



MEDIA ADVISORY

**For immediate release
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PATRICK ADMINISTRATION OPENS ICE RINKS FOR PUBLIC SKATING

Free lessons available this weekend at seven Boston-area rinks

WHAT: The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) will begin public skating for the winter season at the 12 indoor ice rinks in Greater Boston managed by DCR. DCR's outdoor Kelly Rink in Jamaica Plain has scheduled the start of public skating on Saturday, December 13, 2008. Most of the other 24 privately managed DCR rinks across the Commonwealth have public skating year round.

To help newcomers get started, or help others hone their techniques, Bay State Ice Skating School will offer free ice-skating lessons during the public skating hours at several rinks on Saturday and Sunday, November 29 and 30. A list of rinks and lesson times is below.

WHEN: All DCR-managed indoor rinks begin public skating
Friday
November 28, 2008

Baystate Ice Skating School offers free lessons
Saturday and Sunday
Nov. 29 and Nov. 30

WHERE: For a full list of DCR ice rinks, with addresses, contact information, and hours of public skating, visit www.mass.gov/dcr/recreate/skating.htm. For additional information, call DCR's Community Relations Group Line, 617-626-4973.

Baystate Ice Skating School will offer free skating lessons at these DCR rinks:

Saturday, Nov. 29, 2008
Connell rink
Weymouth
2 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.

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Sunday, Nov. 30, 2008

Flynn rink
Medford
Noon – 12:50 p.m.

LoConte rink
Medford
2 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.

Reilly rink
Brighton
2 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.

Bajko rink
Hyde Park
3 p.m. – 3:50 p.m.

Veterans rink
Somerville
2 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.

Shea rink
Quincy
3 p.m. – 3:50 p.m.

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