



April News

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Winter Warm-Up draws large crowd

The DC Beane Construction Company on Pier 3 hosted the 2017 Winter Warm-Up, which attracted about 150 people. The Friends of the Charlestown Navy Yard named two organizations and one community leader for its 2017 awards held on March 23. Chair of FCNY, Michael Parker introduced Mayor Marty Walsh by thanking him for his support for the people of Boston who especially are facing challenges of housing and immigration status. Mayor Walsh spoke of his local and national concerns and of optimism for the City's future. **(For photos, go to <http://www.friendscny.org>.)**

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Awards were given to the Charlestown Y (the Anchor Award), the Kennedy Center (the Commandant Award), and Jean Tochterman (the Dave Whelan Community Bridge Award).

Many people pitched in to make a successful event including:

- Planning Committee headed by Megan Mulligan, with Sarah Ritch, Kathia Capellupo, Marie Richards, Kira Jacobs, Lois Siegelman, Barbara Mackey
- Food, Service and Décor Donors were Whole Foods, Tito's Bakery, Nola's Fresh Foods, Bunker Hill Florists, Dunkin' Donuts, McCarthy Brothers Liquor, Barbara Tansey Bush, and Steve Briggs.
- Facility host was DC Beane Construction Company
- Raffle Donors were Blackmoor Tavern, Pier 6 Restaurant, Charlestown Massage, Warren Tavern, Cut-Splice, Costa Fruit, Navy Yard Bistro, Harborview Health Club, Charlestown Y, Best Dressed, Downeast Cider, Asana Yoga, and Barbara Mackey
- Sponsors for this year's event were Costa Fruit, Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital, MGH Institute, and MGH/Navy Yard

A big thank you to everyone for making this such a special evening.



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Terry Kennedy
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Barbara Mackey
Scot Ste-Marie

John Moore
Megan Mulligan
Doug Pope
Norris Strawbridge
Alexis Finneran
Tkachuk
Jean Tochterman

Enlivening the waterfront - proposals due May 12

A new opportunity is emerging for Charlestown Navy Yard to become more engaging and attractive for residents, visitors, and employees. The Boston Planning and Development Agency (formerly the BRA) is requesting proposals from entities who might carry out ideas outlined in a plan completed in 2007 for “activating” the waterfront. [www.bostonplans.org/work-with-us/rfps-rfqs-bids/rfp-listing-page?id=126] The deadline for proposals is May 12. The 2007 Water Activation Plan, accessible on the Friends website, is worth reviewing for interesting ideas: <http://www.friendscny.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/Waterfront-Activation-Plan-2007.pdf>

Waterfront Activation Network Plan for the Charlestown Navy Yard



City of Boston
Mayor Thomas M. Menino



Boston Redevelopment Authority
Paul L. McCann, Acting Director

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Sal LaMattina to retire

Representing Charlestown on the Boston City Council for 11 years, Sal LaMattina has announced he will retire after his term is completed in January. LaMattina has worked for the City in several capacities for 30 years during which time he has been a strong advocate for neighborhood services, including safety, clean streets, parks, and schools. His considerable energies have also gone to advocating for expanded water ferry service to connect Boston's waterfront neighborhoods. Besides Charlestown, District 1 includes East Boston and the North End. The Friends of Charlestown Navy Yard plan to thank him in a public event before his retirement.



Typically, preliminary elections are held in September, followed by municipal elections in November. This year's District 1 Council race has already attracted several candidates.

Tall Ships

When tall ships return to Boston this year, about five of these world-class giants will be docked in the Navy Yard for five days. On Saturday, June 17, the “Parade of Sail” will proceed into the inner harbor, making their turn-around at Charlestown. The Boston National Historical Park will be the focus of activities, food and drink stands, and ship boarding. Organizers were expected to provide information for residents at a meeting on April 20, 6:30 p.m. at Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital.

For information online, look at Sail Boston. [www.sailboston.com]



A national icon in our Yard

Sometimes we are so close to something we hardly nod as we pass by. But if we check out the USS Constitution Museum blog [<https://ussconstitutionmuseum.org/restoration/blog/>] we may be surprised to find clear, colorful close up views of “Old Ironsides” under restoration -- a perspective we will not see again for decades. We will also be taken step-by-step through the two-year restoration process. And, get ready for her launch in July.

Water taxis help counter gridlock

Complaints about inadequate water transportation continue while streets in and out of the Navy Yard remain jammed. The Friends have advocated at every turn for adding and improving water shuttle service in the harbor. Meanwhile, the North End Waterfront News has a feature about a solution - water taxis. [<http://northendwaterfront.com/2017/04/hack-bostons-traffic-gridlock-boat/>]

Downtown Waterfront Plan

For those interested in the development and protection of the downtown waterfront, see a draft plan issued by the Boston Planning and Development Agency (formerly the BRA). Michael Parker, FCNY Chair describes the background for the plan in a blog linked from the FCNY website [www.friendscny.org]. In addition, FCNY President, Lois Siegelman participated on the planning committee for the past three years, representing FCNY and NY residents. She emphasized the importance of increasing water transportation in the harbor. Comments were due on April 2.

Garden group to beautify Navy Yard gardens

Impelled by the arrival of Tall Ships in June, an independent volunteer group has been formed to raise funds to enhance the small gardens between Piers 4 and 6. Robin DiGiammarino reports that the Navy Yard Garden Association aims to raise \$20,000 this year. They will remove old plantings, replenish the soil, and install more than 300 plants in two gardens, followed by assistance to all the gardens in the Navy Yard in future phases. To date, they have raised more than \$8,000. Contact the group to contribute and to learn more of the plans. [<https://www.generosity.com/community-fundraising/let-s-grow-the-navy-yard-gardens>]



Winter Warm-Up, March 23, 2017, Photos by Steve Briggs

