

BOSTON CITY COUNCILOR AT-LARGE

**ERIN  
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### From the Iannella Chamber



At our Council Meeting this week, I filed several Orders, a Resolution and my first Home Rule Petition that passed unanimously! It is an act authorizing electronic application transmission of ballots to better guarantee voting rights for absent uniformed services voters and overseas citizens in municipal elections. Council President Ed Flynn, Navy veteran, co-sponsored this HRP with our office. #votingrights

[Read more here about my legislation.](#)





### CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS THE STRATEGY TO  
PREPARE RESIDENTS FOR THE SHUTDOWN OF THE MBTA

- WHEREAS,** The MBTA's announcement that it will shut down the Orange Line and a portion of the Green Line for 30 days at the end of the summer forces many of our BPS students, colleges students, city workers, and residents to shift the way they get to school, work, and around the city; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The Orange Line will shut down from August 19th through September 18th, and the Green Line will be shut down from Government Center station to the newly opened Union Square station from August 22nd through September 18th; *and*
- WHEREAS,** According to the *Boston Globe*, in 2021, before ridership dipped in the wake of service cuts in the summer of 2022, the Orange Line saw 104,000 average weekday trips, the second most among the MBTA's rail service; *and*
- WHEREAS,** This shutdown will affect all residents, but especially the neighborhoods of Charlestown, the North End, the West End, Downtown, Chinatown, the South End, Jamaica Plain, and Roxbury; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The shutdown coincides with the first day of school for Boston Public Schools on September 1st and will last until the third week of school; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Boston Public Schools are not the only concern, with two community colleges and Tufts Medical School also served by the MBTA. Thousands of students attend Roxbury Community College and Bunker Hill Community College, both of which sit on the Orange Line, and as commuter students, many require the services of the MBTA to get to school; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Many City departments must coordinate together to support our residents, help the MBTA succeed, and mitigate disruption for our students, working families, immigrant neighbors, seniors, and communities of color; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**
- ORDERED:** That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing to discuss the strategy to prepare our residents for a month-long shutdown of the MBTA, including community outreach and transportation alternatives.

Filed on: August 10, 2022

## MBTA Closure

Yesterday I filed a hearing with Councilor Michael Flaherty to help prepare residents for the MBTA's shutdown. Looking forward to the work ahead as we collaborate with City and State departments to get this right for the commuters.



### CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO ADDRESS THE MONKEYPOX  
VIRUS AND THE CITY'S STRATEGY FOR THE BREAKOUT

- WHEREAS,** Since the first US monkeypox case was identified in mid-May, more than 6,600 probable or confirmed cases have been detected in the United States. Cases have been identified in every state except Montana and Wyoming; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The federal government declared a public health emergency against the Monkeypox virus to bolster the response to the outbreak. The announcement will free up money and other resources to fight the virus, which may cause fever, body aches, chills, fatigue, and pimple-like bumps on many parts of the body; *and*
- WHEREAS,** As of Thursday, August 4th, Massachusetts state officials reported 157 confirmed cases of monkeypox; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Vaccination efforts nationwide have been criticized as slow and lackluster. The federal government said it had a limited supply of the JYNNEOS vaccine in its stockpile. Massachusetts has requested a total of 26,271 doses and, so far, has been sent 16,251 doses of that allotment; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Monkeypox can spread to anyone through close, personal, often skin-to-skin contact; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The virus is not unique to the LGBTQ community, and these individuals shall not be stigmatized for it. The nature of monkeypox's close-contact spread has led to a disproportionate impact on such individuals in the LGBTQ community; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The COVID-19 pandemic is still not over with the new highly transmissible BA.5 Omicron subvariant lurking. Boston must be prepared to handle two public health threats simultaneously; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**
- ORDERED:** That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing to address the Monkeypox virus and discuss the strategy for the city, including preventative steps, availability and access to testing and vaccinations, treatments, and increasing knowledge and awareness of the virus to residents. Representatives from the Administration, the Boston Public Health Commission, healthcare staff, and any other interested parties shall be invited to attend.

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## Monkey Pox Outbreak

We learned many lessons dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic over the past two years, so now is the time to implement what worked, and change what didn't, so we can best serve everyone and keep our City safe and healthy.



## Community Health Centers

I filed a Resolution this week to recognize August 7th - 13th as National Community Health Center Week, honoring the extraordinary contributions our Health Centers provide to every community across the nation. In Boston, there are 22 Community Health Centers providing the primary health care to more than 1/3 of our residents in Boston.

## National Purple Heart

As the Chair of Veteran Affairs, I was proud to support President Flynn's resolution in declaring August 7th as National Purple Heart Day.



This day offers Americans a special opportunity to say “Thank You” to the nearly two million brave men and women who fought for our nation’s freedom and bear the physical scars of war. It is the ultimate sacrifice for our country, and I applaud such brave recipients. □□□

### Courageous Sailing □



Joined [Courageous Sailing Center](#) at their Swim Sail Science Showcase

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I learned so much from the students who shared their work with us. They are true advocates for the environment, and our community. We need to support organizations like Courageous Sailing, that teach our children how to swim and safely enjoy our Boston Harbor. [#sailing](#) [#stem](#) [#summercamp](#)





### Central Staff



We are extremely fortunate to have the best staff to support all the work we do on the Council. Thank you!

#### State Representative Liz Malia

I enjoyed seeing Rep. Malia in Jamaica Plain, along with Superintendent Baston. Liz has served in the Massachusetts House of



Representatives since 1998 and some of her most popular bills have been, an Act driving clean energy and offshore wind, and an Act creating a next-generation roadmap for Massachusetts climate policy.

## Red Sox Out Of The Park



We celebrated America's pastime as they brought the excitement of Fenway to the Common. In partnership with the Boston Red Sox and Boston's Parks and Recreation Department, The Highland Street Foundation has created the annual Out of the Park event, a free, family-friendly program that transforms a busy corner of the Boston Common into Fenway Park. The Red Sox game was presented live on a big screen, and the excitement of Yawkey Way and Fenway Park with free food and fun activities.

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## Clerk Alex Geourntas



Congratulations Clerk Alex Geourtas on your official swearing in as our City Clerk. I look forward to continuing our work together. Thank you for all you do for the City Council and the City of Boston.



### **Brother Marcus Lewis**

It was an honor to help present Brother Marcus James with the Community Service Award, along with Captain Boyle from BPD C-11, Mayor Wu, and other elected officials.

I loved learning all he does for his neighbors in the community. His strong faith, and commitment to the City, makes his neighborhood better for everyone. The highlight for me was meeting his son Noah, who was beaming with pride for his father.

Through the  
Decade

NOVA'S 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
**Trung Thu Festival**

Town Field Park  
1565 Dorchester Ave, Dorchester MA 02122  
Saturday, September 10th, 2022, 4 PM - 9 PM

**SPONSOR & VENDOR INFORMATION**



**gold  
lantern  
sponsor** \$2500

- Gold tier logo feature on all promotional materials (posters, flyers, festival banner, programs)
- Sponsor booth (10'x10')
- 2 Sponsor banners (stage & entrance)
- Honored in official speech
- Promotional materials included in *Swag Bag* giveaways
- Social media promotions (facebook, instagram, website)



**silver  
lantern  
sponsor** \$1000

- Silver tier logo feature on all promotional materials (posters, flyers, festival banner, programs)
- Sponsor banner at festival
- Sponsor booth (10'x10')
- Social media promotions (facebook, instagram, website)



**bronze  
lantern  
sponsor** \$500

- Bronze tier logo feature on all promotional materials (posters, flyers, festival banner, programs)
- Sponsor booth (10'x10')
- Social media promotions (facebook, instagram, website)

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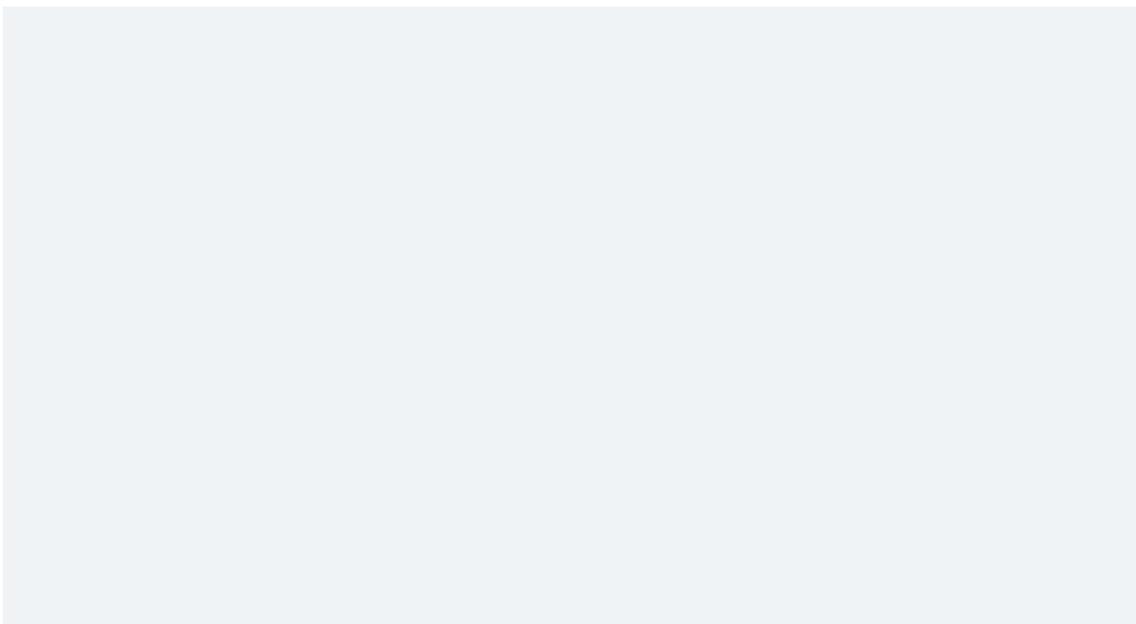


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info@novaboston.org  
For sponsor/vendor inquiries, contact Nina at 617-301-2847.

## Senior Fishing Trip





Thank you to [Age Strong](#) for sponsoring the Nubian Square Task Force and Vine Street Community Center's 16th annual fishing trip to Onset. Our very own Lisa had a great time with the seniors, and the fish..



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BOSTON CITY COUNCILOR AT-LARGE

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**Erin Murphy,  
Boston City Councilor At-Large**

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**Jamaican Independence Day** □□



Celebrated Jamaican Independence Day with Councilor Brian Worrell and other leaders in the Jamaican community. Part of Boston's richness is the ability of so many communities to retain their ties to and affection for their ancestry or the lands they were born. We're a city of immigrants and those who welcome immigrants, and the Jamaican community has been such a vibrant part of our city's fabric for so long.



**Operation Hoodsie Cup**

The Boston Police Department started taking the "Operation Hoodsie Cup" truck to the streets in July of 2010. Since then, it's become so popular, the department needs help from the

Boston Police Cadets to keep up with the demand to be at city events.



### Office of Neighborhood Services

Love seeing the ONS Team at events in neighborhoods across the city. They work hard by assisting residents with city services and share important information directly with neighborhoods.

[Reach out to ONS](#)



### Rakiem's Birthday Walk at the Zoo



Rakiem Strickland, a former student at the Murphy School, has been gathering in community for the last eight years on Saturday morning for their walk through Franklin Park. He named his walking group FFLH: Family and Friends Living Healthy and Walking in the Right Direction. To celebrate his birthday last Saturday, we organized the walk to go through the Franklin Park Zoo. We had great conversations and a lot of fun with the animals. Thank you Rakiem for bringing people together! Our City needs more people like you.



## St. Agrippina di Mineo Feast

Watch the Video!



## Roxbury Open Streets



Stopped by the second [Open Streets Boston](#) in Roxbury. This is a collection of free, family-friendly events while the City closes major thoroughfares to motor traffic, opening them for pedestrian use including walking, rolling, biking and to connect with neighbors and local businesses. It was great to see so many out in the community and enjoying their neighborhood.



## Supporting Small Businesses



I always enjoy stopping by my favorite fruit truck on Talbot Ave. Nothing more refreshing than actual coconut water straight out of the coconut itself! August marks **#blackbusinessmonth!** Support locally-owned black businesses in Boston year-round!

### Small Business Saturday



#### Celebrating Black Business Month

August is National Black Business Month! Did you know that black businesses disproportionately struggle to acquire business loans? Or, that during the Covid-19 pandemic have had a difficult time staying afloat? Black business owners have unfairly had to work harder than others in this pandemic, an unacceptable truth. Keep swiping to find a few black-owned businesses here in Boston that you can support!



### Black Business Month



Clarke's Cakes and Cookies, Dorchester

BGM Apparel, Roxbury

Black Owned Bos., Roxbury

Boston Bike Rentals, East Boston

Fresh Food Generation, Dorchester





We have the best coffee shops in Boston and I enjoy stopping at all of them! ☕

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### Grove Hall Creamery ☐



Congratulations to Domingo Montiero on the opening of your new business in Roxbury. The Grove Hall Creamery will be my new stop when I am out for ice-cream. From Cleary Square to Lower Allston, mom-and-pop cafes and small shops are what make our neighborhoods special. They provide jobs, a path to the American Dream for small owners, and they provide the spice and flavor to our unique, diverse neighborhoods.

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## North End Community Leader



Love when I meet community leaders doing what they do best... showing up and helping others! John Pregmon is very involved in the his neighborhood of the North End. Thank you for all you do. We appreciate you!

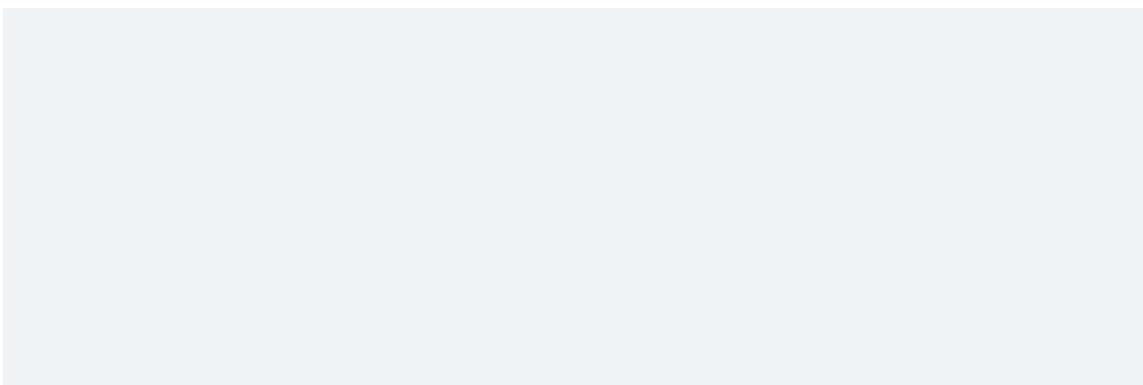


## Boston Gospel Fest

Loads of fun at the Gospel Fest at Franklin Park Field. Great gospel music with special guest Travis Greene. We were singing and praying with so many neighbors! Thank you to the [Office of Tourism](#) for hosting such a fun event.



## Red Store in CTown





I always stop by the Red Store to visit Johnnie when I am in Charlestown. Got myself new Townie hat this visit. Thanks JK! ☐

## Chinatown Stabilization Block Party



We had a lot of fun at the Stabilization Block Party in Chinatown. I was joined by President Flynn, Councilor Louijeune, Mayor Driscoll and many Chinatown residents. Thank you to the [Chinese Progressive Association](#) and Boston Chinatown Resident Association for organizing this event and always advocating for your residents so they can continue to work and live in Chinatown.

Play 4 Peace ☐



This tournament, organized by Rising Stars, brings community members from the suburbs into the city to join students, and Boston police officers in friendly games. Connecting the communities in a way that has never been done before. Each team has an officer, a suburb player and a Boston player. It was great to join them and meet new neighbors.



## Boston Planning & Development Agency and Mayors Office Housing



Joined Mayor Wu, Chief of Planning Arthur Jemison and Chief Sheila Dillon as they

announced that the BPDA Board of Directors will vote on a [new policy](#) introducing diversity, equity and inclusion into the review process for large projects in the City of Boston. This proposed policy would request that proponents disclose diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) plans for large projects when they are filed with the BPDA through Article 80.

## Coffee with a Cop ☕☐☐♂



**SWEET LIFE BAKERY**  
2243 Dorchester Ave.  
Dorchester, Ma. 02124

Wednesday  
August 17, 2022  
9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Participants will receive a  
FREE Boston Police Travel Mug



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For more information, please contact the Neighborhood Watch Unit at 617-343-4345



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**Olga's Kafe**  
206 W Broadway, Boston,  
MA 02127

Thursday  
August 25, 2022  
9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Participants will receive a  
FREE Boston Police Travel Mug



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## Community Celebration on Woodrow Avenue





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