

Celebrate New England sports with The Globies Presented by Mercedes-Benz. Help us pick the winners - click here to vote now.

TEXT SIZE | MANAGE ACCOUNT | LOG OUT

# The Boston Globe

NEWS	METRO
LOTTERY	OBITUARIES
GLOBE NORTH	GLOBE SOUTH
GLOBE WEST	DATA DESK
MAGAZINE	TODAY'S PAPER

students

E-MAIL FACEBOOK TWITTER  LINKEDIN

 



JOHN TLUMACKI/GLOBE STAFF

**Boston University students, with the help of friends and family, filled large laundry hampers with belongings as they moved into their dorm rooms.**

**By Catherine Cloutier and [Matt Rocheleau](#)**

GLOBE STAFF AUGUST 29, 2015

They're coming to Boston. And they're hungry for pizza.

In Allston, Alex Salerno, assistant manager at a Domino's, said his shop was expecting to dish out twice as many pizzas — between 400 and 500 — to hungry movers on Tuesday as students flock back to town.

“All the students come back,” said Salerno. “And students love pizza.”

Boston's annual move-in week, which will reach its crescendo Monday and Tuesday, will see thousands of students and others moving into — and out of — apartments in the city.

Student-dense neighborhoods, such as Allston and Mission Hill, will be littered with furniture discarded by people moving out. Thoroughfares will be clogged with moving trucks. Store shelves will be emptied of nest-feathering essentials.



## State warns incoming students about overpasses

The parkway overpasses have long troubled truck renters who underestimate how tall their vehicles are.

## Things to know before you move in

---

City officials vow that the move-in process will run more smoothly this year than in the past. The city has been working with landlords and universities to stagger the moving chaos through Labor Day, instead of cramming it into a 48-hour window, said William “Buddy” Christopher, commissioner of Boston’s Inspectional Services Department.

Boston has more than 164,000 rental units, according to the 2013 American Community Survey. About 63 percent of rental property leases in the city begin on Sept. 1, said Ishay Grinberg, founder and president of Rental Beast, a brokerage firm that tracks the local real estate market. While some people will renew their leases and stay put, many will not.

Boston reported last week that 2,088 moving truck parking permits had been booked for the days surrounding Sept. 1. In Cambridge, hundreds of truck parking permits have also been approved.

Temporary traffic and parking restrictions will be in place in Allston, Mission Hill, Brighton, Fenway, and Roxbury to ease congestion associated with the moving process, said Tracey Ganiatsos, spokeswoman for the city’s Transportation Department.



JOHN TLUMACKI/GLOBE STAFF

**Ali Pappianne, a BU junior, got help from her dad moving into an apartment on Buswell Street.**

For Boston businesses, the flurry of activity offers opportunity, as last-minute shoppers flock to local stores in search of home essentials, packing supplies, and spicy nourishment for those who lent a hand.

Kevin Cunningham, owner of Model Ace Hardware in Allston, said the shop's sales skyrocket in the days before and just after move-in week.

Top selling items hint at a plugged-in generation: power strips, extension cords, and HDMI cables. Cleaning supplies, shower curtains, clothes hangers, toilet seats, smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, and paint are also big sellers.

But no items that are more popular than cardboard boxes, bubblewrap, and tape. Cunningham estimated the store's sales of those are 10 times higher in the month leading up to Sept. 1 than any other month of the year.

Other indicators of the pending pandemonium:

During move-in week, Penske Truck Rental typically sees a spike of up to 60 percent in one-way and local rentals into the area, according to Penske spokesman Randolph P. Ryerson.

Comcast installs twice as many packages in the Boston area in September than during other months of the year, said a company spokesman. He predicted that thousands of cable boxes will be processed in the next few weeks by Comcast's Boston warehouses.

Neal Wigetman, founder of Basics Carpet and Furniture, said Sept. 1 is "without a doubt" the busiest day of the year for his two shops, located in Allston and Cambridge.

"It takes us all summer to prepare for this," said Wigetman.

On move-in day, the business delivers more than 100 mattresses, Wigetman estimated, and customers pour into the shops looking for last-minute essentials.

Customers he sees on that day are typically frustrated and exhausted, Wigetman said, listing out the many potential reasons why: They've spent hours maneuvering a large truck through gridlock traffic, packing and unpacking, lugging boxes and furniture from one apartment to the next, and maintaining a grateful attitude around family and friends who are pitching in but also getting on their nerves.

After all that, he said, "They open the door to their new place and it's dirty and it's not a palace, but they're paying a lot of rent anyway — so their frustrations are understandable."

But, he said, he and his staff try to stay calm and patient.

"We try to make it fun and an enjoyable experience instead of a day of misery," said Wigetman, sympathizing with the harried who will collapse after the end of a long day —some on a couch, some on the floor, and some, undoubtedly, on his mattresses.

# Move-in day, Boston style



Catherine Cloutier can be reached at [catherine.cloutier@globe.com](mailto:catherine.cloutier@globe.com). Follow her on Twitter at [@cmcloutier](https://twitter.com/cmcloutier).

Matt Rocheleau can be reached at [matthew.rocheleau@globe.com](mailto:matthew.rocheleau@globe.com). Follow him on Twitter at [@mrochele](https://twitter.com/mrochele).

- E-MAIL
- FACEBOOK
- TWITTER
- GOOGLE
- LINKEDIN

Get **Today's Headlines** from the Globe in your inbox:

[Privacy Policy](#)

SHOW 7 COMMENTS



## Top 10 Trending Articles

Most Viewed

Most Commented

Most Shared

An Auburn child lost amidst chaos and addiction

When did parents get so scared?

Donald Trump was brash, even at Wharton business school

Sexism in science leads to willful blindness

Dan Shaughnessy: Tom Werner breaks his silence on Don O...

Coffee or wine: which is better for you?

### Learn more

Four-year-old boy drowns at Dennis beach, half-hour after 1...

SUBSCRIBE BOSTON GLOBE INSIDERS EPAPER EDITION NEWS IN EDUCATION

Stephen Colbert's highly visible transition to 'The Late Show'

MY ACCOUNT

LOG IN

Ben Volin | Sunday Football Notes: NFL discipline process ...

MANAGE MY ACCOUNT

DOWNLOAD CUSTOMER SERVICE APP

Nick Cafardo | Sunday Baseball Notes: As Red Sox GM sear...

CONTACT

HELP

FAQS

GLOBE NEWSROOM

ADVERTISE

### SOCIAL

FACEBOOK

TWITTER

GOOGLE+

### MORE

ARCHIVES

PRIVACY POLICY

TERMS OF SERVICE

TERMS OF PURCHASE

YOUR AD CHOICES

