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Dear neighbors,

As we are now in the month of May, I would like to provide some updates regarding the work that my team and I focused on as of late, as well as upcoming city meetings, relevant information and events in District 2.

Over the course of the last month, I have convened a number of meetings with my neighbors to help bring City of Boston departments and resources directly to our community to try and help improve the quality of life for our residents. This work included meeting with my fellow South Boston elected officials, the Boston Police Department (C-6), the Massachusetts State Police and City Point neighbors regarding speeding and pedestrian safety, motorbikes and drag racing, loud noise and quality of life concerns.

Moreover, my fellow South Boston elected officials and I were also joined by the Inspectional Services Department (ISD) Investigation and Enforcement team regarding overwhelming reports and concerns in the community regarding large house parties of renters from absentee landlords who are negatively impacting our quality of life due to loud noise at all hours, trash removal issues that bring rodents and pests, as well as the potential for COVID-19 super-spreader events. Please note Councilor At-Large Michael Flaherty and I are calling for a hearing to advocate for increased fines and enforcement to bring accountability to the property owners and address this rude and inconsiderate behavior; \$1000 for the first offense, \$2000 for the second offense, \$3000 for the third offense. [You can read more about this issue here with a piece from the Boston Globe.](#) [Please find my interview with NBC Boston regarding huge house parties here as well.](#)

In addition, I recently met both on Zoom and on site at Moakley Park with my fellow South Boston elected officials, Boston Police Department Captain Boyle, the South Boston Youth Lacrosse program coaches and parents, and other youth sports programs regarding the recent shooting near Saunders Stadium. As I said in my statement and for the last several years at the Council, I continue to advocate for the hiring of hundreds of additional Boston Police officers every year due to a looming retirement crisis, forced overtime, and currently overstretched resources. Thank you to all for coming together around this public safety issue and to BPD for stepping up patrols at Moakley Park.

In South End, I also met with Union Park Neighborhood residents and City of Boston officials on site and did a walking tour regarding illegal dumping, pest control, and clean streets. Additionally, my staff and I volunteered at many vaccination sites throughout Boston, helping with interpretation assistance for folks that speak Cantonese, Mandarin, and Spanish.

Lastly, I continue to urge all my neighbors in the strongest possible terms to listen to our experts and get your COVID-19 shots, as they have undergone rigorous testing and are one of the most critical tools in our fight against the virus. Let's all do our part, make a plan to get vaccinated to protect ourselves, our families, and our neighbors. Together, we can end this pandemic and put us on the road to recovery.

Thank you and stay safe,
Ed

City and District Updates

[Love Your Block Spring Clean up](#)

- **Saturday, May 15th**
 - Fort Point
Tool Drop Off Time: 8:15am
Tool Drop Off Location: Wormwood Park
 - Medal of Honor Park/M St Park
Tool Drop Off Time: 8:30am
Tool Drop Off Location: M St & East Broadway entrance
 - West Broadway
Tool Drop Off Time: 8:45am
Tool Drop Off Location: TBD
 - Andrew Square
Tool Drop Off Time: 9:30am
Tool Drop Off Location: Washington Village 240 Old Colony Ave
 - Bay Village 8am to 11am
Tool Drop Off Location: Church St and Melrose St
 - South End 9am to 12pm
Tool Drop Off Location: Boston Center for the Arts, 539 Tremont St

- For details, please reach out to loveyourblock@boston.gov. You can also reach out to South Boston ONS Haley Dillon at haley.dillon@boston.gov or South End/Bay Village ONS Kim Crucioli at kimberly.crucioli@boston.gov

BPDA Meetings

- [PLAN: South Boston Dot Ave Transportation Study Virtual Meeting](#)
 - Tuesday, May 11th, 6pm to 8pm
- [555 East Broadway Public Meeting](#)
 - Wednesday, May 12th, 6pm to 8pm

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- 259 Gold Street, South Boston
 - Tuesday, May 11th, 5:30pm
- 390-396 W Second St, South Boston,
 - Tuesday, May 11th, 6:30pm
- 142 P Street, South Boston
 - Tuesday, May 18th, 5:30pm

COVID-19 Vaccination Information

All City of Boston residents ages 16+ are now eligible to get the COVID-19 vaccine. You can preregister for a COVID-19 vaccine appointment at a mass vaccination site and be notified when it's your turn for an appointment. Find more information here: <https://vaccinesignup.mass.gov>

Rental Relief Fund

[The City of Boston is providing an additional \\$50 million in federal stimulus funding to the Boston Rental Relief Fund in an effort aimed at housing stability for neighbors impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.](#) This new funding will help residents who are in need pay their rent and assist in preventing evictions. Please note that the federal eviction moratorium now expires on June 30. [Please visit this page to apply or check if you are eligible for the Rental Relief Fund.](#)

2021 Outdoor Dining Application

The 2021 Outdoor Dining Pilot Program is taking applications and the Licensing Board is reviewing applications on an ongoing basis. [Please check their website for more information regarding key dates, requirements and guidelines.](#)

Different City departments will need to review applications for an outdoor dining extension, whether onto private property, public sidewalks or public streets. Upon reviewing the application requirements and guidelines, [you can start your application here.](#)

FY22 Community Preservation Funds

Please note the Community Preservation rolling eligibility form is now open for the next funding round. If any neighbors or civic organizations are interested in applying for CPA funding for FY22, please complete the eligibility form and talk with CPA staff. [You may please fill out the rolling eligibility form here.](#)

[You can also find additional information on the application process here.](#)

There will be a Community Preservation Virtual Meet and Greet on **Wednesday, May 12 from 12 pm - 1 pm.**

The meet and greet will be an informal conversation to learn more about:

- the Community Preservation Act (CPA) process
- the state statute
- preserving your neighborhood
- application requirements, and
- the evaluation process.

To join a meeting, please RSVP below:

- May 12: Virtual Meet & Greet, 12pm to 1pm [RSVP](#)
- May 19: CPA Historic Preservation Lunch and Learn Workshop, 12 pm - 1:30 pm [RSVP](#)
- May 26: Virtual Meet and Greet 12 pm - 1 pm [RSVP](#)

[Please visit the CPA webpage for updates and upcoming events.](#)

2021 Youth Summer Jobs

Applications for Youth Summer Jobs are now open for 2021. [If you are interested, please check the City of Boston's Youth Engagement and Employment website for more information regarding youth summer jobs.](#) The City of Boston has partnered with almost 200 community-based organizations in the past, as well as non-profits and City agencies.

Scam Resources for Seniors from Age Strong Commission

Age Strong Commission has provided some good resources relating to scams on elders. Please visit the following websites to read about the different types of scam fraud:

- [AARP Fraud Watch](#): At the bottom of the website, there is information on different scams. AARP also has volunteers who can give scam presentations.
 - [Federal Trade Commission](#)
 - **Boston Police Department Community Service Officers**: Many BPD CSOs also give presentations on scams to community groups.
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Council Hearings and Resolutions



Order for a hearing to discuss updates on the status and enforcement of the Short Term Rentals Ordinance, sponsored by Councilors Ed Flynn, Kenzie Bok and Lydia Edwards.

This hearing order was filed in response to the Zoning Board of Appeal's approval of Sonder's proposal to convert 26 units into Executive Suites. The proposal runs contrary to the spirit of the Short Term Rental Ordinance. Before my time at the Council, I advocated for strict regulations and to remove Investor Units and subsequently voted to ban large corporations from participating in short term rental activity due to the negative impacts that these unregulated, de facto hotels had on Boston's housing stock and the market, as well as the quality of life issues. In the midst of an affordable housing crisis, I am calling for a hearing with Councilor Bok and Councilor Edwards to address this urgent issue for our City.

Order for a hearing regarding an Office of Labor Standards, sponsored by Councilors Campbell and Flynn

I was proud to join Councilor Campbell in filing a hearing order at this week's City Council meeting regarding the functions and the potential for an Office of Labor Standards. Cities around the country have Offices of Labor Standards that have authority to create and enforce labor regulations, and this hearing order aims to start a discussion on how the city can better protect our workers' rights, as well as the possibility of establishing such an office in the City of Boston.

Resolution recognizing the 65th Infantry Regiment and the Puerto Rican Veteran's Monument Square Association Inc. Sponsored by Councilors Arroyo and Flynn.

I was proud to join Councilor Arroyo to pass a resolution recognizing the exceptional military service of the 65th Infantry Regiment. This Puerto Rican unit of the U.S. Army has served with honor since World War I. I was proud to join Boston Veterans Commissioner Santiago, Councilor Ricardo Arroyo, Councilor Michelle Wu, State Representative Jon Santiago, State Senator Sonia Chang-Díaz and State Senator Adam Gomez.

Resolution recognizing April as the Month of the Military Child, sponsored by Councilors Flynn and Edwards.

I was proud to join Councilor Edwards at the Boston City Council last week to

pass a resolution recognizing April as the month of the Military Child. Approximately 1.2 million children face unique challenges due to their parent's service to our nation. I am thankful for the sacrifice of so many, including my wife and kids.

In the Community



It was great to visit Boston Youth Lacrosse teams at Garvey Playground in Dorchester with Councilor Essaibi-George last Saturday. We had the opportunity to listen and talk with the athletes about working hard in sports and academics. I'm proud of the young athletes in our city.



Earlier this month, I was honored to attend a ceremony recognizing the exceptional military service of the 65th Infantry Regiment. This Puerto Rican unit of the U.S. Army has served with honor since World War I. I was proud to join Tony Molina, Jaime Rodriguez, Carmen Colombani, Boston Veterans Commissioner Santiago, Councilor Ricardo Arroyo, Councilor Michelle Wu, State Representative Jon Santiago, State Senator Sonia Chang-Díaz and State Senator Adam Gomez.



Recently, I joined Mayor Kim Janey for a lunch and walking tour of Chinatown. We visited small businesses in the neighborhood and listened to residents' concerns about the need for more affordable housing, support for our

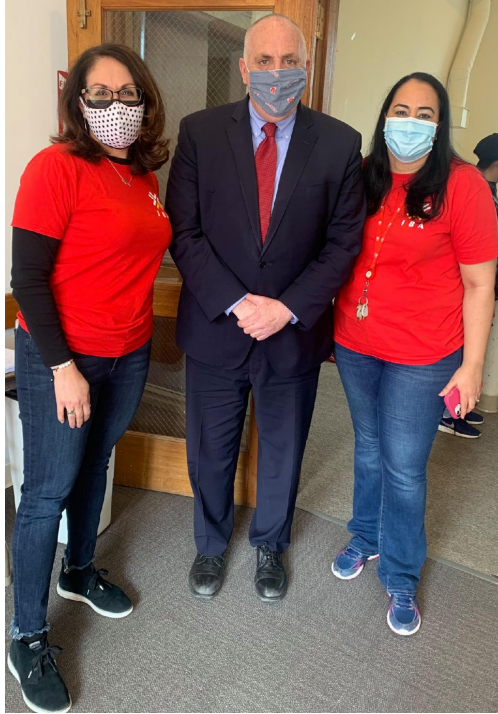
immigrant neighbors, and small businesses.



I had the privilege to offer my sincere thank you to the Benevolent Asian Jade Society Of New England for their public service last month. The association represents AAPI law enforcement officers, frontline workers, first responders, and supports community outreach to the AAPI community.



I had an exciting afternoon with kids from Southie for a “Bike Repair & Fun Day” in April. Thank you to the Boston Police Department C-6 team, Boston Housing Authority, BCYF Condon Community Center for providing our kids with sports and activities, assistance with bike repairs and even pizza for lunch.



It was great to visit our friends at Inquilinos Boricuas en Acción (IBA) in the South End this month for their sponsoring of a vaccination clinic for residents of Villa Victoria. I'm proud of the dedicated and professional IBA team and your exceptional support to the residents.

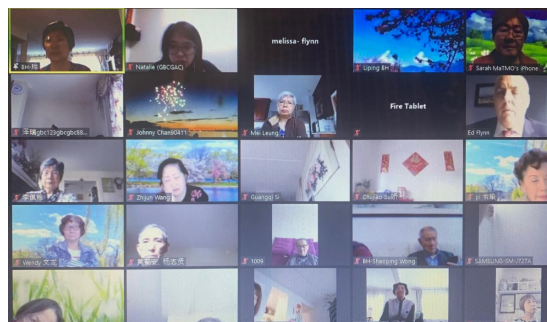


A special South Boston shoutout to our dear friend and neighbor, Kay Walsh. From helping families with food access or organizing Saturday's National Drug Take Back Day with the Boston Police Department C-6 Team in South Boston, we are proud of Kay and her determination to help people in need.



Last Tuesday, we had an informative discussion with residents regarding public safety challenges in Moakley Park. Thank you to the Boston Youth Lacrosse athletes and their parents, South Boston elected officials, and youth sports coaches for working closely with City of Boston, Boston Parks and Recreation Department and the Boston Police Department.

I coordinated a listening session with members of the Greater Boston Chinese Golden Age Center in April. Residents expressed concerns about the rise in anti-Asian racism and violence in our country. We stand with the AAPI community and have zero tolerance for any anti-Asian intimidation in Boston.



I had an awesome afternoon with South Boston residents last weekend for an Earth Day clean-up on East 1st Street. Thank you to the team of volunteers from Eversource, Pine Street Inn, and Boston Harbor Now for helping to clean our neighborhood. Let's always ensure our parks and open spaces are clean for all!

I met with members of the Union Park Neighborhood Association and City of Boston officials recently for a snowy walk-through of their neighborhood. We discussed our plan to address quality of life issues. Thank you Boston Public Works, Mayor's ONS Kim Crucoli, Boston

Inspectional Services Department for attending and for your support.



I had a great time touring Tufts Children's Hospital earlier this month. Thank you to the dedicated and professional staff in General Pediatrics and Asian Pediatrics, especially for the linguistically and culturally sensitive care you provide to the community.

I was able to stop and talk to Bobby who is a Boston Housing Authority employee. One of my favorite parts of my job is to listen and talk to my fellow City of Boston employees. They make our city run and help keep Boston the beautiful city it is. Thank you, Bobby!



If I can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact my office at 617-635-3203 or ed.flynn@boston.gov.

