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Greetings and Happy New Year! It's time for a quick reminder to renew your Friends of the Charlestown Navy Yard membership for 2012 or to become a new member and get involved.

Even though development activity has slowed down the past year or two, much is happening in the Navy Yard. The Friends of the Charlestown Navy Yard plans to remain vigilant on several fronts, as we have since 2004. Over the past year we have:

- Followed Pier 5 developments, including the RFP proposal from the Boston Redevelopment Authority, which resulted in no qualified bidders.
- Been involved with ongoing issues related to Navy Yard maintenance, including the installation of adequate lighting along the Harborwalk.
- Maintained relationships with all of our elected representatives and City and BRA officials to address Navy Yard issues, including an upcoming street sweeping proposal and parking.
- Organized community meetings and worked with the Charlestown Neighborhood Council on issues including food trucks in the Navy Yard.
- Published a quarterly newsletter featuring stories of local interest and spotlighting local personalities and businesses.

In addition, we continue to plan community activities using the wonderful resources in the Navy Yard. Last Year's Events included a concert by the Harvard Alumni Jazz Band, a BBQ with sailing in conjunction with Courageous Sailing, the Singing State Trooper at Shipyard Park, and Summer Solstice Event with the Charlestown Mothers Association and the Charlestown Working Theatre. Residents from all over Charlestown came to enjoy the Navy Yard, the entertainment and the refreshments. Your membership dues and donations, as well as participation, are important to sustaining these community activities. 2012 looks to be a busy year in the Navy Yard. We plan to add more activities including some available to members only. Please join us as we continue to strive to build a cohesive and vibrant community. Please plan to join or renew – go to <http://www.friendscny.org/membership.html> for the application.

We depend upon volunteers to help us with these events and other initiatives, so if you are interested, please send an email to info@friendscny.org with your talents.

Two final notes about the benefits of membership:

If you leave your completed membership form at the **Navy Yard Bistro and Wine Bar**, you are entitled to a free appetizer with your dinner.

If you leave your completed membership form at the **Style Café** at Flagship Wharf, you are entitled to a free cup of coffee.

Best regards and thank you for your continued support!

Friends of the Charlestown Navy Yard Board