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Dear neighbors,

Spring is finally in full bloom and it is great to see our streets, sidewalks and parks bustle with life and activity again.

We are now a third of our way into Budget Season. In District 2, there are three notable new capital plan investments, including \$4 million for a new firehouse at the South Boston Waterfront, which the South Boston elected officials and I have long advocated for, \$1.1 million for engineering and construction work at the Shawmut Avenue Bridge so that it remains in a state of good repair, and \$2.4 million for a feasibility study and initial design for a new park built on a deck over the I-90 highway and MBTA tracks between Shawmut Avenue and Washington Street as part of the federal Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program.

At the City Council, I filed a hearing order to discuss the creation of an Office of Pest Control in the City Boston. There has been a sharp uptick in rodent and pest activities in our neighborhoods since the pandemic, which has deeply impacted residents' quality of life. I believe having a dedicated position and office on pest control - similar to what New York City recently did - would allow for a more streamlined and coordinated approach to address the issue, and come up with more innovative ways to prevent pest infestations.

There are a variety of events and activities around the City from May until the end of August, and I encourage residents and families to take advantage of the City's Summer Fitness Programs, Parks programs and youth sports programs to enjoy the outdoors. The City and a number of organizations such as the YMCA also offer summer youth programs. It is important to encourage our youth to utilize the City's SuccessLink Summer Youth Employment Program and BCYF programs to gain new skills and make new friends over the summer.

Thank you,
Ed

City and District Updates

MCCA Meeting re D & E Street Parcels (In-person)

Please note the Massachusetts Convention Center Authority will be hosting two public meetings regarding the MCCA-owned parcels on D and E St by the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center. Please join us these important meetings.

- Tuesday, May 16th at 6:30 pm
Condon School, 200 D St, Boston, MA 02127
- Tuesday, May 23 at 6:00 pm at
District Hall Boston, 75 Northern Ave, Boston, MA 02210

Summer Safety and Engagement Community Conversations Meeting (In-person)

- Wednesday, May 17, 6:00 - 7:00 pm,
Condon School, 200 D St, Boston, MA 02127

Community Preservation Act Information Session (In-person)

- Thursday, June 8, 6:00 - 7:30 pm
South Boston Branch of the Boston Public Library, 646 E Broadway,
South Boston, MA 02127

Upcoming Special Election Dates

9th Suffolk Representative District (to fill vacancy caused by the resignation of Representative Jon Santiago):

- Special State Election: May 30, 2023;
- Voter Registration Deadline: May 20, 2023

District 8 City Councilor (to fill vacancy caused by the resignation of Councilor Kenzie Bok)

- Special Municipal Primary: June 27, 2023;
- Voter Registration Deadline: June 17, 2023

FY23 Community Preservation Grantees

This year, the Community Preservation Committee and team allocated \$40 million in funding to support neighborhood projects across the city. Below are

the projects that are funded in District 2:

South Boston

- McDevitt Senior Homes, \$2.5 million
- Congress Street Fire Station Restoration, \$395,5000

Chinatown

- Parcel R-1 Affordable Housing (rental & ownership) \$4.2 million
- St. James the Greater Church Restoration, \$400,000

Downtown

- Tremont Temple Baptist Church Restoration, \$750,000

Beacon Hill

- Peter Faneuil House Restoration and Basketball Court Rehabilitation, \$280,000

FY24 Community Preservation Act (CPA) Eligibility Determination

The CPA Eligibility Determination Form for FY 2024 is now available. Every year, the CPA team determines if a proposed project meets the eligibility criteria based on the CPA statute. If your project is eligible, applicants are then invited to submit an application for consideration to the CPA's nine-member Community Preservation Committee (CPC). You can review CPA's [Eligibility Determination Packet](#), the [How to Apply Page](#), and complete an [Eligibility Determination Form](#) online. The deadline to submit an Eligibility Determination is **Thursday, August 31, 2023 at 5 pm.**

Boston Park Summer Fitness Series

The 2023 Boston Parks Summer Fitness Series is here! This includes virtual and in-person classes across the city. All classes are free and open to the public. You can view the full list of classes at <http://boston.gov/fitness>.

Sports Programs for Youth

Register for youth sports programs in the Summer:

<https://www.boston.gov/departments/parks-and-recreation/parks-sports-and-activities>

SuccessLink Summer Youth Employment Program

The city's annual SuccessLink Summer Youth Employment Program is now accepting applications. There are 5,000 youth jobs in partnership with local nonprofits and community organizations, and 2,000 City-based youth jobs this year. Check for your eligibility and apply at:

<https://boston.gov/departments/youth-employment-and-opportunity/successlink-jobs>

Connect Downtown: Charles Street South & Tremont Street

The Boston Transportation Department will be hosting a number of in-person events for Connect Downtown: Charles Street South & Tremont Street to address pedestrian safety, look at curb ramps that do not meet accessibility standards, and discuss connecting the bike network. There will be a few drop by sessions on the corner of Charles Street South and Warrenton St/Melrose St from 4-6 p.m on the following dates:

- Tuesday, June 27

- Tuesday, July 18
- Tuesday, August 15

Residents can also schedule virtual office hours every other Wednesday from 3-7 p.m. For more information, please visit:

<https://www.boston.gov/departments/transportation/connect-downtown#charles-south--tremont>

Renew your MassHealth

The MassHealth redetermination period has started. Members should update their contact information and any changes in household, job, income, disability status, pregnancy to continue receiving benefits. Please ensure your health coverage is maintained. To renew your coverage, please visit:

<https://www.mass.gov/masshealth-eligibility-redeterminations>

For assistance, you can call the Mayor's Health Line at 617-534-5050 or visit:

<http://boston.gov/mayors-health-line>

Leaf and Yard Waste Collection

Leaf and yard waste curbside collection will resume on Monday, April 10.

Download the Boston Trash Day app for collection & drop-off dates or check here for the full schedule: <https://boston.gov/departments/public-works/leaf-and-yard-waste-schedule>

Mattress Recycling

The Public Works Department now provides a free citywide curbside mattress and box spring recycling service for those living in a building with 6 units or less. You can schedule your pick up appointment by dialing 311. To learn more, visit: <https://www.boston.gov/departments/public-works/mattress-recycling>

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

Order for a hearing to discuss the creation of an office of pest control in the City of Boston

I filed a hearing order with Councilor Coletta to discuss the creation of an Office of Pest Control in the City Boston. There has been a sharp uptick in

rodent and pest activities in our neighborhoods since the pandemic, which has deeply impacted residents' quality of life. Currently, pest control is cross-departmental effort in the City of Boston, with Inspectional Services, Public Works, Boston Water and Sewer Commission being the main points of contact. Having a dedicated position and office on pest control would allow us to better address the issue, allow for a more streamlined and coordinated process in reducing pests, and come up with more innovative ways in prevent pest infestations.

Resolution designating a Citizen Square at the intersection of Boylston and Dartmouth Streets in Back Bay in recognition of Lt. Col. Enoch "Woody" Woodhouse

I'm proud to co-sponsor this resolution with Councilor Kenzie Bok to recognize and honor Lt. Col. Enoch "Woody" Woodhouse for his exceptional service and sacrifice to our country by designating a Citizen Square at the intersection of Boylston and Dartmouth Street in Back Bay. Woody was born and raised in Boston in 1927 and enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps all black segregated unit 322 Fighter Wing at Moton Field, Tuskegee, Alabama, known as the "Tuskegee Airmen" following the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. He was honored for his distinguished service despite clear racist challenges he faced during his military service. He later distinguished himself as a Department of State Diplomatic Courier in Europe, the Middle East, and was on the last flight out of Havana, Cuba, in 1959. Lt. Col. Woodhouse was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal by President George W. Bush in 2007, and was appointed to the State Militia with the rank of Brigadier General by Governor Charlie Baker in 2022. He has been a longtime champion and advocate for veterans and military families throughout his life. We are very proud of his remarkable achievements.

In the Community



It was great to join Mayor Wu, State Rep Elect John Moran, players, coaches,

sponsors, and South End and Roxbury residents for the opening of South End Baseball.



It was wonderful to celebrate the kick off of Flynn Cruiseport Boston's Cruise Season recently with the 2023 Maritime Champion, Senator Nick Collins. Senator Collins was recognized for his exceptional advocacy of the maritime economy and Port of Boston. A special thank you to the Massachusetts Port Authority team!



It was wonderful to join South Boston, South End and Back Bay residents for the recent Love Your Block clean-up. We take pride in our neighborhoods and our city! Thank you to the Boston Public Works Department and Boston Parks and Recreation Department.



In April, I visited the Murphy K-8 School for their literacy initiative, “Reading Across the Murphy.” I was honored to read “Bark, George” to kindergarten students. It was informative for me to be in a Boston Public Schools classroom and observe the exceptional teaching and learning taking place!



Last week, I was honored to attend El Mundo Boston's Latino Professional

Mixer. Latino residents are an indispensable part of our city and workforce. They are our neighbors, friends, colleagues, educators and essential workers. Thank you for your many contributions to our city and our neighborhoods!



Recently, I joined our friends at the Massachusetts Association of Minority Law Enforcement Officers for their 55th Anniversary Gala. These law enforcement officials have our sincere thanks for what they do every day! You make the Commonwealth a safer place for all of us.



It was great to join South Boston neighbors for a special lunch sponsored by the

South Boston Neighborhood House recently. Thank you to all of our seniors for the contributions and sacrifices you have made to our city and country.



Kristen and I enjoyed attending May Day at Hayes Park in the South End recently. It was wonderful to see so many young families and longtime residents enjoying this beautiful park! Our parks and open spaces bring us together as a community and provide outdoor space for all of us.



Thank you to AACA Boston for sponsoring Monday's forum on Asian Hate in Boston. We must acknowledge the rise in violence against the AAPI community. Let's ensure the voices and concerns of Boston's AAPI community, immigrant families and communities of color, are heard and respected.



I enjoyed meeting with the Boston 311 team with my staff last week. 311 receives over 400,000 constituent calls annually and helps with City Services from trash and mattress pick-up, tree trimming, street lighting, parking, textile recycling. Thank you for your hard work to keep the city running!



Thank you to Chinatown Main Street, the Public Works team, Chinatown ONS Chulan Huang for coordinating the Love Your Block Chinatown and Leather District clean up. Let's continue to work together to provide healthy and clean neighborhoods for all!

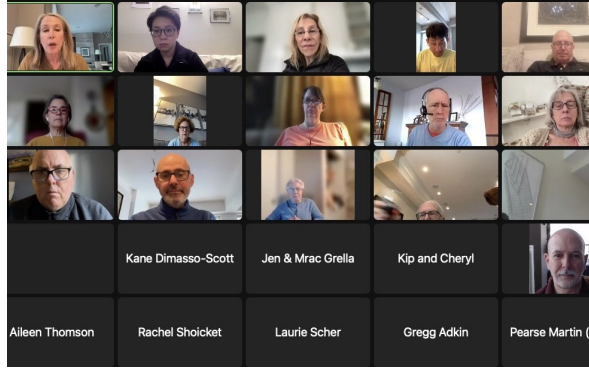
Thank you to Chief Idowu for organizing a small business walk on Old Colony Avenue in South Boston. We appreciate the city's outreach. It's critical we continue to welcome and provide support to our small businesses. They offer opportunity and add vibrancy to our community.



Over the weekend, Kristen and I enjoyed the Concert For The City at Symphony Hall where the performances by Boston Symphony Orchestra and Mayor Wu were outstanding! Symphony Hall and the BSO are two of Boston's great treasures. Thank you for bringing us together through music, arts and education.

It was great to finish the evening

with South End residents for the recent monthly meeting of the East Berkeley Neighborhood Association. We discussed quality of life issues, city and neighborhood services, the city budget and other South End challenges.



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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