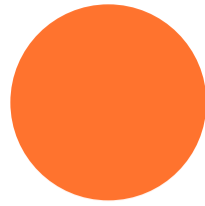


ON THE DOT®



Edition 02 — Summer 2024
A celebration of the revival of
our neighborhood, from the
heart and soul of Southie to all
our friends and collaborators.



● WHERE LIFE HAPPENS

Hey neighbors,

Welcome to our vibrant summer edition packed with community features, historical nuggets, and puzzles to keep the kids entertained. As we celebrate our American spirit, let's delve into stories that make us proud.

Explore local legends and stories that unite us. Grab a lemonade, kick back, and savor this special slice of Americana.

Here's to a summer filled with laughter, learning, and the timeless joy of community.

Stay cool and keep smiling!

Dave Pogorelc

CEO/Founder, Core Investments



2024 AT A GLANCE



COUNTRYFEST
JULY 13TH | 2-8PM

KIDSFEST
JULY 27TH | 12-5PM

SUMMERFEST
AUGUST 10TH | 1-7PM

TOUCH-A-TRUCK
SEPTEMBER 7TH | 1-7PM

FLEA MARKET
SEPTEMBER 28TH | 12-5PM

OKTOBERFEST
OCTOBER 12TH | 1-7PM

HALLOWEENFEST
OCTOBER 26TH | 2-8PM

HOLIDAY MARKET
DECEMBER 7TH | 12-8PM
DECEMBER 8TH | 12-6PM

**SUNSET SOCIALS
& MOVIE NIGHTS**
EVERY OTHER THURSDAY



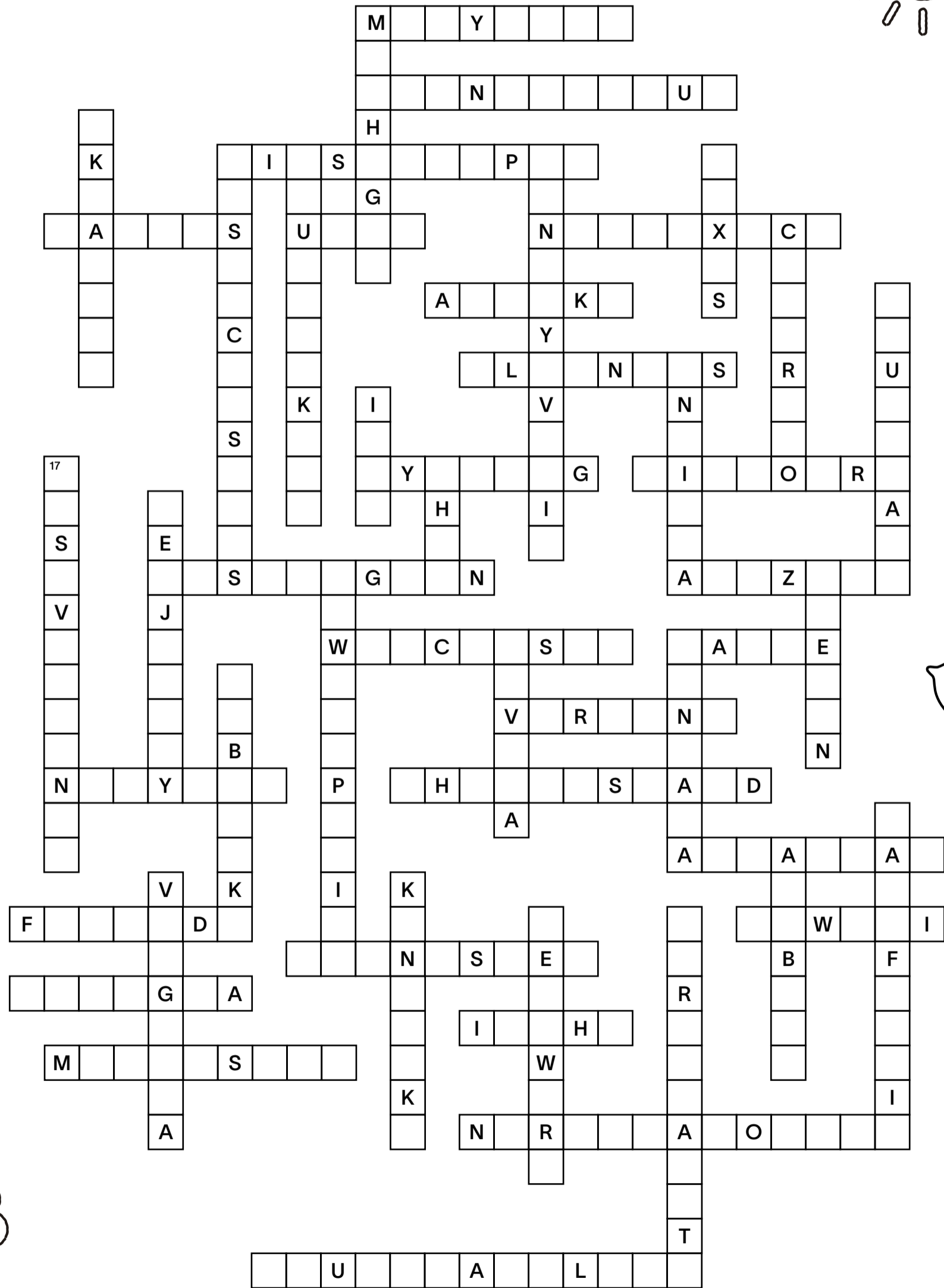
CAR SHOW

JUNE 8TH

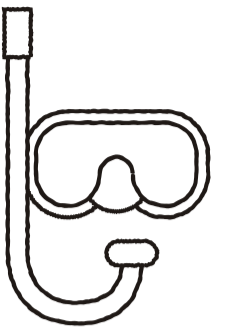
It was an unforgettable day at The LOT's first Car Show! The event had incredible cars, mouth-watering BBQ, live music, and endless fun for the whole family! Thanks to everyone who came out and made it special. We can't wait to see you through the rest of the season!



Celebrate Independence Day by naming all 50 states in our holiday crossword.



Explore our Summer word search and challenge yourself to find as many words as you can!



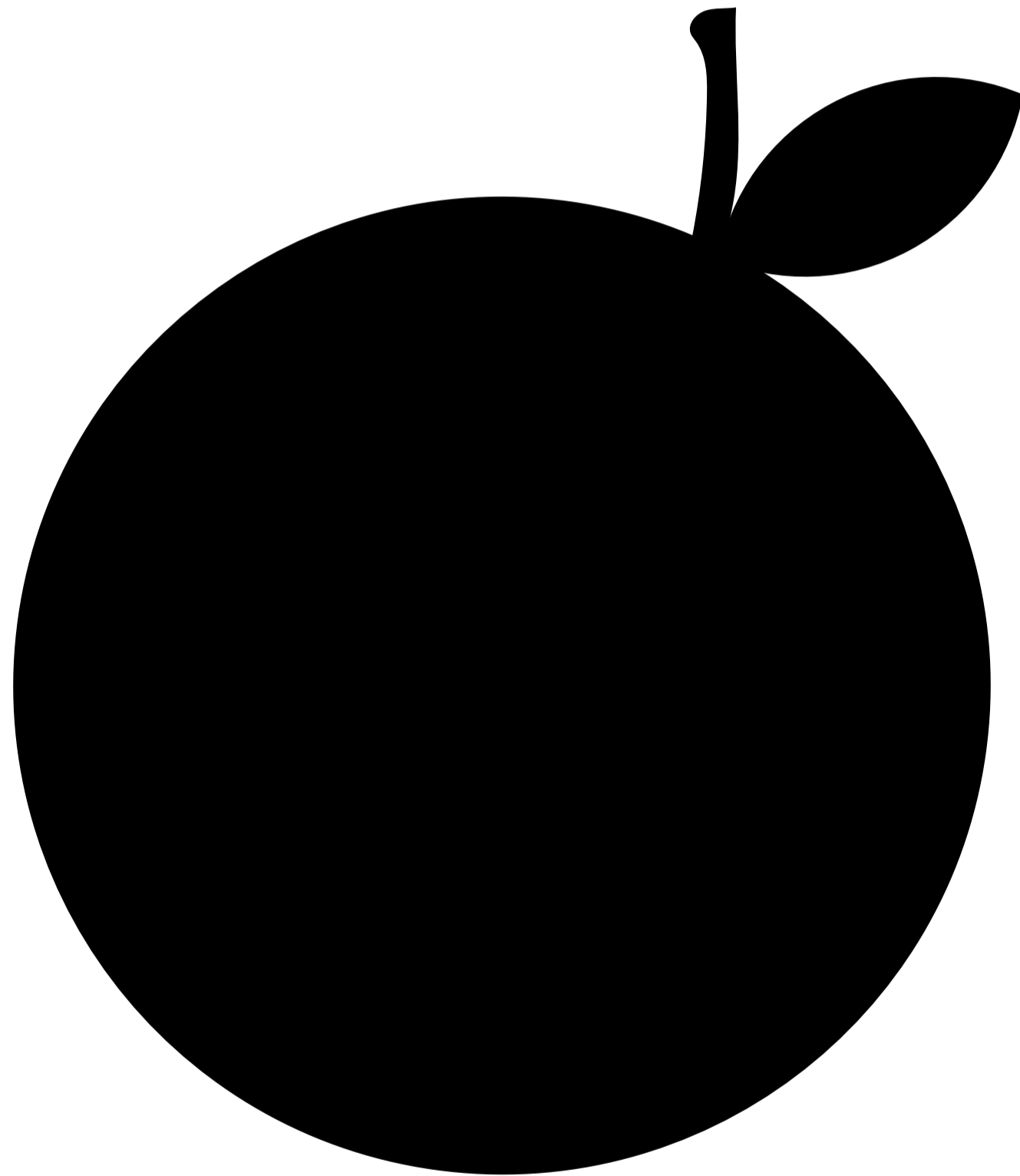
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Cannonball Cafe Event Series 2024 Summer Season



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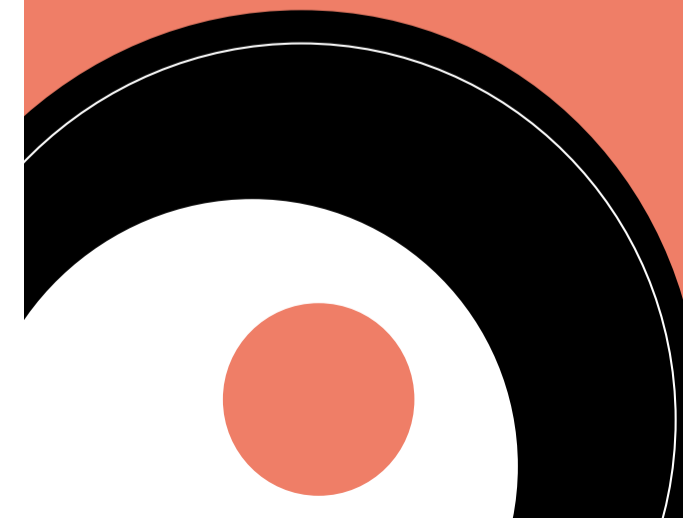
Visit us at:
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RHYTHM & BRUNCH

Every Sunday from
June 23rd – Sept 29th



John D'Amico will perform on Sundays, from June 23rd to September 29th, 9AM-12PM. He will have rotating special guests every week and will create a lively Sunday morning vibe. Brunch will take place in and outside of the cafe, and music will be performed outside (per weather conditions). Stop by to try Cannonball's brunch specials, delicious drinks and enjoy the live music.



FARMERS FORGE

Every Saturday from
June 22nd – Sept 28th

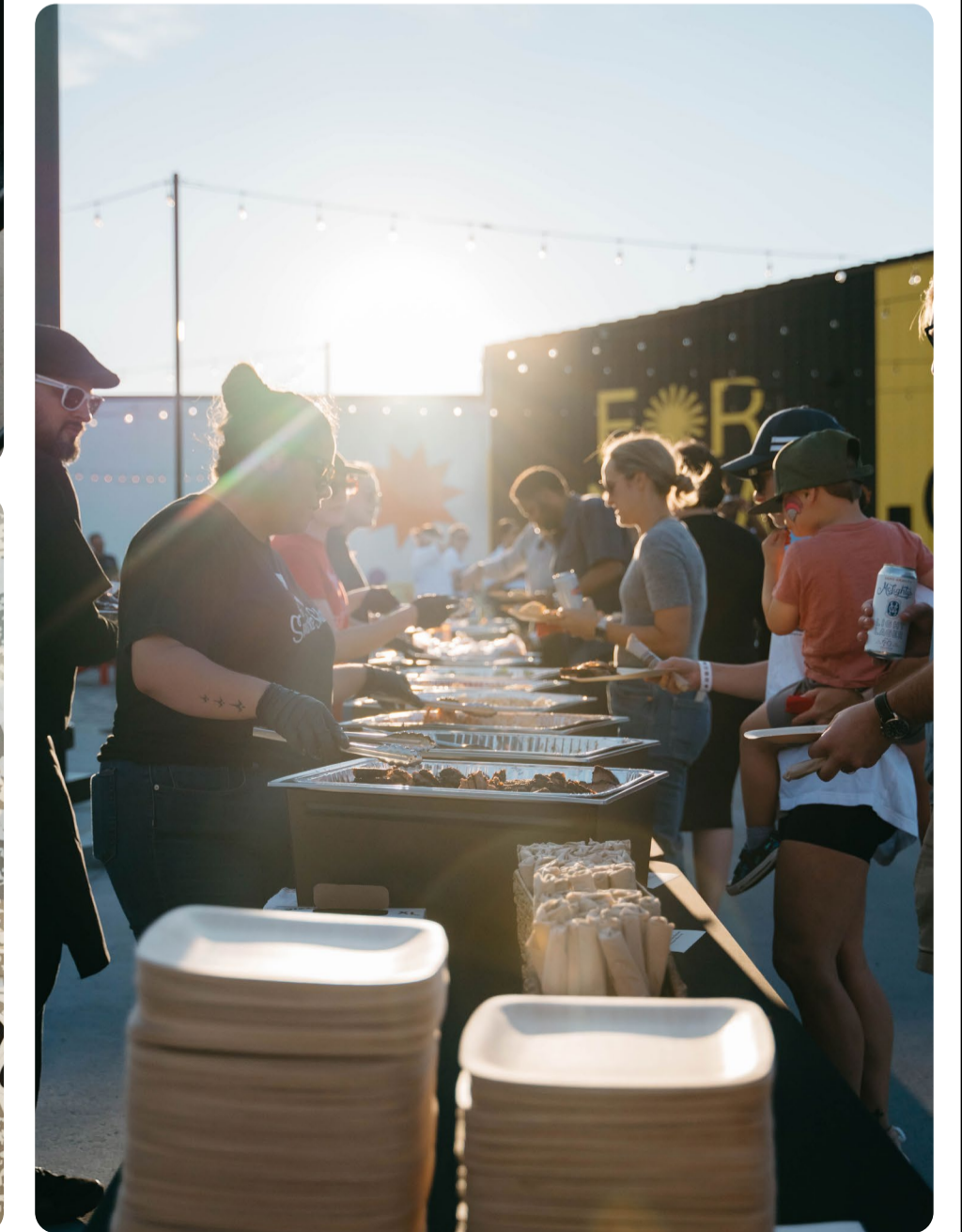


The Farm at Stonehill College will be providing fresh produce every week! Rotating vendors of local businesses from South Boston will also be open for business. Be sure to shop locally at Cannonball Cafe every week!

Interested in becoming a part of The LOT?

We're seeking local small businesses to participate in our 2024 markets and sell their goodies. If you're interested in this opportunity at either of our markets this year, please reach out, as we'd love to welcome more businesses from the neighborhood.

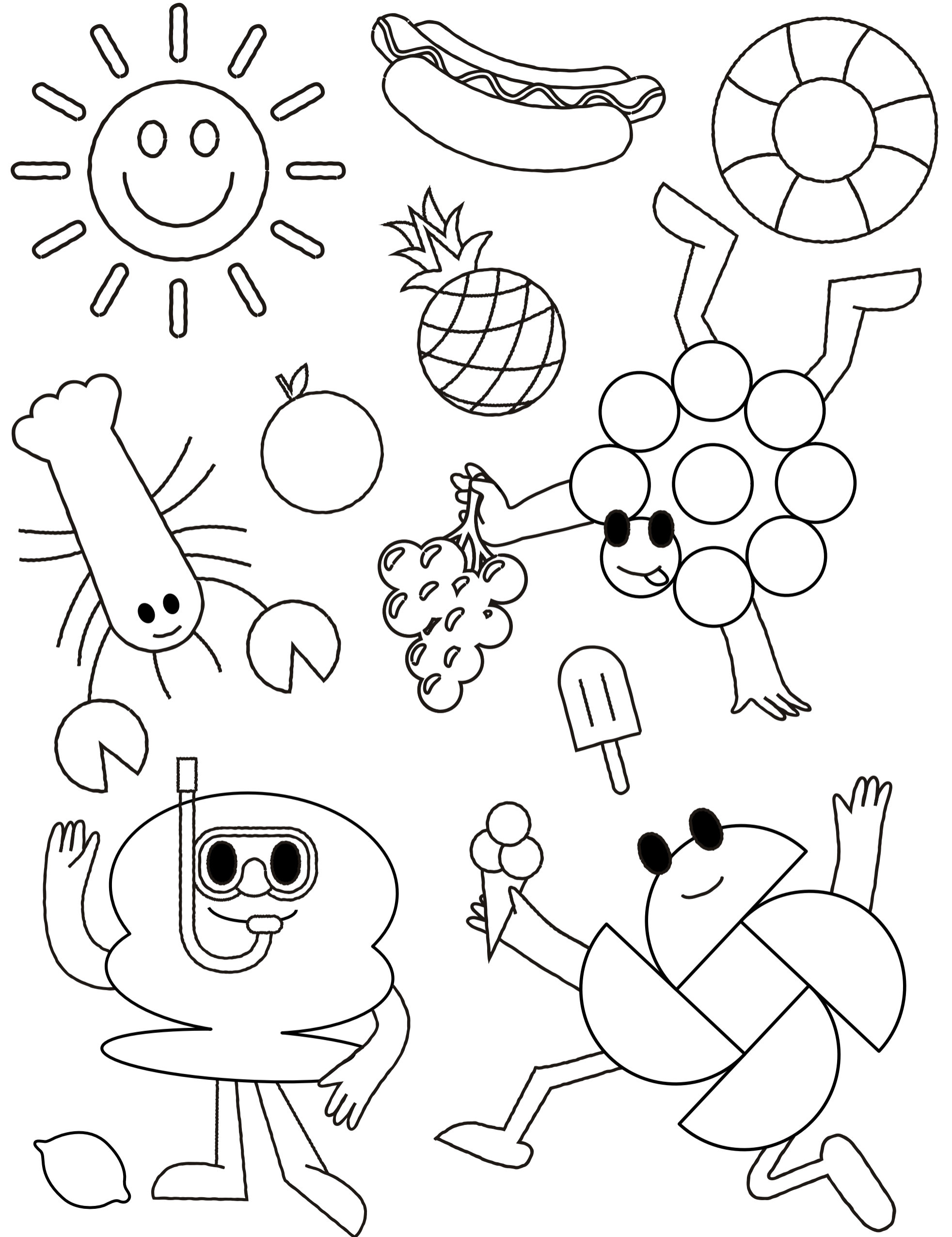
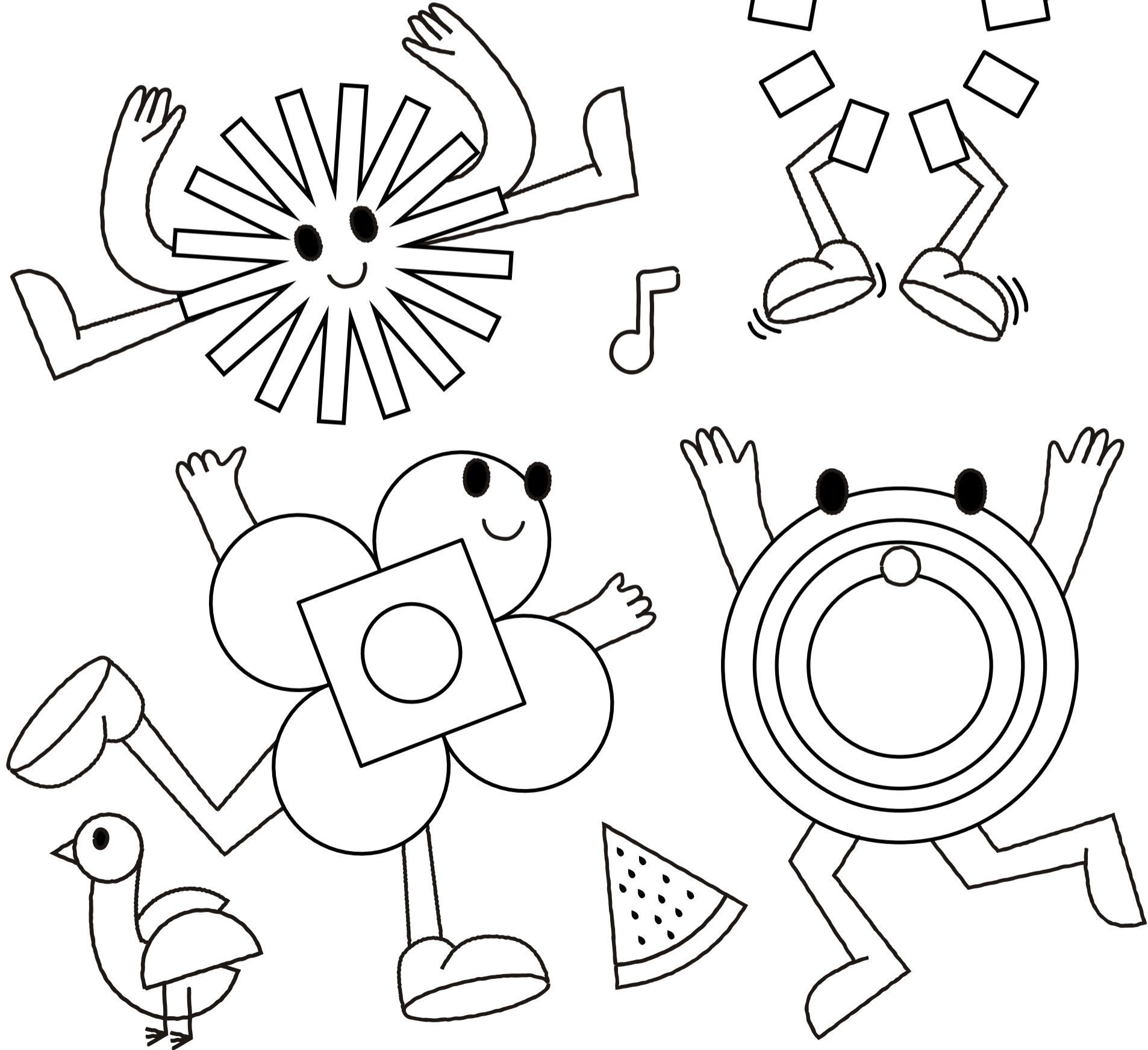
We welcome all types of vendors and can't wait to hear from you. Email info@onthedotboston.com for more information.



THE LOT



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The T's Red Line history comes to On the Dot®

Vintage 1600 Series Subway Car is something new at The LOT in South Boston

What is a vintage MBTA Red Line car doing above ground on The LOT, Core Investments, Inc.'s busy event space along Dorchester Ave?

Almost 70 feet long, the retired No. 1643 transit vehicle sits above the Red Line tunnel under Dorchester Avenue that was built in the early 20th century and connects Broadway and Andrew stations.

The freshly repainted 1969-'70-era car is there drawing attention to and enlivening this second year of Core Investments' series of fun and social events on The LOT. Thirty-four of the 1600 Series Red Line cars, built by Pullman-Standard, are still in service, of 52 originally delivered.

But the Red Line car story begins well over 100 years ago, and it all started with horses. Horse-drawn railway streetcars abounded in a growing Boston, but they also made a smelly mess.

A company called West End Street Railway consolidated all city horse railways into one system back in 1887 and even drew up plans for a cable-car system, like San Francisco's. But electric trolleys turned out to be more efficient.

The transit evolution history is rich, outlined in several places — including "Boston's Red Line: Bridging the Charles from Alewife to Braintree", by Frank Cheney; "Boston in Motion," by Frank Cheney and Anthony M. Sammarco, and Wikipedia accounts that were endorsed by an MBTA spokesman.



Red Line Car install at the LOT



By 1884, the Boston Elevated Railway Company was already organizing and planning to get rid of horses and build an above-ground transit system linking Downtown Boston with Cambridge, Roxbury, Charlestown and South Boston.

In 1889 the Thomson-Houston Electric Company installed trolley cars on a Bowdoin Square-to-North Cambridge line for West End Street Railway, which had leased the system to Boston Elevated Railway.

Then Boston Elevated merged with another company, and public transit was really under way. Boston opened the nation's first subway system September 1897, along Tremont Street between Park Street and Boylston Station — perhaps the original Boston Big Dig.

Boston Elevated Railway's plan included a line up Atlantic Avenue from South to North stations — an early version of the North-South Rail Link between the two stations that sadly doesn't exist anymore. The Cambridge line was built not elevated but as a tunnel, and the Atlantic Avenue

elevated opened in 1901 — but the South Boston line (our part) was scrapped until a later time.

That later time came in 1911, when a tunnel extension from Park Street to South Station was approved, and soon after that to Broadway Station and Andrew Square.

The whole tunnel system was referred to back then as the Cambridge-Dorchester system, because those were the communities it was intended to connect.

It was 1912 when the first train ran on Cambridge Tunnel, from Harvard Tunnel Square to Park Street. And now we come to Dorchester Avenue.

In 1915, construction was under way along a ripped-up Dorchester Avenue. Disruption was so great, with trolley tracks temporarily moved to Old Colony Avenue, that a plan to put a subway through to Ashmont was postponed.



Dor. Tun. Sec. J, Excavation between Dexter Pl. and Dorch. Ave. June 20, 1916. #1154-D



Dor. Tun. Sec. J. Birdseue view of Andrew Surface Station. looking W'ly. Oct. 2, 1917. #1550-D

In 1916, 54 families and 10 stores were displaced for the new subway line, and many houses were moved. In 1917 the section of the Cambridge-Dorchester Tunnel opened from Downtown to Broadway Station.

And in June 1918 Andrew Square Station officially opened. But — the cars weren't red yet.

It wasn't till 1964 that the Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority (MBTA, which we know as the T) took over Boston-area transit, adding color coding to different lines. Cambridge-Dorchester subway line was designated Red Line, after Cambridge as the Crimson City.

In the 1980s and '90s, Red Line stations were rehabilitated and modernized, including South Station, which got extended platforms, to accommodate six-car trains that replaced four-car trains. And in the early 1990s Andrew Square Station was rebuilt.

Core Investments' No. 1643 Red Line car arrived on The LOT on June 11.

While the emerging On the Dot® neighborhood is already well served by Red Line transit, the car is a symbol of transit infrastructure serving the Andrew Square. The neighborhood had been known for the last half of the 19th century as Washington Village, honoring Gen. George Washington for his heroic troops' role in scattering British warships from Boston Harbor from Dorchester Heights.

"The MBTA is proud to partner with Core Investments on this unique initiative to bring a piece of Red Line history to the On the Dot® development in South Boston," Phillip Eng, General Manager and Chief Executive Officer of the MBTA, said in a statement as No. 1643 arrived at The LOT. "The vintage 1600 Series subway car represents the rich legacy of the Red Line and the MBTA's vital role in connecting Boston's neighborhoods and supporting economic growth."

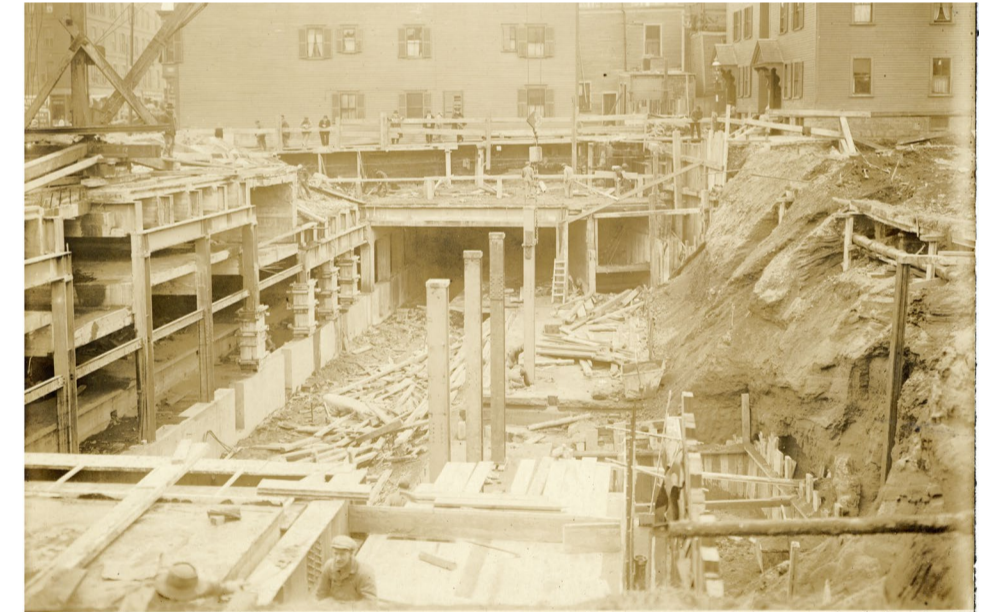
Eng called the Red Line "the transportation backbone of Boston for over a century."



Dor. Tun. Sec. J, Excavating in Andrew Sq. looking NW'ly. May 20, 1916. #1116-D



Dor. Tun. Sec. J, Moving "3-Flatter" along Dexter St. looking NW'ly. June 7, 1916. #1153-D



Dor. Tun. Sec. J, Construction progress on Andrew Sq. Sta. looking S'ly. Jan. 9, 1917. #1332-D



Dor. Tun. Sec. J, Andrew Surface Station. Erecting Steel. Sept. 13, 1917. #1534-D



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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!



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The Dirty Italian



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Community feature: Get involved

Would you like to suggest who should be in our next community feature? Get in touch at info@onthedotboston.com

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Leah Milby

Manager at Seaport Tattoo

Meet Leah Milby, the spirited manager of Seaport Tattoo, located on bustling Dorchester Ave. Seaport Tattoo opened in 2017 as the first tattoo shop in Southie since the 1930s! Since then, they have hit the ground running, building a stellar team and attracting clients who are loyal to the area. Founded by tattoo veteran Jimmy Johnson and his best friend Luke, the shop was born from a shared dream after 16 years in the industry.

What sets Seaport Tattoo apart from other shops is the complete experience they offer, and the difference is felt from the moment clients walk through the door. The welcoming atmosphere ensures that everyone, from tattoo newbies to seasoned enthusiasts, feels at home. "We offer a whole experience from the moment you walk in the door. We provide friendly service, a clean environment, and do quality work," Leah said. This shop boasts a diverse team of artists whose specialties range from traditional tattoos by Jimmy to exceptional black-and-gray realism work by Mark and Clay. Whether clients seek small, intricate designs or large, bold pieces, Seaport Tattoo provides a wide array of artistic styles.



As the manager, Leah oversees the staff, front desk, customer support, and the artists themselves. Her day-to-day responsibilities are diverse and ever-changing, reflecting the dynamic nature of the shop. "Every day brings something new. We're always excited to meet new clients, hear their stories, and be part of their journey," Leah shared.



Helena Petras, tattoo artist at Seaport Tattoo

Seaport Tattoo is also deeply involved in the Southie community, donating to the Boys and Girls Club, participating in local events like the Southie Street Festival, and supporting fellow local businesses, including The Spot, Grand Ten, and Loco. Jimmy even drives in the annual Saint Patrick's Day parade! Some of the team's favorite spots in the area include Cannonball Cafe, Southie Nail Bar, Lulu Green, and Rondo's, among others.

Leah envisions a bright future for Southie, saying, "We see this area becoming very busy with a mix of new and old Southie. We are very excited for what the future holds."

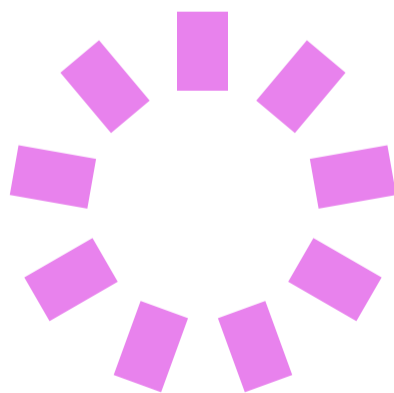
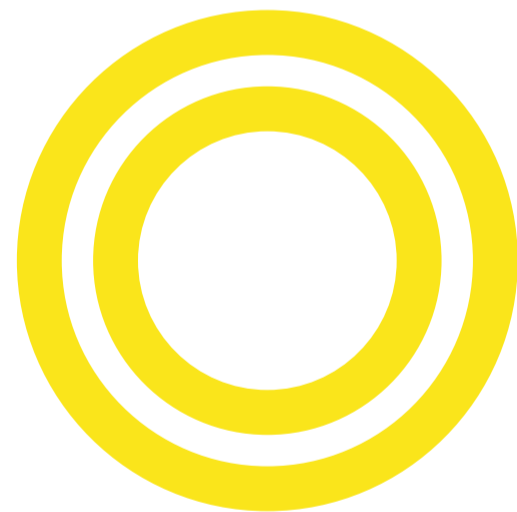
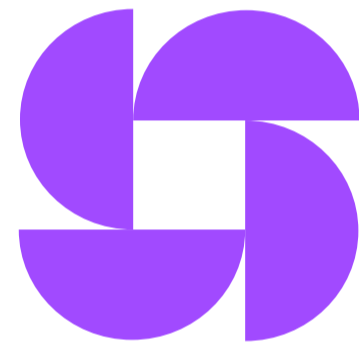
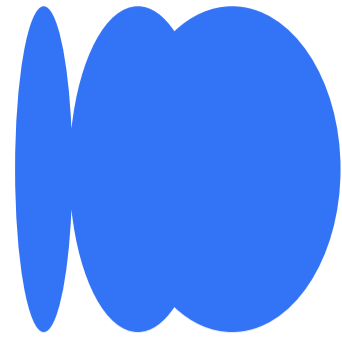
Be sure to reach out to Seaport Tattoo for your next tattoo and piercing needs!



Clay Given, tattoo artist at Seaport Tattoo

There's a LOT to do in South Boston

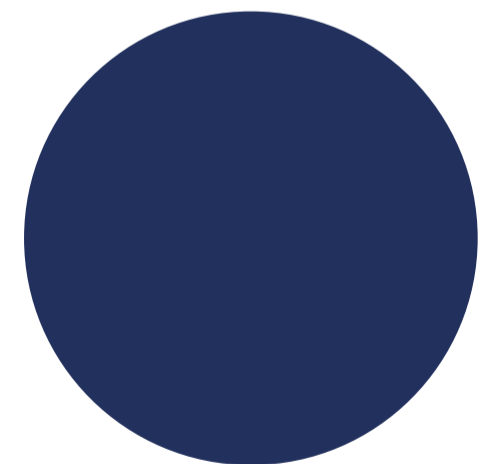
On the Dot® is inviting everyone to come together and enjoy The LOT, a transformed parking area as part of the Algerworks redevelopment project. The LOT hosts free events creating a welcoming, accessible, and safe destination for the community and its neighboring regions, and to support local businesses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



It's a community, not a commodity®

Core Investments, Inc. is a 25-year-old Boston real estate development and investment company specializing in acquiring and developing urban mixed-use and commercial assets. The company is committed to creating community and improving the quality of life for residents, commercial tenants, and visitors. Core accomplishes this through intentional community engagement, extensive research, planning, and smart architectural design that create meaningful places, while incorporating history, respecting context, and addressing community needs.

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