

# ON THE DOT<sup>®</sup>

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A newspaper to celebrate the  
revival of our neighborhood,  
from the heart and soul of  
Southie to all our friends  
and collaborators.





# ● WHERE LIFE HAPPENS

Once  
A great son of this city  
Spoke wisely to the watching world  
Do things not because they are easy  
He said  
But because they are hard.

This spirit is now to guide us  
As we embark upon our mission.

We will follow paths less charted  
To create a place like none before.

Our imagination knows no limit  
With inspiration all around

From the birthplace of all our freedoms  
We will recover our lost ground.

So in the shade of Dorchester Heights  
Where the watching Pilgrims came  
We now sit by the seaside  
Our hearts likewise filled with flame.

We will shape this place for everyone  
Who like us believe rewards  
Of health  
Happiness  
Prosperity  
Spring from opportunity for all.

We relish our responsibility  
To deliver bright futures  
Infused with innovation  
That welcome extraordinary world cultures.

We will break the ground beneath us  
And turn the fresh soil over.

We will bring trees here like the forest  
And make a park for people to discover.

We will build a place  
Where life happens  
And create opportunity for more.  
We will make a haven in South Boston  
Creating communities to our core.



# Looking back on The LOT 2023

Our 2023 season of the LOT On the Dot® was a success! Through this new event space, we hope to bring the community together, promote local businesses, and have fun!

“It is such a great use of space! The aesthetic and vibe is on trend and it is super kid friendly!”



“A true gem in the neighborhood, with family-friendly events to keep everyone of all ages having a great time!”



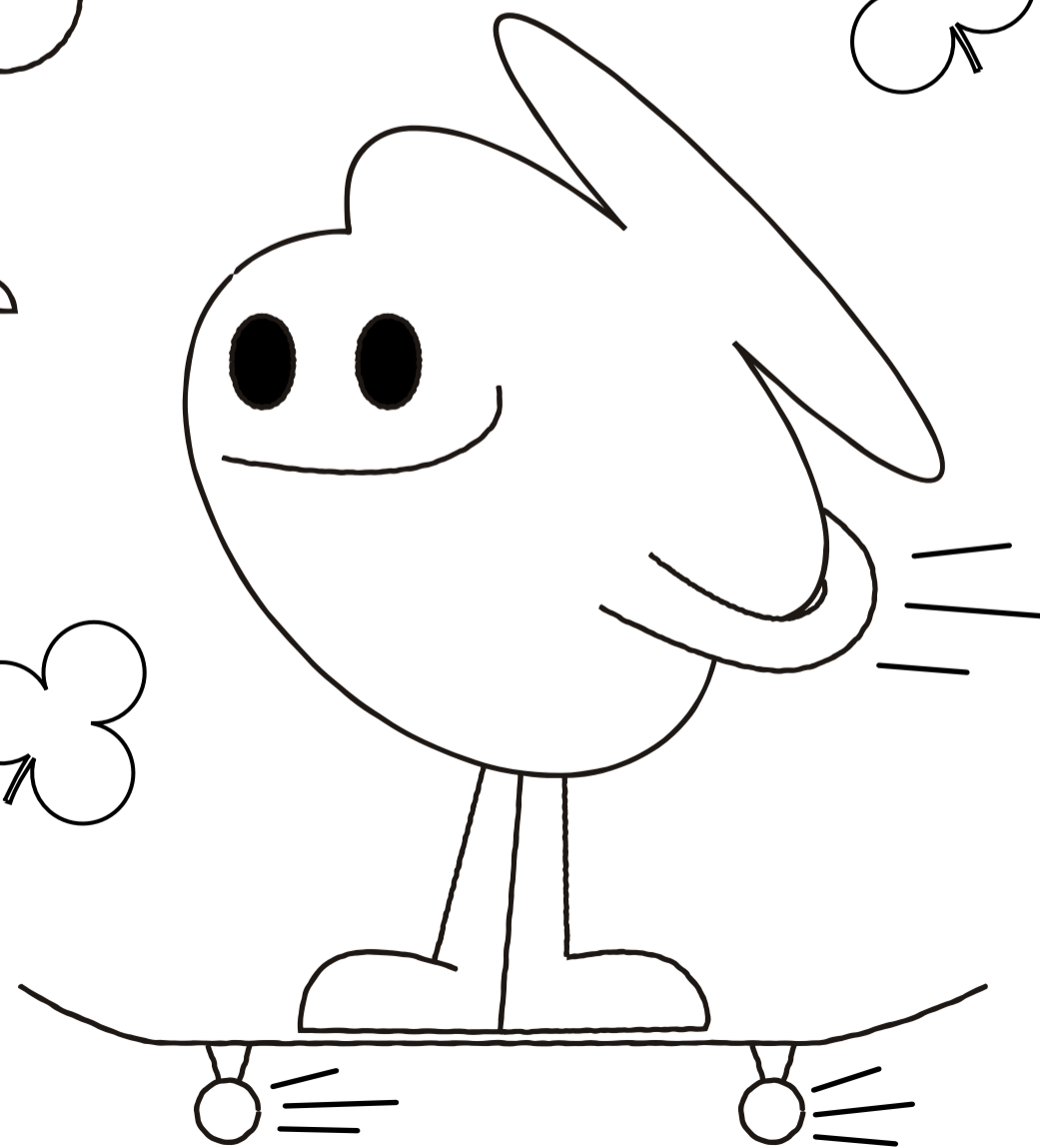
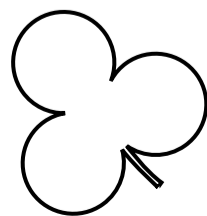
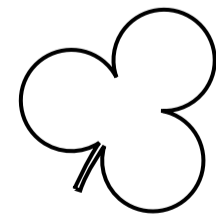
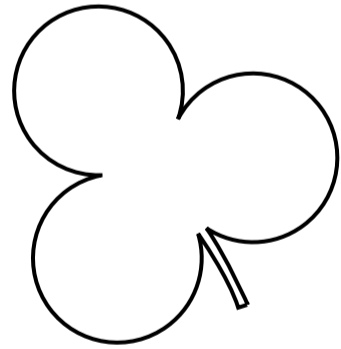
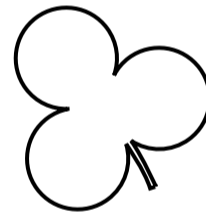
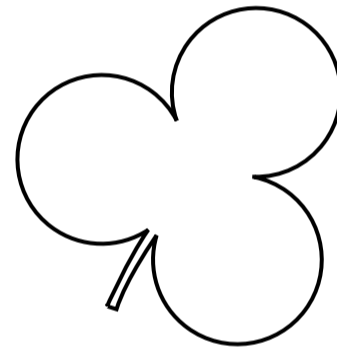
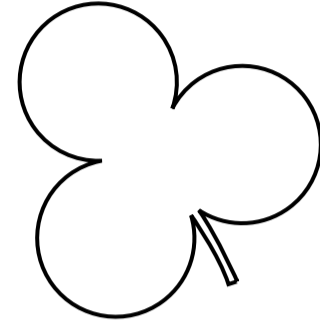
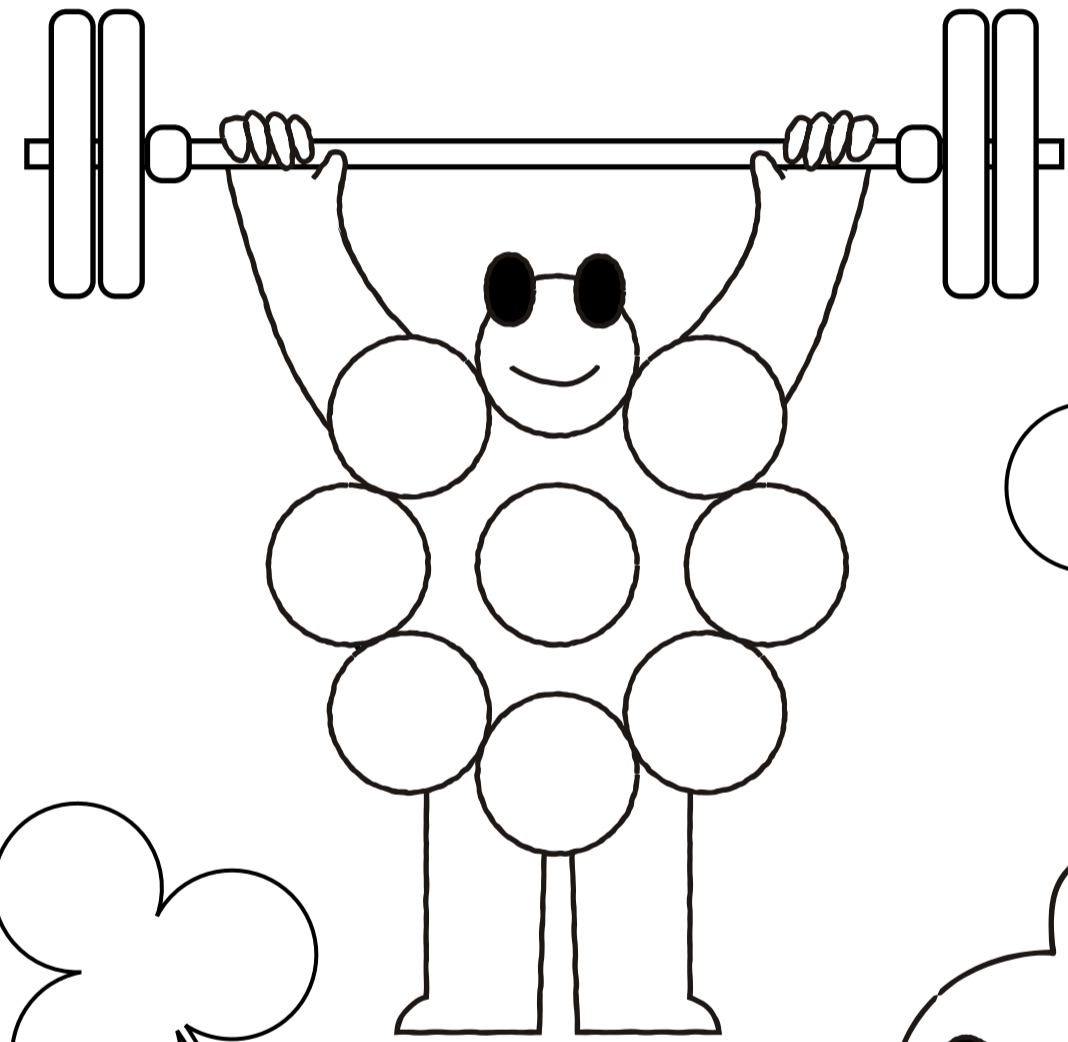
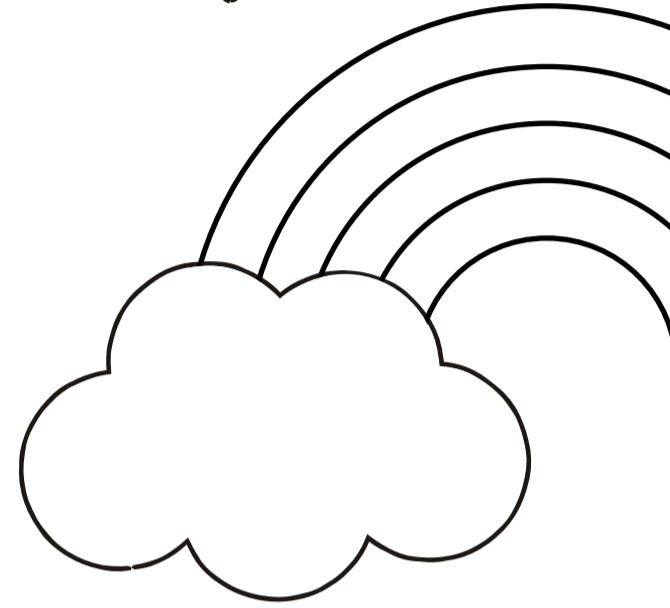
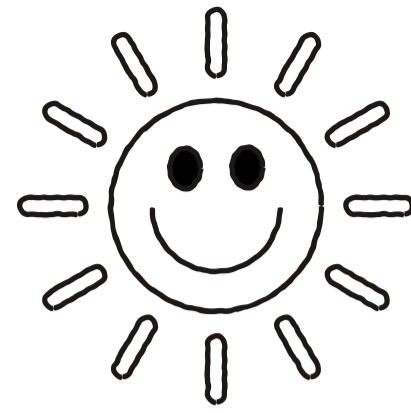






# Celebrating St. Patrick's Day

Sprinkle a bit of green magic on our LOT world!



Explore our St. Patrick's Day word search and challenge yourself to find as many words as you can!

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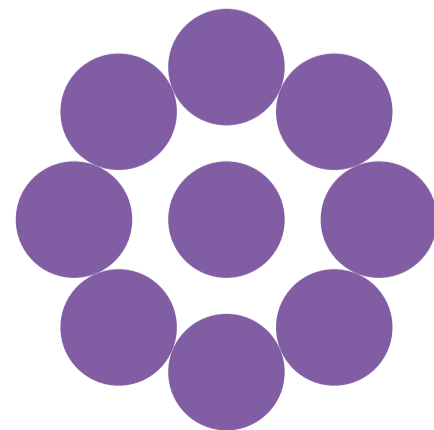
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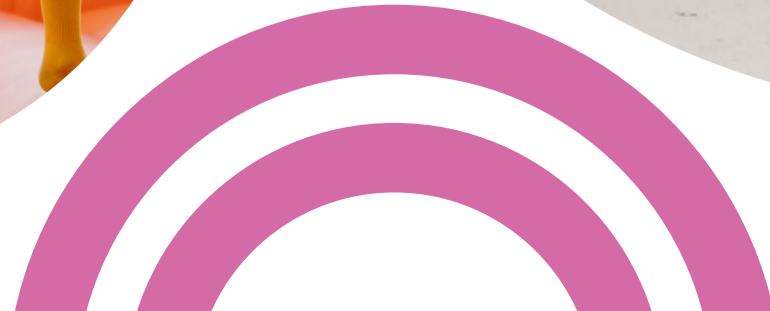




‘The LOT is such a fun open space that gives families and friends opportunities to come together for fun, local, neighborhood events. We can’t wait for the new season of events to start!’



‘Gave my family the opportunity for an amazing day out. The amount of generosity and items provided at low or no cost at these events is truly amazing.’

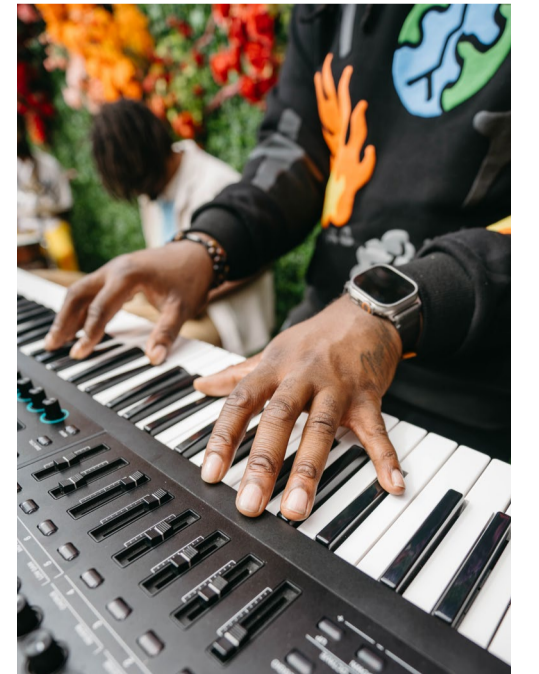




# Cannonball Cafe's Patio Event Series 2023

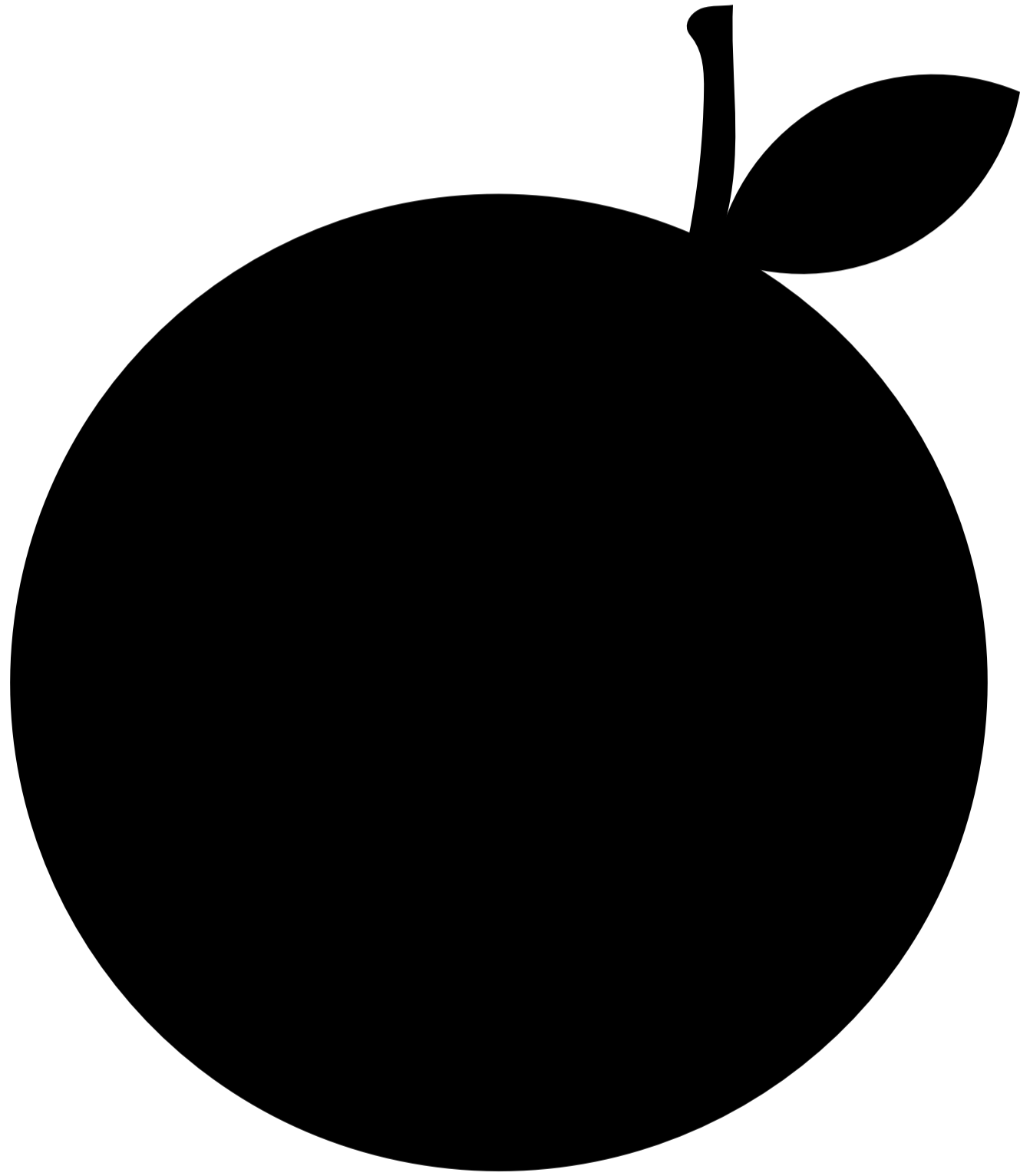
Recap the warm memories of Cannonball's 2023 events, where the community came together throughout the summer.

Acoustic Thursdays serenaded us with rotating bands paying homage to iconic artists. Saturdays were abuzz with the Farmers Forge, offering fresh produce and local vendors. And Sundays sparkled with Rhythm & Brunch, where friends indulged in bubbles, brunch and live music.





# Cannonball Cafe Event Series 2024 Season

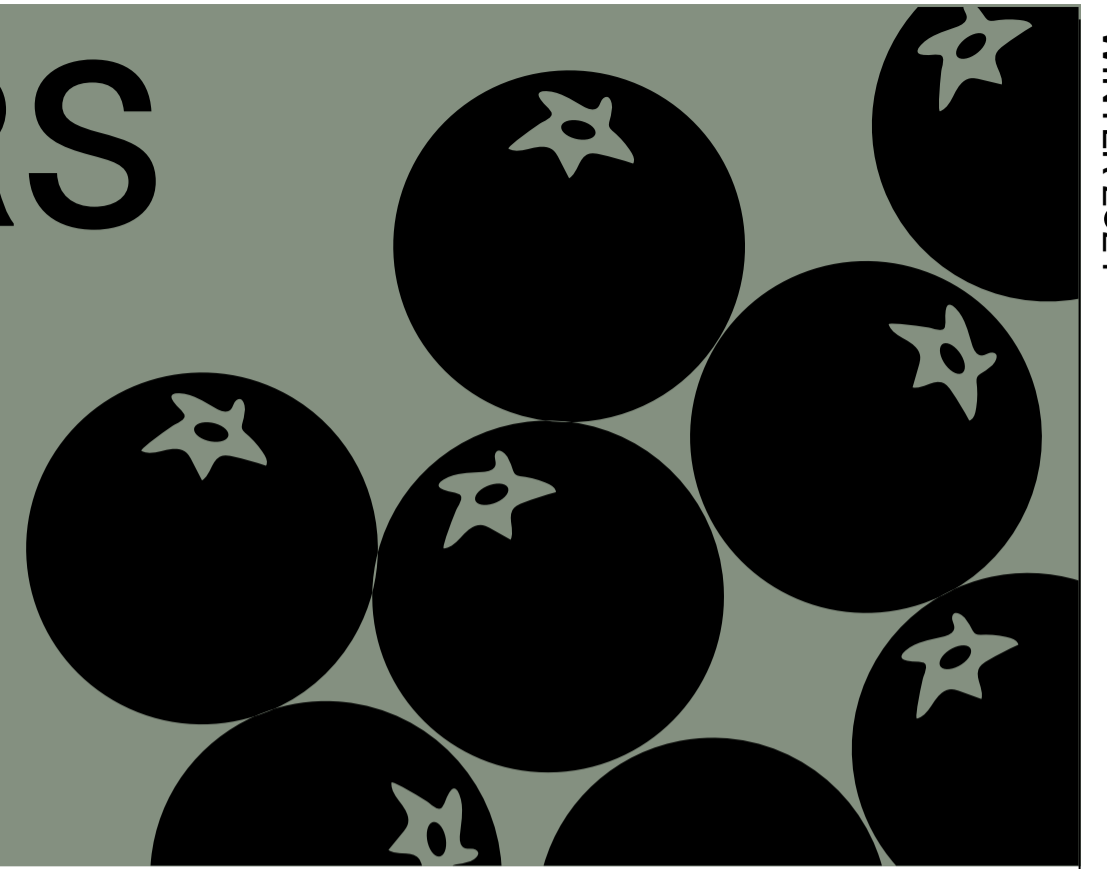


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Season 2024!

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2024  
EVENTS  
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2024 SEASON COMING SOON

- ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY
- M●VIE NIGHTS
- FALL BL●CK PARTY
- OKT●BERFEST
- HALL●WEENFEST
- GIVEBACK BASH
- CHRISTMAS & H●OLIDAY MARKET

Check for full schedule  
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What shall we make  
Of this old asphalt plot?  
Overlooked, under-loved,  
Just an old parking lot.

But hold on a minute,  
Hold on just a jot,  
There's more to this place,  
Than an old parking lot.

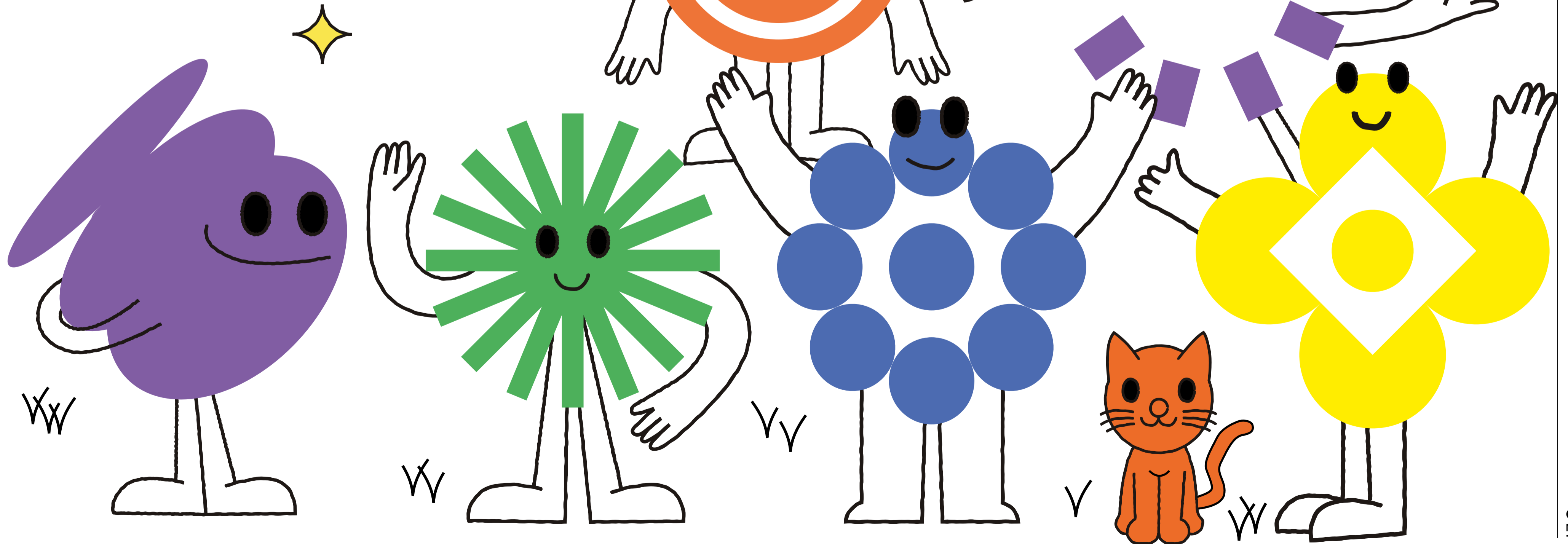
There's fun to be had,  
Much fun to be got,  
If we dream of a future,  
Preaching "can", not  
"cannot".

So we dreamed,  
And we dreamed,  
And we forged a new plot,  
To make fun, number one,  
On The Lot on the Dot.

The Lot on the Dot!  
What a wonderful spot,  
Full of love, laughs and life,  
All things that are hot.

Come along, old and young,  
To this wonderful spot,  
Make a lot of new friends,  
On the Lot on the Dot.

# THE LOT ON THE DOT





FOR  
NOW

FOR  
GOOD



# Honoring our history

On the Dot® rises in a city with the winds of entrepreneurship and innovation in its sails. For two years, the City of Boston has ranked #1 for fostering entrepreneurial growth and innovation, building on a 200-year history of ingenuity.

On the Dot® lies in the shadow of Dorchester Heights, the site of a strategic victory by George Washington that precipitated the withdrawal of the British in 1776. Dorchester Heights is also home to Cyrus Alger, a brilliant metallurgist and inventor whose 19th Century innovations revolutionized iron casting, enabling the building of America's great cities and the railways connecting them.

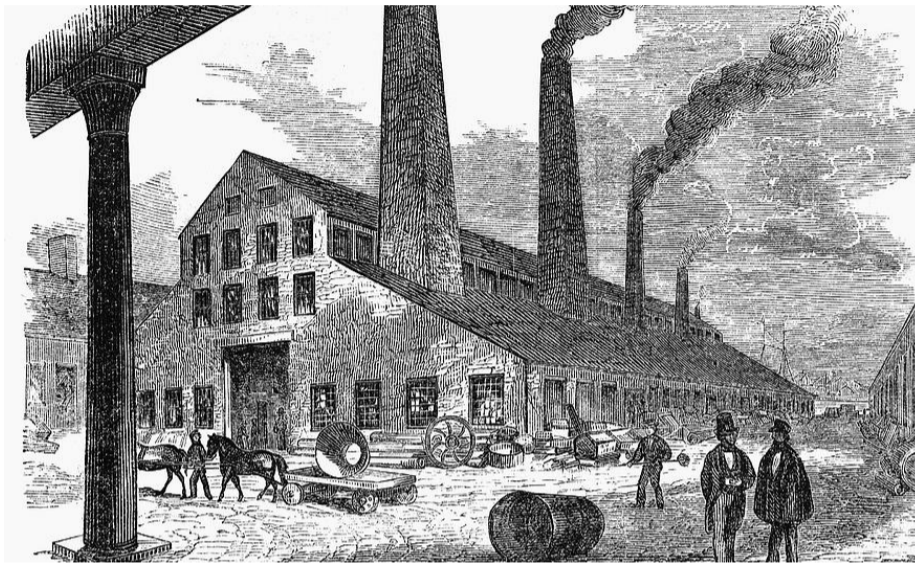


The triangle of land around today's Dorchester Avenue, Old Colony Avenue, and Dorchester Street in South Boston was largely forgotten for a period after Europeans came to the area in the early 1600s.

After cows grazed, it was a transportation corridor, for a brief time for George Washington's army, then for all modes of transportation from horses eventually to highways.

Dorchester Heights was the site chosen by General George Washington to gain vantage over the British Navy, and is commemorated by the memorial for Evacuation Day in 1774.

In 1855, Washington Village broke away from Dorchester and became part of Boston. The area gradually became less residential with large manufacturing enterprises of the nineteenth century giving way to smaller businesses in the twentieth.



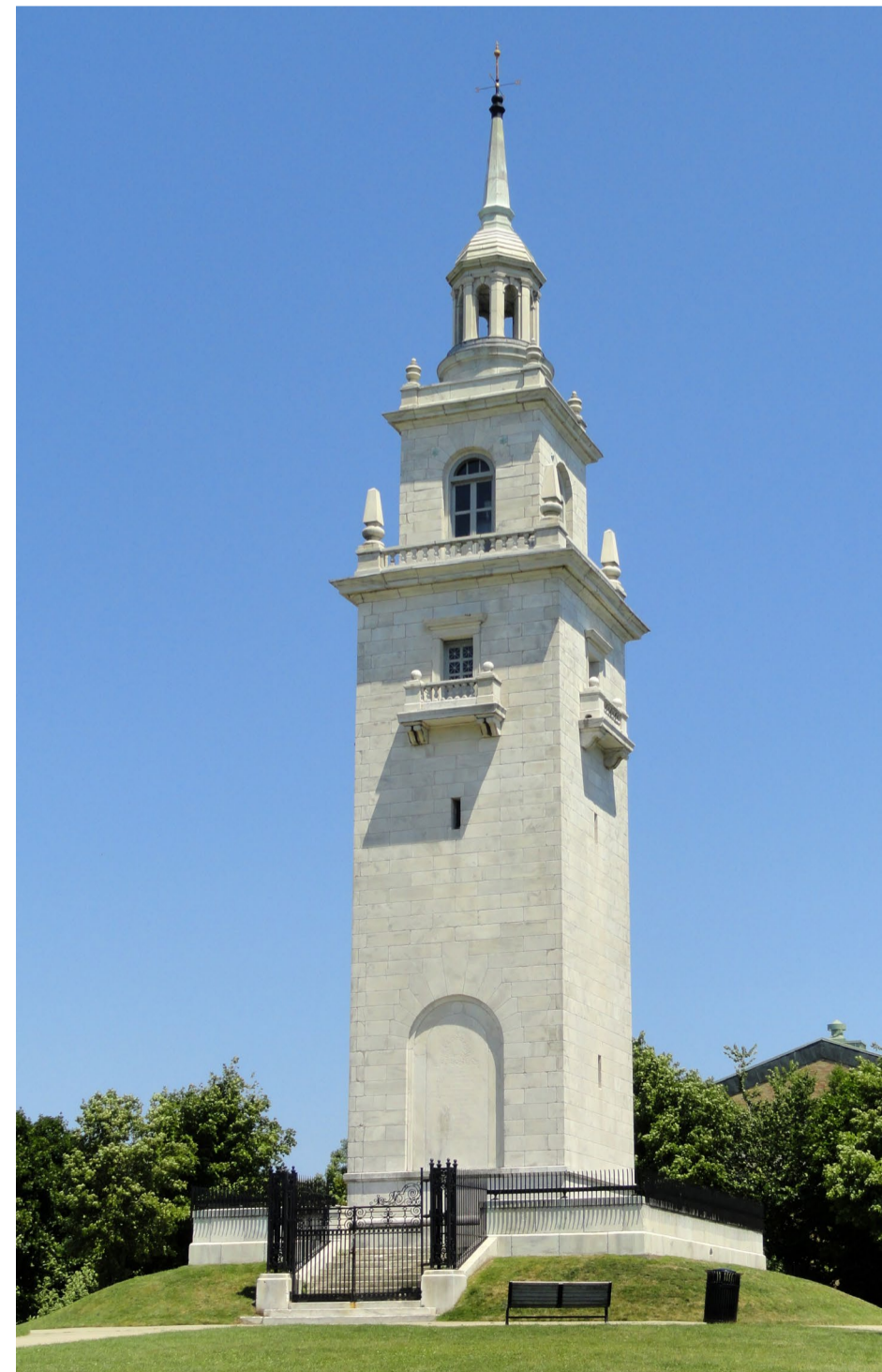
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But in the 21st century, the neighborhood's proximity to the city and easy access to existing transportation options again attracted renewed residential interest.

Unlike in past centuries, when residential and commercial uses were segregated, often with strict zoning rules, today's powerful trend is toward a convenient mix of uses. Businesses are no longer noisy, belching smoke; residents are attracted to neighborhoods where work may be nearby and where there are restaurants and shops.



# Andrew Square Civic Association

‘The mission of the Andrew Square Civic Association is to improve the quality of life in our neighborhood and serve as a forum for volunteerism, discourse, and cooperation.’

This organization was founded 70+ years ago and they support bettering the stability and safety of the neighborhood, preserving the historical aspects, and encouraging positive growth within South Boston. Members in the square or businesses can join the association and attend monthly meetings.

Get involved and find out more  
[asca.news](http://asca.news)





Cannonball Cafe brings you the ammunition you need to take on the day. Offering strong coffee for the tough days, flavorful options to awaken your taste buds, smoothies for your post gym workouts, and food to feed your mind, Cannonball Cafe has it all. Located on Dot Ave, we bring the revolutionary history back to South Boston and provide a welcoming atmosphere where you'll become part of our family and together we'll forge a community.

# CANNONBALL CAFE

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383 Dorchester Ave, Monday through Friday 7am - 3pm  
Boston, MA 02127, USA Saturday and Sunday 8am- 1pm





# Get to know your neighbors

Through our Southie Spotlight series, we have had the opportunity to meet inspiring friends, neighbors, and business owners. Check out our monthly feature to meet your neighbors!



Asia Mei,  
Moonshine 152,  
South Boston Resident



Talya Pessolano,  
The Dirty Italian



Rachel Titcomb,  
Petula's



Owen and Kaila,  
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# Around Southie





# Meet Charlie Meritt

## Owner of Fresh Boston



We recently caught up with Charlie Meritt, owner of Fresh, between running his two locations in Southie and Nantucket. We loved hearing all about his journey, from his first visit to Nantucket in 2012 to buying Fresh six years later.

Having worked there making sandwiches after two days on the island in 2012, Charlie had a long history with Fresh Nantucket before becoming owner. After purchasing Fresh Nantucket, Charlie knew there was a need for something similar in Boston. Many of his regular customers summured in Nantucket but lived in the Boston area during the off-season. He opened Fresh Boston, located on Old Colony Ave., in November 2022, bringing an island favorite to Boston for customers to enjoy year-round.

Unfamiliar with Fresh Boston? As Charlie put it, "It's definitely not your typical sandwich shop." It's a perfect combination for people living or working in the neighborhood and features a liquor store, sandwich shop, and bar. Charlie said that for the Southie location, they "took the energetic vibe of Nantucket with sandwiches and liquor, and threw a bar in the middle of it."

One of Charlie's favorite things about having his second location in South Boston is that he "loves to serve the good people of the neighborhood." We believe that is one of the best things about being a part of this community and love that the Fresh team agrees! Every staff member and patron that walks through those doors has their own unique story and great personality that makes this location special.

Charlie and his staff make sure there are always things to do at Fresh Boston throughout the week. He told us one of the neighborhood favorites is "wine tasting on Thursdays where everyone comes and there's complimentary wine tastings." With specialty menu items, Fresh Boston's knowledgeable team puts together wine pairings to create an exquisite wine and dine experience. They have also hosted events such as Bunco, Jeopardy!, hip-hop brunches, trivia, and more! Be sure to follow their Instagram to keep up with their event schedule, @freshsouthboston.

One of Charlie's favorite events to date was their opening night party. Fresh was filled with neighborhood folks, influencers, and friends and family. It was here that Charlie gave the toast: "Cheers to bread, because without bread, we're toast." \*ba dum tsh\* The space is ideal for all kinds of celebrations; it has been rented out for engagement celebrations, birthday parties, and more!

Along with all these fun community activities, it's really Fresh Boston's sandwiches that put the fresh in their branding. With everything made from scratch, Fresh Boston crafts



creative sandwiches on homemade focaccia bread for their rotating Mombos. One of their most popular sandwiches is the Capone (their version of a classic Italian) with mortadella, copa, ham, and more, topped with their famous aioli!

Check out Fresh Boston today at 232 Old Colony Ave. for sandwiches, liquor, fun events, and more! Be sure to watch Charlie's interview video to learn more.





# A new community in the heart of South Boston

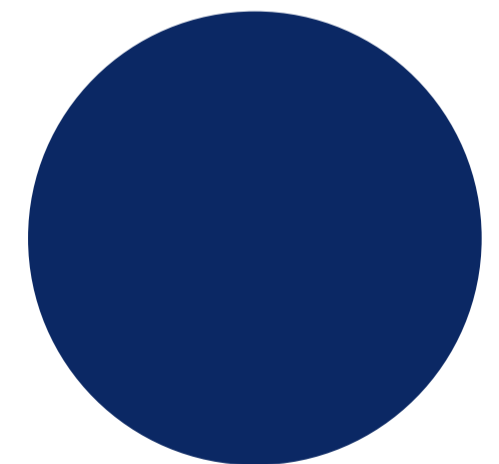
On the Dot® is inviting everyone to come together and enjoy The LOT, a transformed parking area as part of the Algerworks redevelopment project. The LOT hosts free events creating a welcoming, accessible, and safe destination for the community and its neighboring regions, and to support local businesses and artists.



# It's a community, not a commodity®

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