Flynn: Constituents are fed up

With slob construction workers banging away early in the morning

City Councilor Ed Flynn (South Boston, South End, Chinatown, Downtown) wants to do something about construction workers he says are starting earlier and later than allowed and leaving the streets they work on a mess.

In a request for a formal hearing on the matter, Flynn says constituents have reported construction taking place outside of the permitted hours of 7am-8pm, early in the morning, late in the evening, or on the weekend and holidays without a permit all.

He adds that South End residents are fed up with the large number of exceptions being granted for before-and-after-hour "emergency" work, while residents in Chinatown and South Boston are concerned about "security and safety in all phases of development at construction sites, damages to neighboring properties, the need for adherence to approved plans, and suitable rodent control measures."

The council as a whole hears Flynn's request at its regular Wednesday meeting, which starts at 7pm in the council's fifth-floor chambers in City Hall. If the rest of the council agrees, Flynn, a council committee with schedule a formal hearing to dig into the issue.

Male Suspect Turns Himself In

Investigation Update: At about 4:35 PM on Tuesday, February 19, 2019, officers at the front desk of District D4 (South End) arrested a man who had turned himself in for an assault and battery which took place on February 9, 2019 in the area of Harrison Avenue and Gay Street.

The individual, identified as Michael Kenney, 40 years-old, of Weymouth was placed under arrest for warrant out of Boston Municipal Court for charges of Assault and Battery Causing Serious Bodily Injury and Assault and Battery.

The facts of the original incident are as follows: The original facts and circumstances surrounding the arrest are as follows: At about 2:45 AM on Saturday, February 9, 2019, officers assigned to District D4 (South End) responded to a radio call for a person screaming for help in the area of Harrison Avenue and Gay Street in the South End. On arrival, officers observed an adult male victim lying on the ground in a semi-conscious state. The victim was then transported to a local hospital with life-threatening injuries. Officers spoke to witnesses on scene who provided a description of a group of three white male suspects who were alleged to have assaulted the victim, picking him up multiple times and slamming him into the ground. Officers canvassed the area for the suspects to no avail.

Suspect arrested in Bloom Couture robbery may be tied to other break-ins

The Sunday, February 17 arrest of a suspect in the January 29 break-in at Bloom Couture Florals, 769 Tremont Street, may hold the key to a rash of break-ins and robberies on that same at other South End businesses. Several other neighborhood shops were broken into on January 29, including Table and Tulip, 461 Shawmut Avenue, Olives at Latin Kitchen, 477 Shawmut Avenue, and Andy's Cleaners, 1679 Washington Street, where windows were smashed and the cash register was stolen.

An employee who opened Bloom Couture shortly after 9:00 AM on January 29, called Boston Police Department (BPD) to report an apparent break-in. Detectives from D4 arrived on the scene at 9:20 AM to find damage to the rear door and door frame, as well as the cash register, confirming the break-in.

The detectives recovered a fingerprint from the cash register and images from the store's security camera that led to the February 17 arrest of Luis Mercado, 44, in the vicinity of the shelter at 112 Southampton Street.

As he was being taken into custody, Mercado reportedly told officers, "I'm all done. This is it." While Mercado was charged

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Boston Ward 4 Dems February Meeting

The Ward 4 Dems will be hearing from Lisa Ryan of the Massachusetts Immigration and Refugee Advocacy Coalition, Enid Eckstein from the PILOT working group, and local elected officials. The Boston Ward 4 Democratic Committee is responsible for the affairs of the Democratic Party in Ward 4, which includes the South End and Fenway neighborhoods.

The meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 19, at 6-8 PM, at the South End Branch of the Boston Public Library, 655 Tremont St., Boston.
Community Meeting

Roxbury Strategic Master Plan Oversight Committee

Monday, March 4
6:00 PM - 7:45 PM
980 Harrison Ave
Boston Water and Sewer
2nd Floor Training Room
Roxbury, MA 02119

Event Description
The Roxbury Strategic Master Plan Oversight Committee (RSMPOC) was developed to oversee projects that fall under the Roxbury Strategic Master Plan. Since the 2016 launch of PLAN: Dudley Square, RSMPOC meetings also include progress reports on that initiative. All meetings are open to the public and community input is desired. RSMPOC meetings are held in the evening the first Monday of the month at the Boston Water & Sewer Commission (BWSC) in the 2nd Floor Training Room. Free parking is available in the BWSC parking lot. For more information about the RSMPOC and the public meeting, please visit their website at: bit.ly/theRSMPOC.

Please come join your neighbors and the City of Boston to help shape the future of the neighborhood!

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Dog Lady
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Not coming when called is a behavior you really should worry about. Find a trainer who can help you. Don’t worry, it probably won’t be an onerous instruction. You simply need coaching. Ask your veterinarian for a referral.

Dear Dog Lady,
How do I tell if my dog likes me? My one-year-old Australian shepherd, Buddy, doesn’t look at me with the same adoring eyes as my other dogs have done.

—Marianne

Dear Marianne,
Our dogs are not pristine creatures by nature. They love indiscriminately. If Buddy is even-tempered, comas when called and is unafraid to eat out of your hand, you can assume your dog trusts you and is fond of you.
At 1, your pet is still a pup and the bonding process is not complete. You probably don’t look adoringly at Buddy, either. As the two of you grow closer and become more attached to each other, the eyes might begin to mirror the deepening relationship. Dog Lady’s terrier, keeps his counsel. He doesn’t stare adoringly either. Anyway, we humans tend to interpret canine facial expressions as we want to see them. Be good to Buddy. The adoring eyes will follow.

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School of Rock Delivers

By Jules Becker

Think of prep school substitute teacher Dewey Finn in "School of Rock" as a 21st
century musical variation on Harold Hill in "The Music Man." Anyone family with
the high energy, often hilarious Jack Black movie
of the former (2005) knows that Dewey, like
River City school band-leading Hill, is a clever
charismatic comic man—one who knows more about making his Horace Green Academy
substitute job meant for his best friend Ned. As Dewey seems to improve his classroom
techniques, he proceeds to elude questions from standard-obsessed Horace Green
principal Rosie about his methods. Even so, he succeeds in encouraging his students
to rise to the challenges of their respective voices and musical instruments.

Eventually his very bright students become a unified ensemble whose rewarding musical performance demonstrates self-confidence even as it impresses their parents.

These parents include an African-American businessman and a doting gay couple.

Musical buffs will appreciate the fact that the young actors who portray the students in "School of Rock" actually play their instru-
ments—and very well, for that matter. Notably Mystic Inselo plays a mean lead guitar as Zack—who introduces his own composition, and Lemeaux Parks the same on bass as Katie.

Then Mitchell-Pern is the right passion
on keyboard as intense Leonard, while Cameron Trueblood is proofily hand-driving
on drums as Freddy. In "The Music Man,"
their counterparts simply make enough sounds to satisfy their own parents about Hill's credibility leading them as band leader.

In contrast, both shows are similar with
regard to romance. Where Hill falls in love
with River City's Marian the librarian in "The Music Man," Dewey and Rosalie share an unlikely but delightful continuing romance in "School of Rock."

Another essential difference between
"The Music Man" and "School of Rock" involves the young people being generally
more supportive characters in the former and the students actually become more and more
important in the latter as its title suggests. Character wise, "School of Rock" could do
with more individually developed parents and faculty members with connected songs. Even so, director Laurence Connor gives a smartly balanced attention to Dewey and the students' respective challenges and blossoming as characters. Merritt David James (Gary
Trainor at some performances) is pertly
expansive and likable as Dewey. He fully
convincing firing up the class—especially
on the snappy number "Stick It to the Man."

Credit: Matthew Murphy

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with un armed breaking and entering into a building (nighttime) and arraigned in Boston Municipal Court on Tuesday, February 19, the investigation remains active, according to bpdnews.com.

At his arraignment, Mercado was held without bail until April 19, due to another charge against him. On April 19, Mercado will be eligible to post $1,000 cash bail. If he does post bail, he will have to wear a GPS device and be under curfew from 8:00 PM-7:00 AM.

Contacted for comment on the aftermath of the break-in, Table and Balip owner Andrea Halliday said, “He didn’t get anything. There was nothing here to take.” Neighbors and customers have rallied around Halliday since the break-in.

“Everyone has been very supportive,” Halliday said. Peter Mostafa of Andy’s Cleaners told Fox 25 News that while he only lost three dollars in the older-model cash register, the real expense is fixing the windows, which have been broken twice before. Andrew Branger, owner and manager of Crimocoo, also said that although the theft loss was only $10 and a bottle of wine, the $1,000 cost of fixing the back door is “a headache.”

Like Halliday, Branger has been buoyed by the kind words of his clientele. “Frequent customers and friends have been very supportive and demonstrative in their concern. A common thread was hearing of the drug problem as the root of all or most similar incidents in the neighborhood,” Branger said.

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