departments

How we support arts/culture
in Newton

- PRC Department
- Planning and Development
- Health & Human Services
- Newton Police Department
- Mayor's Office
- DPW
- ADA Coordinator Jini Fairley (COD)
- Older Adult Services - OAS
- Public Buildings



Newton Cultural Council



In Massachusetts, public funding for the arts, humanities and sciences is provided through a central agency, **Mass Cultural Council**, and a network of Local Cultural Councils (LCCs) that serve every city and town in the state.

Mayor Fuller and City Council have matched the MCC funding annually since 2018.



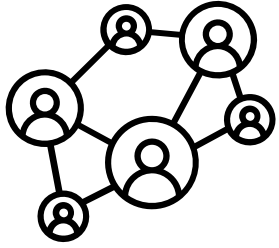
NCC Mission

- The NCC is a city of Newton board/commission currently with 12 members.
- The goal of the Newton Cultural Council (NCC) is to support the cultural vitality of Newton by funding public projects and activities in the arts, sciences and humanities that benefit and enrich our Newton community.
We prioritize quality programs, events, performances and innovative collaborations across disciplines that build community, and engage the full spectrum of Newton residents.
- For 2025 grant cycle NCC received 80 applications | funded 52 projects | \$61,176
- For 2026 grant cycle NCC received 91 applications – adjudication currently underway

2025 Grantees



- 2025 Lunar New Year Celebration
- 2025 Stone Carving Symposium
- 36th Boston Jewish Film Festival
- ArsNova Concert Series
- Aston Magna Music Festival
- At The Oscars
- Belmont World Film's 22nd Family Festival
- BEMF Youth Ensemble 24/25
- BNMI's 15th Anniversary Guerilla Concerts
- Boston Baroque'
- Charles River Wind Ensemble
- Crystal Lake
- Earth Day Concert with Tagore's Songs
- Earth Have Voice
- Elena Langer, "Concerto"
- FenceART
- Filmmaker's Forum
- Florence Price: Boston Public Quartet
- Games Of Tones-Concert
- Influence of African American and Native American Folk music
- Jameson Singers Winter Concert
- Jewish Con Salsa
- Magazine: Solstice
- Melodies of the East
- Moving Forward in Place
- Music Mondays at the Scandinavian Center
- Música de México y Memorias
- New Art's Curatorial Program
- New Phil - A Musical Fete, in two parts
- Newton Baroque Season
- Newton Black History Month 2025
- Newton Piano Summit
- Newton Uncovered: Untold Stories from Newton's History
- Reclaiming Folk
- Rehearsal for Life's Freelance Players
- Shadow, Sound, Spectacle Presents: Literary Monsters
- Spring Concert of Hope
- Spring Hafla 2025 - MEHNAT Dance Showcase
- Strummin' up to Boston
- Sullivan Rep Season 2
- Suzuki School
- Take Flight
- The Monologue Project
- The Newton Highlands Klezmer Dance Party
- Thirukkural (Ancient Verses) in Dance
- Unity & Joy- Celebrating Community
- Veterans Day Concert
- Waterworks 2025: A Festival of Experimental Sound
- WinterFest 2025
- Women of the Americas
- Women Seeing Women
- Zarzuela in Newton - A Hispanic Heritage Celebration



Connecting
with
Newton
Youth

Project SHINE

Artful Piano Project

Summer Intern

Volunteering

Student Art Gallery at City Hall



Let's Review

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*Thank
You*

Break

Parent Step-Up Day

Updates and Next Steps

2025 – 2026

Subcommittees

An introduction

2025-2026

Subcommittee Topics

MENTAL HEALTH

- Ex. Substance Misuse
- Ex. Social Media and Relationships

YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES

- Connecting
- Planning

Announcements, Upcoming Programing

Next YCAB Meeting

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14

6:00-8:00PM

Newton Free Library

Co-chairs for next meeting:

- Amelia Kessler, Alex Gusenoff and Safinah Kasirye

Co-chairs for February 4th meeting:

- Ana Ciric, Bomi Woo and Delia Walsh