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Dear neighbors,

Happy December!

It has been an eventful two weeks since my last newsletter. On top of regular City Council business, I partnered with the Mayor's Office of Civic Organizing to bring the City Hall on the go Truck to South Boston, Chinatown and the South End; I attended and spoke on a panel about rebuilding trust in the community at the National League of Cities 3-day City Summit in Kansas City, Missouri; I joined various Thanksgiving celebrations with different non-profits to provide food to those who are in need; and I attended the 80th anniversary of the Coconut Grove Fire memorial.

At the Council, I worked with the Disabilities Commission to file an ordinance to amend the City of Boston Code related to closed captioning on public-facing televisions. This amendment will improve accessibility to those with hearing disabilities by providing visible captions on public televisions.

As we move closer to the end of the year, I wish everyone a joyous holiday season with your families and friends. I encourage everyone to stay up to date with the flu shot and the latest COVID-19 boosters ahead of the winter holidays. I have included more details below.

City and District Updates

BPDA Meetings

- [Seaport Square Virtual Public Meeting](#)
 - Monday, December 5th, 6:00 – 8:00 pm
- [7 Channel Center IAG/ Virtual Public Meeting](#)
 - Wednesday, December 7th, 6:00 - 8:00 pm
- [Parcel P12C \(290 Tremont Street - Bay Village/Chinatown\) Community Visioning Meeting](#)
 - Monday, December 12th, 5:30 to 7:00 pm
- [PLAN: Downtown - Planning Recap and Scenarios Workshop](#)
 - Wednesday, December 14th, 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Abutters Meetings

- [36 G Street, South Boston Abutters Meeting](#)
 - Monday, December 5th, 6:30 - 7:30pm
- [1556 Columbia Road, South Boston Abutters Meeting](#)
 - Wednesday, December 7th, 5:30 - 6:30 pm
- [744 East 8th Street, South Boston Abutters Meeting](#)
 - Wednesday, December 7th, 6:30 - 7:30 pm
- [160 West 7th Street, South Boston Abutters Meeting](#)
 - Monday, December 12th, 5:30 - 6:30 pm
- [110 Tudor Street, South Boston Abutters Meeting](#)
 - Monday, December 12th, 6:30 - 7:30 pm
- [630 Dorchester Street, South Boston Abutters Meeting](#)
 - Monday, December 12th, 7:30 - 8:30 pm

Cannabis Meetings

Proposed marijuana establishment community outreach meeting:

- [Seven Peaks, 52-60 Winter Street, Downtown](#)
 - Monday, December 19th at 6:00 pm (TBD)
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The Enchanted Trolley Tour and Tree Lightings

Saturday, December 3 and Sunday, December 4

For more info visit: boston.gov/enchanted-trolley



Enchanted Trolley Tour and Tree Lightings in District 2

I look forward to joining the Mayor's Enchanted Trolley Tour and Tree Lightings in District 2 this weekend. Please join us if you are in the neighborhood!

- Saturday, December 3rd at 5:45 pm - Blackstone Square, South End
- Sunday, December 4th at 2:00 pm - M Street Park, South Boston
- Sunday, December 4th at 3:00 pm - Beach Street & Harrison Avenue, Chinatown

For more, please visit: <https://bit.ly/3ONniXN>

Peter's Park Little League & Jim Rice Field Virtual Community Briefing #1

The Parks Department will be holding a community briefing for Peter's Park Little League and Jim Rice Field on Wednesday, December 7th at 6:00 pm. Neighbors can provide feedback on the site analysis and conceptual design at the briefing. For more on the project, visit: boston.gov/peters-ramsey-parks. To register for the zoom link, please go to: bit.ly/petersjimrice1.

**PETER'S PARK LITTLE LEAGUE
FIELD & JIM RICE FIELD
COMMUNITY BRIEFING #1**

Wednesday, December 7, 2022 | 6:00 p.m.
Join the meeting: bit.ly/petersjimrice1
Project page: boston.gov/peters-ramsey-parks

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COVID-19 latest & testing

[According to the Boston Public Health Commission, COVID-19 positivity in the community is at 7.4%](#). 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, and prevent severe illness, and hospitalization.

Vaccine & Boosters

The Moderna and Pfizer vaccines have now been approved for children as young as 6 months to 17 years of age. For more about vaccine information for children, please check the following websites:

- [Children ages 6 months to 4 years](#)
- [Children and Youth ages 5-17](#)

Free COVID-19 vaccine and booster clinics are available in the City. Please visit [boston.gov/covid19-vaccine](https://www.boston.gov/covid19-vaccine) to find a vaccine clinic. Do note that not all locations will carry vaccines for children. 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>

Resources for Businesses

The Office of Economic Development hosts zoom calls for small business owners and provides information and resources. The calls takes place on the last Tuesday of the month at 3pm on Zoom and Facebook Live:

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

Metrolist

Affordable housing is one of the biggest issues we face in the City of Boston, and a top concern for many of our seniors, 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 provides 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>

Council Hearings and Resolutions

An Ordinance amending the City of Boston Code Related to Closed Captioning on Public Facing Televisions

This amendment to the City of Boston Code Chapter 12 subsection 4 seeks to improve accessibility to those with hearing disabilities by providing visible captions on public television. The lack of access to audible content on TVs in public places has always been a barrier for those who are deaf or hard of hearing. When businesses enable the “open captions” function on their TVs, a live transcript of the program’s audio content is shown across the bottom of the screen, and these visible captions would eliminate a significant communication barrier for those with hearing loss and other disabilities. Visible captions increase access to information for the general public as televisions are often located in crowded and noisy commercial spaces where everybody may have difficulty hearing.

In the Community



Last week, I was proud to visit St. Monica Church in South Boston to thank the wonderful volunteers for the Msgr. Tom McDonnell & Frank Kelley Thanksgiving Dinner Delivery for seniors and families in need. We are grateful to the volunteers and sponsors of this outstanding annual event!



On Monday, we gathered together for the 80th anniversary of the Coconut Grove Fire. We honored and prayed for the victims and survivors of the deadliest nightclub fire in the country, and remembered the heroic response of the Boston Fire Department and first responders. As a result of this horrific fire, critical changes were implemented in building codes and medical treatment for burn survivors. Through this tragedy, we saw the best of what Boston was and continues to be.



It was an honor to recognize Lou Pasquale, a WWII Veteran and American Hero at the DAV5k race at Castle Island in November. The rain didn't stop the hundreds of participants. Thank you to the Disabled American Veterans for your tremendous support for veterans and our military families!



Thank you to the Coalition for a Resilient & Inclusive Waterfront for sponsoring an informative tour of the working port of Boston this week. Thank

you to the dedicated team at Massport, Port of Boston and Flynn Cruiseport for their critical role in New England's economy.



It was great to join my colleagues in government, the Richard Family and constituents from Fort Point and the South Boston Waterfront for the 2nd Annual Holiday Ship Lighting at Martin's Park. This wonderful park always reminds us of why Boston is such a great city!



Recently, I had the opportunity to visit the dedicated and professional Inquilinos Boricuas en Acción (IBA) team and thank them for their outstanding support to the Villa Victoria residents. I'm proud to represent this diverse and welcoming neighborhood!



Thank you to Asian American Civic Association for sponsoring this week's Community Forum on quality of life issues in Chinatown. We discussed air quality and pollution, pedestrian & public safety, trash pickup and our pest control strategy, illegal dumping, and BPS education.



One of the highlights of being City Council President is having the opportunity to meet people from all over the world. Kristen and I had the honor and opportunity to welcome Consul General Kotaro Suzuki from Japan to Boston.



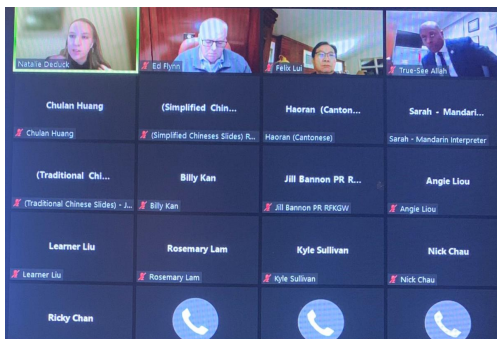
I had a wonderful time meeting with South End and Chinatown residents for the City Hall On The Go Truck. I enjoyed partnering with the Mayor's Office of Civic Organizing and the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services to provide access to city services on site. Thank you to the constituents from Villa Victoria, Torre Unidad & Tai Tung Village for coming out!

It was great to join the Boston Parks Department and South End residents for a meeting at Peters Park recently. We discussed the important role that Peters Park plays in the South End and the overall role that green spaces play in our city. No one in Boston lives more than a ten minute walk to a park.



Kristen and I joined members of the South Boston MOMS Club for a reception to honor their outgoing president, Rachel Pearson. Thank you to Rachel and this wonderful organization for your support of so many children and families in our neighborhood!

We worked closely with Mayor Walsh and Mayor Wu and city officials to ensure City Hall Plaza is a welcoming space for families and persons with disabilities. We are proud of the accessibility improvements that are featured prominently in the City Hall Plaza renovation.



I joined the BPDA for an informative meeting recently to discuss the critical need to build affordable housing in Chinatown. I'm proud to represent this wonderful and diverse neighborhood. Boston works best when we work together!

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



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