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Dear neighbors,

I hope everyone had a great Fourth of July, and was able to celebrate this holiday with friends and family. I also hope that everyone is enjoying the summer so far, and that you and your loved ones are staying healthy and safe.

There is still lots going on in the City Council during the summer. I have partnered with Councilor Michael Flaherty and held a hearing on the community process for life sciences laboratories in our neighborhoods, and heard from City officials and industry leaders about existing regulations in place regarding laboratories, and discussed how we can ensure community voice is an integral part of the zoning process.

I also want to remind neighbors that if you would like to apply for the 2022 round of Community Preservation Act (CPA) funding for a project, you need to fill out the CPA's rolling eligibility form by Friday, September 3, 2021 at 5pm. Interested applicants would also need to contact the Community Preservation team regarding eligibility at 617-635-0545 and thadine.brown@boston.gov before filling out the CPA's rolling eligibility form. I will also be hosting a CPA information session on Wednesday, August 4th, at 6pm via Zoom.

I've also worked with the Boston Transportation Department, Office of Neighborhood Services, and the South Boston elected officials on making E and F Streets in South Boston safer. Through this advocacy, E and F Streets are now one way streets, which would make it safer for our pedestrians, drivers, and cyclists. We will continue to work together to address traffic safety issues in our neighborhoods.

With the spread of the Delta variant of COVID-19, I also want to encourage neighbors who are not yet vaccinated to get their shots, so that they are protected from serious complications from COVID-19. Anyone who is over 12 years old are eligible for a vaccine. [You can find vaccination sites in Boston here.](#)

Thank you and stay safe,
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City and District Updates

FY22 Community Preservation Funds

Please note I will be partnering with the Community Preservation Team to host a virtual CPA information session on **Wednesday, August 4th at 6pm.**



This meeting will look to provide helpful information and resources for our neighbors, civic groups, youth sports and other organizations who may want to apply for funding from the CPA for initiatives related to affordable housing, historic preservation, open space, and outdoor recreation facilities. Topics will include the application process, eligibility criteria, relevant deadlines and other related information. Join us to learn more about the program. You may register for the session here: <https://bit.ly/3zsk8Qn>

PLEASE JOIN COUNCILOR FLYNN &
THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION
TEAM FOR A

**COMMUNITY
PRESERVATION ACT (CPA)
INFORMATION SESSION**

Wednesday, August 4th at 6PM
Join us on Zoom:
<https://bit.ly/3zsk8Qn>

Come & learn more about eligibility and
how to apply, application deadlines and
the funding process.

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, [you may complete the eligibility form here.](#)

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

BPDA Meeting

- [Virtual Public Meeting: 244 - 284 A Street \(Transportation\)](#)
 - Wednesday, August 11th, 6pm to 8pm

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- [Patriot Care: 21 Milk Street Community Meeting](#)
 - Thursday, August 5th at 6pm
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COVID-19 Vaccination Information

All City of Boston residents ages 12 & over are now eligible to get the COVID-19 vaccine. You can find vaccination sites in Boston here:

<https://www.boston.gov/departments/public-health-commission/covid-19->

Rental Relief Fund

The City of Boston has provided an additional \$50 million in federal stimulus funding from the American Rescue Plan 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 visit this page to apply or check if you are eligible for the Rental Relief Fund.](#)

Please note that if you apply to Boston's rental relief fund, you cannot be evicted for non-payment. Only an order from a judge can evict you. If you are at risk of eviction, [please contact the Office of Housing Stability at 617-635-4200 or visit this page for assistance.](#)

COVID-19 Resources for Businesses

The Office of Economic Development hosts weekly calls for small business owners and provides information and resources on reopening guidance and support services. Their weekly calls are on Tuesdays at 3pm.

You can pre-register here to join:

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_B12DiEy2QZKoe3LjC71yQQ

They also offer various Business Relief Funds such as:

- [Certified Business Fund](#)
- [Commercial Rental Relief Fund](#)
- [High Road Kitchens Restaurant Relief Fund](#)
- [Reopen Boston Fund](#)

For more information, please visit: <https://www.boston.gov/news/covid-19-resources-businesses>

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 safety conditions in Boston Public School classrooms during extreme temperatures. Sponsored by Councilor Arroyo and Flynn.

I co-sponsored a hearing order with Councilor Ricardo Arroyo to discuss how we can ensure that our classrooms are safe and comfortable for our students during extreme temperatures. Back in June when we were facing heatwaves, I wrote a letter to BPS asking them to consider retrofitting school buildings with new HVAC systems that provide air conditioning as a long term plan to deal with high temperatures. With climate change, there will be more days of extreme heat and cold during the school year, and we must make sure that our school buildings meet the safety standards for air quality and ensure our students' well-being.

Order for a hearing to discuss pest control and illegal dumping in the City of Boston. Sponsored by Councilor Flynn.

Recently, I refiled a hearing with Councilor Lydia Edwards and Councilor Liz Breadon regarding pest control and illegal dumping in the City. We received District 2 neighbors' reports of an uptick in rodent activity during the pandemic, along with illegally dumping trash at properties or outside city dumpsters. We must work together on this public health and quality of life issue.

Hearings Recently Held

Order for a hearing to discuss zoning and the community outreach process for life sciences laboratories in the City of Boston.

Councilor Michael Flaherty and I recently held a hearing regarding zoning and community process for life sciences. In recent decades, Boston has worked to become a hub for the life science and biotechnology industry, which is vital to the city's economy and our future. With many proposals in District 2, it is also critical that the city allows for community process and dialogue with neighbors to address issues of public safety and obtain feedback on impacts to their quality of life.

In the Community



What an awesome cookout and sports event with the Boston Police C-6 Community Services Office, staff at Boston Centers for Youth & Families (BCYF) Condon, West Broadway, Boston Housing Authority residents, and South Boston youth at Orton Field in July. Thank you Condon Community Center and C-6 for ensuring everyone had a great time!



Last week, I was honored to attend Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Day at Copley Square Park with Disabilities Commissioner Kristen McCosh and Mayor Kim Janey. We will continue to work together to ensure accessibility, inclusion, respect, and dignity for our persons with disabilities. Disability rights are human rights!



I was proud to join Councilor Michael Flaherty and South Boston neighbors for the groundbreaking at Barnard Place Park recently, which was awarded \$150,000 of funding through the Community Preservation Act. Thank you to the CPA for helping to bring an accessible park to our community.



We celebrated the opening of the Farmers Market in Chinatown and the kick-off of the Chinatown Business Promotional Event with Mayor Kim Janey in July. Over 30 small businesses are participating in this promotional event over the Summer. Thank you to our partners, Chinatown Main Street, Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association of New England, and Chinatown Business Association. Let's support our small business!



I was honored to join colleagues in government and the Puerto Rican community of Boston for the annual Puerto Rican flag raising ceremony in July. I am proud to represent a large Puerto Rican community in South Boston and the South End, including Villa Victoria. Our diversity is the strength of our city!



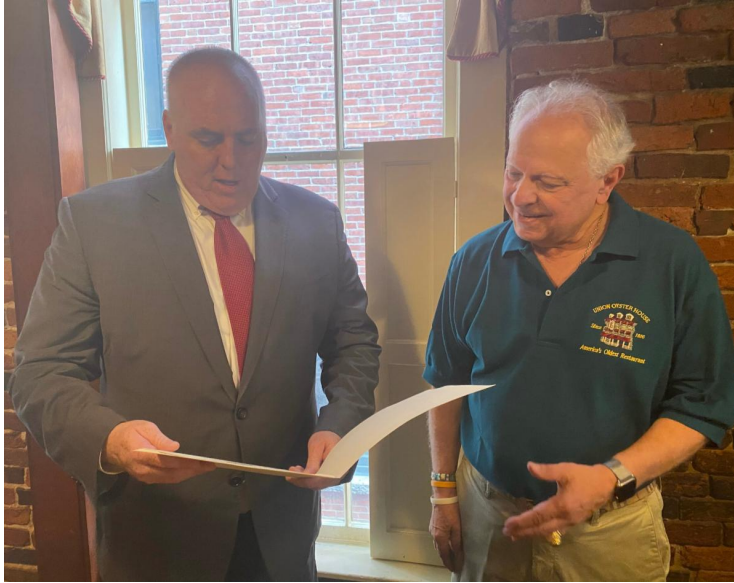
Earlier in July, I was honored to join Boston Veterans Commissioner Robert Santiago, Senator Mike Rush, State Representative David Biele and Kevin Conroy to welcome the first female president of the Naval War College, Rear Admiral Shoshana Chatfield, to Boston. We had an informative discussion about the service and sacrifices of veterans and military families.



I was honored to join Unite Here Local 26 for a rally and march recently in support of the working men and women in the hospitality industry. This economic recovery and comeback must be fair to workers. We will always stand up for social and economic justice and the dignity of work.



I enjoyed attending a cookout with South Boston neighbors, Senator Nick Collins and Representative David Biele at St. Monica Church recently. The cookout was sponsored by South Boston-Seaport Catholic Collaborative, Boston Housing Authority, Boston Police C-6 team, as well as South Boston residents and volunteers. South Boston works best when we work together!



I had a great time visiting the Union Oyster House with Joe Milano recently. I am proud to join Councilor Michael Flaherty in presenting a Boston City Council proclamation to Joe for his outstanding support of the residents of the City of Boston, our veterans and military families.



What a great Christmas in July lunch for seniors at St. Peter Church in South Boston last week. Thank you to the Condon Community Center team and South Boston volunteers for sponsoring the event. It was great to join Councilor Michael Flaherty, Representative David Biele, Senator Nick Collins, Clerk Michael Donovan and Boston Police C-6.



I had an exciting time recently with South Boston neighbors for the official opening of the South Boston Harborwalk Park. Thank you Eversource for working with the community and elected officials to make this possible and our partners to ensure our harbor remains clean, open, and accessible to all.

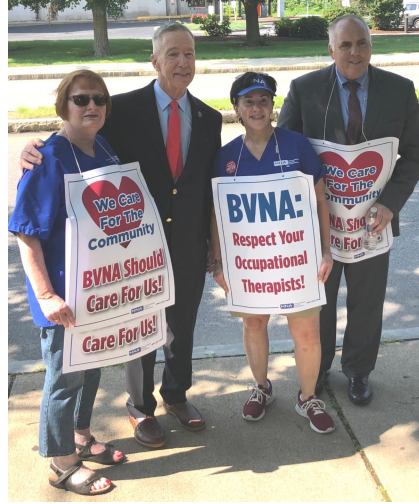


Last weekend, I joined the Chinatown Business Association for a walking tour of restaurants and small businesses in Chinatown to promote the role they play in the neighborhood. Almost all of these business are immigrant-owned and many are women-owned. Let's support our small businesses in Boston!



We had a historic day for Boston residents as the Boston Fire Department District 10 in West Roxbury was reactivated. I was proud to join my Council colleagues and Mayor Kim Janey in supporting reactivating this district. A special thank you to Councilor O'Malley, Councilor Flaherty, Boston Firefighters Local 718 IAFF and the Boston Fire Department.

I was honored to join Massachusetts Nurses Association and VNA Care workers on strike recently for a fair contract, health insurance, and dignity in retirement. Visiting Nurses are on the front lines, saving lives and caring for so many patients and families. These workers deserve to be treated with dignity and respect. I was proud to join Congressman Stephen Lynch in marching at this picket line.



I had a great time visiting Phin Coffee House on High Street in Boston. They have a great selection of unique drinks and pastries at this immigrant and woman-owned small business. Let's support our small businesses in Boston and throughout all of our neighborhoods too!

Any day, even a rainy day, is always a fun visit with our friends at Deja Brew on East Broadway in South Boston recently. Let's continue to support our small businesses and to shop local.



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