



NEWSLETTER- Summer 2005

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Greetings!!

Welcome to our Summer edition of the Friends of the Charlestown Navy Yard (FCNY) Newsletter! To view our previous newsletters and lots of other information, visit www.friendscny.org.

This summer has been busy with several events co-sponsored with the Boston Redevelopment Authority to bring the community and visitors to the Navy Yard. The very successful **"Celebrate the Summer Solstice"** and a summer concert **"Paris in the Park"** with the group Ziaf each drew hundreds of people to Shipyard Park and were well-received by all. Thanks to our other co-sponsors and volunteers for each event. Upcoming are **"Go Nautical in the Navy Yard"** on August 20, another concert with **The Steve Lantner Quartet** on August 25 and the **"Charlestown Fit-a-Thon"** on September 24.

A special request from the Board: We need volunteers to help with the events and make them huge successes – if you can help in any way, please send e-mail to info@friendscny.org. And if you haven't yet joined our organization, visit our website Membership page. Also, please mark on your calendar our **Fall Membership Social**, September 14 on the Marriott Residence Inn patio, with Judy Waterston, Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital President and CEO.

Thanks for your involvement.

Paul Broude, Chairperson, and Michael Parker, President

DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

For updates and meeting comments, go to www.friendscny.org, New Development.

Harborwalk Update The Good News – the BRA and Parris Landing have made some repairs to the Harborwalk. The Bad News – still more needs to be done. Some developers are NOT meeting their obligations to maintain their sections of the Harborwalk. This is a serious issue that needs top-level attention by the City of Boston due to risk of injury to the public. We encourage you to contact City Councilors Michael Flaherty at 617-635-4205 or Paul Scapichio at 617-635-3200 to provide them feedback on this untenable situation.

Public Hearing - House Bill #1305 The hearing on July 11, 2005 resulted in the proposed legislation being endorsed by the House Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture Committee. Introduced by Representative Eugene O'Flaherty, the legislation will enable the Building 114 developer to construct the Harborwalk on the seaward side, with an exemption to slightly cross the Harbor line. Many neighborhood groups and individuals, including the Charlestown Neighborhood Council, the Charlestown Waterfront Coalition, Petie Hilsinger and Jennifer Tegfeldt, are to be thanked for their efforts to get this result. Michael Parker, FCNY President, testified at the hearing.

Yard's End – Parcel 6 & 7 Update Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital and Boston Mayor Thomas M. Menino have announced plans for a new facility to be located on Parcel 6 and 7. Preliminary plans include 150 hospital beds, research and conference space, an indoor aquatics center, underground parking and public green space. The Institutional Master Plan and project review is anticipated to begin in early 2006, with expected completion in about five years. The press release is posted on our website.

Chain Forge Building The huge chains for Navy ships were forged in the Chain Forge Building - there are lots of very big, impressive machines inside the building. To make redevelopment more attractive to a private developer, the BRA is spending \$50,000 to see if the historical designation can be removed from some of the equipment. If so, they can be moved from the building. Complete removal may be infeasible as some pieces are securely anchored with 30 feet of concrete below the floor! Stay tuned for updates on our website.

Ropewalk Building Did you know that the Ropewalk Building is a quarter mile long and produced most of the cordage for the United States Navy's ships from 1838 until 1970? The challenge is what to do with this piece of history. The Mayor and BRA planners envision the Ropewalk to be part of a renaissance of a "creative economy" and serve as an incubator for fledging artistic entrepreneurs. This is a great opportunity for Charlestown - redevelopment of the Ropewalk as a destination spot will help activate the waterfront and clear out a big piece of blight on Chelsea Street. Check our website for news on the planning!

Parcel 4, Harborview Point Excavation of the site and the sheet piling installation is underway. The next construction management meeting is August 30. Contact names and schedules are posted on the website - you are encouraged to contact them if you see construction personnel doing things that were not agreed upon.

Parris Landing Garage reconstruction is well underway, with shuttles taking residents to temporary parking on Parcel 5. The pool area was also updated and is looking very attractive with new fencing and umbrellas.

NEWS & ACTIVITIES



Summer Solstice On the beautiful evening of June 21, approximately 300 people attended the "Celebrate the Summer Solstice" event presented by the Charlestown Working Theater at the Shipyard Park fountain amphitheater. More pictures of the event are on our website.

"Paris in the Park" On another beautiful evening of August 3, the melodies of the Ziaf quartet turned Shipyard Park into a French Bistro. Five hundred people enjoyed the evening with picnics, refreshments and French pastries, complemented by a café theme and local artist displays. Pictures of the event are on the website. Thanks to Parris Landing, Tavern on the Water, the Navy Yard Bistro, and Flagship Wharf for their support!



"Make a Mark Celebration" The Courageous Sailing Center hosted their annual fundraiser event on Pier 4 on July 21. Many thanks to the CSC for extending a discount to new members who are members of the FCNY!

Shipyard Park Fountain Thanks to the BRA, the fountain now has water so that Charlestown children can enjoy it on hot summer days! And it was a lovely backdrop for the "Celebrate the Summer Solstice" and "Paris in the Park" events and the upcoming concert with The Steve Lantner Quartet.

UPCOMING EVENTS See our website for more information! www.friendscny.org

- *Saturday, August 20: "Go Nautical in the Navy Yard", 11AM - 2PM, Pier 4, with Courageous Sailing Center, Save the Harbor/Save the Bay and Charlestown Waterfront Coalition.*
- *Tuesday, August 23: Michael Flaherty, Boston City Councilor, Informal "meet and greet", 5:30 - 7:30PM, Tavern on the Water.*
- *Thursday, August 25: The Steve Lantner Quartet, 6 - 8PM, Shipyard Park, with Charlestown Working Theater.*
- *Tuesday, August 30: Parcel 4 Construction Management Meeting #3, 6 PM, Constitution Inn.*
- *Wednesday, September 14: FCNY Fall Membership Social, 6 - 8PM, Marriott Residence Inn Patio.*
- *Saturday, September 24: "Charlestown Fit-a-Thon", 1 - 4PM, Dry Dock 2 (First Avenue & Terry Ring Way).*