



Annual NEWSLETTER- 2006 The Year in Review

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Greetings!!

The Friends of the Charlestown Navy Yard (FCNY) has just finished its second year. We thank you for your membership and support during 2006 and we look forward to your continued membership in 2007. If you haven't already, REMEMBER to RENEW!

As a member, you have an increased opportunity to have your voice heard in what happens in the Navy Yard. You have the opportunity to gain first hand knowledge of what the city is planning for our waterfront community. In addition, our program of social events gives you a chance to meet your Charlestown neighbors and friends in an informal setting throughout the year.

To view our previous newsletters and lots of other information, visit www.friendscny.org. Comments are welcome to info@friendscny.org.

Thanks for your involvement.
Michael Parker, Chairperson
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DEVELOPMENT RETROSPECTIVE

The Friends of the Charlestown Navy Yard has just finished its second year. We thank you for your membership and support during 2006 and hope you will renew for the 2007 year.

As a member, you have an **increased opportunity to have your voice heard** in what happens in the Navy Yard. You are responding to large-scale development proposals that will have substantial future consequences. Your **participation is important** because there is strength in numbers. Politicians and their staff only pay attention to the active participation of the community. Being a member of the FCNY gives you the opportunity to meet your neighbors and gain first hand knowledge of what the city is planning for our waterfront community.

During 2006, the FCNY continued as a major voice

for the community and had significant impact on the **progress and responsibility of development**. To that end we have reached out to city and state leaders and agencies to spotlight our community's issues. This outreach could not be accomplished without an active and engaged membership including:

- Repeated and continued highlighting of key issues on the proposed project on Pier 5.
- Additional inputs to the Special Public Destination Facility (SPDF) plan to enliven the Navy Yard.
- Continued input on a myriad of issues such as lighting and maintenance of the Harborwalk; successful advocacy with the BRA for the pilot installation of the Trex Harborwalk material at Pier 4; and the proposal for SuperDuck Tours to pickup/drop-off in the Navy Yard.
- Participation in the Charlestown Neighborhood Watch Program. We also held a very successful fundraiser for the victim of a brutal beating within the Navy Yard. This has increased the awareness of the need for vigilance and involvement in our neighborhood.

Our development focus for 2007 is to provide continued oversight of proposals, including Pier 5, Parcel 6 (with Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital), the Ropewalk, the Chain Forge, Parcel 39A (proposed for 47 condos) and more. As important is our role advocating for an updated overall plan for development rather than looking at proposals one by one. In addition, we will continue through the BRA to press for replacement of the deteriorated Harborwalk with Trex mentioned above.

But we need your help. As the city builds out the last remaining parcels and buildings of the Navy Yard, there will be numerous issues affecting our quality of life for years to come. Think of this period as our own "Big Dig." It is crucial that we remain active and engaged - we have come a long way over the past 2 years, but there are many more important issues on the horizon.

SUMMER 2006 EVENTS

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Courageous Birthday Party The first event was in collaboration with the Courageous Sailing Center to celebrate their 19th Birthday on June 17. At least 80 children and adults enjoyed the opportunity to sail, many for the first time, and see Boston from the water and many more enjoyed a cookout on Pier 4. Also featured was the Paulo Danay Jazz Group.



"Summer Solstice" The second event, "Summer Solstice", on June 21 was in collaboration with the Charlestown Working Theater (CWT). Approximately, 500 people attended the Summer Solstice - the "make your own" ice cream sundae stand was a great hit with children from all over Charlestown, who were also entertained by a children's performance organized by the CWT followed by storyteller Diane Edgecomb and harpist.

"Rock in the Park" The third event was a "Rock in the Park" concert in Shipyard Park on July 19 featuring a local 50s band Magic Moments that attracted over 200 people from all over Charlestown, including a group of residents from the Zelma Lacey home in the center of Charlestown. Brought back many memories for the audience!



"Dancing in the Park" Organized in collaboration with the Charlestown Working Theater, the "Dancing in the Park" event with the Rainbow Tribe Dance Troupe was originally scheduled for August 2, but due to the intense heat wave that week and especially that day, we rescheduled it for a week later on August 9. Over 400 people attended this lively multicultural dance event with very talented and diverse performers from all over the City.

"Celebrate Fall" Once again, to celebrate the Autumn Equinox, the Charlestown Working Theater attracted a great audience to see the magic of David Oliver. Over 200 people attended and were also entertained by the brass band music of Ray Cavacchio. A beautiful evening to celebrate the coming of fall.



"Picnic in the Park" The FCNY teamed with the Charlestown Mothers Association to have a wonderful September 17 afternoon in the park. The children were entertained by Silly Willy the Clown and his balloon creations and once again the Paulo Danay Jazz Quartet performed.

If you would like to participate in the planning and coordination of similar events in 2007, please email us at info@friendscny.org. We depend upon volunteers.

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FCNY-SPONSORED ACTIVITIES

Navy Yard Cleanup Day April 29, 2006 was a day devoted to litter pickup, green space beautification, and learning more about our community. The featured speaker was State Senator Jarrett Barrios addressing community and development issues.

Winter Warm-Up Party To combat the winter blues, this social on March 6, 2006 was held at the Navy Yard Bistro who provided free appetizers, with Jimmy Buffet tunes for entertainment. About 70 people attended and enjoyed meeting their neighbors while munching on hot appetizers and wine.

Special Fund Raiser On September 18, 2006, a fund raiser was held to benefit the injured victim of an attack in the Navy Yard in early August. Over \$5000 was raised through the generosity of individuals and organizations across Charlestown.

Neighborhood Watch The FCNY is a strong supporter of this program across Charlestown and

has encouraged the establishment of programs in the various buildings in the Navy Yard.

Navy Yard Wreath Program The FCNY joined the Charlestown Business Association to celebrate the holiday season by hanging 80 wreaths along Navy Yard streets. A team of volunteers with bows and ladders enjoyed the early December weather and camaraderie of the beginning of the holiday season.

Navy Yard Cleanup Day Supporting Boston Shines, on April 28, 2007 Charlestown residents once again were out in force with brooms. City Councilor Michael Flaherty and Neighborhood Liaison Jack Kelly were invited to stop by.

Annual Meeting & Social The meeting is being held on May 15, 2007 at the wonderful Commandant's House in the old Navy Yard with speakers, award, appetizers and refreshments.

A NAVY YARD UPDATE

Development 2006 and the start of 2007 has been a busy time for Friends of the Charlestown Navy Yard. Continuing the trend since the Boston Redevelopment Authority took control of the Navy Yard, excluding National Park Service holdings, development projects have proceeded at a brisk pace. A Navy Yard map is attached for your reference and visit the FCNY website (www.friendscny.org) to view more information such as the actual filings and FCNY comment letters on the various projects.

Recently, Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital has begun the approval process with the city and state by filing an initial description of its project slated for Parcel 6 at Yard's End. Spaulding promises a 240,000 square foot state of the art 150-bed facility that includes an aquatic center and research space. The proposed facility will also include outpatient services, 300 underground parking spaces, interior ground floor community-use space and waterfront public space with an adjoining HarborWalk extension.

Staying down at Yard's End, the 425,000 square foot HarborView at the Navy Yard is close to >>

completion and sales have begun. HarborView will provide 224 luxury condominiums, approximately 275 parking spaces, a marina and further HarborWalk extension. HarborView's ground floor retail space has yet to be leased and it is hoped that uses include services that will truly benefit Navy Yard residents.

The addition of the additional HarborWalk walkways at HarborView and Spaulding will provide additional waterfront access at Yard's End. Another step towards connecting the Yard's HarborWalk with Chelsea Street and the rest of Charlestown was seen with the recent filing with the state of the plans for a long-promised walkway behind MGH's Building 114.

Plans to rehabilitate the already existing HarborWalk took a big step forward with the installation of a Trex material HarborWalk segment at the entrance to Pier 4. The material will be evaluated for weathering, durability, aesthetics and staining through seasonal changes and use to determine if the material will be a suitable replacement for the mishmash of wooden planks that currently constitute the HarborWalk. >>

A NAVY YARD UPDATE (cont.)

Development-cont. The proposed residences at Pier 5 remains on the drawing board as the developer is frozen in the state approval process pending state review of the BRA's proposed amendments to the Navy Yard Municipal Harbor Plan. As currently proposed, the Residences at Pier 5 would add another 85 luxury condominiums within a 170,000 square foot building. FCNY has been active in discussions with both the state and the BRA regarding the MHP amendments and the Pier 5 proposal. FCNY's comments have tried to insure that past public space commitments are not vitiated by the amended MHP, even if that means the Pier 5 project must be significantly altered, or not built at all.

BRA plans to redevelopment the Yard's interior north of 1st Street have stalled. The Mayor announced that efforts to redevelop the Rope Walk building for creative economy uses (i.e., artists, artisans, etc.) have been abandoned. The BRA's vision is to construct a parking garage in that area to stimulate conversion of some of the buildings for housing and others for office space. FCNY expects that more information regarding this area will be forthcoming shortly.

As you can see, FCNY has been busy and has worked closely with the city, state officials, the Conservation Law Foundation, the Charlestown Waterfront Coalition, the Boston Harbor Association and others in providing thoughtful commentary. It's not always easy work as sifting through the morass of arcane and historic regulations and specific plan proposals is difficult, but FCNY plans to keep at it - as a community we deserve it. Please get involved to help us keep at these important tasks and spread the word that the Navy Yard community will be active participants in its future.

Constellation Wharf - Pier 7 The Constellation Wharf condominium is undergoing a major face-->>

lift. After 20 years of exposure to the weather out on the pier, it was time to do significant exterior repair, with clapboard, awning, garage door and some deck replacement, lighting, driveway repaving, granite front entrances, plus complete painting. The project, subject to the weather cooperating, should be complete by the end of June.

Parris Landing The renovation of Parris Landing is now complete, most units have been sold, and the condo association has recently been turned over to the unit owners from the developers. A new condo board comprised of unit owners was elected in March.

Building 114 HarborWalk Special legislation was approved in 2006 to facilitate the extension of the HarborWalk behind MGH's Building 114 on 16th Street. This extension is intended to link with Chelsea Street, and create a gateway to the Navy Yard. Plans have recently been filed for construction permitting. Interested citizens from the Navy Yard are continuing their involvement to ensure the plans meet the guidelines established by the Special legislation and by agreements reached between the developer and local citizens during Building 114's construction.

National Park Service Significant construction has been underway to prepare for the relocation of the **Navy Yard Visitor Center** to a 10,000 sf space in Building 5, Immediately behind USS Constitution, which opens in early 2008. The **Landmark Orchestra will premiere** a newly written orchestral piece about the life of the first African American sailor aboard the USS Constitution during the War of 1812. The concert will take place on Pier 1 and is tentatively set for July 31, 2007. In addition, stay tuned for the visit of a German Tall Ship in September.

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