



THE NAVY YARD NEWS

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THE CHAIN FORGE HOTEL

The Chain Forge Hotel restoration/renovation is moving forward with submittals this summer of a Risk Assessment and the Release Abatement Measure (RAM) Plan to the Environmental Protection Agency, and the submittal of a Historic Preservation Tax Credit application to the National Park Service and the

Massachusetts Historical Commission. The \$90-\$100M project is proposing minimal changes to the historic façade of the building but requires replacement of materials that have deteriorated beyond repair or been contaminated by the forge activities. It is estimated that environmental cleanup costs alone will be approximately \$12.5-\$13M. Because of these factors, State and Federal Historic Preservation Tax Credits are needed along with grants and other forms of assistance to ensure financial viability of the project.

The Autoport for a valet operated secure parking area for both Hotel Occupants and Restaurant users. A third party restaurant space in the Head-House of the building is planned, but no specific restaurant has been identified.

As the approvals are received from the reviewing agencies, the plans will be finalized and the project will start construction. The developer has pledged to work with the community during the construction period in an attempt to mitigate the impacts from the construction on the residents and to ensure that pedestrian and vehicular travel are not interrupted. As was the case during the construction of the Starboard Place condominiums, a program goal to hire locally will be implemented



Annual WINTER WARM-UP Event



Dave Whelan

The Friends of the Charlestown Navy Yard is hosting its Winter Warm-Up Party/Annual Membership Meeting this year on Thursday, March 10, 2016, from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. This event is a unique combination of both the FCNY Annual Meeting for its Membership and a Social Event where the attendees may enjoy a glass of wine, light hors d'oeuvres, and good conversation with their fellow

Navy Yard/Charlestown residents. It is open to all members of the FCNY and anyone in the Charlestown community interested getting more information about the organization and networking with elected officials. There will be a raffle for prizes donated by local businesses and awards will be presented to notable community leaders who have helped to effect change in the Navy Yard Community and beyond throughout the year. We will be honoring Dave Whelan our past treasurer and a beloved member of the FCNY Board.

This year the Winter Warm-Up Party/

Annual Membership Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 10, 2016, from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the USS Constitution Museum.

We hope to see you there!



Boston City Councillor Sal LaMattina, FCNY president Lois Siegelman and Dave Whelan



BREWER'S FORK

Thank you Brewer's Fork, one of our newest corporate members, for hosting the FCNY social event on January 26th at their 7 Moulton Street restaurant. FCNY members met to enjoy delicious hors d'oeuvres and pizzas prepared/donated by the Brewer's Fork kitchen along with an extensive selection of beers and wine.

Brewer's Fork is the innovation of partners Michael Cooney and Chef John

Paine who wanted a place where it felt like they were "putting on a party every night". This complementary duo does it all; they developed the concept, atmosphere, interior design, menus, recipes, and music for the restaurant, which took two years from idea generation to opening just one year ago. John leads the food and Michael runs the front of the house and leads the craft beer selection. With his wife Kari, Michael develops an extensive wine list. *continued on Page 2*



Michael Cooney and Chef John Paine

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The organization is a 501(c)3 non-profit.



DISCOUNTS FOR MEMBERS

Member discounts are being offered at some of our local restaurant who are corporate members. **The Warren Tavern**, our newest corporate member, is offering FCNY members a 10% discount on food. To get your discount bring your new membership card and present it to your server. Other corporate members offering discounts are **Pier 6**, **Navy Yard Bistro** and **Decca**. Check out the Home page of the FCNY website to see details of their offers.

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The partners focused on designing a dining experience with a casual concept, knowledgeable servers, and the use of local foods and beverages whenever available. In the wood-fired oven some of John's creations include rustic pizzas, award winning roasted meatballs and crispy maple pork belly. His charcuterie board is one of the most beautiful and delicious in Boston. Selecting and serving beer and wine is an art for Michael with his carefully curated selection of beers, wine and cocktails paired with John's seasonal menu items. To present an eclectic beverage list featuring thirty beers on tap, some bottled beers and a reserve beer list the servers have to be well versed in beer and wine. To help a guest choose from the extensive list the servers ask guests about one's individual tastes and present tasters to help decide.

The most recent additions to the Brewer's Fork is an outdoor patio which opened last spring and Sunday Brunch featuring breakfast and lunch selections brunch pizzas and small plates. Stop in to experience avocado toast, squaffles (squash waffles) or a cast iron frittata to name just a few.

The Brewer's Fork is open Monday-Friday from 11:30am-11:00pm. Saturdays from 11:30am-11:30pm. Sundays from 10:30am-11:30pm, brunch is available on Sunday's from 10:30am-3pm.



JOIN THE FCNY TO KEEP OUR COMMUNITY THRIVING.

This is what we do.

Protect Our Waterfront: We cooperate with city and state agencies to promote responsible development in the Navy Yard ensuring that access to the waterfront remains protected and accessible to residents and visitors.

Preserve Our History: We work with national, state & community organizations to maintain the beauty & safety of the Navy Yard consistent with its unique historic character.

Support Residents & Businesses: We support and encourage age residents & businesses in the Navy Yard to enhance the quality of life and will keep you updated on news and community events in the Navy Yard.

Meet New Friends: We host events to create venues for friends and neighbors to join together for social and educational connections.

Enjoy Good Food: Local restaurants offer benefits to FCNY members. As of this date Brewer's Fork has hosted a social event, and discounts are available for FCNY members at Pier 6, Navy Yard Bistro & Wine Bar, the Warren Tavern, and DECCA restaurants.

When you join FCNY as an individual, family or corporate member you will be emailed a personalized membership card. Members must show their membership card to receive the discount. Then you can print it or save it on your phone to use for discounts at local businesses. (See sample below.)



Name:

Membership Type:

Expires: December 31, 2016

For member benefits visit www.friendscny.org

GET TO KNOW DAN...

In the middle of the Charlestown Navy Yard we all feel pride as we pass by the Boston National Historical Park and our prized USS Constitution. Enter the gates to the park and look one way to see the masts of the frigate under renovation, look the other way



during the weekdays and you will see a warm friendly smiling face in front of the Scale House keeping check on the comings and goings of all passing through.

Meet Dan Donovan, security guard of the Navy Yard at the front gate entrance control point. We can thank Dan for the safe and controlled flow of vehicle traffic. Dan takes his job broadly and seriously as he also acts as ambassador to the human and canine traffic flowing through the gates. He considers it part of his job to make people feel welcome. Do you want to feel good? Walk by Dan and be warmed by his kindness as he greets individuals and goes out of his way to acknowledge the Navy Yard residents and visitors, stocks a bird feeder and takes care of our canine buddies with fresh water, a biscuit and a quick rub behind the ears. In addition Dan is responsible for training new employees to Navy protocols and how to work at the front gate

Dan will tell you that he loves his job because he is a people person and a nature guy and the Navy Yard is full

of a diverse group of people visiting the historic sights, walking the Freedom Trail or strolling with their dogs. Dan is a renaissance man who has reinvented himself numerous times but all the while has incorporated his love of people and superior communication skills into his work. He began working at the age of thirteen and has been working continually ever since. In Andover, Groveland and Merrimack College Dan was on the police force and upon retirement we were lucky to have him become part of the NPS tapestry. In his spare time he is a property manager, landscaper, student at Salem State College planning to earn his BA in business management in May. He is a proud father of two daughters who are pursuing graduate degrees. The love of education runs in the family, Dan's wife Janet is a schoolteacher and the two have been married for 31 years.

As you walk through the gates on First Avenue give Dan an extra special wave as he is taking extra special care of all of us Navy Yard residents and visitors.

HARBORVIEW HEALTH CLUB SCHEDULES GRAND OPENING

We welcome this new Corporate Member to the FCNY



After seven years of planning Harborview at the Navy Yard will be the future home to a full service fitness center with a projected completion date in March 2016. The 12,000 sq ft facility, available to the general public and current building residents, will have top of the line equipment for cardio, strength, cross-fit, circuit, free-weight and resistance training. Members will be able to train using StarTrac fitness and cardio machines, SoFit Universal free weights, Keiser spin bikes, Manduka yoga equipment and an Inbody Machine to measure body composition, body fat and muscle mass. For those members who prefer to train through group exercise twenty

to twenty-five classes will be initially offered weekly to include yoga, pilates reformer, barre, bootcamp, spin, body pump, Zumba. The Club will offer members personal training, massage services, spacious men and women's locker rooms with complimentary towel service and amenities. Child care will be available in a private area.

"Harborview Health Club is dedicated to delivering an unrivaled fitness experience where you can improve overall health and wellbeing" says John Licciardi, club director. Licciardi adds that with a high priority placed on personalized fitness and wellness, the Club has made it a mission to hire a team of degreed and certified fitness specialists and group exercise instructors. Harborview Health Club's staff will work with each member to develop a customized program geared toward achieving individualized goals.

Imagine working up a sweat in the cardio area while looking out upon the peace and activity in Boston Harbor. The

new Harborview Health Club located at 250 First Avenue within the Harborview at Navy Yard apartment building and plans to be open M-F 6am-9pm, Sat & Sun 7am-8pm.



MOLLY'S PAGE



Molly is a Bernese Mountain Dog, a Navy Yard resident and a therapy dog at Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital. When she isn't visiting with patients and staff at Spaulding and in Menino Park she can be seen walking around the Navy Yard getting the latest scoops for you.

Haven Boutique has moved from Main Street in Charlestown proper to sharing space with the **Encore Apparel Company**. Stop in to see both clothing lines at C-5 Shipway Place in the Navy Yard.

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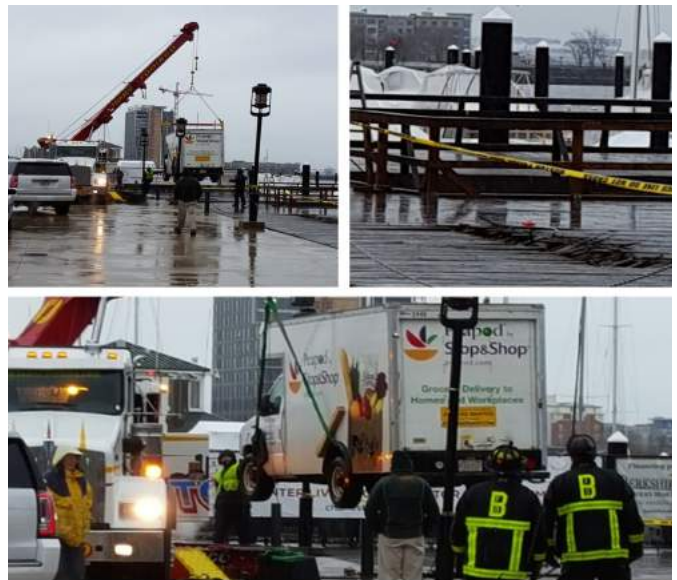
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One of the newest corporate sponsors for the FCNY and a welcome addition to the Navy Yard is the **Dunkin' Donuts** on First Avenue. Immediately our new Dunkin' Donuts has become popular in the neighborhood. Stop in for a beverage & food and notice that the interior is the new DD jazz layout with under counter and atmospheric lighting.

The Blackmoor Bar & Kitchen is coming to Charlestown in the space vacated by Papagayo in City Square on Chelsea Street. This new restaurant by the Olde Magoun's Saloon group from Somerville anticipates a spring opening. Plans include craft beers & spirits and a diverse menu with local flavor.

Charlestown residents can save on tolls for the **Tobin Memorial Bridge**. Residents of 02129 can cross the Tobin Bridge for a discounted toll rate of \$0.30. To get the discount you must be a resident of Charlestown or Chelsea (eligible zip codes are 02129 and 02150). More information is available from massdot.state.ma.us Download the application for Annual E-ZPass Ma resident program and follow the online instructions.



On Saturday January 16 a Stop & Shop truck fell through the **Harborwalk** near Shipway Place and the entrance to the Charlestown Marina. The driver of the Stop & Shop/Peapod truck bypassed the driveway gates and drove down the wooden harborwalk. The boards caved and a crane was needed to extricate the truck from the harborwalk. Luckily no one was injured. The Charlestown Marina is in discussion with Stop & Shop regarding repairs.



East Boston Construction: For a long while we have been watching the progress of the building construction across the harbor in East Boston and guessing what type of building this will be. No need to speculate anymore, the building is a 16-story, 259-unit apartment complex.

Downeast Cider House, 200 Terminal Street just outside the Autoport secure entrance under the Tobin Bridge, is within easy walking distance for Navy Yard residents. Visitors are welcome to drop by the Cidery to take a free tour, sample the various seasonal cider flavors from their taps (also free), buy a glass of your favorite cider flavor and relax in the space or purchase a growler to take home.

Stay current with Friends email

The Friends of Charlestown Navy Yard are relying on email to announce public meetings and timely news of the Navy Yard. To get on the mailing list join the FCNY, send an email to info@friendscny.org, and please contribute your small financial support (\$20-25 per year for individual membership, \$100-500 per year for corporate membership).

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