

# BOSTON CHARTER DAY EVENTS

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

### “Treasures of the Massachusetts Bay Colony: Documents, Arts, and Architecture”

#### Panel Discussion

Boston Public Library

Three distinguished panelists will explore the present-day legacy of the 17<sup>th</sup> century founders of Boston and the Massachusetts Bay Colony as represented by treasures preserved in local historical and cultural collections today.

#### Welcome & Introduction:

Bernard Margolis, President, Boston Public Library

#### Moderator:

John Winthrop Sears, Former Boston City Councilor and M.D.C. Commissioner

#### Panelists:

Peter Drummey, The Stephen T. Riley Librarian, Massachusetts Historical Society

Ronald E. Grim, Curator of Maps, Norman B. Leventhal Map Center at the Boston Public Library

Jonathan L. Fairbanks, The Katharine L. Weems Curator of American Decorative and Fine Arts, Emeritus, Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA

6:30 - 8:00 p.m., Program — Rabb Lecture Hall

Boston Public Library, Copley Square, Boylston St. \*

### “Boston, Lincolnshire, Comes to Massachusetts Bay, 1630-1710” Exhibit

Opening of a special exhibit to celebrate the unique historical connections and shared legacies between Boston, Lincolnshire, England, founded 1086, and Boston, Massachusetts Bay, founded in 1630.

5:30 p.m., Reception – Boston Room

Boston Public Library, Copley Square, Boylston St. \*

Contact: 617-536-5400



## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

### “History of the Commonwealth Exhibit”

The Commonwealth Museum

Museum staff will present an insider’s view of the preparation and assembly of an upcoming exhibit of the Commonwealth’s Treasures. The museum is planning to display rare original materials from the Massachusetts Archives collections; including Royal Charters, the Declaration of Independence, and the Bill of Rights. The panel will discuss exhibit design and content, the use of technology in the interactive displays, and rare document conservation issues.

6:00 p.m. Reception

7:00 p.m., Presentation

The Commonwealth Museum, 230 Morrissey Blvd\*\*

Contact: 617-727-9268

From the Colony Records:

1630

A Court of Assistants holden at Charl[es]to[w]n  
The 7<sup>th</sup> of ~~May~~ September 1630

It is ordered that Trimountaine shall be called Boston,  
Mattapan - Dorchester, and ~~the~~ the Towns upon Charles -  
Waterto[w]n.

Boston together With Water towne

Present

The Sovereign

Deputy Governor<sup>†</sup>

Sir Richard Saltonstall

Mr. [Isaac] Johnson

Mr. [John] Endicott

Mr. [Thomas] Sharpe

Mr. [Increase] Nowell

Mr. [William] Coddington

Mr. [Roger] Ludlow

Mr. [Edward] Rossiter

Mr. [William] Pyncheon

Mr. [Simon] Bradstreet

<sup>†</sup> The Deputy Governor was Thomas Dudley.

Not present were:

Governor John Winthrop

The magistrates: Mr. [William] Vassall

Mr. [John] Winthrop Jr.

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

### Boston’s 377th Birthday Party

The Bostonian Society

The Birthday Party of Boston is celebrated each year to commemorate the naming of the Town of Boston.

Event for children and families, refreshments

Noon - 2:00 p.m.

The Old State House \*\*\*

Contact: 617-720-1713, Ext. 27

### Old State House Museum

The Bostonian Society

**Free admission** to the 1713 Old State House and the Boston Historical Society Museum in celebration of Charter Day 2007. Visit the headquarters of the British government during Boston’s colonial period and see exhibits depicting the city’s Revolutionary history.

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

On the Founders Trail at the Old State House on the corner of State and Washington Streets \*\*\*

Contact: 617-720-1713, Ext. 27

### Boston Founders Trail Walking Tour

The Partnership of the Historic Bostons

The Boston Founders Trail Walking Tour has been created by The Partnership of the Historic Bostons, a not-for-profit organization that celebrates the historical links between Boston, Massachusetts and Boston, Lincolnshire in England. Walkers will get an historical view of the small town founded in 1630. The tour, which runs for two hours, is guided by Professor Will Holton of Northeastern University, President of The Partnership of the Historic Bostons and Stephen Busby, a professional tour guide in Boston since 1993 and Tour Manager for the Boston Stock Exchange.

10:00 a.m. – Noon

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Starting from outside the Boston National Historical Park Visitors Center opposite the Old State House at 15 State Street \*\*\*

Requested donation - \$15.

Please wear walking shoes to this event.

Contact: 617-373-3853

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

### Charter Day Sabbath Gathering

The First Church in Boston

An Interdenominational Service at Boston’s oldest religious institution established in 1630. Professor Francis J. Bremer, Ph.D., Author of many works on Puritan life in 17<sup>th</sup> century New England, Editor of the Winthrop Papers for the Massachusetts Historical Society, and Chairman of the of History Department at Millersville University, Lancaster, PA will address the gathering on “The Community Vision of Boston’s Founders: An Unburied Treasure”.

↻ Broadcast and podcast live on WERS at 88.9 FM ↻  
11:00 a.m. - Noon

The First Church in Boston

Reverend Stephen Kendrick, Senior Minister

66 Marlborough Street

Corner of Berkeley and Marlborough Streets \*\*\*\*

Contact: 617-267-6730

### Boston Founders Trail Walking Tour

The Partnership of the Historic Bostons

The Boston Founders Trail Walking Tour provides walkers with an historical view of the small town founded in 1630.

1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Starting from The First Church in Boston

66 Marlborough Street

Corner of Berkeley and Marlborough Streets \*\*\*\*

Requested donation - \$15.

Please wear walking shoes to this event.

Contact: 617-373-3853



### Public Transportation Information

\* Copley Station on the Green Line, Back Bay Station on the

Orange Line and Commuter Rail

\*\* Red Line to JFK/UMASS Station, shuttle bus to

UMassB,

Free Parking available at Massachusetts Archives

\*\*\* Government Center on the Green or Blue Line,

State Street on the Orange or Blue Line

\*\*\*\* Arlington Street Station on the Green Line

## 2007 BOSTON CHARTER DAY EVENTS

(Event details on reverse)

*September 7 marks the 377th anniversary of Boston's creation as a formal political entity. In 1630, the town of Trimountaine was renamed Boston and declared the capital of the Massachusetts Bay Colony. Boston Charter Day - an annual celebration of Boston's founding - highlights the civic spirit, longstanding institutions, and first-class cultural and intellectual life in Boston. The 2007 Charter Day Events are coordinated by The Partnership of the Historic Bostons, Inc.*

*All events are free, unless otherwise noted.*

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10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

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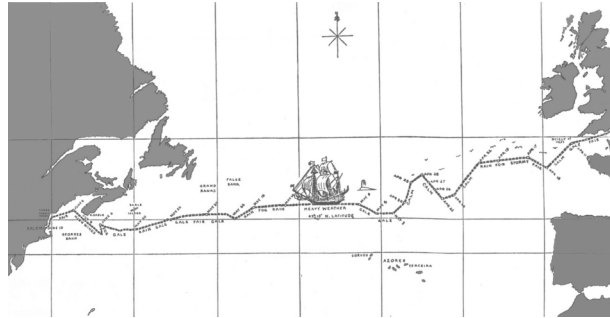


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## BOSTON FOUNDERS TRAIL

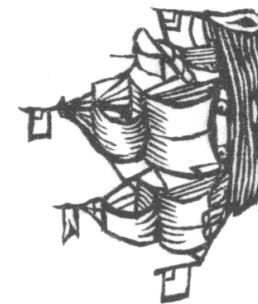
DISCOVER THE "LOST HISTORY" OF BOSTON  
BEFORE THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION



*A two-hour walking tour that provides an historical view of the small town founded in 1630. The one-mile walking tour begins outside the Boston National Historical Park Visitors Center opposite the Old State House at 15 State Street.*

*Sites and historical commentary on the tour:*

- The Founders Monument, Boston Common
- Site of Blaxton's home & spring
- The Anne Hutchinson statue
- The Arbella plaque
- The Mary Dyer statue
- Sentry Hill or Beacon Hill
- The Congregational House
- Site of the Cotton and Vane home
- The Old Burying Ground
- The Town Dock
- Site of the First Meeting House
- Anne Bradstreet's Boston
- Sites of the homes of Governor Winthrop
- Site of the Great Spring
- Site of the Hutchinson home
- Sites of the Boston Public Latin School
- King's Chapel
- The Old Granary Burying Ground
- Boston Common's 17<sup>th</sup> century uses



### BOSTON CHARTER DAY

*The Partnership of the Historic Bostons, Inc.*

*66 Marlborough Street*

*Boston, MA 02116*



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SEPTEMBER 6 - 9, 2007

*A celebration of Boston's founding*

*on*

*September 7, 1630*



PRESENTED BY

*The Partnership of the Historic Bostons, Inc.*

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS

*Boston Public Library*

*The Bostonian Society*

*The Commonwealth Museum*

*The First Church in Boston*

*The Winthrop Society*