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Dear neighbors,

As we continue to watch the reports coming from Afghanistan, our thoughts and prayers are with our brave U.S. Service Members, their families, and Afghan allies. We mourn the U.S. Service Members tragically killed in the cowardly terrorist attack in Kabul, and our prayers are with our Gold Star families, Service Members who were injured, and those who risked their lives in Afghanistan, having evacuated over 123,000 Americans and Afghan partners from unprecedented and dangerous conditions. We will never forget the

sacrifices that our Service Members made in this mission to move our citizens and allies to safety and freedom, and we will always honor the service of our brave men and women in uniform.

In our community, we recently welcomed the new Major Michael J. O'Connor Way Senior Housing into our neighborhood. This is a 46 unit affordable elderly development, and provides much needed affordable housing to our seniors. I will continue to work with our community and the city to advocate for more affordable housing, so that our seniors and working families can remain in our city.

With September approaching, 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 this 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](mailto:thadine.brown@boston.gov) before filling out the CPA's rolling eligibility form.

Neighbors should also be aware that there is now another indoor mask mandate in the City of Boston. Residents over the age of 2 would need to wear a mask or face covering when they are indoors in a public setting, such as on the premises of a business, restaurant, or event space. The vaccine remains the strongest defense against the pandemic and the Delta variant, and I urge neighbors to get vaccinated if they have not yet. [You can find vaccination sites in Boston here.](#)

Last but not least, please note that the September Preliminary Municipal Election will be held on **Tuesday, September 14th, 2021.** [Here is a certified list of candidates in ballot order. Early voting will be available from Saturday, September 4, through Friday, September 10 at these early voting locations.](#) All registered Boston voters can also vote by mail and should have received a vote-by-mail application in their mailboxes for the Preliminary Municipal Election on September 14, and Municipal Election on November 2. In order to vote by mail in the Municipal Elections, you must complete, sign and return the prepaid postcard application to the Boston Election Department by **Wednesday, September 8, 2021.** [You can find more information on mail-in voting here.](#)

Please note I will not be on the ballot at the September Preliminary Municipal Election, but will be at the November Municipal Election.

Thank you and stay healthy,  
Ed

# City and District Updates



## 2022 Community Preservation Funds

Please note that the deadline to submit the [Community Preservation Fund eligibility form](#) for 2022 will be this Friday, September 3rd at 5pm.

This will be the last chance for neighbors, community and civic groups, and youth sports organizations to apply for funding from the CPA for initiatives related to affordable housing, historic preservation, open space, and outdoor recreation facilities for this next round. If you wish to learn more about the program, you can check out the website here:

<https://www.boston.gov/community-preservation/how-apply-community-preservation-funds#parks-and-open-space>

Please reach out to [Thadine.Brown@boston.gov](mailto:Thadine.Brown@boston.gov) or 617-635-0545 from the CPA Team if you have any questions. I respectfully ask that you also share this opportunity with your friends and neighbors as well.

## BPDA Meeting

- [Virtual Public Meeting: Pier 4 Phase 4](#)
  - Thursday, September 2nd, 6pm to 7pm
- [Virtual Public Meeting: Government Center Garage](#)

- Wednesday, September 8th, 6:30pm to 8:30pm

### **Abutters Meeting**

- 1 Washington Mall, Downtown Meeting
  - Thursday, September 2nd at 6pm
- 11 Atlantic Street Meeting
  - Monday, September 13th at 5:30pm

### **COVID-19 Updates and Vaccination Information**

Please note masks are again required in all indoor public settings in the City of Boston, due to the City's concerns regarding the COVID-19 Delta Variant. This requires everyone over the age of two to wear a mask or face covering at indoor public places such as businesses, clubs, restaurants and bars, retail outlets, performance venues, gyms, event spaces and municipal buildings. For more details, go to:

<https://www.boston.gov/news/mayor-janey-announces-indoor-mask-mandate-city-boston>

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-vaccine-boston>

### **Rental Relief Fund**

In March this year, the City of Boston 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](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>

## Council Hearings and Resolutions



**Order for a hearing to discuss ways for the City to increase communication access for people with disabilities to public-facing televisions. Sponsored by Councilor Flynn.**

Councilor Ed Flynn partnered with the Boston Disabilities Commission, Councilors Breadon and Mejia to file a hearing order about ways to ensure public facing televisions provide closed captioning for persons with certain disabilities. As TV programming is an important part of relaying information, especially in this pandemic, it is critical that our residents with disabilities are able to access information from televisions in public spaces. This hearing aims to discuss ways for the City of Boston to expand communications access

through public facing televisions, and ensure that persons with disabilities have full access to information and resources shared to the public.

## In the Community





I was honored to join my Southie neighbors and the South Boston elected officials last week in celebrating the 100th birthday of Mr. Edward Kenney. A U.S. Navy and WWII Veteran, Ed proudly served in Normandy and in the Pacific theater. When he returned home, he joined the Boston Fire Department. He is a true American hero!



At last week's ribbon cutting ceremony, we congratulated the new residents of O'Connor Way Senior Housing in South Boston. Thank you South Boston Neighborhood Development Corporation, Boston Housing Authority, Caritas Communities, neighbors and elected officials Councilor Frank Baker, Congressman Stephen F. Lynch, Councilor Michael Flaherty, State Senator Nick Collins and State Representative David Biele for working together to help make this day possible.





I was proud to join my parents in attending the Dr. Clarence “Jeep” Jones Square Dedication in Roxbury this month. We celebrated the exceptional career and legacy of Jeep with his wonderful family. I was proud to join my parents, Mayor Kim Janey, the Veterans Commission, residents of Roxbury and community leaders throughout Boston.



What an exciting August Moon Festival this month at the Rose Kennedy Greenway Conservancy in Chinatown! At the opening ceremony, I discussed the importance of language and communication access, anti-Asian racism and violence in society, and support for our seniors, immigrant neighbors, and the AAPI community.



Thank you Alex Gray for recently inviting Boston City Council colleagues and I to participate in this challenge. Let's continue our important work together to ensure Boston is accessible and equitable for all residents. Persons with disabilities must always be treated with dignity and respect.



It was great to join Boston Police A1 Captain Bob Ciccolo, Mayor's ONS Lisa Hy, and representatives of Downtown Boston, Boston Transportation Department, Downtown residents, Emerson College, Suffolk University and St. Francis House for a walkthrough of Downtown Crossing last week. We discussed public safety challenges and community policing strategies.



It was great to join South End residents at the Lower Chandler Street National Night Out Block Party earlier this month. I spoke to many residents about city

issues. Let's continue to work together to strengthen partnerships among neighborhood watch groups, Boston Police Department, and city agencies.



Thank you Boston Parks and Recreation Department, Friends of the Public Garden, and Mayor Kim Janey for bringing residents together for yesterday's Neighborhood Coffee Hour on Commonwealth Avenue. It was great to join Councilor Kenzie Bok in talking with Back Bay and Beacon Hill residents regarding quality of life issues.



I was honored to attend Chinese Progressive Association's Chinatown Stabilization Block Party this month. I was glad to join colleagues in government to listen to residents about issues such as affordable housing, climate and environmental justice, respect for our seniors and immigrants, as well as food access. Thank you CPA, Chinatown Resident Association, Chinatown Community Land Trust, Councilor Lydia Edwards and State Representative Aaron Michelwitz for your tireless work in making homeownership a reality for first-time homebuyers.



It was nice to see so many youth and families enjoy a cruise on Boston Harbor this month. Thank you to Boston Harbor Now and Bay State Cruise Company for providing a fun evening for Boston residents. Let's continue working together to connect youth and students with our ocean and harbor islands.



Last weekend, my family and I enjoyed a cookout with Boston Housing Authority residents at Mary Ellen McCormack Apartments. It was great to join State Representative David Biele, Councilor Michael Flaherty and Councilor Frank Baker. Thank you to the dedicated and professional Boston Housing Authority Team and Winn Companies for an awesome night!



I had a great start with Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center recently at their “We Love Chinatown Cleanup” event. Thank you to the exceptional team at BCNC and the students from Tufts University School of Medicine and School of Dental Medicine. A special thank you to Chinatown ONS Lisa Hy and Chinatown residents for your dedicated support of the neighborhood.





It was great to see so many South End families recently for the Countdown to Kindergarten Celebration at the South End Library. Let's continue working together for our Boston Public Schools students and families.



It was great to join South Boston neighbors for the Mayor's Neighborhood Coffee Hour at the Medal of Honor Park this month. Thank you Boston Parks and Recreation Department and Mayor Kim Janey for sponsoring this event. We are so proud of the parks system that generations have worked to create and preserve.

I was honored to attend a DAV seminar on women veterans at the start of this month. It is critical that we work together to support women veterans and their access to gender-specific health care. Women veterans should be treated with equal respect and dignity.



Kristen and I enjoyed spending the summer evening with our friends at Methunion Manor Apartments in the South End earlier this month. Thank you for hosting us - I'm honored to represent you in city government!



It was great to attend the Vietnamese Community Cookout at Town Field in Dorchester this month. I'm proud to celebrate the contributions and sacrifices of the Vietnamese and Vietnamese-American community to our city and country. Let's continue to work together to support the AAPI community.





It was great to visit Olga's Kafe on West Broadway in South Boston with my union friends recently. Let's continue to support small businesses in Boston. They play a critical role in our neighborhoods and provide good jobs for so many in our city.

Earlier this month, I joined State Representative David Biele and residents of City Point at Medal of Honor Park to publicly congratulate Luanne O'Connor and the City Point Neighborhood Association for receiving the Boston Police Department Community Service Award.



I was honored to join member of the Caribbean community of Boston, Ms. Shirley Shillingford and Boston City Council colleagues for last week's reception of the Carnival Festival. Let's continue our important work together!

I had an awesome MAMLEO BBQ and backpack school supply event at Dorchester Park last week. It was great to see many families enjoying themselves. Thank you MAMLEO, Boston Medical Center, Boston Police Patrolmen's Association, Boston Emergency Medical Services, Boston Police, Mass State Police and State Representative Chynah Tyler for supporting the event.



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

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