

# **Team Welcome Packet**

## ***Boston FIRST* Robotics Regional Competition**

***Rack N' Roll***  
**March 22-24, 2007**

**Boston University - Agganis Arena  
925 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, MA**

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# **1 Welcome to the Boston *FIRST* Robotics Competition**

## ***Greetings from the Boston Regional Planners***

Welcome to the city of inventors! Beautiful Boston is home to some of history's greatest thinkers and innovators who have helped change lives and the world around us. The computer, telephone, Morse code, drinkable tap water, mass produced radar, the internet, and SO much more... all 'first' in Boston! This historic city hosts an incredible concentration of America's greatest universities and has developed into the second largest technology hub in our nation. Boston is about history, but the people of Boston are about creating a better future!

The Boston *FIRST* Regional Planning Committee invites you to join us in this 'inventive' journey. Good luck to all our participating teams, from near and far! Please use this guide as a reference for our competition; it is full of helpful and useful information. However, if you have any other questions, please reach out to us! We are here to ensure that your experience is wonderful & memorable, so do not hesitate to work with our committee and help us make the Boston Regional number one!

We welcome you to the Boston *FIRST* Robotics Regional!

## **2 Welcome to Boston**

### ***Historic Boston***

Boston was first incorporated as a town in 1630 and as a city in 1822. It is one of America's oldest cities, with a rich economic and social history. What began as a homesteading community eventually evolved into a center for social and political change. Boston has since become the economic and cultural hub of New England.

As the region's hub, Boston is home to nearly 590,000 residents, many institutions of higher education, some of the world's finest inpatient hospitals, and numerous cultural and professional sports organizations. Boston-based jobs, primarily within the finance, health care, educational, and service areas, numbered nearly 660,000 in 2002. Millions of people visit Boston to take in its historic neighborhoods, attend cultural or sporting events, and conduct business.

For more information on the history of Boston and the surrounding area, please visit these sites:

Historic information provided by <http://www.cityofboston.gov>

## ***Boston University***



Boston University, the host of the *FIRST* Robotics Competition, is an independent, coeducational, and non-sectarian university. It is an internationally recognized institution of higher education and research located along the banks of the Charles River and adjacent to the historic Back Bay district of Boston.

With more than 30,000 students from all 50 states and 140 countries, it is the fourth largest independent university in the United States. It spans multiple city blocks along Commonwealth Ave between Babcock and Kenmore Streets.

University information provided by <http://www.bu.edu>

## ***Agganis Arena at Boston University***



Agganis Arena at Boston University is located within Boston University's new \$225 million John Hancock Student Village—a 10-acre hub of activity designed to be the thriving center of student life and athletics. Agganis Arena is a state-of-the-art, multipurpose sports and entertainment center. A 290,000-square-foot premier venue with 6,300 seats for hockey and ice shows, the Arena is expandable to over 7,200 seats for concerts, sporting events, and family shows.

In addition to exciting hockey action, Agganis Arena hosts Boston University events, concerts, family shows, sporting events, trade shows and conferences throughout the year. We look forward to welcoming you to a beautiful, clean, comfortable, safe, and exciting environment.

The Agganis Arena is wheelchair accessible. The Arena fully complies and exceeds all requirements as set forth in the Americans with Disabilities Act. The handicap accessible drop-off location is located on the corner of Harry Agganis Way and Commonwealth Avenue. The Main Lobby Entrance is accessible to guests with disabilities as are all Arena entrances, hallways, and pathways.

- Admission is free and there is more than enough space for family and friends!

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- The arena is easily reached via the MBTA (Boston Subway System) or by car from the Mass Pike
- There is plenty of parking (see parking info section below)
- Teams will be delighted to discover spacious pit layouts
- Spectators will be afforded unobstructed views of the exciting live action on the playing field
- The arena has plenty of room to get together with old friends and meet new ones

Agganis Arena information provided by <http://www.agganisarena.com>

## 3 Getting Around

### *Traveling Around Boston*

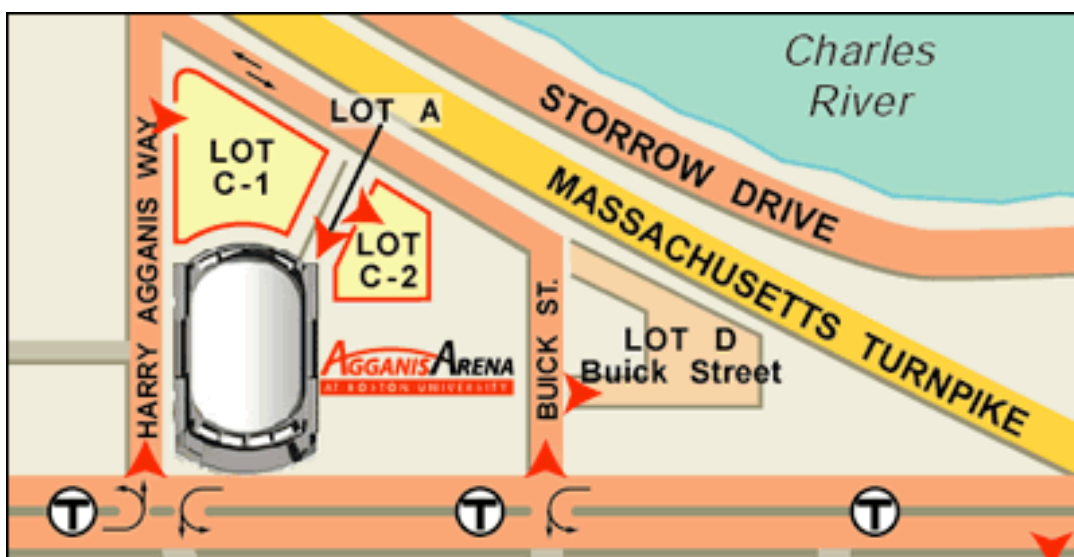
Driving on Boston Streets is often confusing as streets often change direction and are not well marked in some areas. Street parking is restricted to residents in many areas in Boston and surrounding towns. Garage parking is available near many of the city attractions and can range from \$10-25 for 4-5 hours.

**\*\*\*\*\*Caution\*\*\*\*\*** On Friday allow ample extra time if traveling by auto. You don't want to be late to the competition. AM inbound and PM outbound traffic can be very congested during the week on the surface roads and on the major highways. Travel time from Rte 95 to downtown Boston on Route 90 can take more than an hour in rush hour traffic. Route 93 traffic is also very slow during rush hour. Travelers can sit in stopped traffic for 15-30 minutes.

The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority or MBTA manages Boston area public transportation: the subway (also referred to as the "T"), local buses, commuter ferries and the commuter rail. Traveler information including bus and subway maps and pricing can be found at <http://www.mbt.com>.

### *Directions to the Competition Arena*

Agganis Arena is located at 925 Commonwealth Ave in Boston. The map below shows the road access to the arena off Commonwealth Ave.



## Using the MBTA “T”

### From the Green Line

- \* Lechmere, Science Park, North Station, or Haymarket, take any Green Line train to Government Center. Transfer to the Westbound "B" train.
- \* The "C" (Cleveland Circle) or "D" (Riverside) train, take any train inbound to Kenmore Square. Transfer to the outbound platform and board the "B" train.
- \* The "E" (Heath Street) train, take any train inbound to Arlington station. Transfer to the outbound platform and board the "B" train.
- \* Take the "B" train to either the St. Paul Street or Pleasant Street stop; both are approximately one block from the Arena.

### From the Red Line

- \* Take the Red Line to Park Street,
- \* Once at Park Street transfer to the Westbound Green Line "B" train,
- \* Take the "B" train to either the St. Paul Street or Pleasant Street stop; both are approximately one block from the Arena.

### From the Blue Line

- \* Take the Blue Line train to Government Center,
- \* Once at Government Center transfer to the Westbound "B" train,
- \* Take the "B" train to either the St. Paul Street or Pleasant Street stop; both are approximately one block from the Arena.

### From the Orange Line

- \* Take the Orange Line train to Downtown Crossing,
- \* Once at Government Center follow the underground concourse to the Park Street station on the Green Line,
- \* Board the Westbound "B" train,
- \* Take the "B" train to either the St. Paul Street or Pleasant Street stop; both are approximately one block from the Arena.

## Driving Directions

### From the North

- \* Take I-93 or Route 1 South to Boston. Exit onto Storrow Drive.
- \* Continue on Storrow Drive to the Kenmore Square Exit.
- \* At the first set of lights, turn right onto Beacon Street (left exit).
- \* Bear right at the far end of Kenmore Square onto Commonwealth Avenue.
- \* Continue on Commonwealth Avenue to Agganis Arena (approximately 1 mile).

### From the South

- \* Take I-93 Route 3 (Southeast Expressway) North to Boston. Exit onto Storrow Drive.
- \* Continue on Storrow Drive to the Kenmore Square Exit.
- \* At the first set of lights, turn right onto Beacon Street.
- \* Bear right at the far end of Kenmore Square onto Commonwealth Avenue.
- \* Continue on Commonwealth Avenue to Agganis Arena (approximately 1 mile).

## From the West

- \* Take the Massachusetts Turnpike (I-90) East. Take Exit 18 on the left (Brighton/Cambridge).
- \* Follow Signs to Cambridge. At the second set of lights, turn right.
- \* Continue on Storrow Drive to the Kenmore Square Exit.
- \* At the first set of lights, turn right onto Beacon Street.
- \* Bear right at the far end of Kenmore Square onto Commonwealth Avenue.
- \* Continue on Commonwealth Avenue to Agganis Arena (approximately 1 mile).

## Arriving to Boston by Train or Bus

Boston's South Station is, located at the corner of Summer Street and Atlantic Ave. The station services Amtrak <http://www.amtrak.com>, Greyhound <http://www.greyhound.com>, Peter Pan Bus Lines <http://www.peterpanbus.com>, the Boston area Commuter Trains and the Red Line of the "T". To get to Agganis Arena from South Station board the Red Line to Park Street and follow directions above "From the Red Line".

## From the Airport

Boston Logan airport (Code: BOS) is the closest airport to Agganis Arena. The arena can be reached from the airport via the MBTA Blue Line (directions below to the arena) or the Silverline Bus to South Station then take the MBTA Red Line (directions below to the arena). The cost of a taxi from the airport to the arena is about \$25. Shared van service from the airport to hotels can be arranged from Ace American Supershuttle 800-517-2281

## 4 Parking at Agganis Arena

There is plenty of parking at the arena, which includes an outside parking lot and underground garage.

Wednesday and Thursday – parking will be available in Arena lots A (the Garage) and C2 (surface lot adjacent to loading dock) at the \$1/hour pay rate. The max daily rate is \$8 for these days. Please note that Lot C-1 is restricted to BU Faculty and Staff on these days.

Friday and Saturday – parking will be available in Lots A and C2 for the \$10 or \$15 daily rate (*still being negotiated*). Please note that Boston University has extended this special rate which normally only applies to BU Terrier Athletic Events.

Below are parking and driving directions along with diagrams showing the Arena entrances and parking lots:

<http://www.agganisarena.com/directions/parking.html>

<http://www.agganisarena.com/directions/driving.html>

**IMPORTANT \*\*NEW\*\* LOADING INFORMATION:** All teams should be dropped off in FRONT of the arena at 925 Commonwealth Ave. (we have secured these parking meters for loading/unloading only). Most team members will enter through the front doors of the arena. However, if you are carrying heavy or large items, you must walk down the promenade (between the Agganis Arena & BU Athletic Center) and enter the door at the end on the left into the arena. There is a freight elevator there which will take you to the pits. Volunteers and signs will be present to direct you.

**\*\*REMEMBER\*\*** There is NO LOADING on the arena side street like last year... you must follow the improved procedures described above.



## 5 Event Information

### General Event Information

#### Consent Forms

***Teams cannot register on March 22<sup>nd</sup> without a completed form for each team member attending the event, including adults traveling with the team. Persons under 18 years of age must have a parent or legal guardian's signature.***

Please ask your regional director if you need to acquire a consent form.

#### Event Rules

Please read the following restrictions and adhere to them in order to promote an orderly, safe, pleasant, and exciting competition. As a group, we all should honor agreements with the venue and help promote the spirit of good partnership.

**Do not bring food** into the arena.

**Do not deliver or ship robots directly to the site.** All shipments go through the drayage company.

**Do not remove any *FIRST* or Team number signs.** *This is stealing!* Signs are used for multiple events

**Do not use extremely noisy devices**, such as floor stompers, whistles, or air horns.

**Do not save seats.** It is not fair to other teams or the public we hope to interest as team sponsors/volunteers.

**Do not sell any products.** This includes food, hats, shirts, or any promotional products.

**Do not give out any free food products**, such as candy, water, soft drinks, or fruit. You may trade team pins, however. ***Stickers or Decals are NOT allowed to be distributed***

**Do not sell raffle tickets.**

**Do not bring helium tanks. Helium Balloons are NOT allowed at the Arena!**

**Do not invite or bring live bands** to play in the audience. This dilutes the presentation on the playing field and is too loud and confusing for the audience.

**Do not play loud music in the Pit** because it interferes with important announcements. If a team receives more than a warning or two, the power to the team's Pit Station will be shut off and/or the music confiscated.

**Do not form "tunnels"** during the Awards Ceremony. This can cause discomfort to those traveling through them and creates safety issues.

**Do not run in the venue.**

**Do not wear open-toed shoes in the Pits or on the playing field.**

**Do not arrange for Internet access** on the site or attempt to connect to the Internet.

**Do not use walkie-talkies**

#### Seating in the Arena

Ample stadium style seating is available for teams with great views of the competition field. Please do not hang banners on any part of the bleachers or on the venue wall.

#### Additional Activities at the Arena

Please visit the various tables & booths setup on the concession stand level. Some of our sponsors and area universities will be showing off their technologies and handing out information about their organizations. Also check out our Lego League and VEX demonstration and support these *FIRST* Robotic participants!

#### The Pits

Teams will receive a pit map when they register at the arena on Thursday at the Pit Administration Center.



Each team's pit station will have a table and power outlet. For safety and because of insurance regulations, teams cannot build any structure that supports people or items for storage above the work area in their pit space. No structures should be higher than 10 feet above the floor and must safely support any signs or displays mounted to the structure. *FIRST* will require the removal of any pit structure that is deemed unsafe by event management personnel and local committee members.

The Team Checklist in section 7.16 of the *FIRST* Robotics Competition Manual has a checklist of items to bring to your pit station

As a special reminder, don't forget:

- A 25 ft heavy duty extension cord and a power strip
- A relatively small cart to transport your heavy robot from the Pit to the playing field.
- Safety glasses for everyone on your team and your guests if they will be visiting the pits.

## ***Machine Shop Information/Rules***

**NASA will be providing a mobile machine shop at the Boston competition.**

Below are the general rules and process for machine shop work requests:

- You must supply any material that is needed for repairs. The machine shop cannot provide materials.
- One team representative must initially accompany their request to the machine shop, but may leave after providing any needed explanations.
- You may not observe your job being worked due to safety and liability. If you like, you can wait for the part right outside the shop.
- All work requests are First Come First Serve, unless a reasonable exception can be made. We cannot guarantee timing for any ASAP requests.
- You may NOT take work requests to the machine shop yourself. All requests must go through Pit Admin
- Once your job is complete, a pit announcement will be made. You may also check back with Pit Admin periodically

## ***Event Schedule***

### **Thursday**

Limited pit opening-7:45 a.m. (3 persons per team to uncrate team robot)

Team arrival. Pit usually opens about 8:30 a.m. Release form collection.

Registration - before noon

Practice rounds Official weigh-in and inspection

Pit closes, usually at 8 p.m.

### **Friday**

Pit opens, about 8 a.m.

Team lineup begins about 8:30 a.m.

Opening ceremony, about 9 a.m.

Seeding (qualifying) matches

Awards ceremony

Pit closes 6 p.m.

FREE dinner for teams upon leaving arena and FREE entrance to amazing Boston Museum of Science (see separate section below for more details).

### **Saturday**

Pit opens, usually about 8 a.m.

Opening ceremony, about 9 a.m.

Continued seeding (qualifying) matches

Elimination matches, usually about 1 p.m.  
Awards ceremony  
Pick up bronze medallions at the Pit Administration station  
Receive returned Chairman's Award submissions  
Pit closes- Robots packed and shipped

## ***Meals***

### **Breakfast and Lunch**

The Agganis Arena concession stands offer a variety of menu items. Additionally there are many coffee, pizza and sandwich shops near the arena – see section 8 for details

### ***Team Social***

This year, The Boston *FIRST* Planning Committee has arranged two wonderful bonuses for FIRST teams.

- 1) **FREE, delicious Qdoba Mexican food as you leave the arena:** Each *FIRST* student and mentor (must be wearing team shirt or other noticeable identification) will receive a dinner kit containing a burrito, chips, cookie, and drink. They will be handed out at the front of the arena as you leave Friday evening. Please only take one dinner kit, we have limited supplies.
- 2) **FREE entry to the AMAZING Boston Museum of Science:** The Museum of Science in Boston has agreed to give every FIRST student and mentor FREE admittance to the museum on Friday evening. So, take your burrito, hop in your team transportation or TAKE THE T, and head over the Museum of Science for an excellent experience.

The Museum of Science is located at: Science Park, Boston, MA:  
[http://mos.org/visitor\\_info/maps\\_and\\_directions](http://mos.org/visitor_info/maps_and_directions)

## ***Event Contacts***

You may need the following contacts regarding the event. If you are not sure who to reach, then please email Marc Hodosh, Chairman of the Boston Planning Committee and your question will be answered or forwarded appropriately.

**Marc Hodosh** - *Chairman, Boston FIRST Planning Committee*  
[mhodosh@idoneinc.com](mailto:mhodosh@idoneinc.com)

**Brad Lauer** – *Regional Director*  
[blauer@usfirst.org](mailto:blauer@usfirst.org)

**Steve Cremer** – *Senior Mentor & General Boston Committee Liaison to Teams*  
[scremer@usfirst.org](mailto:scremer@usfirst.org)

**David Burmaster** – *Judge Coordinator*  
[deb@alceon.com](mailto:deb@alceon.com)

## Video Database System

With the help of Motorola and NASA, the Boston *FIRST* Regional is implementing a 'video database' system. This will allow teams to cue up video of any previous match as requested, on demand! More information will be provided at the event. **\*\* We highly recommend all teams bring at least one laptop computer, along with an Ethernet cable, in order to utilize this system \*\***

## 6 Accommodations

Some hotel suggestions are:

\* **Holiday Inn Brookline**, 1200 Beacon St, Brookline (<http://www.ichotelsgroup.com/h/d/hi/1/en/hd/bklma>)  
The hotel is ½ mile walk or drive to the arena (directions – go right onto St Paul Street. Turn left onto Route 20 - Commonwealth Ave. The arena will be on the right)

\* **Marriott Courtyard Brookline**, 40 Webster Street, Brookline  
(<http://www.marriott.com/property/propertypage/BOSBL>)  
This hotel is just 2 blocks from the Holiday Inn Brookline above and less than a mile from the arena. Like the Holiday Inn Brookline, it is also located along the 'T', Boston Public Trolley system.

\* **Radisson Hotel**, 777 Memorial Drive, Cambridge (<http://www.radisson.com/cambridgema>)  
The hotel is at 2 mile drive from the arena across the Charles River. The arena can be reached by MBTA bus (take the 47 bus from Magazine and Riverside Rd, about 2 blocks from the hotel across the Charles River to Mountfort St and Lenox St, about 6 blocks from the arena down Commonwealth Ave). To drive to the arena take the Boston University Bridge and turn right on Route 20 (Commonwealth Ave). The arena will be on the right.

## 7 Where to Eat

Concession stands in the Arena will have a variety of fast food items such as pizza, sandwiches and snacks.

## 8 Where to Get Medical Attention

If you need emergency medical assistance while in Massachusetts, **dial “9-1-1”**.

Please also notify event staff if possible so we can assist and notify any EMTs (Emergency Medical Technicians) who maybe present at the arena already.

### Hospitals

**Brigham & Women’s Hospital**, 75 Francis Street, Boston, MA 02115 · (617) 732-5500  
**Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center**, 330 Brookline Ave., Boston, MA 02215 617-667-7000  
**St Elizabeth’s Medical Center of Boston**, 736 Cambridge St, Brighton (617)789-2666  
**Children’s Hospital**, 300 Longwood Ave, Boston, (617)355-6611  
**Mass General Hospital**, 55 Fruit Street, Boston (617)724-4110  
**Boston Medical Center**, 840 Harrison Avenue, Boston (617)414-4075

### Dental

**Emergency Dental Service**  
New England **Dental** Center 665 Boylston St, Boston, MA 2.0 mi from arena – (617)266-2700

### Eyeglasses

**Lenscrafters** 1312 Beacon St, Brookline, MA 0.6 mi from Arena – (617)232-1379

### Pharmacies

**CVS Pharmacy**, 900 Commonwealth Ave .1 mi. from Arena (617)232-8130  
**CVS Pharmacy**, 730 Commonwealth Ave .4 mi. from Arena (617)731-4556

## 9 Retail Resources near Agganis Arena

### *Office Supplies/Copies*

**Fed ex Kinko’s** Office and Print Center, (<http://www.kinkos.com>), 1370 Beacon St, Brookline (617)731-3100 .7 mi from Arena  
**Staples** the Office Superstore ([www.staples.com](http://www.staples.com)), 214 Harvard Ave, Allston (617)566-8605  
0.9 mi from Arena

### *Electronics/Computer Stores*

**RadioShack** ([www.radioshack.com](http://www.radioshack.com)), 730 Commonwealth Ave, Boston .5 mi., from Arena (617)734-5855  
**RadioShack**, ([www.radioshack.com](http://www.radioshack.com)), 1334 Beacon St Brookline .7 mi. from Arena, (617)232-1519  
**Best Buy**, ([www.bestbuy.com](http://www.bestbuy.com)) 401 Park Drive, Boston .9 mi. from Arena (617)424-7900  
**CompUSA**, ([www.compusa.com](http://www.compusa.com)) 205 Market Street Brighton 1.6 mi. from Arena , (617)783-1900  
**MicroCenter** (<http://www.microcenter.com>) 730 Memorial Drive Cambridge .4 mi from Arena (617)234-6419  
**Ritz Camera One Hour Photo** 1054 Beacon St, Brookline, MA 0.6 mi SE of arena - (617)734-0540  
**Hunt’s Photo & Video** 520 Commonwealth Ave, Boston, MA 1.2 mi E of arena - (617)778-2222

### *Hardware/Home Improvement Stores*

**The Home Depot**, ([www.homedepot.com](http://www.homedepot.com)), 615 Arsenal Street Watertown, 1.9 mi. from arena, (617)926-0299  
**The Home Depot**, ([www.homedepot.com](http://www.homedepot.com)), 75 Mystic Ave Somerville, 3.2 mi from arena, (617)623-0001

**Aborn True Value Hardware** <http://www.aborntruevalue.com/> 438 Harvard St Brookline, .6 mi from arena (617)739-9000

**Economy True Value Hardware** <http://www.economyhardware.com/> 144 Harvard Ave Allston .7 mi from arena – (617)789-5552

**Model Hardware** <http://modelhardware.com/> 22 Harvard Ave Allston .8 mi from arena – (617)782-5131

## 10 Things to Do If Your Team Has Some Spare Time

### ***On the Boston University Campus***

#### **Barnes & Noble at Boston University Bookstore, 660 Beacon Street**

The bookstore is a unique five-level bookstore featuring books, magazines, electronics, prints, gifts, and a wide range of Boston University insignia gifts and sportswear. The bookstore is renowned throughout New England for its enormous array of books and reader services, including a year-round author events calendar. The store offers a literary cafe featuring Starbucks coffee and other gourmet foods. Open Mondays through Fridays, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Sundays, Noon to 6 p.m.: (617)267-8484

#### **Boston University Art Gallery, 855 Commonwealth Avenue**

The gallery is a showplace for many of the finest exhibitions of contemporary art in the region. It is located on the first floor of the College of Fine Arts and is open Tuesday-Friday, 10 a. m.-5 p. m.; Saturday-Sunday 1-5 p.m.

#### **Daniel L. Marsh Chapel, 735 Commonwealth Avenue**

The physical and spiritual center of the Charles River Campus, this interdenominational chapel is open to all from 8 a. m. to 10 p. m. on weekdays and Sundays. In the Chapel Plaza stands the University's tribute to its distinguished alumnus, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

#### **George Sherman Union, 775 Commonwealth Avenue**

The University's student center. Facilities include the Union Court dining areas, games room, lounges, study areas, television viewing areas, a ballroom, student organization offices, administrative offices, meeting rooms, and a convenience store. In the basement is a branch of the United States Post Office.

#### **Judson Boardman Coit Observatory, 725 Commonwealth Avenue**

The facility for the study of astronomy -- the "oldest of sciences" and the first science taught at the University. The observatory boasts a 6½-inch refractor, a 12-inch reflector, and a 14-inch and several 8-inch Schmidt-Cassegrain telescopes. The observatory is free and open to the public every Wednesday evening (weather and visibility permitting). Call (617)353-2630 after 5:30 p. m. for observing conditions.

#### **Mugar Memorial Library, 771 Commonwealth Avenue**

The central research and study library of Boston University. The University's collection contains more than 2.1 million volumes in paper, 3.7 million volume equivalents in microform, and thousands of current journals.

#### **Photonics Center, 8 St. Mary's Street**

From femtosecond spectroscopy and quantum optics to virtual reality, Boston University's \$80 million, 235,000 square-foot Photonics Center houses state-of-the-art laboratories devoted to developing new light-based technologies for industrial and consumer products. The center is also home to a unique collection of light-based art. A self-guided tour of the center's art is available in the ninth-floor Photonics reception area.

### ***Shopping Areas in and Around Boston***

The following is a short list of shopping areas. There are many small to large shopping areas in neighborhoods around the Boston area. Tourism guides list many of them.

**Prudential Center (indoor mall)**, 800 Boylston St (Back Bay Area), <http://www.prudentialcenter.com/> by car 1.8 mi from the arena, by Subway Green and Orange Lines

**Cambridgeside Galleria (indoor mall)**, 100 Cambridgeside Pl, Cambridge (North Cambridge Area) (<http://www.shopcambridgeside.com>), by car 2.5 mi from the arena . Parking Garage \$4 evenings and weekends. By subway take Green line to Lechmere Station, (this mall is about 1 mile from the Somerville Holiday Inn)

**Faneuil Hall Marketplace, Boston**, (indoor & outdoor – unique shops, historic buildings – Government Center Area of Downtown Boston) <http://www.faneuilhallmarketplace.com>. 3 mi. from the arena by car, by subway – near Green (Gov't Center), Orange (State St) and Blue Lines (Aquarium) (617)523-1300

**Harvard Square**, Cambridge (Central Cambridge) 1.25 mi by car, by subway take red line to Harvard Square (about .7 mi from the Radisson)

**Chestnut Hill Shopping Center**, Chestnut Hill (on Rout 9 about 5 miles by car from Newton Holiday Inn) <http://www.simon.com/mall/default.aspx?ID=786>

## ***Tourist Attractions***

**Boston Museum of Science, Planetarium and IMAX Theater** <http://www.mos.org/>

**New England Aquarium and IMAX Theater**, near Faneuil Hall <http://www.neaq.org> (\$18-\$23)

**USS Constitution, Charlestown Navy Yard**, oldest floating commissioned ship in US Navy, commissioned in 1797 - <http://www.ussconstitution.navy.mil> (free)

**Freedom Trail** – 2.5 mi walking tour through historic Boston <http://www.thefreedomtrail.org> Download map at <http://www.iboston.org/pap/freedom.htm>

**Museum of Fine Arts** 465 Huntington Ave. <http://www.mfa.org> – adults \$15, under 18 \$6.5 (discounts available for groups) by subway – take Green Line E train to MFA Stop or Orange Line to Ruggles Stop

**Old Town Trolley** – 2 hr narrated bus tour (\$23-\$29) with all day unlimited re-boarding

<http://www.historictours.com/boston>

## ***Movie Theatres***

**AMC Fenway Theatres**, 401 Park Drive (near Brookline Ave) (617)424-6266 (major, modern, nearby theater)

**Coolidge Corner Theatre, Brookline**, corner of Harvard and Beacon streets ([http://www.coolidge.org/c\\_loc.html](http://www.coolidge.org/c_loc.html)), (617)734-2500

**AMC Chestnut Hill Cinemas**, 27 Boylston St, Chestnut Hill (5 miles from Newton Holiday Inn) (617)277-2500

## ***Boston Area Colleges and Universities***

Boston is home to many colleges and universities. Many are accessible by public transportation. Information about many universities and colleges not listed below can be found at

[http://www.searchboston.com/dir/Education/Colleges and Universities/](http://www.searchboston.com/dir/Education/Colleges_and_Universities/)

Directions and campus maps can be found on the college websites.

**Boston College** - <http://www.bc.edu/>

**Boston University** - <http://www.bu.edu/>

**Harvard University** - <http://www.harvard.edu/>

**MIT** - <http://www.mit.edu/>

**Northeastern University** - <http://www.northeastern.edu>

**Olin School of Engineering** – <http://www.olin.edu>

## ***Other Massachusetts Tourist Resources***

Visit these websites to get more information about visiting Massachusetts:

Boston Convention and Visitor's Bureau <http://www.bostonusa.com>

Massachusetts Office of Travel and Tourism - <http://www.mass-vacation.com>

World Guide to Boston <http://www.boston.world-guides.com/>

Boston on a Budget <http://boston.citysearch.com/roundup/40237/>

Boston.Com Visitor's Guide <http://www.boston.com/travel/boston/>

Boston Online for Visitors <http://www.boston-online.com/visitors/index.html>

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