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Dear neighbors,

With the record-long heat emergency recently, and temperatures continuing in the 80s and 90s this week, I hope everyone is able to take measures to stay cool. As we face increasingly hot summers, longer heat waves, and more unpredictable weather extremes, it is imperative that we continue to support climate resiliency projects, as well as work together to address environmental issues in all neighborhoods. I will continue to work with city officials to install climate resilient and cooling infrastructure, plant more trees to reduce heat island effect, and work with our community partners to implement longer-term strategies for all.

At the Boston City Council this July, I was proud to join Councilor Louijeune on a resolution to support the 32BJ SEIU's Security Office Campaign. Security officers have continued going into work during the pandemic and with rising costs and living, deserve to receive higher wages. I also joined Boston Starbucks Workers Unite at a recent rally in their fight for fair labor practices at work.

As we move into August, I have included below a list of Summer events that the City of Boston has organized, from Movie Nights, Neighborhood Concerts to Fitness in the Parks. This will be a good opportunity to enjoy the outdoors with your families, friends, and neighbors.

I hope everyone enjoys the rest of the Summer.

Thank you,
Ed

City and District Updates

BPDA Meetings

- [776 Summer Street - Phase 1, South Boston Public Meeting](#)
 - Wednesday, August 3rd, 6:00 to 7:30pm
- [7-9 Hamilton Place, Downtown Public Meeting](#)
 - Monday, August 8th, 6:00 - 7:00pm
- [65 Wareham Street, South End Public Meeting](#)
 - Tuesday, August 9th, 6:00 - 8:00pm
- [Parcel 6B, South Boston Waterfront Public Meeting](#)
 - Tuesday, August 9th, 6:00 - 8:00pm

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- [4 Park Plaza, Downtown](#)
 - Wednesday, August 3rd at 5:00pm
- [596 East 7th Street, South Boston](#)
 - Wednesday, August 3rd, 7:00pm
- [201 West 8th Street, South Boston](#)
 - Monday, August 8th, 7:00pm
- [190 West 5th Street, South Boston](#)
 - Monday, August 22nd, 6:30pm
- [37 Jenkins Street, South Boston](#)
 - Tuesday, August 23rd, 5:30pm
- [702 East 5th Street, South Boston](#)
 - Tuesday, August 23rd, 6:30pm
- [690 East 8th Street, South Boston](#)
 - Monday, August 29th, 7:00pm
- [417 - 423 West Broadway #406, South Boston](#)
 - Wednesday, August 31st, 5:30pm

Connect Downtown: Cambridge Street Meetings

The Boston Transportation Department has some updates regarding their Connect Downtown: Cambridge Street project. [Learn more here](#) or drop by in-person at the intersection of Cambridge Street & Joy Street on:

- Tuesday, August 9: 3:30 to 6pm (Will be inside West End Library at 151 Cambridge Street in the event of rain)
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We are hiring!

We are seeking an organized self-starter who is positive, hard-working, detail-oriented, and shares a commitment to public service to join our team full-time as the Administrative Director and Neighborhood Liaison. The role's responsibilities include scheduling, community engagement and assisting with other duties. If interested, please contact Ed.Flynn@Boston.gov for more information. Please note Boston residency is required upon hire. Please share this with your contacts.

City Census

Earlier this year, the Boston Election Department launched the City's 2022 [Annual Resident Census](#) and a census form was mailed to every Boston residence. All residents age 17 and older should complete the census. [You can complete this online or by mail.](#) Failure to respond to the Annual Resident Census may result in removal from the active voting list and removal from the voter registration rolls.

New Polling Locations

Based on a [precinct realignment](#) completed last year, precincts across the City were redrawn to increase voter accessibility. Based on the redistribution, [20 new voting precincts](#) were created for the upcoming fall elections. New voting locations will be added throughout Boston as a result of the new precincts. Here are the new locations in D2:

- Back Bay
 - Old South Church - 645 Boylston St (Ward 5)
 - Beacon Hill
 - Beacon House - 19 Myrtle St (Ward 3)
 - Downtown
 - St. Anthony Shrine - 100 Arch St (Ward 3)
 - South Boston
 - District Hall - 75 Northern Ave (Ward 6)
 - Artists for Humanity - 100 West 2nd St (Ward 6)
 - South End
 - Boston Chinese Evangelical Church - 120 Shawmut Ave (Ward 3)
 - Boston Center for the Arts Cyclorama - 539 Tremont St (Ward 4 and 5)
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Monkeypox

Monkeypox cases are on the rise in the United States. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) have reported over 3,000 infections nationally, and there are now over 100 confirmed cases in New England. Last week, I attended a Monkeypox Town Hall organized by the Boston Public Health Commission, Office of Equity and Inclusion and Fenway Health. I have since reached out to Community Health Centers to see how the Boston City Council can be helpful and how we can collaborate on the issue.

Monkeypox symptoms include fever, headache, rash, muscle aches, exhaustion, backache, and swollen lymph nodes. It is contagious until the rash and sores have healed, and can be spread through close skin-to-skin contact with a monkeypox rash, sores, scabs and bodily fluids. It can also be spread through contact with clothing, bedding and surfaces used by someone with monkeypox. According to the Boston Public Health Commission, the risk of monkeypox is not limited to people who are sexually active or men who have sex with men. You can learn more about monkeypox on the [BPHC's website](#).

COVID-19 latest & testing

[According to the Boston Public Health Commission, COVID-19 positivity in the community is at 8.8%.](#) If you are feeling unwell, please get tested and wear a

mask. The BPHC provides free testing in the City. Please visit boston.gov/covid19-testing for available testing sites. I encourage those of you who are not vaccinated or boosted to receive your shots. Vaccines will reduce your risk of COVID-19 infection, severe illness, hospitalization, and death.

Vaccine & Booster latest

The Moderna and Pfizer vaccines have now been approved for children as young as 6 months to 17 years of age. Children ages 6 months to 17 who completed their primary COVID-19 vaccination series for at least 1 month can also get a booster. Second boosters are also now available for those who are ages 50 or older and anyone immunocompromised from the age of 12 and upwards who received their first booster at least 4 months ago.

Free COVID-19 vaccine and booster clinics are available in the City. Please visit boston.gov/covid19-vaccine to find a vaccine clinic. Do note that not all locations will carry vaccines for children ages 6 months to 11. You should contact the vaccine sites for more information.

If you are unsure whether you are eligible for a booster or which booster to get, the State website provides more information here:

<https://www.mass.gov/covid-19-vaccine>

At-home test kits

Residents can sign up to receive free COVID-19 at-home test kits. 4 kits are included per household and ships in 7 to 12 days. Sign up here:

<https://www.covidtests.gov/>

Community Preservation Funding for FY2023

Please note Community Preservation funding for the financial year 2023 is now open. To apply for this funding round, visit CPA's [How to Apply Page](#) and complete a [Rolling Eligibility Form](#). Applications are due August 31, 2022.

There will be community engagement meetings and workshops, which includes going through the Community Preservation Act (CPA) process, the law, how to preserve your neighborhood, application requirements, and the decision-making process. Please see the list of engagement events below.

Community Preservation Virtual Meet and Greet

August 10: Virtual Meet and Greet 6:00 pm [RSVP](#)

August 24: Virtual Meet and Greet 12:00 pm [RSVP](#)

For more, please visit the CPA's website: boston.gov/community-preservation

2022 SuccessLink Youth and Young Adult jobs

Applications for 2022 Boston SuccessLink Summer Youth Jobs are now open. Every Summer, the City partners with 200 community-based organizations to employ Boston's youth. This year, there are 6,000 summer job opportunities for Boston youth ages 14-18 to develop their skills and network. For more information and to apply, please visit: boston.gov/departments/youth-engagement-and-employment/successlink-jobs or contact successlink@boston.gov.

BCYF Lifeguard Applications

Boston Centers for Youth and Families (BCYF) is hiring lifeguards. Apply at [Boston.gov/Lifeguard-Jobs](https://www.boston.gov/Lifeguard-Jobs) and keep swimmers safe this summer!

2022 Summer Eats Program

The Boston Summer Eats program provides nutritious breakfast and lunch at no cost to youth ages 18 and under. The Office of Food Justice is currently recruiting for organizations interested in becoming a meal site to distribute free meals. If your organization is interested, please submit a form here: <https://bit.ly/3OLj7LI>. For more information, contact Kibeh@ymcaboston.org

Rental Relief Fund

The Rental Relief Fund is still available for eligible residents who have difficulty paying their rent, utilities, and moving costs. The fund can provide up to \$10,000 in assistance for eligible households for up to 18 months. To learn more, please go to: <https://www.boston.gov/departments/housing/office-housing-stability/rental-relief-fund>

Small Business Relief Fund

The City of Boston is offering another round of Small Business Relief Fund with \$5 million to help additional local, small businesses as Boston continues its recovery. For more information on how to apply, please visit: <https://www.boston.gov/departments/economic-development/small-business-relief-fund#application>

Metrolist

Affordable housing is one of the biggest issues we face in the City of Boston, and a top concern for many of our working families, low income neighbors, communities of color, and immigrants. The City of Boston provides a resource called Metrolist that helps you find housing based on your income and shows the most recent affordable housing listings. Please take a look and consider filling out an application for an opportunity to access affordable home ownership. For more information, please go to: <https://www.boston.gov/metrolist>

Affordable Housing

There is a new lottery for income-restricted affordable housing at 771 Harrison Ave, South End. There are 3 one-bedroom at 80% AMI, 2 two-bedroom and 1 three-bedroom at 100% AMI. Applications close Friday, August 5th. To request an application, fill out the form at <https://bit.ly/771HarrisonApp>. For more information, please call (617) 782-0330 or email cosmo@sebhousing.com

Food Waste Collection Program

The City of Boston started a new Food Waste Collection program to reduce Boston's reliance on landfills. This program will collect food waste on the same day as trash and recycling pick up and make it easier for Boston residents to sustainably dispose of food scraps that can be used to make compost. Any

Boston resident who lives in a residential building with six units or less is eligible to enroll. If you are interested, please enroll at <https://www.boston.gov/departments/public-works/curbside-food-waste-collection>

Immigrants Lead Boston

The Mayor's Office for Immigrant Advancement (MOIA) recently opened applications for Immigrants Lead Boston, a program for Boston immigrants who want to take initiative to become leaders in their communities. Throughout this 12-week course, participants will meet important City of Boston officials and gain the tools to work with local government. [For more information, visit here](#). The deadline to apply is August 7, 2022. If you have any questions, please reach out to Hawa Yusuf at Hawa.yusuf@boston.gov or call 617-635-5708.

Summer Events in District 2

During the summer, the City of Boston hosts a series of events for families and children. Children can explore different enrichment activities ranging from arts and crafts to sports and recreation. Virtual and in-person weekly fitness sessions are also available for all ages. Listed below are planned activities for District 2. You can find the full list of [arts](#) and [sports](#) online.

Movie Series

Mayor Wu's Movie Night: Soul

Ramsay Park, 1917 Washington St, South End

- August 23, 2022, Tuesday, 7:45pm - 9pm

Drop-off Summer Sports Center for Kids

South Boston Sports Center: M Street Park, South Boston

- July 5 - August 19, Monday - Friday, 9am - 3pm
- Contact: maverick.afonso@boston.gov or 617-961-3039

Boston Citywide Baseball League Ages 7-12: Moakley Park, South Boston

- July 5 - August 12, Monday - Friday, 5:30pm
- Contact: charles.conners@boston.gov or 617-961-3093

Summer Fitness Series

Strength Training: A Street Park, South Boston

- Until October 1, Every Sunday, 9am

Zumba: Blackstone Square, South End

- Until October 1, Every Tuesday, 6:30pm

Strength and Conditioning: Elliot Norton Park, Chinatown

- Until October 1, Every Wednesday, 9am

Frog Pond Yoga: Boston Common, Downtown (Near the Carousel)

- Until October 1, Every Thursday, 6pm
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Council Hearings and Resolutions

Resolution in support of 32BJ SEIU's Security Office Campaign

During the COVID-19 pandemic, security officers continued to work at their posts, protecting thousands of employees, tens of thousands of students, and millions of square feet of commercial real estate in a thriving and rapidly expanding Boston. Currently, 3,000 Boston-area security officers are in contract negotiations in hope of achieving higher wages, affordable healthcare, retirement benefits, and better working conditions. To support security officers in one of the most expensive housing markets in the country, the Boston City Council stands in solidarity with security officers, calling upon security contractors hired by the City of Boston to bargain fairly and in good faith.

Resolution in support of an African American Veterans' U.S. Commemorative Stamp series

For over two centuries, African American soldiers have answered the call to duty, serving in spite of racism and discrimination. They have played an important role in the defense of our nation and placed themselves in the face of danger for the protection of our freedoms despite not being fully free themselves. It is our duty to educate the public and our children about this important and often overlooked part of history. To recognize and celebrate the services and sacrifices African American veterans have made towards the City and our country, the Boston City Council supports Home Base and the Red Sox Foundation's petition for a commemorative stamp series to be issued by the U.S. Postal Service.

In the Community



Recently, I joined Mayor Wu and my colleagues in government for Boston Public Health Commission's B Healthy Summer Fun Day. It was wonderful to

listen and talk with Boston residents and the dedicated and professional team at BPHC.



It was a fantastic Mayor's Cup baseball tournament at Moakley Park in South Boston. Thank you to the Parks Department, tournament officials, umpires, coaches, players and their parents. It was great to join Mayor Wu and to see so many teams throughout Boston!



I joined Rose Kennedy Greenway Conservancy, Representative Michlewitz, Senator Edwards, Councilor Coletta, Councilor Bok, MassDOT and residents of the North End and the West End for the opening of North Meadow on the Greenway recently. Green spaces in our city must always be protected. They are truly one of the treasures of life in Boston!



It was great to chat with the dedicated and professional team at the Boston Mayor's Commission for Persons with Disabilities.
Disability rights are human rights!



I was honored to join Boston's Puerto Rican community for the annual Flag Raising ceremony in the South End last week. We celebrated the contributions and sacrifices made by the Puerto Rican community to our city and country.



Recently, I was proud to join colleagues in government in celebrating the 212th anniversary of Colombian Independence at City Hall Plaza. We also recognized the significant contributions and sacrifices made by the Colombian community for our city and country.



Last Sunday, I was on site with the Boston Water and Sewer Commission at the Chinatown Gate. Thank you BWSC for providing water to Chinatown residents during the heat emergency.



I was honored to attend last week's opening of Eileen's House in Dorchester. This home is a residential facility for women in recovery. Thank you to the Gavin Foundation Board of Directors for making this dream a reality! A special thank you to all those that helped financially support this home.



Thank you to the Boston Transportation Department for working with Southie neighbors, South Boston Elected Officials and I on the blinking pedestrian signs at L St and East Third St. Many seniors, persons with disabilities and families with children cross here. I will continue to advocate for raised crosswalks, speed bumps, and rapid flash beacons with pedestrian islands.



Tent City was built because of the commitment of housing advocates. It's home to Black and Brown residents, working families, seniors and veterans. It must remain affordable. Let's not displace the residents of Tent City. As a city, we cannot turn our backs on this diverse community.



I was honored to attend Chinese Progressive Association's BBQ with many from Boston's Chinese and Chinese-American community in July. Let's work together to support our immigrant neighbors and advocate for language and communication access, affordable housing, training and education opportunities, dignity and justice.

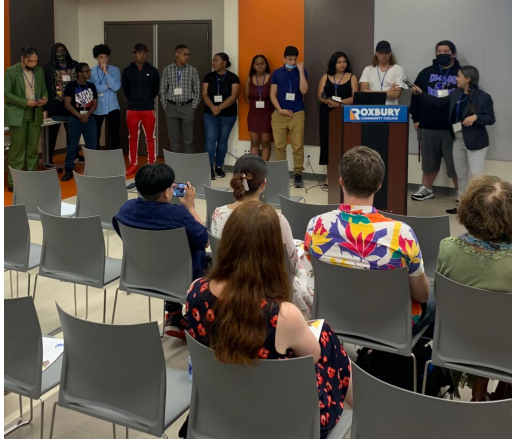


I was delighted to attend the 2022 Harborfest Kickoff in Downtown Crossing earlier in July. Boston is a wonderful and inclusive place to celebrate the July 4th weekend.

I was honored to join the Greater Boston Labor Council for their 2022 legislative breakfast recently. I am proud to represent my Boston City Council colleagues to discuss the important role organized labor and collective bargaining play in our city. Economic justice is one of the most important principles that guide me.



Last week, I was proud to listen and learn from BPS students as they presented their findings on Extreme Heat in Roxbury. They discussed their research methods and policy recommendations for this public health threat. This was an outstanding partnership between Roxbury Community College, UMass



I was honored to participate in the New Democracy Coalition's July 4th ceremony as we read passages from the writings of Frederick Douglass. As we work together for social, economic and racial justice for all, we must also work to end the ongoing hate crimes in our city and country.



Recently, I joined Councilor Bok, Councilor Louijeune and Greater Boston Labor Council in standing with Boston Starbucks Workers United at 874 Commonwealth Ave in their fight for fair labor practices at work. The Boston City Council will always stand in solidarity with workers and their right to collective bargaining and economic justice!

The Museum of Science is a very special place where generations of Boston families - including my own - have spent many happy hours learning and exploring. Thank you for always reminding us what an important role science plays in our lives and to never stop reaching for the stars!



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

