

BOSTON CITY COUNCILOR AT-LARGE

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**From the Iannella Chamber**



## **Highlights from the \$349.5 million ARPA funding the City Council unanimously passed**

- **\$45 million** to build affordable housing in the City
- **\$20 million** for Boston's arts & culture sector, including placemaking murals and cultural anchors in BIPOC Communities
- **\$15 million** to create permanent supportive housing for homeless individuals
- **\$12 million** for a new Center for Behavioral Health & Wellness to combat the mental health crisis
- **\$6 million** for a youth green jobs program
- **\$4 million** for a new life sciences workforce and early college pathway
- **\$3 million** to expand tuition-free community college
- **\$750,000** to support childcare programs serving our families
- **\$500,000** to support constructing a new playground at the O'Donnell School in East Boston
- **\$100,000** to fund active engagement for seniors

# Councilor Muphy's Specific ARPA Initiatives:

- Accelerating our economic recovery by investing in workforce development programs:
  - **\$350,000** for YouthBuild Boston
  - **\$100,000** for Newmarket Business Association
- Ensuring an equitable response to the ongoing pandemic through operational grants in support of mental health, homelessness, and recovery organizations:
  - **\$400,000** for The Phoneix: National Active Sober Community
  - **\$200,000** for St. Mary's Center for Women & Children
  - **\$200,000** for NamaStay Sober
  - **\$200,000** for The Gavin Foundation

**Total Funding: \$1,450,000**



**NamaStay Sober**



**The Gavin Foundation**



**Newmarket Business Association**



**The Pheonix**



**YouthBuild**



**St. Mary's Center for Women & Children**

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## **Policy Update**

**A Hearing to Ensure a Safe Environment in our Boston Public Schools**





## CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO ENSURE THAT ALL INCIDENTS OF BULLYING AND VIOLENCE ARE PROPERLY REPORTED TO ENSURE A SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL STUDENTS AND STAFF IN THE BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

- WHEREAS,** A recent audit of Boston Public Schools by the state Department of Elementary and Secondary Education reported that the Boston Public School system does not support the physical, social, and emotional well-being of all students and does not ensure a safe environment for all students; *and*
- WHEREAS,** That audit also found that the district's system for managing, responding to, and resolving complaints is not responsive to parent and guardian concerns. This has led to some parents not believing that the district schools prioritize the physical, social, and emotional well-being and safety of all students; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Acts of violence in Boston Public Schools, including physical assaults, bullying, and sexual assaults, are much to blame for this report; *and*
- WHEREAS,** District data shows more than an 80% increase in bullying complaints to 440 this year, compared to the 243 complaints in 2018-2019, the last full year of in-person learning. The rise in bullying prompted a student-led protest at the Boston Arts Academy in Dorchester and parental criticism of behavior in a third-grade class at the Manning School in Jamaica Plain; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The recent report on the Mission Hill School makes painfully clear that unabated sexual and mental abuse of students took place there for nearly a decade to countless students as young as 4 and 5; *and*
- WHEREAS,** With all the recent, tragic incidents in schools nationally, it's clear that sensible, timely communication regarding dangerous school situations is more important than ever. Now is the time for law enforcement and Boston Public Schools to cooperate, rather than alienate; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Due to a 2020 school policy to protect students' privacy, schools now provide less information to law enforcement than ever before, which in some cases, adversely impacts the safety of students. The policy requires law enforcement officials to get approval from Boston Public School lawyers or obtain a subpoena or court

order for information about students except in extreme emergencies, such as an active shooter situation; *and*

**WHEREAS,** There is frustration with the lack of action and accountability by Boston Public Schools. *The Boston Globe* reported on three assaults this spring where one student beat another with a Chromebook laptop, leaving one child bloodied and another with a concussion. In all three cases, the parents, rather than the schools, contacted the police; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Crimes happening outside school grounds are also a growing worry. The May 11th stabbing at Nubian Square Station is one recent incident. Both victim and attacker were students of Boston Public Schools. In another incident, earlier this spring, a teacher and student were shot just outside of TechBoston Academy in Dorchester; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Concerned parents and guardians are removing their children from Boston Public Schools. Enrollment has steadily dropped for over ten years and has only accelerated in the last two years; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Boston Public Schools is responsible for over 46,000 students and 10,000 school staff. The mental and physical safety of these students and school employees is of most importance; *and*

**WHEREAS,** The recent acts of violence - assaults, bullying, and sexual harassment - must be investigated and appropriately addressed with the help of the Boston Police Department to ensure the public safety of all students and staff in Boston Public Schools; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

**ORDERED:** That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing to examine how the Boston Public School Administration handles all types of assaults and misconduct with law enforcement and to discuss much-needed transparency and solutions for such incidents in the upcoming school year. Representatives from the City of Boston, Boston Public Schools, Boston Police Department, MBTA Transit Police Department, the Office of Safety Services in Boston Public Schools, the Office of Equity in Boston Public Schools, youth leaders, members of the public, and any other interested parties shall be invited and are encouraged to attend.

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## City of Boston's 3.99 Billion Budget

## Key Wins from the FY23 Budget Meetings



- Increased investment in athletics for our BPS students
- Expanded mental and emotional health services for seniors and veterans
- Additional recovery services in every neighborhood
- Investment in workforce development
- Expansions of programming for seniors and youth at our BCYF Centers
- More accessible and equitable public waterfront spaces
- Plans to build out public performance and art spaces in parks and public squares
- Additional wellness benefits, including equipment, programming and wellness opportunities for seniors at BHA housing

## Additional Wins from the FY23 Budget Meetings



FY23 budget proposed a 5.8% increase from FY22 to the following key areas:

- **Housing affordability:** Including creating and acquiring new affordable housing units, housing stability services and an expanded voucher program
- **Green Initiatives:** Including a greener city vehicle fleet, city-wide compost program, investments in the tree canopy and open space
- **Public Safety:** Additional public safety measures, rooted in Public Health, including a Behavioral Health center and a coordinated crisis response program
- **Additional funds** for the **Office of Black Male Advancement and Office of Returning Citizens**
- **Increased funding for Inspection Services** to address rodents and pests across the city



## WATERGOAT CLEANUP



Join Muddy Water Initiative on Sunday, July 31st from 10-11:30 am for their WATERGOAT cleanup! Our Team had a lot of fun last time! Don't forget to wear your closed toed shoes, and clothes you don't mind getting dirty! Get ready to **#getmuddy** with us again!

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## Eileen's House



Wonderful day for the ribbon cutting festivities for Eileen's House in Dorchester with the Gavin Foundation, Governor Baker, Secretary Walsh, Councilor Baker, Councilor Flynn and State Representative Fluker-Oakley! It's their first substance abuse treatment facility exclusively for women. We need more organizations like The Gavin Foundation to battle the opioid crisis. We are in this together!

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## City Cleanups





Team Murphy shows up at cleanups in neighborhoods all across the City. It is a great way to meet new neighbors and make our City beautiful. We were recently at Brighton Main Streets and Moakley Park cleanups.

## Asian Community Development Corporation

- SAVE THE DATE -

# FILMS AT THE GATE (FATG)

FRIDAY - SUNDAY  
**AUGUST 26TH - 28TH**

COME ENJOY SPECIAL PERFORMANCES AND  
CHINESE MARTIAL ARTS FILMS AT OUR 17TH ANNUAL  
FESTIVAL!

**CHIN PARK ON THE GREENWAY**

 Asian Community  
Development Corporation  
亞美社區發展協會  
Building Homes. Empowering Families. Strengthening Communities.

FREE EVENT!

It's that time of the year! ☐☐ Don't miss out on our 17th annual Films at the Gate, at the Chin Park on the Greenway.

**Downtown Boston Residents'**

## Association



We go to community meetings and events every night of the week. It was great to join the Downtown RA at their monthly meeting. We talked about neighborhood safety, supporting businesses, traffic and bike lanes.

## Breathe Life Together Block Party



Thank you to the Greenway Conservancy and co-curators Chez Vous/Boston Swerve and AfroDesia City for organizing such a fun Block Party on the Greenway! This free event featured a pop-up roller rink, free skate rentals, live music, performances, DJs, painting, and food trucks to celebrate and activate Rob "ProBlak" Gibbs' **Breathe Life Together**.

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# We Remember Frankie



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Rest in peace, sweet Frankie. Massachusetts State Police lost Frankie when he was fatally shot on the job in an attempt to capture a wanted fugitive. We are thinking of Frankie, and Frankie's handler today. Dogs are family. [#restinpeace](#) [#k9unit](#)

## Fenway Gardens ☐☐



We joined gardeners at the Fenway Gardens to help weed and plant. Helping make our City beautiful one garden at a time!





## The Pheonix

We had the pleasure of visiting our friends at The Pheonix. As a sober active community, they do incredible work and is supported by a fantastic volunteer system. They literally saves lives!

## Local Graffiti Artists







Thank you Jeremy Harrison for organizing this event in Grove Hall to showcase local graffiti artists. The theme was "What is left?" meaning what am I leaving for my son or daughter on a land once ours?

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### Back-To-School Backpacks ☐



Our Team helped out at the 11th Annual Back-to-School Distribution at the Salvation Army Boston Kroc Center.

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### Happy Birthday Simon Bolivar





We joined La Donna Musicale and RUMBARROCO to celebrate Simon Bolivar's birthday with music, Venezuelan treats, and the continuation of our humanitarian and educational campaign for Venezuela.

### SuperTeens



Councilor Baker and I were honored to host the Leahy-Holloran Community Center SuperTeens for a field trip to City Hall. The BCYF SuperTeens Program is a six-week leadership program for 13 and 14 year olds. Youth gain a high-quality service learning and leadership experience during July and August.

The SuperTeens Program will have the opportunity to:

- be mentored by BCYF staff throughout the summer
- participate in webinars and professional development workshops that will highlight employment skills
- participate in weekly in-person social and recreational activities, including field trips to museums and challenges that include design activities
- earn a stipend at the conclusion of the program, and
- engage in activities that encourage civic engagement and physical health and wellness.



Fun day at the Independence Day Celebration at Columbus Park in the North End.



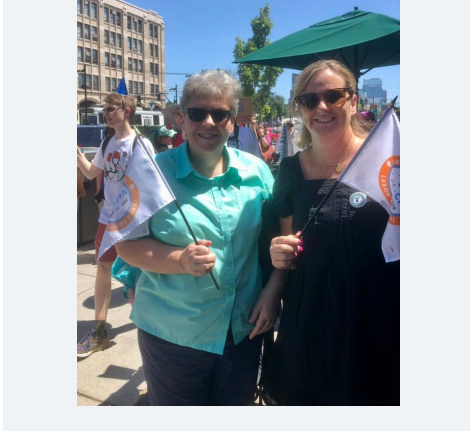
## Supporting Small Businesses

**Smitty's Barbershop** in Lower Mills is always friendly, and a neighborhood favorite! Smitty's is legendary and their service is incredible. Give them a visit the next time you need a trim!

**[#smallbusinessaturday](#)** **[#supportlocal](#)**  
**[#actionnotjustwords](#)**

## Supporting Starbucks Workers





Joined Starbucks workers striking for better wages and benefits. I always stand with workers and join their picket lines. #unionstrong

### Big Papi ☐



Our very own Lisa had the pleasure of having fun with Hall of Fame inductee, David Ortiz! A true class act who helped our city in more ways than one, when we needed him most. Welcome back, Big Papi!



### Massachusetts Immigrant Collaborative

Happy to join Massachusetts Immigrant Collaborative (MIC) for their 2nd Anniversary. We celebrated the resiliency and solidarity of the immigrant community. They struggled through the pandemic, but came together to support each other and help their families survive. Very proud of MIC for all the families they supported over the last two years.



## Area B Senior Group



I joined chair yoga with Officer Carina Shepard from B2 and the fun seniors. ☐☐♀ I look forward to joining this Senior Group more often!

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## Four Corners



Great community event at the the Ripley Playground Family Day in Four Corners.

### Ronan Park Kite Festival ☐

We joined neighbors in Ronan Park for the annual Kite Festival! They provided the kites and had food on



the grill, food trucks, kids art by Dot Art, the BPL Bibliocycle, and kids sports by ADSL.

## Gold Star Wives



As the Chair of Veterans, Military Families and Military Affairs I was proud to attend the 77th Annual Gold Star Wives National Convention and present them with a City Council Citation. The Keynote address was by Michael "Rod" Rodriquez, President and CEO of the Global War on Terrorism Memorial Foundation.

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## Neponset Bowl





As a Boston Public School teacher for over twenty years, I am proud of all my students! It is my great pleasure to highlight the kindness and charitable spirit of my former student, Aidan Devlin, along with Thomas Donahue, who are the organizer for the Neponset Bowl. They just held their fourth-annual flag football game in honor of local families experiencing hardship. This year, the game was played in honor of Deb and Conor Olsen, a mother and son diagnosed with Hodgkins Lymphoma and breast cancer within weeks of each other this year. Conor recently completed chemotherapy, a huge victory for the family. Thank you Aidan and Thomas

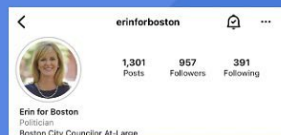
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# Monkey Pox



## What to Know About the Monkey Pox Virus

### Symptoms

- Fever
- Headache
- Muscle aches and backache
- Swollen lymph nodes
- Chills
- Exhaustion
- Sore throat, nasal congestion, and/or cough
- A rash that can look like pimples or blisters that appears on the face, inside the mouth, and on other parts of the body, like the hands, feet, chest, genitals, or anus.
- The rash goes through stages before the infected is healed entirely
- Monkeypox typically lasts between 2-4 weeks

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## What to Know About the Monkey Pox Virus

### Spread

Monkeypox is RARE. However, according to the CDC, the virus is spread by:

- Direct contact with the infectious rash, scabs, or body fluids
- Respiratory secretions during prolonged, face-to-face contact, or during intimate physical contact, such as kissing, cuddling, or sex
- Touching items (such as clothing or linens) that previously touched the infectious rash or body fluids
- Pregnant people can spread the virus to their fetus through the placenta
- Being scratched or bitten by the animal or by preparing or eating meat or using products from an infected animal
- Monkeypox can spread from the time symptoms start until the rash has fully healed and a fresh layer of skin has formed.
- People who do not have monkeypox symptoms cannot spread the virus to others



## What to Know About the Monkey Pox Virus

### Prevention

To prevent infection and spreading the virus, the CDC recommends:

- **Avoiding skin-to-skin contact with people who have a rash that looks like monkeypox.**
  - Do not touch the rash or scabs of a person with monkeypox
  - Do not kiss, hug, cuddle or have sex with someone with monkeypox
  - Do not share eating utensils or cups with a person with monkeypox
- **Do not handle or touch the bedding, towels, or clothing of a person with monkeypox**
- **Wash your hands often with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer**





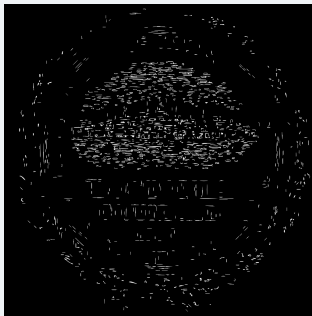


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### Boston Vaccination Sites

Get vaccinated to protect yourself! Vaccinations are available at these Boston-area sites:

- Fenway Health (Boston): Appointments can be made by calling 617-927-6060 Monday through Friday between 9 AM and 5 PM
- Massachusetts General Hospital Sexual Health Clinic (Boston): Appointments can be made by calling 617-726-2748 Monday through Friday between 8 AM and 4:30 PM
- Boston Medical Center (Boston): Appointments can be made by calling 617-414-2803 Monday through Friday between 9 AM and 5 PM
- East Boston Neighborhood Health Center (Boston): Appointments can be made by calling 617-568-4500 Monday through Friday between 8 AM and 5 PM



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