



Happy **Valentine's Day** Boston. Be kind and spread love.❤️





Filed a Hearing Order to discuss the payroll concerns of many of our Boston Public School teachers who are owed back pay, and sponsored a Hearing Order to increase the pay for Boston Municipal Officers. As a life-long union member, and strong supporter of our City workforce, I will always advocate for the pay of our colleagues.

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ERIN MURPHY



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-THREE

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS THE PAYROLL CONCERNS OF MANY OF OUR BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS WHO ARE OWED BACK PAY

- WHEREAS,** At the Boston City Council meeting on Wednesday, October 19, 2022, the Council unanimously voted to pass Resolutions #1240 and #1241 and approve the appropriations for the three-year Boston Teachers Union contract; and
- WHEREAS,** Boston Public School Teachers have been working without a contract since September 1, 2021 and the new contract covers the three-year period September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2024; and
- WHEREAS,** The contract includes pay increases, at the minimum, of 4.2% over three years that include retroactively paying teachers back to September 2021; and
- WHEREAS,** Commissioner of Schools Jeff Riley said last year, "There are just a myriad of problems here, many of them emanating from a fiscal control office that is often incapable of the most basic functions." Paying our workforces is one of, if not the most, important basic functions of the School Department; and
- WHEREAS,** Katherine Cronin, Chair of the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, suggested that the mandated improvement plan between the State and the School District may need to be amended to include payroll issues; and
- WHEREAS,** The City of Boston owes close to \$100 million and Boston BTEU members more than \$14 million dollars in back pay. As of today, those payments have not been made to the teachers. **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**
- ORDERED:** That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to discuss the payroll concerns of thousands of our Boston Public School teachers, Representatives from the Mayor's office, Boston Public Schools, Boston Teachers Union, and other interested parties shall be invited to attend.

Filed on: February 5, 2023

OFFERED BY COUNCILORS LUISA FERNANDES ANDERSON, MICHAEL D. AHERN, EDITH W. BAKER, BOB, LARA, ARROYO, BEE ADON, LOU LEE AND MURPHY



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO INCREASE THE PAY FOR BOSTON MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

- WHEREAS,** The City of Boston recently became the second most expensive city in the United States to live in, with 94 percent of all apartments in the city at \$2,000 or above a month; and
- WHEREAS,** The Federal Reserve states that in order to have financial security, households should not spend more than 28 percent of their income on housing; and
- WHEREAS,** In Boston, residents would need to earn around \$80,000 in order to spend at most 28 percent of their income on housing; and
- WHEREAS,** A Harvard University study has found that a salary of \$151,000 is needed to own a home in Boston; and
- WHEREAS,** The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics has recorded that Boston's Consumer Price Index has risen by 7 percent from 2021 to 2022, with energy prices increasing by 26.7 percent and food prices increasing by 19.6 percent; and
- WHEREAS,** In accordance to Chapter V, Section 5-3.3 of the Boston Municipal Code, every employee of the City of Boston, must be a resident of Boston; and
- WHEREAS,** Boston Municipal Protective Services (BMPS), who are charged with protecting City employees and property; and
- WHEREAS,** BMPS salary starts at \$35,000.70 which is less than 200 percent above the poverty level, and \$14,912.50 less than Boston's average per capita income; and
- WHEREAS,** BMPS maximum salary is \$72,200.00, which is obtained after working for five consecutive years for the BMPS; and
- WHEREAS,** BMPS plays an integral role in protecting and preserving our publicly owned spaces while allowing the unincorporated Boston Police Department to focus on other areas; and





Thank you Joyce for your decades of service to the City of Boston. Congratulations on your well deserved retirement! Relax and enjoy, you deserve it!

Richard J. Murphy School



I was proud to host the Richard J. Murphy School in the Council Chamber with Councilor Baker. We honored Truc Lai, the Family Liason, for doing a wonderful job celebrating the cultures of all the students and families at the Murphy. Thank you for your hard work and dedication to our children and families.



Lunar New Year celebration with the Murphy School community!



City Council Central Staff



Thank you Ethan, and all the Central Staff, for setting up and smoothly running our offsite Council Hearing. Team Murphy appreciates you!

Keyon Sprinkle



Thank you Jessica Thomas for your love and advocacy to make this day happen! I was grateful to meet Keyon Sprinkle, and his family, and celebrate his freedom and the new Keyon Sprinkle Square, together in community. When our systems fail individual citizens, we must do everything to correct them.









Kicking off Black History Month at City Hall! Proud of honoree, George "Chip" Greenridge, and his efforts against racial inequality.



Northeastern Interns are the best! Hardworking, intelligent, motivated and always put a smile on my face! We have incredible talent at all the universities around the City and we should tap into this talent more at City Hall, and across the City.



Love working closely with the Mayor's Office of Tourism, Sports and Entertainment, and Michel Bonetti, at events around the City.



Hyde Park

North End



Thank you ONS and Hyde Park Main Streets for hosting the Coffee Hour. We love being in the neighborhoods and meeting the people.

Savin Hill



Always love bumping into Chief when I stop to get my coffee at Sugar Bowl Cafe!

West Roxbury



Always delicious, and fun, when we have staff lunches in the North End!

Mattapan



Meeting with the Seniors at the Mildred Ave Community Center to plan for senior activities.

South Boston



Thank you to the Ward 20 Democratic Committee for having me at your meeting and congratulations to all the newly elected Ward 20 Delegates!



Thank you Ambassador Flynn, Mr. Kneeland and Mr. McCarthy for your service and for coming to the "Valentines for Veterans" event hosted by Council President Flynn and the South Boston Moms Club.

Beacon Hill



Loved meeting up with our new State Auditor, Diana DiZoglio, at Carrie Nation. Thank you Marc and Jamie for joining.



Chinatown



What a fun day at the Josiah Quincy Lunar New Year Celebration. We were joined by Council President Ed Flynn, and members of the Boston School Committee, and entertained with wonderful cultural dance & music by the students!

Downtown



Thank you Boston Park Rangers for the tour of the Public Garden. It was informative and fun to learn from you as you bring our City history to life. Did you know the Public Garden is the first botanical garden in the United States.



East Boston



Great to see Father Sean at the Grand Opening of the new police station in East Boston.

Dorchester



Come by McKeon Post on 3/11 for a fun day for th



SUMMER JOBS ARE HERE!

SUCCESSLINK REGISTRATION STARTS

I am committed to youth development and social emotional health and that includes providing employment during the summer months to our youth. Studies show that summer jobs promote confidence, skill building, networking, self-management, relationship skills, responsible decision making and income. The City, through the Department of Youth Engagement and Employment (DYEE) SuccessLink Employment Program, offer 6,000 job opportunities for our Boston youth.

APPLY TODAY

Valentines for Veterans



Such a fun evening making Valentines for South Boston Veterans with Council President Ed Flynn, Moms Club of South Boston and the veterans at the Fitzgerald VFW Post 561! Wonderful lesson to teach our young children to honor and celebrate those who have sacrificed for our freedoms!

Kids in City Hall



Love when Boston Public School students visit us at City Hall.

February Vacation Resources for Families



Ice Skating

DCR ice rinks provide excellent seasonal recreational opportunities that are enjoyed by both the young and the young of heart during the winter time.

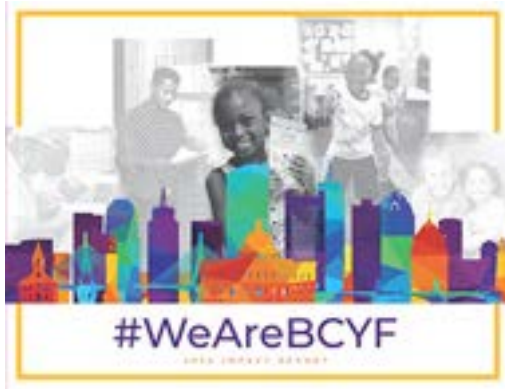
**Check Out the DCR
Schedule**



BCYF SWIM FOR SAFETY

Youth ages 4-12 can learn to swim for free at a BCYF pool.

Swim Schedule



BCYF VACATION WEEK ACTIVITIES

Boston Centers for Youth & Families community centers host various programs and events during school vacation weeks.

[Register Here](#)

Franklin Park Zoo



Forecast for Valentine's Day is CUTE with a Chance of Sun. Why not bring your snuggle bunny on an outdoor date with some of the cutest little critters in town? **Franklin Park Zoo** is open for romance. From red pandas to baby monkeys, the Zoo is the perfect backdrop for Love.

[Plan your Visit](#)

State Parks



Come out and play in your Massachusetts State Parks and enjoy a fantastic array of family friendly programs and experiences for all ages.

[Program Schedule](#)



The BASE

As a program of The BASE, HOOPZ is grounded in both player development and youth development, and includes access to significant academic & career resources. BASE HOOPZ serves approximately 350 student-athletes, ages 6-19, year-round with league play, skills training, academics, and mentoring.

BASE Hoops Tryouts

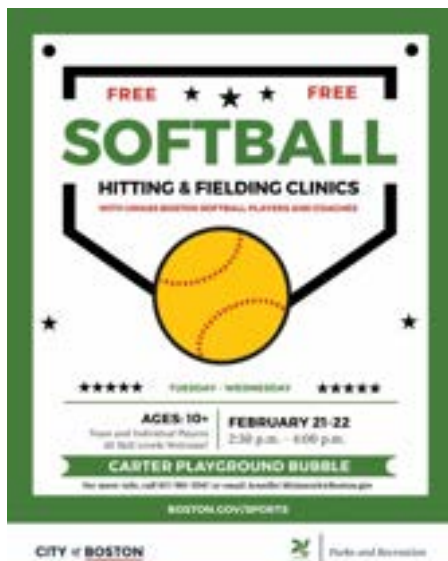


Check out our many February Vacation Programs — including drumming, poetry, and sewing workshops, crafts, games, and more!

Boston Public Library February Vacation Programs

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Programming Schedule



Softball Hitting and Fielding Clinics

Tuesday, February 21 and Wednesday, February 22, 4:30 p.m. – 6 p.m.
The Bubble at Carter Field, 709 Columbus Avenue. The program features UMass Boston softball players and coaches and is open to teams and individual players of all skill levels.

Pre-Register Here



Parks Department Hosts February School Vacation Week Activities

Children, parents, and caregivers are invited to join the Parks Department for February school vacation week. Enjoy Open gyms, Softball Hitting and Fielding Clinics. Online registration and more information on all these free family activities can be found on the **Parks Department website**.

[Parks Department Website](http://www.HighlandStreet.org)

Highland Street Winter Camp



Winter Camp

February 20-24, 2023

www.HighlandStreet.org

MON 2/20	TUE 2/21	WED 2/22	THU 2/23	FRI 2/24
Buttonwood Park Zoo 9 am - 4 pm 	**Mass Audubon: Snowshoeing** 1-2:30 pm 	City of Boston Winter Festival 11 am - 2 pm 	Skating Party @ DCR Steriti Memorial Rink 11 am - 2:50 pm 	**Museum of African American History** 10 am - 4 pm 
Enjoy Winter Camp 2023! 	MIT Museum 10 am - 5 pm 	Ice Skating @ Larz Anderson Park 12 pm - 5 pm 	Cape Cod Children's Museum 9 am - 1 pm 	Capron Park Zoo 9 am - 4 pm 
	Old Colony History Museum 10 am - 4 pm 	**Polar Park Tours** 9 am - 2 pm 	**Maritime Gloucester** 10 am - 4 pm 	International Volleyball Hall of Fame 11 am - 3 pm 

** Denotes advanced registration is required. Please visit HighlandStreet.org for signup information**

We are pleased to present Winter Camp, a week of FREE, enriching opportunities during February school vacation. Come join us at any of the events listed below. Please note that some activities require advance registration. Click [HERE](http://www.HighlandStreet.org) to visit our website and learn more about Winter Camp 2023!



City of Boston
Parks and Recreation



CHILDREN'S WINTER FESTIVAL



Wednesday, February 22
 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Boston Common, Parade Ground

MUSIC • FREE GIVEAWAYS • FUN ATTRACTIONS • TREATS + MORE

boston.gov/winterfest

For more info, call (617) 635-4505, email parks@boston.gov    [bostonparksdept](#)

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[Learn More Here About the Winter Festival](#)



Black History Month at the BPL

Families with children ages 4-12, free admission.

- February is Black History Month, and the Boston Public Library (BPL) has a suite of educational **events honoring Black heritage**. During February break, the BPL is inviting families with children ages 4-12 to join percussionist Cornell Coley for a drumming lesson at eight of its branches. With a workshop scheduled for almost every day of break (and free admission), it's an easy activity to fit into any schedule.

Find a Fun Event at a BPL Branch Near You



Love when I wear the same warm jacket as my constituents. ❤️



West Roxbury / Parkway Senior Center



Standing room only at the Council Hearing at the Elks in West Roxbury to advocate for a stand alone Senior Center and hear from our seniors in West Roxbury about what they want to see for services. Thank you City Council Central Staff, Age Strong, Ethos and Human Services for being panelists. Thank you also to State Reps Ed Coppinger and Rob Consalvo for attending and sharing what state funds and services you are allocating for our seniors up at the State House.

Mildred Ave. BCYF



Excited for the new Senior Room at the Mildred Ave. Community Center. Thank you to Barbara Cricklow, Age Strong and BCYF for planning for this dedicated senior space and programming.



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.

Small Business

SATURDAY



Sugar Bowl Cafe
857 Dorchester Ave, Dorchester

BOSTON CITY COUNCILOR AT-LARGE
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Visiting Jade Garden was the perfect way to celebrate the end of the Lunar New Year celebrations. Remember to keep coming back to Chinatown throughout the year and enjoy their delicious restaurants!



Deirfur Home

Great to stop by Justine's shop on Broadway for her Ladies' Night craft event. Neighbors coming together makes for a strong community.

Chill On Park

Ending my day bringing treats home from Chill On Park. I didn't forget the dogs!







Love when Tuskegee Airman 'Woody' Woodhouse of Roxbury comes by City Hall to visit.



We hope you can join us at Florian Hall on Saturday, February 25 for our annual Black Veterans Appreciation Brunch.

[Click Here to Register](#)



City of Boston Veteran Services

We recognize, engage, and advocate for our veterans and their families, by connecting them with the services and resources they've earned.

[Read More here about Veteran Services](#)



Groundbreaking for the Fire House at Meeting House Hill





I was honored to be part of this exciting day with the Boston Fire Department, Public Facilities, and other City departments as we broke ground on a new Meetinghouse Hill Firehouse, Engine 17, Ladder 7 District 7.

Boston Police A-7





Excited for the Grand Opening of the new A-7 Police Station on East Eagle Street in East Boston. It is the first new police station in over decade built in our City and represents a \$29.9 million investment.



Apple Grove Community Meeting





At the Apple Grove Civic Meeting with Mrs. Huggins, B3 Police and Commissioner Cox. Talking with the neighbors about their concerns around speeding cars, need for more police cameras and a police presence.

Catie's Closet



Thank you Catie's Closet for your amazing work and partnership with many of our Boston public Schools. You are providing our students with tools they need to be successful.



Thank you Chu,
Chinatown/Downtown
Boston ONS Liason, for
organizing a wonderful
Lunar New Year
Celebration in City Hall.





We are in a mental health crisis and I will move quickly to ensure that ALL our children have access to high-quality mental health care, robust athletic programs and the opportunity to attend effective before and after school programs. Our children deserve it and they are depending on us.

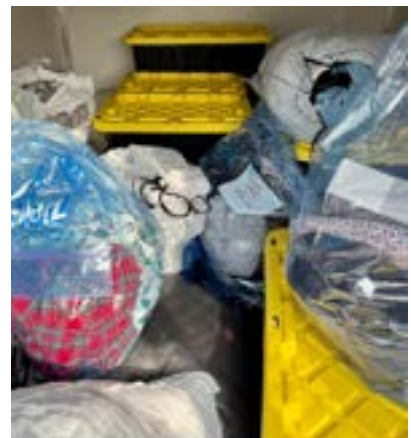
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Boston Police C-11 Clothes



Thank you Officer Carole Collins, and C-11, for helping us organize a clothe drive for families along with Ms. Shirley at the Mattapan Food Pantry. Working together, to help contituents in need, is what it is all about!





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Please reach out to our office if there is anything you need. We are here for you!



I don't agree when they say City Hall is one of the ugliest buildings, but I think everyone would agree that we have beautiful views.

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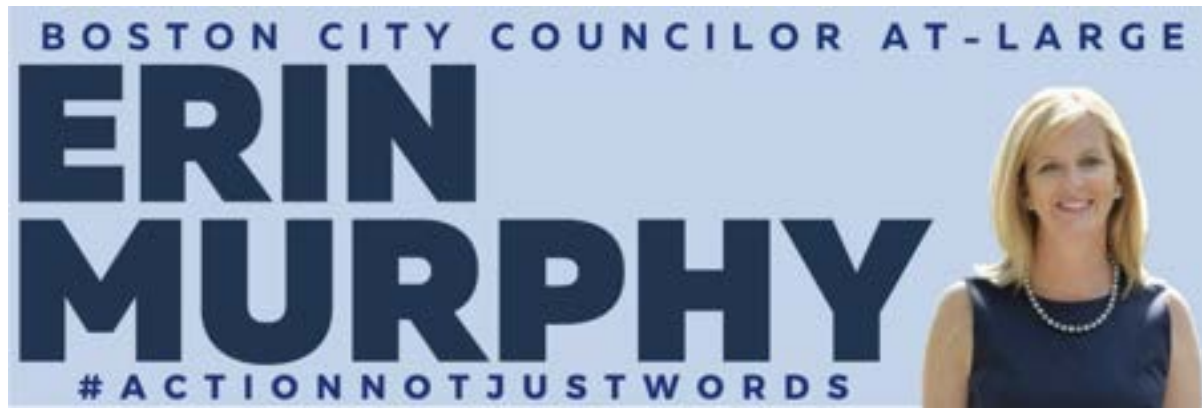
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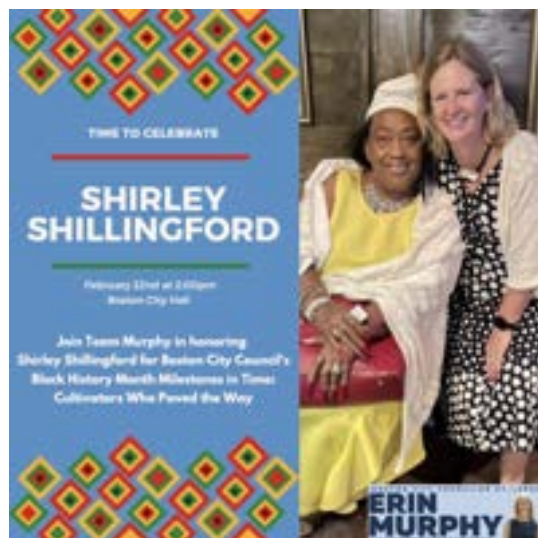
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Ms. Shirley Shillingford



Honored to present Ms. Shirley Shillingford the Boston City Council Black History Month Milestones in Time: Cultivator Who Paved the Way Award. Her dedication to the City of Boston is inspiring to me and I am proud to call Ms. Shirley and friend and a trusted role model. Thank you for you all you do each and every day Ms. Shirley.





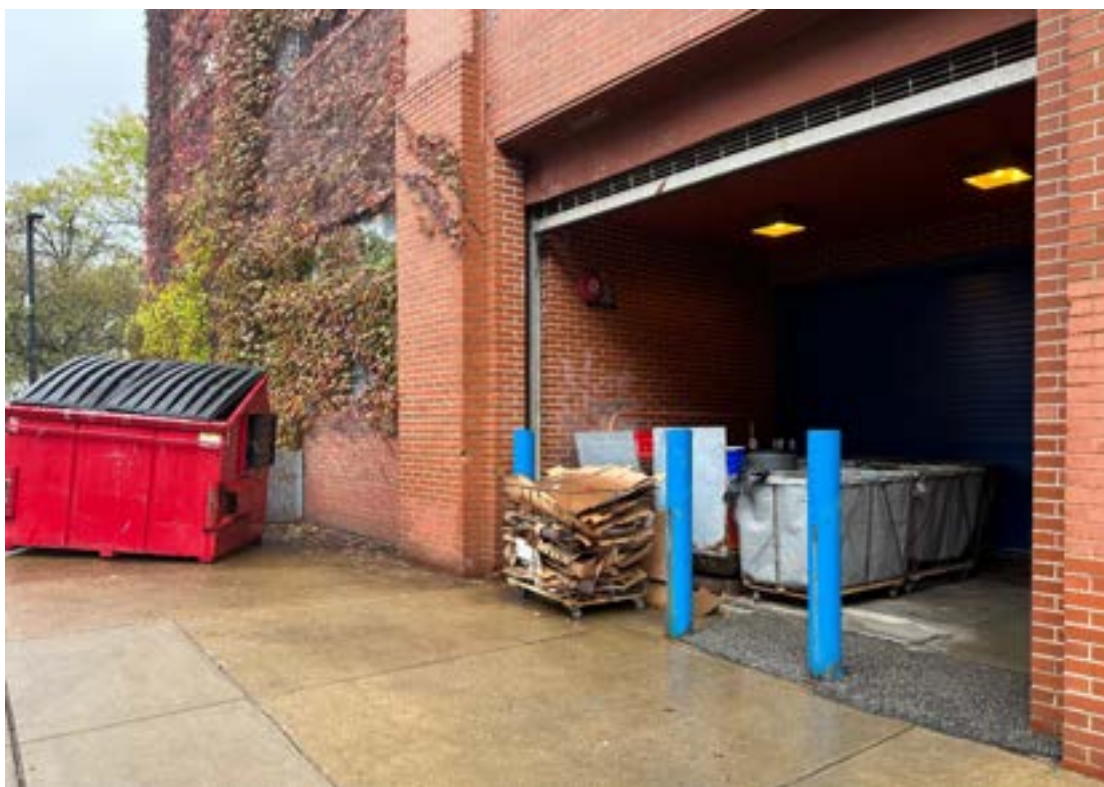
English High School Bus Drop Off



Civic Engagement Day, hosted by the Commission for Persons with Disabilities, is an opportunity for Boston residents with disabilities to learn about all of the ways

they can get involved with their local government. I attended on October 12th, 2022, to meet the residents and listen to any concerns they may have.





Our special education high school students came to City Hall that day and a student from English High spoke up, with the support of his assistive technology, and told us that

he wanted our help moving the wheelchair bus drop off location, that is at the trash and delivery door. He informed us that the dumpster is in the way and it is hard for the teachers to navigate around the barrels and the poles to go through that small entrance in the back of the school.

Through my persistence, conversations are underway with various departments, and although things never move fast enough for me in government, I am hoping that the brave student who spoke up for himself in a packed room with the Mayor, Council President, and two City Councilors At-Large, will have a new entrance that is meant for students, not trash and deliveries. I will continue to advocate for our special education students, as well as all of our students, and hope that the team working on this is able to come up with the right solution so all of our children feel valued and respected in our Boston Public Schools.





Filed a Hearing Order to Address the Impact of Closures of Several BCYF Centers This Summer



Read All Our Legislation

Thank you Rocco



A well deserved send-off in the Council Chambers for Rocco on his last day at City Hall. Thank you for your 42 years of service. We appreciate you!



Celebrating our Municipal Officers



Thank you Father Mike, from Saint Leonard's in the North End, for coming over to City Hall to give out ashes for Ash Wednesday.



Saying goodbye to our great intern Georgia!

Neponset River Watershed



King Tide Event

Team Murphy had a great walk along the Greenway Trail as we joined Neponset River Watershed Association scientists to learn about the effects of extreme climate on our coastline and projects to remediate the impacts.



[Learn More about NWRA](#)

Celebrating Black History Month at City Hall



Joined my colleagues at City Hall to celebrate Black History Month and honor leaders in our community who make a difference in the lives of Bostonians.

Let's Talk Politics



Thank you Larry Higginbottom for having me on your show, Families Do Matter, to talk about local politics and issues that are affecting our communities; safety, quality public schools, affordable housing. I look forward to joining you again soon!

Chinese Progressive Association Banquet



Wonderful Year of the Rabbit celebration with the Chinese Progressive Association. We were entertained with Dragon Dances and traditional singers and always great food. We have such a wonderful City full of rich culture and talent. I am always happy to be included in the ceremonies.



AAPI Parade



Col. Enoch "Woody" Woodhouse sharing good luck and fortune with the Dragon.

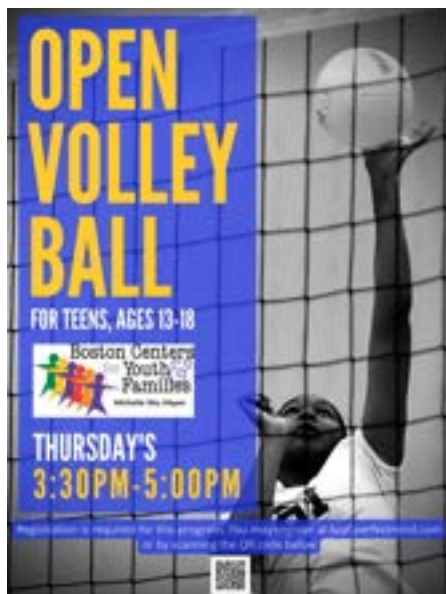


Proud to join my AAPI neighbors, elected officials and community leaders for the kickoff of the AAPI Parade! Coming together to celebrate the richness of our communities is what makes Boston great!



Hyde Park

North End



Thursday afternoons, from 3:30pm-5:00pm for Open Volleyball, and bring a friend! Sign up: bcyf.perfectmind.com

Fenway



Love bumping into City Hall colleagues

Uphams Corner



West Roxbury

MAYOR WU ANNOUNCES DANIEL HUDSON AS NEW WEST ROXBURY NEIGHBORHOOD LIAISON



Met your new Liaison, Daniel Hudson. Reach out to Dan at Daniel.hudson@boston.gov if you have any questions, or just want to say hi!

Mission Hill

Roxbury



Joined Kiesha Santana at Madhouse Cafe for the Roxbury ONS Coffee Hour.

Charlestown



Meet Maggie, your ONS Liaison, at Solid Ground Cafe for a Coffee Hour.



Great to be with the Friends of the Clougherty Pool and residents in Charlestown for the first community meeting with Public Facilities to see the plan for the renovations at the Clougherty Outdoor Pool.

Roslindale



Join neighbors at the Chili Festival on March 12th on Birch Street Plaza.

South End

South End Coffee Hour with Kim!

Join our City as we rename the Melvin King South End Academy on 2/28 @10:30am at 90 Warren St.



Joined Uju Onochie, Michel Denis and Gladys Oliveros from ONS at the Roslindale Coffee Hour.

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Kenny School Pickup

Franklin Park Zoo

Fun visit to the Gorilla Grove.

Always advocating for our youth sports and all the positive benefits that come along with participating in sports.

Warren-Prescott Black History Month Celebration

Thank you Principal Davis for including me in the Warren-Prescott Black History Month Celebration! It was inspiring and so much fun! I love visiting schools and seeing all the great things that are happening across the City,

Big news! Part-time lifeguard jobs are now available. Competitive salary and signing bonus. Learn more and apply at **[Boston.gov/Lifeguard-Jobs](https://boston.gov/Lifeguard-Jobs)**.

What a L♥VELY time at the Mildred Ave. Senior Center Valentine's Day party! Supporting and showing up for seniors is so important!

Thank you Gerry, one of our best Property Management employees, for always going out of your way to help support visitors who come to City Hall.

Home visit with Ms. Valerie Broy was such a joy. Making sure our seniors are connected to the services they have earned, and deserve, is a big part of my job.

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.

Supporting small businesses across our City is a priority of our office. Visiting and talking to the owners and employees to find out how things are going and how we can help assist them in being successful.

Mornings in Mission Hill are the best. Especially when I make a stop into Milkweed for Holly's Honey Corn Muffin.

Happy 15th Birthday Tatte!
Thank you for filling so many Bostonians with delicious food and drinks

Always love when we bump in Hanibal. The best neighbor, and small business owner, Dorchester could ask for.

Thank you Jesus Gambaro for your service to our country and your dedication to the children in Charlestown. Learn to swim with Jesus at the Charlestown BCYF pool.

Black Veterans Appreciation Brunch

Honored to speak at the African American Veterans Brunch hosted by Commissioner Rob Santiago, and the Boston Veteran Services Department. Proud to honor Lt. Col. Hinson, Lilian O'Neil and Kenneth Perry for their service and contributions to our great City.

City of Boston Veteran Services

We recognize, engage, and advocate for our veterans and their families, by connecting them with the services and resources they've earned.

[Read More here about Veteran Services](#)

Proud to do the work on the City Council level for the disability retirements for our Boston Police Officers who were injured in the line of duty with Councilors Baker, Flaherty, Flynn and Arroyo. Then it went up to the State House where State Representatives Hunt, Madaro, Coppinger and Speaker Mariano and Senators Collins and Timilty and President Spilka who made it law. Thank you for your service and I am glad the City did not turn their back

Last Call Foundation

Thank you to everyone who came out to honor or fallen Firefighters and to support the City the in investing in this vitally important safety tool, the **Snap-tite** Warrior fire resistant fire hose. Every fire fighter deserves the safest equipment with the newest technologies.

Marcos was up before the sun cleaning Adams Corner. Thank you Marcos and Boston Public Works Depa for working on this holiday. Team Murphy appreciates you!

Meeting residents where they are is important to our office. Thank you to everyone who came out to the Roslindale Coffee Hour.

Councilor Baker's office and ours attended the Lower Mills Crime Watch meeting. Thank you C-11 Boston Police for supporting our neighborhoods and answering questions from our seniors.

Garrison Trotter

Recognizing the dedicated community leaders from the Garrison Trotter Neighborhood Association in City Hall. Thank you for your commitment to our City and your tireless work to uplift your neighbors.! Team Murphy appreciates all you

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