To register for a walking tour, please email ollireg@gmail.com or call 617.287.7312. Note: You cannot register online for these tours. Also, most walking tours are limited to 15 participants. For that reason, we are requesting that members enroll in one walking tour only so that more members can sign up for these great tours. If you are interested in a second tour, we can add your name to a waiting list. Walking tours will be offered again in the future.

Upper Boylston Street: Everything Old is New Again

Date: Tuesday, September 10, 10:00 a.m.–noon
Meeting Place: Inside the Prudential Center in front of Barnes and Noble. If traveling by public transportation, the nearest T stop on the Green Line “E” train is the Prudential Stop.
Tour Description: Join me in a walk through the upper Boylston Street neighborhood. This tour will recreate the 19th-century Victorian neighborhood and contrast it with the 20th and 21st century neighborhoods from Massachusetts Avenue to Dartmouth Street. You will see the wonders of modern engineering and architectural designs that have built a vibrant neighborhood over the Boston and Albany Railroad Yards. The tour leader will describe the Victorian neighborhood while you gaze at the 21st-century neighborhood/buildings. We will look at 19th as well as 20th and 21st century buildings, including the recently renovated Christion Science Plaza, Saint Cecilia’s Church, and the Boston Public Library. Perhaps after the tour you can stop for a cup of expresso at Eataly or coffee in the Newsfeed Café to listen to the Jim and Margie’s Show in the recently renovated Johnson building at the Boston Public Library.
Tour Leader: Nancy White received a BS from Salem State, an MS from Boston State, a CAGS from Boston University, and an MBA from Anna Maria College. Nancy has been a docent for Boston By Foot for 20 years.
Boston’s Financial District

Date: Tuesday, September 17, 10:00 a.m.–noon
Meeting Place: In front of Faneuil Hall. The nearest T stop on the Orange Line is State Street.
Tour Description: Up until the late 18th century, Boston was the wealthiest city in the United States. Trading has been the source of Boston’s financial success. Since the Colonial era, State Street has been associated with banks and the economic development of Boston. Wharves were constructed, warehouses built, counting houses established, and great fortunes were made. During the 19th century, wealthy Bostonian businessmen erected magnificent buildings to transact business. Fortunately, many of the buildings have been preserved, adapted, and are still being used to conduct business. We will walk down the State Street neighborhood and look at some of the magnificently preserved buildings, some of which have 20th-century additions that also preserved the original buildings. At the Rose Kennedy Greenway, we will view the remains of a 19th-century warehouse. We will walk on the Boston Harborwalk to look at the sites of the original wharves, including one designed by Charles Bullfinch. Join me in this fascinating story of Boston’s economic history.
Tour Leader: Nancy White—see bio above under the Upper Boylston Street: Everything Old is New Again tour.

Rose Kennedy Greenway Walk
Date: Wednesday, September 25, 10:00 a.m.
Meeting Place: Inside the Rose Kennedy North End Park at the Intersection of Cross and Hanover Street. While waiting there, relax on one of the swings or sit at a table and just unwind. The nearest T stop on the Green or Orange Line is Haymarket Station.
Tour Description: The Greenway was built on the site of the elevated Central Artery highway that once cut through the heart of downtown Boston. Today it is a vibrant green area that has been nominated as one of the 10 best urban trails in America. The Greenway is named for Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy. Coincidentally, the elevated highway was named for her father “Honey
Fitz” John Fitzgerald, a former Boston mayor and congressman. The Greenway is a series of parks that meander from the North End to Chinatown. The parks have successfully reconnected Boston with its historic waterfront. Each park is unique to its neighborhood. They are adorned with lush lawns, gorgeous ornamental seasonal flowers, fountains, art, and tables, and a Bavarian Beer Garden and a Cider Mill have been added. The parks contain a variety of activities for “kids” of all ages, from a wading pool to tango in the park events, afternoon tea, and yoga lessons. Walk with me through the parks to learn about the design and activities in each one. The tour will start in the North End Park and end in the Chinatown Park. In-between, we will walk through the Wharf District Park, Armenian Heritage Park, Fort Point Channel Park, and Dewey Square Park. In case you are hungry you will notice food vendors both in the Parks and along the park perimeters. Or perhaps you might like to enjoy lunch in a restaurant in Chinatown. There is something for everyone! The Greenway is approximately one-mile long.

Tour Leader: Nancy White—see bio above under the Upper Boylston Street: Everything Old is New Again tour.

Columbia Point and the UMass Boston Harbor Campus

Date: Friday, September 27, 10:00 a.m.–noon
Meeting Place: Saint Christopher’s Church, 265 Mount Vernon Street, Dorchester. The nearest T stop on the Red Line is JFK/UMass.
Tour Description: During the 17th and 18th centuries, Columbia Point was a 14-acre marshland that Dorchester residents used as a calf pasture. For more than three centuries, the land has been filled in to increase the size of the peninsula. Today, Columbia Point is a vibrant Boston
neighborhood. It is the location of museums and educational institutions, the first mixed-income community, and the first community health center in the United States. Columbia Point is home to several recreational facilities, including marinas, parks, bike paths, and the largest section of the magnificent Boston Harborwalk. The tour will focus on the history and development of Columbia Point from its beginning as a marshland used for grazing to the construction in the 21st century of the UMass Boston Campus. During the tour you will be able to enjoy the spectacular views of Boston Harbor and the Harbor Islands.

**Tour Leaders:** Jean Hunt is a retired nurse practitioner with Partners Healthcare, Mass General Hospital. She worked at Carney Hospital and was a founder of the Neponset Health Center in Dorchester. Jean is a former chair of Harbor Health Services, during the period when Geiger Gibson Health Center began the affiliation with Harbor Health. She is a community activist, lifelong Boston resident, and docent for Boston By Foot. Nancy White—see bio above under the Upper Boylston Street: Everything Old is New Again tour.

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**Ashmont Hill**

**Date:** Friday, October 4, 10:00 a.m.–noon  
**Meeting Place:** Meet at Joseph Wheelwright’s whimsical sleeping moon sculpture at the corner of Dorchester Ave. and Ashmont Street. If traveling by public transportation, take the Red Line to Ashmont station in Dorchester; you will see the sculpture as you exit the station at the street level. If driving, parking is available, but somewhat limited, in the All Saint’s Church parking lot. If possible, try to share a ride with other participants.

**Tour Description:** Please wear comfortable walking shoes as the tour includes walking up and down long, hilly streets. You will enjoy beautiful vistas of the Blue Hills and downtown Boston along the route, plus you will see where Rose Kennedy grew up and the school she attended. The tour will take you by the homes of two OLLI members who live in the neighborhood, one of whom is your tour leader. He will point out several local restaurants should you choose to enjoy lunch after the tour. If it rains, the tour will be cancelled.

**Tour Leader:** Jeff Calish is an OLLI member who retired after a 25-year career in the computer field. He was born in Dorchester and has lived in his current house for more than 30 years, where he and his wife raised their two daughters. Jeff is interested in maintaining the architectural heritage of the neighborhood as well as all of Dorchester.

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**Walking Tour of Dorchester/Milton Lower Mills**
Date: Friday, October 11, 10:00 a.m.
Meeting Place: In front of St. Gregory’s Church, Dorchester Park, 2174 Dorchester Ave., in the Dorchester Lower Mills neighborhood. Lots of parking at the CVS next to the church. Nearest T Stop: Red Line, Ashmont Station. From there, the walk to St. Gregory’s is approximately 15 minutes—and it’s all downhill on Dorchester Ave.
Tour Description: After we tour through Dorchester Park, we will enter the Harborwalk in Dorchester. Along the way, we will view the Cedar Grove Cemetery and the trolley that runs from Ashmont to Mattapan. Next, we will walk through Milton Landing, which was the location of the first grist mill (1634) in the country. As we continue, we will view the Neponset River and the dam that was set up to provide power for the Baker Chocolate Factory, the first chocolate factory in the United States. From there, we will follow the Harborwalk and return through the Baker Chocolate Factory grounds, where the buildings have been converted into condos and apartments. Finally, we’ll go up through Dorchester Lower Mills and back to our starting point. Tour Leader: Jeff Calish—see bio above under the Ashmont Hill tour.

A Historical Tour along the Harborwalk: Long Wharf to the North End

Date: Friday, October 18, 10:00–11:30 a.m.
Meeting Place: At the tall flagpole at the end of Long Wharf. Shelter and seating are available nearby, and public restrooms are located just outside the Marriot Hotel entrance facing Columbus Park. The nearest T stop on the Blue Line is the New England Aquarium. Also, T stops on the Red Line are South Station and Downtown Crossing, which are approximately a 15-minute walk from the wharf. If driving, parking is available at the Harbor Garage next to the New England Aquarium. Check prices beforehand.
Tour Description: Why did Boston begin on the shores of a harbor? What kept Boston at the water’s edge? What keeps its waterfront relevant now? Walking along the water via Boston’s magnificent public Harborwalk, we will learn about the settlement of Boston from the 1600s until the present. Considering the man-made land under our feet, we will imagine the Boston that used to be with our eyes wide open (no tripping, please!). Between visits to the past, we’ll build bridges to the present, identifying the harborfront of today and its vast—and fast—changes, specifically within the seven years since Genny began giving harbor tours. The most famous sites will be identified—the location of the Boston Tea Party, the Steeple of Old North Church, the USS Constitution—along with some new facts and stories. The everyday movements of the harbor will be highlighted—boats and ships, birds and flowerboxes—that sometimes get missed in the bustle of city life.
Practical Tips: The distance we’re covering could be walked in 30 minutes. As a 90-minute sightseeing walking tour, this means we will be standing for a sum total of at least one hour.
Also, the surface of the Harborwalk is uneven in some places, as it is made of wooden planks and stone pavers. Wear comfortable, supportive shoes that won’t slip off.

**Tour Leader:** Genny Peterson narrated tours with Boston Harbor Cruises over four tourist seasons. Her boss called her the “Librarian” because she actively visited most of the sites she pointed out from the boat. Genny was also a Duck Boat driver and tour guide. She currently works at OLLI as a project coordinator. Genny loves the waterfront, having grown up on a lake in western New York.

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**From Cows to Cars: A History of Uphams Corner, a Transformed Place**

**Date:** Friday, October 25, 10:00–11:30 a.m.

**Meeting Place:** The Blake House, 735 Columbia Road, Boston. This historic house is situated in a green space near a Kentucky Fried Chicken. Unless you are familiar with the area, I strongly discourage driving; parking is difficult to find. The Blake House is a 15-minute walk from the JFK/UMass T stop on the Red Line. It is a 20-minute walk from the Andrew T stop on the Red Line. You can also take the 41 bus from JFK/UMass. Get off at the Columbia Road opposite Pond Street stop. Other buses may be available from JFK and Andrew.

**Tour Description:** Uphams Corner was once a rural area deemed well outside of Boston. In fact, Dorchester was settled by an entirely different group of English women and men from those who landed with John Winthrop. The Dorchester-ites arrived on the New England coast first, by nearly a month! Uphams Corner, a northern neighborhood of modern-day Dorchester, remained rural well into the 1800s. In 1870, it was annexed into the City of Boston, a choice that drastically altered the neighborhood. By the 1970s, the Uphams Corner neighborhoods, particularly west of Columbia Road, were all but forgotten by the city. House fires, vacant lots, and further challenges to law and order ensued. New residents, as well as residents who remained, eventually organized, producing some of the most dynamic community organizations in the nation. On this tour you will learn about 400 years of Uphams Corner/Dorchester history and learn about the dynamic partnerships that community organizations have wrought with the City of Boston for the future of Uphams Corner.

**Practical Tips:** Uphams Corner is a multicultural inner-city neighborhood with all the pros and cons that go along with that. You will need to bring an extra awareness of yourself and your surroundings, an attitude any city resident develops but may not be as familiar to a suburbanite. Also, this is a residential neighborhood; in fact, until recently it was my neighborhood. As a gesture of respect, please do not take pictures.

**Tour Leader:** Genny Peterson was an Uphams Corner resident from 2014 to early 2019. As an active resident she has served on the education committee with the Dudley Street Neighborhood Initiative. She has also attended many community meetings at various organizations, including those in the last two years hosted by the City’s Imagine Boston 2030 initiative. She is a project coordinator with OLLI and a history graduate student at UMass Boston.